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Town-wide septic plan floated at forum

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Alix White, the chairwoman of the health board, took the podium Tuesday night before an auditorium packed with mostly angry people. They were angry not with White but with authorities who put their names in a new high priority septic district.

As White urged the gathering to move past the crisis over the new district and deal with the problems of polluting Cohasset, it initially appeared there could be no meeting of the minds in such a passionate forum.

"We're getting scared right now," said homeowner Allen St. Peter of King Street. "We're scared. I don't have the money."

St. Peter and about 115 others were at the Cohasset High auditorium for a three-hour marathon public hearing called by the health board. The hope was to hash over the rules and regulations people inside the new districts will have to abide by, but that agenda proved somewhat ambitious as the public stayed focus on the injustice of being

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Joe Kennedy gazes at his brother, Michael's casket as young Michael Kennedy is comforted by his uncle Christopher Kennedy at the funeral in Hyannisport. *For story, see page 3.*

Staff photo/Robert Barboza

Lennon civil case settled

By Sarah R. Coffey
STAFF WRITER

While an out-of-court settlement has brought the wrongful death suit of Marshfield teen Gregory Smith to a close, the pain the Smith family feels on a daily basis has in no way diminished.

"As far as I'm concerned, my son is still lying upside down in the cemetery, wondering how the hell he got there and why this could have happened to him," Donald Smith, Gregory's father, said this week.

Gregory, 18, was killed after his truck hit a utility pole on Summer Street in Marshfield after leaving a graduation party at Cohasset businessman's John Lennon's house on June 22, 1996. He was

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Chart House closing leaves a void

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The corporation that owns the Chart House pulled the plug on the restaurant last week leaving a void in the harbor.

The loss of the Chart House hurts as the town embarks on a plan to revitalize Cohasset's "downtown." A grant application for $5K to help plan for better access from the village to the harbor is one of the latest town efforts toward the revitalization project.

"It's a big blow to the whole harbor and village area," said Dean Rizzo, vice president of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce. "The Chart House was great

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Town counsel forum tonight

Town Manager Mark Haddad said anyone wishing to submit a citizens' petition article for the March 28 annual town meeting can meet with town counsel to go over the wording.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis will be available from 4:30 to 7 p.m. tonight (Jan. 8) at the selectmen's office.

Haddad said although DeRensis can determine if the wording is legal or not without meeting with the proponents, he wants to talk with them to make sure "what they're saying is what they're writing."

The deadline to submit citizen petition articles which require 10 signatures is Jan. 12.

The warrant closes Jan. 15.

Those who cannot meet with DeRensis Jan. 8 should submit their articles anyway. Arrangements can be made for DeRensis to conduct another forum if needed, Haddad said.

No victualer's license needed

Town Manager Mark Haddad said a Common Victualer (food) license is not needed at the Dunkin' Donuts at the Exxon Station or Quikava at the Mobil Station. Selectmen asked Haddad to investigate the issue when they were renewing food licenses for 1998 last month.

Haddad said licenses are required only for those establishments that allow for food consumption on site.

Title V, loans and credits

Selectmen want townspeople to know there are low-interest loans and state income tax credits available to residents who have upgraded a septic system that was in failure.

Selectman Diane Sullivan raised the issue this week and said the information about the programs is available at the selectmen's office or health board and will be posted on the bulletin board downstairs at town hall.

The loans — which can range from $1,000 to $25,000, at an interest rate of zero, three or five percent depending on the homeowner's income and market area — are available at various banks throughout the state. The maximum tax credit is $6,000 and is limited to $1,500 in any tax [illegible].

Homeowners with questions should call the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) at (617) 854-1020 or 854-1333.

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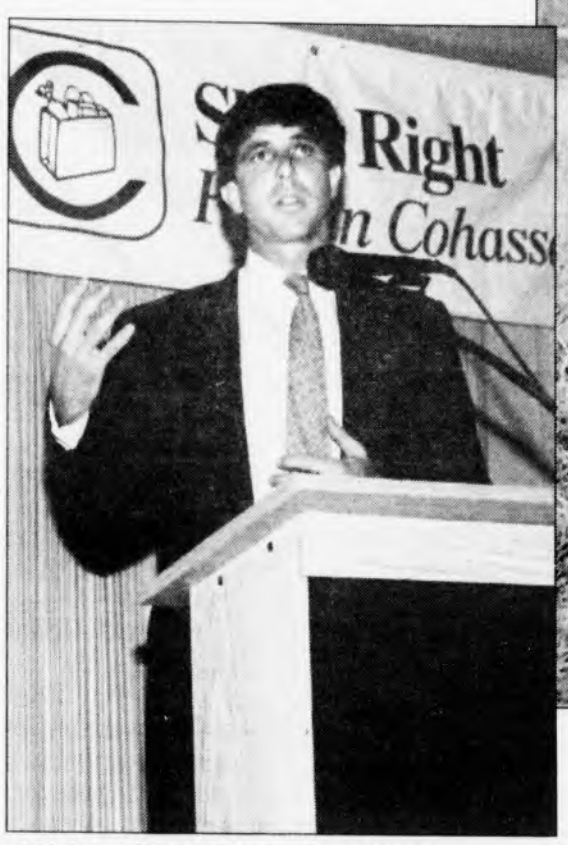
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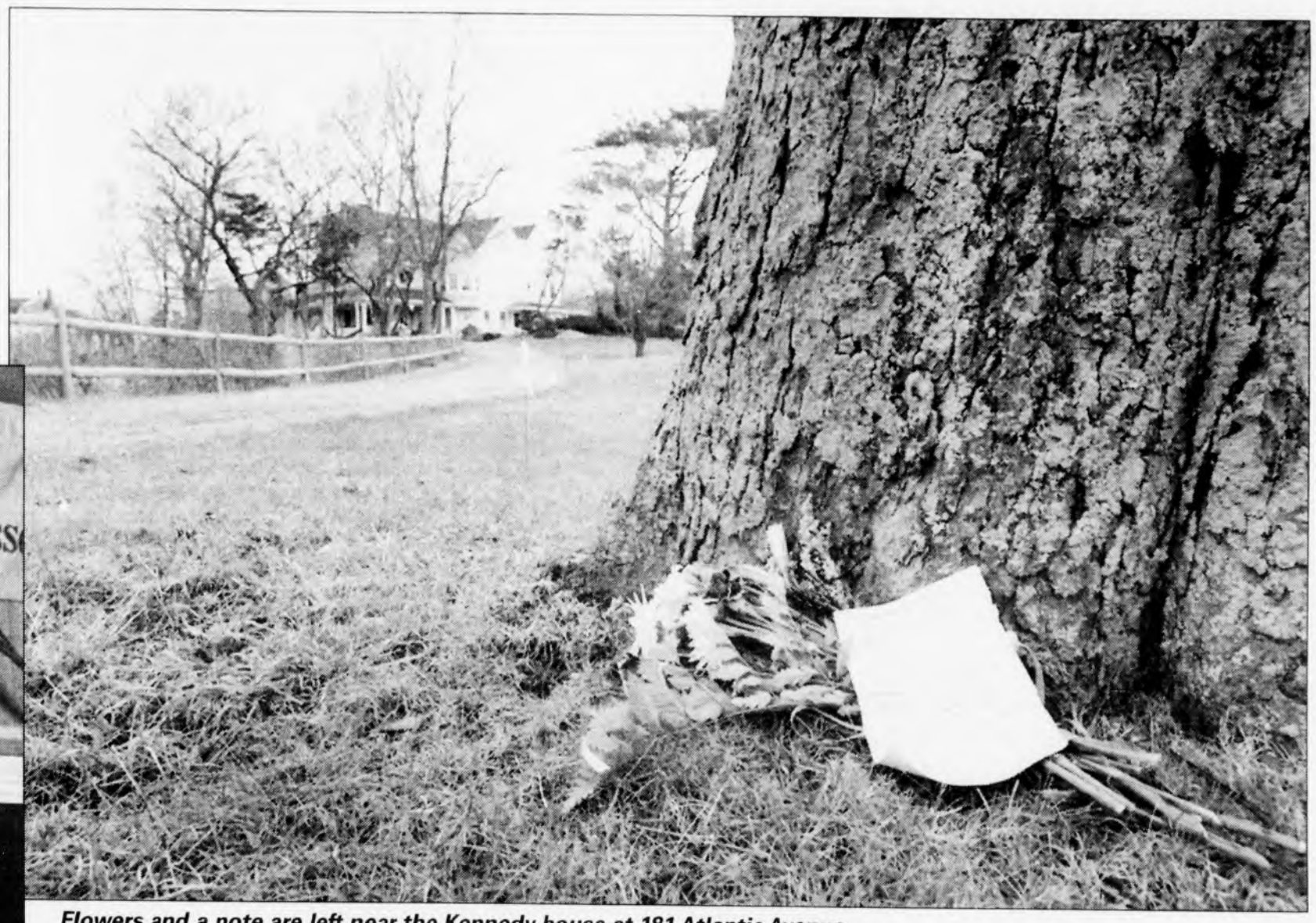
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— POLLY LOGAN, NICHOLS ROAD.



Michael Kennedy was featured speaker at the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce last year.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth



Flowers and a note are left near the Kennedy house at 181 Atlantic Avenue.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

It reads like fiction but it is all too true.

No one in this small town which has been the centerpiece for two major Hollywood films could have predicted the unspeakable tragedy that ended Michael Kennedy's life last week.

The 39-year-old Atlantic Avenue resident was killed in an accident while playing football on skis Dec. 31 in Aspen, Colorado. Once again, the event propelled the Kennedy family into the headlines and sent TV camera crews back into Cohasset village searching for an angle to a very sad story. However, most found the townspeople close mouthed.

It was the second time in the last year the press descended onto quiet Cohasset. Kennedy was at the center of a firestorm of controversy last summer amid allegations that he has an affair with his children's underage baby-sitter. The baby-sitter refused to testify and the investigation was dropped.

All those contacted this week by the Mariner who were close to the son of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy were reticent to speak about a man they respected.

What you say often comes out differently in print, they said.

But some spoke hoping the legacy left by a private person who inherited a very public life would reflect his good deeds, love of family and care about a place he called home.

When Mary Larson of North Main Street heads to Columbia next week with the non-profit Gems of Hope dedicated to helping the world's poor, she will be thinking of Kennedy.

"Michael knew of my work with Gems of Hope and talked with (co-founder) Mrs. (Leigh Taylor) Roy and myself about a project he was working on in Columbia. We're flying to Bogota Monday because Michael asked us to get involved," she said.

Polly Logan, 121 Nichols Road, felt strongly enough about Kennedy's generosity to local causes such as the Lightkeepers' Residence project, that she wrote a letter to the editor.

"He was so much a part of Cohasset," said Logan whose daughter went to Milton Academy with Kennedy's sister Courtney, . "He contributed to our causes and when asked to help he'd come or lend his name to the project."

Logan, vice chairman of the state Republican Party, remembered fondly her efforts campaigning for the millionaire businessman Mitt Romney who was trying to unseat Kennedy's uncle, Sen. Edward Kennedy. Michael, who served as his uncle's campaign manager, was considered the brains and energy behind his uncles hard-fought victory over Romney.

"It was such a challenge," Logan recalled about the 1994 campaign against the long-time popular senator.

"He just out did us. Cohasset houses that never had political signs had Kennedy signs. I attribute that to Michael's personality," she said.

Logan also said she respected the Kennedys for admitting their problems and then dealing with them. (Michael Kennedy sought treatment for alcoholism last year and various other Kennedys have had battles with alcohol and drugs.).

Fred Koed of Pleasant Street, Democratic state committeeman, remembered being introduced to Kennedy at a cookout at the Kennedy compound in Hyannisport. At the time, Koed was chairman of the water commission which was embroiled in a water distribution crisis along the "Gold Coast" where blue pipes were installed above ground along part of Atlantic Avenue to improve water flow.



The satellite TV trucks in Hyannisport for Kennedy's funeral were reminiscent of those that descended on Cohasset last summer.

Staff photo/Robert Barboza

"Michael joked 'when are you going to get those pipes out of my front yard?'" Koed said. "He was such a friendly man. My heart goes out to his family."

Joseph L. Rosano of Howe Road spoke of Kennedy as a family man. Rosano's daughter and Kennedy's daughter were best friends.

"We saw him on a daily basis," Rosano said. "I found him to be profoundly brilliant and compassionate. He loved his children and adored the ground they walked on. They are terrific kids."

Jim Sandell of Stevens Road, knew Kennedy as a neighbor and friend. Michael and his wife Victoria and children moved to Stevens Road in 1986. They bought the Victorian home on Atlantic Avenue in 1991. Sandell served as architect for the Kennedys who renovated the 1890 ocean-front house now assessed at $1 million.

"I remember the really fun times redoing the house with Vicki and Michael," Sandell said. He said Kennedy wanted a really active place so the family room included a basketball hoop but that was interfaced with a painting by Jack Kennedy given to Michael's mother, Ethel, and other family artifacts and heirlooms.

It's not known if Kennedy chose Cohasset because his grandfather used to summer here. It is said that his uncle JFK learned to swim at Sandy Beach.

But Sandell said Kennedy liked Cohasset for the same reasons most of its residents do.

"It's on the seaside and it's a small town," he said.

Kennedy who graduated from Harvard College and the University of Virginia Law School, had been director of the non-profit Citizens Energy Corporation since 1988. He leaves his wife, Victoria and three children, Michael Jr., 14; Kyle, 13, and Rory, 10.

The Kennedy family asked anyone who wants to make a donation to please send it to Angola Education Assistance Fund or Stop Handgun Violence, in care of Citizens Energy Corp., 530 Atlantic Avenue, Boston 02210.

Lennon civil case settled out of court

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less than a mile from his Emery Road home.

Donald and Donna Smith agreed to an out-of-court settlement Dec. 17 in the wrongful death suit they brought against Lennon. The settlement ends the civil case the couple filed in Plymouth superior court, claiming Lennon was responsible for Smith's death. The Lennon party was a graduation celebration for Lennon's son from Thayer Academy and daughter from college. Smith was a recent Thayer graduate at the time of his death.

Lennon was acquitted July 14 of misdemeanor criminal charges that he provided nine teenagers with beer at the party and contributed to the delinquency of a 16-year-old at the party.

Smith's parents filed the civil lawsuit shortly after Lennon's acquittal.

Smith says the settlement is an admission of guilt.

"If someone was innocent you wouldn't allow an insurance company to settle. I say this is an admission of guilt," he said.

Lennon's lawyer, Ralph Sullivan, said the settlement was between Lennon's insurance company and the Smith's, not between the Lennons and the Smiths, and in no way means Lennon acknowledges responsibility for Gregory Smith's death.

"This wasn't meant to be a settlement for the loss of their son," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said the case was mediated by a judge hired by both families to settle the case out of court. The insurance company decided to settle since the civil case could drag on for five years and be extremely costly for both parties, he said. The Lennons did not attend the settlement mediation session, he said, and the judge advised the Smiths to settle the case.

"He thought it was a 50/50 proposition" on who would win, Sullivan said.

Lennon could not be reached for comment.

Allan Tufankjian, the Smith's lawyer, disagreed with Sullivan.

"The whole case is just a sense of responsibility, standing up and saying 'I was wrong.' That's basically what this case was all about — taking the consequences of what (Lennon) did and admitting to them," Tufankjian said.

Don Smith blasted other attendees of the Lennon's party, especially Marc Rando, a Thayer Academy teacher who testified at the criminal trial that he saw students drinking from a bar in the Lennon's basement.

"He could have stopped the whole God-damned thing," Smith said.

Bernard Hammill, who defended Lennon in the criminal trial, said the agreement is a complete and final settlement between the Smiths, Lennons, and any insurance carrier.

"From my perspective, this is the end of a very unfortunate case for everyone involved. With the end of the litigation phase, maybe it will be possible for the people affected by this case to begin closure and healing," Hammill said.

The Smiths are working with the state legislature to clarify party host's responsibilities, and recently testified before a senate committee trying to change the law. It is because the law is too vague, Smith feels, that Lennon was found innocent at the criminal trial.

"The law has to be more construed," he said. "It has to be clear, precise and to the point — we have to make the judicial system and people and social hosts understand that this is unacceptable."

At the party, a bartender hired by the Lennon's refused to serve the teenagers, but they were allowed to drink of a keg next to the bar, witnesses testified during Lennon's criminal trial in Quincy district court.

When it began to rain, the bar was moved inside, but the keg was left outside and the teenagers continued to drink. Several teenagers also brought their own alcohol to the party, witnesses testified. Adults at the party, including Celtics team doctor Arthur Scheller, testified they played drinking games with several of the teenagers.

Don Smith said the pain would never end for him and his family, and that no amount of money can bring back his son.

"We have trouble living day to day," he said. "We have trouble getting up in the morning and facing the day."

Chart House closing leaves a void

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in bringing in a lot of people from out of town. I knew it has not been easy business-wise but I thought their weddings and functions kept them going.

"But I guess that was just not good enough," he said. The chamber had slated its January meeting for the Chart House but subsequently moved it to Kimball's.

The facility which also served as a popular spot for wedding receptions and parties was one of the largest owned by the California-based company, Chart House Restaurants Inc.

So despite its attractive, picturesque location, the restaurant couldn't attract the numbers corporate headquarters wanted.

"It is sad and unfortunate that we have to pull out of Cohasset but the restaurant was not quite popular enough," said Randy McNamara, vice president of operations. "We had to do a heck of a lot of business to generate a respectable return."

The company is selling the business and building and will re-deploy the assets to generate a higher return, said McNamara, who would not disclose the asking price. According to town records, the company bought the restaurant formerly known as Hugo's for $2.75 million in March of 1990. The Border Street property is currently assessed at $2.08 million.

Local restaurateur Ed Kane whose properties include Tosca, Stars and FireKing in Hingham, said increasing competition coupled with the size of the Chart House undoubtedly were factors in the decision to close the facility.

Kane, who hosts an annual Christmas party at the Chart House with 700-800 guests, said parking at the site is also limited. For large parties, the restaurant runs a shuttle service from area parking lots.

Kane said it's healthy for a restaurant to always look busy and thinks 150 to 175 seats is about right. The Chart House could seat upwards of 350.

Steve Cardarelli, New England director of operations for the Chart House, said when it closed, the restaurant employed about 40 people, most of whom were part-time. Some will transfer to the Chart House in Boston.

"This has been an emotional one for us because we've put so much effort into making a go at this location," Cardarelli said. "But it gets to the point when you count your marbles, there aren't enough in the bag."

The Chart House owns 60 restaurants nationwide including ones in places such as Aspen, Colorado; Newport, Rhode Island and the Hawaiian Islands.

"We have many beautiful locations but none as quaint New England as this," Cardarelli said.

He said functions that have been booked will be relocated to other facilities in the area such as local country clubs, the Ramada Inn and Barker Tavern.

On another front, selectmen got some good news this week. The Red Lion Inn whose restaurant has been closed for months could soon undergo planned renovations.

Manager Joe Dooley said he, the architect and engineer had positive meetings with the planning board and the village revitalization committee recently.

"Sounds like things there are going in the right direction," Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said.

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SAFE assails building inspector on CHL

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

It is the duty of the building inspector to enforce the town's zoning bylaws. When someone dumps refuse unlawfully, or stores a car illegally, it is up to Building Inspector Bob Egan to enforce zoning bylaws.

Members of the anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE) are outraged that Egan has taken no action against Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill for landfilling in an unpermitted area.

SAFE has filed an appeal with the zoning board of appeals (ZBA) asking it to overturn Egan's Dec. 15 decision to take no immediate enforcement action against CHL.

The ZBA was scheduled to discuss the appeal last night (Wednesday, Jan. 7) after the Mariner went to press.

"We are outraged that the building inspector has not yet taken any action even though he heard CHL owner Paul Barry admit on Nov. 18 to the illegal dumping," said SAFE member John K. McNabb Jr.

In a telephone interview, Egan said the building department, the health board and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) have done much work behind the scenes over the last two months.

"I think everything will come out in (Wednesday's) hearing," Egan said. "Something will be done at the hearing."

Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said the ZBA would hear SAFE's appeal and decide whether Egan took appropriate action.

"He is the zoning enforcement officer, and it's up to him to take action," DeGiacomo said. "The question we have to ask is: ÒShould the building inspector have taken some action and, if so, what action should he have taken?'."

DeGiacomo said Egan has been investigating the violation, and the ZBA could consider that an appropriate response.

If the ZBA determines that Egan should have taken further action, it can remand the decision to him and outline additional actions.

McNabb said Egan should order CHL to cease and desist the illegal activity in question. He is also asking the ZBA to order CHL to immediately remove the material from the unpermitted area.

According to McNabb, a cease and desist order from Egan would effectively require CHL to remove the illegal material.

In the Dec. 15 letter, Egan states he is following legal advice from town counsel to coordinate any enforcement action with the board of health and DEP.

McNabb said he is angry that the health board has refused to release a copy of town counsel's opinion.

"This mysterious town counsel opinion is sabotaging effective enforcement by the town," McNabb said. "Neither Egan nor the board of health have taken any action at all."

McNabb also attacked DEP for failing to take strong action against CHL for previous violations.

"Many times in the past, DEP has protected CHL from enforcement action and have facilitated the growth of CHL," McNabb said. "DEP has been the best friend CHL could ever have."

Last November, McNabb discovered that CHL had filled in an unpermitted area of land. He found a section of material about 200-feet long and up to 50-feet wide in an unpermitted area (Area IV-B) adjacent to a permitted area (Area IV-A).

Paul Barry admitted at a November health board meeting to placing refuse in an unpermitted area of the property.

CHL installed a liner beyond the legal boundary of the landfill and filled to the edge of the liner.

Barry said he was working from a map that showed the boundary consistent with where he filled.

But the map lacked a state authorization stamp, according to McNabb, and was not a valid document.

SITEC Environmental Consultants of Hingham, CHL's engineering consultant, estimates the amount of illegal material at about 1,070 tons on 7,800 square feet of land.

The illegal land-filling violates town bylaws and state solid waste laws, McNabb said.

In a letter to DEP, CHL attorney Anton Moehrke admitted that CHL "inadvertently" placed material in Area IV-B. He also said CHL would remove the material if ordered to do so by DEP.

"Although CHL continues to believe that this minor deviation from the assignment has no adverse effect on the public health, safety of the environment and that removal of the fill actually creates the risk of short term impact from odors during removal," Moehrke said. "It (CHL) is ready and willing nonetheless to remove the overfill and place it in previously approved portions of Area IV-A."

State Senator Robert Hedlund has also entered the debate, asking DEP to conduct public hearings on CHL's proposed 16-foot vertical expansion.

Nomination papers available

Nomination papers for the annual town election April 4 are available at the town clerk's office. In order to hold an elected office you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions will be available:

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Water commission — One for three years

Wednesday, March 18, is the last day to register for the annual town meeting and the annual town election. Registration forms are available at the town clerk's office, the Cohasset Post Office and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office but must be received or postmarked on or before the deadline.

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Support increases for local bed and breakfasts

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Visitors to Cohasset looking for lodging could have more options next year thanks to two separate proposals aimed at making it easier for residents to open bed and breakfasts.

Building Inspector Bob Egan has submitted a proposal that would allow bed and breakfast establishments in residential zones by special permit. And a group of citizens is sponsoring an article for the spring town meeting that would allow residents to open small bed and breakfasts in their homes without any permits.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris has been advocating for bed and breakfasts as a positive factor for the community.

Last month McMorris again raised the issue of bed and breakfasts, looking for support from selectmen. Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan opposed the idea, saying that he wouldn't want a bed and breakfast near his home.

At the same meeting, Tanna Kasperowicz presented a citizen's article for review by Town Manager Mark Haddad. Town counsel is checking over the wording of the article so proponents can gather signatures.

Egan has drafted a proposal that would allow bed and breakfasts in any residential zone with a special permit. This would allow a bed and breakfast within a single-family home as long as there are no more than two guest rooms and four guests.

The proposal would require bed and breakfasts to conform to all other zoning bylaws and parking regulations.

The zoning board has rejected previous requests for a variance to allow bed and breakfasts in residential zones because of inadequate parking.

The citizen's article separates the term "bed and breakfast" into two distinct entities. A bed and breakfast home is defined as a single-family, owner-occupied house where three or less rooms are rented for less than 14 consecutive days to the same person.

A bed and breakfast establishment contains more than three rooms.

Under the proposed bylaw, bed and breakfast homes would be allowed by right in residential zones, while bed and breakfast establishments would require a special permit.

Both types of bed and breakfasts would have a maximum 14-day rental period. In both cases, the house must be at least 10-years-old, serve only one meal a day, prohibit parties, accept only advance reservations, prohibit cooking facilities in guest rooms, serve meals to only guests, and keep a daily guest register.

Bed and breakfast homes would not be subject to additional parking requirements. Bed and breakfast establishments would require one parking space for every bedroom.

John K. McNabb wrote the article. McNabb said the parking in bed and breakfast homes was left unchanged (at least two spaces) because there would be little or no actual change in capacity. A person with two guests would have no more parking than a person with two additional adults or grown children living in the home.

McNabb said the zoning board rejected one bed and breakfast request because it would require guests to back out of the parking area. But as McNabb pointed out, the owner currently is backing out of the parking area and the arrangement appears weak.

"It didn't make sense to me," McNabb said. "If you've got two or three people living there and already backing out, and then have two or three bedrooms rented out to guests ó well, what's the difference?"

McNabb said he agreed larger establishments should have more stringent parking requirements.

McNabb based his draft on comparisons to typical bed and breakfasts in other communities throughout the country.

St. Anthony's seeking parish center building

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

St. Anthony's Parish is a crowded place these days. More than 650 children are enrolled in religious classes. And the church needs to hold functions, gatherings, special events and lectures from guest speakers. The trouble is, St. Anthony's doesn't have a parish center and all religious classes and events are held in the church or one small spare room.

But St. Anthony's is hoping to change all that. The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston is proposing a large, self-standing parish center that would house classrooms, speaking rooms and areas for functions and special events.

The zoning board of appeals was scheduled to discuss the proposal last night (Wednesday, Jan. 7) after the Mariner went to press.

The proposed building would sit on church-owned property adjacent to the parish at 6 Summer St.

The land for the proposed building sits in a coastal flood plain and would require a variance from the ZBA.

Pastor John Mulvehill said the proposed building is needed to serve rapid membership growth at the parish.

"The parish is growing and large numbers of families with small children are joining," Mulvehill said. "We're baptizing around 100 families a year."

Mulvehill estimated that 75 percent of students at Cohasset public schools are Catholic. He pointed out that St. Anthony's may be the only parish in town without a parish center.

Mulvehill would not discuss the specific size or layout of the proposed building. He said he would wait to see what town boards had to say.

"If we can't go ahead with the plan as it is proposed, we will have to redesign the building according to the specifications of the town's boards," Mulvehill said.

Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said Building Inspector Bob Egan inspected the plans and maps and determined that the proposed building would be in the flood plain.

DeGiacomo said he has heard that the applicant may try to argue that the site is only technically in the flood plain.

Mulvehill said he has talked to residents who have confirmed that they have never heard of any flooding on the site in the last 80 to 90 years.

DeGiacomo said St. Anthony's will still need to meet the criteria set forth in the town's bylaws to obtain a variance.

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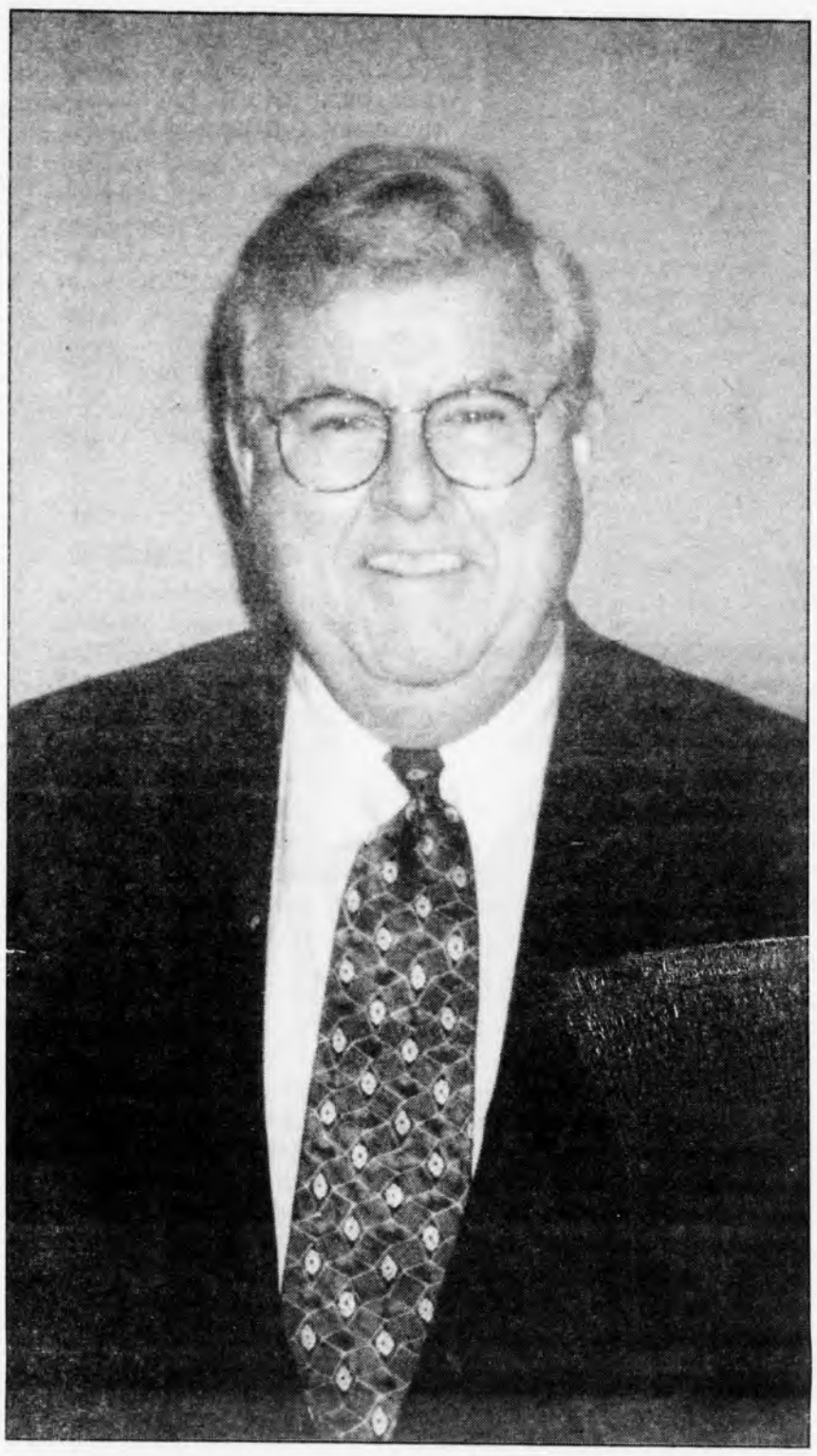
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Best vacation: The next one.

Best day of your life: Today.

Biggest worry: The rest of my answers.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite TV show: "X Files."

Favorite movie: "Dances with Wolves."

Favorite book: "The Last Tsar."

Favorite junk food: All.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Buying judge's robes in advance.

Person you'd most like to meet: I've met her, 33 years ago.

Pet peeve: Whiners.

Dinner theatre to benefit The Garage

Cohasset Players by the Sea present a pre-performance benefit dinner of Annie Jan. 16 and 17 at 5:30 p.m., sponsored by the Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee and Papa Razzi Restaurant.

Before the show a three-course catered dinner provided by Back Bay Restaurant Group will be served at Bancroft Hall on Cohasset Harbor.

Proceeds to benefit The Garage, a project to renovate the old town garage in Cohasset Center to accommodate youth activities such as dances, movies, drama and arts activities.

Tickets are $35 per person or $65 per couple. For tickets call Anthony Bramblett at 383-6662.

Blood drive is Wednesday

The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, Jan. 14. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Unitarian Parish House at 23 North Main St., from 2 to 7 p.m. As in the past, babysitting will be provided from 3 to 6 p.m. The Red Cross depends on regular donations to meet the ongoing need for blood and blood by-products.

The Red Cross always counts on a good turnout when it visits Cohasset so please respond, if possible, when a volunteer from one of the churches, civic, corporate or social organizations calls. New donors are welcome and needed. To register and make an appointment for donating at a specific time or if you have any questions, please call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 383-1290.

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AROUND TOWN

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ABOVE—Dick and Ginny Abbadessa visit with former Cohasset residents, Don and Becky Richards, in Naples, Florida.

HELLO TO RICHARDSONS

Let's begin by saying hello to a dear couple living in Florida, one that many will remember! Hi, Don and Becky Richardson! During a recent trip to Florida, Dick and Ginny Abbadessa visited with the former Cohasset residents at their lovely home in Naples. They still receive the Mariner each week to keep up with all of the happenings in Cohasset! By the way, doesn't Dick look great? Retirement really must agree with him!

SCHOOL CHIEF IN MAINE

Anyone associated with Cohasset schools in the '50s and '60s (maybe even into the '70s) will be pleased but not surprised to hear that Tom Perry has just been named superintendent of the "Union 87," Maine, schools that include the towns of Orono and Veazie. Orono, of course, is the University of Maine community. Tom is the son of Marian and the late Henry B. "Hank" Perry and grew up, along with brother Charles, in Cohasset. Hank was the teacher placement officer at Boston University in those days and saw to it that Cohasset had "the pick of the crop." He was an early sponsor of the Regional Vocational School and Cohasset's representative on the board. There is a long history of schools in the family. Hank's father (Tom's grandfather) was superintendent in Leominster. Hank later was assistant superintendent of Winchester schools before retirement to Orono. Marian was a school secretary in Cohasset for a number of years and was well known as the popular hostess at the old Hugo's, now the Chart House. Tom has been with the Orono school system since 1971, and from 1980 through last year was the middle and high school principal. Since June he has been serving as interim superintendent.

NEW GRANDPARENTS

Phil and Joan Shockman have ut, a new "long distance love," it's ut their granddaughter, Sofia Carolyn Shockman! Sofia is the daughter of Carl and Mari Carmen Shockman. She was born Dec. 14 in Mexico City where Carl and Mari Carmen live. You had better believe that there will be frequent trips to Mexico City to see that little treasure! And, hopefully Carl and Mari Carmen will bring little Sofia Carolyn to Cohasset before long, so that we can all take a peek at her!

HONOR ROLL AT NEWMAN PREP

Two Cohasset students have been named to the honor roll at Newman Preparatory School in Boston. In order to receive this honor, a student must maintain an average of 856 or higher in each major subject for the first half of an academic semester. Hats off to Natalia P. Perova, daughter of Dr. Poi Perova; and Caitlin M. Welby, daughter of Thomas and Elaine Welby. If this excellence in achievement continues for the entire fall semester ('til Jan. 16) these two scholars will be appointed to the dean's list, so watch for their names again very soon!

BRAND NEW BABY BOY

Congratulations go to Andrew and Bettina Koropey; and we will be happy to tell you why — they have a brand new baby boy in their lives, Adam Jaroslaw Koropey, born Dec. 2! Adam's maternal grandparents are Tom and Donna Bianco from Providence, R.I.; his paternal grandparent is Nina Koropey of Johnston, R.I.

HIGH HONORS AT HOLDERNESS

Alexander Gaston, a junior at the Holderness School, has been named to that school's fall semester high honor roll, posting an academic average of better than 90. This fall Gaston also served as a crew leader in Holderness' on-campus student jobs program, sang in the school chorus, and carried out a program of specialized study in music. Alexander is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gaston III of Cohasset.

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Sallyann Chatterton

Now that the hustle bustle of shopping is over, and the cold weather is really settling in, the first thing that comes to mind is making soup! Nothing tastes better on a frigid day, and the aroma filling the home is a welcoming one! Everyone has their favorite recipes, two that I often use are "Cream of Squash Supreme" (an easy recipe, and a delightful prelude to a winter dinner); the other is "Chicken and Avocado Soup," a recipe that I got from Sue Megathlin (Sue says this soup is to Mexico City what onion soup is to Paris.). Try them!

CREAM OF SQUASH SUPREME

1 package frozen cooked squash
1 can condensed chicken broth
1 cup heavy cream
1 can whipped topping
salt
white pepper
nutmeg

Defrost squash in saucepan, slowly mixing with wooden spoon. Stir in chicken broth. Gently blend. Over low heat gradually stir in heavy cream and cook slowly until heated through. Season to taste with salt and white pepper. Serve very hot; garnish each serving with a spoonful of whipped cream sprinkled with nutmeg. Serves 4-6

CHICKEN AND AVOCADO SOUP

6 cups chicken stock
1 whole chicken breast
2 onions sliced
1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
1/2 teaspoon oregano
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 ripe avocado
lemon wedges (optional)

Pour chicken broth into pot. Add chicken breast , onions and seasonings. Bring to boil, reduce heat and cover — poach in simmering stock for 20 minutes. Remove chicken breast and let it cool. Strain stock into a saucepan and set aside. Discard cooked onions. When chicken is cool and firm to the touch, peel off the skin and cut into small julienne strips. Just before serving, stir the strips into the soup and heat. Check seasonings. Peel the avocado, cut into thin strips and add to soup. The slices will float on top. Serve with lemon wedges. Serves 6.

LIBRARY CORNER

Cohasset library story hour

Registration for the preschool story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library are being accepted. 1. Story hours will be held Thursdays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., beginning Jan. 8 and 9. Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3-1/2 to participate. To register, call the children's room at 383-1348.

Library trustee sought

Anyone interested in filling a vacancy on the board of library trustees until the annual town election should contact Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-9900.

Former trustee Anne C. Bowdoin stepped down due to a move to New Hampshire.

AROUND TOWN

SOCCER SPORTSMAN RECOGNIZED

Evan Cutler, a ninth-grade student at the Fessenden School in West Newton and son of The Rev. E. Clifford and Amy Cutler, was recently honored with the Bruce Wright Cup for the "Love of the Game" in varsity soccer at the school's annual Fall Sports Awards ceremony! Cohasset's loss was surely Fesssenden's gain in the world of soccer. Congratulations, Evan!

COHASSETOPOLY IS GREAT

Before we go any further, did you receive *the game* for Christmas? Of course it is Cohassetopoly we are referring to — it is wonderful! Even our 8-year-old granddaughter loved recognizing all of the "spots around town!" If you don't have it yet, you can purchase it at the South Shore Community Center or at Pastimes (on Chief Justice Cushing Highway)! Have fun!

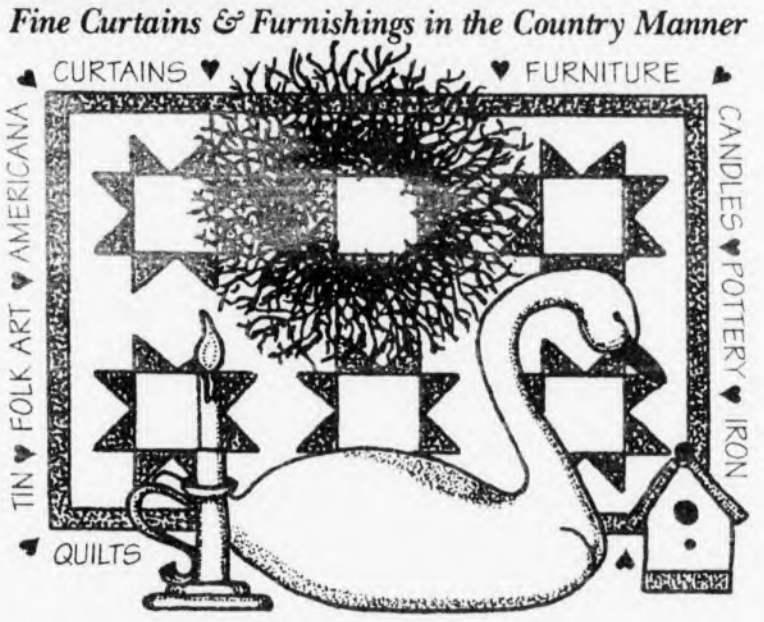
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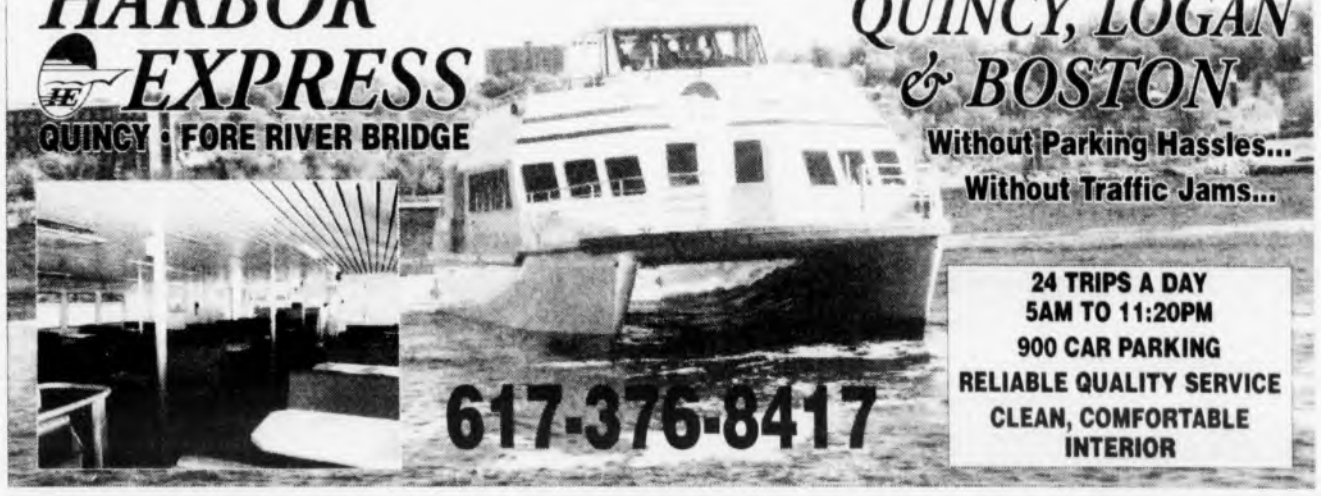
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Thanks for speaking up

Before 1998 gets too far along, we still have some important 1997 business to attend to.

Some of the following names may be familiar to you, others may not be. But the people attached to these names all have one thing in common: they wrote at least one letter to the Cohasset Mariner in 1997.

A few wrote thank you's to the people of Cohasset or organizations for their help or support; others complained about a decision or lobbied to have their views considered; while still others educated us about programs, problems or activities.

But no matter what the subject — putting pen to paper to share your views with your fellow citizens is important. The First Amendment is close to our hearts here in the newspaper business and at no time do we appreciate it more than when ordinary citizens, like those listed here, take advantage of their Freedom of Speech. And what better vehicle is there than your local paper?

So here at the Mariner, we salute the following local citizens:

Stephanie Church, Charles E. Santoro, R. M. Campbell, Thomas Maloney, Tom Healy, Megan Connolly, Melinda Murray, Lynne Sheridan, Paul Callahan, Kenneth R. Depperman, Joshua C. Krumholz, Susan Cunningham, the Protulis family, Jane Pescatore, Joe McElroy, the Rev. Joseph R. Fahey, Edwin H. Pratt, Glenn A. Pratt, the Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee, Charlie Downing, Peter Robb, John F. Hartshorne, Mark Bell, John K. McNabb Jr., Rick Shea, Robert M. Davenport, Mary Jeanette Murray, Ralph Kidder, Merle Brown, Gary Vanderweil;

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The editorial pages of the Cohasset Mariner belong to you. It's where you can speak out or just say thank you to a citizen or organization that went beyond the call of duty.

Sometimes it takes a good dose of courage to let your voice be heard, but we think it's worth it. Often one voice is all the inspiration needed to propel others to action.

This year, the Mariner received 136 letters to the editor from 99 different people, groups or organizations.

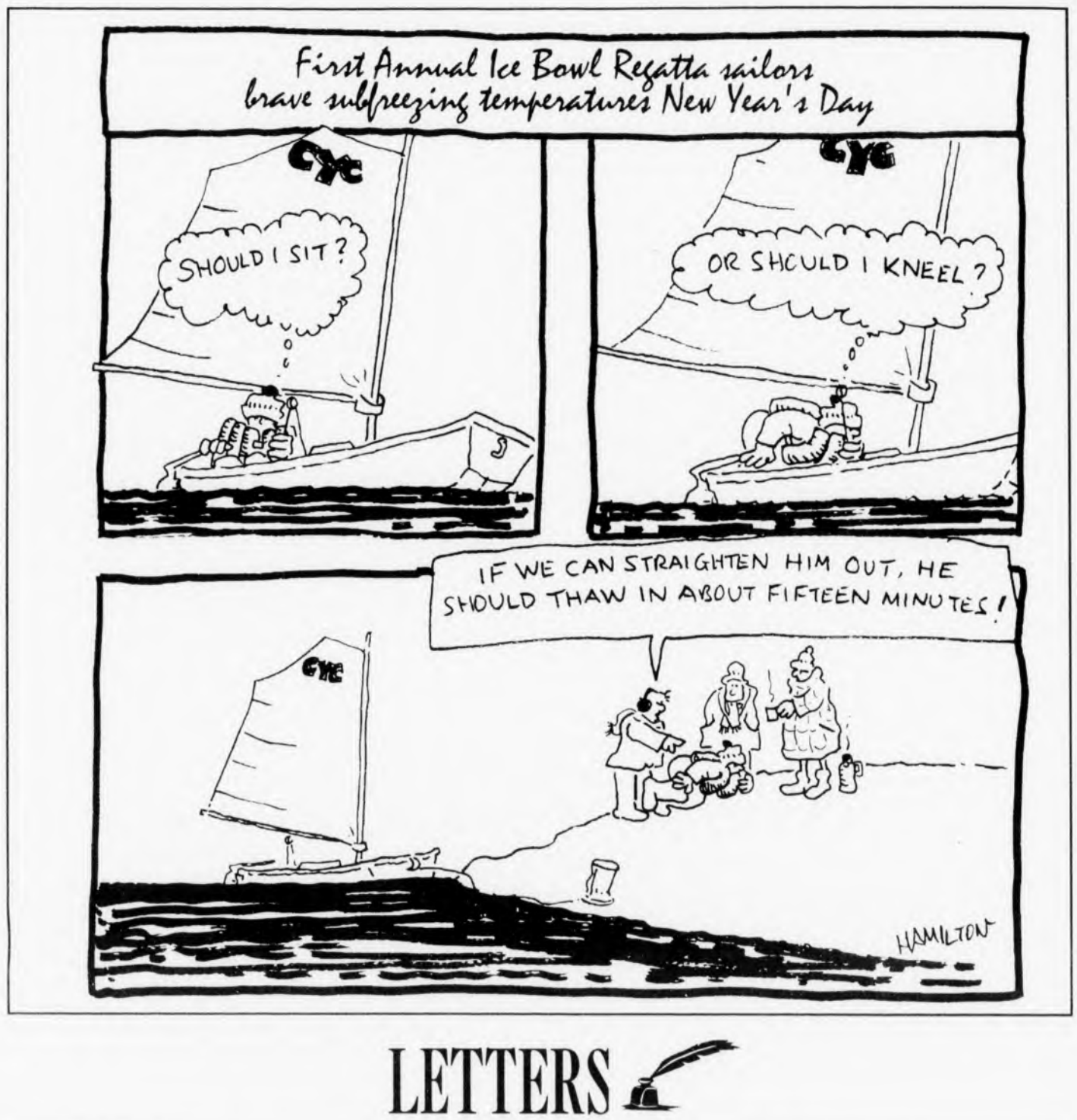
To those of you that have thought about writing and haven't, please reconsider. To those whom we hear from on a regular basis, keep writing!

There are lots of weeks to go in the New Year — which will be filled with events, decisions, happenings and controversy.

Let us hear what you think in 1998.

Mary Ford
Editor

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LETTERS

Kennedy's compassion appreciated

To the Editor:

As one who has raised money in Cohasset for a myriad of causes, I wish to commend Michael Kennedy for lending his name, contributing and appearing at many fund-raising events in Cohasset.

Just as Princess Diana worked for worthy causes so did Michael Kennedy, and Cohasset will miss his compassion for helping people and charitable organizations.

We hope all Cohasset and South Shore residents will be as giving and generous.

Polly Logan
121 Nichols Rd.

Historical record set straight

To the Editor:

To keep the historical record accurate about the first Minot's Ledge Lighthouse that collapsed in 1851, it should be pointed out that, geographically, Minot's Ledge and its lighthouse are within the boundaries of Scituate rather than Cohasset. The town and county line run some distance to the northwest of the ledge, as shown on U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey charts over the years. Thus the National Register of Historic Places assigns the lighthouse to Scituate, Plymouth County, and the Massachusetts Historical Commission places it in the Scituate section of its statewide Survey of the Historical Assets of the Commonwealth. The former U.S. Lighthouse Shore Station for Minot's Ledge Lighthouse at Government Island is, of course, assigned to Cohasset in both the National Register and in the State Survey. However, contrary to sentiment, the lighthouse "belongs to" neither town, being property of the U.S. government.

Thus when the first lighthouse collapsed in April 1851, the two assistant keepers, Wilson and Antoine, fell into the sea in Scituate. Keeper Antoine's body was recovered at Nantasket, and Keeper Wilson's at Gull Rock, off the Glades in Scituate, where he evidently had expired during the night. Regarding the two assistant keepers; no entry of their identity is made in Davenport's voluminous "Genealogies of the Families of Cohasset." Their origins are not shown, and it is not certain they actually were "Cohasset Boys." Neither is there any record of their deaths in official town vital record books at town hall, either for 1851 or as late reported deaths in subsequent years.

Without demeaning the quality of bravery of the two assistant lighthouse keepers, it should be pointed out

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LETTERS

'Pay as you throw' goes too far

To the Editor:

Selectman Merle Brown's published response to the resident concerned about the impact of the proposed "pay-as-you-throw" trash program prompts this reply. It is not just our senior citizens who have cause for concern over this proposal. Indeed, the adverse impact of the "buck-a-bag" system on most residents far outweighs the potential benefit.

The stated justification for the program is to increase the town's recycling rate. However, Cohasset has already received an "A" grade from the state in this regard. Mr. Brown concedes that we already have recycling programs for all marketable materials. Although similar programs in other communities are said to have dramatically increased recycling rates, given our good track record, it is not clear that Cohasset has the same margin for improvement.

The program's flaws are many. When the "buck-a-bag" proposal was originally floated, Mr. Brown suggested that the program would be revenue-neutral based on a supposed "average" Cohasset family throwing away one (!) bag of trash per week. Clearly this assumption was incorrect, and for a large majority of Cohasset families, the proposed plan would double or triple the cost of trash disposal. The plan is a tax hike, plain and simple.

Mr. Brown describes the proposed plan as "fair" and "equitable;" however, as in most political debates in this town, those words are most often used by those getting the better end of the deal. The program would charge residents by the volume of trash they generate, when the cost to the town of disposing of that trash is based on weight. Mr. Brown admits that his trash compactor would enable him to "cheat" the program by disposing of more trash weight per dollar bag than could other residents without such means. Mr. Brown does not recommend that we all go out and buy trash compactors, but many residents would save much more by such a purchase than they would by increased recycling. Yet by buying and installing trash compactors, we do nothing to reduce the weight of our trash, and therefore save the town no money. And imagine the mess from all those overfilled bags breaking!

The special bags required under the proposed program would be available from only a limited number of sources. As much as we all want the village merchants to prosper, it is not always convenient for residents to stop and purchase trash bags in the village. What are we supposed to do with our trash on Sunday morning when the store's not open? Drive to the transfer center to buy a bag, then back home to pack up the trash? The extra driving involved in obtaining the bags is inconvenient and certainly not environmentally friendly.

For those residents who generate less than one bag of trash per week, the proposal represents a public health risk. We should not encourage residents to store garbage in their homes for weeks at a time. The proposed plan also provides a tangible incentive to dump trash illegally.

Mr. Brown is a hard-working and dedicated public servant. When it comes to garbage however, he seems to be a bit obsessed. Remember, Mr. Brown was the champion of the proposal to build a penthouse with a balcony overlooking the town dumpster to increase compliance with the recycling rules. That idea was just silly. This one's going to cost us real money, without a clearly defined benefit.

There's a limit to how far the town should go to encourage noble goals like recycling. For example, no one is proposing a town-wide ban on meat tray liners or plastic wrap, or a deposit on all newspapers. The "pay-as-you-throw" plan goes too far in micromanaging a town expense. What's next, tuition bills for the public schools? Toll booths on Main Street?

Dale A. Malone
79 Forest Ave.

Pay as Throw, a fair system

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm:

It is unfortunate that you feel you will be "bagging more bucks" by going to the Pay-As-You-Throw trash disposal system. Please bear with me as I try to explain why I feel that this is a fair and equitable environmentally aware system.

Many local towns, such as Scituate and Hingham, will be closing their landfills in the near future as required by state law. These towns are now finding out what we learned back in 1988, that it is very expensive to get rid of trash. The town of Cohasset (you, the taxpayer) pays $85 a ton to have our trash hauled to Semass. Towns that are closing their dumps/landfills now, will be paying more than $100 a ton to dispose of their trash.

In response to your statement on "Other towns have rubbish pick-up included in their lower-than-our taxes:"

One town next to us, Norwell, has trash pick-up. Their tax rate is set at $15.87/$1,000. The town of Cohasset's new tax rate is set at $15.05/$1,000. Some towns that have curbside trash pick-up have gone to the Pay-As-You-Throw system to help stem the rising cost of trash pick-up. There have been years of complaints and concern regarding the trash barrels on the side of the road, the mess that is left behind by the trash truck and drivers dodging the barrels that roll onto the streets. This situation usually remains all day as most households put their trash out at curbside very early in the morning and do not collect their trash receptacles until late in the day or early evening.

You mention that you "Recycle in a reasonable way. Most People do. I agree with you, most people do a good job at recycling. I know we can do better and so does the state. The state of Massachusetts has set a 47-percent recycling rate by the year 2000. If you look in the trash trailer any time of the day you will see many items that should have been recycled. I know it is very easy to say, the little bit I did not recycle will not make a difference, but when all 2,600 households say the same thing, you can see it does make a difference.

Due to the hard work of the recycling committee, we have been able to get a high rating from the state on our recycling but we are not doing enough. In fact we have gone down from 37 percent last year to 31 percent this year. Although we have been getting an "A" for our recycling effort, we are still a long way from the 47 percent the state is looking for by the year 2000. We as a town, probably have one of the highest available amount of items that people can recycle. We recycle everything there is to recycle at this time. When other things become recyclable in the future, we will be sure to put them on the list.

As to your comment "We don't have to be Number One!" We on the recycling committee don't feel we have to be Number One, but we do strongly feel that we are responsible to the town and the taxpayers, to do our best to keep the cost down. Our goal is to reduce the trash going to Semass and to make the cost fair for everyone. Is it fair for an elderly family of two who bring one small bag of trash a week to the Recycling Transfer Facility (RTF), to pay the same as a family of four who create more trash? Your last comment, "After paying all these taxes, do they have to "bag" us with this cheap type of program?" The recycling committee doesn't consider this a "cheap type of program." We, as volunteers, have attended many seminars (at no cost to the town) on the Pay-As-You-Throw program and have seen first hand that the system does work. There are more than 75 cities and towns in the Commonwealth that have the Pay-As-You-Throw system and every one of them has reduced the cost of trash significantly.

Last year we sent more than 2,800 tons of trash to Semass, at $85 a ton, that is $238,000 to dispose of our trash. That amount plus the paid help at the RTF gives us a budget of more than $300,000 a year. If we could reduce our tonnage to Semass by just 15 percent, that would be a cost saving to the town of $35,700. Most of the people we have talked to in other towns feel this is a very conservative figure even with all the recycling we do.

REMEMBER THE 3 R'S
REFUSE REUSE RECYCLE

The Recycling Committee
Merle S. Brown Secretary

Lack of meeting attendance explained

To Alix P. White, Chairwoman, Board of Health:

This is in reply to your letter (health board) dated Dec. 24, 1997 in which you requested Sewer Commission's participation in the public meeting.

The Sewer Commissioners will not attend the public meetings for two reasons:

- On Dec. 9, 1997, the Sewer Commission held a three-hour public meeting in the town hall auditorium, virtually all of which was devoted to the expression of various concerns by residents of the priority of site districts which were created by Article 13 of the STM on March 29, 1997. The Sewer Commission is currently evaluating residents' comments to see what aspects fall under the jurisdiction of this Board. In view of the fact that Article 13 was adopted by the STM (by a unanimous vote) to address and minimize the town's legally binding requirements under the Second Amended Final Judgment and has been entered at Suffolk Superior Court as a part of the Town's Second Amended Final Judgment with the Commonwealth, no further purpose can be served by a second rehash of these concerns.
- Second, and most important, the implementation of the provisions of Article 13 is the responsibility of the Board of Health. As stated in your letter of Dec. 24, 1997 the purpose of the public meeting is "to finalize the rules and regulations of the on-site wastewater management plan's two priority areas." We expect that the BOH will proceed with this stated purpose which does not require input from the Sewer Commissioners as it lies outside the area of our professional responsibility and jurisdiction.

The sewer commissioners do have the following comments which we hope will be helpful:

Further to the BOH's proposed town wide plan presented by them and then withdrawn by them at the March 29, 1997 STM, a year has elapsed over which time the BOH may have fine tuned its plan. It is entirely within the BOH's domain to reintroduce their plan for approval at this year's town meeting in March, 1998, with the objective of pursuing the stated "economic and environmental parity." In the interim, the current Priority Area Plan and previously established funding avenues (i.e., $3 million) should prove to be an important first step and testing ground for any future town-wide plan.

We have also just now received a copy of your November 18, 1997 Rules and Regulations. We shall study this document over the next few weeks. Upon a cursory review, the Financial Assistance section items No. 7 and No. 8, relative to funding in excess of $20,000 do appear to address one of the primary concerns recently expressed by residents which the Sewer Commissioners were evaluating. Although this is desirable, it is contrary to the original authorization under Article 13. In discussions with Town Counsel, a warrant article would have to be prepared to authorize the increased level of funding and to amend the Home Rule Petition currently before the legislature enabling the town to establish a supplementary loan program. Such a warrant article, if offered by the BOH, would in all probability have the full support of the Sewer Commissioners.

Edward M. Guild
Chairman

Mr. Guild provided the Mariner with a copy of this letter for publication.

Attendance at meeting urged

To: Ted Guild, Sewer Commissioner:

Knowing of your interest in the town's wastewater management plan as dictated by the state and negotiated by the Cohasset Sewer Commission, the Cohasset Board of Health urges you to attend the public hearing Tuesday, Jan. 6, to be held in the Cohasset High School auditorium.

The purpose of this hearing is to finalize the rules and regulations of the on-site wastewater management plan's two priority areas: Lily Pond and Little Harbor. The Sewer Commission as part of its Final Amended Agreement negotiated these areas, comprised of 136 homes, for Judgment. In the Judgment, they expanded the sewer district to include North Cohasset and a larger portion of the Central Cohasset Sewer District. In return, they were required to create an on-site wastewater management plan, which would then be implemented by the Board of Health.

In the winter and spring of 1997, the Board of Health held a series of public hearings to identify priority areas for on-site septic systems and to create an on-site wastewater management plan. This plan was completed for the March 1997 Annual Town Meeting. The premise of the Board's plan was economic and environmental parity between all on-site septic systems and the sewer districts. This was largely ignored in the negotiations between the Sewer Commission and the State. In its place, two priority areas were created. Twenty-three homes in the Lily Pond area were chosen due to their proximity to the water supply. One hundred thirteen homes around Little Harbor were chosen due to their proximity to a recreational body of water and the demonstrated high failure rate in the area.

On November 18, 1997, the Board of Health held a public hearing on the final Wastewater Management Plan. The Board's consultants, SEA Consultants, presented draft regulations to approximately 50 homeowners from the mandated priority areas. It should be noted here that the homeowners were not happy. They expressed concern that they were "singled out" for mandatory inspections and septic system up-grades within two years if they failed. The Board of Health found itself responding to policies for which it had had very little input. Again, this plan was dictated by the state and negotiated by the Sewer Commission. The Board of Health must now implement it. This cannot be done without your help and support.

For the Board of Health
Alix P. White, Chairwoman

Mr. Guild provided the Mariner with a copy of this letter for publication.

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Historical record set straight

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that in fact they were trapped on the doomed lighthouse with no means of escape, since the station boat had been wrecked by a previous storm some time before. Head Lighthouse Keeper Bennett was ashore in Cohasset at the time of the great storm, having gone to Boston to arrange for a replacement boat for the lighthouse. Brave men they were, but there was no safe way the two assistants could have abandoned the doomed lighthouse, had they felt desire to do so.

As to a recent statement that Capt. Swift, architect of the first lighthouse, "didn't care," that simply is not true. In letters to Cohasset Captain John Wilson as early as 1849, Swift expresses concern about the structure, asking "how has it weathered the winter storms?" In January 1851, barely three months before collapse of the tower, he asks Capt. Wilson, "Now please tell me the real condition of the light, is it up or is it down?" Capt. Swift, who in later years was awarded an honorary doctorate by Harvard College for his outstanding career as a military and civilian engineer, is known to have felt that the 30'-diameter of Outer Minot's Ledge was not adequate to support an iron pile lighthouse. Those who "didn't care" appear to have been the bureaucrats of the old U.S. Lighthouse Establishment, who failed to heed the warnings sent to them by Head Keeper Bennett and by his predecessor Head Keeper Isaac Dunham, himself a lighthouse keeper of long experience.

The history of the early U.S. Lighthouse Establishment clearly shows the service had more than its share of brave men who kept good lights in the face of mortal peril. Assistant Keepers Wilson and Antoine were among those who lost their lives in performance of their assigned duties, and there were others elsewhere. Let us make certain that the historical record is kept as accurately as documented facts allow, and that commemoration conforms to those facts.

David H. Wadsworth
14A Summer St.

Reversal of monument decision sought

Board of Selectmen
Dear Mike, Merle, Ronnie, Nan, Dianne:

David vs. Goliath on Dec. 8 and Goliath won this time — but at the same time I feel that the town lost. How did the town lose? They lost in the following ways:

Government Island is a special place in Cohasset. It's interesting — it's beautiful in different ways during different seasons. It's not large in area relative to strolling, walking, sitting, enjoying, resting, eating, studying, talking, hearing, discussing, listening and relaxing. Like any park area it's meant to be used for all of the above. It's not meant to be filled with memorials. If this were the intent, we'd have a cemetery and we will if we keep approving memorials to people, happenings etc. We could propose rnemorials which would be historically justified and of the size to engulf Government Island. You don't want this — we don't want this — no one wants this. We want — people want space to think and enjoy.

If I were to ask all of you five members of the board where this memorial is to be located you'd give me five different locations — no one knows for sure and no one realizes the space that this will take up. I'm making a pattern 12 feet (12') in diameter to take down to Government Island and place on the ground — any one of you is welcome to come down and see what space it takes and the space it takes is too much — much too much for Government Island.

Bob Davenport at the Dec. 8 meeting mentioned the word symmetry. You know what it means — "balanced proportions." This monument will, no matter where it is placed, spoil the symmetry — the beauty of Government Island. Add to this the fact that according to the proposal the monument will be of polished black granite. Mike asked about this. He was concerned and rightly so — this will be so out of place with the tone of the island. It'll be like a sore thumb. I don't dispute the fact that black granite is beautiful but in the right setting.

Why am I writing? What am I asking you to do?

First, I'm writing because I'm concerned about this proposed monument which I think is unnecessary. True, these two men Joseph Antoine and Joseph Wilson, assistant lightkeepers, should be remembered but not in this way. The Government Island Study Committee and the Cohasset Historic Commission have a proposal which has not been completely explored.

Second, we think you should temporarily reverse your decision. Put a hold on any action and let these two boards meet with you to give you their thoughts, ideas and suggestions in their entirety.

Hamilton T. Tewksbury,
Chairman
Government Island Study Committee
Noel A. Ripley, Chairman
Cohasset Historic Commission

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Skippers search for that winning feeling

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

A couple of back-to-back wins is all the Cohasset High girls basketball team needs to get this season on the winning road says coach Cori Hughes.

"All this team lacks is confidence," stated Hughes. "It's a very young team and a couple of wins would go a long way towards building the kids confidence."

Going into this week, the Cohasset team was carrying a 1-4 record. The lone win was against Scituate High, 67-41. At that point Hughes thought the youngsters might be on their way. All they had to do was topple their next opponent, Hingham High.

Needless to say that did not happen. In fact, Hingham ended up trouncing Cohasset, and at the same time set the confidence scale back several notches.

"I really like this team. I feel the kids and I are on the same page. For many of the kids we have been together since they were in the seventh grade. They know my style and they know what I am out to accomplish."

CHS COACH CORI HUGHES

As Coach Hughes sees it, the toughest week on the schedule is the one the team started Monday. This is the week the Skippers have to gain some confidence.

The first team up for Cohasset was a surprisingly strong Abington club, which Cohasset was scheduled to face on Monday.

Next up was the year-in and year-out powerhouse Norwell High team on Wednesday evening (tonight). However, some of the Norwell power may have been short circuited due to the loss of two stars from last year's team.

The third encounter was Rockland High, new to the South Shore League, but a bigger and stronger team none the less. The Rockland five will be visiting Cohasset on Friday night.

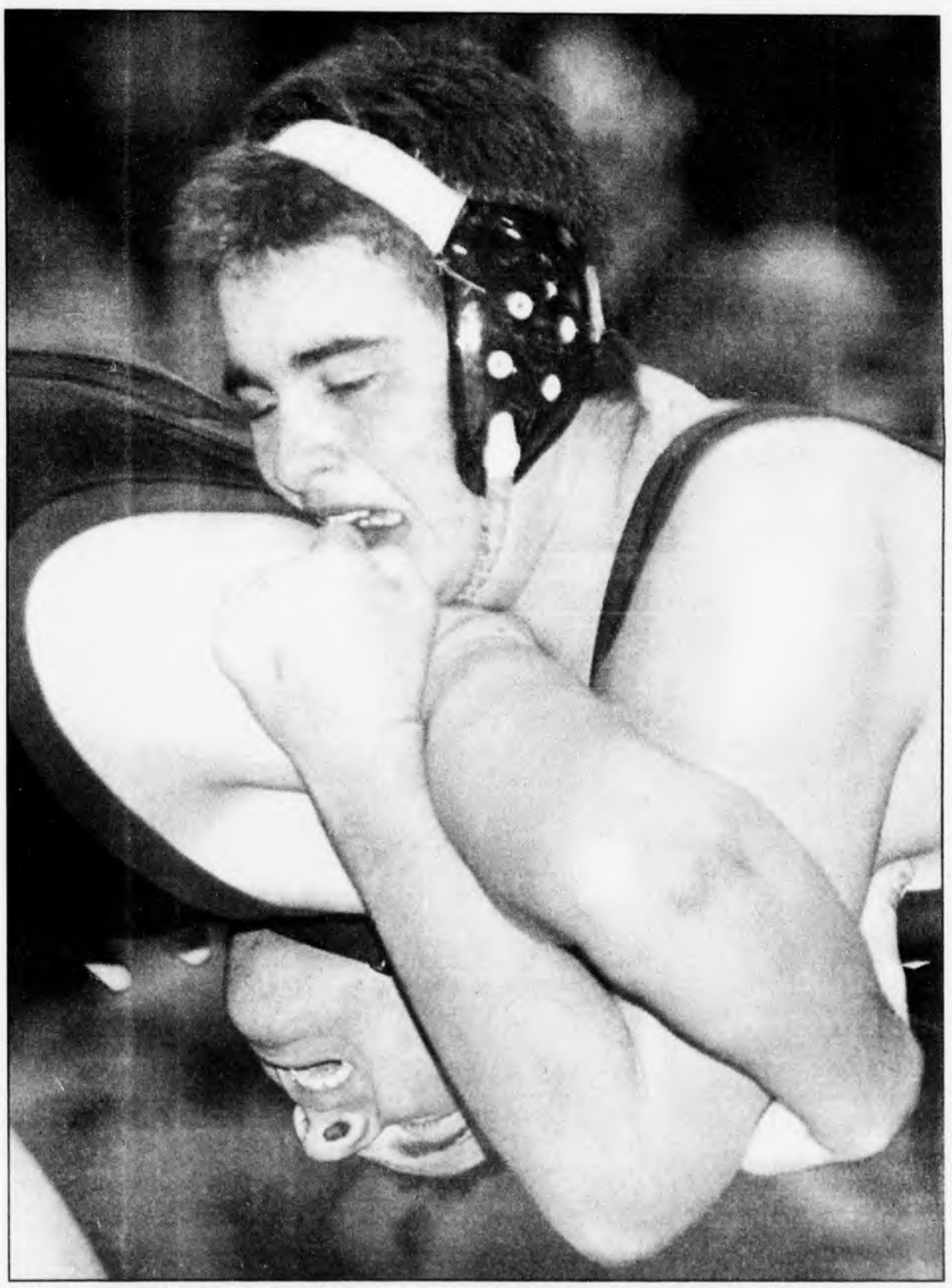
Coach Hughes finds herself with just two seniors on the team, one of them joining the team for the first time.

To date, the best all-around player on the club has been sophomore Alex DeRosa. The guard has been averaging 17 points per game and has also been a force on the defensive end.

"I'm really excited about DeRosa's defensive play," said coach Hughes. She has improved that end of her game almost to perfection. She played a lot of basketball this summer and she also plays AAU ball."

The fifth year coach sees her best defender on the club as Alyssa McNamara, a point guard. "She was a big factor in our Scituate win," says coach Hughes. "With two minutes remaining in the game Alex fouled out and Alyssa played great ball

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CHS wrestler Joe Cardone of Cohasset (top) battles Kris Dees of Middleboro during holiday tournament at Marshfield High School.

Chris Bernstein Photo

CHS grapplers continue to impress

Squad stays steady at 5-1

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Stepping directly into the land of the giants, CHS wrestling coach Torin Sweeney said his team has nothing to hang their heads down about their seventh place finish against almost 20 Division I and II schools in the annual Marshfield Holiday Wrestling tourney.

In fact, Sweeney was quite encouraged by what he saw from his 5-1 squad.

"You look at some of these other schools that were in-

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Gymnasts flip about victory over Scituate

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Don,t start raising another Pilgrim Conference championship banner quite yet for the Cohasset High girls gymnastics team.

Okay, maybe a few inches.

Yes, the Lady Skippers did pull off a 115.7 to 112.1 over a surging Scituate High squad Monday night in the Lady Sailors' home gym. And yes, Cohasset got the job done despite an abysmal night on the balance beam where the Lady Skippers had a highly uncharacteristic eight falls. Throw in the fact that Cohasset raised its record to 2-0 without the services of Co-Captain Carolyn Pratt, who was away on a school field trip, and there are reasons to be optimistic.

But with only seven gymnasts on the squad, head coach Ruthann Ardizzoni doesn't have the depth she has had in past seasons. An injury here or a bout of the flu there and Cohasset could be in big trouble if the numbers game becomes a factor.

If the Lady Skippers doe stay healthy, however, a fourth league title in five years is well within Cohasset's reach.

"If they want it (championship) it's theirs," said Ardizzoni on Tuesday evening after a practice where work on the balance beam was strongly emphasized. "You can never get enough practice on the balance beam. Next Wednesday against Hanover could be the determining factor."

Cohasset leads the league in overall team score, but Scituate improved from a start-of-the-season score of 104 to an impressive 112.1 on Monday.

The Lady Skippers still proved to be too much. Cohasset swept the top-three slots on the bars and the floor routine, and locked down two of the top three on the vault and the beam.

Co-Captain Tara Hettstrom led the bars sweep with a score of 7.7. Carlie Carter was second (7.4) and Kristin Sheerin took third (7.1). Cohasset finished first and third on the vault with Sheerin (8.1) and Hettstrom (7.8) gaining the points.

On the beam, which Ardizzoni called a Ódisaster,Ó Sheerin was the exception. The youngster didn't record a single fall, nailed her routine, and locked up the top spot with an impressive score of 8.1. Hettstrom also performed well to finish third.

The Lady Skippers went on to dominate the floor routine as Hettstrom registered her second win of the evening with a spunky number. Sheerin and Flint rounded out Cohasset's second sweep of the night.

Cohasset will be looking to score a 119 on Thursday against

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CHS grapplers continue to impress

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volved in the tourney and they were just simply enormous," said Sweeney about some squads such as overall winner Hingham, Marshfield, Braintree, Weymouth and Bridgewater-Raynham that took part in the tourney.

"We are the second smallest school in the state that has a wrestling program, but we continue to fight our way up the standings and make a great showing the these tournaments," said Sweeney. "We are even really small compared to the other Division III schools such as Rockland and Carver."

Cohasset produced no winners in the tourney, but had a number of grapplers who placed in the running.

- Craig Sheerin took fourth in the 103 lb, class
- Mike Baird came in second in the 125 lb. class
- Mike Rossi took second in the 152 lb. class
- Justin Golden came in sixth place in the 160 lb. class
- Luke Caldwell came in fifth in the 171 lb. class

"You can't be disappointed with our showing," said Sweeney. "The team did a great job all around."

What Sweeney is disappointed with are the roadblocks that fate has thrown before his squad this season..

Already a small squad anyway, the team was missing two wrestlers during the tourney and a third, Jordan Fiore, is most likely out for the year with separated shoulder he suffered just days before the start of the season.

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TORIN SWEENEY

With his loss, the team has nobody to wrestle in the 140 lb. division as well as at heavyweight, meaning that no matter how good they may be the they start every match down by 12 points due to forfeits.

"I wouldn't have thought that we would be standing here at 5-1 with all the injuries and the open slots that we've had to go with," said Sweeney.

"I can't give these kids enough credit for the effort that they have put forth this season."

Sweeney said Liam O'Donnell and Kevin DeVito have stepped out as some of the top performers so far, but that "all of the kids up and down the line have been doing an unbelievable job."

They continued their winning ways at a quad-meet over the weekend, taking the measure of Quaban and Lynnfield but falling to Tyngsboro.

Triple winners for the Skippers were Chris Pratt in the 112 lb. weight class and Caldwell. There were also a number of double winners for Cohasset.

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Sports Briefs

Last call for youth lacrosse players

The Cohasset Youth Lacrosse programs — for children in grades five through eight — is completing its spring registration by mail.

For the first time this year, Cohasset is adding a team for seventh and eighth graders to the junior program, which has featured a fifth and sixth grade team for the last two years.

The youth program is in addition to the middle school program; it starts before the school squad practices.

"For the seventh and eighth graders, there has been some confusion, because this is the first year kids have had to sign-up outside of school," said Terry Kahn who will coach the seventh and eighth grade team. "The middle school's practices and season start late, and the season is short, so playing on this team will give kids a better amount of practice time and games, and will make them more competitive when the middle school team starts its season."

At a sign-up session on Dec. 20, 30 players registered for the fifth and sixth grade program, fewer than expected.

"Between the kids we had returning from last year and the kids who played at our summer camp, we expected at least 36 kids, which is the number we feel is necessary to field two teams this year," says Chuck Jaffee, who heads the youth program.

"Between the holidays and short notice, I suspect some kids or parents didn't hear about our sign-up, but it's important to get everyone registered so that we can make the decision on how many teams we will have. We must notify the league by the end of January."

Skippers search for that winning feeling

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as the rest of the team closed in behind her to hold off Scituate."

Coach Hughes continued, "I really like this team. I feel the kids and I are on the same page. For many of the kids we have been together since they were in the seventh grade. They know my style and they know what I am out to accomplish.

"I know what the kids can do. All they need is some confidence to get them going."

While this may not be the big year Cohasset has been looking for, next year could be a definite possibility. That's when the realignment of leagues goes into effect, and Rockland and East Bridgewater will move out of the league, which will make the SSL a lot smaller.

It also means Cohasset will have to play eight non-league games where surely, some confidence builders can be found.

Next year also means Cohasset will have a veteran club with a lot of seniors running the court.

However, next year is next year and this year is now.

Cohasset has been getting plenty of good minutes from junior Caitlin O'Neil, who has become her best post player. Kathy Devine has also moved into a good position on the team averaging 14 points per game.

Stepping up and playing a lot of minutes at the forward positions have been juniors Kathy Brister and Megan Wall.

"Kathy and Megan have been seeing a lot of action," said coach Hughes, "and they certainly are going to see a lot more based on the way they have been playing."

Another player who has been doing a fine job for the Cohasset team is Megan Connolly, who along with McNamara and Devine serve as tri-captains of the team.

The Cohasset team plays an 18 game schedule, so there's still plenty of time for the kids to gain some confidence.

Gymnasts flip about victory over Scituate

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a solid Duxbury squad that has been putting up team scores in the 111 to 112 range.

Pratt, who was sorely missed against the Lady Sailors, will be in the lineup against Duxbury.

"We really missed Carolyn," Ardizzoni said. "Not only as a gymnast, but with the leadership she provides. Tara is an excellent co-captain, but it's always tough for any one person."

Ardizzoni was pleased that Cohasset won the meet, but knows the Lady Skippers' best performances are still in front of them.

"They're capable of so much more," she said. "We easily could have gotten a 118."

Following the Duxbury meet, Cohasset takes on non-league opponent Notre Dame Academy on Saturday before the showdown against Kim Richardson and Hanover next Wednesday.

"I think we're going to see a really good meet," Ardizzoni said.

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13	At Hanover	
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20	Norton	
23	At E. Bridgewater	
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21	Carver	7 p.m.
24	Cohasset Tourney	10 a.m.
28	Hanover	7 p.m.
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Jan.10	Notre Dame	10 a.m.
12	At Carver	7:30 p.m.
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Yacht club celebrates New Year with "Ice Bowl" regatta

Those sails flitting around Cohasset Harbor on New Year's day were no mirage, even to those who had rung in 1998 late the night before. Nor were the small ice floes a figment of the imagination of the hardy sailors racing in the first annual Cohasset Yacht Club Ice Bowl Regatta for the sound of ice meeting a thin fiberglass hull is unmistakable.

Nine sailors, two support boat personnel and numerous skeptical family and friends greeted the coldest day of the winter (14 degrees at launch time, before uncalculated wind chill) by racing three races in 8-foot Optimist dinghies.

John Bryant of Forest Ave., a past (1956) Olympic sailor, organized the highly cooperative event, convincing Charlie Ford to put his 19-foot outboard back in the water, recruiting Steve Bobo (Sr.) and Larry Mitchell to run the safety boat and start the races, borrowing Optimist from CYC families (including the Ulmers who weren't even in town) and selling the idea to a few crazies.

The Optimist is a training boat for young sailors, suited for those well less than 5 feet in height and under 140 pounds; needless to say, the adult CYC Ice Bowl sailors challenged the buoyancy of these little boats.

The sailors were well bundled — three pairs of gloves for Steve Bobo (Jr.) — over boots and under life jackets, so moving about in the little dinghies was quite a challenge. The major casualty of the day (other than a brief rigging breakdown in John Bertolami's boat) was the loss of Jim Hamilton's hat during a tack, but Jim was overheard saying his wife wanted him to get a new one anyway.

Sarah Leggat was living in mortal dread of losing the cozy hat she had borrowed from her mom.

Betts Murray's dog was distressed shoreside because he usually gets to sail too.

One of Ed Putnam's eyeglass lenses fell out, but he hadn't noticed until he was handed a funny shaped piece of ice (the lens).

Kate Brady had never raced before...what an introduction.

John Bryant gave out specially painted shot glasses for participant prizes, and Dan and Grace Evans hosted the group for thawing out and food. Each sailor raced two of the three races and swapped boats around. The results:

1. Betts Murray (1-2), 2 3/4 points.
2. (tie) Steve Bobo (1-3) and Sarah Leggat (3-1) 3 3/4 points
4. (tie) Dan Evans (4-2) and Ed Putnam (2-4) 6 points
6. Jim Hamilton (5-3) 8 points
7. John Bryant (4-5) 9 points
8. Kate Brady (5-6) 11 points
9. John Bertolami (6-6) 12 points

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Sewer chairman opts out of septic hearing

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Since the deal the sewer board struck with the state over Cohasset wastewater woes riled homeowners, sewer commissioner Edward "Ted" Guild has been a frequent target of the protests. Tuesday, amid renewed speculation about a rift between the health board and the sewer board, Guild stayed away from a public hearing on two new septic districts that were part of the settlement (*see related letters, page 11*).

Further discussion, Guild said, would be fruitless since town meeting already voted to OK the settlement. Moreover, the sewer board previously faced homeowners Dec. 9 and took the heat for striking an unpopular deal with the state that led to the establishment of the two managed septic districts to be inspected and policed by the board of health.

But the decision to stay away drew fire from selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan. The selectman was among those who pointedly questioned the sewer board chairman's decision not to attend the meeting and also not to send their consultant Daniel Coughlin of Tutela Engineering.

"I do not believe Ted Guild should have the right not to come to a meeting," Sullivan said particularly since Guild's board had negotiated the settlement with the state that ushered in the district solution. "People here should be able to get some answers. The answers exist."

Nonetheless, in an earlier telephone interview, also Tuesday, Guild said he sent a Jan. 2 memorandum to health board Chairwoman Alix White to explain why his board and their consultant opted to decline the invitation to "a second rehash of these concerns." He also said there was really no inside story of why the sewer board stayed away, but only the reasons stated in the memo.

Moreover, Guild said his board would support a town-wide district but not one that would expose Cohasset to be obligated to the state under the second amended final judgment. He also said it would probably make sense for the citizens group to lobby for a one-year moratorium on the septic districts. Though the health board had, in effect, lost a year getting started on the districts, Guild said another lost year probably would not have a bad impact on the outcome.

"I don't want to be adversarial," Guild said. "But the communication" (from the health board) "has been poor. Nothing's black and white, but I have done my level best to keep them informed an cooperate with them."

Guild said earlier he worked with the health board on their initial meetings to establish a town-wide septic district.

"I was working with them on those meetings," he said. "I was there at those meetings. Then they decided if there was no representative from the sewer commission, they might do better. I don't know."

Town-wide septic plan floated at forum

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put in such a septic district to begin with, and only to solve a dispute between the town and the state. (Under pressure to limit the town's legal obligations, the sewer commission bargained for an expansion of the sewer system and creation of the smallest septic districts which the state would allow. While smaller seemed better for the town, the few homeowners forced into the special districts saw a future of big expenses for themselves, due to septic inspections and repairs.)

The meeting went on before two officials from the state department of environmental protection, Alan Slater and David Ferris, who at times both appeared to be baffled by the turn of events that saw the public rise up against the apparently favorable settlement the town's sewer commission had managed to wring from the state, after years of negotiations.

But facing expensive periodic inspections and mandated repairs (possibly as soon as March 1 for some) residents like St. Peter appeared to be focused on overturning the official decisions that got them into the septic district to begin with and to do so at almost any price.

"I'm not convinced it's a permanent solution to this public health emergency," he said, sounding a theme that claimed numerous other skeptics.

Yet, despite the unpromising start to the evening, by the eleventh hour the board came close to an agreement with the homeowners, who have banded together in a citizens group dubbed the Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions.

More surprising, the tentative deal was brokered by selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan who won support when he suggested the group present a town-wide septic plan to the fall town meeting, not the spring meeting as they originally planned. Both the group's lawyer and the health board agreed the delay would mean more time to address the reasons why a similar proposal for a town-wide system, which the health board had backed, previously was withdrawn without a town meeting vote.

"This board would like to see a town-wide system," said health board member Kevin Ulmer, but the fine points of funding such a system had proved to be a pitfall. According to Ulmer, the idea was dropped when legal questions surfaced over issues about using public funds to improve private properties. Moreover, the plan, which had been presented before public hearings last year, was soundly condemned by many of the same homeowners who now say they favor it.

"Among the most vocal opponents of our attempt to develop a town-wide plan were some of the people sitting in this room," Ulmer said.

Nonetheless, the town-wide route apparently seemed a fairer and better deal to homeowners who now face a future inside the special septic districts.

Finally, while the health board stopped short of declaring a moratorium on its plan to go forward with the two new high priority districts, they did agree to hold a work session with Marcus and engineer for the citizen's group Peter Dillon.

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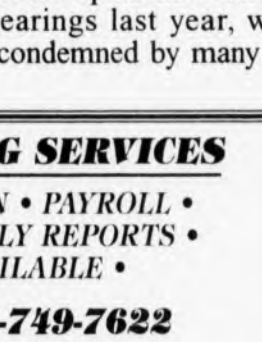
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Charter school students 'face injustice'

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Ashley Kalus, 15 and Leslie Thornton, 14 of Cohasset are students at the South Shore Charter School, and they are on the brink of a great adventure to the heart of South America. The adventure is part of a Latin American service project through the school called 'Face Injustice,' but their journey will take them over mountains and rain forests to an orphanage in Bolivia, one of the poorest nations in the Western Hemisphere.

Once inside Montero, the girls and the rest of their group plan to work. They intend to roll up their sleeves and fix up the orphanage building as well as teach the orphans first-aid and some ways to prevent diseases, such as yellow fever and malaria.

Montero is about a 40-minute drive from Santa Cruz, Bolivia, according to their teacher Lara Antkowiak. East of the Andes and some of the tallest mountains in the world, Montero is nonetheless a flat landscape, and the orphanage is in a not very nice part of town, she said, not far from a farmer's market notorious for the smells of rotting vegetables, rancid meat racked in the open air, and pigs. Health is a concern here, the teacher said.

Antkowiak spent the year after college at the Girls' Orphanage, which is operated by the Salesian nuns, an order which has a special ministry to the youth of developing countries. She was a tutor, and she knows first-hand the world Ashley and Leslie are about to step inside could be somewhat overwhelming.

Though one of the poorest nations in the Western Hemisphere, Bolivia presents a rich landscape of bold colors. "The sky is bright blue, and the grass is a deep green," the teacher said, set off by strong yellows of crops such as sugar cane.



Leslie Thornton and Ashley Kalus of Cohasset are part of a special program at the South Shore Charter School in Hull. The students will go to Bolivia where they will help fix up an orphanage building.

Staff photo/Margo Sullivan

"It can be very powerful," Antkowiak said. "Yet everything is just poverty, and it can be a real disillusionment."

Nonetheless, the teacher expects the exchange will ultimately prove uplifting, due to the bond that will be forged between the students and the girls in the orphanage. The friendships, not the good deeds, matter most, she said.

"These girls never forget anybody who makes the decision to be with them and go down there," Antkowiak said. "The goal is to set up a relationship with the orphanage that will continue. That is far more important than any (volunteer) work the students can do" (to repair the building or run a crash course on first-aid.)

The two Cohasset girls will travel with a group of students from the South Shore Charter School in Hull to Bolivia April 15 to April 26. They have backing from their parents and a small grant from Youth Ventures but also hope to tap the community for some contributions.

Moreover, the students are committed to the project, despite the obstacles on the way to Montero.

"This means a lot to us," Leslie said. "This is something we have worked very hard for."

Leslie also dismissed speculation the trip could prove controversial.

"I don't think there's much controversy at all," she said. "Some people might ask, "Why don't you help at home?" We are. We are helping our country develop relations with another country."

Both Leslie and Ashley said the children in Bolivia have fewer of the necessities that American children sometimes take for granted.

"It's an injustice any kid would be suffering,"Ashley said. "They need food, shelter, clothing and someone to take care of them. We want people to have a chance to succeed. It's a great thing to be able to teach your own kids about human rights.

Though the students continue to write letters on behalf of political prisoners in other South American nations, they have stopped writing to the Bolivian government on the advice of Amnesty International.

"That's just practical," the teacher said, noting a representative from the human rights advocacy group suggested they not focus on human rights violations in Bolivia.

"Any trip involves risk," Antkowiak acknowledged. "But Bolivia is a stable country, and we are taking all the precautions." The charter school has worked with the United Nations, Amnesty International and Rotary International to prepare for the undertaking. The students have boned up on the health issues to protect themselves from diseases such as malaria and yellow fever, and they must also understand and speak Spanish.

Antkowiak also said the trip would stir no controversy at all in Montero. Since her post-college trip, there has been a steady flow of volunteers to the orphanage, though she was the first American who was not connected to a religious order to arrive.

"It was a little wacky," she said about her first trip. "But the understanding has been accomplished.

'Face Injustice' is one of a number of school projects that are designed, the teacher said, to make learning part of real life.

"The students have a goal,"according to Antkowiak. "The goal is not getting a score on a test."

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Free inmate labor gets high marks

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The Norfolk County Sheriff's office is expanding its community service program for inmates.

Sheriff Jack Flood came to town Monday to tout the program in which supervised work crews provide free labor for jobs such as painting and landscaping to non-profit organizations and county towns, like Cohasset.

"You call us with the type of work and we'll give you an estimate of the number of hours needed," Flood told an enthusiastic board of selectmen.

Selectmen Chairman Michael H. Sullivan said the town could use the help.

"I can think of ten projects," Sullivan said. "How many man hours on a monthly basis are you looking to absorb?"

The work crews are inmates from the Braintree Alternative Center which houses non-violent men, who would have otherwise been responsible if they had not developed a problem with drugs or alcohol, Flood said.

"We don't send out people who put the community ill at ease," he said.

The towns or organizations provide the supplies and the inmates who are accompanied by a supervisor provide the labor.

Earlier this year, work crews in the program painted the interior of town hall and the fire station.

Flood said work crews recently reconstructed a Little League field in Holbrook and painted the fences.

He was careful to point out that the intent of the program is to tackle jobs that otherwise are so low on the priority list that they might not get done at all.

> ***"This is a new correctional philosophy. We don't just sit them in a cell."***
>
> – NORFOLK COUNTY SHERIFF JACK FLOOD.

"We are not looking to take work away from law-abiding, gainfully employed people," he said.

Selectmen mentioned painting the interior of Deer Hill and the middle/high school and doing brook clean-up as possible projects.

Selectman Diane Sullivan was concerned about having the inmates working while school was in session.

Flood said the crews could work over school vacation.

"We can accommodate the community," he said, noting that the sheriff's office has the men incarcerated 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"This is a new correctional philosophy," Flood said. "We don't just sit them in a cell."

Town Manager Mark Haddad will compile a list of projects and contact the sheriff's office, selectmen said.

POLICE LOG

Monday, Dec. 29

7:26 a.m., MV stop, N. Main by Sohier St.

11:07 a.m., medical aid, Parkingway.

1:27 p.m., mental health check, Forest Ave.

1:58 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.

3:24 p.m., animal complaint, the common.

3:26 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

4:19 p.m., assist motorist, Sandy Beach.

4:52 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.

6:51 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

8:33 p.m., disturbance gathering, Osgood School. Arrested and charged with minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage: Rossi, Michael A., 17, 48 Oak St., Sasso, Adam D., 17, 135 Sohier St.; Stevens, Jessica E. 17, 86 Beach St.; Bolster, Tiffany M. 17, 15 Stockbridge St.; and two 16-year-olds and one 15-year-old.

8:44 p.m., animal complaint, CJC Hwy.

11:16 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.

Tuesday, Dec. 30

2:25 a.m., suspicious auto, Howard Gleason Rd.

9:53 a.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Beechwood St.

1:29 p.m., medical aid, Beechwood St.

5:36 p.m., medical aid, Beechwood St.

7:49 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

11:40 p.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave./Beach St.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

12:49 a.m., message delivery, Linden Dr.

1:05 a.m., open door/window, CJC Hwy.

8:16 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:37 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

1:13 p.m., assist citizen, Depot Ct.

2:59 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

7:26 p.m., MV accident, Stop & Shop parking lot.

8:36 p.m., info, general, Sohier St.

Thursday, Jan. 1

10:39 a.m., annoying phone calls, Pond St.

2:23 p.m., property (lost), Cushing Plaza.

8:24 p.m., suspicious auto, Atlantic Ave.

8:42 p.m., info, general, Atlantic Ave.

Friday, Jan. 2

12:49 a.m., MV stop, Dolan Ln.

6:00 a.m., fire outside, Jerusalem Rd. Dr.

6:20 a.m., info, general, Atlantic Ave.

7:09 a.m., animal complaint, Parker Ave.

7:41 a.m., medical aid, Elm Ct.

11:47 a.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.

2:52 p.m., medical aid, Grace Dr.

5:05 p.m., medical aid, Arrowwood Rd.

6:54 p.m., MV stop, Spring St.

7:00 p.m., investigation, Cohasset or Hingham.

8:58 p.m., disturbance, Atlantic Ave.

Saturday, Jan. 3

12:19 a.m., MV stop, Brewster Rd.

12:23 p.m., officer wanted, HQ.

3:01 p.m., MV accident, HQ.

4:10 p.m., notification, HQ.

5:09 p.m., medical aid, Booth Hill Rd.

9:26 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

9:39 p.m., notification, Atlantic Ave.

10:47 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

11:03 p.m., officer wanted, Elm St.

11:05 p.m., disturbance, King St.

11:36 p.m., noise complaint, Summer St.

11:46 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.

Sunday, Jan. 4

12:49 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.

2:41 a.m., general services, Stevens Lane.

5:10 a.m., suspicious auto, S. Main St.

9:17 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

9:34 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:02 a.m., MV stop, Pleasant St.

10:37 a.m., medical aid, Howe Rd.

12:35 p.m., MV stop, Pond St.

1:02 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

1:16 p.m., general services, Atlantic Ave.

2:19 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

2:44 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. Arrested: Withem, Daniel R., 3 D St., Hull. DOB: 7/20/79. Charges: illegal possession of Class D substance; operating a MV with defective equipment; WMS warrant.

3:56 p.m., disturbance family, Summer St. Arrested: Flint, Andrew G., 23 Summer St. DOB: 1/12/72. Charges: assault and battery.

7:36 p.m., message delivery, Atlantic Ave.

7:52 p.m., medical aid, Nichols Rd.

8:34 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

Monday, Jan. 5

12:33 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

12:57 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

1:28 a.m., suspicious auto, Tedeschi Plaza.

7:30 a.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.

7:34 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:40 a.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.

Teens arrested with beer

Police arrested seven local teenagers Dec. 29 for minor transporting an alcoholic beverage. Officer Jeffrey Treanor said he observed two vehicles parked behind the Osgood School near the playground. There were two 12 packs of Coors Light beer outside and another beer can was thrown out the door of one of the cars. Further investigation revealed a knapsack full of beer.

Treanor and Officer Greg Lennon took the seven youths into custody.

"The Osgood PlayPark is notorious," Treanor said. "It's usually the meeting spot where the teens split up what they have and go someplace else."

The following teenagers were charged with minor transporting/carrying alcoholic beverage: Michael A. Rossi, 17, 48 Oak St.; Adam Sasso, 17, 35 Sohier St.; Jessica E. Stevens, 17, 86 Beach St.; and Tiffany M. Bolster, 17, 15 Stockbridge St. Police also arrested three juveniles (two 16-year-olds and a 15-year old).

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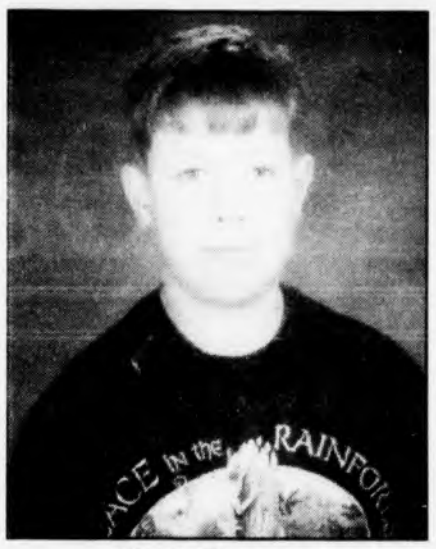
Seventh-grader takes geography bee win in stride

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

An early interest in geography and world events helped propel 12-year-old Mark Chapman to victory last month, when he clinched the top award in the middle school's tenth annual geography bee.

Mark competed against 96 students in the seventh grade, answering questions about world geography and events in an elimination-style testing forum.

"It was hard, but it wasn't extremely difficult," said Mark, who had to take a 70-question written test after the contest to qualify for one of 100 slots in the state geography bee scheduled for April 3. He took the test just



Mark Chapman

before Christmas and is awaiting the results.

"I would like it if I made it to the state finals," he said.

Mark, who won first place in the sixth grade math competition last year, is humble about his most recent accomplishment.

"Any multiple choice can be pure dumb luck," he said. "It was the luck of the draw that I got the questions I got. I could have got the other kids' questions."

Six of his seventh-grade classmates qualified for the school finals with Mark. Each student received a series of questions and advanced based on their knowledge of geography.

Some of Mark's questions included: "In May 1997, what country changed its name to the Republic of Congo?" (Answer: Zaire) and "Name the Spanish-speaking descendants of Native Americans living in Central America" (Answer: The Mestizo).

State champions — who have advanced from thousands of schools in the United States and five U.S. territories — will be flown to Washington DC for the national championship on May 19 and 20, which will be televised and hosted by "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek.

Mark remembers watching the finals on TV when he was nine.

"It's impossible," he recalled.

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>
> – MARK CHAPMAN

"You're thinking, how do these 12-year-olds know this stuff? I don't think I'll get there, but I'll try."

If Mark makes it to the world finals, he has a shot at winning money toward his college tuition. The first place national winner bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Sylvan Learning Centers (the nation's leading provider of supplemental education services to students at all skill levels), will receive a $25,000 college scholarship.

Although he did not study for the school's geography bee, Mark said he would need to study for the advanced rounds of the competition.

"My mom would make me study for it," he said.

"If you are representing all of Cohasset in a national geography bee, you would want to," said his mother, Peggy.

At age 4, Mark's uncle gave him a globe of the world for Christmas. Throughout childhood, he read atlases and expressed an interest in world events and politics as well as the history of the Civil War and World War II. Mark has kept up with current events by reading world news in the Boston Globe, he said.

"We're proud that he's interested in geography. We are, too," Peggy said.

Two years ago, Mark's family took a car trip from Cohasset to Seattle and back, via the Northern route.

"He got great exposure to the contiguous United States and a lot of interesting places," she said. "I like kids being interested in more than their own back yard. He's interested in other places and other things."

Mark also plays basketball and baseball, sings in the chorus and plays clarinet in the band.

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Headmaster Edward Foley will give an overview of Derby's educational program, Sadlon will review the application process. Parents of current Derby students will lead visitors on tours of the campus.

Derby Academy is a fully-accredited independent day school for boys and girls. The school currently has an enrollment of 280 students from 25 greater Boston communities. For more information, call the school office at (781) 749-0746.

Picking up old trees

The Drug and Alcohol Committee is sponsoring a fund-raiser to benefit the proposed teen garage. On Saturday, Jan. 10, a group of adult and teen volunteers will be available to pick up and dispose of your Christmas tree. The fee for this service is $10 per tree, $5 for senior citizens. Just put your tree next to your driveway, place a check payable to the Drug and Alcohol Committee on your door, and they will dispose of your tree.

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Selectmen's race sparks early interest

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Though 14 seats are to be decided in the annual town election Apr. 4, the selectmen's race has grabbed the spotlight early. With a three-way contest is shaping up for two seats on the board, the public can be virtually assured there will be a debate.

Moreover, even if no other contenders emerge, the three declared candidates are likely to provide voters with a choice. While one is an incumbent, another is a familiar face on the local political scene, and the third hopeful is something of a surprise.

As expected, selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan has decided not to run. But the other incumbent Merle Brown confirmed Monday he will seek a third term on the board. Also in the hunt so far are two challengers, Thomas J. Callahan of 35 Hillside Drive, a nine-year veteran of the Conservation Commission, and William G. Ross of 16 Church St.

RACE PAGE 4

Town paramedic service proposed

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

If Town Manager Mark Haddad has his way, the town will eliminate the call fire department and use those funds to start up a new paramedic service. He also suggests creating the position of deputy fire chief to oversee fire safety and the paramedics, to be paid for by moneys now used for fire hydrant rental.

While selectmen like the idea of paramedics, they are cool to creating the deputy fire chief position and split on how necessary the call fire department is.

The discussion was part of a marathon fiscal year 1998 budget powwow Monday during which selectmen and the town manager tried to reach a consensus on the town's proposed $19.5 million budget. The fiscal year begins July 1.

Under the Cohasset Town Manager Act of 1997, the town manager presents the budget to town meeting with the selectmen's recommendations. This week, selectmen and Haddad agreed that they are both in the learning stages under the new act which was voted by town meeting last spring and subsequently approved by the state legislature.

Under the town manager form of government control over the budget and hiring and firing rests

PARAMEDIC PAGE 6



Adrian Dunne enjoys a ride on the swing in the playground behind the South Shore Community Center.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Osgood reuse is up in the air

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Selectwoman Diane Sullivan took on a familiar role Tuesday as she tried to steer the Osgood School Reuse Committee back towards its mission — presenting the town with some alternative future uses for the building and making a recommendation. The selectmen, and Sullivan in particular, have previously made a success of rescuing other foundering committees, such as last year's beleaguered Greenbush Mitigation board.

But the Osgood School Reuse Committee presents a somewhat different situation. And though the liaison's role was familiar for Sullivan, the outcome of the story was not — not so far at least.

Simply put, the sticking point is money — primarily money to hire a consultant. Sullivan said the selectmen not likely vote for such an expenditure, especially not when the Osgood group had thus far held off on communicating with other town boards such as zoning and planning.

The Osgood Reuse committee was formed to develop a vision for the school building which is to be vacated this June. Now with the end of the school year coming, the committee is taking heat for its decision to continue gathering information when action seems to be called for.

But after more than two hours of sometimes circular discussions, on the consultant and a number of other issues, the group and chairwoman Joanne Adkins refused to budge on their demand for an outside analyst to help them visualize the options for the building. Moreover, while Adkins was not sure how much the consultant would cost, she said she was positive the job could be done for $10,000.

"You don't think our town boards can answer the questions?" the selectwoman said.

Adkins allowed the group should start a dialogue with the other boards, but later she said she and the committee decided to meet only with the selectmen at their Jan. 26 session for now.

The committee was somewhat bogged down Tuesday by a tantalizing new proposal to turn the

OSGOOD PAGE 6

Schools lobby for more money

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The school committee made it clear Monday the budgetary bottom line will spell a sizable shortfall for the town's schools.

During budget discussions with the town manager and selectmen, school committee Chairman Maureen Jerz said the schools need an additional $180,000 next year to maintain level services. That amount is on top of the 5-1/2 percent or $419,557 school budget hike recommended by the town manager for fiscal year 1999, which gets underway July 1.

Jerz explained more money is needed due to a combination of factors including rising enrollment, growing special education costs, and contracted salary increases.

Town Manager Mark Haddad, who prepared the budget, proposes an FY'99 school budget of $8.11 million including the cost of a new school bus promised at last fall's town meeting. The town appropriated $7.64 million for the schools this fiscal year.

Haddad presented a balanced budget to selectmen this week. If all or part of the school request is granted, it is not clear where the additional funds will come from. In a memo to selectmen, Haddad suggested putting off some capital requests from other departments — including the purchase of a

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Super search forum tonight

The Cohasset School Committee will sponsor the second of two community forums to gather information, ideas and comments from parents and other citizens interested in the search for a new superintendent for Cohasset schools in the A.V. Studio at Cohasset High School at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15.

Those who attend the forum will be asked to discuss two topics. The first, what are the challenges facing the Cohasset schools over the next three to five years? Second, what do these challenges say about the characteristics of the iideali superintendent for Cohasset? There is no need to register for the forum, they are open to any Cohasset resident.

Random selection of articles

Town Manager Mark Haddad will ask Town Moderator George Marlette if he would be amenable to selecting the articles at random at town meeting. Selectmen think random selection will create more interest because citizens won't know when a major article will come up for discussion. William Weeks, the prior town moderator, used to select the articles at random from a basket but Marlette stopped that practice and takes the items of business in the order in which they appear in the warrant. Selectmen may also seek a by-law change to give citizens the option of random selection at town meeting.

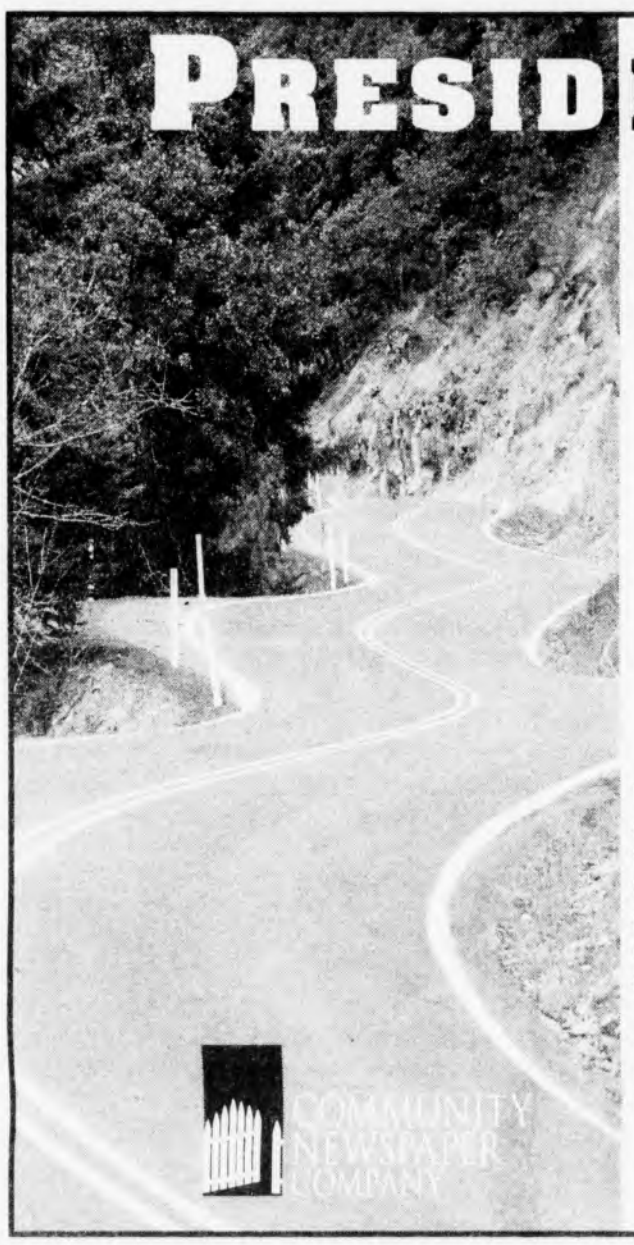
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The fire department billed for 32 ambulance transports last month for a total of $11,417.96. The town received $11,066.46 in payments. So far this fiscal year, ambulance bills have totaled $67,119.40 with payments amounting to $55,572.12. Some of the payments are applied to prior year ambulance bills.

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Changing signals

Ruling boon to wireless communications industry

By Alice C. Coyle
STAFF WRITER

In a landmark decision last week the state Department of Telecommunications and Energy (formerly the DPU) found in favor of Nextel Communications, ruling that wireless communication companies now be considered public service corporations. The ruling, which reverses a February 1996 decision, allows wireless communications companies, like electric, gas and other public utilities, to by-pass local zoning when siting telecommunications towers.

DTE spokesman Timothy Shevlin said the ruling is a major windfall for wireless telecommunications companies, many of which have faced great opposition from local towns when trying to construct towers to service their subscribers.

"This is a major victory for Nextel and other wireless companies," he said.

The decision has far-reaching implications for communities throughout the Commonwealth and especially on the South Shore, where a flurry of recent tower applications have been causing static in local towns.

Shevlin said like gas and electric utilities, the DTE found that wireless communication carriers can override local zoning laws for the public good. Under the new ruling the companies now have three alternatives to gain approval for tower applications. In addition to appealing local zoning board denials in superior court, or seeking to enforce the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, which prevents towns from prohibiting towers, wireless carriers can opt to go directly to the DTE with their applications.

Shevlin said the ruling gives telecommunications companies facing zoning roadblocks some relief. And while the DTE is generally less opposed to tower applications than local towns, Shevlin said the ruling does not give wireless carriers carte blanche to erect towers any where they want to. Like local planning and zoning boards, Shevlin said the DTE will have to be convinced that the project is needed and that alternatives to tower construction including using existing structures (other towers, church steeples, water towers) have been looked into.

The decision is of great concern to the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) which argued strongly against the reversal during the hearing. The non-profit association of Massachusetts cities and towns is an advocate for local government.

"This is a serious infringement on home-rule," said MMA director of communications Patricia Mikes. "We're very concerned about this decision. This has serious implications for all local towns."

Like the federal telecommunications act, Mikes said the MMA has concerns about the state taking over the decision-making process for its cities and towns. "Any local government official knows best what will work in their city or town," she said. While a 150-foot tower may work in one community, Mikes said it may not work in another.

"It stands to reason that what works in Pittsfield, doesn't necessarily work in Plymouth."

Whether an appeal will be launched by the MMA is yet to be decided, Mikes said.

"We're in the talking stages at this point."

Mikes said any appeal will go through the board of directors which is slated to meet in two weeks. The MMA's public works and utility committee is expected to discuss it at its meeting next week, she said. If time becomes a factor, Mikes said a recommendation from the executive director through MMA's excutive committee could expedite any appeal.

Mark DeGiacomo, chairman of the Cohasset zoning board, said the ruling could pose a serious problem for Cohasset, which already has four towers.

"It sounds like towers can be placed anywhere without restriction," he said. "The ability to deny placement is already severely limited by the telecommunications act which put a limit on the ability of local boards to halt construction.

"Now, it appears that companies can buy land where ever they like to put up a tower without regard to how it affects the town or neighbors. That could have a severe impact on property values," he said.

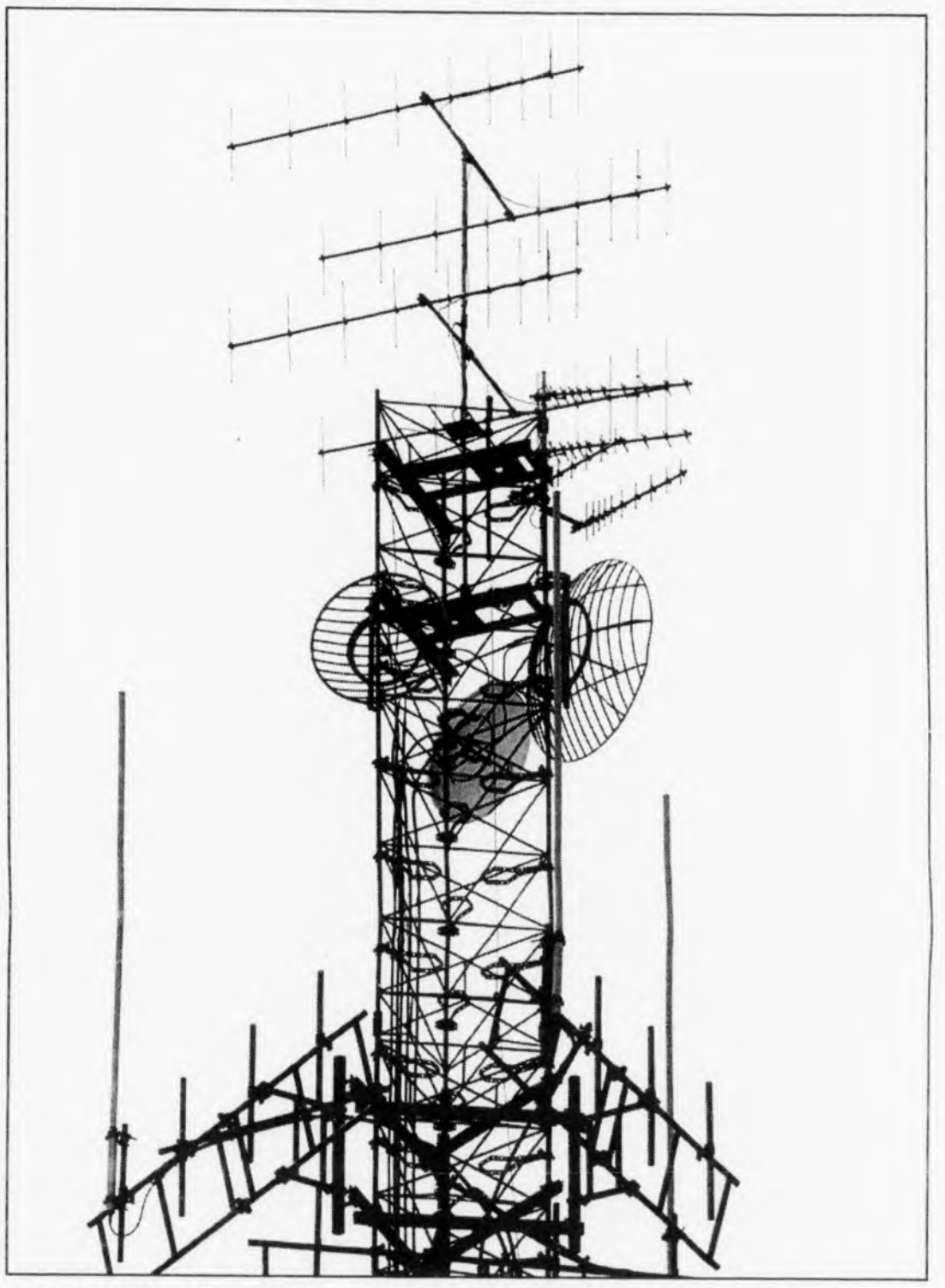
But Hingham's zoning administrator M.J. Shultz doesn't think the ruling will change things.

She explained that Hingham's regulations have taken into account that providers have had the ability to go to the DPU.

"Going to the DPU (now DTE) has been a more cumbersome process than the local regulatory process," she said. "While this ruling may mark a change in that the state process might not be as onerous, I think providers will still find it speedier to work with the towns."

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– MARK DEGIACOMO, ZONING BOARD CHAIRMAN.



A recent state ruling could mean more towers like this in area towns.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Some are skeptical about village sidewalk plan

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

St. Stephen's Church is one of Cohasset's cherished landmarks, built on a massive rock that is nearly an emblem of the town. But while the church has remained a jewel for the community, its surroundings are a little tarnished, according to some members of the new downtown revitalization board.

"Under the patina there are some really deplorable conditions," said architect James Sandell.

The architect is one of eight members of the new task force ready to look past the rock, the stone stairs and the church and deal with a sidewalk underfoot that needs some work. Moreover, Sandell launched the new task force off to a fast start Thursday, announcing high-profile plans — still in the study stage — to build a brick walkway by St. Stephen's. Ultimately, the job is to be tied in with an overall plan to improve the village and link it to Cohasset Harbor.

"It's a one of a kind place," said Sandell who acknowledged some of the rock by St. Stephen's would probably fall under blasting before the project was complete.

Yet everybody on the committee is not yet convinced the showcase project, admittedly undertaken to bring attention to the task force, will prove to be a good idea.

"People will have a lot of questions about changing the area around St. Stephen's, especially if you are eliminating part of the rock" said longtime Cohasset resident Jacqueline Dormitzer of 334 So. Main St.

Dormitzer said she was concerned the change might look artificial.

"That is a natural outcropping," she said.

Nonetheless, Sandell, who kicked off a design workshop charrette on the downtown over a year ago, was confident the outcome would be good and defended the overall revitalization concept, summing up his vision of a thriving downtown Cohasset with a comparison to Disneyland.

"I don't want to make it Disneyland," he said. "It's got to be a real town. It is a real town now. It's just frayed on the edges."

Selectwoman Nan Roth, also a task force member, acknowledged there *are* some people, including her nine year old son, who like downtown just the way it is.

The Village Revitalization Task Force Committee held its first meeting Jan. 8, amid high hopes for a new downtown that has the old downtown's character.

In spite of the problems with curbs, sidewalks and lights, downtown "works," Sandell acknowledged.

"You can jump the curb and park," he agreed, since the curbs are in such poor condition.

But Sandell maintained that the status quo will not continue to work indefinitely and said Cohasset was on the brink of a vast change, due to the Old Colony restoration. Moreover, both the architect and task force Chairman Dean Rizzo said efforts should be made to help businessmen, since they cannot survive simply on the local trade without bringing some outsider money into the village.

"There's a comet coming," Sandell said in a colorful reference to the Greenbush train. "As Old Colony gets closer and closer to being reconstructed, it's going to have a major impact on the town."

Sandell and Chairman Dean Rizzo said the group was set to go ahead with an preliminary study on the sidewalk, pending the OK from selectmen. Though the contract was not yet officially awarded, the engineer was ready to start the study the third week of January, Rizzo said. With an eye towards meeting a March deadline for a state grant application, the task force is expected to take the question about the sidewalk and the rest of the village revitalization plans to town meeting in the fall.

"It's a public process," Sandell affirmed, and nothing would happen downtown without community support.

Selectmen's race sparks early interest

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Both Brown and Callahan said the biggest issue in the campaign was finances.

"I think the budget is the main issue," Brown said. "The schools are always a big thing. They're looking for a lot of money for their budget."

Callahan, who lost a bid for a seat on the board in last year's race, also had an eye on town finances and said he would work to keep the tax burden in check.

"The major issue is still the budget," he said, due to the pressure the town will be under to pay for sewers and the new elementary school.

Callahan also said he was impressed by the job Town Manager Mark Haddad had started on this year's spending package.

"I want to work to insure the process succeeds," he said.

Ross took out nomination papers this week and was not reached for comment. Though a newcomer to politics, he made some news last fall when he took his campaign against a silver maple tree to the floor of the special town meeting. Before he prevailed, he delivered a colorful speech about the run around he got from town boards when he tried to get someone to cut down a town-owned tree at the end of his driveway.

After the vote, selectmen Chairman Sullivan agreed the matter should have been resolved short of the public forum but dismissed views the voters harbored a general disenchantment with town government.

Sullivan, who served for six years on the board of selectmen and four years on the health board, said it was time to move on. He decided not to run because he wanted to spend time with his children, he said.

Though he would not take credit for any single accomplishment, he said the board made progress on a number of fronts during the past six years. Sullivan said the town manager, which he initially opposed, proved to be a good change for town government. He also cited the improvement in the quality of the town's financial management.

"The town is in really good shape," Sullivan said.

Nonetheless, the chairman also said finances would be the main issue in the upcoming campaign, with the impact of the Old Colony train restoration running a close second.

"Managing finances is always probably the primary issue," he said due to the need to maintain a balance between education spending and spending on the municipal government side of the budget. "We don't want to shortchange the municipal side of government, but education is of the utmost importance."

School Committee Race Still Cloudy

No one has yet taken out nomination papers for the two school committee seats, and incumbents Maureen Jerz and Ralph Kidder have yet to announce if they will seek new terms. Jerz, the current Chairwoman, could not be reached by press time, and Kidder said he would make an announcement before the next school board meeting Jan. 22.

Nonetheless, Kidder acknowledged he was leaning against another run for school committee after logging nine years on the board.

"I am leaning in that direction, but anything can happen. There are all kinds of rumors. I'm not saying anything until Jan. 22."

Health Board seat to be vacated

Meantime, Thomas Cook has announced he will not look for another term on the health board. Cook said he felt it was time someone else took a turn in office and said the primary issue facing the committee would probably be the coming septic district.

Other races

Planning board incumbent Robert Sturdy has not yet taken out nomination papers. Sturdy was not reached for comment before the Mariner's deadline.

In other races, the incumbents appear to have no opponents. Only the library trustees have a seat in contention, and the seat is for an unexpired term. Both Jamie G. Williams of 60 Surrey Drive and Carol P. Riley of 453 Jerusalem Road will vie for one unexpired two-year term on the library board. As for the three incumbents, Barbara Power, June Hubbard and Sarah Pease, all have taken out nomination papers for three year terms, but so far, none faces an opponent.

On the recreation commission, incumbent Richard Barrow is running for re-election. Henry Rattenbury is also looking for a new term on the sewer commission, and John Fortin has taken out papers to run for the water board. As of Monday, water commission incumbent Robert Kasameyer had not taken out nomination papers to seek a second term.

Greenbush Mitigation to meet

The Greenbush Mitigation Committee will meet with selectmen at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 21 at town hall. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

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Zoning board considers action against private landfill

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The zoning board of appeals (ZBA) is considering what action to take against Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) for admittedly placing refuse in an area not approved for dumping.

CHL placed landfill in the unpermitted area, Area IV-B, which is adjacent to an approved area, Area IV-A. Previously, the ZBA has turned down requests from CHL to landfill in Area IV-B.

The ZBA discussed the violation on Jan. 7, and closed the public hearing. ZBA Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said the zoning board would meet on Thursday, Jan. 22 to render a decision.

Meanwhile, the anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE) has announced that it filed a complaint for a different CHL violation with the building inspector on Jan.13 ordering closure of the landfill because former owner James Tyeryar failed to file a special permit in 1976.

According to SAFE vice-president John K. McNabb Jr., the landfill has been operating illegally because it failed to file the permit with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds as required by local bylaws.

"Unless CHL can go back in time and file the permit at least one day before the effective date of the Water Resource District Bylaw of 1986, then it is operating illegally and must close down," McNabb said. "Since CHL did not have a lawful special permit when the water resource district took effect in 1986, CHL was not a lawful, non-conforming use that is grandfathered under the zoning bylaw."

Members of SAFE requested the Jan. 7 ZBA hearing to appeal Building Inspector Bob Egan's decision on Dec. 15 to take no enforcement action against CHL.

In a Dec. 15 letter to McNabb Jr., Egan said he was following legal advice from town counsel to coordinate any enforcement action with the board of health and DEP.

Egan said the building department, the health board and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) have been working behind the scenes to address environmental issues related to the illegal refuse.

McNabb also demanded that the zoning board fine CHL approximately $300,000 for the illegal landfilling.

The building inspector can assess a $100 a day fine for every day a zoning violation exists. McNabb wants CHL to pay the $100 fine retroactive to the day it received permission to dump in Area IV-A in November, 1989.

McNabb has expressed outrage that Egan took no action against CHL for the illegal landfilling.

CHL is allowed to place landfill in areas approved by local zoning ordinances and approved by the zoning board. The area in which CHL placed the illegal landfill, Area IV-B, is not approved for landfilling.

CHL owner Paul Barry told the health board last November that he had inadvertently placed the refuse in Area IV-B. Barry said the landfill liner was inadvertently placed in part of Area IV-B and he filled to the edge of the liner as is customary.

DeGiacomo said the zoning board is concerned chiefly with the zoning violation: CHL's permit does not allow it to dump refuse in Area IV-B.

"I think that the sense of the board is that the building inspector should have taken some sort of action," DeGiacomo said. "Bob (Egan) wanted to work with DEP and the board of health, but the environmental issues can be dealt with by other agencies."

DeGiacomo sympathized with Egan for trying to work with environmental officials on the illegal fill. But, DeGiacomo added, the illegal fill is a zoning violation and Egan is in charge of enforcing zoning violations.

DeGiacomo said it was likely the board would remand the decision to Egan to take some action against CHL.

McNabb wants Egan to issue a cease and desist order for illegal landfilling. He also wants the material immediately removed from the unpermitted area.

According to McNabb, a cease and desist order from Egan would effectively require CHL to remove the illegal material. He also insisted a fine was appropriate.

But DeGiacomo said he was personally uncomfortable with the fine because it appeared the violation was unintentional.

"It's a violation they (CHL) have admitted to and I expect they will comply with any removal order," DeGiacomo said. "The board felt that, clearly, there was a violation. Whether that violation was intentional or not is important to me regarding the fine."

McNabb has scoffed at CHL's assertion that the landfilling was inadvertent because of the size of the affected area.

SITEC Environmental Consultants of Hingham, CHL's engineering consultant, estimates the amount of illegal material at about 1,070 tons on 7,800 square feet of land.

DeGiacomo also pointed out that it is the building inspector who usually issues fines for zoning violations.

McNabb discovered the illegal landfilling last November after a visual inspection of the landfill and engineers maps detailing the boundaries of the landfill. He found a section of material about 200-feet long and up to 50-feet wide in Area IV-B that clearly extended beyond the approved area .

In a letter to DEP, CHL attorney Anton Moehrke admitted that CHL "inadvertently" placed material in Area IV-B. He also said CHL would remove the material if ordered to do so.

"It (CHL) is ready and willing nonetheless to remove the overfill and place it in previously approved portions of Area IV-A," Moehrke said.

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Town manager proposes paramedic service

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with a professional manager. Previously the town employed a town administrator, who had significantly less authority over the day-to-day operations of the town, and budgetary authority rested with selectmen and the advisory committee.

While selectmen support the concept of upgrading the fire department to include more paramedics, they're not sure how to fund it.

The call firefighters cost the town about $30,000 a year. Haddad suggests next year that money be used to train two permanent firefighters to become paramedics and to cover their shifts while they are in training.

But Selectmen Chairman Michael H. Sullivan worries the town may need a call firefighters to boost the ranks during fires.

"We have a certain size fire department and have a limited number of fires in town," Sullivan said. "But when we do have a fire, the call firefighters show up.

"We have to be very careful before cutting that concept from the fire department."

Selectman Merle Brown said he thinks radical changes to the fire department are premature. He wants Haddad, who came on board last summer, to spend more time working with the fire chief and reassess his proposals later.

The board was not favorable to adding the position of deputy fire chief whose proposed $45,000 salary would come from money the town pays the water department for fire hydrant rental.

Water commission Chairman Robert Kasameyer cautioned that the water department would have to make up the lost $100,000 in rental fees by raising the water rates. That would cost the typical homeowner about $50 more a year, he said.

Hydrant rental money is not only used to repair hydrants but to maintain fire-flow capacity in town and is calculated on a per hydrant basis, Kasameyer explained.

But Haddad called the budget line item "archaic" and serves no purpose to the town. He pointed out that the water department and town have swapped dollars for years as the water department repays loans to the town in about equivalent annual amounts to what the town pays in hydrant fees to the department.

Haddad suggested setting aside $15,000 in a hydrant repair line item to repair hydrants and to begin a program to replace damaged hydrants in town.

But Kasameyer said the debt to the town is almost paid and the water department would have to pass on a budget cut to the users.

"You're taking money out of a portion of the budget and pretending this is new money and it's really not," he said.

Selectmen and Haddad took the matter under advisement and plan to continue budget discussions at their Jan.26 meeting.

Osgood reuse uncertain

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site into a library and community center. The idea would mean a metamorphosis of its original mission, and Sullivan, who does not necessarily favor selling town property, agreed the group need not read its charge too literally. Moreover, a quick poll of the group found all the members favored exploring the idea, although the library trustees have so far only floated the idea and do not yet have a proposal.

But the change of direction seemed unwarranted to James Reilly of 64 Windy Hill Road.

"That's outside the scope of your charge," Reilly said. "Forget it." Reilly wanted the group to stick to the original charge and get the building back on the tax rolls. In the somewhat rancorous debates a year ago over closing Osgood and building a new Cohasset elementary school, the vacant building had been a bargaining chip in the negotiations. Its $1.3 million estimated value was expected to help defray the costs of the new school, he said.

Moreover, Reilly was not the only voice to challenge the committee. The committee also defended its work and its vision against an ominous assessment from school board man Joseph McElroy. Holding up a survey which only about 75 people returned, McElroy said the survey questions, which quizzed the public about the disposition of the school building, were flawed and the tabulations all but meaningless. "You're headed pell-mell towards mothballing this building," McElroy said. "Please do something. Do something."

But Adkins said repeatedly she was committed to finding the best use for the building and not merely sell it for the best price.

"If you just want to slap a sign on it and sell it, do it," Adkins said. "I'll quit."

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Best vacation: Paris and Southern France, summer of 1997.

Best day of your life: Jan. 24, 1997.

Favorite season: Fall. "It's the best part of living in New England. I like its look."

Favorite movie: "The Wizard of Oz." (Ron also directed the CPBS production of "Wizard.")

Favorite topic: Politics.

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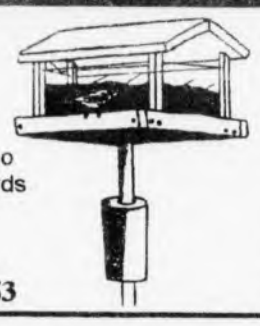
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Derek Froio of Cohasset uses a milk case to skate around the Hingham Skating Club when the pond — which is just over the Cohasset line — was frozen two weeks ago. The ice lasted only a day or two before melting.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

HAPPY 80TH SALLY

Here is an inspiration for all — Sunday, Jan. 11, Sally Wheeler celebrated her 80th birthday! There was a big celebration held in her honor at the home of her son, Christopher, in Norwell. The remarkable thing about this celebration, and why Sally should be an inspiration to many, is that for 65 years Sally has had diabetes! That must be some record, don't you think? She certainly has done her part, following doctor's orders, and committing to the requirements needed to maintain the proper balance needed to live a full and happy life. We think the other reason is her wonderful marriage to her husband Dick, they have been married for 58 years! Here's to you, Sally, you have our best wishes and our admiration!

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Speaking of longevity and marriage, here is yet another wonderful story! A surprise 50th wedding anniversary party was given for Francis and Ruth Mitchell Dec. 5 by their children, Paul and Jane Mitchell, Brian and Linda Mitchell and Judy. The festivities were held at the Sons of Italy Hall in Hingham. The catered sit-down dinner was attended by 100 friends and relatives. Also attending the affair were their seven grandchildren! A great time was had by all and you have our heartiest congratulations.

GEMS OF HOPE

Hope that everyone caught the "cheers to ..." column in the Patriot Ledger recently — it spoke of Leah Taylor Roy and M[illegible] Larson and their work with the Gems of Hope organization — this organization helps poor families in South America by giving small loans to families and education to South American communities. The ladies went to the village of Pici (located in Brazil) where Gems had built a three-room schoolhouse. Leah brought the idea from Canada when she married Peter Roy, and Mary joined her in the work! Two hard-working gals who make things happen, we salute you!

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NO TERRIBLE TWOS

We have a very special birthday in our family this week; our granddaughter, Tori, will be 2 years old Jan. 14. So far, no terrible twos have started, it just won't happen (yeah, right!). Anyway, a nice family gathering with all of the fixin's (including great-grandmother Mimi's pink cake for Tori to stick her hands into) will take place. Happy birthday to Tori!

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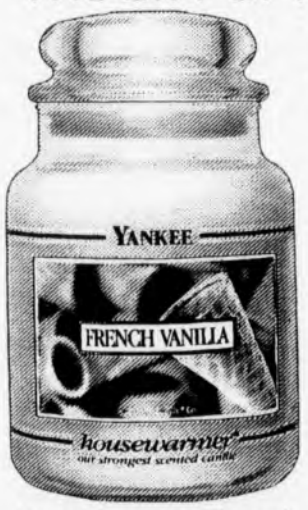
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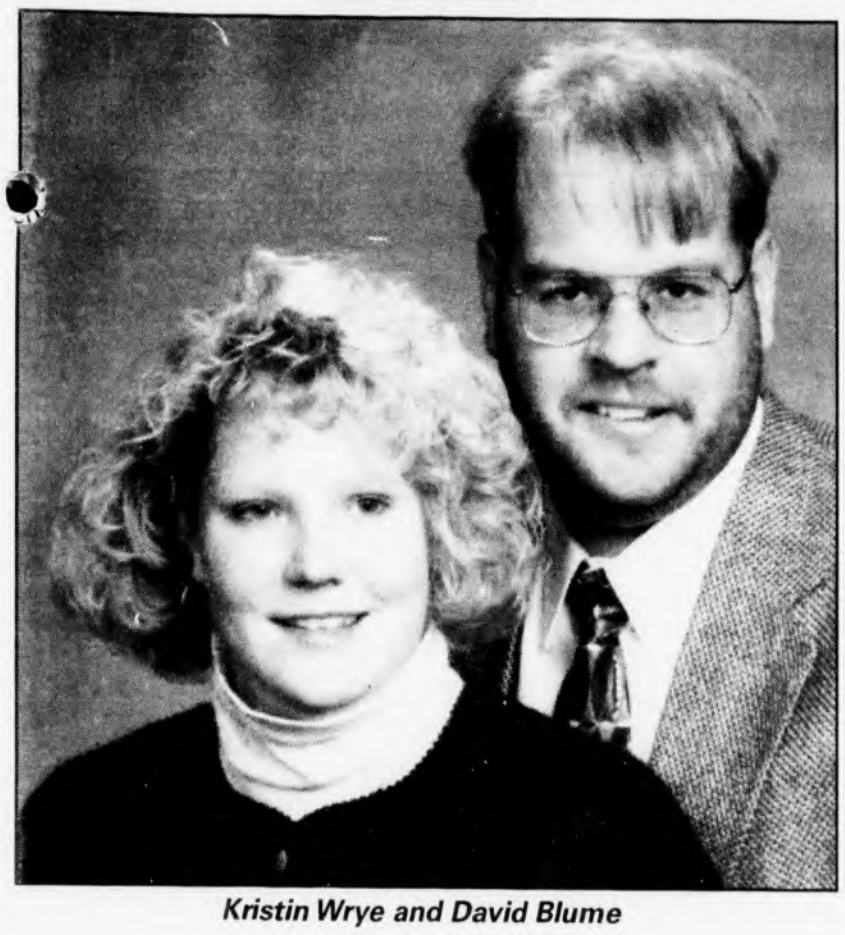
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Her fiancÈ is a graduate of South Windsor High School and received a B.A. in biology from Notre Dame College in Manchester, N.H. He is employed as an operations manager at Hartford Prospect Industries in Manchester, Conn.

A July 18 wedding is planned.

AROUND TOWN

HONOR ROLL AT BC HIGH

We received a press release from Boston College High School recently, and thought that we could share the news with you — John R. Crowley-Buck (graduation year 2001) made honors; Jason S. McCaffrey (graduation year, 1998) also earned honors; Benjamin T. Smoot made the high honors list, and Robert C. Morgan made honors. You gents are certainly giving Cohasset an awesome name, and most especially, your names will always be recognized for your hard work! Congrats!

CO-CAPTAIN AT HOLDERNESS

The Holderness School also sent us news about one of its Cohasset students, Neely Wakeman. Neely is a junior there, and has been voted a co-captain of that school's varsity field hockey team for the second straight year. This fall Neely was an outstanding midfielder for a team that reached the semifinals of the New England prep school championship tournament. Neely's coach stated that, "It's very unusual for someone to be elected captain as a junior, and then to repeat. This speaks well of her integrity, and the respect she has earned from her peers. Next year will be her fourth year starting at midfield for us. The corner play and midfield through-passes are her particular specialties." Neely is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Wakeman of Cohasset.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

A dream in progress

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would tell us on the South Shore we still have a way to go to realize more diversity. His dream has not quite been realized in the suburbs south of Boston.

Our communities have made some important strides in the journey to promote diversity and acceptance among all races. There are many success stories to talk about, but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done. The South Shore has become more tolerant and to an extent has welcomed people of color and various ethnic backgrounds. Yet the small number of minorities living and working in our communities cannot be overlooked.

There are more minority-run businesses on the South Shore than ever. However, they still represent a very small portion of the business community. The business leaders still have to fight stereotypes and need to prove themselves over and over again. Our role as community members should be to patronize and support these businesses, thereby encouraging them.

In 1997, non-white residents accounted for about 3.94 percent of the South Shore population, or about 10,206 people. That's a far cry from the dream envisioned by Dr. King.

So what's the solution?

Keep working at it. We have to stand up and let our elected officials know we want increased affordable housing and opportunities to encourage more diversity. Providing affordable housing is not a minority issue. With housing prices soaring, the South Shore — save for a few isolated areas — is getting out of reach for many people, and it is not just an issue for minorities. We need more thought in overall housing development as part of each town's vision for the future. We are witnessing too many high-priced developments sprouting up; homes which end up costing well over $300,000. The South Shore is home to the METCO program, which buses in children from urban areas. The program has been a model of success in such towns as Scituate, Braintree, Hingham and Cohasset. In its 32nd year, the program has helped break down barriers and enlighten all who have participated. The program has served as a catalyst in developing healthier race relations.

As one proponent of the program noted, "kids just end up seeing each other as kids."

The challenge is getting more towns involved with the program. For example, the Silver Lake school district, which serves the towns of Kingston, Pembroke, Halifax and Plympton, has never considered the program in the nearly 20 years Paul Squarcia has been superintendent. Abington, Weymouth, Holbrook, Duxbury and Marshfield have never participated in the program either. Most school officials will argue there isn't enough space to accommodate the additional students. Maybe so, but many of these towns are looking at building expansion projects and could possibly consider the idea of several METCO students in the overall scheme. Students here on the South Shore will learn invaluable lessons, teachings that go beyond the textbook. They can learn to develop more tolerance and accept more people who are different from them. And they'll get a taste of the "real world," where our global neighbors from every walk of life become closer as we continue to advance technologically and develop world-wide business links. This weekend we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday with a holiday. This year also marks the 30th anniversary of his assassination. It is a perfect opportunity to give pause and reflect on his dream for our country and our community.

In this issue, we devote eight pages to exploring that legacy and how it relates to the South Shore. We see first-hand his dream coming to life with many success stories profiled, yet we also see where it still falls short. We can't change the past or what has been, but we can make a difference going forward. That's what he would have wanted.

— **Mark Skala**



LETTERS

Mariner editorials praised

To the Editor:

As 1997 comes to a close, I want to commend the Cohasset Mariner for the fine, thoughtful, meritorious and provocative editorials that have alerted our citizens to think and to act on issues and programs that would benefit Cohasset, the environment, education, and citizens of all ages.

We are also fortunate to have such an outstanding, progressive newspaper that has contributed to the financial success of fundraising endeavors of non-profit organizations by voicing and encouraging the giving and attendance to causes that serve the betterment of Cohasset.

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'Thank you, Book Angels'

To the Editor:

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Betsey Detwiler, Owner
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Taking responsibility for liquor-related deaths

To the Editor:

With reference to an article by staff writer Susan Coffey published Jan. 8, I suggest that punishing hosts for the misadventures of young people who drink too much doesn't solve the problem, except in the rare cases where an adult is proven to have deliberately and directly encouraged under-age drinking.

The real problem is the inability of hosts to control the behavior of youngsters who reflect the permissiveness of today's society, thanks to poor parental training and the degrading influence of TV, movies, rock stars etc. on our culture.

If a young drinker kills himself or others, his or her parents should bear much of the blame. They, not his or her teachers, and certainly not the host, had the primary responsibility to instill values and basis for judgment. The host should not, but often does, have the burden of dealing with young people untrained to respect authority, all too accustomed to having their own way, unequipped to resist peer pressure, and already too familiar with the glow of alcohol.

Evasion of responsibility by taking someone else to court has become de rigueur, at the same time we decry the number of lawyers, increasing cost of goods and services, and constraints on freedom. Well, the sickness of litigation fever didn't result from having an excess of lawyers, it's the other way around. It's the increasing unwillingness to take personal responsibility, and increasing use of litigation to help shift the blame to someone else, that requires more and more lawyers.

Our society does not need more laws that shift responsibility from young drinkers and their parents, any more than we need more TV and movie expressions of contempt for good behavior.

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Memory Tree support appreciated

To the Editor:

The South Shore Community Center would like to thank you for the wonderful coverage of our "Memory Tree" during the recent holiday season. We had great positive response and interest from many individuals and plan to make this an annual tradition.

We would like to thank Barry Waste for the donation of a lovely Christmas tree, which was displayed with the memorial lights in our front yard. Additionally, we would like to thank John Bellefontaine for designing and making a special indoor tree which was displayed in our lobby with names of loved ones.

We would also like to mention an Archangel donation we received, in memory of Daniel H. Leahy Sr., given by Barbara and David Leahy.

Thanks to all for the continued support.

Stephanie Church
Program Director

Holistic septic solution needed

To the Editor:

Recently, I had a long talk with Lisa Bumstead, a member of CEES (Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions). Having been in town long enough to become cynical about participation in "the process," it was refreshing for me to see someone, who is obviously busy raising kids and all, become focused on quality of life issues. I discussed this with Polly Logan who also remarked on the refreshing new activists such as Lisa who seem to have a much more rational point of view about town growth and its politics.

Lisa says that she has stopped being surprised by the confusion that attended the last health board meeting when, as an example, the two agencies, sewer and health, have trouble explaining which town meeting warrant article controls the formation of a priority district. As the story unfolded it became clear that the system of responsibilities and proper management of major elements of our infrastructure were, and are, to a great extent dysfunctional. The town is apparently on the verge of implementing a series of measures which will greatly enrich contractors and septic inspectors without doing very much for our environment, our septic/sewer system or our health.

Some of those forming the CEES group felt that it might make sense to see if there is a technical basis for any of the mandated inspection and implementation requirements. Alas, after reading the literally hundreds of documents accumulated over the 20-odd years the town has been in noncompliance, it was found that the process had become so politicized that neither facts nor technology nor logic contributed in reaching the final decision.

It should be said at the outset that everyone participating in the game has the best intentions. It is just that some are playing with outdated equipment, and some are playing with insufficient information or training. It's clear that in Cohasset is an element which wishes to choke off growth by almost any means. But it's no longer possible to use sewer system management to limit the growth of a town. The risks are too great. We could easily have an ecological meltdown here without a responsible oversight of all types of effluent. Our rocky, coastal, marsh-filled suburban town will continue to grow. It's a demographic certainty. Pollution will increase, and with every improvement to transportation or infrastructure, the problem will become bigger, and putting a Mount Flushmore of sand in everyone's backyard may be the Title V solution, but it won't solve the problem. It's time for our various boards to look at a holistic solution for our water, waste treatment, septic and trash disposal needs and see where the practical, cost-effective solution lies. Our boards need to exchange information in a planned and regular way, seek and receive information about the best technology and management tools available and use them, and stop this senseless vituperative name-calling silliness.

What did happen last week was that everyone became familiar with one another's rhetoric, the players were introduced to each other, and a final decision was delayed thanks to the CEES and the courageous board of health. If the time so gained is used to engage in some constructive data-gathering and fruitful discussions and negotiations involving all interested parties, it will be well spent.

Stephen N. Bobo
292 Jerusalem Rd.

Public support for school budget urged

To the Editor:

As a school committee member, I want to thank the selectmen and Town Manager Haddad for their strong effort to understand the current school district budgetary issues at the Monday meeting. It had to be difficult for each of them to listen to our explanation of why we have a FY98 cost overrun and why we need help over and above Town Manager Haddad's original FY99 budgetary guidelines.

It's impossible to recapitulate all the specific factors driving the current situation; so, I will not make that attempt. I will simply promise you that I have not forgotten my election commitment to be "good for the taxpayer, good for the schools." I also believe that my school committee colleagues share the same goals although our conclusions sometimes differ. Likewise, I know that some of the more outspoken critics of the schools have legitimate concerns. What we all have in common is the objective of providing the best possible schools for our children at the lowest achievable cost.

At this difficult point in time, I will simply appeal to the Selectmen and the public to support our request for an increase over the original budgetary guidelines. In turn, I accept the commitment of my fellow school committee members to present next year's budget accompanied by a comprehensive five-year strategic plan which includes a first quality financial component. Frankly, we need that time to present to you, the public, our vision for the Cohasset School District and what it will cost. The final decision will be yours.

In the meantime, I ask you to "bite the bullet," and place confidence in the officials that have been elected and appointed to lead the school district. Right now, I sense a tremendous disappointment among many persons who voted for me, because I am supporting a significant school district budget increase. I can understand such a perception considering the current situation. However, you elected us to lead and that is what we must do to the best of our ability. Candidly, we face a very difficult period during fiscal years 1998 and 1999 and cannot make adjustments "on a dime." To do so would dismantle progress that has been painstakingly realized over a period of years. I am not willing to do that.

In the final analysis, we must join together at the annual town meeting to listen to the best recommendations that your town manager, the selectmen, advisory committee, and school committee can present. I ask you to respect the dedicated effort that we will all make on your behalf.

I want to close by taking my hat off to a man that I have sometimes differed with in the past. Superintendent Hart has worked diligently on the current budgetary issues and during protracted meetings and discussions. He has worked throughout the holidays and as recently as this Sunday when he was driving around Cohasset dropping off budget updates. I have come to appreciate a man with whom I quite frequently disagree. He is as committed today, despite his retirement announcement, as he has been during his almost 29 years of service to the Cohasset schools.

I hold the fervent hope that the rancor of the recent past will not perpetuate itself and that we will move forward as a united community.

Joseph R. McElroy
59 Windy Hill Road

CANDIDATES' CORNER

Cutler Committee releases campaign finance records

Campaign finance reports released by the Cutler Committee this week show the campaign has jumped to a quick start in fund-raising.

Contributions for 1997 totalled $15,150 with an additional $580 of in-kind contributions received. The campaign's ending balance for the year was $13,663.19.

"I'm very grateful for this strong show of support. We've exceeded all of our expectations for the year," said Cutler. "What pleases me the most is not the amount of contributions, but the number of contributors. We've had more than 120 people donate $10 or more. That's the backbone of a successful campaign."

The 27-year old democrat is running for state representative in Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. Although not required by state campaign finance law, the Cutler Committee has released its records to all local media.

An itemized listing of contributors is available with the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance, or by contacting the Cutler Committee. In the interests of full disclosure the Cutler Committee also plans to release its campaign finance records on the Internet, via its web site.

UNDER THE GOLDEN DOME

Bob Hedlund

Wilkerson violated public trust

Last week, the Massachusetts State Senate took up a formidable task. We were asked to decide the fate of a fellow senator who had pleaded guilty to charges of failing to file her federal income tax returns for four years. The task was clear; we were to determine the appropriate penalty for a representative of the people who had violated the trust of those who had elected her. The verdict which was ultimately reached, however, fell far short of an appropriate response.

The Senate Committee on Ethics recommended that Sen. Diane Wilkerson be removed from her position as chairwoman of the Insurance Committee. I voted against this recommendation, feeling that it did not adequately address the seriousness of the mistakes made by Sen. Wilkerson regarding the basic responsibility of paying her taxes, and supported an alternative proposal which would have resulted in her expulsion from the Senate.

Senator Wilkerson assumed certain responsibilities when she accepted the public office which she still holds. A major part of her job entails introducing and voting on legislation, much of which is tax related. After failing to file federal income tax returns from 1991 to 1994, how can she possibly vote on these issues? Can Sen. Wilkerson truly continue to perform her duties as an elected official and maintain the trust of her constituency? While Sen. Wilkerson has proven to be an independent and hard working legislator, I do not believe that she will be able to do so.

Sen. Wilkerson's actions also have broader implications. Her failure to comply with federal law sullies the reputation of the entire Massachusetts Senate. Much of the Senate's time is committed to the wise expenditure of the taxpayers' money, levied through the very process which she herself has chosen not to participate in. This type of flagrant violation will only contribute to the public's cynicism about government, weakening their faith in the officials which they have elected to represent them. I believe that the proper and efficient functioning of the Senate body must be placed above the interests of any one legislator. Therefore, expulsion would have been the proper course, not to punish Sen. Wilkerson, but rather to vindicate the integrity of the Senate.

For these and other reasons, I was one of the 11 senators who supported a measure to increase Sen. Wilkerson's punishment to expulsion. While failure to pay federal income tax may be a misdemeanor in the eyes of the law, the violation of the public's trust by a state senator is a much more serious offense.

Senator Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, represents the Plymouth-Norfolk district that includes Hingham.

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School committee lobbies for more money

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new police cruiser and copier and ventilator for the fire department — with the balance coming from a reduction across the board from all departments.

School committee members propose the following increases over the school department's FY'98 budget:

$152,210 for special needs;

$223,621 for contracted salaries;

$51,631 for non-contracted salaries;

$139,753 for additional teachers and aides due to increased enrollment;

$20,500 for technology services/repairs;

$28,100 for building and maintenance;

$18,144 for middle school athletics;

$30,000 to upgrade the position of business manager from part-time to full-time.

Jerz explained that some felt $300-$400,000 more was needed in the budget. She said Supt. Stephen Hart sat down with principals who had feedback from the teaching staff and asked for the minimum.

Selectmen questioned the need for a full-time business manager and wondered why that request couldn't wait until the new superintendent is on board. They thought the new superintendent should decide if that position is needed.

Hart is retiring at the end of this school year.

They also asked about the need for middle school athletics and questioned the rise in special education costs.

Saying it would save in the long run, school committee member Joseph McElroy defended the upgrade in the business manager position.

"I'm absolutely convinced we would have a return on investment within two years on that position," he said.

About 17 percent of Cohasset students have special needs. The school department expects to expend upwards of $1.33 million for special needs this year which includes $460,000 in outside tuition for residential placements, day schools and collaboratives.

The school committee said the middle school athletic program has attracted new kids to sports. Before the middle school was created, seventh- and eighth-graders were on teams with high school students.

No decision on the school budget was reached this week. Selectmen and Haddad will continue budget deliberations Jan. 26.

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Nursery school registration announced

The South Shore Community Center Nursery School announces that applications for the 1998-1999 school year will be available on Tuesday, Jan. 20 through Jan. 28 at the nursery school and community center offices.

Completed applications must be returned to the South Shore Community Center office by Monday, Feb. 2. Applications should be clearly marked N.S. Registration Application.

Parents registering their child in the three-year-old program should enclose a copy of the childÕs birth certificate to insure proper placement of students in the program. All applications must include the $85 registration fee. Family membership for the school year is included in the fee. There is no financial commitment for children who are placed on the waiting list; these checks will be returned.

The lottery will be drawn the week of Feb. 9. Nursery school acceptance letters will be sent via the mail Friday, Feb. 13.

The school offers three levels of programs to meet the needs of three to five year olds. Programs run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m. Some extended before and after school programs will be available.

The nursery program is for children who will be three years old by Oct. 20. The pre-kindergarten program is for children who are, or will be, four years old by Oct. 20. The 4 Day and 5 Day Enrichment programs are offered to older four year olds and five year olds who have attended a pre-kindergarten program but are ineligible for kindergarten or would benefit from an enrichment year.

Questions regarding placement may be answered by the director, Lynne Sheridan at 383-0036. The South Shore Community Center Nursery School is licensed by the Massachusetts Office for Children.

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Ham, bacon and horseradish cream cheese, red onion, lettuce and tomato on onion bagel
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Chess classes offered

The South Shore Community Center will continue to offer its popular chess classes for grades three through six with teacher Jim McLellan. The class is an introduction to chess using the algebraic notation system.

A lesson will be given weekly along with actual games played. If you have a chess board, be sure to bring it along.

The lessons will be held on Fridays, beginning Jan. 23, for five weeks, from 3 to 4 p.m. The cost is $35 members and $40 non-members. Call 383-0088 to register.

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SPORTS

COHASSET MARINER

Free agent has dreams of pulling on Red Sox

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset resident Ken Greer has accomplished his own version of the American Dream, pulling on a uniform and taking the mound in the big leagues for both the San Fransisco Giants and the Chicago Cubs.

Now looking at what might be the end of his career Greer is still holding out hope that he might be able to do the same for his hometown team, the Boston Red Sox.

Greer, 30, spent last year in the Baltimore Orioles organization with the Bowie BaySox and then finishing with their AAA club, the Rochester Red Wings.

Set free by the Orioles after the end of last season, Greer said a non-roster invite to the Red Sox camp may be the only thing that will stand behind him and starting his new life after baseball.

Part of that life began over the weekend as a pitching instructor with the grand opening of the Bases Loaded Training Center, located at the South Shore Sports Center in Hingham, where he handles the pitchers; his brother Kevin, the baseball coach at Scituate, works with the younger players; and Hingham High's assistant baseball coach Danny McHugh works with the sluggers and the fielders.

"I want to be involved with baseball in some fashion and this opportunity seemed to come along at the exact right time for me," said Greer, who was a tenth round draft pick in 1988 by the dreaded New York Yankees. "I'm looking forward to it."

Coming off of what he called a "simply horrible" stint with the Red Wings (0-2, 5.79 ERA and one save in 15 appearances), Greer says he still believes he can play professional baseball but is at a point in his life where it is going to have to be on his own terms.

He and his wife Abby (Adams) bought a house in Cohasset in September and Greer said that being away from home may have contributed to the problems he experienced on the mound last year.

"I've told my agent that I'd like to finish my career playing for the Red Sox," said Greer, who also contacted the team himself to tell them the same thing. "You always want to have an opportunity to play for your hometown team and I really do think that I could pitch at Fenway Park. I'm not going to hold my breath, but I'd love a chance to make the team."

With the likes of Jim Corsi and Dennis Eckersley on the pitching staff, Boston has shown that they are not adverse to having veteran leadership on the mound.

Greer said despite the problems that plagued him last season he truly feels he could still be a major league pitcher.

"There are a lot of guys like me out there looking to hook on with a baseball team. That's the nature of the business," said Greer. "If this is it, I still had a great career. I got to play with the Giants and the Mets and was traded straight up for Frank Tanana. I have no regrets."

Greer started out following in the footsteps of his older brother on the baseball field and eventually distinguished himself

FREE AGENT PAGE 15



Cohasset resident Ken Greer goes over pitching techniques with Chad Lemos at the grand opening of the Bases Loaded Training Center in Hingham. Greer pitched last season with the AAA Rochester Red Wings but was set free by their parent club, the Baltimore Orioles, at the end of the season. He has expressed some hope that he will get a non-roster invite to go to the Boston Red Sox training camp.

Staff photo/Fred Robertson

CHS hoopsters can't seem to buy a break

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

This winter vacation was a bittersweet one for the Cohasset boys' basketball team.

In the Cohasset Converse Classic, the Skippers dropped their first game to Scituate in a disappointing loss. The visiting Sailors cruised by their hosts 91-76, a game in which the home team could never seem to get intense. As indicated by the score, unusually high for a high school game, little defense was played by either side.

As has been their tendency this year, the Skippers relied heavily on three-pointers for their offense. Indeed, in the first half they netted five, including a Pat Hurley buzzer beater. Hurley was fouled on the play and sank his freebie for a four-point play, making the half-time score 40-37 in Scituate's favor.

Despite gallant second half efforts by senior captains Paul-Michael Quintin and Justin McNamara, Cohasset couldn't stay with Scituate's high-powered attack in the second half.

The tournament's consolation round was a different story. Again playing host, this time to the Dover-Sherborn Raiders, the boys in blue fell behind 20-3 in the game's first few minutes.

By the half, they had closed the gap to seven points at 36-29. Paul-Michael Quintin and Jamie DeMichele accounted for the Skippers' last 28 first-half points, including a dazzling play when DeMichele picked off a pass and dished to Quintin, who slipped, but nailed the shot on his way to the floor. The senior captain also drained three threes in the first half alone. Hurley and senior Andy Hamilton set the tempo at the defensive end of the court, with blocked shots and excellent footwork.

With McNamara running the point, the home team began to mount the final charge of their comeback. A 16-4 run was highlighted by a DeMichele lefty lay-up three-point play, a Hamilton bucket on a pass from McNamara and a DeMichele trey, which brought all 37 Skipper fans to their feet. Hamilton then put Cohasset ahead for good with a swish from beyond the arc, bringing the score to 51-50.

Hurley canned a bucket in the point and he and his mates sank the necessary amount of foul shots, staggering away gratefully with a 64-62 victory. The win was a gutsy one, over a long time non-league nemesis, the type which a team needs for a gut check and to build confidence in close games. Hopefully, the Skippers will be in for fewer nail-biters and more blowout wins as the season goes on.

Sports Briefs

Girls lacrosse registration open

Because the Cohasset Middle School will not begin a grade 7-8 girls lacrosse program until the spring of 1999, arrangements have been made for Cohasset girls in those grades to join the Scituate youth lacrosse girls' team that begins play in March.

The youth lacrosse games will be played on the weekends, and one practice will be held during each week.

Any girls or their parents wishing to join the Scituate team should call Rose Kahn at 383-0332. Registration should be done as soon as possible. "Scituate's registration has already taken place, and we do not want to lose this opportunity," said Mrs. Kahn.

The winter afterschool recreation program

The winter afterschool recreation program for ages four through sixth grade meets from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. daily at the Deer Hill School from Jan. 26 through March 13.

Offerings are as follows:

Mondays, ages 4 and 5, team games and sports, in the gym.

Mondays, grades K through three, table and board games, in the cafeteria.

Tuesdays, ages seven to ten, arts and crafts, cafeteria.

Tuesdays, grades four through six, hoop games and skill development, in the gym.

Wednesdays, ages four and five and kindergarten, basketball skills, in the gym.

Wednesday, grades kindergarten through third, arts and crafts, in the cafeteria.

Thursdays, ages four to six, arts and crafts, in the cafeteria.

Fridays, grades kindergarten through three, low organized games, in the gym.

Fridays, grades four through six, board and table games, in the cafeteria.

To register for the afterschool recreation programs, please mail a registration form to the recreation department office before Jan. 22. All programs are limited in size; register early.

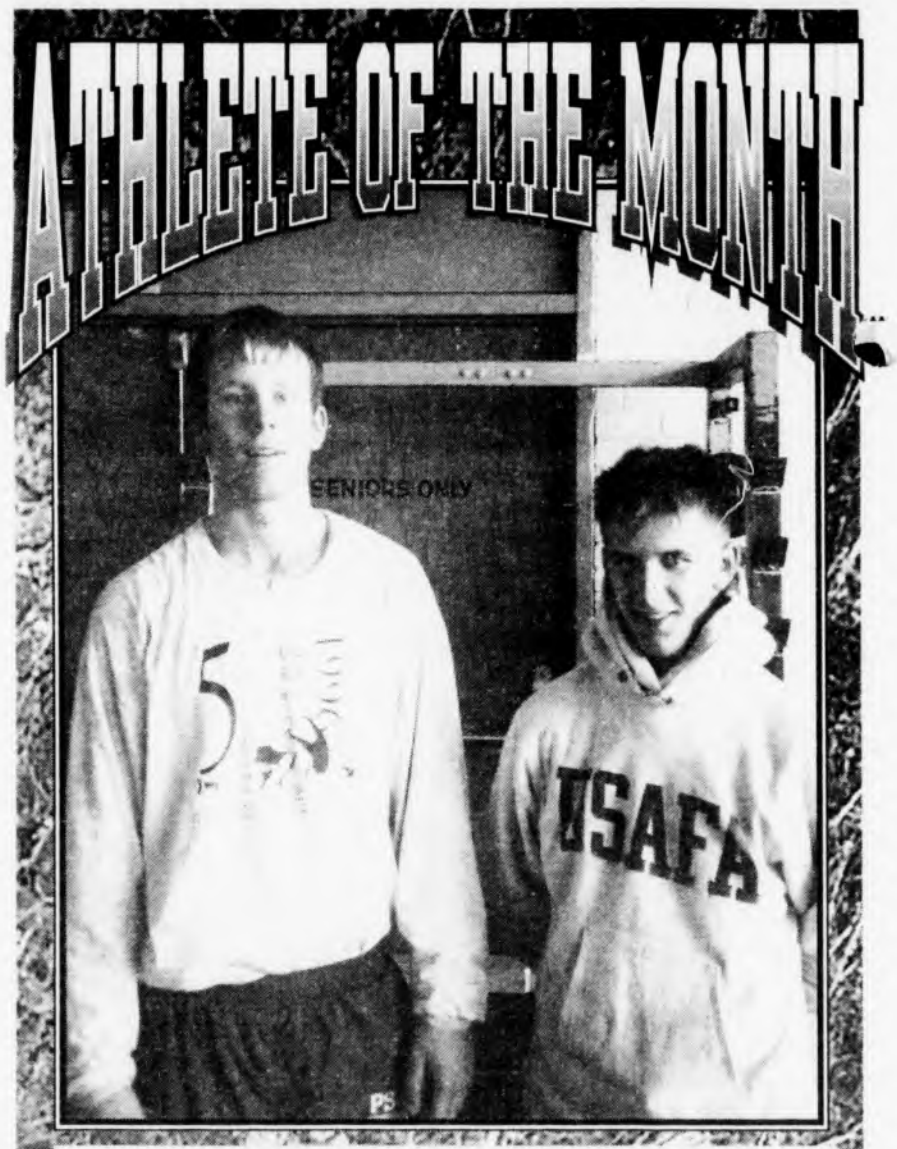
Programs are six weeks, meeting daily unless school is canceled.

Fee schedule is:

Three day program — 1 child $60; second child, $30; third child $25.

Two day program — 1 child $45; second child, $25; third child $20.

One day program — 1child $25; second child $15; third child $5.



Luke Caldwell and Mike Baird

For this first edition of Mariner Athlete of the Month, two CHS grapplers are better than one as Luke Caldwell and Mike Baird share the award.

Caldwell and Baird have a lot in common. Both are Honor Roll members of the junior class, serve as the captains of the wrestling squad and are following in a family tradition of wrestling success at CHS.

Baird has been with the wrestling with the team since seventh grade. He's done well in recent tourneys: finishing second in the 125 l.b. weight class in Marshfield and fourth in the Whitman-Hanson event over the weekend.

The third of the four wrestling Baird brothers, Mike should reach the 100-win plateau sometime next season. He also plays soccer and runs track at the high school.

Caldwell, a starter on the varsity football team, wrestles at 174 lb. class.

"Luke is just a tireless worker," said wrestling coach Torin Sweeney.

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Free agent has dreams of pulling on Red Sox

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as one of the top pitchers in the area for Hull High.

Greer also excelled as a football player, but saw a better chance for him to play major league baseball.

He would then move on to UMass-Amherst, with scholarship in hand, where he was teamed up with a number of eventual major leaguers, including Anaheim Angels all-star shortstop Gary DiSarcina.

Greer said that he expected to be drafted, but not as high as he was and was especially grateful that the Yankees allowed him to finish his last year of school. He left with a degree in Sports Management. A lifelong Red Sox fan, Greer said becoming a Yankee led to the requisite amount of razzing from friends and family but he did find a friendly face at Oneonta, NY, his first minor league stop.

"My coach there was (former Red Sox catcher and coach) Gary Allenson, so we took some friendly abuse and had a lot of things to talk about," remembered Greer. "It was exciting just to be in a professional baseball uniform."

> ***"I've told my agent that I'd like to finish my career playing for the Red Sox. You always want to have an opportunity to play for your hometown team and I really do think that I could pitch at Fenway Park. I'm not going to hold my breath, but I'd love a chance to make the team."***
>
> **KEN GREER**

In between stints in the big leagues with San Fransico and Chicago Cubs, Greer has had a chance to see a great deal of North America in his well-traveled minor league career. Some of his stops have included Oneonta, Prince William, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Lauderdale (again), Prince William (again), Albany, Columbus, Columbus (again), New York, Phoenix, San Fransico, Chicago, Calgary (twice), Bowie and finally Rochester. "The first five years were great, but eventually you learn that although baseball is a game, it's a business as well," said Greer. "As you get older, if you don't perform you go out the door. That's just business, but you have to go out there and enjoy it as long as you can."

A pure power pitcher in high school, Greer said he had to change through college and the minor leagues to make himself a more attractive commodity. "Everyone can thrown 90 mph once you go professional so you need to have something that makes you special," said Greer. He made the total cross-over to a different style of pitching in 1994 after surgery on his elbow to remove six bone chips and a bone spur caused by the wear and tear of being a pitcher all his life.

"After the surgery I actually picked up a little bit of velocity," said Greer. "I got to be a little more of a power pitcher and developed a split-fingered fastball." Talking about his work at Bases Loaded, Greer said his teaching is simple: stick with the basics and above all, have fun with what you are doing.

"No matter who you are, it's a matter of sticking with the fundamentals and building from there no matter in what league you are playing," said Greer. "What do guys like Barry Bonds, Matt Williams, Wade Boggs and Cal Ripken do when they are in a slump? They go back to video and hitting the ball off of a tee to see what they are doing wrong. Even when they get into a slump, they get out of it by going back to the basics and everything else takes care of itself."

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Girls basketball

Norwell 56 CHS 16

Rockland 74 CHS 32

Gymnastics

CHS 119.6 Hanover 117.2 Duxbury 112.6

CHS 119.7 Carver 116.3 Duxbury 113.7

Upcoming CHS games

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan.	16	At Hull	
	20	At Norton	3:30/5 p.m.
	23	E. Bridgewater	
	26	Carver	3:30/5 p.m.
	28	Bye	
	30	At Abington	

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan.	16	Hull	
	20	Norton	
	23	At E. Bridgewater	
	26	At Carver	
	28	Harwich	4:30/6 p.m.
	30	Abington	

Freshmen 3:30 p.m. JV 5 p.m. Varsity 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

WRESTLING

Jan.	18	Sharon, Scituate, Rockland	3:30 p.m.
	21	Carver	7 p.m.
	24	Cohasset Tourney	10 a.m.
	28	Hanover	7 p.m.
	30	Hingham	3:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Jan.			
	15	At Middleboro	4 p.m.
	22	At Duxbury	3:30 p.m.
	29	At North Quincy	3:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Jan.	26	At Hanover	7:15 p.m.
	29	Scituate and Carver	5:30 p.m.
	31	Thayer	3 p.m.
Feb.	4	All league at Carver	7:30 p.m.
	14	South Sectionals	

Grapplers fare well in Panther Tourney

Cohasset warmed up for their own Jan. 24th wrestling tourney by taking a strong third place in the Whitman-Hanson event over the weekend.

Cohasset grapplers Craig Sheerin (second) and Mike Rossi (first) placed high at the event.

Others who did well included Liam O'Donnell, Dan Litteaur, J.P. Laugelle, Justin Golden, Luke Caldwell and Mike Baird.

"Overall, we did really well," said coach Torin Sweeney. "I didn't know where we were going to fall, but a lot of things went our way and we were able to pull out a third place finish."

In town for the seventh annual Cohasset tourney will be such South Shore powers as Rockland, Duxbury, Hanover, Middleboro, Scitaute and Norwell.

We've won it for the last couple of years, but it's going to be a tight race this time," said Sweeney. "Rockland and Marshfield are really coming on strong, but our boys really like wrestling in front of the home crowd."

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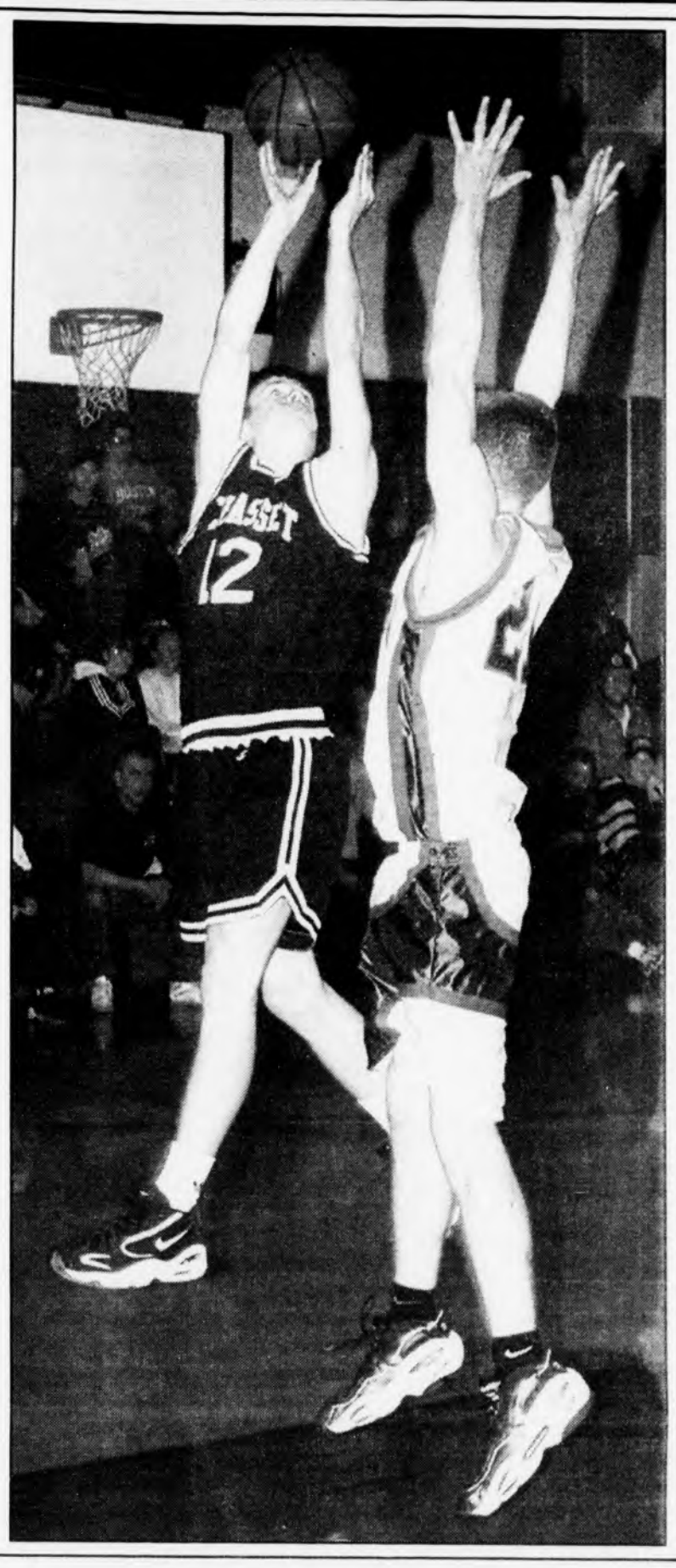
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LEFT—The CHS hoopsters have struck a stretch of bad road so far this season. After going into state tourney play for the last few seasons the squad has stumbled out of the starting blocks this year at 2-9.

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Sports Briefs

Take a trip to Waterville Valley

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with Cohasset Teen Resources will sponsor a ski trip to Waterville Valley, N.H. Sunday, Feb. 8, for ages 10 and over.

The cost for this trip is $60 per person which includes motor coach transportation and all-day, all-trail lift ticket. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Cohasset and registrations must be made at the recreation department office no later than Thursday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m.

Motor coach will leave at 5:30 a.m. from town hall and return between 7 and 7:15 p.m. Ski rentals are $18 per person, lessons are $18 per person and snow board rentals are $25 per person.

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Cohasset Dramatic Club auditions

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A full dinner will be served. The cost is $12.50 for members and $15 for non-members. For reservations call 383-1010.

Meet the new officers and board of directors for 1998. Updates on the various programs the chamber is working on will be given. Share ideas on what the chamber can do for business in 1998.

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POLICE LOG

Monday, Jan. 5

12:33 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:57 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
1:28 a.m., suspicious auto, Tedeschi Plaza.
7:30 a.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.
7:34 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
8:00 a.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.
8:43 a.m., fire, structure, Jerusalem Rd.
9:30 a.m., MV violations, Linden Dr.
10:53 a.m., property (lost), CJC Hwy.
12:52 p.m., assist motorist, Brook St.
1:51 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
2:50 p.m., general services, Norfolk Rd.
2:54 p.m., larceny, Beechwood St.
4:06 p.m., disturbance gathering, CJC Hwy.
8:28 p.m., MV stop, Hull St. by Lamberts Lane.
Arrested: McColgan, James W., 411 East St., Hingham. DOB: 10/27/49. Charges: operate MV lic. suspended 2nd or subsequent offense; speeding in violation of special regulations.
8:30 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St. by St. Anthony's.
10:15 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. by Old Coach Rd.
10:43 p.m., MV stop, Hull St. by Cedar St.
10:57 p.m., MV stop, CJC Way by JJ's.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

8:56 a.m., assist citizen, Norfolk Rd.
9:00 a.m., disturbance, Otis Ave.
11:09 a.m., animal complaint, Bailey Rd.
11:18 a.m., message delivery, Ripley Rd.
11:21 a.m., annoying phone calls, N. Main St.
12:46 p.m., general services, Otis Ave.
2:18 p.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy.
3:19 p.m., missing person, Ripley Rd.
4:44 p.m., general services, Otis Ave.
9:34 p.m., assist other police dept., West Corner.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

6:38 a.m., suspicious auto, Jerusalem Rd. Dr.
10:45 a.m., escort, McNamara to Woodside.
6:45 p.m., medical aid, HQ.
9:46 p.m., general services, Reservoir Rd.
11:12 p.m., notification, N. Main St.

Thursday, Jan. 8

1:09 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
6:38 a.m., general services, HQ.
7:24 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
7:26 a.m., medical aid, Aaron River Rd.
8:36 a.m., medical aid, Forest Ave.
8:40 a.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
9:10 a.m., animal complaint, S. Main St.
1:09 p.m., general services, Fairoaks Ln.
5:32 p.m., assist citizen, Ripley Rd.
5:47 p.m., transport, out of town.

Friday, Jan. 9

12:19 a.m., medical aid, Whitney Woods Ln.
1:41 a.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
6:59 a.m., MV stop, Red Fox Ln.
9:03 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
5:27 p.m., MV stop, King St.
5:42 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:08 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
7:34 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.
8:38 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.
9:11 p.m., assist other PD, Atlantic Ave.
9:27 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.
9:45 p.m., MV stop, King St.
9:56 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:21 p.m., disturbance, King St.

Saturday, Jan. 10

12:18 a.m, MV stop, Forest Ave.
12:38 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
1:37 a.m., general services, Town Lot.
1:52 a.m., MV stop, King St.
6:02 a.m., vandalism, S. Main St.
8:30 a.m., general services, Lamberts Ln.
2:24 p.m., fire, structure, S. Main St.
2:33 p.m., assist motorist, S. Main St.
4:06 p.m., vandalism, Fairoaks Ln.
4:43 p.m., MV stop, Lower King St., 49-year-old in protective custody.
6:00 p.m., property (lost), Summer St.
6:54 p.m., MV stop, CVS parking lot. Arrested: Quintin, Paul E. Jr., 239 Fairoaks Ln., Cohasset. DOB: 2/24/44. Charges: Warrant.
8:19 p.m., medical aid, King St.
8:56 p.m, disturbance family, Norman Todd Rd. Arrested: Phipps, Walter F., 37 Norman Todd Rd., Cohasset. DOB: 12/5/62. Charges: Assault, Assault & battery on a police officer.
9:57 p.m., escort, Curtis Liquor to bank.
10:40 p.m., open door/window, Pond St.
11:45 p.m., vandalism, Cedar St. by golf course.

Sunday, Jan. 11

12:33 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:43 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
1:06 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
7:38 a.m., general services, all over town.
9:31 a.m., medical aid, HQ.
9:43 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:14 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:33 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:50 p.m., general services, Pond St.
12:56 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
1:16 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
1:28 p.m., MV stop, Pond St.
2:21 p.m., MV stop, Red Fox Ln.
3:38 p.m., vandalism, Sohier St.
4:00 p.m., larceny, King St.
4:32 p.m., disturbance gathering, S. Main St.
5:27 p.m., MV stop, Hull St. at Cedar St.
5:47 p.m., MV stop, Hull St. by Cedar St.
6:00 p.m., MV stop, Hull St. by Cedar St.
6:30 p.m., MV stop, N. Main by Common.

December police status report

Police Chief Brian Noonan said December was a busy month for the department.

There were a total of 28 arrests including two for trafficking in cocaine; 13 minors in possession/transport of alcohol; one for receiving stolen property; one for operating a MV after suspension; one for disorderly conduct; five outstanding warrants; one operating a MV under the influence of alcohol and drugs; one domestic assault and three individuals were taken under protective custody.

There were 107 emergency 911 calls last month. Noonan said one incidence of breaking and entering was reported at a residence.

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By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

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"There is no artificial substitute for blood," said Cohasset resident Kevin O'Connor, who organizes the event with his wife Ann at the Unitarian Parish House. "So it's only other folks that help the people who need it."

The New England Red Cross headquarters in Dedham recently declared a blood shortage crisis in its four-state region of Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. The National Red Cross declared a shortage this week.

"A lot of people survive and thrive because of blood donations," said Pat Hurley, a spokesman for the New England Red Cross. Donated blood and blood by-products — platelets, plasma and red cells —help a variety of hospital patients, including organ and bone marrow transplant survivors as well as accident and trauma victims.

The New England chapter has been relying heavily on local blood drives to meet the needs of patients at area hospitals.

"We're meeting all the hospitals' needs," Hurley said. "We like to have a four-day supply of blood in anticipation of unexpected emergencies. Presently we're operating on a one-day supply." A one-day supply consists of 1,200 units of blood, she said.

To generate blood donations in Cohasset, local volunteers call residents in town who have given blood in the past. They ask the donors to schedule an appointment for a donation.

O'Connor thinks Cohasset — which has been holding blood drives since World War II — may be one of the only remaining towns that still solicits blood donations over the phone prior to the drive. Different groups and organizations in town collaborate on contacting a list of previous donors who are part of their membership.

"We usually get a pretty good turnout," O'Connor said, noting that between 80 and 100 people donate one pint of blood at each of the three drives held each year. Traditionally, about 30 percent of those who sign up to donate blood never show up, he said.

"We're always looking for more donors."
— KEVIN O'CONNOR, LOCAL BLOOD DRIVE ORGANIZER.

The list contains 250 names from St. Stephen's Church, the Second Congregational Church, the Unitarian Church, the Rotary Club and Seevey Engineering as well as "independents" from the community. That number decreased from 350 people f- years ago, O'Connor said.

"We're always looking more donors," he said.

Some of the donors in Cohasset have given blood almost 100 times, he pointed out.

"The donors in Cohasset are very faithful," said Corinne Cahill, a registered nurse who has been involved with the town's blood drives since 1965. "It's considered to be a very productive blood mobile. The Red Cross loves coming to our town because they feel the effort they put into it pays off."

Giving blood takes about an hour and includes filling out a form and receiving a quick health and blood pressure check from a nurse on duty. Donors recline on beds for about 25 minutes while volunteers draw a pint of blood. Afterward, juice and snacks are served to ward off sluggishness. Donors are asked not to engage in strenuous physical activity and to refrain from smoking for about 24 hours after giving blood.

Last year, 305,000 people donated blood to the New England Red Cross, which served 702,000 patients, Hurley said.

Donated blood must undergo a series of 11 tests — including HIV and Hepatitis — before it can be administered to patients. While all types of blood are needed, the Red Cross currently has a critical shortage of type O negative blood, type A negative blood, type B negative blood and type O positive.

Wednesday's blood drive took place between 2 and 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Parish House at 23 North Main Street. Other Cohasset Community Blood Drives are held in June and September.

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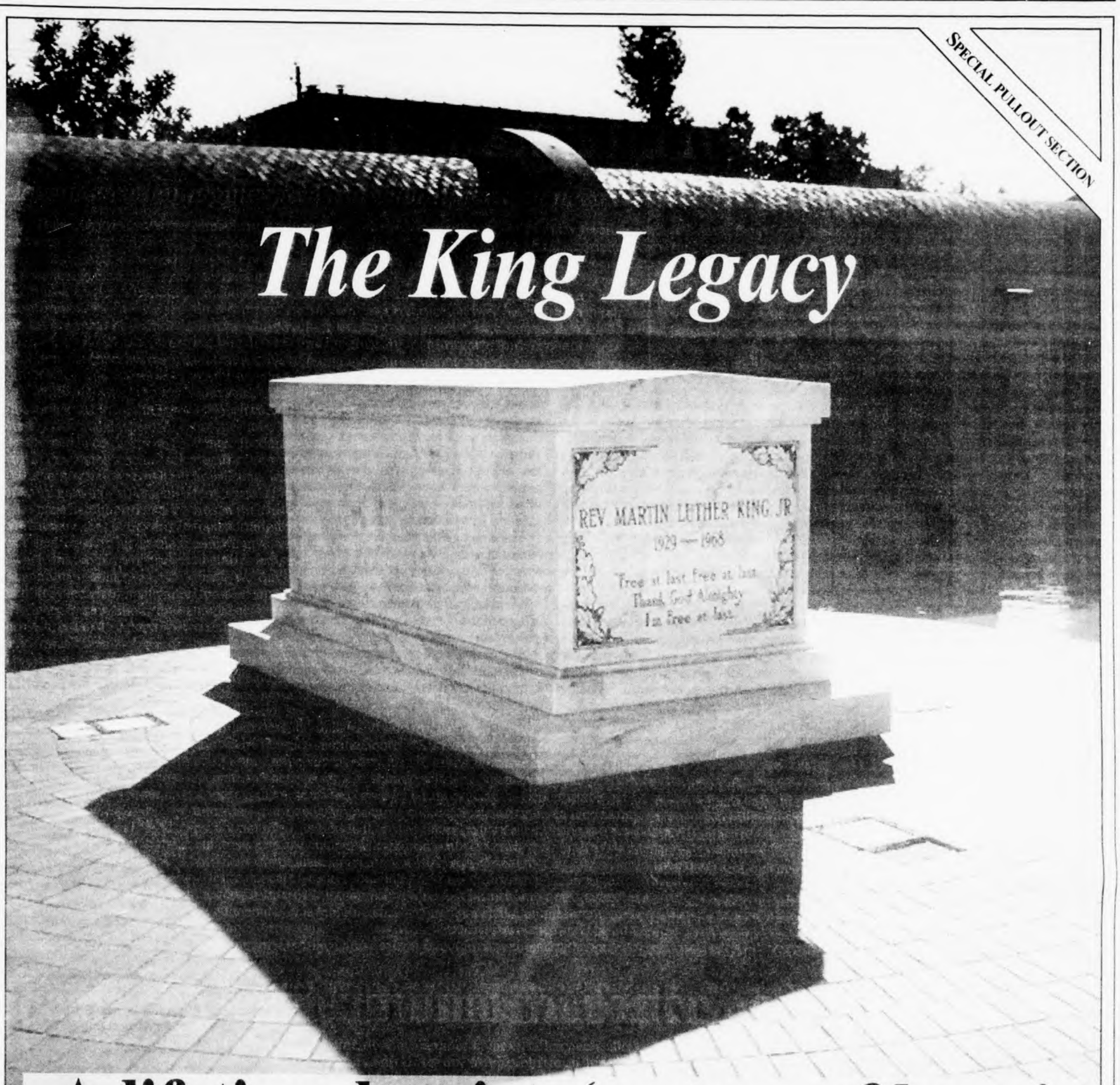
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The King Legacy



A lifetime hewing 'a stone of hope'

"With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope."

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
"I Have a Dream" speech

It took 15 years to create Martin Luther King Jr. Day, even though Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., submitted the first legislation to commemorate King's birthday four days after the April 4, 1968, assassination.

It wasn't until November, 1983, that then-President Ronald Reagan signed in the holiday, even though the legislation had been resubmitted each congressional session and millions had joined in support.

Another 15 years have passed. Where are we in terms of the ideals King so fervently fought and died for? In these eight pages, we explore the status of King's legacy, here on the South Shore.

It is a legacy that began to form early in King's life. His grandfather, the Rev. A.D. Williams, was fond of saying that even at the age of 2, the youngster "kept books around him, he just like the idea of having them."

The love of books continued as the young Martin Luther grew up in the Sweet Auburn section of Atlanta, Ga., the second of three children, attending all-black schools. He graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta in 1948, and by the age of 27 he had earned two more degrees, a BD from Crozer Theological Seminary and a PhD from Boston University.

In 1954, the year King arrived with his bride, Coretta Scott, at his first pastorate in Montgomery, Ala., Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to move to the back of the bus. King was chosen to lead the Montgomery Improvement Association, the support group that organized in her defense. Soon he became a household figure not only throughout the U.S., but also throughout the world. A 1957 visit to India is said to have cemented his commitment to non-violence.

King's civil rights activities grew until he could no longer justly perform his Montgomery pastoral duties, and he returned to Atlanta to co-pastor the Ebenezer Baptist Church with his father, Martin Luther King Sr. He became president of the new and rapidly growing Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a civil rights organization committed to non-violence. His practicing of civil disobedience led to a 1960 sentencing to four months in state prison, which in turn became a Kennedy-Nixon campaign issue. From 1961 to spring, 1963, he intensified his drive for equal rights with boycotts in Albany, Ga., and Birmingham, Ala., resulting in his arrest and jailing.

Early summer 1963 was filled with plans for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, and it was there, on Aug. 28, that King delivered his now-famous "I Have a Dream" speech. That year he was Time magazine's man of the year. The next year, at his, his followers and then-president Lyndon B. Johnson's prodding, Congress passed the first civil rights bill since 1875. In fall, 1964, King received the Nobel Prize for Peace.

Yet King's push for civil rights met opposition from the onset, first setting off home and church bombings and the murders of civil rights workers. The 1965 Selma to Montgomery march, pressing for voting rights, was almost stalled. At the same time, the civil rights movement began to lose confidence in non-violence as boycotting, picketing and demonstrating became unsuccessful tactics.

Still, King persevered. In spring, 1968, he went to Memphis to assist striking sanitation workers. It was there, on April 4, that he was shot and killed on a motel balcony. News of his assassination set off days of rioting in various U.S. cities, and millions the world over mourned his death.

—Helen Graves

Staff photo/Chris Bernstein



'A Stone of Hope'

Diversity a way of life for Hingham neighborhood

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

On Ward Street in Hingham, diversity is a natural part of life. While lifestyles have become more fast-paced over the years, the friendliness and loyalty which have characterized the neighborhood for decades still exists there today.

According to Marion Teague, members of her family, the Simpsons and the Tuttles, were among the first settlers on Ward Street. The Simpson family was of American Indian background and the Tuttles of Negro and Indian background.

"The land was divided up between the two families, who were related through intermarriage," Teague said. "Ward Street was first settled by both black and white families."

In fact, "Tuttleville" is still shown on some maps of Hingham. At least three generations of her family have lived on the street since at least the early 1800s.

While growing up on Ward Street, Teague recalls it was a neighborly place to live.

"The closeness of the neighbors centered around the fact that many of the women stayed home to care for their families, which bred a close-knit feeling," she said. "Whenever there was a marriage or picnic or a death or illness, that issue became a neighborhood concern. The neighbors were like a family to one another."

Nevertheless, even today with more hectic lifestyles predominating and "more things to take residents away from home" during the day, Teague said she isn't aware of any racial tension in the neighborhood.

Joyce Smith, who has lived on Ward Street for 10 years, agreed that its residents "don't think about race until someone brings up the subject." She is the mother of a 7-year-old boy.

"We don't recognize it as a factor; it's not an issue," she said. "There are also residents of Italian and Irish descent living on our street, and I think the diversity is great. Everyone always says hello to each other and gets along. We couldn't ask for a nicer neighborhood."

Many years ago, black and white families used to meet in each other's homes to hold church services, including two of Teague's great-aunts.

Ultimately a small chapel was built at the corner of High and Ward streets, now the site of a dentist's office, where neighbors would gather for church services.

As the congregation grew, various members went on to join other denominations, including Baptist and Methodist. Eventually the chapel was outgrown.

"As transportation became more readily available, some of the parishioners branched out to other churches," Teague said.

At a hearing held last year regarding installing sidewalks on busy Ward Street, resident Robert Green, who is Teague's nephew, was surprised and pleased to see new residents "fight as passionately for them as longtime residents have for many years.

"Their concern was just as genuine as ours, and that really made an impression," he said.

The Teagues met some of their neighbors for the first time at that meeting.

"Everyone was friendly and banded together in support of the issue," Teague said. "People are just busier today and don't always take the time to meet their neighbors."

According to Ronald "Bucky" Yourell, Ward Street residents still keep a watchful eye out for each other. He has lived on Ward Street since 1962, and his grandmother, Edith Margetts, has resided there since 1920.

"I remember cow pastures across the street from my house which led to Plymouth River School," he recalled.

During the 1960s and '70s, there were at least 22 kids in the neighborhood, according to Yourell.

"We all stuck together," he said. "The kids were always with each other, even in school."

Any altercations arising among any of the children weren't based on racial tension, said Yourell, who enjoys the neighborhood so much he and his wife chose to raise their three children, Jimmy, 13, Jessica, 7, and Jacqlyn, 16 months, there.

"Even though the neighbors only see each other in passing, it's still like the '60s here," he said. "We all wave to each other in the morning as we head out."

"If a strange car is seen in the area, one of us reports it," said Yourell. "It's an extremely safe neighborhood."

Today, as when he was growing up, Ward Street residents iron out any differences among their children in a neighborly fashion.

"We go right up to the house and say, 'Hey, our kids aren't getting along' and work out a solution," he said. "After all, kids will be kids."

Judy Margetts, who has lived on Ward Street most of her life, also recalls childhood memories.

"We used to skate on a neighborhood pond together and visit each other's houses," she said. "I don't ever recall hearing any derogatory remarks based on race.

"We had our typical neighborhood disagreements, but they were based on the usual 'kid' issues, like someone claiming he was taller than another, and they were easily ironed out," she said. "A lot of people move here and don't want to leave because it's a pleasant place to live."

Today nothing much has changed that way. Margetts shared the fact that one of the closest friendships on Ward Street is between two teenagers of different racial backgrounds.

"They've always been best friends," she said. Teague's husband, Robert, who moved to Ward Street in 1962, enjoys the friendly feeling of the neighborhood. He fondly recalls times spent in conversation with neighbors during snowstorms, for example.

"There haven't been many changes over the years, except that some people have moved in and out," he said. "We'll stop and talk when we have the chance."

Karen Green, who is the Teagues' niece, remembers a walk held in Hingham during the 1960s to celebrate civil rights, which was organized by black elementary school principal Samuel Turner. Local churches were also involved in the effort.

In her opinion, tolerance for people of diverse backgrounds on Ward Street is rooted in the fact that blacks who originally settled there were of different ethnic backgrounds themselves. "They assimilated into a certain culture unique to Ward Street," she said. "That's key to why this neighborhood has worked so well — that was the start of all residents accepting a mixture of different nationalities."

High priced homes mean less economic diversity

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

With home prices soaring, the lack of diversity on the South Shore may have more to do with economics than race.

"There is a need for more affordable housing in all communities whether there is a high minority population there or not," says Aaron Gornstein, executive director of the non-profit Citizens Housing and Planning Association, which advocates for affordable housing.

Most area towns fall well below the state guideline of 10 percent for low- to moderate-income housing.

Cohasset is at 2.84 percent, Norwell at 3.17 and Marshfield at 4.61, for example (see related chart). Percentages are calculated by dividing the number of subsidized housing units into the total number of year-round households.

As the need for more affordable housing increases, the challenge will be to get the towns to cooperate. And the biggest roadblock to that is attitude.

James R. Watson still bristles when recalling the brouhaha surrounding a proposal by South Shore Habitat for Humanity several years ago to build four houses for low-income families on a parcel of land off Central Street in Hingham.

Watson, who is chairman of the local housing partnership, said in the face of neighborhood opposition, the plan for four was finally reduced to a single house.

Even today some people sneer at the camper parked in the yard.

"But if there was a mast on it, it would be OK," he said.

The South Shore region does not do its fair share of providing the range of housing needed, says Sen. John D. O'Brien Jr., D-Andover, chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Committee.

O'Brien is a lead sponsor of the 1997 Housing Bond Bill to support affordable housing initiatives and preserve the state's investment in affordable housing.

Affordable housing is defined as affordable for people or families with incomes not higher than 80 percent of the median annual income in the region, which is about $40,000.

The state has a tool to encourage communities to develop more affordable housing. The so-called Anti-Snob Zoning Act of 1969 streamlines the approval process through a single "comprehensive permit" from the local zoning board of appeals for developers who propose to build affordable or mixed-income housing. Those towns with less than 10 percent affordable housing are particularly vulnerable to the state law.

> ***"There is a moral obligation for communities to provide access and opportunity for people."***
> —MICHAEL STONE, PROFESSOR OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AT UMASS BOSTON.

Despite stiff community opposition, Scituate's Kent Village off the Driftway was approved under the comprehensive permit in the early 1980s. The Archdiocese of Boston owned the property and wanted to build low-income housing on it, recalled Robert Loring, an attorney, who was chairman of the zoning board at the time.

The zoning board denied the permit because it felt the bylaws did not allow the density of housing proposed. The matter was appealed to the state and ended up in the U.S. Supreme Court. Today, the development, which is architecturally attractive for the area, is viewed as an affordable housing success story.

Michael Stone, professor of community planning at UMass Boston, says while housing may not be a "hot button" issue, it is central to all our lives.

He estimates one-third of the households in the state have affordability problems.

Through its McCormick Institute, the university is embarking on a housing needs study to get a handle on the problem.

"We'll be looking at the scale of the problem and with the data, try to inform policy makers," Stone said.

He explained that housing is a critical aspect of economic development.

"There is a moral obligation for communities to provide access and opportunity for people," Stone said.

Hingham's Watson points out that he wouldn't be able to afford his house, which he bought in 1973, at today's prices.

"It's three times as expensive in relationship to income as when we moved in," he said.

And he worries that the town he's called home for 25 years is in danger of becoming totally income stratified.

"A town filled with people earning enough for a $700,000 house, is a pretty limited place to live," he said.

Housing at a glance

Community	1990 Year Round Housing Units	CH 40B Units	Percent Subsidized 1990 Base
Abington	4,942	112	2.27
Braintree	12,149	1,015	8.35
Canton	6,772	640	9.45
Cohasset	2,679	76	2.84
Duxbury	4,827	172	3.56
Hanover	3,832	270	7.05
Hingham	7,128	166	2.33
Holbrook	4,034	392	9.72
Kingston	3,319	155	4.67
Marshfield	7,837	361	4.61
Norwell	3,064	97	3.17
Pembroke	4,804	213	4.43
Rockland	5,735	468	8.16
Scituate	6,260	280	4.47
Stoughton	9,675	701	7.25
Weymouth	21,890	1,720	7.86



'A Stone of Hope'

Racial identity is put to the test

Answer isn't always black and white for family

By Lesley Mahoney
STAFF WRITER

Thomas Bowman, whose mother Debbie is white and father Arthur is black, remembers the difficulty of identifying his race on forms for standardized testing like the PSATs and SATs.

"You have to fill out those forms, those little bubble forms. And everyone does them. You go through pages and pages of those things — What do you like to do? Are your parents married? Where did they go to school? And it gets to race. That was the question that I always had the hardest time with because I would look at it and it would say, 'black, white, Asian, Indian, Hispanic' but you couldn't choose two... So I'd always have to put 'other,'" says Thomas, 18, who has returned home to Norwell for winter break from Duke University in North Carolina.

"And that upset me for the longest time. For the longest time, I said, 'This is annoying. I never can get to put anything. I always have to put 'other.' I just fall into the 'other category.' And I didn't really like it... It was like there was no place. And society has this tendency, this obsession with categorizing things. And so you fall into that trap," he says.

Not only did Thomas face a quandary identifying himself by race on official forms, but in day-to-day encounters. Looking back to his high school days at Thayer Academy, he recalls a discussion with a teacher in class following an assembly on a racial matter.

"The teacher was asking the black kids — they were clearly black — what they felt about it. And he never asked me. I'm sitting there after class and saying, 'Gee, I wonder if he knows that I'm mixed.' And I thought, 'How come he didn't ask me. He could've asked me.' And what comes in again — What category do I fit in? I guess he doesn't consider me black. Does he consider me white?" Thomas says, adding that he eventually discovered the teacher had not been aware of his multiracial heritage.

"And I did a lot of soul-searching. I asked my parents. I said, 'I'm kind of tired of this *other* category.' Everyone said the same thing: 'You are whatever you want to be.' Finally, I came to accept that it's not important that you put this label on yourself. I'm just a person first and foremost just like everyone else. So, I didn't need to categorize myself and so I said, 'That's fine that I'm the *other* category because they don't really need to know anyway. It's unimportant to the SATs. They just want demographics," he continues, adding that college applications provided him the opportunity to check "mulatto"— a person who has one white and one black parent.

But shifts in philosophy like Thomas' when it comes to self-identifying oneself as "other" on forms may become unnecessary if a recent federal directive to allow individuals to check more than one category on federal forms proliferates to local levels.

Issued at the end of October, the recommendation comes from the federal Office of Management and Budget and states among its recommendations for changes to the classification of federal data on race and ethnicity: "When self-identification is used, a method for reporting more than one race should be adopted... Based on research conducted so far, two recommended forms for the instruction accompanying the multiple response question are 'Mark one or more...' and 'Select one or more...'" The new standards will be used for the decennial census and other data producers reporting to the federal government must conform by Jan. 1, 2003. The Office of Management and Budget is currently studying ways it will tabulate the upcoming data.

Thomas says the recommendations "broaden the horizons. You can't just put people in one category... If they broaden those categories, then people will be better able to represent who they are."

His father, Arthur Bowman, says he has no political agendas and has agreed to speak about his family and give up some of their privacy in hopes that he might "help to build a bridge of goodwill.

"I'd rather see people as human beings. But if the government insists on categorizing people for whatever reason, let that categorization be accurate," says Arthur, a physician at South Shore Hospital. "It's very difficult to categorize by 'black, white, and other.' That doesn't do it. A lot of this needs explanation. Most white people are not uni-ethnic. I think it's only fair, if you're going to categorize, let the individual expand and give recognition to all of the groups that compose the individual."

Jane Chiong, who founded the first non-profit multiracial family network in greater Boston and talks about racial categorization in her upcoming book *Racial Categorization of Multiracial Children in the School*, says, "What has been said up until now is that mixed race kids can only check one box. So, what do you do with more then one? Now, it says select more than one."

She says up until now, the government has technically determined if people exist or not.

"If you don't check a box, you're invisible... This is making the invisible visible. Now, technically multiracial children are going to exist," says Chiong, who is white and whose husband is Chinese and Filipino. They have three children.

"The fact that the issue is getting in front of the national government and being debated in public forums, there's starting to emerge a multiracial solidarity... The fact that multiracial families are expanding exponentially, it means their voices are clearly getting louder," says Peggy Gillespie, who authored "Of Many Colors, Portraits of Multiracial Families" — Gigi Kaesar took the photographs. The two also created a photo exhibit of the same name and co-directs Family Diversity Projects, Inc. in Amherst.

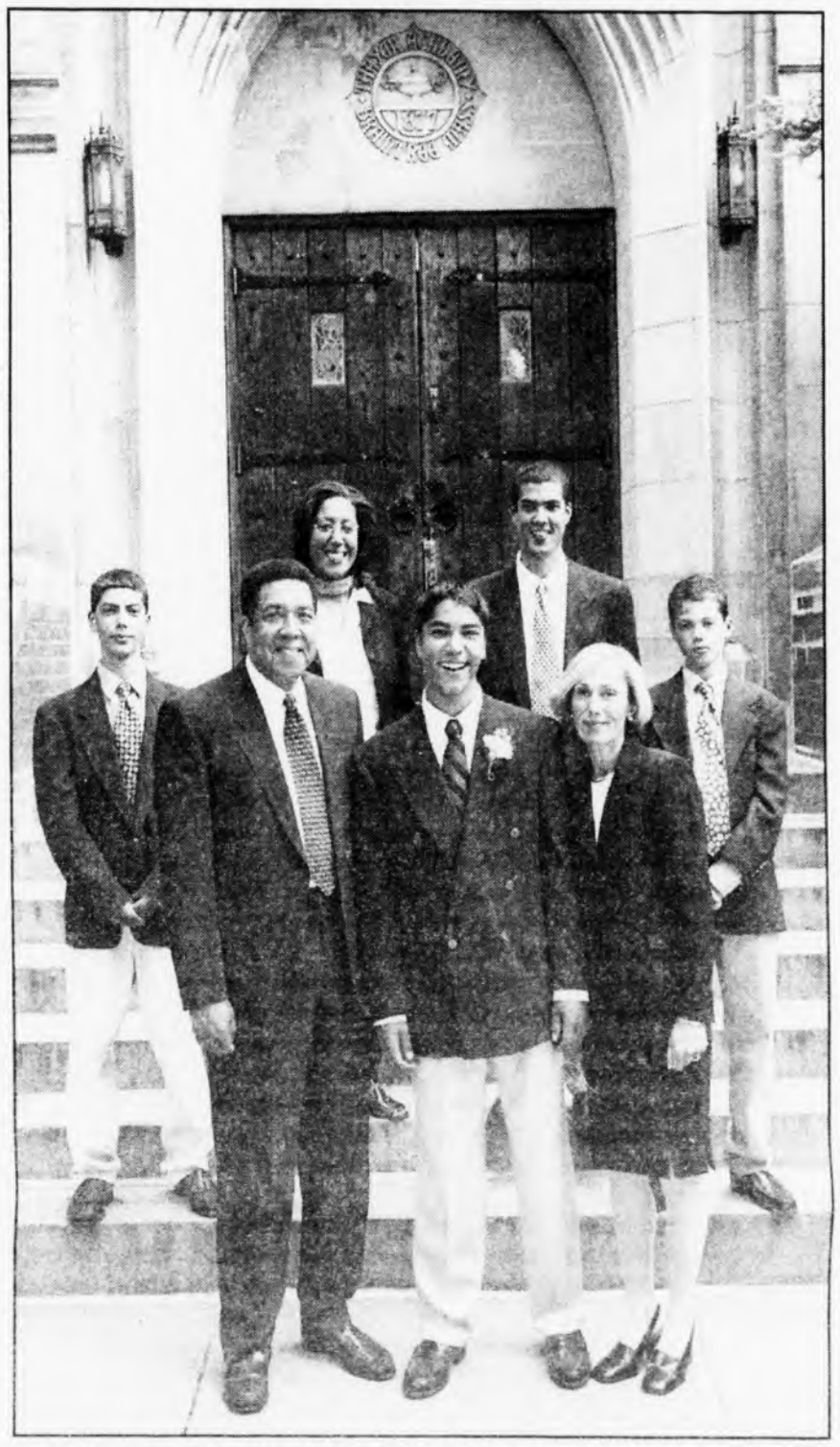
While Chiong calls the federal directive "a very strong symbol of how America's beginning to think about race," she stresses that it's a technical change and that "social change is slow and difficult."

On a larger scale, Chiong says, "We need to increase the dialogue for multiracial children. We need to validate their uniqueness — not as an act of separatism for them but as part of a nationwide racial re-identification, one that celebrates our connection to our diverse neighbors as part of our wider selves... We need to elacticize what it means to be American."

Meanwhile, the Office of Management and Budget rejected the recommendation to include a multiracial category — among the recommendations issued by the committee it formed to study the issue in response to increasing criticism that current classifications don't accurately reflect the nation's diversity.

"One of the more compelling reasons (for rejecting the recommendation) is that it's just another category. Multiracial doesn't tell people about anything that's there. We want to give people an opportunity to give a more complete picture when it comes to self-identification," says Jack Gribben, spokesman for the Office of Management and Budget.

At the state level, state Sen. William Keating, D-Sharon, has filed a bill to create a multiracial category every year since 1993 and testified before the Office of Management and Budget for its inclusion at the federal level. Each year, Keating's bill has found its fate in a study order that yielded no action. But Michael Jackman, legislative aide to Keating, says he anticipates an accelerated effort to push the bill through this legislative session and cites the federal government's adoption of a new standard as a potential catalyst.



The Bowman family of Norwell was on hand for Tom's (center) graduation from Thayer Academy in 1997. Pictured (from left) are: Christopher, Arthur, Amy, Thomas, A.J. , Debbie and Marc.

Staff photo/Chris Bernstein

Mixed feelings

Barring labels and categories on official forms, Thomas Bowman says he calls himself "mixed." With terms like multiracial and biracial at his disposal, Thomas simply says "family" when it comes to defining his parents and four siblings.

He sees having two races as a positive thing. "I like it... People say it's a cliché but it's the best of both worlds... People have two ideas of America — a black America and a white America. I'm both," Thomas says. "Being black and white has made me more open because I don't see people in terms of that anymore. You don't see them as what color they are. I don't look at people for how they're different from me. I look at people for how they're alike, how they're similar. And you can't find that on the surface. So, you just have to dig deeper."

His father would agree.

"In this household, we have overcome this attitude of separation of races. To us, it's already been overcome. Race has never been an issue in our house," Arthur says.

That kind of perspective leads Thomas to identify not with one particular race over another but with "people." He thinks back to a race panel in high school at which black students sat at the same table because those were the people the students were most comfortable with.

"I'd think of that in my own terms. Certainly, there's not going to be mulatto table. So, I would sit with whoever I identified most with and that's just people. It just says to me that it's not important to say that just because these people are the same skin color, I'm going to sit with them. Because the black students are no different from my father's side of the family in my eyes and the white students are no different from my mother's side of the family. They're just people," Thomas says.

Stares, no glares

The Bowmans say they have not encountered a negative reaction to its racial make-up.

"The South Shore community and Norwell in particular are fine communities. We have many wonderful neighbors and friends. No one has ever given us a difficult time because of our interracial status," Arthur says.

The Bowmans say inquiries and occasional stares indicate interest. "I think most of it is out of curiosity, not out of meanness or hatefulness," Arthur says.

Chiong would agree that there is a positive climate for interracial marriages and multicultural families. She says multiracial children are a "microcosm of the nation... Both the interracial child and the nation have dealt with an identity complex."

Calling multiracial an "empowerment term," Chiong says it's unfortunate the recommendation for a multiracial category did not make it in the final directive.

But the Bowmans, on the other hand, say they don't find a need in their lives to belong to a network of multiracial families. "One family's values are different from another family's values. The differences have nothing to do with race... I think it should be more of a natural process," Arthur says.

'A Stone of Hope'

People of good will are soul of METCO

By Jeanne M. Rideout and Bob Aicardi

When Camilla Roundtree was an eighth-grade honors student in Mansfield, she was the only minority in her school. She was qualified to prepare for college, but she was not allowed to attend the college preparatory course at the high school because she was black.

One teacher, Ruby Davison, championed Roundtree's cause, taking her case to both the school committee and even to town hall, to no avail. Davison, spurred by her Quaker beliefs, resigned her teaching position in protest.

While Davison failed to win an opportunity for equal education for Roundtree, she instilled in the younger woman a determination to fight for equal opportunity for all students that has remained with Roundtree all through her 29 years as METCO coordinator in Hingham Public Schools.

Roxbury-based METCO, in its 32nd year, is a voluntary partnership between city and suburbs that promotes, through a busing program, desegregation of Boston schools and the integration of primarily non-minority suburban districts, providing educational opportunities that black and white students otherwise would not have, according to METCO Associate Director John Shandorf.

There are 32 communities in metro Boston and four communities in metro Springfield currently participating in METCO. Only two communities, Milton and Rockland, have ever dropped out of the program. Rockland, a town with a METCO program in the 1970s described as a showcase program by METCO Director Jean McGuire, had to withdraw due to severe budget cutbacks, said Shandorf.

METCO was first funded by federal grants. State funding that began in the mid-1970s allowed for growth in the program. However, since the mid-1980s, the program has been level funded, which has hampered its growth. There has been a slight decline in the number of students participating from a high point of 3,600 to the current level of 3,200, said Shandorf.

Long-time METCO Director Jean McGuire is concerned about today's political trend away from affirmative action.

"You do not have integration unless there is equality in power," said McGuire.

Programs should still be evaluated in terms of outcome, rather than in terms of intent, and accurate statistics are still needed to make arguments about the effectiveness of a program, said McGuire.

State grant applications no longer include the race of teaching staff. One of METCO's guidelines is to hire minority teachers, and without knowing the number of minority teachers in a school district, it is difficult to know how effectively this guideline is being implemented, said McGuire.

McGuire applauds President Bill Clinton's quest for racial dialogue, with a caveat.

"Unless talk is followed with justice, it means nothing. It takes a law to make change. Affirmative action is a way to do this," said McGuire.

In a nutshell, a vote for METCO is a vote for cultural diversity.

METCO in the '60s and '70s often came to districts through community groups active in fair housing programs. In some cases, METCO advocates encountered strong opposition, with objections that inner city students would lower standards.

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However, in spite of initial fears and prejudices that kept some communities out of METCO, the program has won acclaim in participating communities, with many success stories generated. All METCO communities tell of lasting relationships brought about through the program.

In the last analysis, people of good will are the soul of the METCO program.

Braintree was one of the original seven towns that started the METCO program. At its highest level, 82 students were in the program, but due to decreasing classroom space, the program has dropped to its current level of 44 students, according to coordinator Jacqueline Dix Smith.

"The town believed in diversity and wanted their children to meet other students and be exposed to other cultures," said Smith.

Cultural exchange is deemed very important, and this year the Braintree community visited the 12th Baptist Church in Roxbury to take part in Kwanzaa, an African-American cultural holiday featuring poetry, music, a feast of ethnic foods, and this year a drill team performance.

Camilla Roundtree, who was once inspired by her teacher Ruby Davison, is now a source of strength and encouragement to her METCO students. METCO came to Hingham through the Hingham Freedom Movement. There are currently 38 students in the program, which shares busing costs with Cohasset. All elementary school age children have host families, and the community enjoys Host Family Dinners, said Roundtree.

METCO has been in Cohasset for about 29 years and currently has 50 students in the program, according to coordinator Yvonne Jones.

"The town has a long-time program, a very successful program for the community and for the students who participate. Cohasset is a very small town, and the program adds a taste of diversity and teaches about other cultures. A lot of people have a lot of prejudices just because they have no experience. When you put the two groups of students together in an educational process, what they find out is that they are all just kids," said Jones.

Cohasset has a very strong host family network, said Jones.

The Scituate METCO program began in 1968 and has increased over time to 59 students, said coordinator Oni Igartua.

Scituate joined METCO "because they valued helping students," said Igartua.

"The Scituate community is very receptive. We have wonderful host families, a very accepting atmosphere," said Igartua.

Weymouth, Holbrook, Abington, Duxbury and Marshfield, have never participated in METCO. Most communities cite a lack of classroom space as the reason.

"It's not a program that, to my knowledge, has been in the Abington public schools," said Superintendent of Schools John Aherne. "I'm not sure that a discussion has taken place here. I know that it hasn't in the six years I've been here."

Dr. Kathleen Tyrell, assistant superintendent of schools in Stoughton, said, "I've been here for three years and I've never heard it discussed, but we have a diverse student population already, which we feel is one of the strengths of the Stoughton public schools."

"I've had no discussions about it (METCO), but I'm relatively new because I've been here since August," said Allen Brown, Canton's superintendent of schools. "I'm not aware of any previous discussions about it."

Dr. Paul Squarcia, superintendent of Silver Lake district (comprised of Pembroke, Kingston, Halifax and Plympton), said, "This hasn't been discussed at any time by any school committee in the 21 years I've been here."

Those who have experienced the program have no doubts about why the program has lasted 32 years.

"If people would just look at what the program does for children, they will be pleasantly surprised. There must be something good happening, because the program is still holding its own," said Cohasset METCO coordinator Yvonne Jones.

There is still a need for programs like METCO.

"We have people everywhere, in every generation, of good will, but each generation has their own battles. If people don't know how to deal with others who are different from them, you don't have a democracy," said McGuire.



The METCO program at work in Cohasset.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Schools are fertile ground for fostering King's legacy

By Paula Woodhull
STAFF WRITER

Thirty years after the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a debate is raging in conservative Riverside, Calif. over naming a public school in honor of the slain civil rights leader.

Opponents argue King had no real connection to the community, but many educators say it is in the hearts and minds of young people that racial intolerance and the seeds of hatred, violence and discrimination can finally begin to be eradicated.

Indeed, it is perhaps in the nation's classrooms that King's most enduring legacy can be found as textbooks and curriculum now give a fuller, more accurate picture of the civil rights movement.

Ever so slowly, blacks and other minorities, both white collar and working class, are moving to the suburbs south of Boston. The challenge for the future as the black middle class grows, educators say, is to prepare young people for a world that is becoming less and less homogenous.

Patricia Randall, an assistant superintendent for the sprawling four-town Silver Lake regional school district, noted that teachers, especially, "need to address how they'll deal with classrooms in the next century that are truly multicultural."

An educator for 35 years, Randall came to Silver Lake three years ago from a large, extremely diverse high school on the north shore of Long Island, N. Y., where she worked as a principal.

On the South Shore, addressing discrimination and intolerance "is really an academic discussion," she noted. "We don't have a huge amount of diversity."

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11 years in METCO - it's been quite a ride

By Cathy Conley
STAFF WRITER

It was 5:55 a.m. Sept. 3, 1986. The sun was barely up as little Randi Pittman in her best back to school clothes left the familiarity of her home and neighborhood in Dorchester and jumped on a school bus for the eight-mile sometimes-one-hour ride to Braintree.

She was one of eight first-graders in the METCO program that year, a program that had already been in existence in Braintree for 17 years and had educated hundreds of inner city children.

One of her warmest memories of first grade is Friendship Day.

Classmate Amanda Pettiti invited her home for the afternoon. The two girls played restaurant. Amanda's older sister was the waitress. She served her customers English muffin pizzas.

Randi had fun. From that moment on, she figured everything was going to be OK for her in the Braintree schools.

It hasn't exactly been one long pizza party. But it has been rewarding, she said.

It's 11 years later. Randi, 16, is now a junior at Braintree High School. "I've been comfortable in Braintree," she said "Most of my friends at home also are in the METCO program, but not in Braintree."

Randi sailed through grammar school, making friends at every turn.

In middle school she was a peer mediator. "I liked the teachers in elementary and middle school. They were very caring. I was never treated differently from anyone else," she said.

There have been some rough spots at Braintree High School, not for her but for some of her classmates in the METCO program.

"Things got a little rough last year for the METCO students. There were racial conflicts. They were sporadic, but they were there. A lot came to the surface," she said.

"I never had any problems. I'm friends with everybody. I have been since grammar school. Some of my closest friends are not in METCO.

"I've always felt that if a kid has a problem with me being here, that's their problem, not mine. I don't get angry at stuff like that," she said.

Some of the racial tension subsided last year, "just because kids got tired of it," she said.

But most of the tension eased because of the action of two students, one white, and one black.

With the help of the assistant METCO coordinator Mark Jackson, they began a club called H.E.A.R. (Help Erase America's Racism). The club has grown to 15 members, just about split down the middle racially

At weekly meetings members discuss how to resolve conflicts that have come up at school and try to head off further tension.

They have visited the attorney general's office in Boston for conflict resolution ideas and attended the huge Team Harmony rally at the Fleet Center in December which featured First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The club is now working on skits about racism and how it can be avoided which they hope to put on for school officials and students.

"The skits are no rougher than what is going on in the school," Randi said.

An honor student, Randi plans to go to college and study psychology. Her first choice is Spelman College in Georgia, the alma mater of her mother who is a Boston police officer.

She's already looking beyond college toward a master's degree in child psychology.

Her goal is to be first a preschool teacher, then perhaps a child psychologist.

She got her feet wet in the field this summer as a counselor at a resident camp for inner city children in Duxbury where she was in the leader in training program.

"I love little children. I have a six-year-old brother who is in the first grade in the Braintree METCO program and lots of little cousins," she said.



Randi Pittman has been in the METCO program since she was in the first grade.



Randi reflects on her years in the Braintree schools.

Staff photos/Carey Marden

Science is her favorite subject. "I don't think I get it. Then I'm surprised at how well I do." Math is her least favorite. "It frustrates me."

"I like learning but it can be a pain. I want to be someone who knows everything without having to learn," she said.

Being on the dance team is her greatest joy at Braintree High. She also has high praise for her teachers, many of whom "have really helped me along the way."

The downside of the school day is the long ride home. Sometimes it takes an hour. "Time for a little nap," she said.

Randi feels there are mutual benefits from METCO both for those in the program and whose who are not.

"The other kids can learn diversity. They can learn about what our home in Boston is like. They can learn about our celebrations like Kwanzaa. Last year we put on a program at Braintree High. This year it was at the 12th Baptist Church in Boston and a few students came.

"Students in the METCO program are also learning a different culture. And they are getting a quality education," she said.

She has a pet gripe.

She doesn't like to be called "a METCO student."

"It's a characterization. It's like that's a person from Dorchester who doesn't belong here. I've heard Dorchester called Dumchester. I'd rather just be called a black girl than a METCO student."

She is thrilled her little brother is in the METCO program. "He loves it. I want him to have the same educational value that I've had," she said.

"Sometimes I felt that I had to prove myself because I was in METCO. But my mother says that when you feel you have to prove yourself, you try harder and you do better."

Would she put her own children in a METCO program?

"By the time I am a mother I hope there will be no need for METCO. I hope that the quality of education will be the same in the city and in the suburbs.

"But if METCO is still around, my children will be in it."

Schools make diversity part of the curriculum

By Alice C. Coyle
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Teaching students to appreciate diversity and raising cultural awareness in a largely homogenous school population is always a challenge. But several South Shore schools have made it a priority and are making a difference.

Rather than waiting until Black History Month or the observation of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday to sponsor diversity programs, schools in Scituate, Hingham, Norwell and Duxbury are trying to make it part of their curriculum year-round.

In addition to a new Language Arts curriculum focusing on multicultural literature for elementary through high school students, and a new world history program for ninth graders, Scituate schools receive funding through grants and their PTOs to bring in storytellers, artists and musical programs that share distinct cultures with students.

Newly initiated and enjoying success is the integration of all students who learn English as a second language, said Director of Curriculum and Staff Development Prudence Goodale. Goodale explained that at all grade levels ESL students including the school's small Cape Verdean population are no longer separated in a bilingual transitional program.

In addition to teaching students about other cultures throughout the year and throughout the curriculum, Gates Intermediate School in Scituate spends an entire day celebrating different cultures every other spring when it holds its Multicultural Fair —a day-long event features student presentations, food and art from various cultures.

At the high school level the school's Peer Leader program has really taken off, Goodale said "We have a very vibrant peer leader program," she said noting that the teens were on hand for December's "World of Difference Conference" in which Hilary Clinton was a guest speaker. The conference brings dozens of high school students together to discuss issues like rascism, sexism and harassment. Goodale said peer leaders along with student council members meet monthly with school staff and administrators to discuss goals and to work within the school to help spread awareness about prejudice and intolerance. Through his school spirit initiatives, new SHS principal Daniel Burke, Ph.D is working to garner student support for all school activities, Goodale said, whether they be athletic, academic or dramatic.

Despite these diversity initiatives, Goodale said as a school system, she would like to see Scituate do more. "We're always looking at more ways to introduce our students to diversity," she said.

Hingham's Director of Social Studies James Kirkaldy said efforts are always being made to weave cultural awareness and an appreciation of differences and other cultures into the curriculum in both the primary and secondary schools. Whether it be the fourth grade China Trade program which focuses on the history, culture, economics and arts of that country, the seventh grade World Tours curriculum or Global education for 10th grade history students which focuses on non-western cultures, Kirkaldy said Hingham students at all grade levels are learning to understand and appreciate cultures different from their own. Ninth grade students are learning Character Education, a unique educational initiative which uses history as the vehicle to teach students a lesson about respect and responsibility and the consequences of intolerance and bigotry.

On an extra-curricular basis the Hingham High School is home to the Diversity Club, the Intergenerational Club — which helps arrange school programs in which students and senior citizens work together and the Climate Committee —a new group monitoring the student climate at the school and tackling tough issues like student to student intolerance. Kirkaldy also points to "living history" school programs in which professional actors and story tellers teach powerful

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1990 U. S. Census Racial and Ethnic Numbers

Town	White	%	Black	%	Am Incian, Eskimo or Aleut	%	Asian or Pacific Islander	%	Hispanic Origin	%	Other	%
Abington	13,604	98.5	47	0.3	27	0.2	37	0.3	94	0.7	8	0.1
Braintree	32,749	96.8	193	0.6	32	0.1	522	1.5	293	0.9	47	0.1
Cohasset	6,976	98.6	20	0.3	6	0.1	31	0.4	42	0.6	0	0
Duxbury	13,582	97.7	120	0.9	5	0.0	72	0.5	94	0.7	22	0.2
Hanover	11,649	97.8	75	0.6	8	0.1	98	0.8	77	0.6	5	0.0
Hingham	19,381	97.8	87	0.4	28	0.1	158	0.8	165	0.8	2	0.0
Holbrook	10,425	94.4	316	2.9	17	0.2	100	0.9	157	1.4	26	0.2
Kingston	8,873	98.1	69	0.8	12	0.1	15	0.2	39	0.4	37	0.4
Marshfield	21,049	97.8	148	0.7	26	0.1	117	0.5	142	0.7	49	0.2
Norwell	9,124	98.3	30	0.3	4	0.0	83	0.9	31	0.3	7	0.1
Pembroke	14,335	98.6	73	0.5	4	0.0	59	0.4	65	0.4	8	0.1
Rockland	15,561	96.5	247	1.5	22	0.1	120	0.7	158	1.0	15	0.1
Scituate	16,286	97.0	65	0.4	14	0.1	72	0.4	126	0.8	223	1.3
Weymouth	52,359	96.8	518	1.0	71	0.1	474	0.9	562	1.0	79	0.1

Race relations through the years

Blacks 'invisible,' whites 'ambivalent' on South Shore

By Tom Henshaw
STAFF WRITER

When the black author Ralph Ellison wrote his novel, "The Invisible Man," he may have had the South Shore in mind.

Although they have lived and worked in the shore towns south of Boston since the time of the Pilgrims and the Puritans, persons of color have received little notice from the white historians of the times.

An account of a day at the Arnold Tavern in Weymouth, a waystop on the road from Boston to Plymouth, in the 18th century describes the highlight of the day, the arrival of the stage.

"It was the crowning event of the day when the stagecoach drew up at the Tavern, the driver on his high seat curbing his horses when making a grand sweep toward the entrance.

"Excitedly, the darkey would come running out and reach for the mailbags . . . the jaded horses would be fed by the aforesaid darkey . . . "

Who was the aforesaid darkey? What was his name? Where did he live? How did he live? Was he paid for his services or was he "owned" by the tavern keeper? The account didn't deem it important enough to say.

Persons of color have never lived on the South Shore in significant numbers. They have never been a "felt minority," as the sociologists like to say; their numbers not large enough to influence events.

For instance, in 1790, when the last slaves were freed in Massachusetts, 0.22 percent of Scituate's population of 2,862 were people of color; in 1830 it was 0.17 percent of 3,512; and in 1997 it was 0.55 percent of 16,589.

The attitude of white people toward their black brothers and sisters has been ambivalent at best. Many prominent people on the South Shore owned black slaves, even while they fought slavery, a fact that is largely ignored in most town histories.

When Judge William Cushing of Scituate went riding in his carriage "his faithful servant, Prince, a jet black Negro, whose parents had been slaves in the family . . . followed behind in a one-horse vehicle, with the baggage."

Later, as the second chief justice of the state supreme court, he was to write a key anti-slavery decision that eventually outlawed involuntary servitude in the Bay State.

The Rev. William Smith of Weymouth, father-in-law of President John Adams, had a slave named Phoebe, who was freed under the terms of his will as the American Revolution drew to a close.

(Note that slaves and others in similar servitude were known only by their first names, which measures their importance in that day.)

The Rev. Smith's grandson, John Quincy Adams, represented the South Shore in Congress when he successfully argued the case of the slave ship Amistad's black mutineers before the Supreme Court.

The first mention of a slave in the annals of Weymouth was Dinah, the property of Thomas White, brother of the town's first doctor. She appears to have been well-treated, even allowed to join the church.

But she had to worship in a pew set aside from the others in the back of the church, an early form of segregation. Some of the so-called "black pews" can still be seen in Norwell's First Parish Church.

When the black abolitionist Frederick Douglass came to Liberty Hall in Weymouth to debate with his white peers in the 1840s, the stage driver refused to take him back to Boston because of his color.

A prominent Weymouth man, Thomas Tilden, got out his best horse and chaise and drove him back to his home in style.

When the Fugitive Slave Law, which heavily penalized anyone in the nation, both North and South, if they aided a runaway slave, was passed in 1850, the Weymouth Town Meeting responded quickly with a resolution of its own.

"That any man aiding or abetting the execution of the Fugitive Slave Law is a deadly enemy to society, and that the Fugitive Slave Law in unconstitutional and highly obnoxious.

"We trust that the citizens of Weymouth never become blood hounds for slave holders and return the fugitive but would protect him as they would their own citizens."

But four months later they had second thoughts and voted to expunge the original resolution. Thirty years after that, when the issue was moot, they had third thoughts and voted to expunge the expungement.

People of color fought on both sides in the Revolution and were rewarded by both British and colonists.

Those who remained loyal to the crown were relocated to Canada or the West Indies while some of those who rebelled were settled in Kingston at a place called "New Guinea," now known as Parting Ways.

Archeologists who have worked at Parting Ways noted that the foundations of homes there were designed in 12-foot floor patterns, common to Africa, instead of the 16-foot patterns common to white Americans.

The famed black educator, Booker T. Washington, headmaster of Tuskegee Institute, summered at 825 Main St., South Weymouth, across from what is now South Shore Hospital, in 1902 and 1903 and worshipped at the Old South Union Congregational Church.

He was even invited to speak at the townwide celebration, Old Home Week, in 1903.

"It is rather embarrassing to me, almost a stranger in your midst, and having been here only a few brief months each year, to be assigned to so important a task in the celebration of Old Home Week," he said, and he added a gentle word of racial complaint:

"As I have witnessed during the past few days the deep interest manifested by those who have returned to visit their old homes, I have not been able to rid myself of the almost constant thought that I belong to a race which, until recently, has not had opportunity to make homes for itself."

Relations between black and white on the South Shore in recent years, have improved, although there are those who would be quick to contradict that opinion.

"There has been a tremendous advancement," says Abe Cohen of Quincy, president of the South Shore Human Rights Commission. "As people get to know each other, their fears disappear.

"Ten or 15 years ago, if you saw a black man walking down the street, you'd ask 'What is he doing here?' Now he's just another man walking down the street."

Even at that, there remains a residue of suspicion.

Ten years ago, a black Nigerian named Akponoluo Etteh, the affirmative action officer in Weymouth, bought a retired police car, one with a place for a spotlight on the left front door post and an antenna mount on the trunk.

The first thing he did was take it to a Roxbury garage to have the brakes fixed. It disappeared for a full day. Etteh reported it stolen. Later the garage owner reported that it had been returned. Etteh notified police but it remained on the state's central registry as stolen.

A short time later, Weymouth police spotted the car on a North Weymouth street, recognized it as a police car and called in the number to see who it was. It came back as stolen. Patrol cars surrounded Etteh and he was ordered out of the car.

It didn't take long for Etteh to identify himself and establish that the car was not stolen. An investigation satisfied Police Chief Tom Higgins that his men had acted properly. But Etteh still harbored a suspicion, a distrust shared by most blacks in a white world.

"I feel that he called my number in because I am black," he said. "He was working on the assumption that I was a car thief."

Train signals new era for South Shore

By Sarah R. Coffey
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Just take one look at the demographics: most towns on the South Shore are almost as white as the driven snow. Diversity is more of a catch phrase than an actuality in most of the suburban towns in the region.

But with the restoration of the Old Colony Railroad, more people from the inner cities may find the South Shore more appealing, and that may mean more diversity arriving in towns father south of Boston.

With the added accessibility of the train, the South Shore may see more minorities filter on down form the city, said Brooks Kelly, director of the Plymouth County Development Council, but he didn't think there would be any drastic change in the foreseeable future.

"There are little enclaves of people from other nations that are here now," Kelly said. "I think (diversity and the trains) are two separate trends — more multi-ethnic people are moving down all the time, and the train does has an influence on people, but jobs in general are in the district of Boston," Kelly said.

The ethnic mix seen in Boston jobs may filter down to the South Shore with the advent of the train, Kelly said.

"Some Boston businesses make a concentrated effort to hire minorities," Kelly said.

In the town of Braintree, the onslaught of the red line in the late 1980s didn't bring about major change, said Sonny Shaw, director of Fair Housing and chairman of the Fair Housing Committee. Braintree is still almost 97 percent white, according to 1990 census figures, the last official census taken by the federal government, and Shaw said the percentages haven't changed dramatically in recent years.

What the T has brought to Braintree is a more diverse workforce, who use the train to commute to Braintree, but the percentage of minorities living and buying homes in the Braintree area has stayed relatively stable, Shaw said.

"We do have more people who work in town who use the T to get to and from work," Shaw

Fair Housing, who promotes diversity and works to make residents more comfortable with diversity in Braintree, hasn't seen a change in the number of minorities moving to Braintree, Shaw said.

"I don't think the T made a difference one way or the other," Shaw said.

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Few and far between

Minority businessmen stick together through hard times

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Minority-owned businesses have proved a successful investment for the government, according to the most recent report to Congress from the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Minority Enterprise Development.

Statewide, about 1,200 such enterprises meet the guidelines established by the state Office of Minority and Women Businesss Assistance. Moreover, the 600 which do business through the New England Minority Purchasing Council banked $520,705,062 in sales of good and services in 1995 alone.

But while there is little doubt minority-owned businesses pump up their local economies, only about 25 of them are thriving on the South Shore.

"There aren't too many of us," said Donald Martin of Marshfield who owns a well-established road construction business.

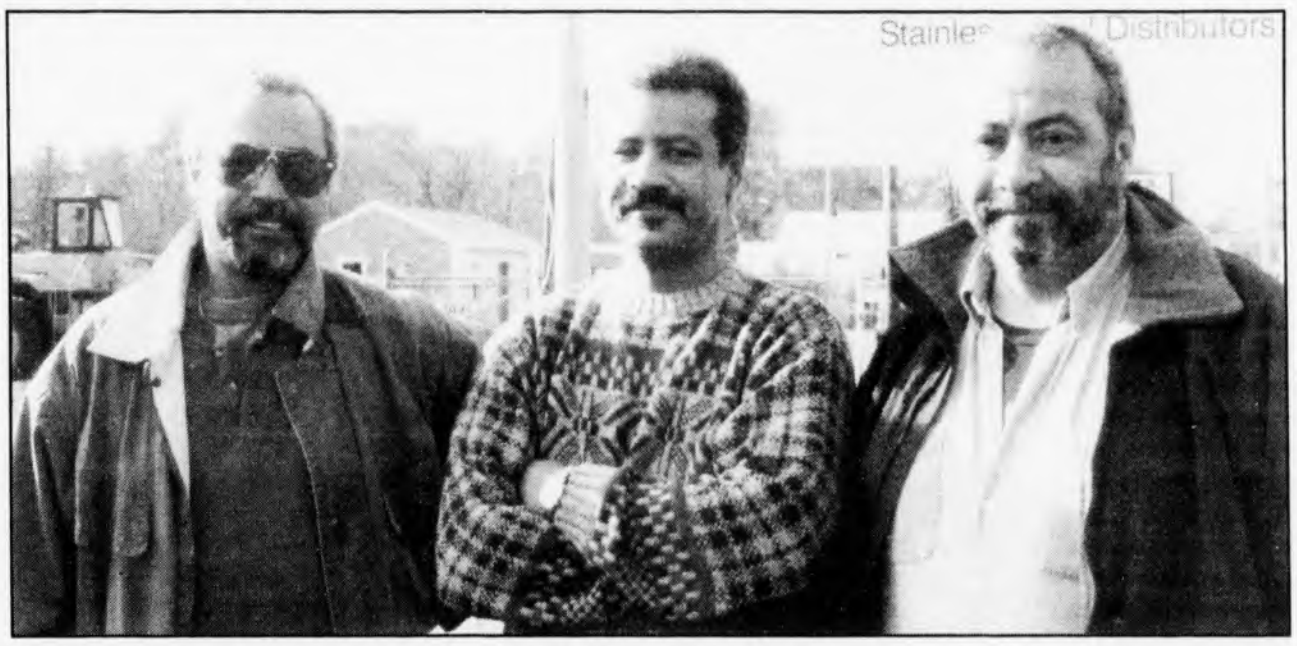
Martin's business competes for major highway contracts in the Greater Boston area and has won a few big assignments. But business is still tough, he said even though as a minority-owned business, his firm gets special consideration bidding on government projects.

The tough going on the bottom line is almost always due to price competition, according to Nicholas Roundtree, vice-president of All Stainless, one of the oldest minority businesses in the area. Because most minority owners are usually distributors, not manufacturers, he said, the companies are typically vulnerable to price wars, particularly in lean times when the manufacturers also sell in the retail markets.

"It's become more like an open market," he said. "Everybody has to compete on price."

Roundtree's company, now based in Whitman, has been a leader and mentor to emerging minority-owned businesses, particularly during the 1970s. With roots in Hingham, All Stainless has racked up an impressive track record in its 45 years of existence.

Basically, Roundtree said, the formula for success is simple. Minority-owned businesses have to price their products right to make a profit, even when they get an edge. They also have to keep going after new markets even when the quest is frustrating.



Chris Roundtree, Phillip Roundtree, and Nicholas Roundtree,, owners of All Stainless.

Holding up a thick manila file straining at the seams with paper, Roundtree paged through some of the forms he said must be filled out just to float a bid in the competition for the smaller government contracts. Sometimes, the effort does little more than help the municipal government show it accepted bids from minority-owned businesses, he said, as the contract is ultimately awarded to the company that quoted the lowest price.

"All I'm bidding is price," he said. "What do they care if I'm a minority?"

Yet Roundtree, who has also worked for Fortune 500 companies, acknowledged it can be hard for outsiders to understand how the difficulty of running a minority-owned business compares to any other business.

"It's a weird thing to try to understand," he said. "But each time you do something, you have to prove yourself."

While other firms compete for business by touting price, service and quality, a minority-owned business also has to answer sometimes unspoken questions about capability to deliver.

"In a new business if you fail," he said. "the client might associate it with being disadvantaged. A lot of those stereotypes are getting removed," he said.

Sitting in his Whitman office, surrounded by pictures of some of the boats that have All Stainless rivets in their hulls, Roundtree said though time is precious, he values the camaraderie among small businessmen in this area. Moreover, it is a spirit of endurance and survival that he and his brothers first tasted when they were children.

Roundtree's grandfather, who worked in the steel business, founded the company after realizing there was a market for stainless and the demand was steady. (Though stainless steel is the preferred metal in sites where toxic materials are present and where sanitary conditions are a consideration, the company that employed Roundtree's grandfather was not interested in filling orders for stainless steel.)

"He saw the opportunity, and he knew who the customers were," he said.

All Stainless started out in 1951 with a house trailer and a two car garage in Allston. Roundtree's father worked in the business as a salesman. When they were old enough, Roundtree and his brothers were part of the end of the month rush to get the deliveries packed and shipped.

"If they weren't shipped by the end of the month, we didn't get paid," he said. "It was a lot of work, but it was fun, too."

The company, which is still family-owned, now employs 20 full-time workers and one part-timer. Going against the trend, All Stainless employees average about 15 years with the company, and few of their hires seek jobs elsewhere.

Equal Opportunity Employer

Police aim to arrest discrimination

By Jennifer Horan
STAFF WRITER

Despite a decade of comprehensive sensitivity training courses at the Plymouth Police Academy, two South Shore municipal police forces have been caught in the spotlight for sexual harassment and racial discrimination lawsuits during the 1990s.

The town of Norwell's first female and only black police officer blew the horn in 1991 on an alleged hostile work environment which she said included sexual harassment and racial discrimination. Among other charges, rookie officer Belinda Johnson — who joined the force in 1988 — alleged in her complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) that her colleagues subjected her to sexually explicit comments and questions, forced her to ask for permission to use the bathroom over the police radio and left pornographic magazines in her cruiser's glove compartment. Johnson also accused her fellow officers of treating her with contempt, refusing to speak to her or walking away as she tried to talk to them. In 1996, Johnson received $518,000 in a settlement reached with the town of Norwell.

The following year, a veteran Scituate police officer and the only black female officer on the town's force filed charges of sexual harassment, racial and age discrimination against the police department for what she called an ongoing pattern of offensive conduct. Shirley Fopiano, 50, claimed among other charges that certain male officers reported to the station's roll call room clad in nothing but small towels. An 18-year member of the force, Fopiano said the women's locker rooms were inferior to the men's facilities and that male officers taunted her by jiggling the handle while she changed her clothes in the locker room — which she said had no lock. Witnessing what she perceived to be favoritism of a male officer prompted Fopiano's complaint. She said in her eight-page suit that she received a 22-day suspension for turning in an overtime/detail slip two days late, whereas a male officer on the force had been more lax and received only a warning. Fopiano's suit with the MCAD is still pending.

In both cases, the female officers said they suffered emotional distress and other ailments as a result of male officers' inappropriate behavior.

And in both cases, the police departments called the allegations unfounded and repeatedly stated their ongoing dedication to upholding a working atmosphere free of discrimination and harassment.

Before receiving certification as law enforcement officers, cadets spend more than 100 hours during 20 weeks of classes (800 hours) concentrating on sensitivity training to enable police to identify and prevent instances of discrimination not only on the force but also in the community, said Plymouth Police Academy Director John Deguitas, a civilian.

Cadets cannot become police officers without this training and they must make up classes they miss before graduation, he said.

"If you discriminate against any type of group, you shouldn't be a police officer," Deguitas said. "We, as well as the police chiefs and the state, try to make them aware of all these particular problems. We want them to be sensitive. Police business is people business. The transition from the private sector to the public sector is quite a transition in the mind also."

As part of its curriculum, the academy teaches its officers-to-be about sexual harassment, bias/hate crimes, cultural diversity, domestic violence, victim rights, juvenile issues and youth violence, elder abuse and suicide prevention.

"If you're in government today and you are not aware of these issues, then shame on you," Deguitas said. "And shame on us if we don't do it."

A 12-hour problem-solving course bolsters the academy's teachings, offering cadets the techniques they need to determine whether a problem exists and if so, how it can be resolved. They also take a 24-hour-long course in integrity, which instills in them the responsibility that comes with the role of a police officer.

Since the academy opened in 1985, Deguitas said he has noticed an upswing in diversity among incoming cadets.

During the first few years, the academy saw only one female cadet, Deguitas said. About a dozen women graduated from the academy's last class, he said. Women are now training classes of both male and female cadets and make excellent cops, he said.

Deguitas has also seen a measurable increase in racial as well as sexual diversity of police candidates training at the academy.

Diversity roll call

	Total officers	Female	Non-white
Abington	26	1	0
Braintree	83	7	5
Cohasset	17	2	0
Duxbury	31	3	3
Hanover	31	0	1
Hingham	44	1	0
Holbrook	19	1	1
Kingston	19	1	3
Marshfield	42	2	0
Norwell	20	1	1
Pembroke	27	1	3
Rockland	32	2	1
Scituate	30	2	1
Weymouth	95	6	2

'A Stone of Hope'

Icon of peace ministers to harsh reality

Worldwide symbol juggles tourism with inner-city needs

By Helen Graves
STAFF WRITER

There is an aura to the Ebenezer Baptist Church in the Atlanta, Ga., community of Sweet Auburn, says Assistant Pastor James Victor Jr.

After all, it is the church where Martin Luther King Jr.'s grandfather, A.D. Williams, was pastor; where his father, Martin Luther King Sr., was pastor and where, in 1960, he returned to co-pastor, his father still at the church's helm.

It is the church where the younger King grew up, where, at age 17, he preached his first sermon, and where, in 1968, his body was laid in state. It is the church where his mother, Alberta, while playing the organ, was assassinated. It is the church where the civil rights organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was organized, King its first president.

"Initially, with the taking on of new responsibilities, there is a certain nervousness," says the two-year assistant pastor, "and of course, there is the aura of the place, the icon of peace worldwide. Once you're in the hands of the inner-city ministry, though, that aura goes quickly."

While Ebenezer Baptist Church is a tourist attraction — "it is the second-most visited tourist attraction in Georgia," Victor says — the church is in what is now Atlanta's inner city, and its 2,000 to 3,000 members have many needs. Victor was a pastor with his own church in Tennessee, "on the backdoor step of Nashville," when he sent his résumé to Ebenezer in order to pursue an advanced degree and at the same time continue his pastoral work. Sharing duties with a five-member team headed by a full-time administrator, his responsibilities include worship, counseling and outreach.

"We feed 300 to 400 homeless every Sunday morning. We have a winter feeding program, providing the homeless with a sack lunch along with stew or soup. We have a crisis food pantry for families with children. Our public transportation is called MARTA and we give MARTA cards away to individuals seeking employment. We run the Kingdom Food Co-op. People around the church are basically senior citizens on a fixed income with some low-income families mixed in. We sell fresh vegetables and fruit at cost — there's no grocery store nearby. Those are just a few of the things we do," Victor says.

"We address the social and the spiritual," he adds, noting more, prison outreach and programs for teenage mothers. There are Bible studies, Sunday services geared to address local needs, counseling by appointment and on-call psychiatrists and psychologists who are members of the congregation.

It is a delicate balance, juggling the tourist side with the ministry, "but the ministry is far more challenging," Victor says.

Ebenezer Baptist Church is open to tourists Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "We may extend the Saturday hours," Victor says. Tour guides greet visitors, give an overview of the church's history, take guests through the sanctuary and present a 10-minute video.

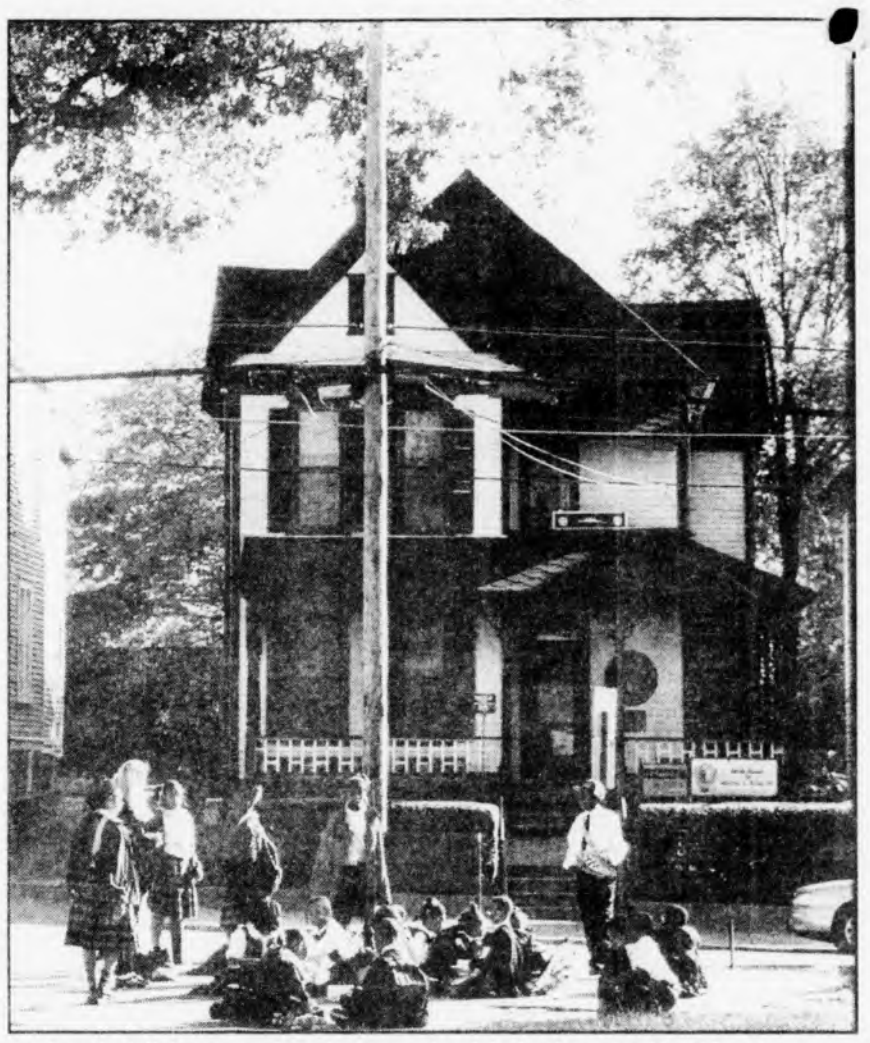
Members who remember King still attend the church. "There are people here whom he baptized, married. One of our tour guides was a baby-sitter for Martin Luther King Jr.," Victor says.

Sunday worship will include tourists from all over the world as well the local congregation. With a seating capacity of only 750, a new church across the street is now under construction, completion expected by November. Donations, Victor notes, are accepted by the Ebenezer Baptist Church Building Fund; 407 Auburn Ave.; Atlanta, Ga. 30312. Under lease to the National Park Service, the old building will be used by the church for special occasions.

This year's national observance of King's Jan. 15, 1929, birthday takes place at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Monday, Jan. 19, the services organized by the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and the King family. This year's theme is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not a Day Off!!"

The church, the center and King's birth home and gravesite Freedom Hall Complex comprise a national historic district. The adjacent preservation district strives to maintain the historic nature of Sweet Auburn, which earlier this century symbolized achievement for Atlanta's black community. The birth home is restored to the 1929-1941 era, when King lived there.

When visiting the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, start at the National Park Service Visitor Center, 450 Auburn Ave., open daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tours of King's birth home and the surrounding community start here, and there are exhibits, a video presentation and schedules of activities as well. For more information, write the Superintendent; Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site; 450 Auburn Ave. NE; Atlanta, Ga. 30312-0000, or call (404) 331-3920.



School children gather before the birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Auburn Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

Staff photo/Chris Bernstein

Schools are fertile ground for fostering King's legacy

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She added, "people say all the right things, but most haven't had to address their feelings about race" because they haven't had to in their neighborhoods and schools, although the workplace is becoming increasingly diversified at a more rapid pace.

Randall said that in the absence of real diversity, the task is to sensitize students and educators in order to reduce "the strangeness of eventually having to deal with people who are different from us."

Compared to 35 years ago when the civil rights movement was in its infancy, "the issues are much more complicated now," she said. Still, some progress is being made.

Unfortunate misunderstandings can come about in the clash of cultures, she said, recalling an incident at her former New York high school.

A Korean student was thought to be disrespectful for not making eye contact with his teachers when spoken to. That was until the staff learned that in Asian cultures, a submissive demeanor is really a sign of respect for authority figures.

In citing this example, she said, "I think we have a long way to go" in fostering greater tolerance when confronted with different races and cultures.

Ellin Booras, director of the Head Start and Community Partnership pre-school programs that serve the Silver Lake district, believes the prospect for a more open, tolerant society lies in shaping the attitudes of the younger generations, while they are still color blind.

"We are fortunate to have children of color enrolled here," she said. "Young children have a very broad lens. Children at this age don't see differences of culture."

Light years away from the days of Dick and Jane, puzzles, books, and play activities at the pre-school represent children of different races and ethnic backgrounds. Non-traditional gender roles in the workplace are also portrayed, for example, female firefighters.

The Silver Lake pre-school collaborative for special needs is housed in the same facility as the Head Start and Community Partnership programs, said Booras, allowing children with no disabilities to mingle with those who are wheelchair bound.

"In this way, children become comfortable with the notion of disability," she explained. The youngsters see that civil rights and non-discrimination are burning issues for this group of people, as well.

Schools make diversity part of curriculum

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lessons about the results of racism and intolerance in the past. In two programs planned for this year ninth graders will meet Ann Frank and learn about the anti-Semitism that led to the horrors of the holocaust and eighth grade U.S. History students will learn about the Irish Immigrant experience and the discrimination they faced in their new country, Kirkaldy said. When it comes to diversity, Kirkaldy said Hingham strives to work in context through the whole curriculum. "We're not just doing this because its black history or any other month," he said.

For the strides they've taken and the initiatives they've made, Duxbury's Junior-Senior High School students were honored by the Anti-Defamation League of New England during last year's Team Harmony event. The annual day-long event brings middle and high school students across the state together to learn to make a stand against stereotyping and discrimination in schools and within the community. Duxbury's Diversity Group, a Gay/Straight Alliance and Teen Leaders help promote acceptance of all students regardless of their color, interests and sexual orientation. During last year's Black History Month programs for instance, the Diversity Group sponsored the screening of "The Long Walk Home" and "Mississippi Burning," and the Gay/Straight Alliance has worked to get more books in the school and town libraries on gays and lesbians. Under the Duxbury Teen Leaders program, Peer Mediators work to address conflicts between students before they develop into serious problems. Hingham also sponsors conflict resolution workshops, Kirkaldy said, because while the student population as a whole may be homogenous the students are all different and the groups they form disparate as well.

Norwell High School has also started its own diversity club and gay/straight alliance said Acting Principal Maryann Martin. The two groups meet twice a month on alternate weeks to promote acceptance of all students and their is no stigma associated with membership in either club, Martin noted. Every other year Norwell spends "Diversity Day" to further increase an appreciation of differences.

Like other schools curricula, Norwell integrates cultural awareness into a variety of subjects including a 10th grade U.S history course on immigration in which students traces their heritage and learn what the climate was like for their ancestors in both Europe and the U.S. at the time. Through the Understanding Differences Program —a completely parent coordinated and run event— Norwell fifth graders learn what its like to live with a disability, said Paula Delaney, Ph.D., Director of Instructional Services. The month-long program shows students what life is like with physical limitations, including blindness, or being confined to a wheel chair, Delaney said. New reading and language arts programs also at the elementary level have a distinct multicultural flavor and through Norwell's Social Health program it is an on-going mission to raise awareness among the student population of all kinds of differences, Delaney noted.

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Residential project on Scituate Hill eyed

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Scituate Hill is many things to many people. To the town it is a piece of taxable, industrial real estate on Route 3A. To some hopeful residents it is the perfect site for a second water tank instead of current plans to build one next to the existing tank on Bear Hill. And to owner J. Michael Susi and Sons and developer Noel Collins, it is a possible site for residential development.

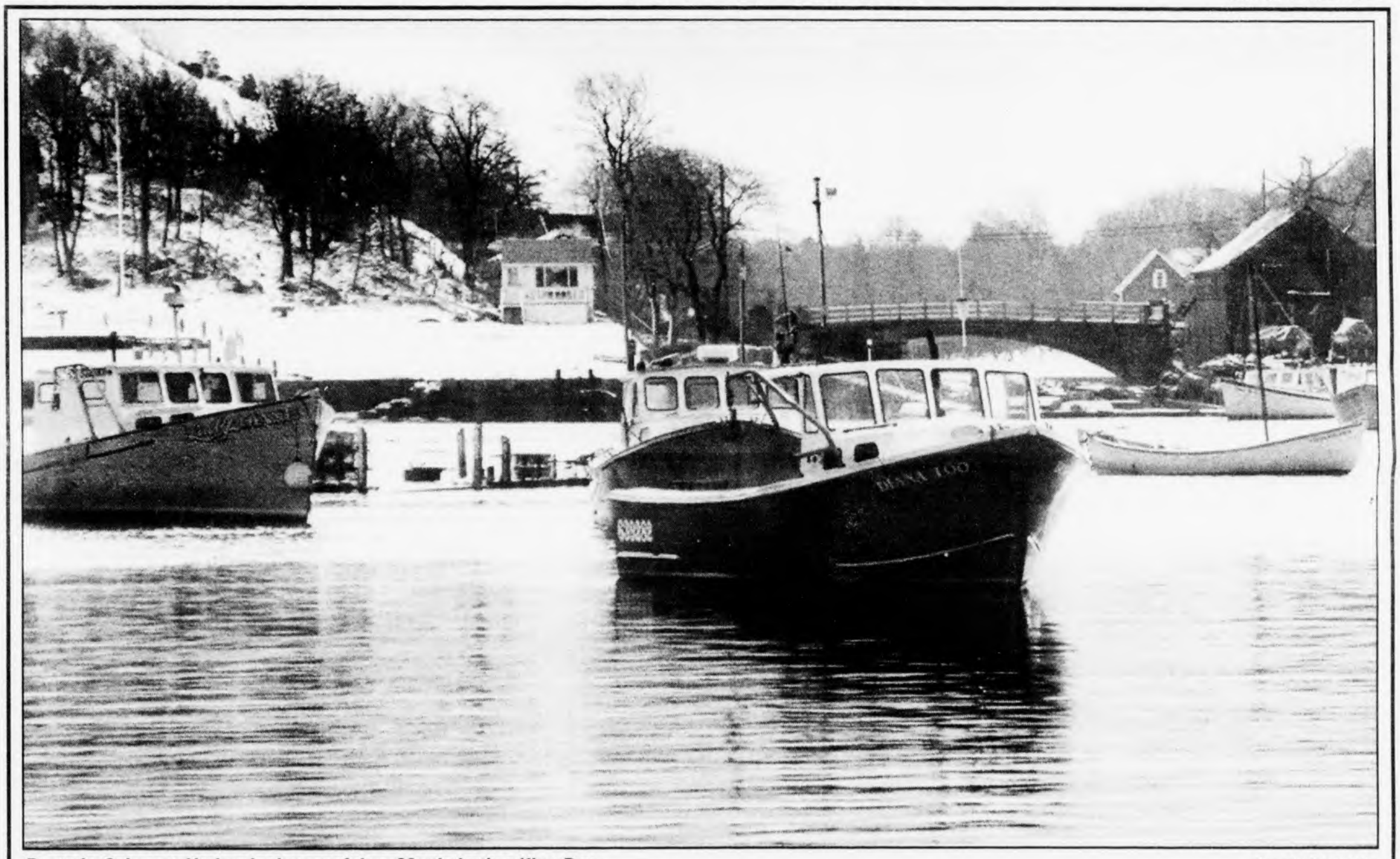
All of these interests could be coming together as Collins and Susi explore the possibility of building a residential development on the site, while also selling enough land to the town for $1 to erect a new water tank.

"We are examining development options that are available under zoning bylaws and intend to meet with town officials and the zoning board of appeals in connection with that examination," Collins said. "It is our intent to develop the site and incorporate a mutually acceptable tank site located in the overall development plan."

Collins discussed the possibility of a development and water tank with water commissioners at their Jan. 20 meeting.

Water commissioner John K. McNabb Jr. said he had planned to test the soil on the highest elevation on Scituate Hill for suit-

SCITUATE HILL PAGE 4



Boats in Cohasset Harbor look peaceful on Martin Luther King Day. Doug McFadd photo

North Cohasset sewer project over budget

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The bids are in and the sewer project for North Cohasset is going to cost about $2.7 million more than anticipated.

Voters approved a 50 percent subsidy from the town for the project, which was expected to cost $6.6 million when it was approved at town meeting ten months ago, through a Proposition 2-1/2 debt exclusion vote May 3.

What is not clear now is if the 330 homeowners in North Cohasset will have to pick up the entire additional cost.

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Osgood School reuse group to seek money for consultant

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Osgood Reuse Committee Chairman Joanne Adkins made the issue clear during the panelís strategy session Tuesday. She will be looking for a vote of confidence from the selectmen Monday as well as for financial support when she asks the board to earmark funds to hire a consultant.

Adkins plans to brief selectmen Monday on the committeeís status and the progress the Osgood Reuse Committee has made so far towards ultimately coming up with a recommendation about the property. But she will also use the occasion to make a new request for a consultant, subject to approval by town meeting. The reuse committee originally asked for an outside expert last spring. Though town

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Condo plowing okay'ed

In a 4-1 vote, selectmen authorized the DPW to plow private condominium complexes in town contingent on receipt of an insurance certificate. Selectman Diane Sullivan voted no saying that condominium owners understand when they buy a condo that they will have to be responsible for services like plowing.

Next year's legal budget

Selectmen and Town Manager Mark Haddad reached a consensus to set aside $160,000 for legal services next year. That includes the $48,000 annual retainer for town counsel. Haddad initially proposed $140,000 but selectmen asked him to increase the line item because of all the legal matters before the town.

Youth task force appointed

Based on his discussions with Recreation Director Jack Worley, Town Manager Mark Haddad has appointed the following citizens to the newly established Youth Task Force Committee:

Rose Collins 425 N. Main St.; Melinda Murray, 137 N. Main St.; Ronald Nicynski, 34 Riverview Dr.; Patience Towle, 180 Lamberts Lane; Anthony Bramblett, 3 Grace Drive; Jami Butman, 17 Spring St.; Mike McMillen, 9 Bailey Road; and Matt Ogrodnik, 21 Pleasant St.

Fire department overtime update

The fire department used $14,528.89 in overtime last month including $3,306.03 for call backs and $7,603.05 to cover for those on sick leave. The balance remaining in the department's overtime account for this fiscal year which ends June 30 is $19,969.85 out of $120,182 appropriated as of July 1.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the fire chief will ask for a $39,000 transfer at town meeting to cover overtime for the remainder of the fiscal year. Haddad said some money that is unexpended in the salary account will help offset the overtime costs. Also, one of the firefighters who was out on long-term sick leave is back, the other will be out another couple of months, he said.

Liquor license can be transferred

Selectmen said this week the Chart House liquor license can be transferred to a new owner. Town Manager Mark Haddad said the owners of the Chart House which closed about two weeks ago, called the inquire about transferring the license. The harbor-front building is for sale.

He said he called the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission which said it was up to selectmen who serve as the local licensing authority.

"The property is not viable without a liquor license," Selectman Nan Roth said.

Lightkeepers want shed painted

The Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation has asked the town to seek inmate labor from the Braintree Alternative Center to paint the engineer's shack next to the assistant lightkeepers residence on Government Island. The county will provide free prisoner labor if the town provides the supplies. The red building was used as the engineer's and payment shack during construction of the second Minot's Light in the mid-1800's.

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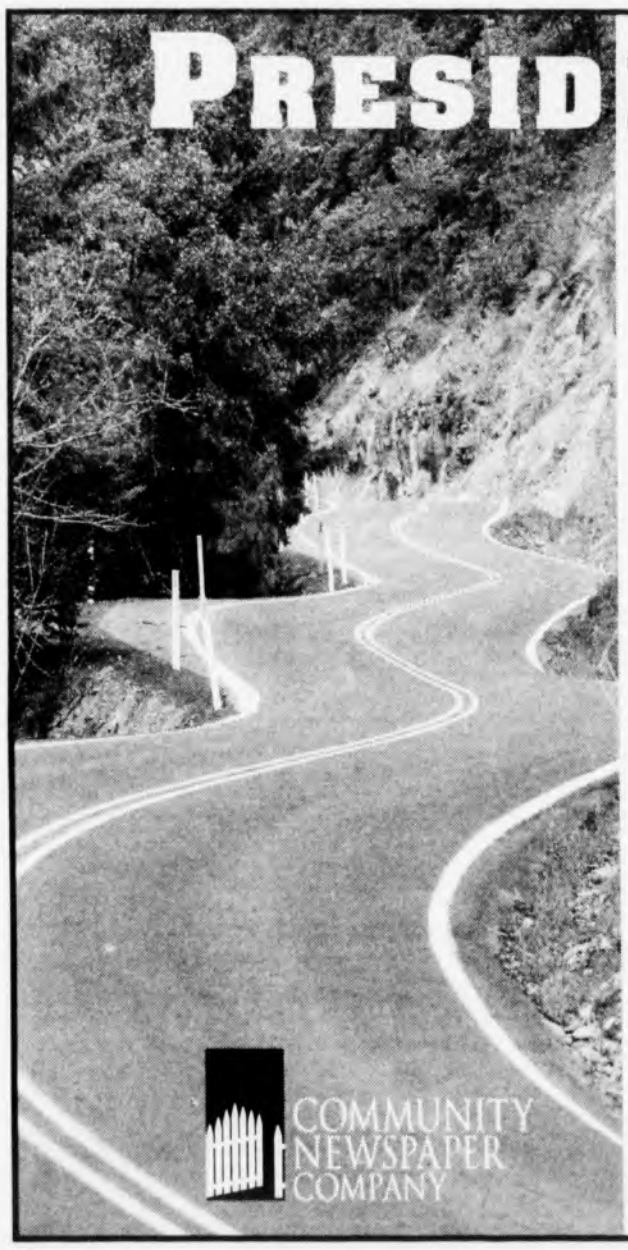
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Delightful 'Annie' plays to sold-out audiences

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

It was a big bite of Broadway brought home. To the tune of three stunningly professional sold-out shows, the cast of "Annie" brought the house down in the 400-seat capacity of the Cohasset High School this past weekend. It was the show that went on, despite icy roads and blowing snow.

Working with a cast of 70 and a full backstage crew of 16, Cohasset's own 17-year-old wonder, Ron Nicynski, succeeded in harnessing the energy and talent of those involved with the production, "Annie," one of America's best-loved stage musicals, based on the book "Little Orphan Annie," by Thomas Meehan.

All good theater depends upon attention to detail, and it is something that Nicynski understands. His intuitive casting, impeccable attention to props and scenery faithful to the era, and working with the cast for months on characterization, enabled "Annie" audiences to be wrapped up in the story of the red-haired orphan, played poignantly and sung beautifully by Katie Roche. She was Annie, who went from rags to velvet dresses and big white bows, and finally to the signature Christmas-red dress with white trim in the final scene, when she became Daddy Warbucks' little girl.

Brian Krupczak was a real Daddy Warbucks, playing the role of the Republican billionaire, who was disdainful toward Democrats, despite his close relationship with President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Krupczak commanded the stage with his tall, athletic presence and well-timed political puns. As the ultimate 1930s blustery wealthy New Yorker, Warbucks, in manner and dialogue, was "big and loud," like NYC, itself.

FDR was portrayed by Bryan Bilton, a seventh-grader who understood FDR's dry sense of humor and vocal delivery. Bilton's FDR fiddled with a cigarette holder and wore wireless glasses as he was pushed in his wheelchair by his aide, played by Tess Foley, who kept a plaid blanket tucked around the president's legs.

Grace Farrell, Warbucks' assistant, was perfectly cast in Meredith Bates, a sweet, pretty, unflappable eighth-grader who kept her arms protectively around Annie, especially when Miss Hannigan came around.

Miss Hannigan was brilliantly played by Marisa Mello, who knew no limits in portraying the tragically misguided and funny character of Miss Hannigan. She was scary, threatening, explosive, loud, tipsy and sad. Marisa Mello's solo, "Little Girls," was unbeatable and unforgettable. She was on like crazy in "Easy Street," the tune she sang with Rooster, Miss Hannigan's brother, and his hotel girlfriend, Lily, played by two show stealers, David Ingber and Caroline Carr. Raucous, cheap and up to no good, the pair came on like gangbusters as Rooster and Lily, then later as Mr. and Mrs. Mudge, Annie's parents.



Daddy Warbucks (Brian Krupczak) and Annie (Katie Roche) sing "I Don't Need Anything But You" in the Cohasset Plays by the Sea production of the musical "Annie."

Bert Healy, the happy-go-lucky radio talk host, was played enthusiastically by Brenna O'-Donnell, who dressed the part in a straw hat and red suspenders.

The "lovely" Boylan Sisters, in polka dot dresses and red hats, became popular publicity photos for several newspapers, and in their brief time on stage, succeeded in portraying themselves as bored, gum-snapping backup singers with attitude until they were in front of the mike, accompanying Bert Healy with "Never Fully Dressed Without A Smile," which they sang with perky, animated voices and mannerisms. The Boylan Sisters were played by Ali Earon, Krista Nicynski and Shawna Sullivan.

Working with a cast of 70 and a full backstage crew of 16, Cohasset's own 17-year-old wonder, Ron Nicynski, succeeded in harnessing the energy and talent of those involved with the production, "Annie."

The orphans opened the show from their cots, then launched into "Hard Knock Life," using mops, pails, sheets and gymnastics to catapult the audience into Act I.

It was difficult to decide who was more adorable in Act I, the orphan, Molly, played by Brooke Allen, or Hannah, the 9-year-old golden retriever, who played Sandy, and who kept escaping into the audience with her tennis ball. The audience ate it up.

Drake, the butler, played well by David Crowley-Buck, was portrayed elegantly and with stiff reserve.

Katie Flynn, playing a young star-to-be arriving in New York full of hope, soloed sweetly and shyly with the tune, "N.Y.C."

Then mansion servants sang and danced to "Gonna Like It Here," and were dressed in creative black and white uniforms.

The massive undertaking of this production would not have been possible without dedicated parents assisting, yet it is testimonial to what young people are capable of achieving when given the opportunity and the means.

Cohasset Plays By The Sea's "Annie" was directed by Ron Nicynski and choreographed by Janet Campbell, with music direction by Joan Jensen and accompanying quartet.



Rooster (David Ingber) and Lily (Caroline Carr) were real show stealers as they pose as Annie's parents.

Special dinner benefits 'The Garage' project

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Anthony Bramblett, 17 years old, of Grace Lane, spearheaded an elegant fundraising dinner Saturday evening in conjunction with the Cohasset Plays By The Sea production of "ANNIE." The dinner benefited The Garage, a project directed at renovating the old town garage in the village parking lot into a youth center to accommodate activities such as art exhibits, dances, rehearsals and weekend movies.

The delicious four-course meal was catered by Papa Razzi of Norwell and organized by its employee, Anne Marie Lagrotteria of Cohasset. Guests enjoyed antipasto, a specialty of Papa Razzi, followed by a crisp mixed green salad, sautéed chicken breast stuffed with asparagus, and the traditional Italian tiramisu. Sparkling cider and water accompanied the meal and was served under soft lights and on intimate tables in Bancroft Hall at the Lightkeepers residence on Government Island.

Quiet and interesting jazz selections from Bramblett's personal collection entertained the approximately 50 diners, who relaxed and ate before attending the Saturday evening performance of "Annie" at the Cohasset High School.

Bramblett involves himself with good friend Ron Nicynski's theater productions as his lighting and sound technician, a role he enjoys and is adept at. Bramblett is also part of the newly-formed committee for The Garage project and arrived with the idea of the benefit dinner last October.

"I believe our community needs The Garage because it can provide an outlet to show the good things kids do. Too often, people only hear about the trouble kids get into," he says.

Bramblett said he would like to see The Garage accommodate a great variety of ages and activities for Cohasset youths.

Bramblett is also a waiter at Tosca's, a restaurant in Hingham. He likes to cook at home and someday would like to own his own restaurant.

Included in his thanks for their generosity in making the event successful are Anne Marie Lagrotteria and the Papa Razzi Restaurant, Tosca's, Curtis Liquors, Tina Watson of Cohasset Hardware, and his friends who helped serve, Amanda Cowing, and Abbi and Jami Butman (Jami is also on The Garage committee).

Residential project on Scituate Hill eyed

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ability as a water tank site. But after first giving McNabb permission to test the soil, Susi withdrew the offer.

"Noel Collins is working on some sort of project for high-density housing,"McNabb said. "That is why they didn't want us to test the highest spot."

The town is planning to erect a new water tank and has allocated $1.4 million for the project. The tower is needed to improve water pressure in town and increasing the amount of water on hand for fire fighting.

Water commissioners had planned to follow the recommendation of town engineer Tutela Engineering to build the tower on town-owned land on Bear Hill.

But residents who live within view of Bear Hill and the existing tower organized fierce opposition to the plan. Opponents claimed Scituate Hill would be a far better location for a new water tower.

Bear hill is 158 feet high and would require a 62-foot-high tank to achieve adequate water pressure.

Water pressure in a tank is governed by gravity. The higher the tank, the higher the pressure. But the highest elevation on Scituate Hill is 14 feet higher than Bear Hill at 172 feet. This higher elevation would require a shorter tank to achieve the same water pressure.

However, the land on Bear Hill is already owned by the town while Susi owns the land on Scituate Hill. The town could try to purchase the land at market rates or seize it by eminent domain, but those are expensive options.

McNabb said purchasing or seizing the land could increase the cost of the project by more than $100,000.

There are some problems with this latest development. The land is zoned industrial and residential development is not allowed. Collins and Susi would have to get either a variance or a change in bylaws to build a residential development.

McNabb said he thinks the water commissioners would support a zoning change if it meant the town could get free land on Scituate Hill for a water tank. But town meeting must make the final decision on whether to change zoning bylaws.

Time is also a factor. The project has already been delayed while water commissioners explored the Scituate Hill site. The residential development could take some time to acquire approval, potentially increasing the cost of the project.

Also, the highest elevation on Scituate Hill is also the best place for prime residential real estate development. Collins and Susi may not be offering the highest elevation as the site for the tank.

If the developers offer a lower site, they will have to bear the extra cost to increase the height of the tank and possibly install more water pipe.

McNabb said he was confident that Collins was the best man to make the projects work.

"If anyone can make it happen, Noel Collins can,"McNabb said.

Collins said he believed developing the land and giving the town land for a tank for $1 would be a win-win situation for everyone.

Collins has developed a reputation as someone who specializes in win-win developments for the town and developers.

Collins convinced the zoning board to grant him a variance to replace a series of Quonset huts on South Street with five new townhouses. Collins originally wanted 10 townhouses.

Collins appealed the zoning board decision to superior court, but continued to negotiate. He finally convinced the zoning board to allow five units.

Residents living near the Quonset huts complained that the buildings were a blight to the neighborhood. Supporters of Collins' project were delighted that he was able to compromise with the zoning board while keeping his development profitable.

Water commissioners cannot just wait for Collins and Susi to come back with a proposal. The commissioners are already planning a number of articles for the spring town meeting to modify the current tank plan.

Last year's warrant article authorizing the commissioner's to borrow $1.4 million to build a tank specified Bear Hill as the location for the new water tank. Water commissioner's want the language to be changed to allow them to choose a different site at their discretion.

Water commissioner's will also ask for another $200,000 in case they need to purchase land on Scituate Hill and cope with additional development costs.

McNabb said the commissioners also want a change in zoning bylaws to allow the town to build a tank beyond the current 45-foot height limit on town-owned land or in an industrial zone.

This article would allow the commissioners to approve the tank on Scituate Hill without a variance.

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This month's speaker is Dr. Richard Jaynes who is the world's authority on Mt. Laurel, Kalma Latifolia. He will cover the history, characteristics and landscape uses of Mt. Laurel and other underused hardy trees and shrubs.

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Nancy Connolly exhibit at library

Award-winning Cohasset artist, Nancy Hansen-Connolly, currently has on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, a selection of her collages and monoprints, in cooperation with the South Shore Art Center and sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Connolly, who holds a BFA from the Mass. College of Art and attended the Boston Museum School, has been Artist in Residence and has exhibits at the following: South Shore Charter School; Old Colony Montessori Art Space; Plymouth River, School, Hingham; First Parish Church, Cohasset; Memorial School, Hull; South Shore Art Center, Cohasset; Bank of Boston, Cohasset; Hingham Public Library; Fuller Museum, Brockton; Hull Arts Gallery and Bunker Hill Community College in Boston. Her exhibit of paintings, collages and prints will continue through March 13. All artwork is for sale.



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Three throw hats in ring for school board seats

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Few of the offices at stake in the Apr. 4 annual town election will be uncontested, if all the candidates who have announced so far get on the ballot. Currently, Henry Rattenbury is the only official candidate. Rattenbury, who is running for a new term on the sewer commission, returned nomination papers to the town clerk—becoming the first candidate on the ballot. The candidates have until Feb. 16 to return nomination papers, with signatures of 50 registered voters, to the town clerk's office.

In the school board election, two women and one man have announced they will run for two seats currently held by incumbents Ralph Kidder and Maureen Jerz, the chairwoman. Both incumbents are expected to announce their plans Thursday.

Meantime, planning board incumbent Robert Sturdy of 270 Jerusalem Road has decided he will seek a new term, and water commissioner Robert Kasameyer of 17 Pond St. indicated he also intends to run again, though Kasameyer had not pulled nomination papers before the Mariner's deadline. If he does, he might face at least one opponent. John Fortin is also seeking the three-year term on the water board.

Wednesday Kasameyer said the location of the new water tank was a critical issue, with both Bear and Scituate Hills acceptable sites and cost the main question.

In the health board election, political newcomer Steve Bobo of 292 Jerusalem Road will try for the seat vacated by longtime member Thomas Cook. Bobo said the ecology is the main issue facing Cohasset. He advocates an holistic solution and said town boards should combine forces to find solutions.

"The major issues in town are related to the environment—the dump, the sewers, the septic system and the pollution of our harbors," Bobo said Tuesday. A retired mechanical engineer, he is confident the solutions are out there.

"We've got a beautiful town," he said. "But we've got some things that aren't working right."

While Bobo so far has no challengers, the school board election will be contested. Zoning board chairman Mark DeGiacomo of 14 Holly Lane will test Janyce Brown of 39 Rocky Lane and Patricia Martin of 169 Linden Drive in a three-way race for two seats.

DeGiacomo, an attorney and a product of the Cohasset public schools, said one of the major issues facing the new board is the condition of the school buildings.

"I've been especially concerned with the condition of the facilities," DeGiacomo said Wednesday. "There is obviously a limited budget we can work with."

DeGiacomo said he would work to see the school committee "get maximum amount of funding and use it in best interest of the children." He also said he wanted to be an advocate for the schools.

"I can help the school committee by taking on kind of a leadership role as an advocate for our schools with other boards as well as with community as a whole. I think we have a very good school system. But there's always room for improvement," he said.

"The major issues in town are related to the environment—the dump, the sewers, the septic system and the pollution of our harbors."

— STEPHEN BOBO, POTENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR HEALTH BOARD.

Sounding much the same theme, Janyce Brown said the schools need repairs, and she believes she can help get Cohasset through the budget crunch. A former insurance sales representative for the Aetna Insurance Company of Hartford, Brown is now a full-time mother who said she has a "vested interest" in the schools. She recently learned more than 80 percent of the town's population consists of adults whose children are not of school age, she said.

"No one wants to see their taxes raised," she said.

Though a newcomer to Cohasset, Brown also said she is eager to get involved.

"Getting new blood on committees and organizations is a good thing," she said.

Patricia Martin, like Brown, also recently moved to Cohasset. But while Martin will be making her first run for public office, she has previously worked on numerous campaigns and been an adviser to municipal government officials in the Princeton, New Jersey area.

"The biggest issue I advised on was substance abuse prevention," Martin said who said she had been a consultant at the municipal level to about 11 towns in central New Jersey and still works with the Cranbury and Montgomery townships.

Martin holds a master's degree in social work from Rutgers University through a program in administrative policy and planning development. She was graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a B.A. in psychology and is currently at home with two children. She said she is running for the school board to offer her skills as a fund raiser and a grant writer. She also said the main issues facing the new board will be building the new elementary school, choosing a new superintendent and dealing with the future uses of the Osgood School building.

In the other races, as previously reported, incumbent selectman Merle Brown will have a test from Thomas Callahan and William Ross in another three-way race for two seats. Richard Barrow will seek a new five year stint on the recreation board. Three incumbent library trustees, Sarah Pease, June Hubbard and Barbara Power, are so far unopposed. But there will be a contest between Jamie Williams and Carol Riley to fill a two-year term for the seat vacated by Anne Bowdoin. Finally, no one has yet announced for the three-year assessor's term.

Nomination papers available

Nomination papers for the annual town election April 4 are available at the town clerk's office. In order to hold an elected office you must be a registered voter of the town. The following positions will be available:

Selectmen — Two for three years

School Committee — Two for three years

Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library — Three for three years; one for two years to fill unexpired term.

Assessor — One for three years

Board of Health — One for three years

Planning Board — One for five years

Recreation Commission — One for five years

Sewer Commission — One for three years

Water commission — One for three years

Saturday, March 7, is the last day to register for the annual town meeting and the annual town election. Registration forms are available at the town clerk's office, the Cohasset Post Office and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office but must be received or postmarked on or before the deadline.

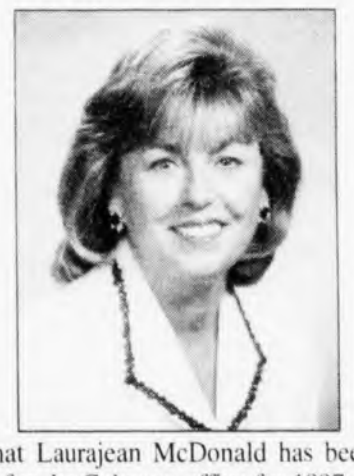
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Town moderator irked by proposed by-law

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Town Moderator George Marlette doesn't like selectmen poking their noses into his business.

He is very angry about selectmen's plans to change the by-laws so that articles at town meeting will come up by random selection. Marlette prefers the articles — which are items of business before town meeting — to be taken in the order in which they appear in the town warrant.

For the past two weeks, selectmen discussed random selection saying they think the suspense keeps more people in attendance. The quorum at Cohasset town meeting is 100 registered voters and at times, it's been a challenge to keep that many in the hall.

Selectmen conceded that Marlette might not like the idea, so they asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to let him know about the proposed by-law change.

Marlette said he is not going to sit back and let selectmen set a bad precedent by involving themselves in the moderator's role.

"I will step down from the podium at town meeting for the purposes of debating on that issue," Marlette said. "This is another example of selectmen doing what they want whether it's disregard of the Open Meeting Law or the separation of the two executive branches of town government."

While Marlette steps down to argue against the proposal, the town clerk would step in temporarily to act as moderator.

"They have slipped in an article without consulting me and I think that's unconscionable," Marlette said. "If I'd been asked, I'd have gladly met with them to see if there is a middle ground."

He explained there are far more pressing issues before the town but feels this is a matter of principle.

Ironically, selectmen have the power to place the articles on the warrant in any order they choose, Marlette explained.

"What they are saying is they don't give any thought to the order," he said.

Marlette also explained that under town meeting rules, town meeting can vote how it wants the articles to come up.

"Town meeting can govern itself," he said. "If someone made a motion (about the order of the articles), I would put it to a vote."

Random selection has its drawbacks, he said.

"I don't think people should be compelled to sit there through mundane business that does not concern them," he said.

Marlette also worries that consultants, who are paid by the town, will have to sit there wondering when the articles that concern them will come up.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said Tuesday that the article has not been drafted yet. He explained that town counsel was reviewing how other towns have handled similar by-laws.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, who was late to the meeting last week and was not part of the discussion, sees it as a minor matter.

"There is too much to do in town to spend more than a minute on this issue," Sullivan said.

Public hearing on parish center tonight

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

St. Anthony's Church wants to build a 10,400 square foot parish center to accommodate religious classes and functions for a rapidly expanding membership. But there are a couple of problems. The proposed center would sit in a coastal flood plain and increase the lot coverage to 40 percent, 10 percent over the town's limit.

The zoning board of appeals discussed the proposal Jan. 7., and continued the public hearing until Thursday, Jan. 22.

St. Anthony's has known for a long time that it needs a parish center. More than 650 students attend religious classes at the church.

But the parish could not build the center because of a prohibition against septic systems in the flood plain and a freeze on new sewer connections.

But state officials recently agreed to allow a limited number of new sewer connections in town. St. Anthony's was at the top of the list for new connections, and the sewer department approved the parish's application.

Since St. Anthony's doesn't have a parish center; all religious classes and events are held in the church or one small spare room. The church needs room to hold religious classes, functions, gatherings, special events and lectures from guest speakers.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston is sponsoring the project, and proposing a large, self-standing parish center that would house eight classrooms, meeting rooms, a kitchen and an area f[illegible] functions that could accommodat[illegible] more than 300 guests.

The architecture of the proposed building would match the brick church.

The proposed building would sit on the same 4.7 acre parcel of church-owned property that includes the church at 6 Summer St. But the church already covers more than 30 percent of the lot.

Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said there are also a number of neighbors concerned that the new building would exacerbate existing drainage problems and increase traffic in the area.

DeGiacomo said water draining off the roof of the proposed building could add to drainage problems in the area during large rain storms. Covering more of the lot would leave less soil to absorb storm water.

Large functions, such as weddings or social gatherings could add heavy traffic and noise to the area and create parking problems.

"Part of the proposal includes an outside terrace," DeGiacomo said. "Neighbors are concerned about the noise and worried about having a big building in their back yards."

Church officials have asked the zoning board to require no further parking spaces for the parish center. Currently, the church has 136 parking spaces.

Pastor John Mulvehill said the conservation commission approved the design at a Jan. 8 hearing.

Mulvehill said the conservation commission approval would be a good sign only if the ZBA also approved the plan.

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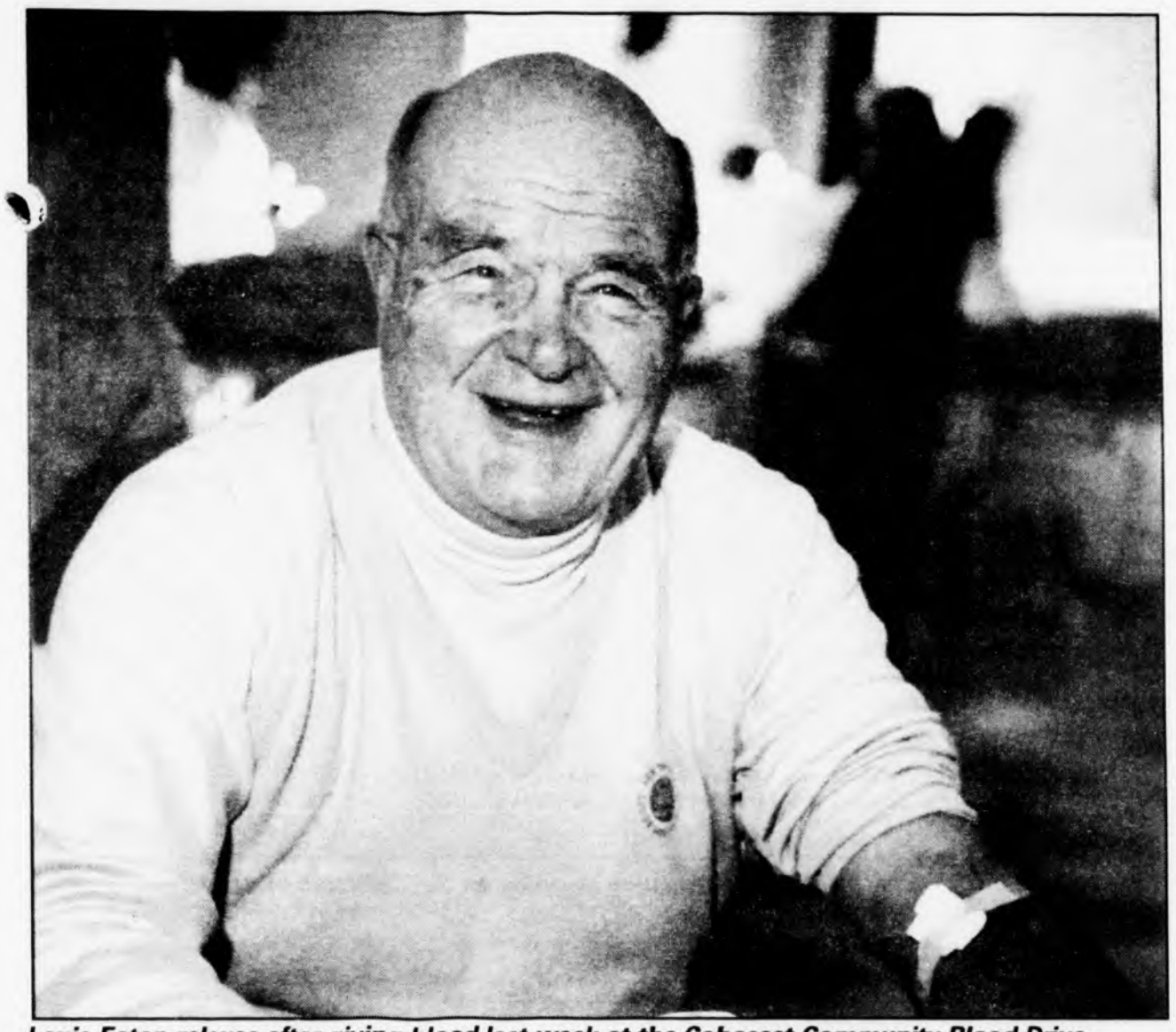
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Staff photo/Alan Chapman

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Occupation: Mostly retired attorney.

Goal: To see the millennium!

Best vacation: Golf in Scotland.

Best day of your life: My two wedding days.

Biggest worry: Grandchildren getting into college.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite TV show: "Seinfeld."

Favorite movie: "Wings of the Dove."

Favorite book: "The Perfect Storm," by Sebastian Junger.

Favorite junk food: Indian pudding with coffee ice cream.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: After getting off a canal tour boat in Holland to walk around town, we got lost and didn't know either the name of the barge or where it was supposed to dock!

Person you'd most like to meet: Ava Gardner.

Pet peeve: Tailgaters - particularly those in sports utility vehicles!

Mall walk for hospice

You can help bring care and comfort to terminally ill patients and their families by walking in the seventh annual Mall Walk for Hospice of the South Shore Saturday, March 7, from 7 to 10 a.m. inside Hanover Mall.

Again this year, participants of all ages will walk sponsored laps inside the mall. There will be entertainment, prizes, surprises and gifts for all registered walkers as well as drawings for dozens of prizes.

Dolly Bicknell of Marshfield and Jo Anne Olson of Hanover are the volunteer co-chairs for this year's Mall Walk. Cohasset resident Mary Sullivan has volunteered to help coordinate recruitment efforts in the town of Cohasset.

The event is an important source of funding for hospice, which helps patients who are in the final stages of illness, live their remaining days to the fullest in the comfort of their own homes. Last year's Mall Walk was the most successful yet, raising $124,000 to help make it possible to provide care regardless of an individual's ability to pay. To get your "walking papers" and register as a walker, or to become involved by underwriting a portion of the walk, donating raffle items, or organizing walking teams, call Jill McDonough at (781) 340-8848.

Choral Art Society at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday concert series, St. Stephen's Church will present the Choral Arts Society, conducted by Joseph Horning, Sunday, Jan. 25, at 3 p.m. Musical pieces presented will include works by Byrd, Persichetti and Thomson.

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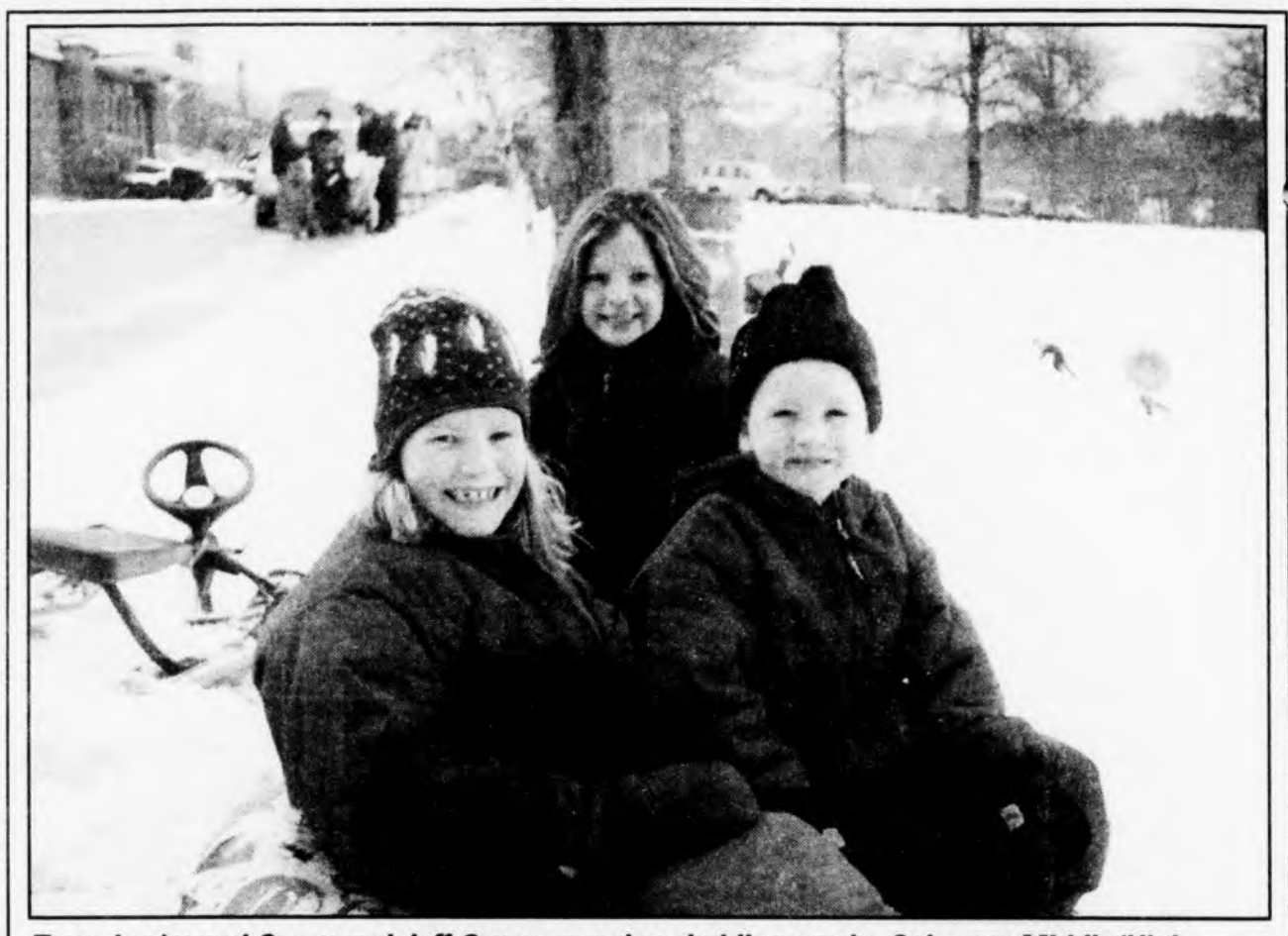
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Tessa Leahy and Casey and Jeff Cavanaro enjoy sledding on the Cohasset Middle/High School hill on Monday.

Staff photo/Mary Ford

LOCAL TV STAR!

Here is a little quiz to jolt your memory — do you remember last year when I wrote a story about a local gal who was going to be in a television series this winter? Do you remember who it was? Well, the answer is Karin Anglin, and her series has been on Channel 44 (Media One Cable, Channel 16) for a few weeks now! It airs Wednesdays at 10 p.m., and is entitled "Connect With English." Karin plays the part of Rebecca, the star of the series. It will be on for 25 weeks! Be sure to tune in, and catch Cohasset's own "rising star" at work! You will enjoy it!

DEAN'S LIST AT SIMMONS

Hats off to Melinda Johansen, she has made the dean's list at Simmons College for the third semester! Not only that, she has been accepted, early admission, to that school's graduate program! Quite a feat, you sure should be proud of yourself, Melinda!

THANKS FROM CAPT. MORGAN

Had a nice chat with "Captain Morgan" the other day. He told of all the kindness the children and their parents showed him at Christmastime! Hugh said that he would never be able to send notes to all of you generous, thoughtful folks (young and old), so he asked that we do so for him through Around Town — so, Captain Morgan from Bus 2 thanks you all profusely.

VOLUNTEER AT CONSIGNMENT SHOP

Since its beginning in 1912, the Social Service League's Cohasset Consignment Shop has relied on volunteers. Manager Andy Merrill is sending out an SOS for all retirees — men and women — along with newcomers in the towns which benefit form the services of the league (Hingham, Scituate, Hull, Norwell and Cohasset). Merrill said volunteers are especially needed Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, but assistance is always needed throughout the week. She added that there is a great comradeship, fellowship and camaraderie among the volunteers, and most volunteers look forward to not only helping a great cause, but value the friendships that have developed over the years. All who are interested, should call 383-0687. The non-profit shop is located in Shaw's Plaza, and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Sunday. Proceeds from the shop benefit the flu shots, meals on wheels, battered women and the keep-well programs, to name but a few. Andy also encourages all South Shore residents to come and view the men and women's tweed jackets, fur coats, silver tea service, hand-knit gloves and sweaters, and everything else for the cold winter days!!

SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 25 (this Sunday) Roger and Ann Pompeo will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary! We send them all of the best wishes possible, and wish them many more! Hint: if everyone would take a page out of their happiness book, the world would be a better place! And, marriages would thrive, just as theirs has! Congratulations!

HAM AND BEAN SUPPER

The Beechwood Congregational Church is doing it again, ladies and gents, and you will be so thrilled to hear it! They are holding a ham and bean supper that will be prepared by and served at the church Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for adults are $5.99 and $2.50 for children. Advance tickets may be purchased by calling 383-1298.


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The Beechwood Church is also proud to welcome The Rev. Chris Dodge, their new interim pastor. They say he is terrific!

GONE PLATINUM!

Did you read about the former CHS basketball star, Bryan Edwards? He has gone "Platinum!" Bryan doesn't play basketball anymore, although he did play in Europe and in the Continental Basketball League in Hartford. Now he is signing talent for Platinum Entertainment, an independent local record label that also manages talent. Bryan didn't want to play overseas anymore, so he decided to invest his money in Platinum. He is now promoting "Timeless," an R&B/contemporary gospel group, and a local hip-hop group, 1850. Watch for Bryan's name to appear again and again, he will do well! Just to make you feel old, Bryan graduated from CHS in 1988, 10 years ago! He certainly captured every headline then!

MARATHON RUNNER

Bonnie (Kehoe) Taft did it! Remember we told you she was going to run in the Disney Marathon? For the fourth time? Well, she had a problem at 13 miles with her legs cramping up, but she wouldn't give up. She walked for the next six miles and then ran the rest of the way! She was very disappointed with her time because she usually runs this 26.2 mile course in just under four hours, but it took her five because of her problem. She came through the finish line with her mom, Shirley Kehoe, cheering her on, and received her Disney World Mickey Mouse Ears Medal.

Bonnie ran for a 5-year-old leukemia patient, and she was glad to be able to finish it for her! Her determination was unbelievable, she became ill after crossing the finish line! While her mom tries to talk her into coming home to run in the Boston Marathon, we'll join her plea! Bonnie, you love to run, it would be grand to see you again, and you would certainly have tons of cheerleaders to cheer you on! Anyway, congrats to a star!

CALL WITH NEWS!

That's the news, what happened to you this week? Or last? Let me know!

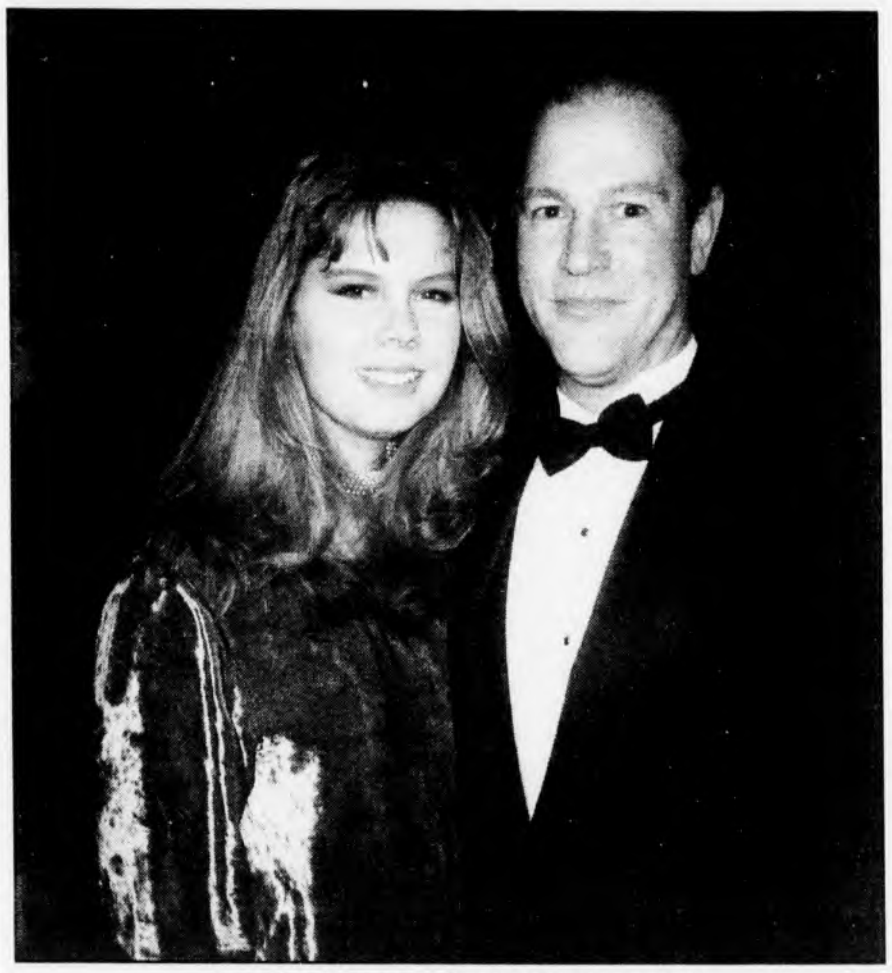
— Sallyann
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Telephone number changes at Cohasset Town Hall

The following departments have changed their phone numbers as follows:

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Board of Selectmen/Town Manager	383-4105
Recreation Department	383-4109
Town Accountant	383-4110
Building Commissioner	383-4112
Board of Assessors	383-4114
Board of Health	383-4116
Planning Board	383-4118

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Jennifer Brennan & Albert E. Oram III

Brennan/Oram

Mr. and Mrs. Mark D. Brennan of Cohasset announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Jane, to Albert E. Oram III of Boston, son of Mrs. Marilyn A. Oram and the late Albert E. Oram Jr. of Lexington, Ky.

Miss Brennan, a Hingham High graduate and a graduate of the University of Maine, Orono, with a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism, is currently promotions director at WZLX-FM radio in Boston.

Mr. Oram attended the Universities of Kentucky and Massachusetts and is a longtime announcer at WBCN-FM in Boston.

An October wedding is planned.

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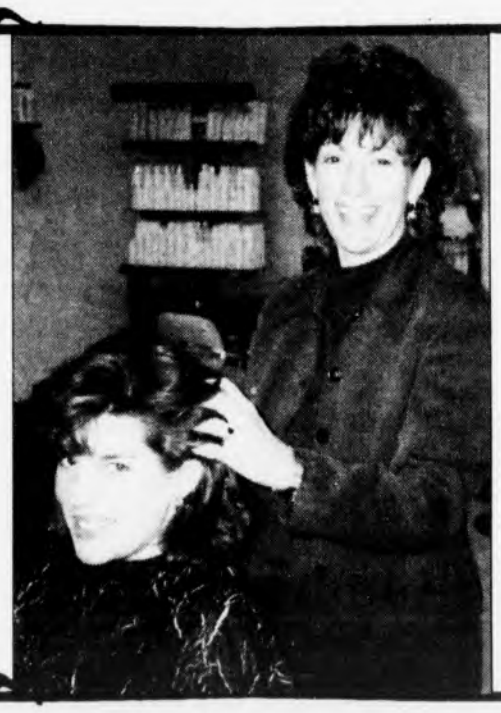
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

The Super Bowl

Okay, it's a trick headline to entice you sports fans out there to read this editorial.

That being said, just in case you haven't been paying attention over the past few weeks, here at the Mariner we've been trying to beef up our local sports coverage.

"Local" to us does not mean the Green Bay Packers and the Denver Broncos, which kick off in the Super Bowl Sunday evening, or the Boston Celtics or Red Sox for that matter. And we don't cover college teams except to let you know what our graduates are up to.

What we do cover are Cohasset High School and youth sports. But because we have limited staff and cannot reach all the local teams out there, we need your help.

Every week we're going to run "box scores" with the basics including names of standouts.

For example: Seahawks 3, Hingham 1. Hat trick: John Alden; assists, Bill Bradford (2) and Miles Standish (1). Goalie, Priscilla Alden, 20 saves. You may also include a short description of the action. For example, "The Seahawks' John Alden scored a hat trick in the final two minutes of the game for a come behind win over the Hingham. The team's record is now 10-1-1."

All a team representative has to do is call our sports line at: 1-800-649-6661 ext. 4263. Results can also be sent by FAX to 781-837-4540 or dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St.. With the results, be sure to include your name and a telephone number where you can be reached if we have questions.

If you don't notify us, the results for your team won't appear. All teams have to do is designate someone to call (or send) in the team stats every week. It's as simple as that.

We are also in the market for good sports feature ideas. If your team is going to a special tournament, has an unusual story to tell or has a unique performer — please contact sports editor David Wolcott at 781-837-4577. We'd like to thank those coaches and parents that are already providing us with weekly updates on their youth teams.

Jim O'Sullivan, our sports correspondent, will continue to cover high school sports action every week with expanded stories.

Last week our monthly "Athlete of the Month" debuted. We hope you like that feature and we congratulate wrestling standouts Luke Caldwell and Mike Baird on being selected.

As many of you sit down Sunday evening to enjoy the Super Bowl, don't forget all those super kids out there who would get thrill out of seeing their name in the local paper.

We enjoy being scrapbook material and hope you will help us to better fulfill that role.

—Mary Ford
Editor



LETTERS

ZBA urged to take action against CHL

Mark DeGiacomo
Chairman
Cohasset Zoning Board of Appeals
Dear Mr. DeGiacomo:

I would like to express an opinion regarding the meeting of the ZBA Jan. 6. At that time the board heard reasoned and passionate testimony regarding the situation at CHL where the permit holder (CHL) has admitted to being in violation of its permit and site assignment. The owner of CHL has dumped debris and cover materials onto part of our water protection area using the property in direct violation under the terms of his permit. He readily admitted his error and the situation is not in dispute.

I understand that the board needs to carefully weigh its decision. But if this was a neighborhood question of a misplaced deck or addition, I can't imagine a delay in a removal decision. Members of the board, we are talking about thousands of tons of construction debris and fill that CHL has made many thousands of dollars in profit for disposal. This trespass artificially increases the capacity of the present operation by enlarging the base of the site. All this material must be removed immediately from the excluded zone and the slope adjusted accordingly. A fine must be imposed to insure that this situation is never repeated.

Members of the board, this situation is no misplaced deck, this is an illegal trespass onto conservation land over a period of years and I urge you to order this removal immediately.

James C. Kinch
77 Forest Ave.

Mr. Kinch provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter for publication.

Support for food pantry appreciated

To the Editor:

As we close the books on 1997 and enter a new year, the workers of the Cohasset Food Pantry, who themselves deserve thanks for their volunteer effort, want to be sure the generous people, businesses and agencies of our town know how much their contributions of food and funds are appreciated.

We have tried to thank donors directly, but the public should also know how the support of these individuals, companies or groups has kept our shelves well-stocked so that some hard-pressed local families could be sure of help with their food budgets. Once again, for example, we were able to provide bounteous holiday baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

At the risk of omitting some of our major donors, I would particularly like to cite all the town churches, the Community Center Nursery School, the Carriage House Nursery School, the Copeland Family Foundation, Cohasset Post Office workers, the Girl Scouts, the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, the First Parish Christmas Tree sale, Stop and Shop, Buttonwood Books, the Christopher Gallery, Goodale Company Insurance, Kinnealey Meats for gift of turkeys, Leo Fiore's Exxon, and Ann Musto and friends for wreaths. These are in addition, of course, to the many individual donors for their generous contributions.

We find there is a continuing need in Cohasset for the service the Food Pantry provides and we speak for the recipients as well as for the pantry volunteers when we say a thank you to all who have supported it.

Marjorie Steele
For the Cohasset Food Pantry

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Enclosing town pool is put on hold

By Joe McElroy
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Although a high degree of consensus appears to exist to enclose the Cohasset swimming pool while retaining a maximum degree of "openness," the necessary financial support remains in question. Accordingly, the Friends of the Cohasset Swim Center are going to continue to work with the trustees in whatever manner is most constructive, but pursuit of the "enclosure option" will be indefinitely deferred.

Our exploratory efforts will be documented for the trustees, town officials and citizenry and should prove useful at a future date. We believe that we have identified an architectural approach that is both cost-effective and retains much of the openness that we now enjoy. Additionally, it is clear to us that a partnership between the town and the trust (similar to the Percy Walker Pool in Duxbury) offers great potential for affordable rates without significant taxpayer expense. Currently, the Duxbury Recreation Department manages the Percy Walker Pool on a break-even basis and family memberships are $180/year.

However, we cannot minimize the start-up challenges that are complicated by current financial pressures that the town and citizens of Cohasset confront. Until we have definitely documented that a broad cross-spectrum of the community will fund start-up costs and support ongoing pool programs, we cannot recommend that the trustees support the "enclosure option."

In the meantime, the trustees have identified an imminent need to upgrade the facility as it approaches its 25th anniversary. We will assist the trustees in that endeavor while we continue to work towards realization of a year-found facility.

We want to thank you for your continued encouragement and to particularly cite Josiah Stevenson, Glenn Pratt, Jack Worley, Clark Chatterton, Bill Needle and the trustees for their help.

LETTERS

Septic elitism

To the Editor:

A letter by Stephen Bobo entitled "Holistic Septic Solution Needed" contained these two especially interesting sentences: "It's clear that in Cohasset is an element which wishes to choke off growth by almost any means. But it's no longer possible to use sewer system management to limit growth in a town."

How true! Unfortunately, that mindset was largely responsible for our failure to build a large sewage treatment plant a few years ago, when it would have been largely subsidized by federal and state funds. As the sewer commission chairman admitted at a public meeting about two years ago: "We believed the funds were there for us, but we just didn't want the big plant."

How many remember the mesmerizing speeches a few years ago about our beautiful town and how it would be ruined forever if we expanded our sewer system? This elitist nonsense was much applauded at the time, and no doubt it's still popular with a certain element. For example, those who still feel that we could have made do without the water treatment plant beside Lily Pond!

We fumbled the opportunity to have our septic solution subsidized, so perhaps a greatly expanded sewer system is no longer a viable "holistic solution."

The input from the public at hearings isn't much help; most of it is whining about cost by people who haven't bothered to learn anything about the history of the issues and who have nothing practically constructive to offer. We may disagree with the judgment and actions of the health and sewer commissioners, but we should appreciate the inordinate time and energy they devote and try to appreciate the rats' nest of problems they have to deal with.

R. M. Campbell
75 Old Pasture Rd.

Pay-as-you-throw system clarified

To the Editor:

This is in response to last week's "Letter to the Editor" from Mr. Dale Malone.

Based on statements in his letter, it's apparent that Mr. Malone doesn't seem to be very well informed about the Pay-as-you-throw system: To correct a few statements that were in error, I quote, "The stated justification of the program is to increase the town's recycling rate." This is totally wrong. The justification of the pay-as-you-throw never has been to increase recycling but to cut our (the town) cost for disposing of our trash. As stated many times, the cost of disposing of our trash is currently $85 a ton (this will increase each year). The Pay-as-you-throw system is a big incentive to reduce our trash and therefore reduce the cost. Yes, recycling is a large part of reducing that cost, but so are the other two R'S, "REFUSE AND REUSE."

Regarding the statement, "Given our good track record, it is not clear that Cohasset has a margin for improvement." At any given time, look in the trash bin and you will see many recyclable materials thrown in the bin. This is costing you, the taxpayers, money. Yes, we do have mandatory recycling, but to strictly enforce this, we would need someone standing by the trash bin all the time, checking people as they throw their trash in the bin. Not counting the added personnel to monitor this, traffic would probably be backed up to the entrance to the RTF.

Mr. Malone makes the statement that when the "buck-a-bag proposal was originally floated, Mr. Brown suggested that the program would be revenue-neutral based on a supposed "average" Cohasset family throwing away one (!) bag of trash per week. Mr. Malone goes on to say, "Clearly this assumption was incorrect and for a large majority of Cohasset families, the proposed plan would double or triple the cost of trash disposal. The plan is a tax hike, plain and simple." This is incorrect. I never stated that the Pay-as-you-throw system would be a revenue-neutral system. What I did say was that throughout the country, many studies have been done that show the average family of four will throw away 1.2 trash bags a week. I don't claim to be an expert on the Pay-as-you-throw system, but I have done some research, attended seminars, interviewed and visited communities with the Pay-as-you-throw-system. This is not something new that the Recycling Committee of Cohasset is trying to do. The Pay-as-you-throw system is done in many states throughout the country.

In Massachusetts alone there are at last count 75 cities and towns that have the Pay-as-you-throw system. As for it being a tax hike, I guess you could say it is if you don't want to use the three R'S, REFUSE, REUSE, RECYCLE. However, I don't see it that way. I believe it to be a tax reduction. Remember, for every ton of trash we don't send to SEMASS we save money. As stated before, if we just reduce our trash to SEMASS by 15 percent (and that is a conservative estimate), it would save us $35,700. That is more than 3.5 cents reduction off the tax rate.

Regarding Mr. Malone's "cheat" comment: Using a trash compactor does not make me a "cheat." I was pointing out that the weight of trash put into the bag is not too heavy for people to lift and be able to dispose of. By removing all recyclable materials from my trash, the weight is greatly reduced. My trash bag weighs 10 lbs. I call myself "environmentally responsible." Look at what Cohasset recycles and you can clearly see that there is no large amount of weight to the trash we have to throw away.

The statement, "Imagine the mess from all those overfilled bags breaking." The standard Pay-as-you-throw bag has been tested to hold at least 25 lbs. This test was done by dropping the bag with 25 lbs. off a two-story building. Regarding the purchase of bags, the plan has been all along to have all the stores that are willing to participate in the program to do so. That will include at least five stores along Route 3A. I might also note that the RTF is not open any time that the stores are not.

Statement: "For those residents who generate less than one bag of trash per week, the proposal represents a public health risk. We should not encourage residents to store garbage in their homes for weeks at a time." This type of statement really reaches out for reasons not to go with Pay-as-you-throw. Again, Mr. Malone apparently is only interested in what he wants to read into the program. We stated many times that any person who does not compost, can bring his garbage to the RTF any day it is open. This is a very simple thing to do by using, for example, the plastic bag that bread is packaged in (the second "R" — reuse). Mr. Malone says, "The proposed plan also provides a tangible incentive to dump trash illegally." It has been proven many times over that this program will not create more illegal dumping than is done already. Mr. Malone states that when it comes to garbage, I seem to be a bit obsessed. My obsession is not with garbage, but with taxes, finding ways (large and small) that taxpayers of Cohasset can help them from increasing. If there is a way to reduce taxes, I want to do it. I don't believe we should stick our head in the sand or try to find excuses not to save money.

Mr. Malone says, "There is a limit to how far the town should go to encourage noble goals like recycling." I ask, "What is that limit and why should there be a limit? Should we not care about our environment?" If we live that way we will bury ourselves in our own trash.

I want to thank Mr. Malone for stating his opposition to the Pay-as-you-throw system, however, I would encourage him and all interested citizens to look at all the facts. I believe the best conclusion is, the Pay-as-you-throw system for Cohasset's trash disposal needs.

REMEMBER THE THREE "R'S"
REFUSE, REUSE, RECYCLE.
The Recycling Committee
Merle Brown, Secretary

Recycling committee has a busy year

To the Editor:

The Recycling Committee has had a busy year with efforts to find markets for our recyclables. The fluctuating market for steel, plastic, corrugated and glass has presented continuing problems in marketing.

Our percentage of trash to recycling continues good but we are still below the state recycling goal.

New recyclables with the help of our South Shore Coalition have broadened our area of recyclables. Fluorescent bulbs, still considered hazardous with mercury, is the newest effort. Plastic grocery bags are being collected on a trial basis since there presently is no market for our anticipated volume.

The paint recycling program has proven successful with a considerable amount of paint recycled back to reuse. The school system has made use of our surplus paint also.

Hazardous Waste Collection is now operated by the Recycling Committee and a very successful day was conducted at the new D.P.W. area.

Recycling is only as effective as the effort made by residents to separate their recyclables from their trash. We thank those who are working in that direction.

It is with regret that we report the loss of one of our most dedicated recyclers, Jack Hubbard. He will be greatly missed.

Arthur L. Lehr, Jr. Chairman
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CANDIDATES CORNER

Bradley supports Cohasset youth

Assistant District Attorney and current state representative candidate Garrett Bradley helped raise more than $200 Saturday night at a dinner theater fundraiser for "The Garage," a project to renovate the old town garage in Cohasset center to accommodate activities for young people in our community. Bradley presented Anthony Bramblett, the 16-year-old Cohasset resident whose hard work and dedication helped bring this project to life, with a $100 check from Hingham Youth Football, a $50 donation from his campaign committee, and a $65 personal contribution for two tickets to the fundraiser.

Bradley feels that it is the job of our state representative to support important local initiatives like The Garage.

"Our district needs a representative who will provide effective leadership and be pro-active rather than just reactive," Bradley said. "It is important for our elected officials to be active in our communities and support local activists like Anthony Bramblett."

Bradley is focusing on the issues of education, taxes and water rate relief, and crime prevention in his campaign for state representative. As an assistant district attorney, Bradley understands the importance of providing after school activities for our young people to give them constructive alternatives. Bradley has pledged to work hard to promote such activities as our state representative, and to work with local business people to provide internships and after-school jobs.

Osgood reuse group to seek money for consultant

Continued from page 1

officials stalled a year ago on the question of financing the committee, Adkins and the reuse board has held firm in the view the town should pay a consultant for an independent opinion about the Osgood property. They were united on the issue again Tuesday night in the wake of public criticism about their work as a committee and their commitment to taking the time necessaryóperhaps until this Septemberóto find the right use for a school building that is to be closed in June.

Yet as the panel faced up to somewhat stinging criticism of its plan, the chairwoman also floated the possibility the selectmen might not back either the committeeís request for financing or its commitment to study the alternatives in depth.

"The question is,î Adkins told the other board members. "Do we have a role?"

Tuesday, with the question about the committeeís future still undecided, the reuse board stopped short of delivering an ultimatum to the selectmen and got down to work instead. Though the committee reached a consensus on the issue about the consultant, with the five members present at the meeting united in support of paying for independent expertise, they also came up with a short list of recommendations for the site. While most of the options focused on housing with an independent living facility at the top of the list and rental units at the bottom, the committee is also considering a charter school, an institutional use and a library. Only a commercial use has been ruled out.

For the present, Adkins said the panel lacked the information to evaluate the use of the school as a library, due to the uncertainty about the plans of the Board of Library Trustees. The other options listed were condominiums and an assisted living facility.

Finally, the group considered their alternatives should their proposal to bring in an independent expert be nixed. The possibility still seemed somewhat remote to the panel, even though Selectman Diane Sullivan said at a previous meeting she doubted the board would OK the expense for a consultant.

"I never thought anybody would disagree with that,"said Adkins, who maintained going to a consultant was a sensible move. "Never in my wildest dreams."

Yet Adkins, who frankly acknowledged she does not agree with asking professionals to do work for free, did appear open to the idea the selectmen might be leaning towards a role for the reuse committee that is in conflict with the membersí convictions. As the group grappled with continuing questions about their mission to get the property sold and back on the tax rolls, partly to offset the cost of building the new Cohasset Elementary School, the reuse committee reaffirmed their commitment to see the property put to the best use for the town, and not necessarily sold to the highest bidder. The united stand was adopted, in spite of public criticism about the committeeís commitment to move expeditiously.

"I personally am disappointed,"the chairman said on the criticism the committee has faced over the past week. "Weíre donating our time. People might disagree with us. But they donít need to immediately assume weíre incompetent; we donít know what weíre doing, or what weíre doing is wrong."

North Cohasset sewer project over budget

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That thought angers Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Road, who fought so tirelessly over the past two years to get the town to pick up half the tab of sewering her end of town.

"Asking 330 people to pick up $2.7 million will hurt many tremendously," she said.

Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild said the project, which was bid in four phases to make it more competitive, should go forward. Tentative plans are to ask town meeting to appropriate the additional money which would be assessed through betterments on those to be hooked up to the sewer in North Cohasset and would amount to about $290 more a year for 20 years for each homeowner. He doesn't expect town meeting to reject the additional appropriation because the money would not come from the tax base.

The end result would be the project would get a 40 percent subsidy from the town with users picking up 60 percent, Guild said.

Town counsel is investigating whether or not a 60/40 shared town/user payment plan can be implemented in light of the override vote last spring which approved a 50/50 split.

Guild met with a group of homeowners Monday night at Selectman Diane Sullivan's home. Sullivan, who lives at 708 Jerusalem Road, was one of the activists pushing for the town/user shared funding plan approved at town meeting. Guild said the consensus at that meeting was to award the contract for the first two phases of the North Cohasset project to the low bidder, D & C Construction of Rockland. Then go to town meeting for the additional money to pay for phases three and four which would be rebid.

This was the second bid round and attracted 23 bidders. The first, held in October, attracted 15 bidders with low bids totaling $1 million higher than those in the second round.

Guild cited the price of a linear foot of pipe, which nearly doubled, as an example of a cost driver. Also, many contractors are reluctant to go onto private property because of liability issues, making the bids for phases three and four, which involve sewer service installation, higher than expected.

Phases one and two involve installing mains on all streets in the North Cohasset area, buying into the Hingham pump station, buying capacity in the Hull treatment plant, covering all engineering to date and installing sewer service to the Straits Pond area, which has been deemed by the state as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

Guild said completing those phases would protect the town from possible court action by the state and town of Hull. The town is under a court order to solve its sewer woes or face stiff fines from the state.

Sewer commissioners will meet with selectmen at 8:30 p.m., Monday to discuss the issue.

In addition to betterments, sewer users will also pay operating and maintenance fees of about $400 a year. Also approved last spring was the $13.4 million central Cohasset sewer project which upgrades the town's wastewater treatment plant and extends service to about 600 homes not currently on the sewer.

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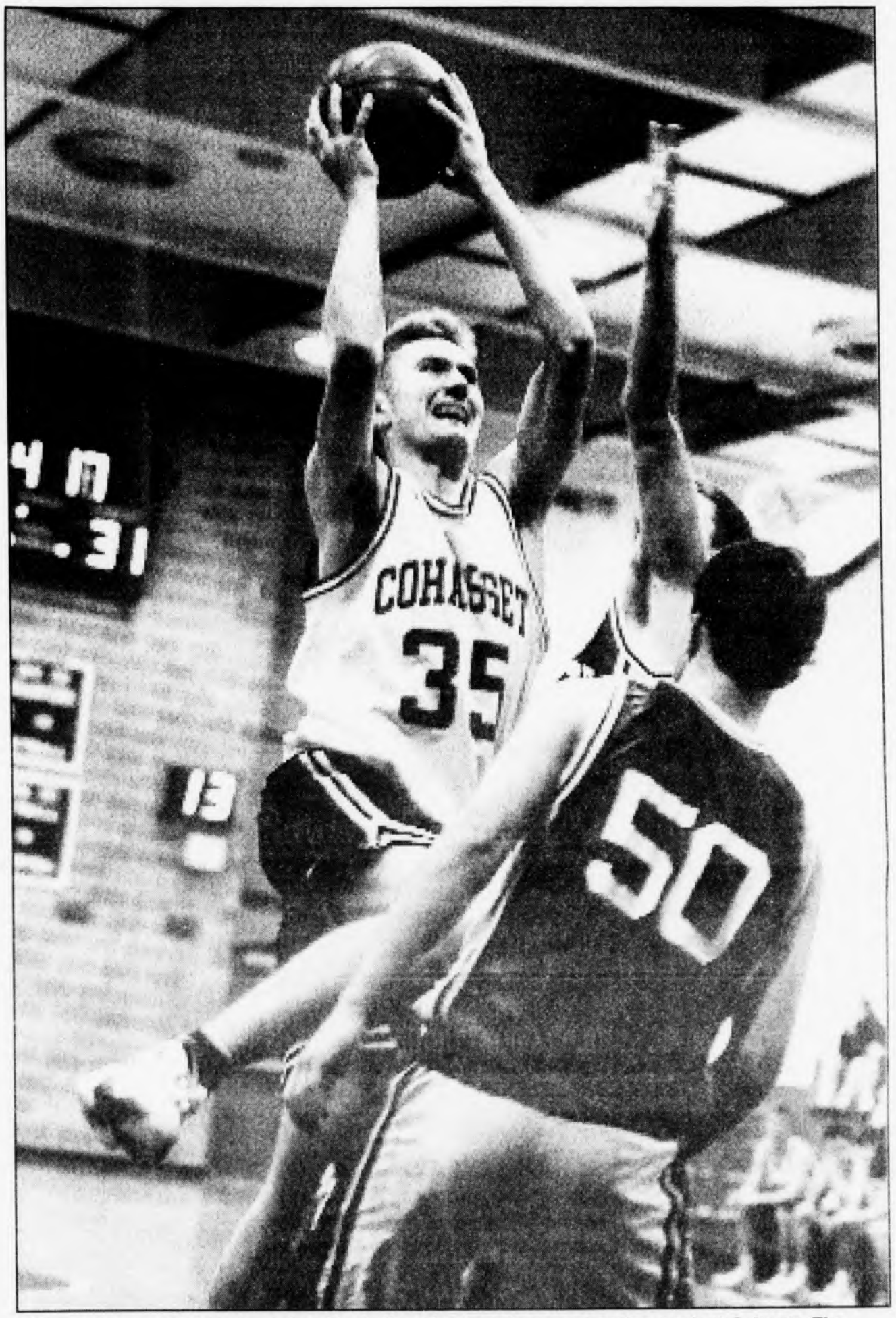


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Skipper forward Pat Hurley takes the ball to the hoop in recent action against Scituate. The squad stands at 3-8 and will have to mount a strong comeback in the second half of the seasons to earn an invitation to the MIAA tourney.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Hoopsters need to get in gear quickly

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

With a string of three consecutive losses and not much hope in the foreseeable future, the 3-8 Cohasset Skippers boys' varsity basketball team faces the prospect of not making the state tourney for the first time in a long time.

Despite solid individual efforts, Cohasset has lost to Hanover, Rockland and Abington, all within the last month. A lone bright spot came with a nail-biting win over Dover Sherborn.

The Abington game was one which could be looked back upon as a back-breaker. Leading by one point with three ticks showing on the clock in Abington's home gym, and the game seemingly won, the Skippers were nearly assured of a 3-5 record, not ideal, but certainly worthy of play-off hopes.

However, through some miracle, and a wink toward home court advantage, the Green Wave found a way to win. With the length of the court to go, an Abington player inbounded the ball on a pass which was lightly deflected by senior Pat Hurley. By rule, the clock should have started when the ball touched Hurley's hand. But, there was still time enough for the ball to cross halfcourt and a shot to be taken. Plausible as this may seem, it is highly unlikely that the ball could come down, be shot again, be rebounded a third time, and finally put through for the winning bucket in half the time it takes to read this sentence.

Needless to say, despite cinematic evidence to the contrary, the Skippers were handed a loss.

To qualify for the Massachusetts state tournament, a record of .500 or better is required. Cohasset seems to have run up against a brick wall.

No such excuse can be offered for the Rockland game. Visiting Cohasset was outplayed, pure and simple. The high-flying, fun to watch Bulldogs put on a clinic, tearing the Skippers to shreds 84-42, a perfect doubling. Season-leading scorer Paul-Michael Quintin was shadowed by two defenders and held to six points. Jamie DeMichele, coach Ford's junior sensation, led his squad with 13 points. Coupled with a loss Tuesday night to the Hanover Indians, this dropped the boys in blue to a discouraging 2-9.

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Skippers stay atop the South Shore League

Gymnasts yet to tumble from ranks of the unbeaten

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Just call them the "Magnificent Seven."

Is there really any other way to describe the small band of warriors disguised as the Cohasset High gymnastics team?

The Lady Skippers proved they don't just beat up on the run-of-the-mill squads as they raised their record to a league-leading 6-0 on Jan. 14 with a tight 119.45 — 117.8 win over a tough Hanover High team.

The meet was hardly a runaway for Cohasset, which faces the Lady Indians on Monday night at the Hanover Middle School beginning at 7:15 p.m. Cohasset was only slightly ahead, 27.9 to 26.95, after the contest opened with the bars.

Head coach Ruthann Ardizzoni admits she was concerned with how close to the Lady Skippers Hanover was. Ardizzoni was hoping Cohasset would come away from the opening event with at least a 1-1/2 point lead.

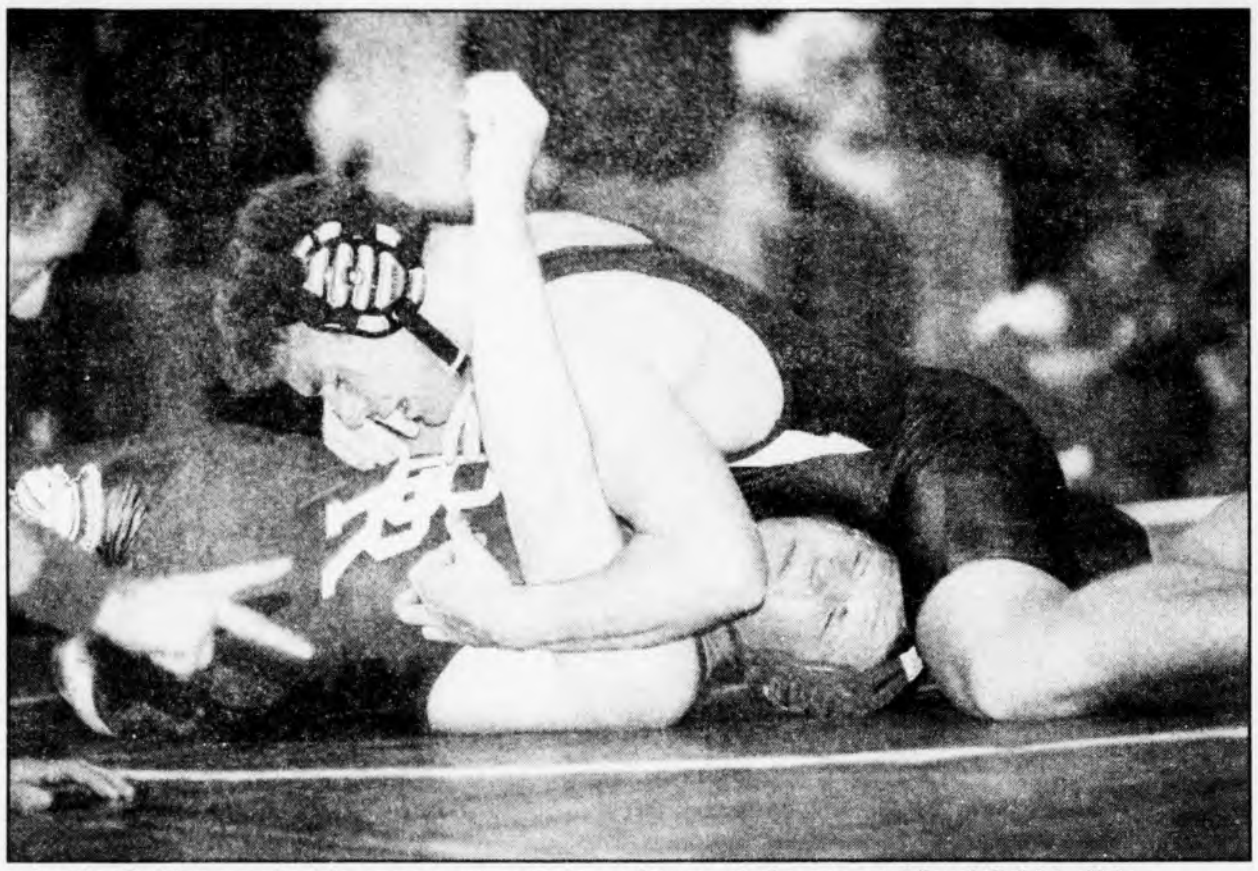
"This was the first meet in a long time where I felt the pressure," she said.

The Lady Skippers hadn't been in a truly close meet for some

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This group of 8th graders has performed tremendously well for the CHS gymnastics team this year while helping their team stay perched atop the South Shore League standings. Pictured are (top row left to right), Amanda Watts, Caitlin Flint and Kate Grimm. In the bottom row are Kristin Sheerin and Carlie Carter.



Justin Golden works his opponent over in a victory at the recent Marshfield holiday wrestling tourney. The wrestlers will be hosting their own tourney this Saturday at CHS. The preliminary matches begin at 10 a.m. and the finals should start around 6 p.m.

Staff photo/Chris Bernstein

Hoopsters need to get in gear quickly

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ers did not join the team, along with several role players; an already tough schedule was made even more difficult with the addition of Rockland to the league; the talent level this year is down because players were given little time to develop after graduating last year's class, fan support at home games, particularly in the student section, is dramatically diminished.

With a pair of tough games against Marshfield, another against Rockland, and one more against Carver, along with a cluster of other question mark games, the Skippers seem to be facing a daunting challenge. Can they carry on the tradition in the face of all this adversity? We wish them luck.

Gymnasts stay atop the South Shore League

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time. In their previous three outings they walked away with easy wins over Carver (119.7 — 116.3), non-league opponent Notre Dame (118.8 — 103.95) and Duxbury (119.6 — 112.6). Hanover, however, is the team to beat in the Pilgrim Conference — when not facing Cohasset.

Cohasset was up to the task of battling the Lady Indians. Tara Hettstrom placed second on the bars (7.5) and teammate Carlie Carter followed in third with a 7.0 score.

Hettstrom and Carolyn Pratt finished in a tie for third (7.6) on the balance beam, just behind Cohasset's Kristin Sheerin (7.8). By the halfway mark of the meet the Lady Skippers had made few mistakes, but with the score 57.7 to 56.4 Ardizzoni knew the win was still up for grabs.

"I was hoping to have at least a 2-1/2 point lead," she said. "The girls were doing a lot better than their scores' showed. I was wicked, wicked worried."

Cohasset, however, began to inch away over the second half. Sheerin put forth a splendid bar routine, finishing with an 8.25, good for first place and her highest score of the season. Hettstrom also performed well to finish third with a 7.85.

The Lady Skippers had a solid night on the floor with Hettstrom leading Sheerin to a 1-2 finish, 8.15 and 7.85, respectively. The pair went on to take second and third in the all around. Hettstrom recorded a 31.1 and Sheerin was right behind in 30.6.

The win was easily the biggest of the season for Cohasset, but the toughest test comes when the girls face Hanover in its home gym. Ardizzoni was very pleased with the win, but knows this isn't the time for the Lady Skippers to savor their victory.

"I was very relieved," she said, "but we do have to face them again."

Ardizzoni is as concerned now about the Lady Skippers avoiding sickness and injury as she has been all season. With seven girls, Cohasset can't afford for any one team member to go down with the flu or a sprained ankle.

Hettstrom is currently nursing a slight back injury. Thankfully, though, it is not serious and she should be ready for Cohasset's next meet.

"Her back is already feeling better," Ardizzoni said. "We'll just have to see what happens. She's just taking it easy at this point."

While Hanover doesn't have a huge team, it is big enough to make Cohasset's life difficult if the injury bug hits.

"They have 10 girls on their team," Ardizzoni said. "It's not a lot but it can make a big difference. It's all a matter of staying healthy at this point."

The "Magnificent Seven" doesn't intend to hold back now.

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Icemen prepare for new league in the new year

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

One of the fastest skaters on the Cohasset High junior varsity hockey team has the smallest area of ice to cover on the team.

Prior to the start of the season, Coach Dennis Walsh was looking at freshman Danny Williams to play the role of a forward.

However, to go along with a number of other shortages on the team, including players, Cohasset needed a goalie.

Danny's brother, Jeremy, who had been an outstanding goalie at Cohasset, graduated last spring.

Along with Jeremy, a number of other senior hockey players graduated, leaving the Skippers with a shortage of players, forcing the team to play sub-varsity hockey this season.

Willing to help the team at any position, Danny jumped into the nets. According to his coach, Danny never played the position in his life.

With brother Jeremy taking a year off from hockey, he plans to go out for the UMass hockey team next year, it wasn't hard for Danny to find goalie equipment around the house.

"He just moved right into the position," said coach Walsh. "He's been doing a good job for us. He has made a number of solid saves for us and certainly doesn't look out of place in the goal.

"This is a kid who never went to goalie school or did any of the things kids do to become a fine goalie. I just can't get over how a kid who never played the position can look like he's been playing it for years.

"He's a special kind of kid. He gave up playing a position he knew he was good at, to take on a position that was a question mark for him.

"He has certainly been a life saver for us this season, as we try to bring the team back to varsity status."

The coach is certainly optimistic about the return to varsity play next season, especially with the evolution of a new league for small schools that will certainly help Cohasset.

Going into the week, Cohasset was sporting a record of two wins, three losses and one tie.

The young Skippers have defeated Hingham and North Quincy junior varsity teams, while losing to Hanover, South Boston and tying Sandwich.

The South Boston loss was to a varsity squad. "My kids played one heck of a game," said Walsh. "They were holding their own for two periods, trailing 2-1. It was in the third period, the kids ran out of steam, and the stronger more experienced Southie team opened the scoring gates."

The coach continued, "We eventually lost the game 5-1, but it was great to see us leading, 1-0, even for a brief period."

The Cohasset team was looking to even the slate Tuesday, when it was scheduled to play Sandwich at Sandwich.

Adam Donovan, the lone senior on the club, and also the team captain, has been making great strides this season and also playing a great role model for the kids, states the coach.

The leading scorer on the team has been Brad Powell, who has been running up goals and assists.

The center has been getting great support from his forwards, Ryan Hubley and Ken Portanova.

Helping out Donovan on defense has been Ted Goff, who according to Coach Walsh is really coming into his own.

While on the subject of players who have been coming along real well, Coach Walsh likes the play of Caitlin Donovan, a sophomore.

"She has been doing a great job for us on defense. She plays the position really well."

Asked if the opposing teams let up a bit on her, the coach commented, "No way. She's treated like any other player out there on the ice. She has taken some good hits and at the same time has dished out a few as well."

Asked if she could be playing varsity hockey next season, Coach Walsh exclaimed, "She sure can. If she keeps improving the way she has been, she will be on the team. She's becoming a real solid player.

Sports Briefs

Spend 'Spirit Night' with the CHS hoopsters

Please come to cheer on the girls' varsity teams as they play East Bridgewater Friday, Jan. 23, at Cohasset High School at 6:30 p.m.

Tri-captains Megan Connolly, Katie Devine and Megan McNamara will lead their teammates, Whitney Cook, Roslyn Munez, Megan Waal, Katie Brister, Caitlin O'Neil, Tamara Devon, Alex Derosa, Kelly Devine, Kelley Lordon and Stephanie Cook.

Cohasset Middle School and Cohasset High School students will be admitted free for this special evening.

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Motor coach will leave at 5:30 a.m. from town hall and return between 7 and 7:15 p.m. Ski rentals are $18 per person, lessons are $18 per person and snow board rentals are $25 per person.

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Jan. 23 At E. Bridgewater
26 At Carver
28 Harwich
4:30/6 p.m.
30 Abington
Feb. 3 At Norwell

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Jan. 21 Carver
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24 Cohasset Tourney
10 a.m.
28 Hanover
7 p.m.
30 Hingham
3:30 p.m.
Feb. 3 At Bridgewater-Raynham7 p.m.

SWIMMING
Jan. 22 At Duxbury
3:30 p.m.
29 At North Quincy
3:30 p.m.
Feb. 3 At Sandwich
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GYMNASTICS
Jan. 26 At Hanover
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Wrestling tourney on tap for Saturday

Cohasset will host a number of local towns Saturday in their seventh annual wrestling tournament. Preliminary rounds will start at 10 a.m. and the finals are expected to start somewhere near 6 p.m..

The Skippers won the tourney last year and will face some impressive competition this year, including teams from Rockland, Scituate, Hanover and Norwell. Cohasset comes into the tourney off a pair of impressive wins against Rockland (42-29) and Sharon (39-33) as well as an important clash Wednesday evening against the Carver Crusaders that will go mighty far in determining who is the top team in the South Shore League.

Winning by pin against Rockland were Craig Sheerin, Mike Baird, Liam O'Donnell, Mike Rossi, Justin Golden and Luke Caldwell. Winning on points were Chris Pratt and Ben Littauer.

The Skippers were down 27-6 to Sharon at one point but bounced back by scoring the next 33 points for the win.

Getting pins were Sheerin, Ben Littauer, Rossi, Golden, Calwell and J.P. Laugelle, while Kevin DeVito got the nod on points.

Locals picked for national lacrosse championships

Cohasset High School seniors Jamie Buick and Eric Moore have been selected as members of the Massachusetts all-star lacrosse team that will compete in the National High School Indoor Lacrosse Championships January 17-19.

Buick and Moore are among 20 high school juniors and seniors who were chosen from 250 players representing public and private schools across the state. The Massachusetts all-stars include players from Concord-Carlisle, Duxbury, Norwell, Sandwich, Boston College, Newton South, Medford, Lincoln-Sudbury, Needham, Middlesex, Rivers, St. Sebastian's, Belmont Hill and Phillips Academy high schools.

The tournament, in its eighth year, is hosted by the Peddie School of Hightstown, New Jersey.

"This event is one of the premier recruiting opportunities for college coaches," said Coach Burke Walker, president of Top Gun Lacrosse, the sponsor of the team. Last year, Massachusetts finished sixth in the tournament, with Jon Lacks and Ely Kahn representing the Skippers. Lacks now plays for Providence College, and Kahn for Harvard University.

Buick, the Skippers' 1998 co-captain, led all players in eastern Massachusetts in scoring last season and was a Pilgrim Conference all-star. Moore, a starter at attack, finished among the top ten scorers in the conference in 1997.

Last call for youth lacrosse players

The Cohasset Youth Lacrosse programs — for children in grades five through eight — is completing its spring registration by mail.

For the first time this year, Cohasset is adding a team for seventh and eighth graders to the junior program, which has featured a fifth and sixth grade team for the last two years.

The youth program is in addition to the middle school program; it starts before the school squad practices.

At a sign-up session on Dec. 20, 30 players registered for the fifth and sixth grade program, fewer than expected.

"Between the kids we had returning from last year and the kids who played at our summer camp, we expected at least 36 kids, which is the number we feel is necessary to field two teams this year," says Chuck Jaffee, who heads the youth program.

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New youth task force to meet Saturday

Teen Center still open

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

A new task force on Youth Resources will meet Saturday to deal with some ongoing issues about the existing Teen Center housed inside Independence Hall. The building has been the focus of numerous rumors lately as information has gotten out the selectmen want the building to be sold. But the Teen Center is still open, according to board director Melinda Murray, though the hours have been scaled back to every other weekend.

Murray said the Teen Center has been under continuing financial pressure, and the scale back was done to save costs. Initially, the board had intended to close the operation entirely but then decided to stay open, at least through August while the youth activities are re-organized under the umbrella of the Recreation department.

Murray also confirmed director Cathy Mueller-Bell of Hingham has resigned, an action Murray said was also part of the effort to cut costs. Nonetheless, she said Bell would welcome to apply for a newly created position as youth center coordinator under recreation director Jack Worley.

Despite all the cutbacks, Murray said the Teen Center ultimately would be growing, although questions remained about the future of the Independence Building near St. Stephenís Church. Both selectwomen Diane Sullivan and Nan Roth have commented recently they believe the building, formerly the town jail, will be sold, although the final decision on the question has to be left up to the town meeting.

Murray also said when the Teen Centeris activities expand, the new focus would probably be on dances and trips, though the details were not yet decided.

During the interim, Rose Collins and Betsy Connolly are coordinating trips and events from the Independence Building. Collins said the new task force, which is now being formed with four adults and four teens, is getting ready to plan activities. Collins said about $15,000 has been appropriated to run the new programs through the Recreation Department. Collins said the sum would also be shared with the new Teen Center to serve older teenagers in the former town garage behind the Red Lion Inn.

Independence Building can be sold

The town can sell the Independence Building which currently houses the teen center, Town Manager Mark Haddad said. Several years ago the town attempted to sell the building and was taken to court by a resident who felt it should be used for public housing. The case was dismissed by the court. The zoning board of appeals approved a variance and authorized a 2,000 square foot lot which was signed off by the planning board. Selectmen want to know the assessment of the building and at this point, have not discussed any future options for the site. The teen center, which leases the building from the town, may soon vacate the building, which is on South Main Street in front of St. Stephen's Church. Plans are in the works for a new teen center in the old DPW garage.

Teen Center activities planned

The Teen Center is expanding its weekend activities to include community events for the next month. This Friday, Jan. 23, teens will be admitted free to the Cohasset girls' varsity basketball game at 6:30 p.m. in the Cohasset High gym. There will be a shootout to benefit the Teen Center at intermission. Saturday, Jan. 24, teens will be cheering on the boys wrestling team as they compete all day in a South Shore Tournament at CHS. That evening the Teen Center will be open for a Rocky "Movie Night" from 7 to 10 p.m.

On Friday evening, Jan. 30, the teens will gather at the CHS gym to cheer on the boys' basketball teams against Abington. There will be a pool tournament at the Teen Center Saturday, Jan. 31, from 7 to 10 p.m. with snacks available.

Feb. 6 and 7 teens are invited to attend the Cohasset High School Drama Club's production of "Godspell" in the auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday night's performance will benefit the Appalachia Service Project. Tickets can be purchased in advance for $7.

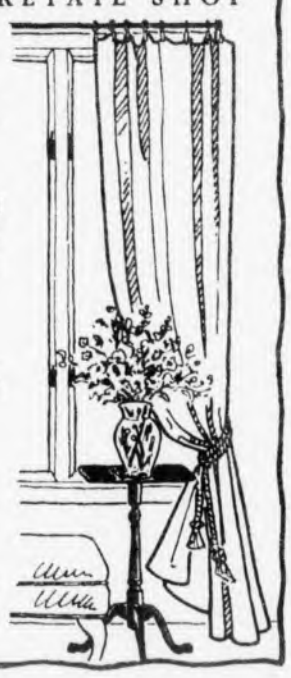
Reservations for the Waterville Valley ski trip scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 8, are being accepted. This will be the third year that the Teen Center and the Recreation Department have co-sponsored this trip. Call Jack Worley at 383-6791 for reservations and additional information.

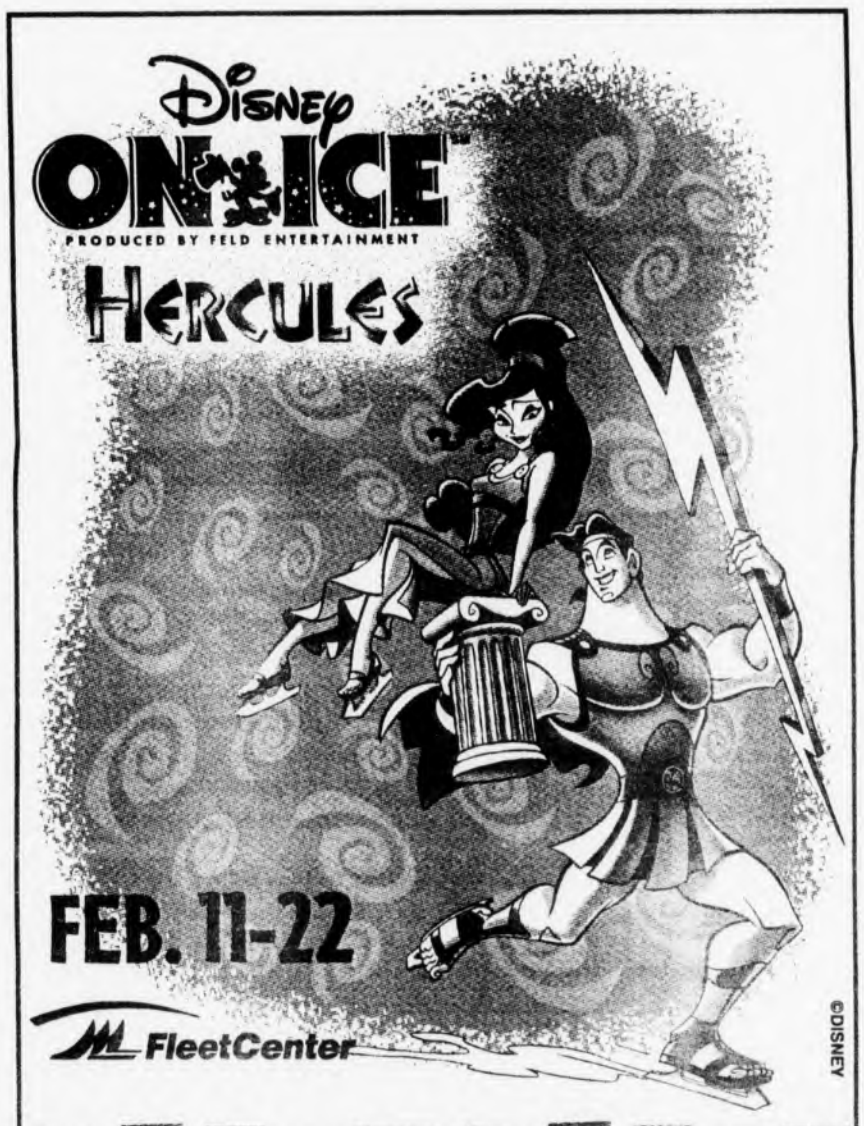
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1 egg, slightly beaten
2 tablespoons minced parsley
4 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon basil, crumbled
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Combine the ricotta or cottage cheese with remaining ingredients. Mix well and use it to stuff the shells.

SAUCE

1/4 pound butter
7 tablespoons flour
3 cups chicken broth
1 cup heavy cream
2 cups grated Monterey Jack cheese
1/4 teaspoon Tabasco, salt to taste

Melt the butter in a saucepan. Stir in the flour and cook, stirring constantly, for 3 minutes. Slowly stir in the broth and cream and cook 3 minutes more, until sauce is smooth and thickened. Add the cheese, Tabasco and salt and cook until the cheese melts.

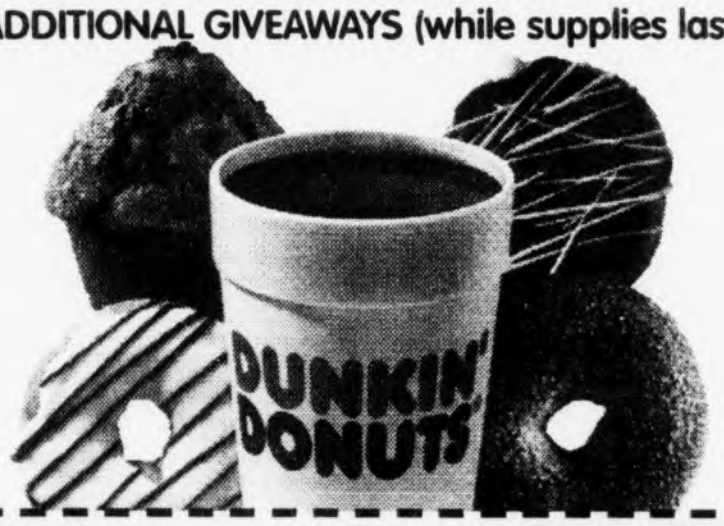
To assemble the shells: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Film the bottom of an 11-1/2 x 7-1/2 x 1-3/4 inch baking pan with the sauce. Make a single layer of the stuffed shells. Cover with the remaining sauce, cover with foil, and bake 1 hour. This serves six people, or four very hungry ones!

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Wine dinner to benefit Carousel

The third annual Tosca Wine Dinner to benefit the Friends of the Paragon Carousel will be held Monday, Jan. 26, according to Susan Fleck, president of the Friends. The young but already very popular tradition is a gift to the Carousel from Ed Kane, owner of Tosca restaurant in Hingham.

Combining the best of the Tosca food offerings with a variety of fine wines, the evening provides a warm and festive respite from the mid-winter doldrums while providing financial support for the Carousel. Tickets are $100 and are available by calling the restaurant at 740-0080 or the Friends at 925-0472.

Concert to benefit Wellspring

In celebration of its 13th year, Wellspring is hosting the Broad Cove Chorale and the Unicorn Singers under the direction of Margo Euler, performing "Encore," a showcase of choral musical favorites. The concert will be held at 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 8, in the Walton Rogers Hall of St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset.

The renowned singers will perform a variety of classical, barbershop, folk, spirituals, Broadway, gospel, parody operetta, madrigals, jazz and sing-along tunes, and will feature medleys from "On a Clear Day" and "Guys and Dolls."

Tables for six at this festive "pops-concert" format event can be reserved by sending a check for $80 to Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, MA 02045. Single seats are available at $15 each at Nobles Camera Stores in Hingham Square and Cohasset, at the Children's Exchange in Cohasset, and at all Brewed Awakenings (Hingham, Norwell and Weymouth), as well as at the Wellspring office in Hull. Refreshments will be available for sale prior to the concert.

Wellspring began in 1985 as the Hull Interfaith Thrift Shop and Fellowship Center and has grown from a drop-in center for people experiencing the stress of poverty, transition or isolation, to a multi-service center with diverse and helpful programs. These include the Food Pantry, the Wellspring Thrift Shop, the Intervention Project for Battered Women, and the Holiday Food Basket Program.

The concert will also be performed Saturday evening, Feb. 7, at Temple Sha' Aray Shalom. Call 749-6561 for information on the Saturday performance.

Wellspring will continue its 13th birthday celebration with an Open House Birthday Party and Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, from 2 to 4 p.m., at its offices at 814 Nantasket Ave., Sunday, Feb. 15. Community members are invited to come by, meet the board of directors and staff of Wellspring, and learn about its programs. For more information about Wellspring, the Sunday concert or the open house, call (781) 925-3211.

'Godspell' to debut at C.H.S.

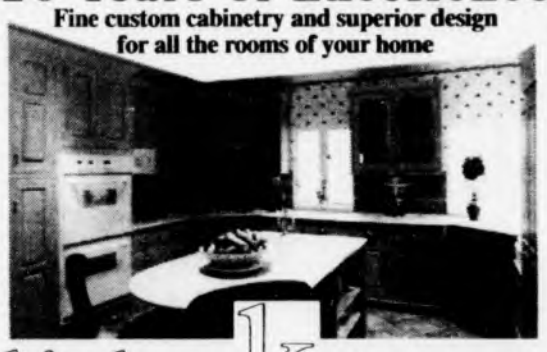
The Cohasset High School Drama Workshop will present the musical "Godspell" under the direction of Ron Emmons and choreography of Margaret Barlow, Feb. 5, 6 and 7. The show will be in the high school auditorium, at 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday; and at 7 p.m., Saturday. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time through the high school or through cast members for $7 or $10 at the door. Friday's performance benefits the Appalachia Service Project.

Please come to support the arts at C.H.S. and to have a "Godspell" binding time! The cast and band include high school students Katie Buckley, Jen Chastain, Grace Gardner, Liz Hassan, Linda Holway, Morgan Hurley, Bill Kearney, Ali Kinchla, Julia Lovallo, Dan Morse, Meredith O'Hayre, Jim O'Sullivan, Steve Reynolds, Kelly Tufts, Ashley Ulmer, Jessica Zerendow and Rev. Gary Ritts on keyboard. Also in the band is Derby Academy student Barry Tufts.

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, a photo night for parents will be held, starting at 7 p.m. Those interested should call the high school if they would like to have a photographer come to take pictures.

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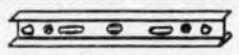
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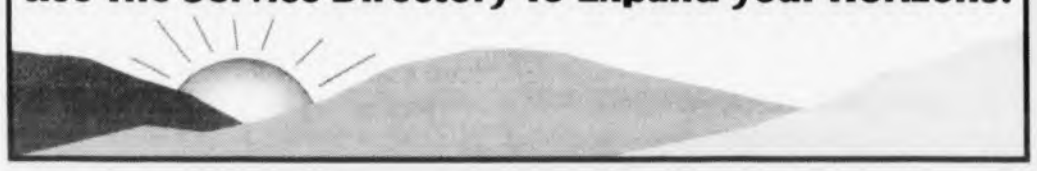
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Monday, Jan. 12

2:30 p.m., medical aid, Stagecoach Way.

4:34 p.m., MV accident, S. Main St.

5:23 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

10 a.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy.

Arrested: Gould, Stephen J., 3 Stoughton St., Randolph. DOB: 2/26/57. Charges: uttering a false prescription.

10:54 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

11:08 a.m., general services, S. Main St.

12:38 p.m., MV stop, Elm St.

12:40 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

4:39 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.

5:20 p.m., property (lost), 500 block of Jerusalem Rd.

6:23 p.m., fire, investigation, Jerusalem Rd.

9:43 p.m., disturbance family, Beechwood St.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

12:52 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.

7:40 a.m., vandalism, Doane St.

9:00 a.m., suspicious auto, Surry Dr.

10:58 a.m., medical aid, Atlantic Ave.

1:31 p.m., fire, investigation, Ripley Rd.

1:46 p.m., escort, Beechwood St.

4:09 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd.

7:59 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

9:00 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

9:02 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

9:52 p.m., suspicious (other), N. Mian St.

10:10 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:13 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:20 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:23 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.

Thursday, Jan. 15

1:33 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

5:04 a.m., suspicious auto, Jerusalem Rd.

5:47 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.

5:48 a.m., suspicious auto, Cohasset Plaza.

6:13 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

6:23 a.m., suspicious auto, Ash St.

6:25 a.m., investigation, Forest Ave.

6:38 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

7:50 a.m., investigation, Cohasset Police HQ.

12:47 p.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.

2:44 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

4:21 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

5:24 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

7:31 p.m., emergency 911 call verification, Spring St.

7:50 p.m., serve restraining order, N. Main St.

8:56 p.m., emergency 911 call verification, N. Main St.

9:01 p.m., annoying phone calls, Pleasant St.

10:12 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.

10:49 p.m., suspicious auto, Doane St.

Friday, Jan. 16

12:16 a.m., general services, all over town.

2:55 a.m., general services, DPW garage.

4:09 a.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.

4:56 a.m., general services, all over town.

6:05 a.m., disabled auto, N. Main St.

6:35 a.m., assist citizen, Hull St.

7:23 a.m., general services, Red Gate Lane.

9:32 a.m., warrant arrest, CJC Hwy. Arrested: Fletcher, Cynthia L., 89 Cushing Rd. #2, Cohasset. DOB: 11/23/56. Chargaes Warrant.

10:12 a.m., transport, Court.

11:35 a.m., general services, Howes Lane.

11:45 a.m., medical aid, Front St.

12:00 p.m., medical aid, Border St.

12:17 p.m., animal complaint, Atlantic Ave.

5:36 p.m., general services, Hammond Ave.

6:53 p.m., general services, Spring St.

7:10 p.m., disabled auto, Rockland St.

7:31 p.m., notification, Beechwood St.

8:25 p.m., disturbance, Cedar St., Arrested: Westling, Michelle A., 271 Cedar St., Cohasset. DOB: 8/8/75. Charges 5 warrants, default and straight.

8:25 p.m., info, general, HQ.

9:00 p.m., notification, Roads all over town.

9:07 p.m., emergency 911 verification, Riverview Dr.

Saturday, Jan. 17

12:46 a.m., general services, Sandy Beach.

8:33 a.m., general services, Red Fox Ln.

9:04 a.m., summons service HQ.

9:49 a.m., general services, Tad Ln.

11:11 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Youth arrested at party

Police arrested Benjamin M. Roine, 17, of 67 Lamberts Lane, Saturday night at an unsupervised party at his home, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

As police arrived at about 9:30 p.m. most of the youths at the party fled into the woods, Jackson said. Roine was in charge of the house in his parents' absence, police said. He was charged with minor in possession of alcohol and keeping a disorderly house.

Jackson said police called the parents of the teens who left about six cars in the driveway and they came down to retrieve the cars.

"If we hadn't found the parents, those cars would have been towed," he said.

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Super Bowl snacks aid Appalachian rebuilding effort

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Many Super Bowl Sunday celebrants in Cohasset will be supporting a worthy cause while watching the big game this Jan. 25.

Once again, the Cohasset Youth Project will be raising money for its annual participation in the Appalachia Service Project by making and delivering subs, soup, salad, chili and brownies this Sunday. Last year, the group supplied 110 sandwiches, 24 salads and 30 bowls of chili to hungry football fans in town.

"It's great because it gets the kids to work together and that's the first priority," said the Rev. Gary Ritts, founder of the Cohasset chapter of the Appalachia Service Project. "This is not the big fundraiser for the trip." The group holds three other fundraisers throughout the year to pay for the trip — pie and bread making in November, the Village Fair in December and car washes in May.

The Cohasset Youth Group will be taking its largest contingent to Appalachia this summer. Eighty-four students and 36 adults will be lending a hand repairing homes in the four-state region known as Appalachia — Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. That's double the number of volunteers that have gone in past years, said Ritts.

"It's so beneficial for the kids," Ritts said of the project. "It's a message that they can participate in and they aren't just told. They're doing it. And there's nothing like being with people who need you and appreciate you."

To travel to Appalachia and participate in the home repair projects, the Cohasset Youth Project — now in its tenth year — must raise about $40,000, he said. For two years, the group worked on projects outside of the Appalachian region.



Last year in Campbell County, Tenn., volunteers from the Cohasset Youth Group, (from left) Steve Sceery, Jamie Butman, Bill Kearney, Rev. Gary Ritts and Ted Goff, built a porch roof for the Appalachia Service Project.

Photo courtesy of Judy and Gary Ritts.

This summer, volunteers will travel by bus to Winchester, Virginia, where they will board 18 rented vans that will take them to the sites they will be working at. They will stay in churches during the one-week trip.

The Cohasset group sent its application for the program in November and has not yet received a response. In the past, the group has worked on projects in all four states.

Every year for almost 30 years, more than 8,000 volunteers from across the country pitch in to make substandard housing in Appalachia warmer, safer and drier.

Work that the Cohasset Youth Group does repairing roofs and porches, building outhouses and drainage ditches as well as insulating homes helps 300 families in need each summer. Unskilled students and adults undergo a construction workshop that teaches them basic safety skills. They also receive a manual, illustrating construction tasks. Upon arrival at their work sites, volunteers will receive instructions with sketches explaining the projects they will be working on. Construction consultants will also be on hand to monitor the crews' progress.

"It isn't a retreat. It's work. They're taking what they're doing seriously," Ritts said.

Food order forms for the Super Bowl fundraiser have been out in town for two weeks. The deadline for placing orders is Friday at noon.

This year, the menu includes chicken salad, roast beef, turkey and italian cold cut subs ($4.50 each) with choice of toppings, Greek salad ($4.50 each), one-pint containers of chili ($4.50 each) and homemade brownies ($3.00 per plate of six). Drivers will be available for delivery from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. for an additional $1 charge. Food can also be picked up at the Second Congregational Church at 43 Highland Ave. Between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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Conservation declaration might get T's attention

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Members of the town's Greenbush Mitigation Committee are tired of the MBTA's failure to address the most important environmental and physical impacts of restoring commuter rail service in town. The consensus among some officials is that the MBTA does whatever it wants, regardless of town concerns.

The mitigation committee is taking notice. The committee is prepared to use whatever tools are available to persuade the MBTA to properly mitigate the town's areas of concern. The latest strategy under discussion by the mitigation committee is declaring the entire rail bed protected conservation land.

Mitigation committee member Michael Dick felt the time had come to force the MBTA to address key environmental issues.

"Our key issues — flooding, wetlands, noise, vibrations, air quality — have not been addressed by the MBTA," Dick said. "My suggestion is that we declare the land conservation and see if it is possible to get a town meeting article framing that land as such."

Mitigation committee member Marty Corey agreed that the MBTA has not adequately mitigated Cohasset's issues. Corey pointed to the MBTA's decision to calculate noise impacts over a 24-hour period even though the train will operate for only 18 hours per day.

Corey said he wanted the MBTA to understand that Cohasset is not adopting the obstructionist stance of Hingham. But he also wants some leverage to induce the MBTA to mitigate the effects of noise, vibrations and diesel pollutants.

This latest development came after the MBTA sent the town inadequate drainage data about rainfall and flooding in the James Brook basin. Dick said the MBTA merely pulled figures from state and federal tracking agencies rather than sending engineers out to take accurate measurements.

Cohasset consultant Dominic Tutela informed the town that the MBTA's data was incomplete and didn't reflect actual rainfall and flooding data for the town.

The MBTA claims it has enabling legislation in place allowing it to take land for Greenbush by eminent domain. But conservation land is protected from development by the state constitution. The MBTA can take conservation land only with a two-thirds override in both the House and

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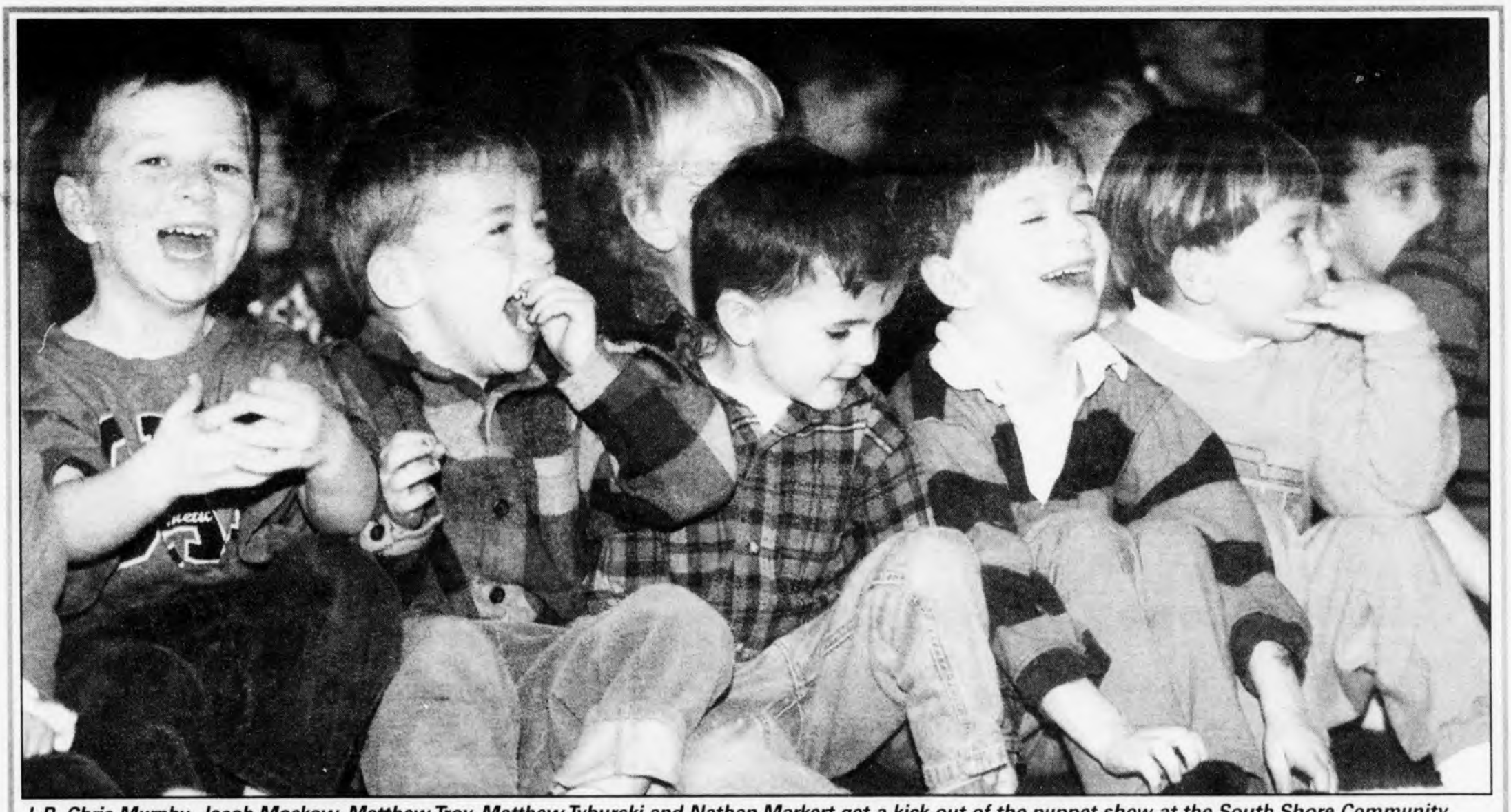
MBTA parking garage answers wanted

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The Army Corps of Engineers is overseeing the effects of the Greenbush rail line on wetlands in Cohasset and other communities. As part of its review, the Army Corps solicits opinions from other regulatory agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Last August the EPA found that the MBTA's planned station at Nantasket junction in Hingham would cause major disruptions to wetlands. EPA recommended two alternatives: relocate Nantasket junction to the Hingham Lumber Yard, or eliminate the Nantasket Junction station and build a 300-car parking garage at the MBTA's

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L-R, Chris Murphy, Jacob Moskow, Matthew Troy, Matthew Tyburski and Nathan Markert get a kick out of the puppet show at the South Shore Community Center. For more photos, see page 12.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Building inspector shuts down CHL

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Building Inspector Bob Egan has ordered the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill to cease all operations because of a permit violation.

In a notice dated Jan. 26, Egan has issued a cease and desist order forcing CHL to stop land filling immediately.

Massachusetts General Laws state that no special permit shall take effect until the permit has been filed with the Registry of Deeds. The failure to file the permit raises questions about

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Reaction mixed on principal's decision

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

School rules on drinking came under new scrutiny this week after the Cohasset High principal and three student athletes turned up at the center of a controversy. The dissension came to a head after one student's father protested at a recent school board meeting that Curtis Collins, the principal, singled out his son for punishment.

William Good, a member of the planning board, complained to the school committee Jan. 22 about the way his son was treated at school, after police over Christmas vacation caught Good's son and six other Cohasset High students carrying beer.

All seven youths were taken into custody Dec. 29 and got identical treatment in the Norfolk Superior Court juvenile diversion program.

But Good's son, also William, a 15-year-old sophomore at Cohasset High, got different treatment than the others when he returned to school. He is off the hockey team for the rest of the season because he admitted guilt during the principal's inquiry that followed the arrest.

The father raised questions

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COHASSET WEEK

Title V, loans and credits

Selectmen want townspeople to know there are low-interest loans and state income tax credits available to residents who have upgraded a septic system that was in failure.

Selectman Diane Sullivan raised the issue this week and said the information about the programs is available at the selectmen's office or health board and will be posted on the bulletin board downstairs at town hall.

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by Dr. Debra M. Tranberg
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Consultant will examine St. Anthony's drainage

The zoning board of appeals has closed the public hearing on the application of St. Anthony's Church to build 10,400-square-foot parish center next to the church. Church leaders say the parish center is needed to cope with rapid growth in parish enrollment. Neighbors are worried that the new building, if approved, would exacerbate drainage problems in the area. The zoning board has retained an engineer to examine the drainage patterns at the site and determine what effect the new building would have on existing flooding problems. Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said he expects the report back in a couple of weeks. Once the report is finished, zoning board members will review the data and render a decision.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their weekly meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-9900 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Mondays.

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Drama coach reflects on British, American theater

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

It's been said many times that Shakespeare is a better playwright when the lines he penned are spoken by a British actor.

But Ron Emmons doesn't see the American actor's occasional struggles with the bard as a question of birthright or mother tongue. It's more a question of training and opportunity, he said.

"I don't look at it as a national difference," he said. "Theater is better in England because people have more opportunities to do theater there. It's in the national curriculum."

While theater is taught in every British high school, in contrast, there is no theater course at Cohasset High.

"No theater course here. Yet," Emmons said emphatically, apparently a bit reluctant to give up the idea after 36 years on the Cohasset High faculty, he might someday start such a program, despite the obstacles now posed by state mandated curriculum. The teacher said he has little doubt such steps would at least begin to bridge the gap between the skills of American and British thespians.

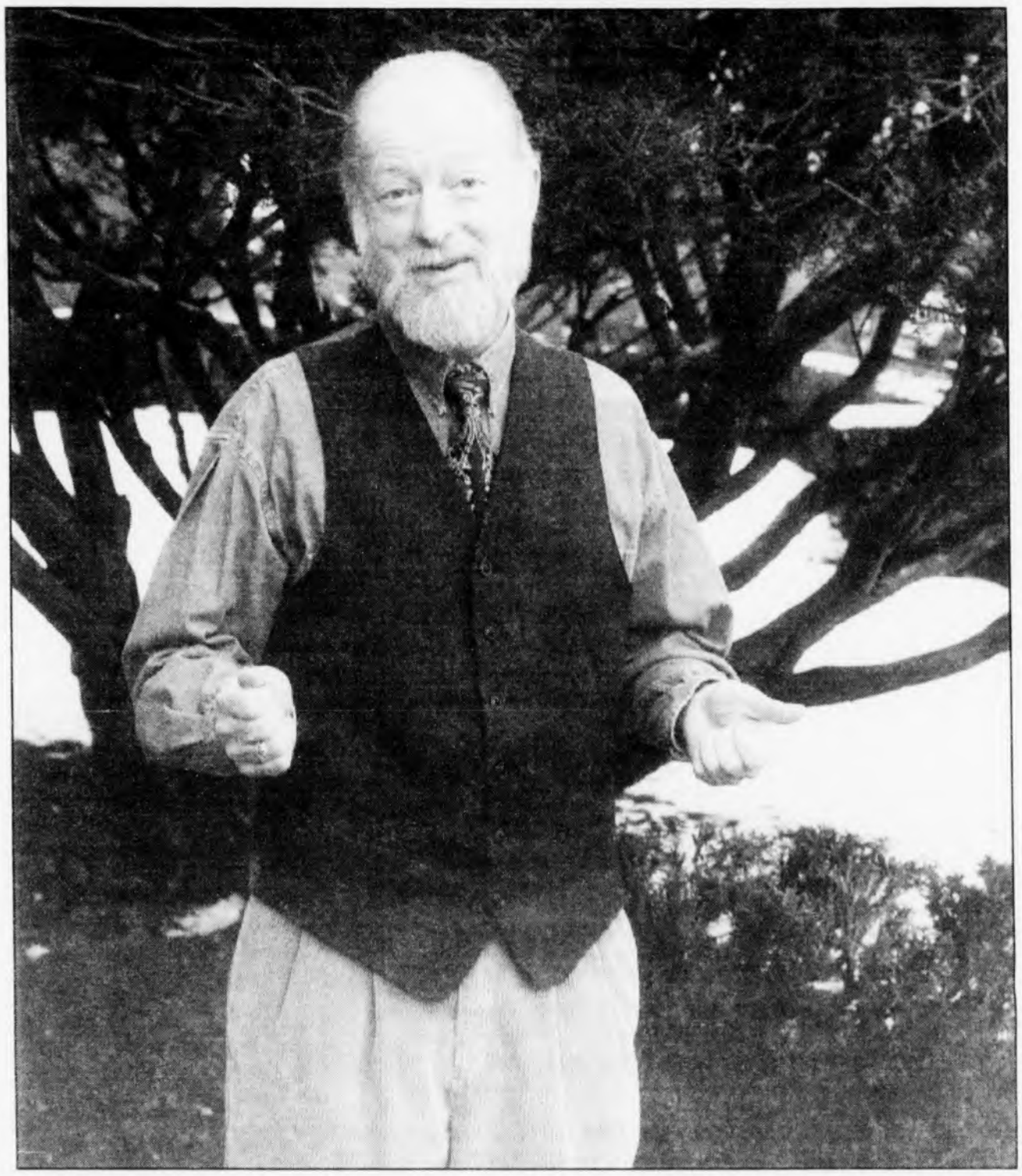
Cohasset High drama coach Ron Emmons took time out from "Godspell" rehearsals recently to talk about a somewhat different subject— namely, his views on the local theater scene and how regional American theater compares to its British counterpart. After a year spent as an exchange teacher in an Essex town called Southend on Sea, the Cohasset High teacher has formed some opinions about the difference training and opportunity has made in the craftsmanship of actors on the English stage. Ultimately, he said, his year abroad might inspire him to start a summer stock company in Cohasset.

"Given the size of the country, there are an amazing number of regional theaters in England," he said. "Yes, we've got the ART."

But overall, he said, there are fewer chances for American actors to work on the craft and a discouraging tendency to not type cast actors but limit the range of their roles.

Emmons, who grew up in New Jersey within a ride of the Great White Way, said the New York emphasis on sure-fire revivals and dependence on newspaper theater reviews had resulted in a net loss for the theater.

"You can't compare London and New York anymore in terms of theater. There is not a lot of real theater going on in New York anymore."



Teacher Ron Emmons, drama coach at Cohasset High.

Staff photo/Margo Sullivan

Emmons deepened his respect for the English sock and buskin during the last school year when he taught in England as a Fullbright Exchange teacher, he said. Living less than an hour away from London in the village of White Notley, Emmons took in as much theater as he could manage, sampling productions of the Royal Shakespeare Company about once a week, as well as performances at the National Theater. The good thing about queuing up for the half-price seats in London, he said, was the "cheap seats" tended to be the front row seats.

"It gives the opportunity to watch the craft as well as the play," he said, citing a particularly wonderful performance by Lynn Redgrave in "Shakespeare from my Father." His only disappointment — a production of Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf" — surprisingly one that starred one of his favorite actresses Diana Rigg.

"It might just have been a bad night," Emmons said, allowing Rigg is a brilliant actress, particularly of Shakespeare.

Cohasset/English joint production possible

Now that he's back in Cohasset, Ron Emmons has a number of plans. This spring, he plans a new April trip to England with five students who will probably visit his former English school and perform some speeches from a play "Through Our Eyes." Emmons said the Cohasset teens would be working on the speeches, with perhaps an eye to another joint production in England in April. The monologues and small scenes were written over the last two years by students at both Cohasset High and at the Southend School, and a shortened version of the play will be entered in the state drama festival in Massachusetts this year, though Emmons has his doubts about competitive theater.

"The kids want to do it," he said.

As for "Through Our Eyes," Emmons said the play was rich with pieces he feels very proud about. They were written in kind of a workshop with two ground rules. The stories had to be told through the teenager's eyes, with no adult viewpoint characters. The second requirement was a bit more stylistic.

"Nothing whiny," he said was the dictum.

Emmons, who directed his first high school play back in 1961, said productions written by teens tend to deal with the theme that life is overwhelming. While this script deals with powerful subjects such as AIDS and suicide, the writing is kept imaginative.

""We'd talk about the possibilities of things that might be dramatic," he said. After the students got a cut on the script, the group would read the lines and critique them. For instance, the suicide piece was developed in workshop and told from the point of view of people left behind, such as a girl friend, a best friend and a brother, since all had to be teenagers.

"All three of them work brilliantly," Emmons said. "But one, in particular, just stops me."

'Godspell' is back for another encore

(Editor's note: drama coach Ron Emmons provided the Mariner with the following press release on the upcoming production of 'Godspell.')

It's music, laughter, and tears happen only once every four years, and they will happen next Feb. 5, 6, and 7 at Cohasset High School. "Godspell" will again be presented.

Director Ron Emmons attempts to give members of the drama workshop an opportunity to perform in this, the group's most popular production, once during their high school theatre career, so approximately every four years Cohasset audiences are given the opportunity to enjoy this humorous, melodic and touching musical. "The show lends itself to so many different production styles that it is the only play that I can direct over and over again. The play will always be nearest to my heart. I've lived with this show in my head and heart for more than two decades," he says. "That's a bit frightening in terms of the passage of time, but it says something about the staying quality of the work. Every time I do the show it is different, and yet we always have the constant of the great music.

"There are two reasons why this seemed to be the year to present Godspell again; the first is the amazingly talented musicians in this year's senior class, and the second is the availability of a brilliant choreographer, Margaret Barlow, who loves the show as much as I do," Emmons said.

"Margaret was in my first production of 'Godspell' in 1977. It's always fulfilling to see graduates of the Cohasset drama program find success in the arts either as a career or as an avocation. Past cast members of Cohasset Godspell productions have gone on to find success teaching drama and literature at Cornell and Providence, singing and dancing in musical theatre in New York City, performing popular music in New York and London, being featured on network television, doing comedy and acting professionally in Boston, writing and appearing daily on one of Boston's most popular morning radio shows, acting in films, and so on.

"However, it is especially gratifying when one of our former cast members comes home to make our own productions better. Margaret Barlow has done that with Godspell' '98. Audiences are going to be astounded by her choreography in this production," Emmons adds.

Featured in this year's "Godspell" are three seniors — Lindy Holway, Ali Kinchla and Kelly Tufts; four juniors — Alexandra D'Urso, Meredith O'Hayre (who appeared in the 1994 production while only in eighth grade), Jim O'Sullivan and Steve Reynolds; three sophomores — Jen Chas-

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Lamberts Lane mothers lobby for school bus stop

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

A group of Lamberts Lane mothers tried to enlist the school board recently in their campaign to get a school bus stop on their street. Dorian Brady, the group's spokeswoman, painted an ominous picture as she recited tales of kindergarten children trudging on a narrow road without sidewalks for almost a mile, sometimes through snow, sometimes in darkness and twilight, past woods where coyotes have been spotted. As Brady itemized all the reasons why the parents need better bus service, she pointed to a display in black magic marker scrawl covering three large white poster boards.

"It is unsafe for children to be walking there," Brady said.

But the school board held off on a commitment to grant the mothers' wishes since state law does not mandate school bus service on private ways, according to schools superintendent Stephen Hart who earlier turned down the women's request.

Hart has maintained the narrow dead-end road is dangerous for a school bus, and furthermore, said there is no place to turn the vehicle around safely.

The superintendent rode a school bus down Lamberts Lane Monday.

"I did take a ride down there with one of the other bus drivers," Hart said opting to keep his conclusions private until he has an opportunity to confer with the school committee.

While Hart agreed to take a fresh look at the Lamberts Lane question, the mothers won the support of school board member Joseph McElroy. Dismissing worries the board would be setting a precedent that would ultimately force it to service all the town's other private ways, McElroy said he was convinced Lamberts Lane posed a more dangerous walk for children than any other street in Cohasset. He favored making an exception to the school department's bus policy, he said.

McElroy also favored taking a look at the service private bus companies could provide.

The school board agreed to study the benefits and the potential downside, should they turn the school bus operation over to a private company.

Bus vandalism

Issues about the school buses have been an ongoing question for the school board. But Thursday there was special urgency, due to the vandalism the previous night that caused about $4,000 in damages to buses parked at the high school and at the town garage. Police said they were investigating the incident but reported no progress by Wednesday.

'Godspell' is back for another encore

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tain, Grace Gardner and Jessica Zerendow; and three freshmen — Morgan Hurley, Julia Lovallo and Ashley Unger.

Musicians for this production of "Godspell" are Katie Buckley and Gary Ritts on keyboards, Liz Hassan on bass, Dan Morse and Bill Kearney on guitars, and Barry Tufts on drums. Other cast members will lend a hand to the musicians; Grace Gardner will be on piano for the rollicking "Turn Back, Oh Man," and Ashley Unger will play flute on "All Good Gifts."

"Again I'm very thankful to Gary Ritts for his time and support," Emmons says. "In addition, I should not fail to point out the work done on the musical end of "Godspell" by two seniors — Ali Kinchla, who did the vocal direction, and Katie Buckley, who did the instrumental direction. They have accepted and succeeded in dealing with one of the most difficult of challenges — directing their peers. Finally, I want to acknowledge the creative costumes designed by Cindi Fletcher, who came to a rehearsal with my choreographer and asked if she could help."

All seats for this production are reserved and may be purchased at the main office of Cohasset High School or from any cast member. In advance tickets are only $7, but door price will be $10.

"I wish we could do the show for less, but because of its continuing popularity, royalty charges continue to rise. We are a self-sustaining activity and have to at least break even to be able to afford the next show," Emmons says. "We also wanted to offer some support to the outstanding Appalachia Service Project, a program that sends about 80 young people from Cohasset under the direction of this production's musical advisor and keyboard player, Gary Ritts, to help with living conditions for the people of Appalachia. I have been amazed by the effect that participation in the program has on our students. The cast has decided that all profits from the Friday night performance should go to help this program."

Audiences are requested to be aware of performance times; because of the nature of this show, latecomers will miss the first two songs in the show. On Thursday (Feb. 5) and Friday (Feb. 6), performances of "Godspell" will begin at 8 p.m. to allow commuters time to negotiate the journey from Boston. Saturday's show time on Feb. 7 will be 7 p.m. to encourage parents to bring their children to enjoy the fun and beauty of "Godspell."

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Zoning board rejects DPW sign — again

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Give DPW officials and Building Inspector Bob Egan credit for being persistent. Egan re-submitted a plan last month to place a larger than allowed sign on the new DPW garage after the zoning board rejected it a month earlier.

But the zoning board has rejected the sign once again because it does not meet the criteria for a variance.

But the DPW is not about to give up now. Selectmen are sponsoring an article for the annual town meeting that would grant the town an exception from the bylaws and allow municipal signs in residential zones.

"The DPW sign was rejected again because they simply didn't meet the criteria for a variance, and it's our job to apply the facts of the law," said zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo.

And the facts of the law are simple. The sign is meant to go over the front entrance of the new town garage, which is located in a residential zone. There is a six-square-foot restriction on all signs located in residential zones.

DPW officials have been trying to get approval from the zoning board to install a 30-square-foot sign over the main entrance.

The zoning board rejected the sign last November, ruling it would violate the town's bylaws.

Last November, zoning board members ruled that the size of the building and its proximity to the transfer facility left no question as to the garage's purpose. The building is also visible from both directions on Cedar Street.

In its original ruling, the zoning board said a smaller sign would serve the same function just as effectively as a larger sign.

Applicants must usually wait two years to re-submit a plan that the zoning board has rejected, but the planning board gave the DPW permission to submit the plan again.

Egan re-submitted the sign proposal in December.

The front of the garage contains several doors and truck bays. DPW officials want a large, noticeable sign so residents know which door is for public use.

The DPW sign, which has already been purchased, is a hand-carved, 12-by-three foot sign for the front of the garage.

The planning board and the design review board have supported the proposal for the sign. Selectmen Merle Brown spoke in favor of the sign at the hearing.

DeGiacomo said it is very difficult to obtain any kind of variance unless all criteria contained in the bylaws are met.

"We suggested that the board of selectmen amend the bylaw to permit this type of sign," DeGiacomo said. "Merle Brown was at the hearing and he understood that our hands are tied by the language in the bylaw. The best remedy would be to change that language."

Firm hired for school chief search

A consultant will help the school board in its search for a new schools superintendent to replace Stephen Hart who is stepping down at the end of the school year. Thursday, the school committee voted to hire an adviser from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, the low bidder of the three consulting services which presented bids. MASC quoted a $5,500 estimate that did not include advertising and other incidental expenses.

The decision to bring on the consultant was not made without a debate. School board member Joseph McElroy suggested the board could handle the hiring on its own. But board member Ralph Kidder, also the head of the search sub-committee, disagreed.

"I don't know of any company in the world that would hire a $100,000 employee without a search firm," Kidder said.

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Reaction mixed on principal's decision

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about the principal's fairness when he learned only William lost his berth on the team. The six others, also arrested with William Dec. 29, did not receive any punishment at school, and Good questioned if his son was being punished for telling the truth.

The school board vowed to look into the question about the rules and referred the issue to the school council.

"This seems to me to fly in the face of common sense," said school board member Ralph Kidder. "The bottom line may be I'm questioning Curt's decision."

The principal stood by his decision.

"Athletes are held to a higher standard," Collins said, because they represent the school in high-profile events and also because of rules established by the state school athletics association, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. The rules are in play during the athlete's entire season, regardless of school vacations.

Collins was backed up Monday by an official at the state school athletics association, Virginia Anderson, the associate executive director of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletics Association.

> ***"Athletes are held to a higher standard,"***
> **CURTIS COLLINS, PRINCIPAL**

Anderson also said she had not been made aware the case was about students carrying beer when she passed judgment on the principal's decision.

"At the time, I did not know what it was," Anderson said, since the MIAA's rule also deals with tobacco and drugs. "As we walked through the procedures, I concluded the principal went by the book."

But the MIAA executive also said the Cohasset school board could certainly toughen the MIAA rules and make the sanctions for student athletes consistent with local police enforcement. "The MIAA rules are always the minimum. The local community can go to a higher standard," Anderson said, citing higher academic eligibility requirements imposed by some school districts as well as "guilt by association" rules to govern conduct.

Moreover, the MIAA revises its rules every two years, according to Anderson, and parent and school committee members can propose changes.

"We're actually in that cycle now where rules changes are being proposed," the official said but doubted it would be practical for the state organization, which governs 347 public and private schools, to go to strict policies.

"Zero tolerance is wonderful," Anderson said but noted it might not be possible to enforce such a rule in a city like Boston.

Monday, Collins said he would not favor a zero tolerance rule at school though he acknowledged the school council would review the student handbook in the spring and a change in the rules might not be out of the question.

"There'll be some discussion in this area," Collins predicted but still maintained the MIAA has a fair rule.

"I think the rules—the MIAA policy, as is— frankly causes far fewer problems than zero tolerance would cause. The intent of the MIAA philosophy is—if the school errs, it should err on the student's side," Collins said.

The principal also stressed the fact he suspended William for the season, not because of the police arrest but because the student athlete admitted he broke the association's "chemical health" rule during the principal's inquiry.

Two other student athletes, a juvenile and a 17-year-old, did not admit guilt during the school investigation and were allowed to stay on the wrestling team. (The three other Cohasset High students, not athletes, were not questioned by school officials about their role in the incident, and Collins said there was no rule in the student handbook that would have allowed him to discipline them since they were not carrying the beer at a school event or during a school day.)

"We can only apply rules to students if the rules are contained in the handbook," he said.

Collins said he was not comfortable discussing the specifics of the Dec. 29 episode but nonetheless found reason to doubt the other two athletes should be punished. Moreover, he was confident the driver of the car did not break the MIAA rule.

"One kid with beer jumped in his car. The MIAA rule is not intended to be guilt by association,," the principal said, even though under "the constructive possession" law used by police, the driver was also taken into custody.

Collins was not present at the school board meeting and was unhappy no one there was able to explain the issues. He also said the fact a community enforced a zero tolerance law did not mean the principal would not have to follow the MIAA rule and conduct his own investigation.

"Someone there should have been able to explain the MIAA rule," Collins said. "The rule is very clear."

The principal said the student athlete must be fully aware of the character of the prohibited substance before he can be found in violation of the MIAA rule.

Collins said the MIAA penalty only calls for a two-week or two-event suspension, but Good will miss the rest of the hockey season due to a Cohasset High rule which dates back some 25 years, according to the athletics director.

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Biggest worry: Not raising enough money for the Memorial.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite TV show: Anything historical.

Favorite movie: "Captains Courageous."

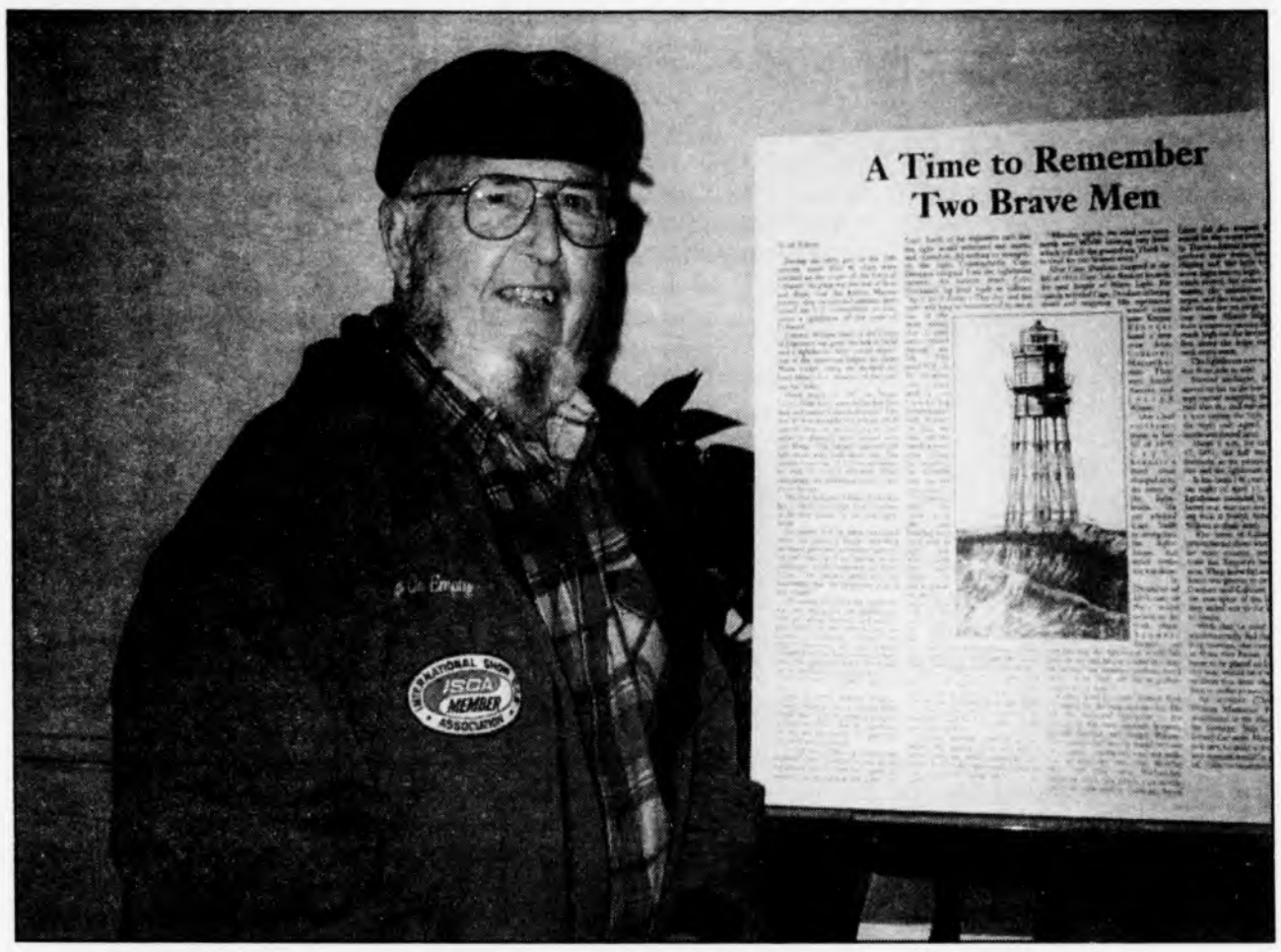
Favorite book: "Lighthouses of America."

Favorite junk food: Chocolate.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: There's just too many to mention!

Person you'd most like to meet: My uncle, Capt. Joseph Jason.'

Pet peeve: People who pull way over to the right-hand side of the road to take a left-hand turn.



Bank donates to Memorial Fund

Hingham Institution for Savings announced a substantial kickoff donation of $1,000 to the Wilson and Antoine Memorial Fund. Accepting the donation was the memorial's organizer Herb Jason.

Robert H. Gaughen Jr., President and CEO of Hingham Institution for Savings, said, "Proceeds of the Wilson and Antoine Memorial Fund will provide for the construction of a memorial for Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antoine, two lighthouse keepers who were lost at sea when the original Minot Lighthouse collapsed during a violent storm in 1851."

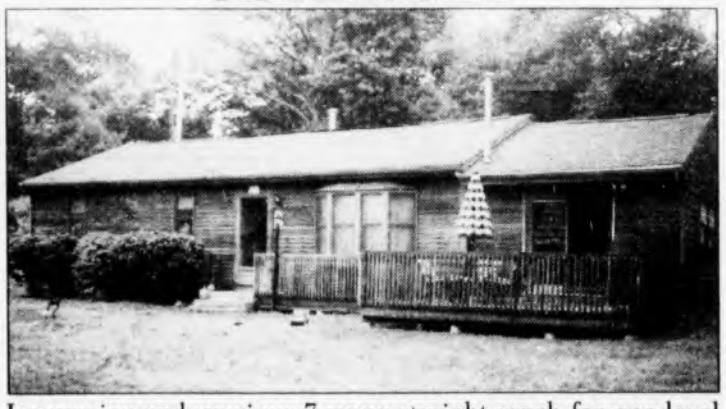
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On the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, Eric Vanderpool stands with his sled atop the hill in front of Cohasset High.

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BEST WISHES, HAROLD!

Let's begin by saying a big HELLO to Harold Litchfield — everyone knows that Harold is the head of the highway department, but did you know that he recently had to undergo knee surgery? Well, he is at home now, and we certainly hope that he is back at work very soon, before another big storm hits! Seriously, Harold, get well soon!

GET WELL SOON

While we are on the subject of surgery, that is what Susan Piepenbrink underwent a while ago. We are happy to report that she is at home recovering this week, and should be up and around in no time! Here's hoping it is sooner than you think, Susan!

BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy belated birthday greetings go to Julie Litchfield this week! Julie's family and friends surprised her with a 30th birthday party last week — her sister Peg, niece Tricia and friend Steve Borland planned the whole evening to honor her and the "big event." We are glad that your birthday was such a great one, you are a wonderful gal who deserves the best!

BYE TO ZINNIA'S

By now you only have a couple of days left to say good bye to Lynn — "Zinnia's" Lynn McVay that is! Lynn was the owner, cook, everything there, and so many loved to go — whether you wanted a "High Tea," a good bowl of turkey soup, a yummy dinner or just a good chat, that was the place to go and Lynn was the one to see. We will all miss you and Zinnia's Lynn, and wish you nothing but great things as you go on with the next step in your career and your life. One thing is for sure, we'll be seeing you "around town!"

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Jane Flaherty has been nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship Program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and we commend her!

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Mark Chapman, a student at the Cohasset Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee. Watch for his name in the future, it is sure to appear again soon!

HAM & BEAN SUPPER

Before we forget, you don't have to cook this Saturday because you can attend the ham and bean supper at the Beechwood Congregational Church! It starts at 6:30 p.m., is at the church, and a good meal is guaranteed. Enjoy!

NEWS FROM THE FONES

Heard from Sue and Ken Fone last week, they were without power for 11 days after that dreadful ice storm hit Maine! They were fortunate enough to have a generator, but told of all of those who didn't — the whole town of Denmark emptied their pantries to help the elderly, the people without generators and the linemen who came from all over the country to help restore service. You can only imagine how cold everyone was, much less the men who came from the South to help — we should never complain about a little snow, right? Glad to hear that everything is getting back to normal, folks! Oh, did you say you were going to Florida for the next couple of months?

LIBRARY EXHIBIT

Hope that you have been to the Paul Pratt Library to see the works of Nancy Connolly — Nancy is an award-winning artist and her exhibit includes a selection of her collages and monoprints. This is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and really is quite an exhibit! It will continue through March 13, so you have time to see all of the Cohasset artist's works. By the way, all of the art work is for sale.

RAVES FOR 'ANNIE!'

The reviews are in, and everyone raved about the Cohasset Plays by the Sea production of "Annie" last weekend. Hopefully enough money was raised to fulfill the dreams of the teen center being moved to the old town garage — it is such a good idea to utilize that building for such a worthy cause. See what you can do to help the kiddos make their dream come true!

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OBITUARIES

Alice J. Koed

Alice J. "Bunny" (Jones) Koed, 74, of Scituate, a former employee of Roman Research in Norwell, died Jan. 6 at the Life Care Center of the South Shore after a brief illness.

Mrs. Koed worked at Roman Research from 1974 to 1984.

She was born in Watertown and graduated in 1940 from Watertown High School. She lived in Cohasset from 1961 to 1985, then moved to Scituate.

She leaves her husband, Bertel V. Koed; three sons, Frederick R. Koed of Cohasset, William R. Koed of Kearns, Utah and Gerard Kearns of East Templeton; a daughter, Michelle K. Coates of Cohasset; and five grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Burial was private.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, made the arrangements.

Donations in Mrs. Koed's memory may be made to Scituate Senior Association Inc., 27 Brook St., Scituate, 02066.

Frederick Ely Howe

Frederick Ely Howe, 89, of Cohasset and Washington, D.C., an investment counselor, died Jan. 25 at Life Care Center of the South Shore in Scituate.

Mr. Howe was an investment counselor for Loomis, Sayles and Co. in Boston and Washington.

He was past president of the Cohasset Rotary, a member of the Old Goats Club, and a Paul Harris fellow.

He was a treasurer and an altar guild member at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. While living in Washington, he was treasurer of All Saints Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, Md.

Mr. Howe was born in Boston. He lived in Cohasset from 1947 to 1955, when he moved to Washington. He returned to Cohasset in the late 1970s, while maintaining a home in Washington.

He was a graduate of Phillips Academy in Andover and Amherst College, Class of 1931. He earned a degree from the Harvard School of Business Administration in 1933.

He leaves his wife of 64 years, Marjorie Quincy (Tucker) Howe; a daughter, Marjorie H. Beckler of Wilton, Maine; a sister, Emily Marks of Sarasota, Fla.; and three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Wednesday at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Burial was private.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., Cohasset, 02025; or to Amherst College.

Harry S. Jason Jr.

Harry S. Jason Jr., 54, of Cohasset and Quincy, a machinist for the Gillette Co., died of cancer Jan. 26 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

Mr. Jason was born in Weymouth.

He was a graduate of Cohasset High School and attended Northeastern University.

He was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

He leaves his parents, Harry S. Jason Sr. and Alice M. (Souza) Jason, both of Cohasset; a close friend, Diane Celia of Halifax; and four aunts, Anne Wheeler of Scituate, Dorothy Tobin of New Hampshire, Helen Cree of Framingham and Marie Lowry of Brockton.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Thursday at St. Anthony's Church. Burial will be in Woodside Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 654 Beacon St., Boston 02115; or to the New England Home for Little Wanderers, 161 S. Huntington Ave., Jamaica Plain 02130.

Thomas G. Dunlap

Thomas G. Dunlap, 84, of Cohasset, died Saturday, Jan. 10, at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home.

Mr. Dunlap was a youth services manager for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 20 years before retiring in 1983.

He was born in Boston and lived in Jamaica Plain before moving to Cohasset three years ago.

Husband of the late Mary L. (Weston) Dunlap, he leaves a son, Charles P. Dunlap of Hingham; a daughter, Janice MacCune of Hingham; two brothers, Charles Dunlap of Westwood and James Dunlap of Arlington; a sister, Irene Scanlon of Milton; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was also the father of the late Thomas C. Dunlap Jr.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Paul's Church, Hingham. Burial was in New Calvary Cemetery, Boston.

Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St., Hingham, handled arrangements.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society South Regional Center, 1115 W. Chestnut St., Suite 301, Brockton, 02401.

Charles 'Dick' Callahan

Charles R. "Dick" Callahan, 66, a food broker, of Cohasset, died Jan. 17 at South Shore Hospital, South Weymouth, after a short illness.

Mr. Callahan was a food broker for Morris Alper and Son in Brookline for many years.

He graduated from Notre Dame University.

He was an avid gardener.

He was born in Syracuse, N.Y., and lived in Milton for 20 years before moving to Cohasset 25 years ago.

He leaves his wife, Constance M. (Malley) Callahan; a son, Charles H. Callahan of Hull; two daughters, Gayle M. Patrolia of Hingham and Meredith Hassan of Pembroke; and three grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 19 at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Burial was in Milton Cemetery.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset, handled the arrangements. Donations may be made to charity.

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AROUND TOWN

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As this is being written, the Super Bowl is only a few days away. By now, many listened to the voice of Cohasset's own Ron Hobson as he reported the before-game stats, the players' stats, the whole picture was presented by him. We are so lucky to have a man of his knowledge and writer's renown in our own town. Did you know that his knowledge is respected all over the states? His columns are read by young and old, near and far, by spectators, players, coaches ... as you watched the Super Bowl, I hope you thought about the Super Man in our midst. Be sure to tell him how great he is when next you see him!

That's it for this week — once again I remind you to give me a call with your news!

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Wilson and Antoine

Joseph Wilson and Joseph Antoine were young men in their 20s when they lost their lives as the first Minot's Light toppled in a gale nearly 150 years ago.

But thanks to Cohasset's own Herb Jason, the men haven't been forgotten. Mr. Jason has designed a memorial for Government Island which will include a brick compass rose with a black granite stone inscribed with a picture of the first lighthouse and the story of what happened that fateful night.

Selectmen liked what they saw when Mr. Jason and a group of enthusiastic friends presented their proposal recently.

Selectmen agreed the memorial would be a nice addition to Government Island and help educate townspeople and visitors about an important part of the town's history.

That approval came over the objections of the Government Island Study Committee and a majority of the Historical Commission which thought a plaque would be more subtle and fitting.

We don't doubt for a moment the dedication the GISC and Historical Commission and know they recommended what they think is best for the popular site which includes the Minot Light Replica.

But we agree with selectmen that Mr. Jason's design is attractive and exciting and would be a nice addition to the island.

The Wilson/Antoine Memorial committee consists of a group of volunteers who will be working diligently in the months ahead to solicit grants and donations for the project which is estimated to cost about $38,000.

A special display is featured at the Hingham Institution of Savings on Elm Street. If you're in the neighborhood, stop by and see it.

Donations may be sent to the Wilson/Antoine Memorial Fund, in care of the Hingham Institution for Savings.

Computer glitches

We apologize to our readers for the strange symbols that have appeared in several stories over the past few weeks. The symbols usually replace quotation marks and apostrophes and can make the text difficult to read. What's happened is that reporters at the Mariner are writing on "PCs" while the paper is being laid out on MacIntosh computers. Sometimes in the translation, those funny symbols get through. We are addressing the situation and think we have a solution. We thank you for your patience.

—Mary Ford
Editor

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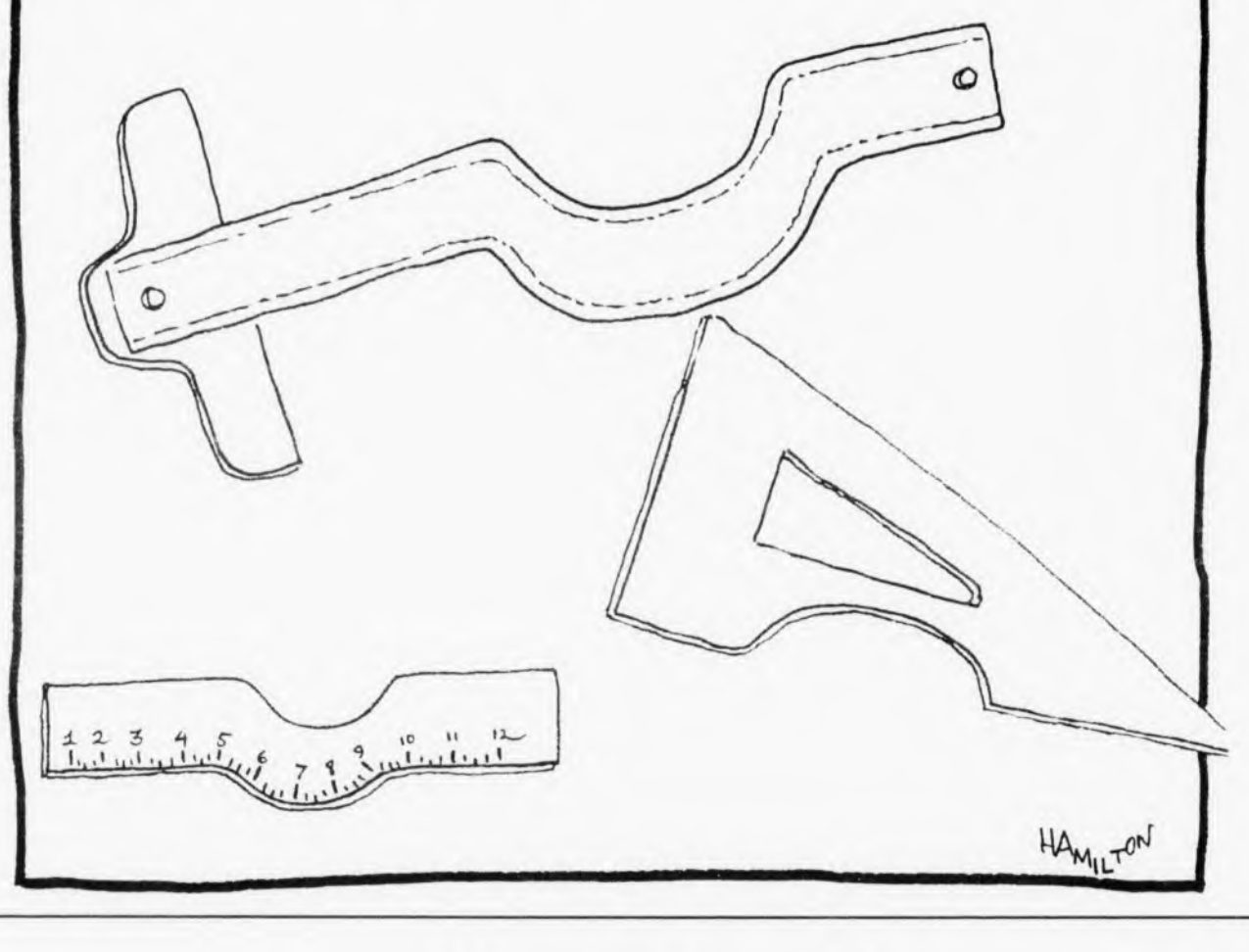
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Drafting tools used to draw the boundaries of Cohasset Heights.



LETTERS

Library planning process clarified

To the Editor:

In response to the discussion of the possible use of the Joseph Osgood School by the library, we would like to clarify the long range planning project that the library trustees have begun, and the steps which must precede any serious consideration of this possibility.

Two major issues at the library are basic to the current long-range planning project. The first relates to the need for more computer work stations for public use and the second to the requirements of the American Disabilities Act. Since significant construction costs may be associated with the solution to these problems, the trustees are proceeding in the manner required to apply for state funding assistance.

Computer work stations. For several years Cohasset's trustees and library staff have been able to juggle public space in the library to provide room for increasing numbers of computer terminals, without relinquishing any space for books and magazines. These eight terminals are used for circulation, access to the Old Colony Library network catalog, information stored on CDROMs, and an Internet connection.

We know that more computer equipment is going to be needed, but it is not at all clear how this should best be done, if indeed it is even possible without sacrificing parts of our book collection. It is possible that an architect/space planner can provide alternative solutions for the library.

American Disabilities Act. The second space problem that needs attention is compliance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). With only cursory knowledge of the complex requirements of the act, it is obvious that it will be very difficult to conform to it in the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, without significant structural renovations. What is possible? And how much would it cost?

State construction funds. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners administers state funds to help cities and towns with library construction costs, but they have established a detailed, sequential, time-consuming process for applicant libraries to follow in order to be eligible for funds. The application process ensures that the applicant library has soundly analyzed its problems and identified the best solution. Step 1 of this process is a "Mission Statement," which the trustees have completed.

Step 2 is a "Long Range Plan for Library Services." As of this date, we have funds and are in the process of hiring a library consultant to work with us to create a long-range library services plan. Our hope is that this plan will be completed by June of this year. Having established which library services the Cohasset library wants to provide over time, the trustees would ordinarily then proceed directly to Step 3 of the state mandated process, a "Needs Assessment" or a Space Planning Study. This study would be made by an architect/space planner and would address the space needed to provide the library services agreed upon, and the ability of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library to house these services and comply with the ADA requirements. It could also be designed to include evaluation of Joseph Osgood as a possible library site.

Cohasset, however, is about to undertake a facilities study of all town-owned buildings. Its conclusions will provide helpful information regarding the ADA requirements for the library building, which will be valuable not only for the design of the space planning study, but will be analysis which does not need to be repeated in the space plan.

While the trustees have voted to explore the potential of using part of the Osgood School for Cohasset's Library, it will be impossible to establish the advantages and disadvantages of such a move until a space planning study has been designed and completed. It is likely that the trustees will seek funds for such a study at the fall 1998 town meeting.

Patience G. Towle, Chair
Library Trustees

Dramatic club praised

To the Editor:

The Cohasset Dramatic Club is one worthy group. I had the privilege of working with them in their last presentation. I knew no one, and was on my own. They took me in and treated me royally and even better, as an old time friend. I will never forget them and their kindnesses.

Bobbé F. Miner
324 Cross St.
Norwell

Ask The School Committe

The private school question is addressed

The Cohasset School Committee periodically receives questions from parents and other community members about the number of Cohasset students leaving the system for "private" schools. Specifically, we are asking the following: How many students leave, and what are their reasons for leaving? Because these questions are important for evaluative purposes from both a School Committee and a community standpoint, we thought it would be helpful and informative to address this issue at this time.

In terms of numbers, Cohasset has historically seen approximately eight percent of its students and their families make "other than public" choices for their educational needs. This percentage includes private schools, parochial schools and charter schools. The most recent information (1996/1997) from the Massachusetts Department of Education website, indicates that Cohasset is about average for the South Shore, and below average for the state (state average is 10.8 percent).

Anecdotally, we would note that private school attendance typically increases in cities and towns with higher socioeconomic profiles. For example, the towns of Weston and Wellesley show private school attendance rates of 14.5 percent and 19.5 percent respectively. In addition, the presence of private, parochial or charter schools within or proximal to a community is also a factor affecting private school attendance rates.

If we look specifically at movement in Cohasset from grade 8 to grade 9, a time that many school systems acknowledge is the time of greatest migration, we find that these numbers remain relatively consistent on average. From 1989 through 1997, the percentages of Cohasset students going from grade 8 to grade 9 making the switch to private schools has fluctuated from 2.7 to 14 percent (average over this time span = 8 percent). In terms of actual numbers, these percentages represent between 2 and 14 students choosing private schools in any given year over that time span.

Town	Percent students to private schools
Hingham	12.2 percent
Cohasset	8.4 percent
Duxbury	7.8 percent
Hanover	7.6 percent
Norwell	5.6 percent
Scituate	4.8 percent

The reasons that families make these choices are many and varied and reflect various social and economic factors. Because the School Committee felt that knowledge of the reasons for choosing non-public over public schools might be of value to us in evaluating our program, we distributed a survey in September of 1995. That survey asked parents to identify the factors that were most important in their selection of another educational program. The two most important factors indicated at that time were "high expectations and/or standards" and "accelerated and/or individualized courses." Other factors cited included family history of private school attendance, social/peer group issues, and religious affiliation. We have used this survey information in a variety of ways. This year, for example, one of the School Committee's goals involves exploring ways to individualize for all students. Individualization allows us to set high expectations and maximize potential for each student.

While the data presented in this article gives us a cursory idea of trends in this area, a more detailed analysis would be helpful. The Deer Hill School Council is in the process of compiling that information. They will be taking a more in depth look at historical trends over the past 15 years and are hoping to conduct further exit surveys in the future. The School Committee looks forward to working with the Council on this, hearing their report and utilizing its contents to continually develop and improve the Cohasset Public Schools.

From The D&A Committee

Informative new column debuts

As members of the community and the town's Drug and Alcohol Committee, we are beginning a monthly column on health and safety issues regarding drugs and alcohol. This is part of our charge from the town to communicate efforts at changing patterns of drug and alcohol abuse. The emphasis is on change and safety. We have taken great efforts to build trust among various town groups, all of whom have the best interests of their constituencies at heart. Our aim is to build a safer, healthier community.

Patterns of drug and alcohol abuse affect productivity in the workplace, quality of home life, the safety of young people and as we have seen in recent studies, the likelihood of future addiction. In addition to individual and institutional (families, schools, workplaces) accountability, a change in cultural values is also needed. We hope that this monthly column will be just one more voice countering images from many sectors (entertainment, advertising) that may promote the excessive or unhealthy use of drugs and alcohol. Readers can expect to see columns on parenting questions, current legal issues, family relationships, abuse of controlled substances such as steroids, in addition to those that are more familiar, informative pieces on programs such as CASA: Cohasset Against Substance Abuse — A Network For Parents and more.

In addition to promoting the CASA program that seeks to prevent illegal use of drugs and alcohol in homes and at parties and disseminate accurate information, the committee worked with the P.S.O. to achieve a safe Halloween last fall. A drunk driver simulator was brought to town in October to help educate young people about the dangers of drinking and driving. The excellent middle school program for seventh-graders, called "Project Safeguard," received the committee's support and assistance. The committee has called together various town groups to meet on issues of drugs and alcohol in order to foster communication, to build trust and to work cooperatively. The committee has taken an active role in supporting safe alternatives for teenage fun, raising money by collecting Christmas trees and supporting a dinner fund-raiser for the renovation of the old public works garage as a place for dances. We have also played a part in consolidating youth services under the town recreation department. In the future, one evening a week, we hope to make available confidential telephone access to a drug and alcoholism counselor for information, answers to questions, and where to go for help. On June 7, the committee plans to sponsor a car show to benefit drug and alcohol education, to emphasize again safe driving, and as just one more way to communicate our message of a healthy Cohasset.

Any citizen concerns regarding drug and alcohol questions may be forwarded to the Drug and Alcohol Committee at the Cohasset Town Hall. The committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the Drug and Alcohol Committee is to bring about a new order of consciousness concerning the use and abuse of chemical substance in the community. Its principle tenets include the following: to educate the community about physical, emotional and spiritual consequences of substance abuse; to expand awareness of the impact of such use on the individual, the family and the community; to enlist the community's active participation and cooperation in developing new attitudes toward substance abuse.

The Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee:

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Letters

Sale of Osgood urged

Board of Selectmen:

At the 1996 Town Meeting, when the new grammar school project was discussed and approved, I believe there was clear public sentiment to sell the Joseph Osgood School to a private party to help defray the cost of the new school. Also, private ownership of the Osgood building would generate additional tax revenue for the town year after year.

Apparently, the sale of Osgood has been forgotten in light of the other proposals (library, elderly housing) which are being brought forward. However meritorious these new proposals are, they do not address the original objective of providing Cohasset a much-needed new grammar school at the lowest cost, which the sale of Osgood would obviously contribute to.

As various proposals are evaluated for the disposition of the Osgood School, I feel its sale must be given top priority in light of the implicit commitment given to the community at the Town Meeting.

Let's not have another Hagerty property fiasco.

James A. Reilly
64 Windy Hill Rd.

Mr. Reilly provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter for publication.

Political Notes

Local democrats caucus

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will be holding a caucus Saturday, Feb. 7, at 11 a.m. to elect delegates and alternates to the 1998 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

Cohasset will elect four delegates and four alternates equally divided between men and women to represent their ward or town at the 1998 Convention.

Agnes McCann (the caucus chair) will call the caucus at the Cohasset Town Hall.

Garrett Bradley releases campaign finance report

Assistant District Attorney Garrett Bradley, candidate for State Representative in the Third Plymouth District, released his campaign finance report this week. The Bradley Committee raised $26,426.96 in the last half of 1997, outdistancing both of the other candidates in the field. Bradley attributes his fundraising success to hard work from a number of dedicated volunteers in the district and widespread support for his campaign for State Representative. His fundraising committee has been able to raise more than $26,000 before his official campaign kick-off party, which will take place March 7.

"The financial contributions I have received so far are a good indication of the support for my candidacy," Bradley said. "My committee has been able to raise a significant amount of money so that I can talk to the people of the district about the issues I care deeply about — providing a quality education for our children, protecting the hard-working taxpayers in our district, and preventing crime in our neighborhoods."

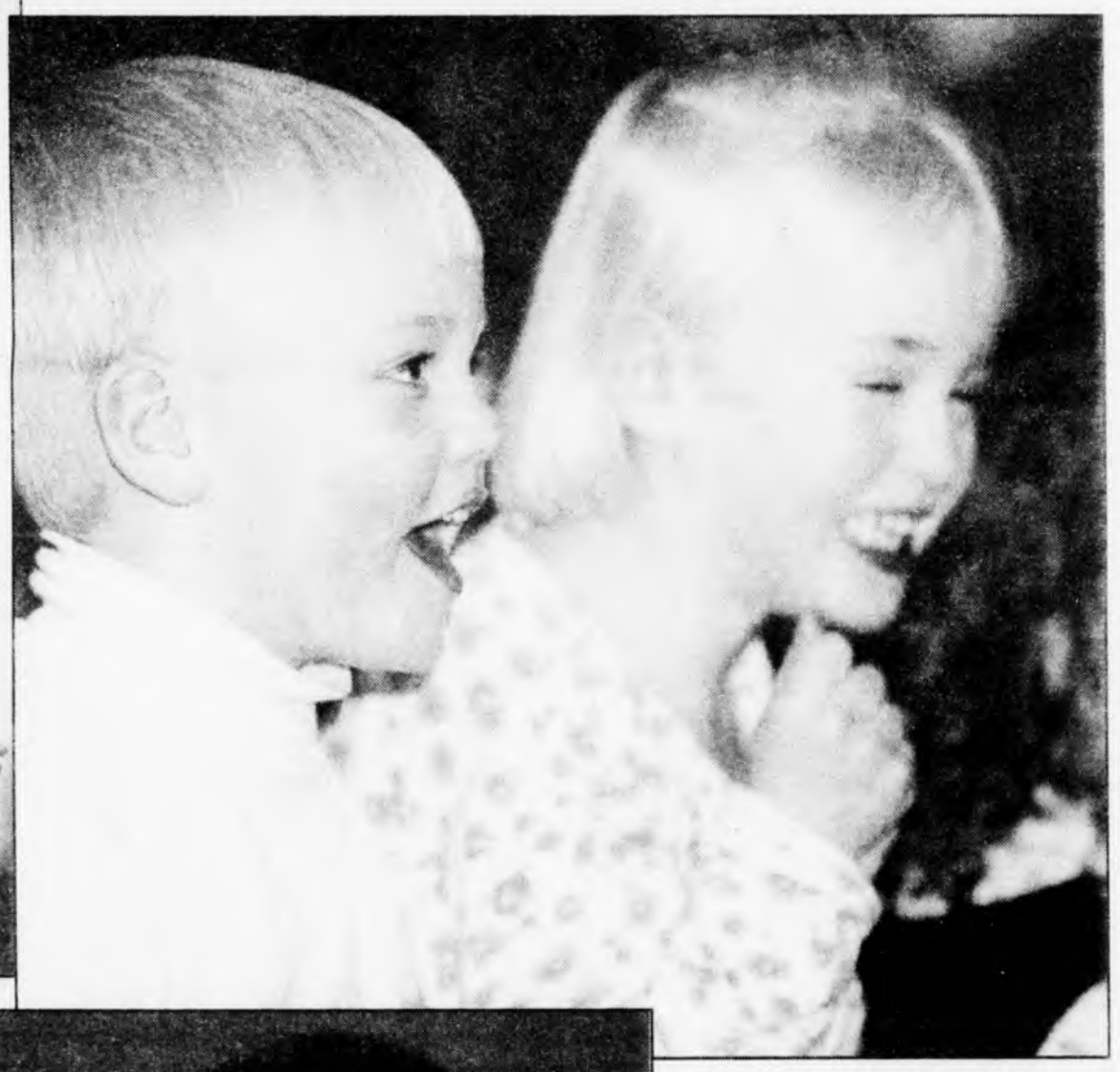


Garrett Bradley and Josh Cutler, who are both democrats running for the Third Plymouth District seat held by state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, attend a brunch last weekend with democratic candidates for statewide office.

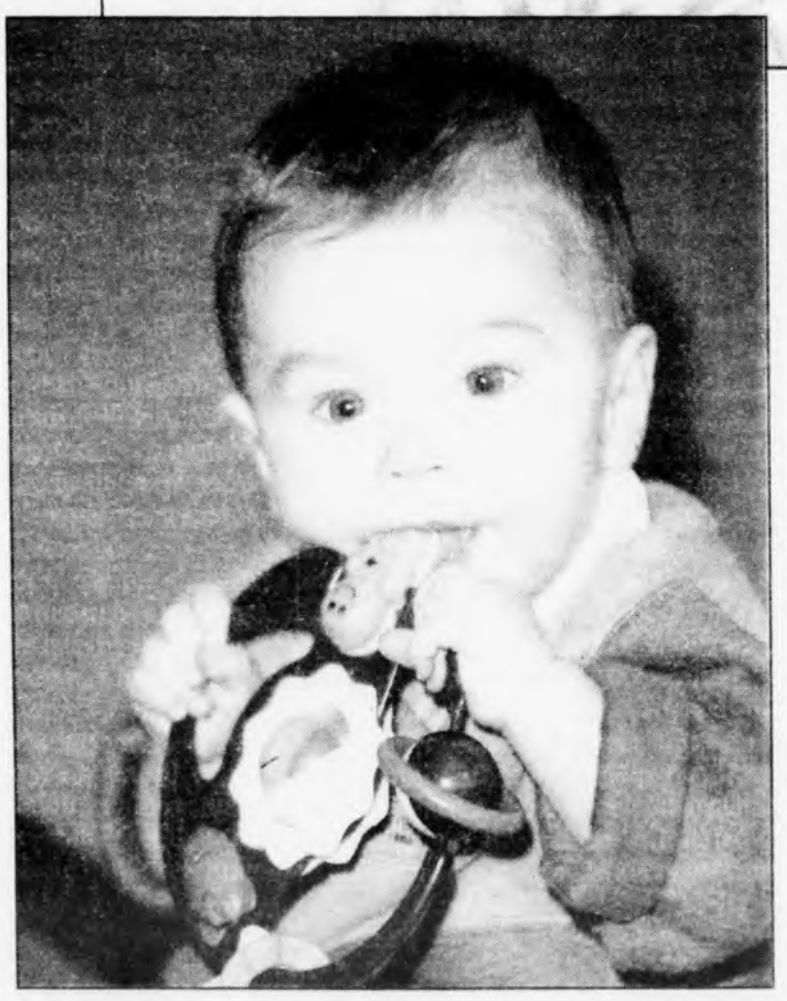
Puppet show is a hit with preschoolers











CLOCKWISE—Patricia Boylan entertains preschoolers with her puppets at the South Shore Community Center. Alex and Eliza Kenneally get a kick out of puppet antics. Cole Hass amuses himself with a rattle while his siblings attend the puppet show at the community center. Daniel Smoot watches the show with his teddy bears. Cheryl Gallagher holds up her three-month-old daughter Marissa so she can see her first performance of Goldilocks.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

SPORTS

COHASSET MARINER

The curse of the Crusaders continues

Grapplers can't break Carver's hold on SSL title

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

For the last seven years running, CHS wrestling has done everything in their power to overtake Carver for South Shore League supremacy only to fall in the end and have to accept a second place finish.

Make that eight years in a row.

Cohasset and Carver got together recently to renew acquaintances and once again the Crusaders come out on top 37-31 in an exciting back and forth affair that had the fans on their feet from beginning to end.

"The place was just filled with students and faculty and they were really into the matches," said coach Torin Sweeney. "The gym was just electric. It was the most exciting meet we've had here in five or six years."

The action on the mats warranted the excitement. Carver jumped out to an early lead and the teams battled back and forth until Cohasset went ahead 24-21 after wins by Mike Rossi and Ben Littauer.

Carver came back with a pin to take the lead back at 27-24, but clutch wins from Justin Golden and Luke Caldwell put the Skippers back in the drivers seat at 31-27.

Those would be the last points for the home team as the Crusaders took a win to tie the match at 31-31 and then won the deciding heavyweight division via forfeit because Carver had nobody to fill the weight class.

"To forfeit a weight class is the absolute worst way to lose a match, especially one for a the league title," said Sweeney. "Unfortunately we just don't have anyone for the heavyweight division. I've tried recruiting kids but nobody seems to want to make the effort. Frankly, I think it's a little embarrassing for the school."

The forfeit was frustrating for the Skippers, but it could not spoil what had been a tremendous team effort.

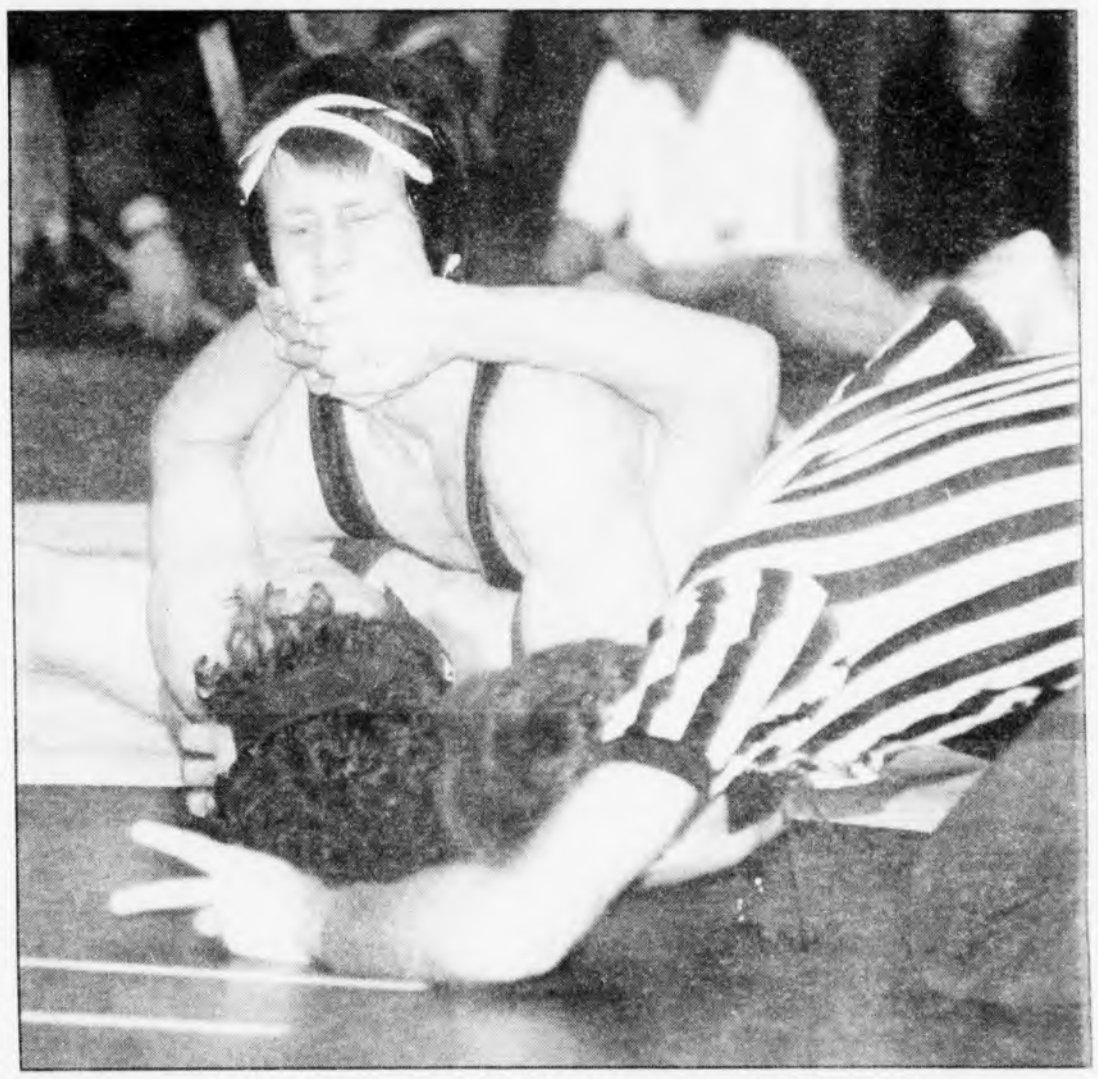
"Carver was the best match that we've wrestled all year," said Sweeney. "The team really came together and did a great job."

Sweeney was just as proud of his team's performance over the weekend when they hosted nine other squads in their seventh annual Cohasset Invitational Tourney.

The Skippers were gracious hosts, placing a number of grapplers in the finals while taking a second spot behind Marshfield in overall team points.

Tourney winners included Craig Sheerin (103 lb.), Mike Baird (125 lb.), Ben Littaeur (145 lb.) and Mike Rossi (152 lb.).

Also making it to the finals rounds were Chris Pratt (third place at 112 lb.), Dan Littauer (third place at 119 lb.), Liam O'Donnell (third place at 135 lb.), Justin Golden (fourth place in the 160 lb. class), Luke Caldwell (third in the 172 lb. class) and J.P. Laugelle took fourth in the 275 lb. class.



CHS wrestler Luke Caldwell (on top) tries to get Marshfield's Jon Arouca's shoulders on the mat for a pin at the Cohasset Invitational wrestling tourney. The Skippers were not able to defend their team title, falling into second place this year behind Marshfield.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Skippers searching for late season heroics

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Despite a record which is less impressive when compared to those of the past few years, the Cohasset boys' basketball team has ample reason to hold their heads high.

One thing which is apparent to anyone who has watched the team this year is that this year's edition has heart. With their backs to the wall these last few weeks, the Skippers have come out swinging. Led by senior superstar Paul-Michael Quintin and Jamie DeMichele, Cohasset has begun to mount a late season charge.

With a victory over the East Bridgewater Vikings, a team they lost to earlier in the year, and a tough loss at the hands of the carver Crusaders, Coach Ford's team has played with the pride that stems from being in a class program.

Last Saturday's game against the Vikings was originally scheduled for Friday, but the storm pushed it back. The boys in blue came out sluggishly, playing a subpar first half, but got the job done in the second. DeMichele tossed in his nearly automatic 14 points; freshman future star Daniel Trowers finished with a career high 13; Quintin chipped in 11; and senior point guard Justin tallied 10.

Ford pointed to this balanced scoring attack as vital to the Skipper win. Teams have been keying in on Quintin this year, freeing up his teammates, and forcing Quintin himself to take fewer shots. This strategy has reduced his point total, but probably helped the team develop as a unit.

Despite a loss to Carver Monday, the Skippers played what Ford called "undoubtedly, our best game of the year." Cohasset was hampered by the snowstorm Friday, which eliminated their Saturday practice, allowing them no time to prepare for their opponent.

On their home court, the Crusaders ranked second in the South Shore League, had their hands full with feisty Cohasset, with the visitors even clutching a three-point lead at the half. Ford pointed to Cohasset's hustle as a factor in his squad's half-time edge.

Carver found itself in trouble early in the second half, but big man Tim Hart came off the bench late in the game, leading the home team to a narrow victory.

Quinton hoisted a key shot in the waning seconds and appeared to be fouled, but the violation went uncalled, yet another example of the fact that the Skippers have had a hard time catching

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At what price success?

Wrestlers, coaches talk about the issue of cutting weight

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Wrestlers and their coaches alike will tell you that cutting a couple of pounds before a meet is sometimes is just a part of the game.

Attempting to be at your leanest, strongest and quickest on game day may be a part of what makes the great wrestlers great, but the three recent deaths of amateur wrestlers trying to get down to a target weight through drastic weight reduction in a short period of time has given people in the business some pause to think.

Coming into the weigh-in's for the meets, some wrestlers may be forced to extreme measures such as dehydration or drastic caloric restrictions to get to their goal weight. Saunas, rubber workout suits and even induced vomiting have also been used to do the trick in some circles.

Some local coaches questioned say it's up to them and the wrestlers themselves to not cross that line between proper training for the big match and potentially endangering the physical well being of the athlete.

According to Cohasset wrestling coach Torin Sweeney, a waiver signed at the beginning of each season by the athlete, their parents, the coach, the team doctor as well as the school's athletic director seem to go a long way in defining that line.

The waiver, which has been mandated by the state for all competitors in the sport, sets the level of weight limits at which the wrestler can compete.

"There is a fine balance that both the kids and the adults are working under when it comes to setting a weight to wrestle at," said Sweeney. "Where a kid is wrestling should be as much an issue with all of the adults involved as with the kid, if not more. It's our responsibility to be on top of these things and to make sure nobody is doing anything that is going to hurt them."

At Hingham High, all wrestlers have their body fat level tested by the school trainer before the season starts to determine what weight levels each wrestler can safely compete in. In addition, the coach, the parents, the player and a doctor all sign waiver forms before the season.

Two years ago Hingham won the Division II South Sectional championship. This year the Harbormen are 10-4 and the fourth-ranked team in EMass.

"We've always been safety first as is the case with most high schools around here," said HHS coach and athletic director Bill Barges. "Wrestling is a great sport but if the proper checks and balances aren't in place, that can lead to problems as we've seen in the news lately."

Barges said colleges need to get their act together.

"You can't lose ten pounds in a day, it's not healthy for the body and it leads to poor wrestling," he said. "The colleges

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Wrestlers, coaches talk about the issue of cutting weight

need to get their act together on this or the sport is going to have a permanent black eye."

Rockland High School head wrestling coach Ken Leer said the ultimate decision always should be up to the individual wrestler as to at what weight he is most comfortable competing.

"Some wrestlers like to go into competition a little bit below their regular weight, feeling they can come in a little bit leaner and stronger at a lower body fat content. Others are more comfortable wrestling at a level closer to or even over their regular weight," said Leer. "It's not something that you can just push someone into. It's a decision to be left up to the individual."

"It really is a fine line," said Sweeney. "You want to go in there strong in lean, but you've also got to be healthy enough to be able to compete."

As for taking a couple of pounds as the weigh-in comes closer, Leer said that decreasing caloric and fat intake and increased exercise can shave off a needed 2 lb. or 3 lb. in the days before a big match.

However, Leer stressed that trying to take off a great deal of weight in a short period of time is not something that should be done or ever encouraged.

"Trying to take weight off, like seven or 10 pounds in a single day or two, is going to hurt you," he said, adding that such efforts will not only physically harm you but can also cause nausea, lightheadedness, irritability and may also play havoc with your thought process.

"When you're taking that much weight off, you are just draining the fluids right out of your body," said Leer, adding that he doesn't recommend the use of rubber or plastic running suits while exercising, either.

"There is a fine balance that both the kids and the adults are working under when it comes to setting a weight to wrestle at," said Sweeney. "Where a kid is wrestling should be as much an issue with all of the adults involved as with the kid, if not more. It's our responsibility to be on top of these things and to make sure nobody is doing anything that is going to hurt them."

COHASSET WRESTLING COACH TORIN SWEENEY

Overall, Sweeney said that things in wrestling circles have greatly improved since he hit the mats for Cohasset nearly 20 years ago.

"We know so much more about proper training than we did back then," said Sweeney. "There is a lot more information out there now about the right ways to train."

The pressure to "make weight" is not limited to a wrestler of a particular talent or a weight class. It's something that all in the sport struggle with in their own way, including three-time Division III defending state champion Mark Laramee.

Checking in at just a shade under 5'6 and wrestling in the 130 lb. weight class, the Rockland High School senior admits there are days where even he has to really work to get to where he needs to be.

"Naturally, I go up to about 146 lb. in the off-season," said Laramee. "But if I wrestled in that class I don't think I'd be as successful as I have been where I am now. I wouldn't be as strong or as quick as I am at 130 lb."

Added musculature to his frame as well as some growth in height since his freshman year have caused Laramee to move up a weight class each year.

Laramee wrestled as a freshman at 112 lb., as a sophomore at 119 lb. and moved his junior year to 125 lb.

With the natural changes going on in his body as well as he hea[vy] training he was going throu[gh] Laramee said there was no way he could have ever stayed at the lower weights.

"As you grow and get older, you just have to do what your body allows you to do," said Laramee. "There's some pressure because you don't want to disappoint your team or your coaches. You just need to do the best you can."

As for the dangers of cutting weight to reach your mark, Laramee said the three deaths recently surrounding the amateur wrestling community do make you think about what you are doing.

"This is really the first time we've had people die while attempting to cut weight, so that does put something in the back of your mind," said Laramee. "There's a line between training for competion and doing something that is really going to endanger your physical health. You've got to know where that is."

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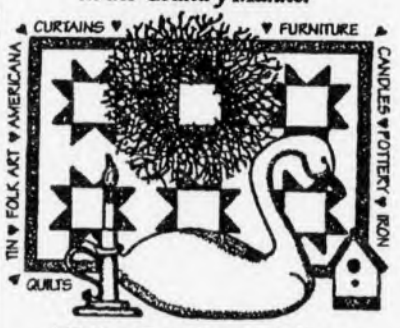
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Cohasset Wrestling tournament:
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Individual winners were as follows: 103 lb. **Craig Sheerin**, Cohasset; 112 lb. John Commander, Marshfield; 119 lb. Ryan Blanchard, Middleboro; 125 lb. **Mike Baird**, Cohasset; 130 lb. Mark Laramee, Rockland; 135 lb. John Robertson, Norwell; 140 lb. Nate Gorman, Rockland; 145 lb. **Ben Littauer**, Cohasset; 152 lb. **Mike Rossi**, Cohasset; 160 lb. Nate Wilson, Nauset; 171 lb. Matt O'Hara, Nauset; 189 lb. Jake Moore, Duxbury; 215 lb. Joe Buiel, Duxbury and the heavyweight victor was Chris Arouca, Marshfield.

Snow Row contest set for Feb. 28 in Hull

The Snow Row has gained a well-deserved reputation as Hull Lifesaving Museum's signature race. We've had snow squalls and shirt-sleeves, and everything in between on race day, but nothing tempers the excitement of this hard-working winter event or the enthusiasm of the athletes.

The race starts Saturday, Feb. 28, at 11 a.m., with all boats on the beach at the museum's Pemberton Point Boathouse in Hull. Then, at the shot of the starting gun, the competitors race into their boats LeMans style, creating a whirlwind of disorganized havoc ashore and afloat.

The 3-3/4 mile triangular course starts through Hull and Hingham bays, continues around Sheep Island, past the Peddocks Island Day Marker, and back to the beach. The whole event is within view of the Boathouse, so this is a particularly good event for spectators. It is also a rare opportunity to see an amazing array of wooden pulling boats on the beach and in action — peapods, dories, wherries, whitehalls, ocean shells, pilot gigs, captain's gigs and Irish curraghs.

The race has five boat categories, workboats, livery boats, coxed boats, ocean kayaks and ocean shells.

A few notes to all race participants:

- all racers must be members of the USRA or the HLMI Rowing Association
- all boats must carry PFDs, bailers and whistles
- all coxed boats must begin the race bow on the beach and
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After watching the excitement of the Snow Row's one-of-a-kind LeMans start, come inside the boathouse to warm up with a cup of hot coffee or cocoa. The Station Museum, one mile down the beach from the boathouse, will be open following the race with free admission for all.

For more information about the Snow Row, call Ed McCabe at 925-5433 or Box 221, Hull, MA 02045.

Last chance for Waterville Valley

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with Cohasset Teen Resources will sponsor a ski trip to Waterville Valley, N.H. Sunday, Feb. 8, for youngsters/teens age 10 and over.

The cost for this trip is $60 per person, which includes motor coach transportation and all-day, all-trail lift ticket. Checks are payable to the town of Cohasset and registrations must be made at the recreation department office no later than 7 p.m. Thursday evening, Jan. 29.

Motor coach will leave at 5:30 a.m. from town hall Feb. 8, and return between 7 and 7:15 p.m. that evening. The cost for ski rentals is $18 per person, lessons are $18 per person and snow board rentals are $25 per person.

Rentals and/or ski lessons should be indicated at the time of registration, however, participants will need to bring cash the day of the trip for rentals and/or lessons.

For further information, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 383-4109.

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Loss puts Pilgrim Conference title up for grabs

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

The Lady Skippers are still in the running for a Pilgrim Conference gymnastics title. That road to the championship, however, became a whole lot tougher thanks to Hanover's 122.5 — 118.5 Monday night win over Cohasset in a packed Hanover Middle School gymnasium.

The Lady Indians' win pulled them in a first-place tie with Cohasset and made up for their lone loss of the season against the Lady Skippers.

Cohasset got pair of outstanding performances from eighth-grader Kristin Sheerin. The pint-size gymnast won both the floor routine and vault with impressive scores of 8.45 and 8.2, respectively. Sheerin's floor mark was a new personal best.

It was the balance beam, however, that proved to be the beginning of the end for Cohasset on this night. The Lady Skippers lost a devastating three points on the apparatus as the squad had its problems with six falls.

Head coach Ruthann Ardizzoni knew pretty early that it wasn't going to be Cohasset's night when the Lady Skippers began piling up the uncharacteristic falls.

"That killed us," said Ardizzoni. "I knew halfway through the beam that it was over. They (Cohasset) wanted to win bad and have nothing to be ashamed about."

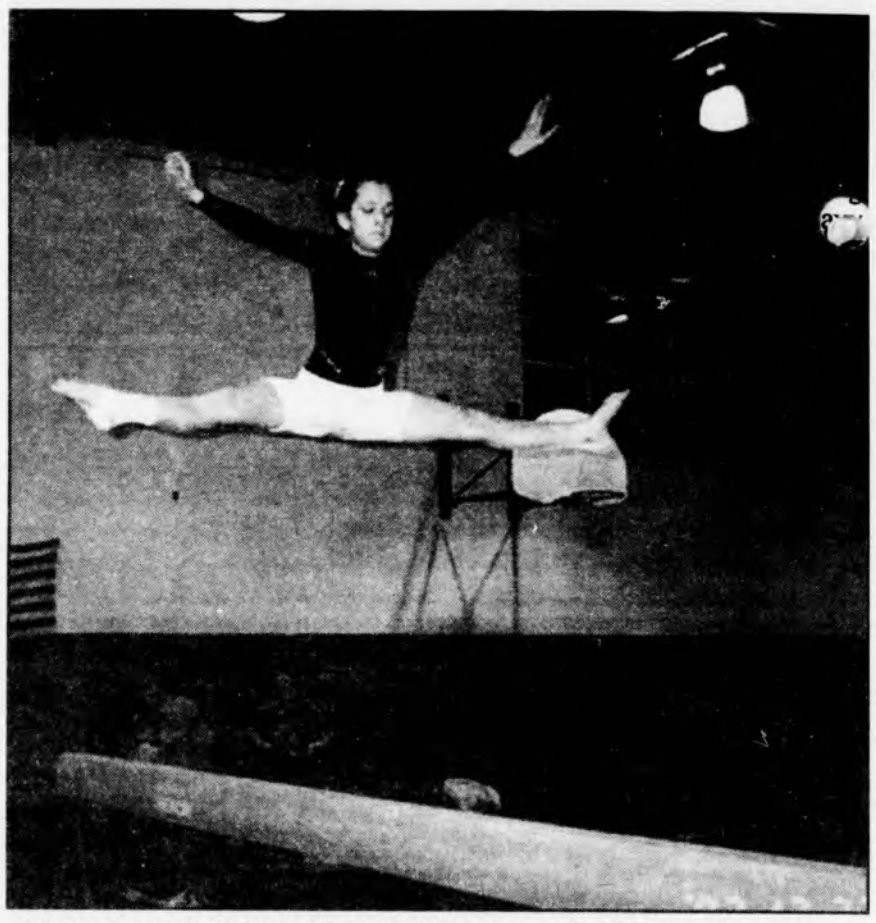
Ardizzoni had little doubt the Lady Indians would be a tough opponent to get by on the way to tonight's (Thursday) tri-meet against Scituate and Carver.

"Hanover improved since the first meet, which I expected at this point in the season," she said.

The Lady Skippers are going to need strong performances from the entire team against Scituate and Carver. With just seven girls on the squad, there is nothing to fall back on in case someone has an off night.

When the numbers are low, every gymnast is as important as the next. "There's no MVP on our team," Ardizzoni said, "because we need everybody."

Hopefully, "everybody" will be ready for strong performances on Thursday.



CHS gymnast Kristin Sheerin flies through the air with the greatest of ease as part of her balance beam routine. The eighth grader was a top performer for the Skippers in their battle Monday night against Hanover, setting a new personal high with a 8.45 for her floor routine.



Caitlin Flint goes through her balance beam routine.

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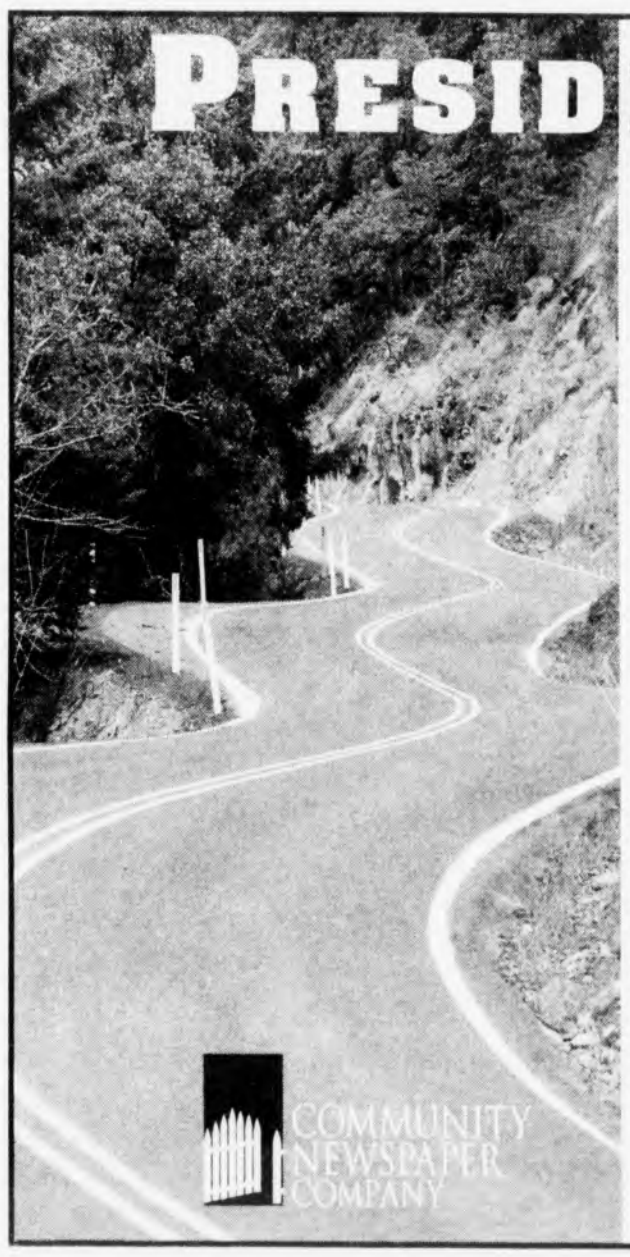
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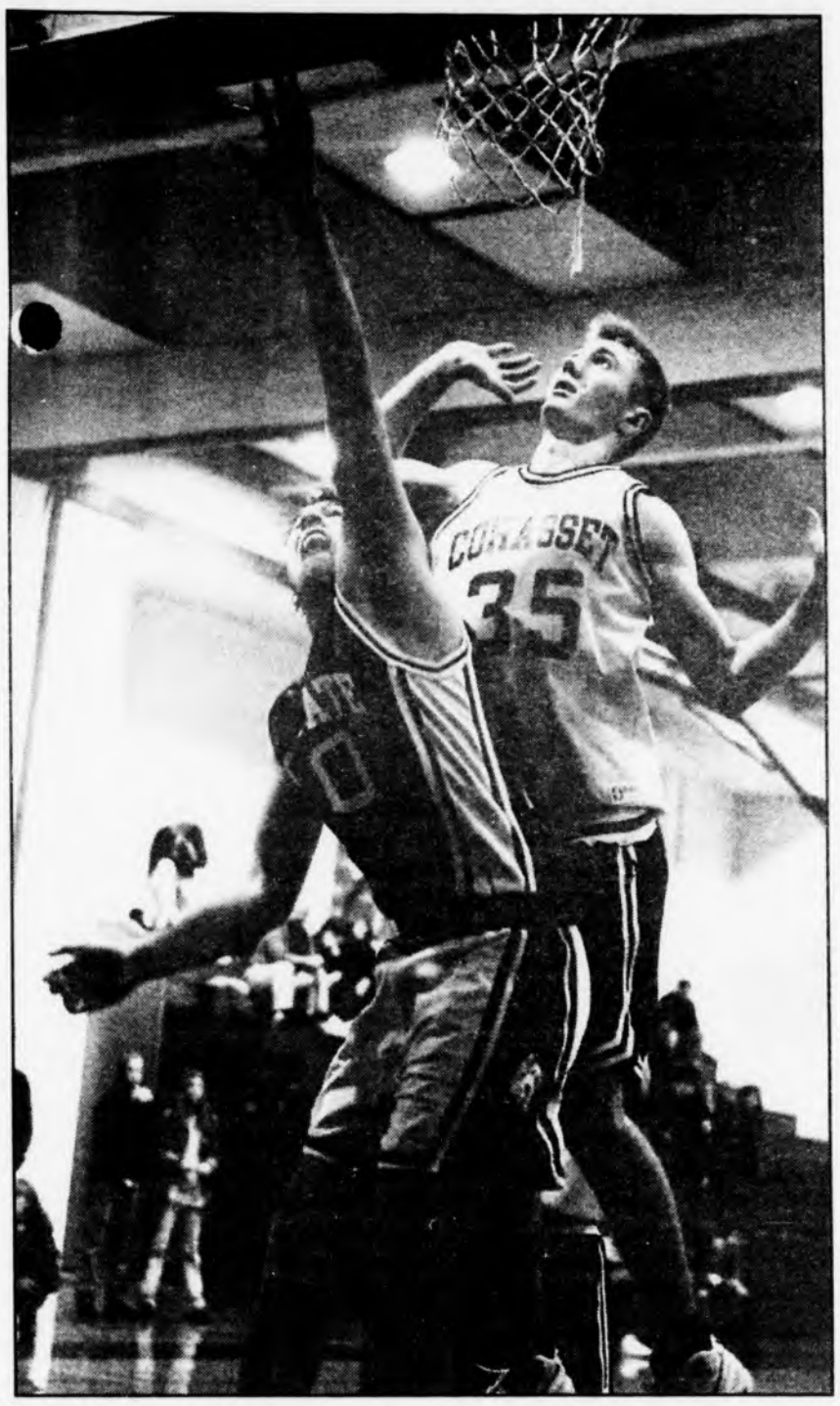
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Dave McKee, the sports editor for **Hanover, Norwell, Marshfield, Hingham** and **Scituate,** can be reached by calling **1-800-649-6661 ex. 7267**.

Dave Wolcott, the sports editor for **Pembroke, Kingston, Abington, Rockland, Cohasset** and **Duxbury,** can be reached by calling **1-800-649-6661 ex. 4263 (GAME).**



Pat Hurley battles Scituate's Peter Bulman under the boards for a rebound.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Season heroics

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a break this year, a plight which has swayed a game on more than one occasion.

Nonetheless, Quintin lit it up with 32 to lead all scorers, DeMichele popped in 15 and senior center Pat Hurley chalked up 11 in the losing effort.

Coach Ford has this to offer when asked about the remainder of the season.

"At this point, we can only lose one more game to make the tournament, and we still have to play Rockland. I'm not really concerned about the tournament; I'd just like to see us play good basketball down the stretch. It's giving guys like DeMichel and Trowers the chance to get more minutes, and really develop. We've played really hard the last couple of games, and we're not going to quit. We've been playing our best ball of the year. Alex Russell coming back will help us a little bit. He'll be a good addition."

Cohasset squared off against the Harwich Roughriders Wednesday night and will play Abington Friday night. With only one more loss at their disposal, watch for the Skippers to be scrapping and hustling for a tourney berth.

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Conservation declaration might get T's attention

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Senate, and with the governor's signature.

"The MBTA specifies Cohasset as a town they can take land from, and our attorney said we can challenge them on constitutional grounds," Dick said. "At this late date we have no recourse but to use this technique to get what we want."

Dick consulted with attorneys from Town Counsel Paul DeRensis' firm to see if declaring the rail bed conservation land is a viable strategy. Dick said one of DeRensis' colleagues believes the town could designate the land for conservation use because it has been used for recreation since 1960.

The town bought the land for recreation use after the Old Colony Rail Road ceased operations in 1959. In 1995, the land was listed as municipal open space in the town's open space plan. The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs approved the open space plan.

Some mitigation committee members worried that changing the land to conservation would inflame negotiations with the MBTA. Another concern was that the changing the land's designation would be seen as a transparent attempt to block the rail project.

Other members of the mitigation committee worried that making the rail bed conservation land would be too confrontational with the MBTA.

"We seem to be backing up here," said selectman and mitigation committee member Diane Sullivan. "I thought we settled the question of vibrations when we did the walk-through with the MBTA."

But Dick wasn't satisfied with the MBTA's performance after the walk-through.

"It was settled to the MBTA's satisfaction," Dick said. "I think we need to protect the interests of more residents than the MBTA has done. They picked one house for mitigation but not another one in similar circumstances. If the idea is to use ownership of the line as leverage, then let's use what we've got."

Sullivan was also worried that the MBTA could easily gather support in the legislature to override the state constitution's protection of conservation land.

Chairman Tom Gruber pointed out that the MBTA could easily slip a bill into other legislation overriding the conservation designation. Gruber said he wanted to develop less confrontational ways to leverage the MBTA for the benefit of residents.

Dick agreed that the state would probably override the conservation designation. But Dick said declaring the land conservation could be a powerful tool for the town.

"This is not nice, but what they're doing is not nice," Dick said. "They'll have to spend more time and more money, and any delay is anathema to them."

The Greenbush project, originally slated for completion in late 1998, has been pushed back to 2002. The cost of the project has soared from an initial cost of $144 million to a current estimate of $285 million.

Committee members agreed to consult with DeRensis on the viability of the strategy and whether it would hold up to litigation.

Building inspector Bob Egan shuts down CHL

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whether CHL can file the permit now and continue operations.

John K. McNabb Jr. of the anti-CHL group, Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE), said the failure to file the special permit means CHL has been operating unlawfully for most of its existence.

McNabb also pointed out the Department of Environmental Protection recently placed CHL's vertical expansion request on hold indefinitely.

Former landfill owner James Tyeryar received the special permit in 1976 but did not file it with the Registry of Deeds. In 1982, Paul Barry purchased the landfill, but did not file the special permit. According to McNabb, the permit still had not been filed as recently as last week. Neither Barry nor his attorney, Anton Moerhke could be reached by press time.

McNabb said the violation raises some serious legal questions about the landfill.

"Three-fourths of the landfill is in the Water Resources District, which became effective in 1986,Ó McNabb said. "Landfills are not permitted in the Water Resources District. Everyone thought CHL could operate in the District because it was a pre-existing, nonconforming use. But pre-existing exemptions apply only to lawful operations. If CHL files the permit tomorrow, it becomes a lawful operation beginning tomorrow."

Egan's letter states that CHL will be fined $100 a day for every day it does not comply with the building inspector's order.

McNabb said he expects CHL to defy the order just as it has defied other cease and desist orders in the past.

"They defied the building inspector's order to cease and desist from placing general refuse in the landfill from 1986 to 1988 until a judge made them stop," McNabb said.

McNabb said it was up to CHL to make the next move, but the landfill cannot legally stay open for the present.

This latest development comes on the heels of a decision by the zoning board on Jan. 23 to remand Egan's decision to take no enforcement action against CHL for a recent violation for land filling in an unauthorized area.

The zoning board of appeals (ZBA) is not satisfied that Egan took adequate action against CHL landfill for dumping refuse in an unauthorized section of the property, Area IV-B. Barry admitted that he had dumped more than 1,000 tons of material in Area IV-B. But Barry said the violation was inadvertent and caused by an employee who placed the liner in the wrong place. Barry filled up to the edge of the liner, thinking that was the legal boundary of the landfill.

As the town's zoning enforcement officer, Egan has the authority to assess fines, halt operations and order the immediate removal of violations.

But because of the environmental nature of CHL's violation, Egan decided to postpone immediate enforcement to work with the Department of Environmental Protection and the health board.

The zoning board disagreed with Egan's decision, and said he should have focused on the violation of zoning bylaws. In its decision, the zoning board said the violation was very serious and Egan should have taken immediate enforcement action.

By remanding the decision back to the building inspector, the ZBA is leaving it up to Egan to take action against CHL.

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Parcel 2: The lot numbered 38 situated on the northwesterly side of Old Pasture Road and Lot No. 43 situated on the southerly side of said Old Pasture Road, all as shown on "Subdivision Plan of Land in Cohasset off Old Pasture Road and Evergreen Lane" made by Edwin A. Young for Cohasset Estates, Inc., dated March, 1959, and filed with Norfolk Deeds as Plan No. 885 of 1959 in Plan Book 207 which plan is hereby incorporated herein by reference. Subject to and together with the benefit of such rights, restrictions and easements of record as may now be in force and applicable, including the Indenture of Protective Covenants and Restrictions made by Cohasset Estates, Inc., September 18, 1957, recorded with Norfolk Deeds in Book 3593, Page 215.

Address of Parcel 2: Lots 38 and 43, Old Pasture Road, Cohasset, Massachusetts.

setting forth that he desires that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than $50,000.00 dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof. Less amounts owed to the petitioner by William E. Poland, Jr. for reimbursement of payments made for real estate taxes and liability insurance for the preservation of his interest in said land.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham/649 High St.P.O.Box 269, Dedham, MA 02027-0269 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **twenty-fifth day of February 1998,** the return day of this citation.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this fifteenth day of January 1998.

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Girl Scouts to hold science fair

The public is invited to attend a science fair held by the Cohasset Girl Scouts Sunday, Feb. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Deer Hill School gymnasium. Each troop will present a project on a different theme. There will also be an exhibit from Boston's Museum of Science. Admission is free. The snow date is Sunday, Feb. 8.

Performing arts classes

The South Shore School of Performing Arts in conjunction with South Shore Community Center will sponsor the following classes in dance theater at South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., starting Feb. 6. Classes will run for 15 weeks.

"Beauty and the Beast," for ages 4-6, from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.; "Grease," for ages 7-9, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.; and "Grease," for ages 10 and over, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

All classes will include acting, singing and dancing, and the children will try out for various roles. There is no charge for costumes. A performance will be given at the end of the session for family and friends. The class is being taught and directed by Susan Thorne, a graduate of Bridgewater State College Dance Department, who has been teaching on the South Shore for five years.

Call 383-0088 to register.

Teen Center activities planned

The Teen Center is expanding its weekend activities to include community events.

On Friday evening, Jan. 30, the teens will gather at the CHS gym to cheer on the boys' basketball teams against Abington. There will be a pool tournament at the Teen Center Saturday, Jan. 31, from 7 to 10 p.m. with snacks available.

Feb. 6 and 7 teens are invited to attend the Cohasset High School Drama Club's production of "Godspell" in the auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday night's performance will benefit the Appalachia Service Project. Tickets can be purchased in advance for $7.

Reservations for the Waterville Valley ski trip scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 8, are being accepted. This will be the third year that the Teen Center and the Recreation Department have co-sponsored this trip. Call Jack Worley at 383-6791 for reservations and additional information.

Student job bank

The Social Service League of Cohasset has compiled a list of Cohasset Jr./Sr. High School students who are ready, willing and able to do odd or not so odd jobs around your home, yard clean up, snow shoveling, pet sitting, baby-sitting, house cleaning, cooking, etc., for reasonable rates. For names and phone numbers of the students, or for more information, call 383-0771.

Nancy Connolly exhibit at library

Award-winning Cohasset artist, Nancy Hansen-Connolly, currently has on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, a selection of her collages and monoprints, in cooperation with the South Shore Art Center and sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Connolly, who holds a BFA from the Mass. College of Art and attended the Boston Museum School, has been Artist in Residence and has exhibits at the following: South Shore Charter School; Old Colony Montessori Art Space; Plymouth River, School, Hingham; First Parish Church, Cohasset; Memorial School, Hull; South Shore Art Center, Cohasset; Bank of Boston, Cohasset; Hingham Public Library; Fuller Museum, Brockton; Hull Arts Gallery and Bunker Hill Community College in Boston.

Her exhibit of paintings, collages and prints will continue through March 13. All artwork is for sale.

Parents advisory council

The regularly scheduled P.A.C. meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 3, in the Deer Hill School teachers' lounge. All parents/guardians of children receiving services under Chapter 766 are welcome.

For more information, call P.A.C. Chairperson Kim Maynard at 383-2707.

Ham and bean supper

A ham and bean supper will be prepared by and served at the Beechwood Congregational Church Saturday, Jan. 31, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for adults are $5.99 and $2.50 for children. Advanced tickets may be purchased by calling 383-1298.

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MBTA parking garage answers wanted

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proposed Route 3A commuter rail station in Cohasset.

Members of the Cohasset Mitigation Committee want to know how serious the MBTA is about building a parking garage in Cohasset.

"The EPA has expressed its concerns that Nantasket Junction is improperly sited," member Michael Dick said. "We need to ask the MBTA what the story is and how likely is it that the 'T' will build a garage on Route 3A."

But Andrew Brennan, director of Environmental Affairs for MBTA, said there are no definite plans to build a garage in Cohasset or eliminate the Nantasket Junction station.

"All we're trying to do is satisfy the administrative process of the EPA," Brennan said. "EPA wants us to make sure there are no less damaging alternatives. That does not mean we cannot build Nantasket Junction or that we are going to build a garage in Cohasset."

Brennan said there are many difficult wetlands issues that would have to be overcome to build a garage at the Cohasset station site. He added that any changes in the project would be discussed with selectmen.

"We are only exploring all alternatives, including others not recommended by EPA," Brennan said. "We will analyze, look at, review, and discuss all alternatives and consult with the town first."

In its environmental review, EPA said the MBTA seriously understated the amount of wetlands impacted by Nantasket Junction. EPA said the MBTA's plan has boardwalks crossing wetlands and disrupting wildlife habitats on the site.

Since Nantasket Junction is only 1.5 miles away from the Cohasset station, the EPA feels that the site would be better served without a train station.

The Cohasset parking garage proposal is intended to provide parking for the 300 commuters that would have parked at Nantasket Junction.

Dick said the garage would greatly increase traffic problems at the Route 3A station site. Dick said adding 300 parking spots could convince the MBTA to revisit its former plan to build a North Main Street drop off site.

Selectman Diane Sullivan, who sits on the mitigation committee, said she would fight the MBTA if it tried to revisit the North Main Street drop off.

The MBTA has had problems convincing the Army Corps that the wetlands impacts of Greenbush are minimal and easily mitigated. The Army Corps seems particularly unconvinced that the MBTA has adequately explored alternatives to the train, like commuter boats and buses.

The MBTA is required to replicate wetlands affected by Greenbush on a one-to-one basis in towns, and a two-to-one basis along the entire line. At a recent meeting, the MBTA indicated that it might be willing to provide towns with cash in exchange for an easing of wetlands replication rules.

FLOOD RELIEF

Dick said this new development could be a way for the town to negotiate with the MBTA for money to complete the James Brook Flood Relief Project.

But the MBTA has failed to provide the town with adequate flood and rainfall data about the basin and the effects of the rail on James Brook flooding. Dick said it would be difficult to get money from the MBTA without accurate estimates of the impact of the train on the flood plain.

"Kerasiotes promised us money if there was any impact on the flood plain," Dick said. "They have to calculate the impact before and after the train. They are supposed to look at the whole flood plain."

Mitigation Committee Chairman Tom Gruber cited the effects of the train on the James Brook Flood Relief Project as his number one concern about Greenbush. Gruber said he wanted any leverage possible to convince the MBTA to help the town pay for the $1.5 million project.

The town's consultant, Dominic Tutela, informed the MBTA that its recent data collection on the flood plain was inadequate. The MBTA was supposed to calculate the water level for the whole Greenbush corridor. But the MBTA's calculations were merely numbers culled from the Federal Emergency Management A[illegible] not data that matched recei[illegible] phenomena.

The MBTA's engineer, Sverdrup, is planning to collect comprehensive data on the entire flood plain and transmit the information to the town by Feb. 11.

Conservation Commission Chairman Veneta Roebuck said the MBTA's latest wetlands mitigation plans call for the replication of 87,120 square feet of wetlands at the town gravel pit.

The MBTA has also been busy with other wetlands and water issues, including the Sohier Street wells. The town wants to rehabilitate the Sohier Street wells for use as emergency water sources.

But the Department of Environmental Protection said the well heads were too close to the train tracks. Town officials told the MBTA to relocate the well heads. But the MBTA asked for a delay to examine the problem.

Now, DEP has indicated to the town that it may approve permits for the wells without forcing the MBTA to relocate the well heads.

Kidder won't run, Jerz undecided

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As expected, Ralph Kidder announced Thursday he will not seek another term on the school committee. "I'm hanging up the spikes," Kidder said during the school board meeting. "It's time to go find something else to do."

Kidder served on the school committee for nine years and said during his last run for office "Ralph has been a motivating force," according to school committee Chairwoman Maureen Jerz. "It's hard to imagine this committee without him."

Jerz, whose term also expires in April, has yet to announce if she will seek a new term on the school board. The chairwoman said she has not yet decided about another run for office. Jerz has until Feb. 12 to return nomination papers with the signatures of 50 registered voters to the town clerk's office. So far, two candidates are officially in the Apr. 4 annual election. Henry Rattenbury, running for sewer commission, was first to get his papers in. Barbara Power, a candidate for library trustee, will also be on the ballot.

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Anna Abbruzzese: a model citizen

Selected for annual Mariner award

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

You'll very likely find Anna Abbruzzese around town casually attired in a sweater, slacks and sneakers to facilitate all the running around she does.

"Like the Energizer bunny on TV, she just keeps going, going and going," said a friend, Shirley Kehoe of Black Horse Lane.

Whether it's driving for the senior shuttle, preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn, coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club through the Council on Elder Affairs, or organizing the Village Farmers' Market — Abbruzzese does it all with a warm smile and an abundance of enthusiasm.

> ***"To know Anna is to love her."***
> KATHY BRYANTON, CEA DIRECTOR.

For her kindness, caring and love for the town and all its residents, the Cohasset Mariner has named Abbruzzese the 1997 Citizen of the Year.

The six-member selection committee — consisting of Judy Volungis of Forest Avenue; Wigmore Pierson of Atlantic Avenue.; JoAnne Chittick of South Main Street; Dean Rizzo of Spring Street; Louis Eaton of Beach Street; and Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford — chose Abbruzzese from 19 nominees submitted by 69 local citizens and families.

In her nomination, Cohasset Elder Affairs Director Kathy Bryanton said Abbruzzese is an inspiration.

"To know Anna is to love her," she wrote. "For me it has been an experience of knowing a wonderful individual and a great teacher in my life."

A Cohasset native, Abbruzzese was born 63 years ago at 31 South Main St. in the village.

Her grandfather came to town in the early 1900s and fell in love with Cohasset, which reminded him of his home, Gaeta, Italy, and opened a fruit market here. That started a family tradition of living and working in town.

Her father, Nicholas Simeone, and her uncle eventually took over the family business. After Prohibition ended, Simeone opened Simeone's Liquor Store in the village. When he passed away, his son Louis Simeone, who is also familiar figure in town, ran the store until he retired.

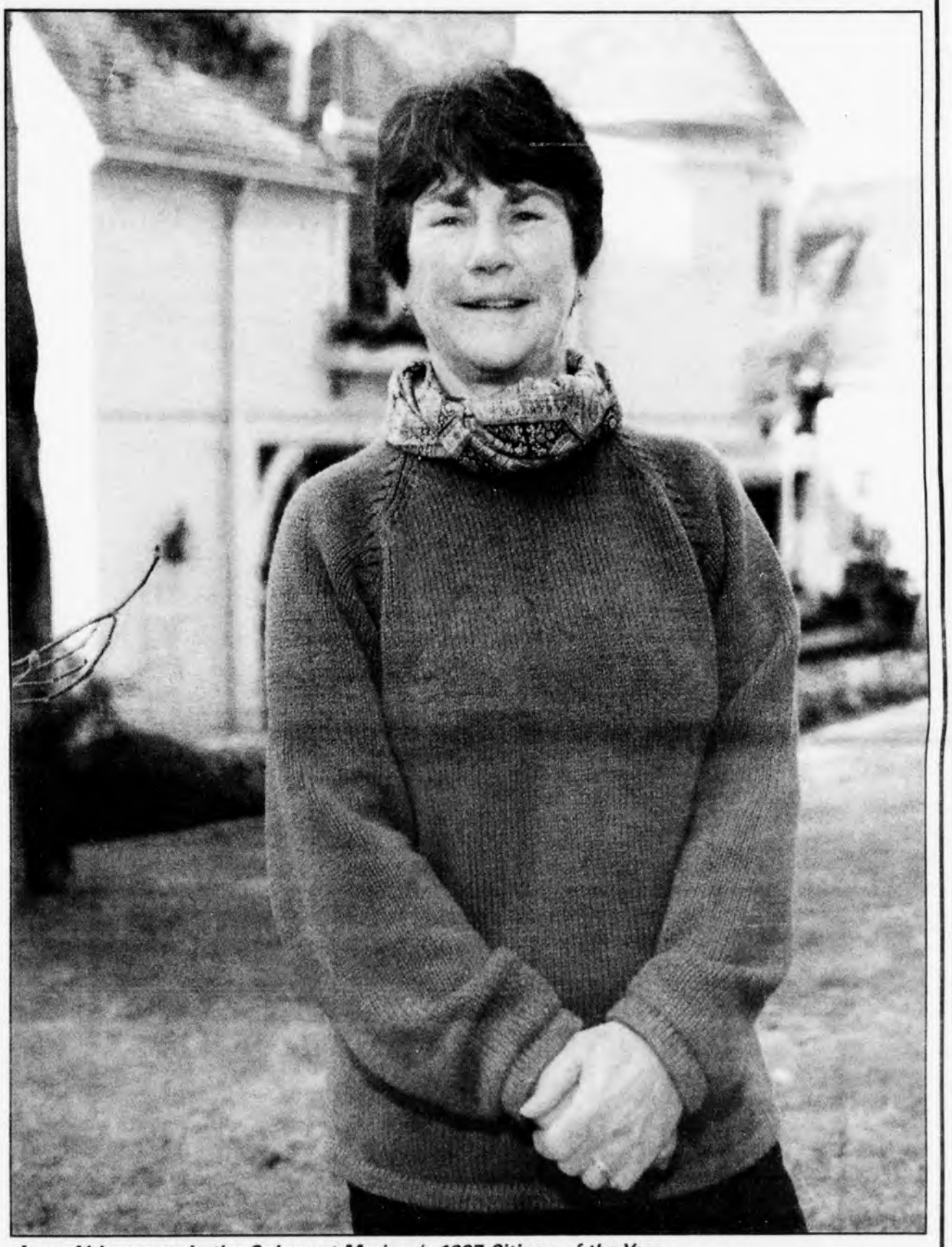
A 1953 Cohasset High School graduate, Abbruzzese grew up playing scrub baseball where the town parking lot now is.

Even then she was a standout, Kehoe said.

"She hasn't changed at all over the years. From playing in the sandbox with her in kindergarten to playing basketball and being a cheerleader in high school, she always gave of herself," she said.

Abbruzzese met her husband, Michael Abbruzzese, at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Boston and they were married in 1956. The military and later Michael's career took the Abbruzzeses away from town for a few years. After returning to Cohasset,

ABBRUZZESE PAGE 11



Anna Abbruzzese is the Cohasset Mariner's 1997 Citizen of the Year.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

CHL to remain open during appeal

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The owners of Cohasset Heights Limited landfill say they are not about to close up shop, despite a cease and desist order from the town's building inspector.

CHL's attorney, Anton Moehrke, said owner Paul Barry will appeal the building inspector's decision to the zoning board of appeals. In the meantime, CHL will remain open until all legal avenues have been exhausted, Moehrke said.

A few months ago, John K. McNabb Jr. of the anti-landfill group SAFE (Stop Any Further Expansion) discovered that CHL had placed more than 1,000 tons of refuse in a portion of the landfill not approved for filling.

Then the state Department of Environmental Protection placed CHL's proposed 15-20 foot vertical expansion on hold.

And just two weeks ago, McNabb discovered that a former owner of the landfill never filed a special permit to operate with the Registry of Deeds. That development called into question whether CHL ever had the right to operate the landfill in that part of town. In response to the permit violation, Building Inspector Bob Egan issued a cease and desist order on Jan. 26 forcing CHL to stop all land filling immediately.

Moehrke said CHL is ready to go to court to fight the town's decision if necessary.

An attorney for CHL, John D. Beling, reported to the town in a letter dated Jan. 28 that the special permit had been filed on Jan. 21, 1998. Records from The Registry of Deeds confirm that action.

McNabb and other members of SAFE contend that Massachusetts General Laws prevent special permits from taking effect until the permit has been filed with the Registry of Deeds.

According to McNabb, landfills are prohibited from the

LANDFILL PAGE 4

Call firefighter service resuscitated

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The call fire-fighters have won a reprieve.

Selectmen said last week they wanted to hear their side before backing a proposal from Town Manager Mark Haddad to eliminate the positions.

So the town's call firefighters rallied the troops and met with selectmen over the weekend to explain what they do. It paid off. Selectmen have become their biggest fans.

Haddad and Selectman Ronnie McMorris, who is liaison to the fire department, said last week that the service is obsolete and serves no purpose. McMorris said the fire chief felt the same way.

But other selectmen weren't so sure that call fire-fighters didn't provide a valuable service at fires.

And Selectman Diane Sullivan worried that once call fire-

FIREFIGHTER PAGE 4

COHASSET'S WEEK

No left turn signs to be tested

Last week on the recommendation of the Traffic Study Committee, selectmen agreed to install the universal "no left turn" signs in Cohasset Village. They hope the signs will help prevent drivers from making illegal left turns into the angled parking spaces along South Main Street.

Selectman Nan Roth said she thought the new signs would confuse people.

But Selectman Merle Brown, who sits on the traffic committee, disagreed.

"It is certainly confusing now, the way it is," Brown said. Currently there are small "no U-turn signs" that are difficult to see, he said.

Robert V. Davenport, a regular at selectmen's meetings, suggested more police enforcement might be the answer.

But police say there is a police presence in the village. Seventeen percent of all citations in 1997 were issued in the village area, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Haddad said Monday the signs had been ordered and that Police Chief Brian Noonan and DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield will work together to determine the best location for the new signs which will be tried for six months. If they don't work, the signs will be taken down, selectmen said.

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Lobster Lab clears hurdle

Last week, selectmen accepted the proposal for the Lobster Lab submitted by Kevin Ulmer, 30 Margin St.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said Ulmer's proposal, which was the only one submitted, met the points criteria for an "advantageous proposal" set forth the Request for Proposal issued by selectmen and recommended they vote to accept.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan, who continues to oppose the project, cast the sole dissenting vote.

Selectmen Ronnie McMorris and Nan Roth will work with Haddad to negotiate the lease. Ulmer plans to renovate the Hagerty House off Parker Avenue and turn it into a marine research educational facility.

Green crosswalks possible

To enhance pedestrian safety, DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield will determine how much it will cost to paint the crosswalks in the village green and to install signs to alert motorists that there is a crosswalk ahead, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Hingham Square has green-painted crosswalks.

Cohasset tried portable crosswalk signs that were placed in the middle of the road to draw attention to crosswalks about five years ago. That effort was abandoned after the signs were damaged and the daily placement and removal of the signs became a problem.

Associate members for Conservation Commission

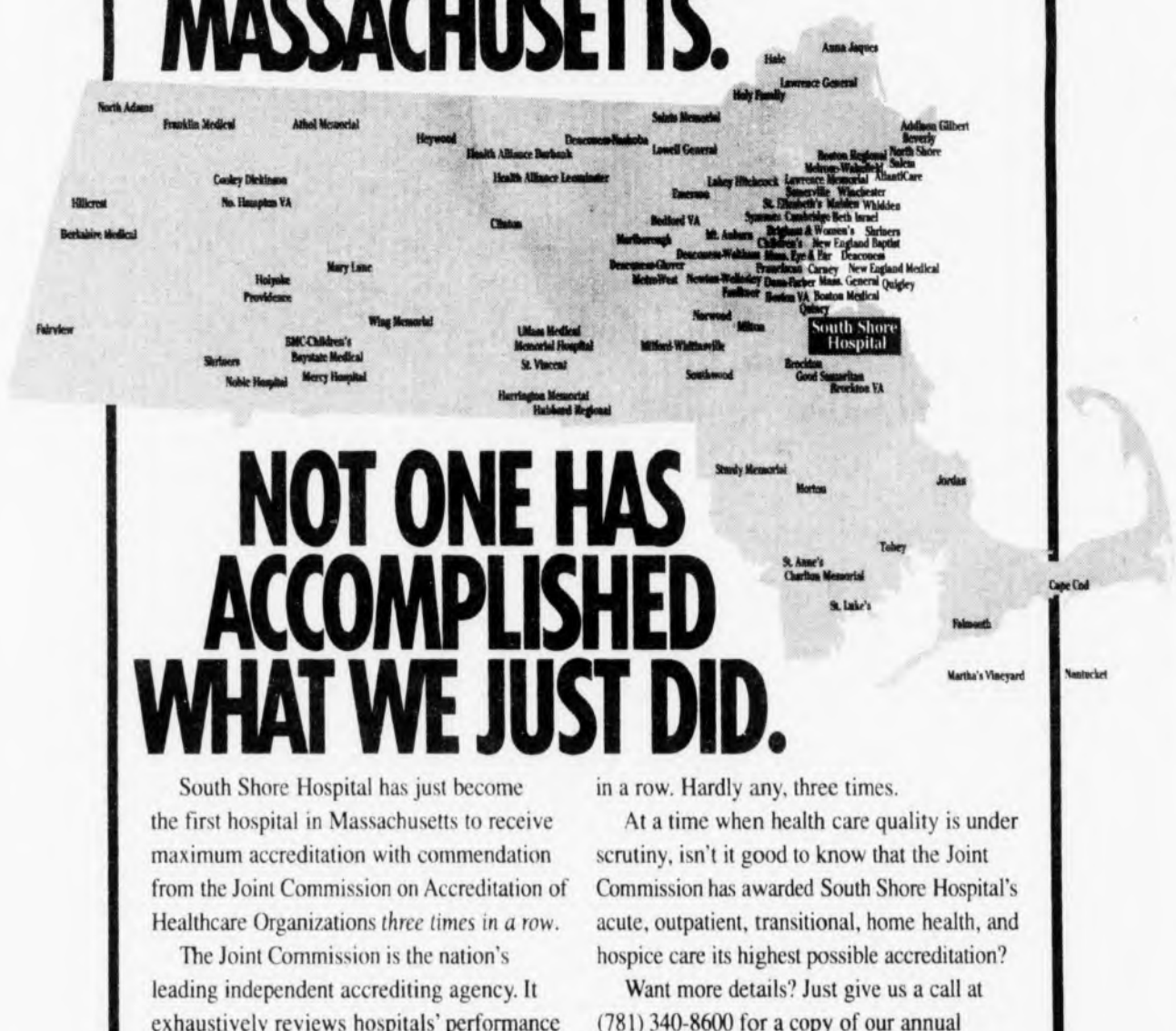
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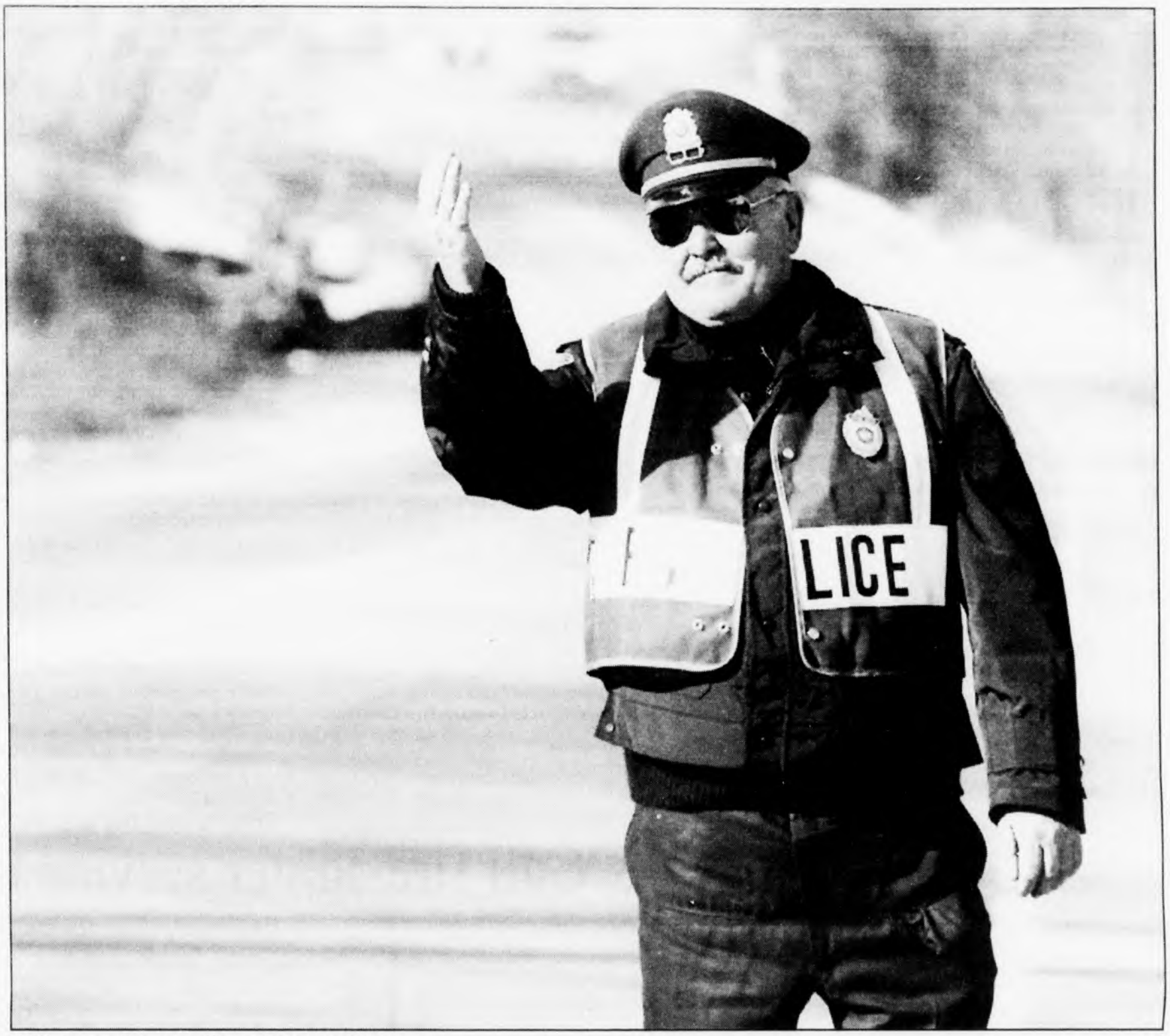
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Police officer speeds toward retirement

Started career as a part-time photographer

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER



Cliff Jones directs traffic on Rt 3A in Cohasset

Alan Chapman photo

After 33 years with the police force, safety officer Clifton Jones is to retire Feb. 11.

"Thirty-three years and two months was enough," said Jones who nonetheless will continue to work details as a special police officer.

Jones said the chance to help people was the part he liked most about his work in the police department.

"Being there when somebody was in need," he said gave him the most satisfaction.

Jones has been best known for the past 15 years as the community's safety officer, but police work was a second career for the Dorchester native who was formerly an award-winning news photographer with the Boston Herald-Traveler. He began his association with the Cohasset P.D. as a part-time photographer. When the Traveler folded, Jones asked Chief Hector Pelletier if he could have a job as a full time police officer. The chief sent him to the police academy in Brockton and Jones had a job as a patrol officer within a week's time, though he still was in charge of police photography.

"There's a lot of evidence in photographs," said Jones who was called on to shoot scenes of burglaries and suicides.

Jones was somewhat steeled to the grisly scenes, due to his experience as a photojournalist. His assignments were mostly fatal car accidents, he said.

"It doesn't bother me at the time," he said, due to his ability to concentrate on the job, although he acknowledged he did find the experiences disturbing afterwards, especially if young children were involved.

"I had young children at the time," he said.

Though Jones also did some sports photography and followed the professional ball clubs around the country, his best work was in spot news. The spot news reporter was called a rover, he said. He worked from a car equipped with radios and would rush to the scene of breaking news as the emergency calls went over the police scanner.

"There was no time to focus," he said. "We just set the camera to a 12 to 15 foot setting and took what was there."

There is no second chance to capture breaking news, he said.

Jones won an award for valor from the Boston Press Photographers Association for his shot of the murder of city police officer John Gallagher. It is his best photograph, he said.

"It shows the bullet holes and the blood on his shirt. It was just as it happened," he said.

Though Jones is more interested in police work than in photography today, he continued to win citations for valor with the Cohasset P.D. In 1993, he saved five people from a house fire. In 1991 he was responsible for apprehending a burglar who had been rifling houses near Jerusalem Road.

Jones said he hopes to continue his fine record of service as a special officer. The work will keep him in Cohasset where he came to live because it was his first wife's home town. (She died in 1988, and he remarried two years ago.)

> ***"I love the town and I have all the respect in the world for the people."***
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> — OFFICER CLIFFTON JONES.

"I love the town and I have all the respect in the world for the people," he said.

Jones said he enjoyed the good relationship between the public and the Cohasset P.D.

"I don't have to hide my car because I'm afraid my tires are going to get sliced," he said.

The former Marine also said Chief Brian Noonan is the finest he has ever worked for and is a man who is there for the people of the town.

"He'll solve your problem. Chief Noonan should have been a Marine," said Jones. "He would have made a fine platoon leader."

The chief said he worked with Jones on the midnight shift and formed a friendship with the safety officer which he hopes will "last into his retirement." Noonan also said Jones "certainly was a dedicated police officer."

Seven still on list to pen town history

It would take a whole newspaper to list all the things that happened in Cohasset over the past 50 years, the chairman of a year old committee on town history said last week.

It will also take a good author to write the book about Cohasset between the years 1950 and 2000, he maintained.

Wigmore Pierson said the town history board has narrowed the search for an author to seven candidates and is eyeing a Mar. 1 deadline for their proposals. Pierson also said 2001 was the tentative publication date for the third volume of the town history, and the committee is still looking for suggestions and comments. So far, the book is likely to be organized around topics such as the changing geography of Cohasset, people and politics, the issues of the day, town laws and traditions, world and national events affecting Cohasset and a chronology of the late Twentieth Century.

"That's what our current thinking is. We anticipate concluding the suggested table of contents at our Feb. 18 meeting," Pierson said.

Nonetheless, the book will be more than text. Clark Chatterton has taken charge of the sub-committee on photographs, cartoons and memorabilia, Pierson said.

"We encourage people to contact Clark, especially if they have photographs."

The writers vying for the right to pen the Cohasset tome are (in alphabetical order):

•Sarah Boyer of Cambridge, an author with a new book about her North Cambridge neighborhood and a connection to Cohasset where her father lives.

• Jacqueline Dormitzer, a 30-year resident of the town and also a member of the new downtown revitalization task force.

•Mary Sheppard Earon, a 10-year town resident and a correspondent for the Mariner newspapers.

•Nancy Garrison, the daughter of the first Massachusetts selectwoman and also a long-term resident of town.

•James Ryan of Brookline, an author.

•Virginia Wood of Swanzey, N.H., a former town resident.

•Robert Ziff, a correspondent for the Mariner newspapers.

CHL Landfill will remain open during appeal

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Water Resources District, which became effective in 1986. McNabb said CHL was allowed to operate because it was a non-conforming, pre-existing use exempt from the bylaw. But without a registered permit, CHL could not claim the exemption, McNabb said.

Former landfill owner James Tyeryar received the special permit in 1976 but did not file it with the Registry of Deeds.

In 1982, Barry purchased the landfill, but did not file the special permit.

Moehrke did not agree with SAFE's contention.

"That interpretation is a hypertechnicality that has been concocted by a group that has sworn to close the landfill,"Moehrke said. "This group (SAFE) has had members elected or appointed to the board of health and the water commission in an attempt to be in the position of judge and jury. They are a small, but vocal minority that have pushed responsible town authorities so those authorities defer to their every statement and demand."

Former SAFE president Alix White serves on the board of health, and McNabb is a water commissioner and member of the water resources authority.

Moehrke said the failure to file the permit was a housekeeping matter, and no more than a technical nuisance. He also refuted SAFE's position that the landfill has been operating illegally in the water resource district since 1986 because the special permit was not filed on time.

"The statute says the permit must be recorded, but not when,"Moehrke said. "The statute says the special permit becomes effective when it is issued, not on the recording date. The doctrine of non-conforming use does not say you have to cover every technicality. You have to be in general, lawful compliance."

In an interview last week, McNabb said the violation raises some serious legal questions about the landfill.

Moehrke said the latest attempts by SAFE to shut down CHL were part of a carefully orchestrated campaign to seize on every minor technicality and make it look like a huge violation.

"The courts say they are not going to deal with every trivial case when people are dying,"Moehrke said. "This is a landfill that everyone has known about for a long time. It's like an elephant in a living room."

Moehrke said using the failure to file the special permit as a reason to close down the landfill was hypocritical.

He pointed out that the town has gone to land court on two occasions in the past trying to use the same special permit to force CHL to comply with another cease and desist order. In a third case, the special permit was raised as a peripheral issue to oppose the proposed Area V expansion.

"In three separate court cases, no one ever raised the issue of the special permit,"Moehrke said. "Now after three court cases in which they could have and should have raised any issues about the special permit, they are trying to have it both ways."

Ten years ago, the town tried to enforce the special permit in court as a way of stopping CHL from accepting general refuse and garbage. CHL's permit allows it to accept only construction and building debris.

CHL continued to accept the general refuse during appeals and court proceedings until a judge ordered the landfill to stop.

Moehrke said CHL will use the same strategy and stay in business during hearings despite the building inspector's stop order.

"The law is you go forward and maintain the status quo until a court issues a final adjudication,"Moehrke said. "We will comply with the law."

Moehrke said there are at least three separate issues in this latest complaint. The failure of the town to raise any problems with the permit in court, the fact that CHL has now filed the permit, and the town's attempts to enforce the special permit in court, then say outside court that the permit is invalid.

"McNabb can't argue that he didn't know about the un-filed permit when he argued against the landfill in court for SAFE,"Moehrke said. "He complained that town counsel wasn't aggressive enough, but he missed it. We will argue that technical non-compliance is not non-conforming after 21 years of legal operation."

Moehrke said he expects CHL to appeal to the courts if the zoning board upholds the building inspector's cease and desist order.

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Call firefighter service resuscitated

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fighters were eliminated, the fire department would ask for more permanent fire-fighters to perform the back-up duties such as laying hose — tasks she thought were currently performed by the call force.

Haddad hoped to use the money to start training paramedics — a program backed by the fire chief. The town spends about $30,000 a year for call fire-fighters.

But this week, selectmen were unanimous that call fire-fighters are valuable and rather than see the service eliminated, they want it beefed up.

Monday, they blamed their prior stance on "miscommunication" and were unable to explain how Fire Chief Roger Lincoln feels about their turnaround. Since the call fire-fighters had already met with selectmen, they did not attend Monday's meeting as scheduled. As a result, Lincoln was called and told there was no need for him to come.

Reached by telephone, Lincoln said he watched the selectmen's meeting on television and had no comment on the issue.

McMorris said she would take the blame for her about face.

"I didn't find out the other side and have them explain to us what role they really are playing," she said.

Selectman Diane Sullivan stressed that the call firefighters get along well with the full-time force and don't want a wedge created between the two groups.

The way call firefighters are paid is somewhat confusing. The pot of money, about $30,000 a year, is divided up among them annually depending on the number of incidents each reports to.

Selectmen say are a dedicated group that provides much of their own training. All are certified firefighters.

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Laugelle takes out papers for selectman

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

School board Chairwoman Maureen Jerz says she will not try for a new term on the school committee. But two more candidates have announced they will seek other offices in April's annual town election.

With a week left before the candidates are officially nominated, former selectman Rocco Laugelle of 38 Smith Place will go after a seat on the board of selectmen. Also, Patrick Plante of 798 Jerusalem Road will test incumbent Henry Rattenbury's strength. A three-year term as sewer commissioner is at stake in that race.

Both Laugelle and Plante took out nomination papers this week.

Laugelle, a selectman for 15 years before he lost the election to Peter Pratt, said he would like to see the town cut down on spending.

"There are lots of controversial issues—the schools wanting more money, the sewer commission wanting more money, the landfill. I just hate to see us spend so much money," Laugelle said.

The former selectman also said he was running because he has time to serve the town since he has retired from work.

The nomination papers with signatures of 50 registered voters must be returned to the Town Clerk's office by 5 p.m. Feb. 12. So far, five of the candidates have returned papers and are on the ballot. They are:

Richard Barrow, an incumbent running unopposed for recreation commission.

"I'm retired now from my regular job. I was hoping I could add something to the board after being there for 15 years. I always enjoyed it. It's a great challenge."

– ROCCO LAUGELLE, POTENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR SELECTMAN

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Plante was not reached for comment before the Mariner's deadline.

Steve Bobo, a political newcomer running unopposed for health board.

Barbara Power, an incumbent running unopposed for library trustee.

Henry Rattenbury, an incumbent who might face Plante in the sewer commissioner's election.

Robert Sturdy, an incumbent running unopposed for planning board.

Jerz's decision means there will be no incumbents running for the two seats on the school board. (School board member Ralph Kidder confirmed earlier he would not try for another term.)

The school committee chairwoman said she made the decision because it was time for her to pursue career and personal goals.

"After eight years of involvement with the schools, the time has come for me to follow some personal and professional interests," said Jerz.

Jerz served one three-year term on the school board. She was also a former president of the Parent Student Organization and a member of the Deer Hill School Council.

Grant to fund harbor patrols

The Cohasset police department has received an $11,000 grant to launch a harbor patrol this summer.

"It's a first-time thing," according to Chief Brian Noonan who said the grant money was awarded by the Department of Public Safety. "We're excited about this."

Noonan also said he met Wednesday with two Coast Guard petty officer from Point Allerton in Hull to talk about a joint training session to prepare for the marine patrol.

The chief said he expected to have a cadre of six police officers in the harbor patrol in two boats. The boats belong to the harbor master, and the harbor patrol will assist the harbor master but also have a number of other duties.

"It'll be anything from problems with boaters under the influence to vandalism in the harbor to rescues at sea," Noonan said and stressed the program would be operated at "no cost to the town," due to the grant award.

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Future sewer users still seek fairness

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Although plans are to have users absorb the entire increased cost of the North Cohasset sewer project through betterments — one local woman says there are no guarantees that will happen.

Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Road, says she will offer an amendment from town meeting floor asking for the 50/50 town-user shared payment plan voted a year ago.

At the 1997 annual town meeting, voters appropriated $6.6 million for the project. A subsequent Prop. 2-1/2 override passed at the ballot box meaning half the cost of the project — which will hook up about 330 homes in the north section of town to the sewer treatment plan in Hull — was to be picked up by all taxpayers.

But bids for the project came in $2.7 million higher than expected leaving sewer commissioners scrambling for ways to cover the extra cost without getting mired in another legal battle with the state.

The town is under a court order to clean up its septic problems or face hefty state fines.

As it stands now, those in the North Cohasset sewer district will pay about 63 percent of the cost of the project. The increase which would be assessed though betterments will add about $340 more a year for 20 years to each affected homeowner. Officials don't expect town meeting to reject the additional appropriation because the money would not come from the tax base.

But Plante hopes the voters will come down on the side of fairness. She is outraged that the bids came in 45 percent higher than planned.

"This amount of money is totally unacceptable," she said. "We're being held hostage to very greedy contractors who look at Cohasset and think all our pockets are lined with gold."

If Plante's amendment passes, another Prop. 2-1/2 override would be required to pick up half the cost of the increase, about $1.3 million. If successful, the override would add about $17 a year to the annual tax bill of a home assessed at $330,000.

Sewer commissioners say the bids are high because the North Cohasset project involves installing a pump at each house. That means contractors have to go onto private property which opens them up to liability issues and therefore increases their costs.

Plante polled selectmen this week to gauge their support for the amendment. Selectmen Diane Sullivan, Nan Roth, Michael Sullivan and Merle Brown said they would support it.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she would have difficulty asking the 60 percent of town which is not on the sewers to pick up more of the cost of the sewer project.

Hydrant rental fees sunk

The town will not pay the water department upwards of $100,000 in hydrant rental fees in fiscal year 1998, which starts July 1.

The water commissioners said they would have to raise rates to make up for the loss of revenue costing the typical homeowner $50 more a year.

But Town Manager Mark Haddad said according to the town accountant's estimates, the water department will have a surplus of more than $360,000 and will not have to raise rates to cover the loss of hydrant fees.

Hydrant money is not only used to repair hydrants but to maintain fire-flow capacity in town and is calculated on a per-hydrant basis, water commissioners said.

Selectmen agreed to recommend the hydrant rental fee be deleted from the budget.

Water Commissioner John McNabb said he thought the town accountant's numbers were optimistic and nevertheless, the water department had plenty to use the surplus on.

Haddad said $15,000 would be set aside in the budget to pay hydrant rental fees in North Cohasset. The hydrants in that part of town are owned by Mass-American Water Company, a private water company, that supplies water to North Cohasset, Hingham and Hull.

Paramedic service to be studied

Selectmen said they like the idea of paramedics but want more study before allocating funds to the program.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said the majority of the fire department's incidents involve providing ambulance service.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan wants a five-year budget estimate on the proposed paramedic service including salaries and training costs to see what impact it will have.

Selectman Nan Roth wants a complete analysis including how they maintain certification and what effect the availability local paramedics would have on the advanced life support service provided by South Shore Hospital.

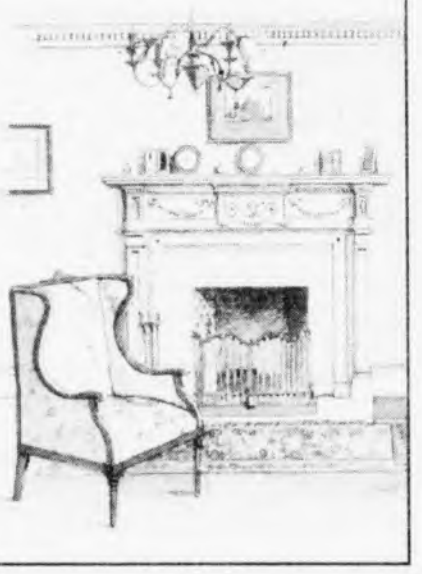
Town Manager Haddad said he is leery of using free cash for the paramedic program.

"My plan was to take the money used for the call firefighters. That didn't happen, so I have no plan," he said. *(See related story, page one).*



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Osgood School reuse process speeds up

Possible library use unlikely

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen said Monday they want to get moving right away on possible reuse options for the Osgood School.

The discussion followed news that the Osgood Reuse Committee chairman Joanne Adkins had resigned effective immediately.

They had asked the committee last week to meet with the Design Review Board and Planning Board and come back in three weeks with their input. They insisted that the reuse committee tap the talent in town before they'd consider hiring a consultant to help determine the value of the elementary school.

But that point appeared to be moot this week as selectmen moved the process forward.

The 75-year-old school, which is being replaced with a new elementary school currently under construction, is due to close in June.

Selectmen have now asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to work with the reuse committee to draft a Request for Proposal with points' criteria for different options for the building. They hope to have proposals back by the end of the summer so October's town meeting can decide on the fate of the structure.

Unable to get funding from the advisory committee for a town-wide mailing, the reuse committee circulated a survey at last fall's special town meeting to gauge public sentiment for a range of possible uses.

Based on those results, the group ruled out single-family use for the site which would involve razing the venerable old building.

There was a fair amount of interest in doing something for seniors whether that be with condominiums, rental units or assisted living, the committee said.

In addition to uses for seniors, the committee left the door open for possible institutional use but was not specific on what that might be.

A new wrinkle in the plans was the library's interest in possibly building a 16,000-square foot library in the center of the building. Osgood is 29,000 square feet.

Library trustees chairman Patience Towle said the trustees are not adverse to sharing the building with a revenue producing entity and hoped that mixed use for the site might be considered.

But Monday, selectmen all but ruled the library use out. They said it makes the issue more complicated and didn't think they could wait until the trustees came up with more definitive plans.

Adkins could not be reached by comment by press time. But at last week's meeting she explained that economics is not the only consideration when discussing value. She urged selectmen to support funding a consultant to help compare the value of 50 condominiums versus 200 rental units, for example.

"If economics is the only consideration, then you don't need a committee. Just put a for sale sign on the building," she said.

Some residents feel strongly that adding the building to the tax rolls was a promise made at town meeting to garner support for the $10 million new school project.

Random selection article nixed

Selectmen backed off asking for a by-law change to have town meeting articles come up through random selection last week.

They had proposed placing an article (which is an item of business before town meeting) on the warrant that if adopted would force the moderator to take the articles up at random and not in the order they appear on the warrant.

Town Moderator George Marlette vehemently opposed the proposal and threatened to temporarily step down and debate against it at town meeting. He said selectmen were overstepping their bounds.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said there were pros and cons to both sides and said the matter should not be cast in concrete.

As it stands now, town meeting can ask the moderator to take the articles up randomly and he can put it to a vote.

Selectman Merle Brown was upset that the board wasn't going to go through with recommending the by-law change.

"I thought you had more guts," he said. "You can't handle George."

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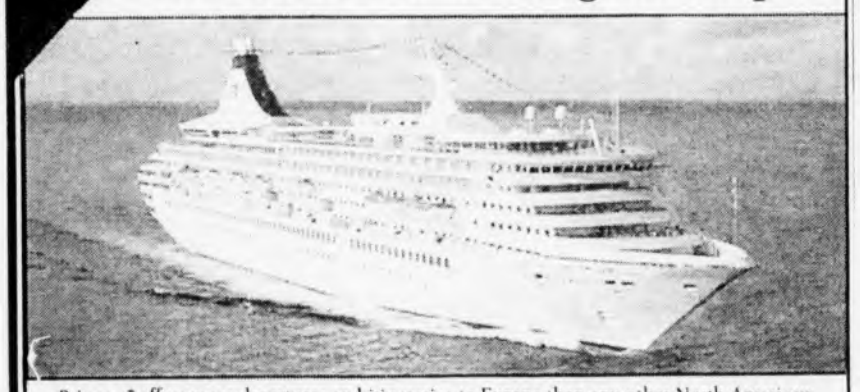
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AROUND TOWN

SALLYANN CHATTERTON 383-0560

QUILT SHOW & LUNCHEON

Here's some news that will enable you to "Think Spring" — a quilt show! The Second Congregational Church will be holding its fifth annual Quilt Show/Luncheon Saturday, March 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held at the church, and it is quite an event, indeed! Why am I telling you this so early? Because they are looking for more quilts to show! Do you have an old quilt with an interesting history behind it? Or do you have one that you made yourself and you would like others to see and appreciate? If so, call the church study at 383-0345 or Carol at 383-1812. Be on the lookout for updates on the show! P.S. There is a Feb. 12 deadline for you to get in touch if you want to have your quilt in the show. They will need that much time to get everything together!

THANKS, RALPH

It was sad to see that Ralph Kidder won't be a member of the school committee after this term — he has done an outstanding job during his nine years in office. He has been as fair and honest as anyone can be. One wonders how he will cope being able to watch a television show or reading a book without several interruptions! We're sure he will enjoy it! Meanwhile, thanks for all of your time and efforts, Ralph!



Alyssa Mullin climbs up the hill in front of Cohasset High for another try on Martin Luther Day last month.

Mary Ford photo

LITTLE LEAGUE SIGNUPS

Have been asked to remind all players (including players who are already on a major league team) must register for 1998 Little League baseball on Feb. 7, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Deer Hill School. Registration is open to all children who will be at least 5 years old by Aug. 1, 1998; and, parents are required to provide a copy of the player's birth certificate if one was not given last year.

CHART HOUSE QUESTION

How many times did you go to the phone in the past month to call the Chart House to see if they were open for dinner, to make a party plan, etc.? It is hard to believe that it is closed, it is one of the prettiest spots in Cohasset! It will be interesting to see what becomes of it, we'll keep you informed as we hear!

GRANDPARENTS AGAIN

Ann Pompeo is busy filling in another branch on the family tree, she and Roger are grandparents again! On Feb. 28, their daughter Jeannine gave birth to Julia Ann Coburn! Julia Ann joins her big brother Tommy and big sister Emily, who are thrilled to have her join the ranks! Their Dad, Tom, and Jeannine are just so happy to have her here, and have plenty of love to give to her, just as they have to the others! By the way, it appears all four will have to help with feedings, Julia weighed more than 10 pounds at birth! She will be one hungry baby! Congrats to all of you!

MRS. PRICE LOOKS WONDERFUL

Spotted Marie Price around town a few days ago, she looks wonderful! Retirement certainly must agree with her, although she still misses her students like the dickens! And the whole school misses Marie, too! Marie said that all of her former students still have to have a hug when they see her — isn't that special?!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALEX

Happy birthday greetings to Alex Cook, who will be 10 and is a wonderful 10-year-old, indeed! Hope that your day is a happy one, Alex!

GYMNASTS ARE WINNERS

As this goes to press, the CHS gymnastic team has just won another BIGGie and won — they have had an outstanding year and are to be commended, as are all the teams that have played winter sports. A bunch of wonderful gals and guys, doing their best; we applaud them! Be sure to support them as the season winds down, show them a lot of spirit and let them know they are WINNERS!

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MAY I PRESENT



Sallyann Chatterton

Has it arrived at your house yet? The "What can we do now, Mom," or the "I'm hungry!"? These often heard statements and questions can really get to one by the end of the winter, and I have the perfect solution for you (and them, too). Why not get everyone together to make some bread!

The warm aroma of bread baking in the oven, so legend says, has "magic power to dispel the doldrums and lift the spirits." Bread can be made in several different, interesting and delightful forms. This recipe is a quick-to-mix bread. It will disappear even faster! May I present:

Carol's Raisin Bread

1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 package yeast
1/4 cup warm water
1 egg
2-1/4 cups flour
1/2 cup raisins

Scald 1/2 cup milk and add 1/4 cup sugar, 2 Tbsp. butter, 1/2 tsp. salt. Cool.

In mixing bowl, put 1 package of yeast and 1/4 cup warm water.

Stir well. Add cooled milk mixture and 1 egg. Add 2-1/4 cups flour gradually and beat well.

Cover with towel and let rise one hour in a warm place. When double, add 1/2 cup of raisins and beat for at least one minute. Put into a well-greased pan and bake at 375 for 30-45 minutes, or until crust is well browned. (If a softer crust is desired, brush lightly with melted butter while bread is warm. Remove from pan and cool on rack.

ENJOY!

— **Sallyann**

Concert to benefit Wellspring at St. Stephen's Church

Walton Rogers Hall of St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset is the setting for the Broad Cove Chorale and the Unicorn Singers' second performance of "Encore," a pops-style concert with a showcase of choral musical favorites. The concert will be held Sunday, Feb. 8, at 4 p.m., to benefit Wellspring Multiservice Center, located in Hull but serving those in need throughout the South Shore. Audiences familiar with the annual "Encore" performance say it is always "a lot of fun." What makes a group of local folk rush off to rehearsals, dress up in long skirts or tuxedos, take risks and work so hard for the pure pleasure of singing?

"It's for the joy it," says director Margo Euler, who will conduct both a Saturday and a Sunday performance of the program. "Encore" does promise to be a good deal of fun. A wide array of musical styles, including classical, barbershop, folk songs, spirituals, Broadway, gospel, parody, operetta, sing-along, madrigals and jazz, will be sung to a piano, bass and drum accompaniment. From within the ranks of the singers, a violinist and a flutist will appear. There's always audience participation, this year in the singing of rounds, but there's a rumor that someone in the audience will add his instrumental flourish to a medley from "Guys and Dolls."

Tables for six at this festive event can be reserved by sending a check for $80 to Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Avenue, Hull, MA 02045. Single seats are available at $15 each at Nobles Camera Stores in Hingham Square and Cohasset, at the Children's Exchange in Cohasset, and at all Brewed Awakenings, (Hingham, Norwell and Weymouth), as well as at the Wellspring office in Hull. Refreshments will be available for sale prior to the concert. The concert promises to be the perfect lift for mid-winter blues. The concert will also be performed Saturday evening, Feb. 7, at Temple Sha'aray Shalom. Call 749-6561 for information on the Saturday performance.

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VOLUNTEER LABOR OFFERED

Once again the Social Service League of Cohasset has made up their list — list of Cohasset Junior/Senior High School students who can do lots of jobs around the house for you! If you need someone to shovel, walk your dog, cook, clean or baby sit, they are able to do almost anything, and their rates are very reasonable. If you are interested and would like some names or more information, call 383-0771. You'll get the help you need and fulfill a need for those hard workers to make a little money! Everyone wins!

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That's all the news we could find this week, everyone must be too busy watching Washington to keep an eye on our fair town! Please call with any of your news, or drop it off at my house, or at the news store; or mail it — you can tell we'll take it any old way, we just want to hear your story!

— **Sallyann**
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Citizen of the Year

As editor of the Cohasset Mariner, it's my pleasure to announce that Anna Abbruzzese has been selected as the 1997 Citizen of the Year.

Mrs. Abbruzzese gives innumerable hours to a myriad of causes and activities. She is loved for her quiet enthusiasm that inspires all who know her.

While nominations were open, a total of 69 individuals and families took the time to nominate a citizen, detailing his or her contributions to help make this town one we all love.

Our thanks go to Judy Volungis, 234 Forest Ave.; Louis Easton, 30 Beach St.; JoAnne Chittick, 98 S. Main St.; Wigmore Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave.; and Dean Rizzo, 56 Spring St. for joining me at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square for the challenging and pleasurable task of poring over the nominations.

Regrettably we can't recognize each of the 19 separate nominees with the Citizen of the Year Award. And we thank all those who wrote such thoughtful letters and notes nominating their fellow citizens.

The selection committee narrowed the field down to nine, five and finally three. The final decision — although not reached without considerable discussion — was unanimous.

So we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Anna Abbruzzese — a sister, wife, mother, grandmother and native of Cohasset — who has found the time to devote to a number of volunteer roles.

As Shirley Kehoe, 28 Bayberry Lane, said in her nomination:

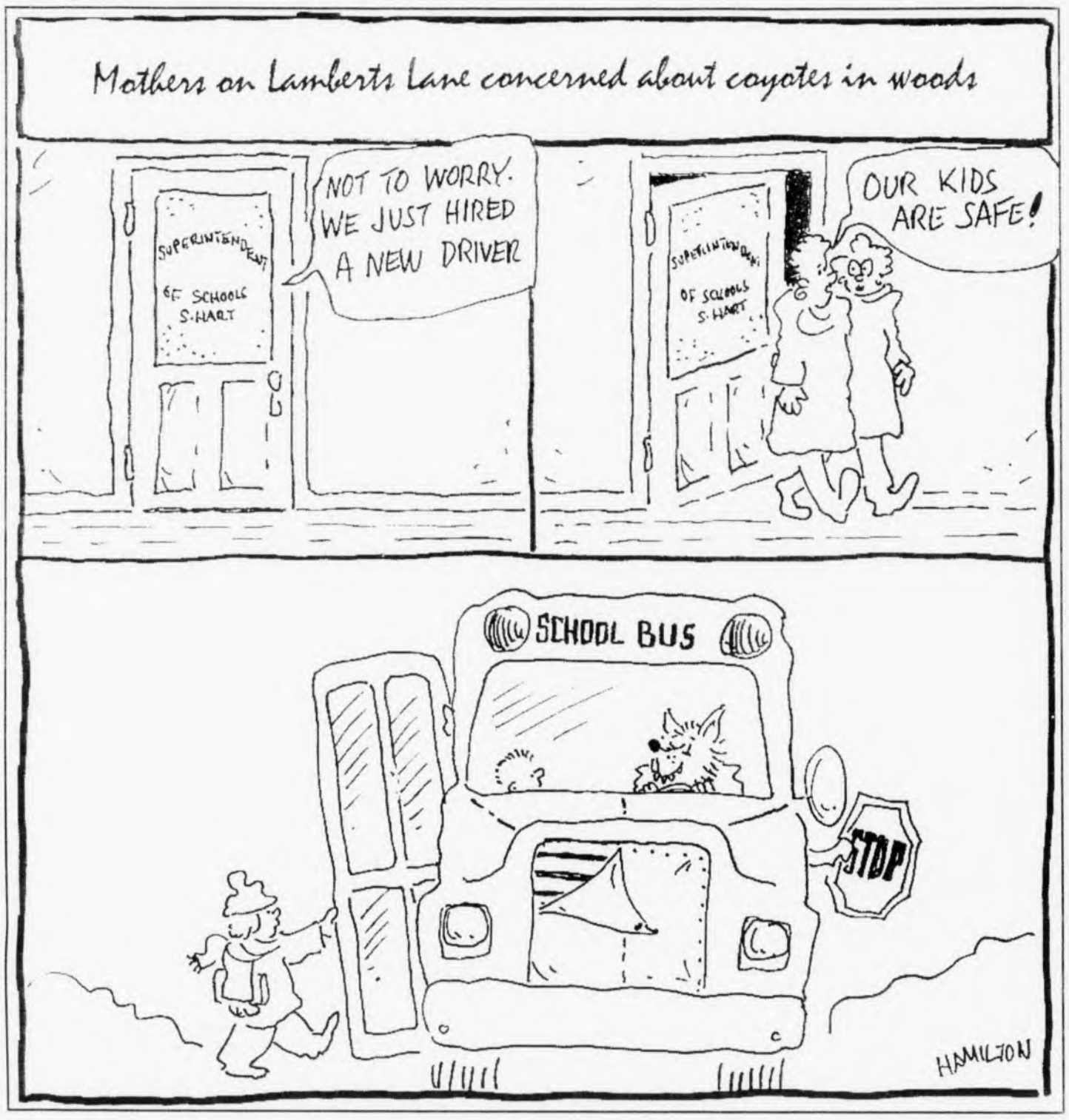
"Whether she's driving the shuttle or having a conversation with one of our elders, she lights up their life.

"She has more energy than anyone I know and is happiest when doing for others less fortunate than we are."

With this award, we offer recognition for making a difference. In our society too many roles models go unrecognized. Too often people today look to the sports, rock or movie star with envy, when the real hero is the local police officer, fire-fighter, parent, teacher, church leader or government official.

The annual Citizen of the Year Award is our way of taking our hats off to a person among us who goes that extra mile without asking for anything in return but the intrinsic reward of helping to make Cohasset a better place.

— Mary Ford



LETTERS

Call firefighters deserve respect

Selectmen:

I am writing in response to comments made at last week's Selectmen's meeting, dated Jan. 26, regarding the call firefighters.

As the wife of a man who was a call firefighter for more than 15 years, I was appalled by the comment that the call force was of "no value" to the fire department. I feel it is insulting to all those men over the years who worked very hard to help this town and were proud to do it. They certainly did more than roll hoses! They helped fight those fires and worked side by side with the permanent men. They did go through training, on their own time, and were of great value to the fire department.

Maybe things are different now, and some changes need to be made, but at least a thank you would be called for, and let them go out with the dignity and respect they deserve, to say the least, an apology. Today, there are only 10 call firefighters left on the force, and you wonder why? I say, shame on you!

Kathy Marks
1 Red Gate Lane

Editor's note: Mrs. Marks provided the Mariner with a copy of her letter.

Objects to lobster lab site

Selectmen:

You know my feeling about this subject — it hasn't changed. I'm wholeheartedly for the idea but not this location. I'm wholeheartedly for the idea if it is a part of the town's school curriculum — part of the science department's program.

For the life of me I can't see putting a million dollars into this building with little or nor land to go with it — unless we lease them the whole of the Hagerty Property. (Yes the plot consists of two acres plus but only a half acre or less is buildable — useful for buildings and parking.)

Suggestion/proposal — Put this effort that is to be expended on creating this lobster lab into some honest and sincere actions in building up the existing Science Dept. into a complete and comprehensive program that will give Cohasset students what they should receive from a first class school system.

Briefly the following are some of the other objections I have mentioned before and what has been said by others who feel this is not the route to go with this lab idea on the property.

- Parking will be a problem on Parker Ave. unless no one uses the lab.
- The two activities — access to the harbor and the lab cannot co-exist on this small plot of land.
- The property was bought for access to the harbor — sadly, oddly enough the town has no other entrance to the harbor — for Cohasset, a seacoast town, that's serious.
- What will the town do with the building if the idea doesn't work?

Thank you for reading my thoughts, ideas and suggestions. Use your common sense wisely

Hamilton T. Tewksbury
81 Elm St.

Mr. Tewksbury provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter for publication.

Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

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Many fine citizens nominated for annual award

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Nineteen local citizens were nominated by 69 individuals and families for the annual Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year award.

Anna Abbruzzese, 155 Border St., was selected by a committee of six consisting of Judy Volungis, 234 Forest Ave.; Louis Eaton, 30 Beach St.; Wigmore Pierson, 123 Atlantic Ave.; JoAnne Chittick, 98 S. Main St.; Dean Rizzo 56 Spring St.; and Mary Ford, editor of the Cohasset Mariner.

The other nominees were:

Tony Bramblett for his dedication to the Teen Garage proposal;

Clark Chatterton for fostering sportsmanship in Cohasset young people;

Clark & Sallyann Chatterton for their giving to Cohasset so generously of their time, talent and finances;

Susan Etkind for her leadership and vision in founding the Cohasset Diversity Committee;

Jim Hamilton for his sensitivity and sense of humor evidenced by his cartoons;

Jack Hubbard for his extensive activities in conservation, recycling and education of the public on many environmental issues;

Osborne F. Ingram for serving his church and community through volunteering for the food pantry, library, American Cancer Society and more;

Clifton B. Jones for his many years of dedicated service as a police officer;

Arthur L. Lehr for his many years of volunteer service to Cohasset including boy scouts, recycling, as Civil Defense Director, and more;

Bob Martin for his involvement in many town activities;

John K. McNabb Jr. for his work on behalf of S.A.F.E. to keep our water clean;

Ed Mulvey for always being there when needed for the town;

Marjorie Murphy for inspiring hundreds of pupils to love reading and literature;

Barbara Power for years of volunteer service on town boards and in making Cohasset a more livable and attractive community;

Glenn A. Pratt for his work naming town squares after Cohasset soldiers killed in Vietnam and his many other volunteer efforts;

Mark Schwerin for providing a playing field for the kids of North Cohasset and building a Frisbee golf course for neighborhood children;

Katherine Stanton for her long service to Cohasset, the region, state and nation in innumerable ways including serving currently as a volunteer case reviewer for the Department of Social Services and citizen monitor for foster care cases involving abused and neglected children;

Marjorie Steele for her leadership of the Cohasset Food Pantry;

Mary Sullivan for being a fine role model and for her volunteer service at Deer Hill.

Anna Abbruzzese is Citizen of the Year

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they built a house on Old Pasture Road where they lived for 25 years before moving to Border Street. Mike befriended another young man, Roger Porter, who was also tired of traveling, and they formed Target Industries on Ripley Road.

Abbruzzese said her penchant for service to others may have taken root helping people put packages together for servicemen in World War II. Her father was a member of the Sons of Italy and she recalls her house being full of people packaging cookies, bandages and other items to send overseas.

In her datebook, Abbruzzese keeps a favorite quotation which epitomizes her generosity of spirit and reflects her philosophy of life.

"Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
To all the people you can
As long as you can."
— John Wesley.

"I like being with people," she says. "Sitting and curling up with a book is not one of my favorite things to do. I'd rather be seeing someone, talking with someone or cooking with someone."

Abbruzzese became involved with the "senior center" when her mother started to go there in her later years.

That was the beginning of a long relationship that includes coordinating the "Gourmet Cooking Club", being a shuttle bus driver, special events worker and chairwoman of the Board of the Council of Elder Affairs.

Abbruzzese said while she is a little "embarrassed" at all the attention that goes with being selected as the Citizen of Year, she said she feels honored to be in such distinguished company. Prior year recipients are the Rev. Gary Ritts, Dr. Robert Sceery, Joseph Buckley and Gerard Keating.

For her, there is no special formula to helping others.

"I just do things because they're there and they need to be done," Abbruzzese said.

Her activities also include serving on the Village Renaissance Committee, which works to beautify the village, and on the Village Revitalization Committee, which hopes to help rejuvenate the downtown area, and volunteering at her church, St. Anthony's. She helped coordinate the first ecumenical service for homebound, frail elders at St. Anthony's, a program which has expanded since its inception five years ago.

The Abbruzzeses have two sons: Michael, who lives in Hingham and Christopher who lives in Peoria, Illinois; and three daughters, Michele Abbruzzese and Sarah Murphy of Cohasset; and Annie Abbruzzese of Charlestown.

They have eight grandchildren.

In her nomination, Kelsey Abbruzzese summed up why she thinks her grandmother deserves to be Citizen of the Year:

"A wonderful person is a wonderful person no matter what," she said. "My grandma is one of the people in the world that can be called a wonderful person, and I love her a lot."

POLITICAL NOTES

Brunch for Rep. Murray

Sunday, March 1, South Shore residents will salute Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray at a brunch to be held at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Murray represents the towns of Cohasset, Hingham and Hull and in the 1996 elections she captured 92 percent of the vote. She serves on legislative committees, local affairs and third readings and during her 10 terms has been a vocal foe of taxes and an advocate for expanded paramedic services, the environment, equitable water rates and harbor dredging.

Special invited guests will include Sen. Robert Hedlund, Sheriffs Peter Forman and Jack Flood, District Attorneys Jeffrey Locke and Michael Sullivan, County Commissioners Bob Stone and other elected officials with whom she has served.

For reservations call Polly Logan at 383-0031 or Carl Harris at 749-7115.

Flanagan to head Cohasset GOP

John Flanagan, local investment manager, was elected to head Cohasset Republican Town Committee. Also elected as vice presidents were Janet R. Fogarty and Beth E. Marsden-Gilman. Re-elected to serve as treasurer and clerk respectively are George B. Watts Jr. and R. Murray Campbell. Judy Volungis was elected corresponding secretary and Julie Guild, chairman for three decades, will serve as membership chairman.

Matthew R. Steele's resignation was accepted with regret and Marjorie Smith was elected to fill this vacancy. Elected as associate members are: Lisa Bumstead of 111 Nicholas Rd., Edythe Ford of 135 Beach St., Margaret Stockton of 49 Surrey Dr., and Ray Kasperowicz of 172 South Main St. Vice Chairman of State Committee Polly Logan urged members to invited young voters, new residents of Cohasset and others interested in good government, to be associate members of the town committee.

Delegates to the Worcester Convention to be held April 18 will be elected between Feb. 21 and March 14, and Chairman Flanagan will notify members of the town committee when this meeting will be held.

Local democrats caucus

Registered Democrats in Cohasset will be holding a caucus Saturday, Feb. 7, at 11 a.m. to elect delegates and alternates to the 1998 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

Cohasset will elect four delegates and four alternates equally divided between men and women to represent their ward or town at the 1998 Convention.

Agnes McCann (the caucus chair) will call the caucus at the Cohasset Town Hall.

LETTERS

Random article selection backed

To the Editor:

The town meeting has had a long tradition in New England. Voters used to spend the day doing the town's financial and legal business. Since we have become more mobile many have lost the importance of this form of government. We should, therefore, have a random selection of articles. This will ensure that the citizens vote for the entire warrant and not limit their concerns of special interests. (We eat the whole cookie and not just a bite.)

Martha Gjesteby
81 Old Pasture Lane

Cohasset man receives break in sentencing from judge in U.S. court

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

A Cohasset man has been sentenced in Boston federal court after he admitted buying child pornography.

John H. Fraser, 58, of 50 Norman Todd Road received five years of probation Jan. 28 from U.S. District Court Judge William G. Young.

The probation was part of a plea agreement. The minimum penalty for the crime by a first-offender under federal court sentencing guidelines is 15 months in prison and $4,000 in fines.

Judge Young has previously said he seldom departs from the federal guidelines under Truth in Sentencing. But the judge lowered the penalty after Fraser agreed to undergo counseling, according to Amy Rindskopf of the U.S. Attorney's office.

The Cohasset man pled guilty earlier to unlawful possession of child pornography.

Rindskopf said Fraser was caught through a "sting" operation conducted by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service last year after his name turned up on a Florida company's mailing list. The company, Cine International, ran a business in mail-order pornography. Its mailing lists were seized by postal inspectors during a raid.

Fraser then was sent an advertisement for tapes that contained child pornography. The advertisement came from a fake company. It was actually the front for the undercover operation. Fraser ordered three videos.

On June 5, 1997, after the tapes were delivered to his home, federal inspectors got a search warrant and found the tapes. Fraser was charged with possession of child pornography.

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State, towns have tug of war over tower power

Bill would overturn DTE's latest ruling

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The spread of cellular towers has been a big issue on the South Shore where local communities have tried to battle giant companies and limit the sometimes ugly towers to "appropriate" parts of town. Now two South Shore lawmakers have joined forces to help the local authorities keep the right to enforce their own zoning laws.

"It's a simple issue of Home Rule," according to state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset. Their bill to put the location of cellular towers back under the control of the community was admitted Monday to the House of Representative and to the Senate Tuesday.

"I'm a strong Home Rule person," Murray said Wednesday and explained she had the bill drafted in reaction to a Jan. 9 decision by the state Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) to give favorable treatment to the businesses.

"I was absolutely infuriated," Murray said when she heard about the state agency's action. She got 50 co-sponsors to sign the new legislation which is one of several new bills dealing with the cell tower issue.

Murray said she will also support the main bill, H.1894, which was introduced last June by Rep. Angelo Scaccia, D-Boston. The Scaccia bill calls for special permits to be issued before cell towers can be erected in a city or town. Murray said during the second hearing on the Scaccia bill Tuesday, she called for two amendments to the bill. The first amendment would take the cellular radio companies out of the DTE's jurisdiction and make the issue of siting towers subject to local authority. The second would call for local governments to notify abutting cities and towns about pending cellular tower projects.

The legislator also said she saw the situation as one more case of the big bureaucracy in state government giving the local communities a bad deal.

> ***"The DTE, through an administrative ruling, took control away from the cities and towns."***
> —STATE SEN. ROBERT L. HEDLUND

The DTE made it harder for local governments to control the spread of cellular towers. The state agency decided businesses could apply directly to the state for an exemption from local bylaws.

Generally, the DTE decision made it easier for cellular telephone companies to build towers anywhere, even in communities with strict zoning laws. However, it did not say the firms would be automatically allowed to skirt the community authority.

Hedlund also said the DTE took action without holding any public hearings on the question or talking the issues over with lawmakers.

"The DTE, through an administrative ruling, took control away from the cities and towns," Hedlund said.

Hedlund cited two disputes in Scituate and Duxbury over plans to erect towers on Amy's Way and Maple Pond Lane respectively. The senator also said he believes the control over local land use rightfully belongs to the local zoning board.

Though the new bill is being viewed as the best chance to overturn the DTE, Hanover and the City of Marlborough might also mount an appeal directly to the state agency.

Lawmakers were slated to meet this week on the question with industry leaders and representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, the lobbyist for the cities and towns.

The MMA has opposed the DTE ruling on the grounds it put local governments at an unfair disadvantage.

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Pratt excels as captain of Skippers ship

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

What more could you ask from a team captain?

Carolyn Pratt, for example, was excused from a recent Cohasset High gymnastics team's practice with a slight touch of the flu. But head coach Ruthann Ardizzoni had little doubt her senior captain would be present.

Ardizzoni, after all, has known Pratt since she first started her gymnastics career and has never questioned her character or desire to help the team in any way she could.

"As a captain, on a scale of one to ten, I'd give her a ten," said Ardizzoni, as she kept a close eye on a young gymnast working through her balance beam routine. "In six years Carolyn has probably missed about two practices.

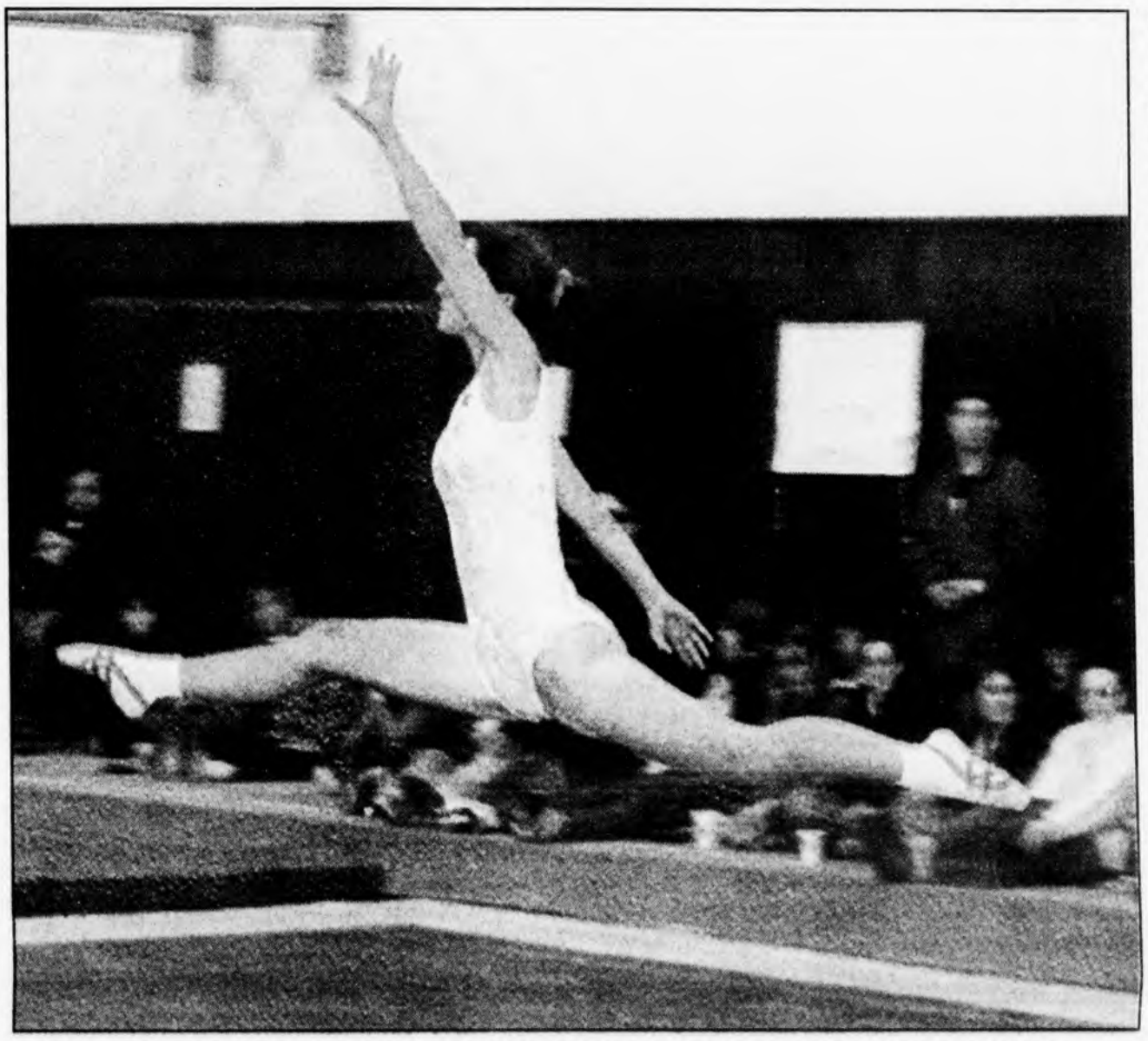
"She's responsible and dependable. Carolyn's just a real good kid. She's Miss Reliable. You can rely on her a consistent score. She's better than she'd ever lead you to believe."

Though Pratt was feeling lousy, Ardizzoni wasn't surprised just how upbeat she was in front of they young gymnasts.

"Carolyn would never let on to any of these kids that anything is going to stop her from competing in a meet."

Pratt is the lone senior on this year's Lady Skippers squad. The 17-year-old has been a member of the varsity team since the seventh grade and has improved steadily, both as a gymnast and team leader.

So far this winter, Pratt's scores on the beam have hovered consistently in the high 7's, after finishing third in the event and making the All-League team last season. On the floor routine earlier this season, Pratt set a personal best of 7.8.



CHS gymnast Carolyn Pratt moves gracefully through her floor exercise routine. Pratt, the senior captain of the team, has been a leader this season both on and off the mats.

Staff photo/Fred Robertson

Pratt maintains her routines haven't changed much, but rather, she is performing them crisper. Ardizzoni, though, said Pratt's routine are more involved and she has been consistently landing them.

"Carolyn has really developed in maturity, form, grace and style," Ardizzoni said. "There is a higher degree of difficulty in her routines and she is more consistent."

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> RUTHANN ARDIZZONI

Gymnastics was the natural sport for Pratt to take up. She first hit the mats as a 6 year old when her older sister, Megan, a former team captain, began taking lessons at the South Shore Community Center. Pratt credits Megan for making a smooth transition to team captain and she relishes working with her younger teammates.

"I always knew what I had to do because I watched Megan and learned from her," Pratt said. "I have so much fun with the younger kids. It can be tough when you have to do your captain stuff and take charge."

Pratt, though, leads more by example than words, but she constantly encourages the younger gymnasts who are more than willing to soak in the tips she gives them.

Eighth-grader Amanda Watts, a second-year member of the varsity squad, said the entire team has a great deal of respect for Pratt and that she has helped her on several occasions.

"Carolyn is talented and very easy to talk to," Watts said. "Sometimes if my form is off she'll help me and show me what I'm doing wrong. After you finish an event, Carolyn gives you a hug and congratulates you. If you don't do well, she tells you always have another chance and not to get upset.

"We all know how much she has done for the team and everyone likes her."

One of the keys to Pratt's success is her positive attitude. She doesn't let herself get too high or low after an event and has the always-important ability to concentrate and focus solely on the event and block out any distractions around her. If she does well, fine. If not, Pratt listens to her own advice and doesn't dwell on it.

"I don't get discouraged, but I do get frustrated when I don't do well," Pratt said. "I try not to put pressure on myself because it just makes things harder that way."

She does admit she'd love to win a fourth team title in five years. The Lady Skippers are currently tied with Hanover in first

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Hoopsters drop a tough one to Norwell

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

In a home game last Friday, the Cohasset Skippers (6-11) trounced the Abington Green Waves 77-53. Paced by Paul-Michael Quintin, who popped in 21, the Skippers' balanced scoring attack included Pat Hurley, who totaled 16, and Jamie DeMichele with 15.

Cohasset played very well as a unit, passing and shooting at the right time. Excellent point play from Justin McNamara and Daniel Trowers steered the Skippers to victory.

With a pair of Quintin trifectas and some nifty offense from DeMichele, the home team jumped out to a 21-9 edge. DeMichele was huge at both ends of the floor, rebounding work by Hurley helped Cohasset start their running offense, and wet-blanket defense by Andy Hamilton slowed the Green Wave. A three-point play by Quintin just before the half pushed the Skippers out in front 40-29.

Quintin and Hurley put on a two-man show to start the second half, and Cohasset got help from the bench. Alex Russell, playing only his second game back after a knee injury, forced a prolonged stay on the disabled list, threw himself literally into the game, scoring, rebounding and diving into stands, violently sending a water cooler over backwards.

Eric Wenmark helped the Skippers with their crisp ball movement, and junior guard Paul Hussey got to show his ball handling skills and floor vision, twice feeding Hamilton for baskets. Hamilton had the hot hand, as he netted four points from the Hussey assists and three more from behind the arc. Wenmark tossed in four points and Hussey tallied three to bring the final score to 77-53.

Every activated Cohasset player scored in the game, and Quintin edged

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Grappling with success

Wrestlers eye Top 20 ranking

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

At the beginning of the year CHS wrestling coach Torin Sweeney insisted that the only way his squad would improve on last year's great record was to take an even tougher level of competition this year.

Sitting pretty with a 14-3 record, Sweeney has a reason to smile this week as his squad went up against three teams ranked in the Top 10 in the state and knocked off two, falling only six points away from the triple crown.

Although they are one of the smallest wrestling teams in the state, the grapplers added to their growing reputation as the little team that could by beating #6 Bridgewater-Raynham (40-33) and #10 Winchester by a 32-31 score.

They would fall to #5 Hingham by a score of 36-28.

"This week should move us up some notches in the poll, at least into the top 20 I'd have to think," said Sweeney, who team was ranked 26th out of 144 teams in the state last week.

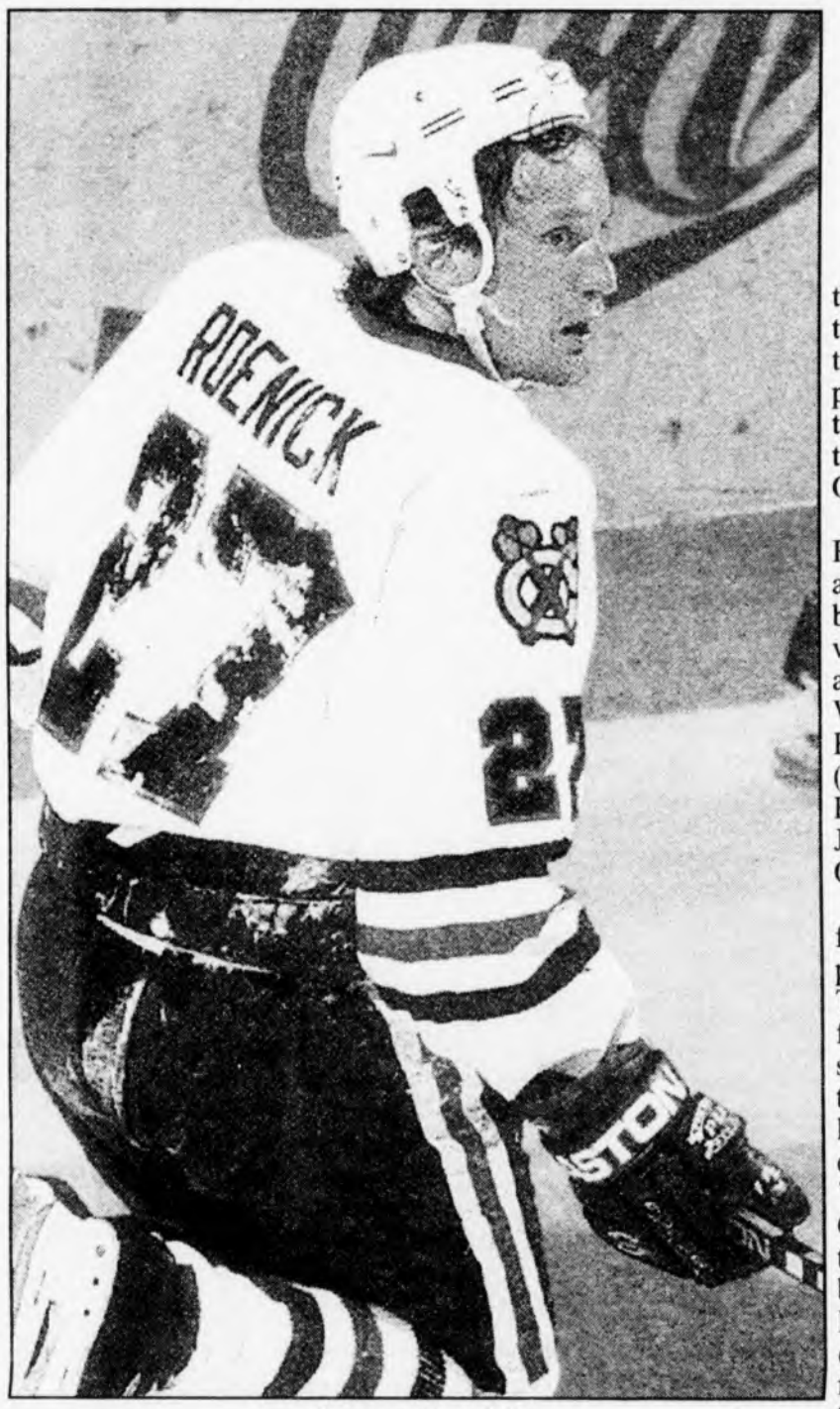
Sweeney said the victory over Bridgewater-Raynham, a perrenial powerhouse of the mats, was one of the biggest wins in recent memory.

"They are one heck of a strong team, but I though we matched up pretty well against them," said Sweeney. After one of his better wrestlers, Mike Baird, went down to the flu virus at the beginning of the week Sweeney admitted that he didn't expect to take the match.

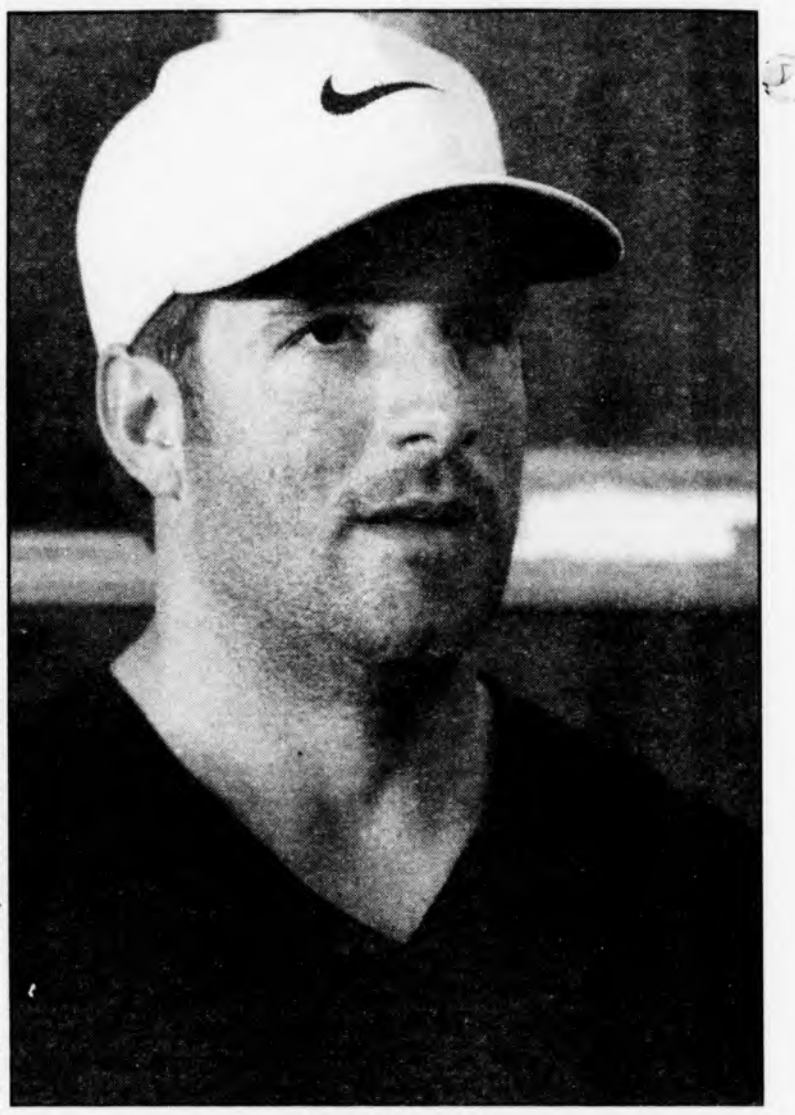
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Team USA dominated by local stars

Amonte, Roenick among ten Mass hockey players in Nagano Olympics



Jeremy Roenick



Tony Amonte

By David McKee
STAFF WRITER

There will be a distinctive Massachusetts accent at the '98 Winter Olympic Games.

Ten Massachusetts men and women hockey players, including Marshfield's Jeremy Roenick of the Phoenix Coyotes and Hingham's Tony Amonte of the Chicago Blackhawks, will skate for Team USA in men's and women's ice hockey when the international competition begins on Feb. 6 in Nagano, Japan.

Roenick, 28, a four-time NHL all-star during the '90s, will pair up with Amonte, 27, an NHL all-star in '98, to lead a talent-laden Team USA as it goes for go for the gold in men's ice hockey against top teams like Canada, Russia, Sweden and Finland.

In addition to Roenick and Amonte, who were once high school linemates at Thayer Academy in Braintree, Team USA also has Waltham's Shawn McEachern (Ottawa Senators), Melrose's Keith Tkachuk (Coyotes) and Wilbraham's Bill Guerin (Edmonton Oilers) on the roster.

In women's ice hockey, the 20-player Team USA has five Massachusetts players, Colleen Coyne of East Falmouth, Vicki Mousessian of Lexington, Laurie Baker of Concord, Sandra Whyte of Saugus and A.J. Mleczko of Nantucket. (Women's ice hockey joins snowboarding and curling as first-time events at the '98 Winter Olympics.)

And while figure skating tends to draw the highest TV ratings in the USA, men's ice hockey will be the most intriguing event for sports fans because professional players are competing in the Olympics for the first time.

NHL officials, following the lead of the NBA and its success with the '92 Olympics "Dream Team," is taking a three-week break in the regular season to allow its top players to skate for their home countries in the Olympics.

That means Roenick, Amonte and the other members of Team USA will go for the gold against players like Wayne Gretzky and Eric Lindros (Canada), Pavel Bure (Russia) and Jaromir Jagr (the Czech team).

As it turned out, five of the 23 NHL players chosen for Team USA hail from Massachusetts. State-wide, there are 17 athletes who have qualified for the '98 Olympic Games. Included in that group is Pembroke speed skater Eric Flaim, who is competing in his fourth Olympic Games. Both Roenick and Amonte are competing in their first Olympics. However, each has vast experience in international hockey.

Roenick starred for the silver medal winning USA team in the '91 Canada Cup while Amonte scored the game-winning goal for the USA in the '96 World Cup.

In that '96 World Cup final, the underdog Team USA and coach Ron Wilson upset highly favored Canada in the finals. That international win has led to speculation that Team USA could repeat the gold medal performance of the '80 "Miracle on Ice" USA hockey team.

Amonte cannot wait for the Olympics to begin later this week. He is especially pleased that Wilson is coaching.

"It was a lot of fun playing for Ron (at the World Cup)," Amonte told ESPN. "We had such great guys and the whole team really seemed close. Ron was a players coach and a lot of fun to play for."

Last summer Amonte was asked by the Mariner why so many talented hockey players come from Eastern Mass.

"There are so many great youth programs in the area and kids learn to play the sport the right way at an early age," he said. "It's just a great hockey area."

In that same interview, Amonte expressed interest in playing for the '98 Olympic USA Olympic team. (At the time, NHL officials were still debating the issue.)

"It would be great if the NHL could work out something with the schedule because it would be great for the sport if all the top players could compete against each other with the whole world watching," he said. "Could you imagine the level of play? It would be incredible."

Apparently, NHL officials listened to Amonte and other players and hammered out an Olympian arrangement to promote the game on the international stage.

Roenick is expected to be one of the top guns for Team USA in Nagano. He leads the team with three 100-point NHL seasons and joins Brett Hull as the only players with more than one 50-goal season.

Several years ago, Roenick, who was then playing for the Chicago Blackhawks, expressed some concerns in an interview with the Mariner about playing the Olympics during the NHL season.

"I think it's a great idea in theory, but it's a long enough hockey season already," he said. "But if something could be worked out for the players, I would support it."

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> JEREMY ROENICK

Both Roenick and Amonte began their hockey careers playing youth hockey on the rinks of the South Shore. In high school, they skated together at Thayer Academy.

After high school graduation, Roenick was selected in the first-round of the NHL draft by the Chicago Blackhawks and played his first professional game in the '88-'89 season. In his fourth year, he scored 53 goals. He added 50 the next season and was on his way to NHL superstardom. Along the way, "JR" guided the Blackhawks to the NHL Stanley Cup finals. Roenick is known for his fast skating, creativity with the puck and his ability to take the body.

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> TONY AMONTE

"When I was young I always worked on my skating," Roenick told the Mariner several years ago. "Too many young players today just do puck work and that isn't enough. You have to develop your skating because everything flows from that."

Roenick left Chicago two years ago to play for the Phoenix Coyotes.

As for Amonte, he received a scholarship to Boston University after graduating from Thayer and helped the Terriers win several Beanpot championships before he left school to join the New York Rangers in '91. He signed on with the Rangers only two days after the Terriers lost the NCAA championship in double OT to Western Michigan.

In the '93-'94 season he was traded to Chicago and his career began to really blossom as he became a vital cog for the Blackhawks. Last year Amonte netted 41 goals for the Blackhawks and emerged as one of America's top forwards.

Ever superstitious on the ice, Amonte refused to trim his hair last season during his goal scoring streak. By the end of the year his hair reached the middle of his back.

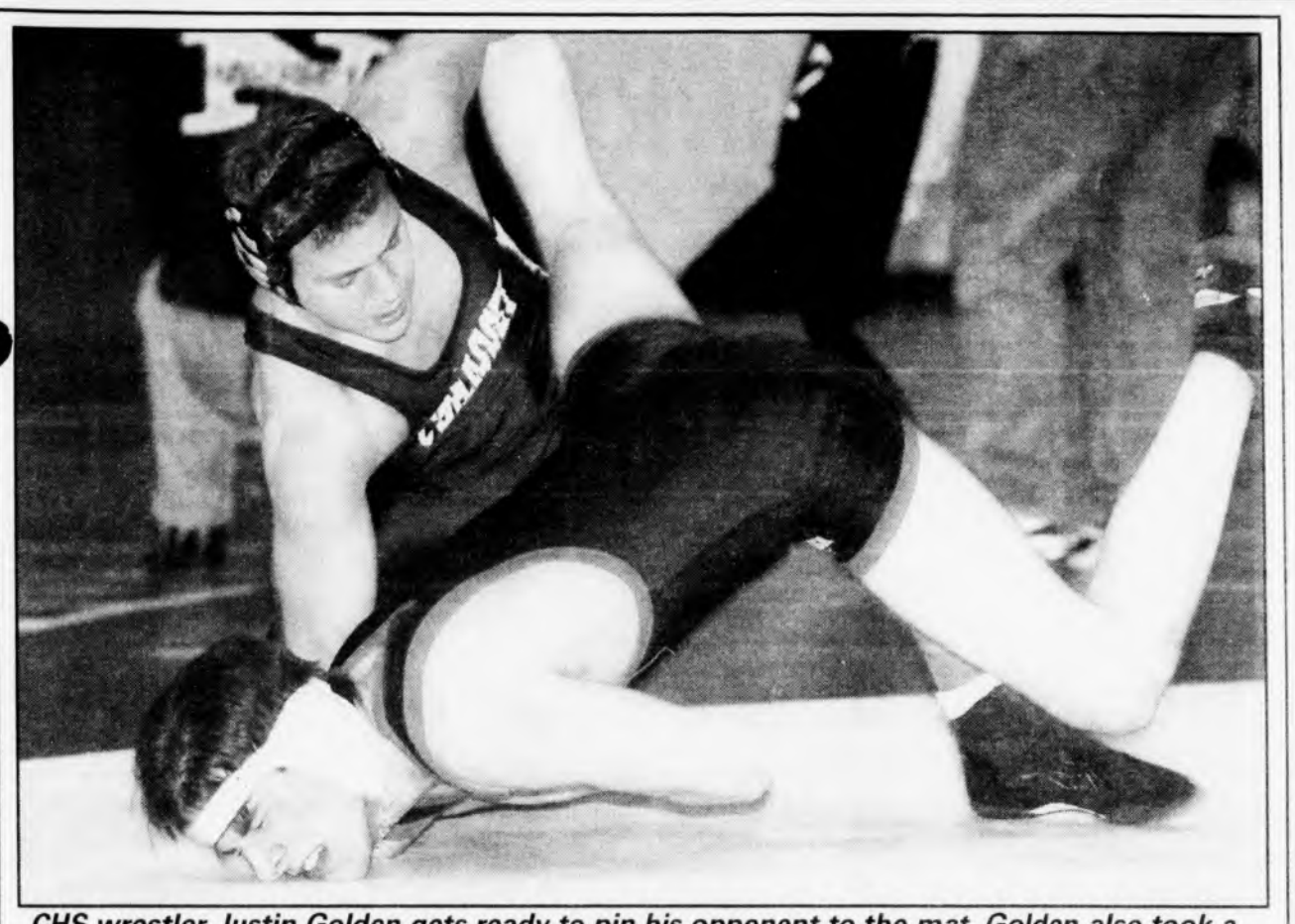
Like Roenick, Amonte's is known for his fast-skating and soft touch in the scoring zone. And with the larger international rink in Nagano, there will be more room for players like Roenick and Amonte to strut their stuff.

However, Tony may not even be the best athlete in his family. His younger sister Kelly was a soccer and lacrosse All-American at the University of Maryland and led the Lady Terps to back-to-back NCAA Division I lacrosse championships during her junior and senior years. Many lacrosse fans consider Kelly "the Michael Jordan" of her sport.

But if hockey fans want to watch Roenick and Amonte in action from Nagano over the next few weeks, they better buy some No-Doze.

With the ten-hour time difference (2 p.m. in Japan is midnight our time) USA hockey fans will have to stay up late to watch Roenick and Amonte in action during the Feb. 6 to Feb. 22 Olympic Games. CBS plans to air the hockey games live on late night television.

More than 2,400 athletes from 72 countries will compete in 14 different sports ranging from Alpine skiing and bobsledding to figure skating and ski jumping in Nagano.



CHS wrestler Justin Golden gets ready to pin his opponent to the mat. Golden also took a pin in Cohasset's recent upset of Bridgewater-Raynham.

Staff photo/ Bill Wadsworth

CHS Wrestlers eye Top 20 ranking

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"Without Mike available to wrestle, things did look a little bit bleak, but the team pulled together and made it happen," he said. "They wrestled up to the level of the competition."

Craig Sheerin won his match by pin and Chris Pratt on points to put the Skippers up 10-0, but B-R roared back with 29 straight points to go ahead 29-10.

From there, the Skippers rolled off five straight pins from Ben Littauer, Mike Rossi, Kevin DeVito, Justin Golden and Luke Caldwell to put the win away.

Golden and Caldwell were each moved up a weight class by Sweeney for the B-R match and they came away with an important 12 points..

"To move up a weight class and win is great, but to do it by pin is just that more amazing," said Sweeney. "Everyone from top to bottom did a great job."

Pratt excels as captain of Skippers ship

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place after splitting their two meets. Both teams have one loss.

"In seventh grade I was just out there to have fun," Pratt said. "Now that we're in the running for a championship there's more pressure, but it's always fun.

"You have to like what you're doing and want to do it well. Otherwise you're not going to succeed." As talented as the Lady Skippers are, Pratt said it is Ardizzoni who should be credited for the majority of their success. "We'd be good because we have some really good kids on the team," Pratt said. "But with Ruthann as our coach, we're that much better. She always tells us what we did wrong, and what we did right. She is very constructive, though, and is a great motivator." Pratt expects this to be her final gymnastics season, but hasn't ruled out the idea of continuing to coach. She is currently a coach at the community center, teaching beginners and traveling classes, ranging in age from 6 to 10 years The job is a satisfying one for Pratt. She remembers just how grateful she was for Ardizzoni's guidance when she was a little girl getting started.

"It's good to know I'm able to pass on what I know and I'm able to teach them," Pratt said. "I know that there was someone there for me when I started."

This winter marks the season Pratt has come full circle. She knows she has nothing to lose by going out and trying to nail every routine. Pratt has fun with the sport, but that hardly takes away from her competitiveness once a meet gets under way.

Experience tells Pratt that's the time to concentrate and do what she does best.

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Cohasset sophomore **Joe Carbone** was inadvertently left off the list of finalists from the Cohasset wrestling tourney last weekend. Carbone took fourth place in the 189 lb. weight class.

Cohasset 40 Bridgewater-Raynham 33

Swimming

CHS 97 North Quincy 82

Gymnastics

Cohasset 118.9 Carver 111.5 Scituate 110.5- **Kristin Sheerin** took the all-around competition with a score of 32.5.

Hoopsters drop a tough one to Norwell

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that much closer to the magical 1,000-point mark.

On Tuesday, the Skippers suffered a heartbreaking overtime loss to the Norwell Clippers. Cohasset battled bravely however, with the knowledge that they are now one loss away from being ineligible for the state tournament. Quintin was heroic, pouring in a titanic 38 points on the road against a tough Clipper squad.

Cohasset led by 17 at the half, but were greeted by a 20-point Norwell run to start the second half. To their credit, however, the Skippers battled back, pulling within a mere three points with three seconds left. Predictably, the ball went to the money man and, almost as predictably, Quintin drained his trademark trey, sending the game into overtime and setting the stage for a possible dramatic upset.

However, it was not to be. Despite a back and forth overtime period, Cohasset trailed by another three, this time with only a fraction of a second left. Hamilton's desperation heave was off the mark, making the final score 87-84, and Cohasset found themselves one game shy of elimination.

Quintin was pleased with the game his team played, however.

"We played the best basketball we've played all year in that first half. We came out a little sluggish in the second and Norwell played really well. But, we were able to stop their run and answer with one of our own."

Coach Ron Ford emphasized that his goal was not necessarily the tournament, but "playing the best basketball we can play. I'm proud of our guys. We're playing really hard.

They could have packed their bags when we were at 3-9, but they come to play every night and haven't packed it in.

"Stranger things have happened. But, we'd have to really turn it on to get a couple of big upsets to make the tournament."

Quintin now lies merely six points shy of the millennium mark, a milestone which he will most likely reach Friday night when the Skippers host the Rockland Bulldogs.


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Little League registration

Registration for 1998 Little League baseball will be held Feb. 7, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Deer Hill School. All players (including players who are already on a major league team) must sign up.

In addition to completing a registration form and paying the registration fee, parents are also required to provide a copy of the player's birth certificate if one was not supplied last season.

Registration is open to all children who will be at least 5 years old by Aug. 1, 1998.

Call Mark or Lynne at 383-6413 with any questions.

Coaches, please call in your game results to the Mariner Sportsline at 1-800-649-6661, Ext. 4263 (GAME). Calls received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday will be printed in Thursday's edition of the newspaper.

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It's Happening



Mandy Burgoon tests static electricity at the Girl Scout science fair held at the Deer Hill School on Sunday.

Fred Robertson photo

Warm up at the CHS Valentine cabaret

A festive evening awaits you Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Kimball's By the Sea at the annual Cohasset High School Cabaret.

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Tickets are $8. Space is limited and reservations are necessary, so do not delay. Make checks payable to the Cohasset Art Boosters Club and send them c/o Susan Pile, 65 Elm Street, by Feb. 6. For further information call Susan Pile, 383-6088 or Therese D'Urso, 383-1143. Proceeds will benefit the music and art curriculum enrichment.

'Godspell' to debut at C.H.S.

The Cohasset High School Drama Workshop will present the musical "Godspell" under the direction of Ron Emmons and choreography of Margaret Barlow, Feb. 5, 6 and 7. The show will be in the high school auditorium, at 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday; and at 7 p.m., Saturday. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time through the high school or through cast members for $7 or $10 at the door. Friday's performance benefits the Appalachia Service Project.

Gymnastics camp with Ruthann

The South Shore Community Center, 3 North Main St., Cohasset, offers Gymnastic Camp with Ruthann, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Feb. 17 through 20, for girls age 6-13, all levels. The cost is $75. There will be rotations on all pieces of equipment.

Registration at SandCastles

SandCastles Child Care has announced that it will be starting open enrollment for the summer and fall programs Feb. 24. The school offers a half day (four hours), core day (six hours), and a full day program. The staff are qualified educators who are committed to providing quality, age appropriate programs. Interested parents are invited to telephone for an appointment to discuss the possible enrollment of their child. The school is located on Route 3A in Cohasset. For further information call the director at 383-6789.


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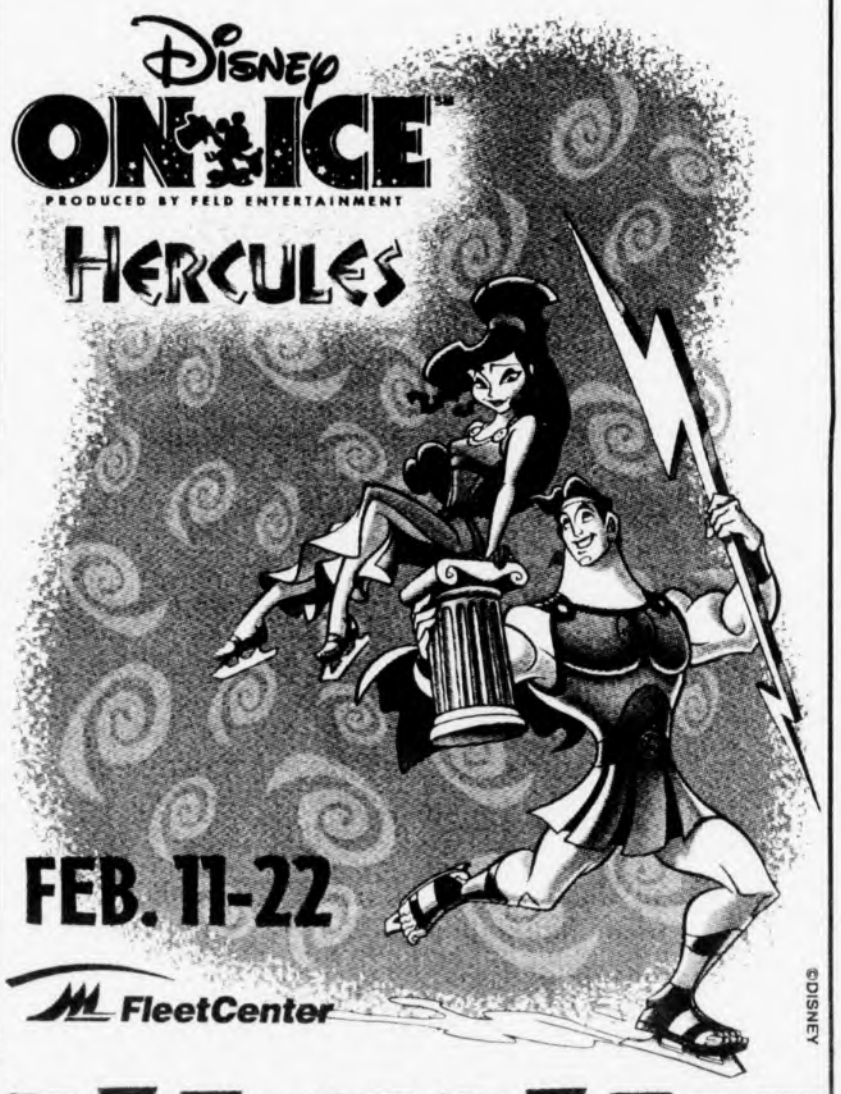
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Remembering the Blizzard of '78

Town escaped major damage

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

In the memories of long-time Cohasset residents, the Great Blizzard did more than swaddle the town from street to steeple in a thick blanket of snow. The storm also moved familiar things out of their regular places. Sometimes the results were kind of surreal, but most of the time it was kind of fun.

"The fishing fleet and all the moorings landed up in the meadow," said Cliff Dickson.

"The water came up Nichols Road, and the water came up Jerusalem Road. We were suddenly living on an island at the corner," said Barbara Donahue.

"My son Paul skied down Main Street three or four days after the storm," said Jacqueline Dormitzer. She also remembered huge icicles about the size or carrots that did not melt for weeks and eventually, when the electricity came back on watching the governor on television.

"Dukakis would appear on the television in his sweater," she said. "I don't remember being in a power outage for very long," she said. "But school was out for a week, and everything came to a halt."

The Red Cross is remembering the Great Blizzard with a ball in Quincy Friday night, Alfred Odermatt said. The American Red Cross Blizzard Ball is set for Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at The Neighborhood Club, 27 Glendale Road in Quincy.

The actual snowstorm arrived late in Cohasset, according to Dormitzer who remembered the trouble did not start until the afternoon of Feb. 6, 1978. When it was over, Cohasset was under mountains of snow, buried as deep as 15 feet in some places, due to drifts.

"I just remember it started in the afternoon," Dormitzer said.

She was in the same situation as a lot of other women whose husbands worked in the city, she said.

"I was nervous about my husband driving home from Cambridge," she said. "A lot of cars got stranded."

Dormitzer said her husband got back to their house around 9 p.m. But he spent hours in traffic. Cars crept along the expressway at speeds that did not top five miles per hour. The road conditions cleared up near the Route 3 exit at Braintree, however. After the initial scare, the rest of the declared emergency were pretty much a pleasure for the family, Dormitzer said.

Dormitzer was able to get home because he was going from Boston towards Cohasset. The road problems in the afternoon and early evening were worst for people who tried to drive in the other direction —away from Cohasset, said Red Cross volunteer Alfred Odermatt.

Bloodmobile

Odermatt was working in the Blood Mobile the day of the blizzard. They didn't realize how serious the storm would be until late in the afternoon, he said.

"About 3 p.m. they were telling us about all the trouble they were having in Boston," Odermatt said. "But we didn't pay too much attention."

By the time the Blood Mobile closed, after 6 p.m., it was too late for some of the Red Cross nurses to get back to their homes out of town.

"We were mobile in Cohasset until late that night, but it was getting out of Cohasset that was impossible," Odermatt said.

Corinne Cahill was a volunteer nurse that day with the Blood Mobile. She also remembered three of the nurses that night had to turn around and drive back to Cohasset, due to the road conditions.

"We stayed open until about 7:30 p.m. because we had so many donors," Cahill said.

Cahill was able to get home since she lived close by on South Main Street.

"I was the only one at my end of South Main Street with a gas stove and a gas heater," Cahill said.

She spent the next few days scheduling cooking and washing time for her neighbors. Everyone was at least able to cook and take a bath, she said.

Despite the inconvenience, Cahill also remembered the Great Blizzard as mostly fun.

"The children thought it was fun," she said. "We have a hill across the street, and the children

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Local citizens remember the Blizzard of '78

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made a ski jump. There was enough snow to build one."

Cahill also recalled the spectacular scenes of bare tree branches encased in ice and sparkling like rainbows when the sun was reflected in the natural prisms.

"It was cold and wet and then the sun came out," Cahill said. "It was so spectacular and something you don't see often."

spared them the hardship of not being able to get someone in to care for him. The nurse also shared her husband's penchant for jigsaw puzzles, and the two had a contest in the garden room to see who would finish the puzzle first.

Reardon said overall the blizzard turned out to be a "very peaceful and lovely time" since the neighbors on West Gate Lane all shared with each other.

of 54 in New England, 29 dead in Massachusetts. Barbara Donahue, also a Red Cross volunteer, saw some of the worst damage in Hull near Black Rock Beach.

"The waves came in and swept the homes out to sea," Donahue said. "People lost everything."

Donahue had a four-wheel drive Chevrolet and was able to make the trip days from her home to the Red Cross office in Hull. She handed out vouchers for food and clothing.

Donahue's house in Cohasset was at the corner of two streets that were under several feet of water. She and her family said being "islanders" for a week was "sort of fun," especially since her house was up on a rock.

"It's been there since 1895, and nothing was going to blow it away. Not even the blizzard of '78," Donahue said.

But some Cohasset people did have to leave their homes.

Cliff Dickson was a firefighter and the Red Cross disaster coordinator in 1978. Dickson said when the waves swept over Sandy Beach, the people who lived there had to evacuate, and he needed a row boat to get them out.

"It was the only way we could get to them," Dickson said.

Despite the wild weather and the churning seas, Dickson said he was a water man all his life and was not scared. Moreover, he doubted the women he took in his boat were scared either.

"They're hardy," he said.



Well Rock Cottage over the border in Minot was reduced to kindling by hurricane force winds and crashing waves during the Blizzard of '78. Cohasset was lucky to escape major damage.

Photo courtesy of Delia Higgs Weikert

Ann Reardon was the blood drive chairwoman that day, and she took one of the stranded nurses home.

"It was supposed to be for overnight," she said. "I didn't know it would last seven day, but it all worked out beautifully."

Reardon said her husband's elderly father needed nursing care daily. Having the nurse there

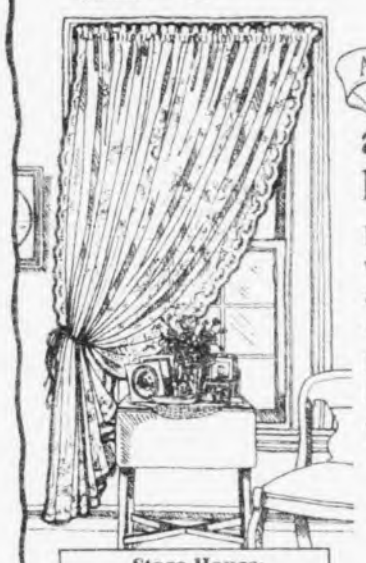
"One fellow had snowshoes, and he brought food back from downtown," she said. "All the neighbors got together and traded. We really had a wonderful time."

Spared damage

Cohasset was spared the property damage that some neighboring communities such as Scituate and Hull suffered. It was also a deadly storm that claimed the lives

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To Ann E. Mitchell of Cohasset within the county of Norfolk and William E. Poland, Jr. of Dennisport within the County of Plymouth and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Irwin M. Golden, Trustee of Creek Realty Trust, of Falmouth in the County, of Plymouth representing that he holds as tenant in common an undivided part or share of certain land lying in Cohasset in said County of Norfolk and briefly described as follows: **Parcel 1:** The lot No. 17 situated on the southeasterly side of Jerusalem Road Drive in said Cohasset and lots No. 24 and 25 situated on the southerly side of Haystack Lane, all as shown on a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, Mass., Surveyed for A. Frederick Petersen" dated August 14, 1953, by Lewis W. Perkins & Son, Engineers, and filed with Norfolk Deeds as Plan No. 1207 of 1953 in Plan Book 180, subject to and with the benefit of such rights, restrict and easements of record as are now in force and applicable, including the Indenture of Protective Covenants recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 3213, Page 86.

Address of parcel 1: Lots 17, 24 and 25 Jerusalem Road Drive, Cohasset, Massachusetts.

Parcel 2: The lot numbered 38 situated on the northwesterly side of Old Pasture Road and Lot No. 43 situated on the southerly side of said Old Pasture Road, all as shown on "Subdivision Plan of Land in Cohasset off Old Pasture Road and Evergreen Lane" made by Edwin A. Young for Cohasset Estates, Inc., dated March, 1959, and filed with Norfolk Deeds as Plan No. 885 of 1959 in Plan Book 207 which plan is hereby incorporated herein by reference. Subject to and together with the benefit of such rights, restrictions and easements of record as may now be in force and applicable, including the Indenture of Protective Covenants and Restrictions made by Cohasset Estates, Inc., September 18, 1957, recorded with Norfolk Deeds in Book 3593, Page 215.

Address of Parcel 2: Lots 38 and 43, Old Pasture Road, Cohasset, Massachusetts.

setting forth that he desires that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than $50,000.00 dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof. Less amounts owed to the petitioner by William E. Poland, Jr. for reimbursement of payments made for real estate taxes and liability insurance for the preservation of his interest in said land.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham/649 High St.P.O.Box 269, Dedham, MA 02027-0269 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **twenty-fifth day of February 1998,** the return day of this citation.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this fifteenth day of January 1998.

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5:26 a.m., vandalism, Pond St.
6:33 a.m., vandalism, Town Garage.
8:11 a.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.
4:59 p.m., medical aid, Country Club Circle.
6:30 p.m., MV stop, King St. at Pond St.
6:35 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St. by Mill Ln.
6:48 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St. by Mill Ln.
8:35 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Stop & Shop.
9:27 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Stop & Shop.
10:25 p.m., MV stop, 3A at Lower King St.

Friday, Jan. 23

1:01 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd. Arrested: Lewis, Robert W., 21 Mohawk Way, Cohasset. DOB: 6/22/53. Charges: Operating under the influence of liquor; Operating a MV negligently so as to endanger; Failure to stay within marked lanes.
4:24 a.m., fire, investigation, Highland Ave.
5:03 a.m., medical aid, Cedar St.
6:34 a.m., suspicious auto, Surry Dr.
7:38 a.m., medical aid, Ash St.
7:54 a.m., medical aid, Ash St.
8:27 a.m., MV accident, King St.
9:11 a.m., assist motorist, Jerusalem Rd.
11:13 a.m., warrant arrest, Quincy Court. Arrested: Early, John, 143 S. Main St., Cohasset. DOB: 4/19/59. Charges: Enter w/o breaking night, intent to commit felony, malicious destruction of property over $250.
12:58 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
1:13 p.m., animal complaint, Atlantic Ave.
1:51 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
2:46 p.m., MV accident, King St.
3:00 p.m., MV accident, Hull St.
3:32 p.m., MV accident, George Washington Blvd.
3:45 p.m., assist motorist, Osgood School Prk. Lot.
4:21 p.m., general services, Pond St.
4:33 p.m., MV accident, Jerusalem Rd.
4:43 p.m., medical aid, Parkingway.
7:59 p.m., MV accident, Pond St.

Saturday, Jan. 24

8:50 a.m., general services, Linden Dr.
10:46 a.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.
6:27 p.m., fire (misc), Fairoaks Ln.
8:30 p.m., notification, CJC Hwy.
8:36 p.m., notification, Ripley Rd.
9:20 p.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.
10:29 p.m., suspicious auto, Doane St.
10:40 p.m., fire (misc), Nichols Rd.

Sunday, Jan. 25

12:39 a.m., suspicious person, Route 3A Northbound.
2:08 a.m., assist citizen, Route 3A/Cohasset Imports.
5:08 a.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
9:10 a.m., suspicious auto, Summer St. at Border St.
9:22 a.m., open door/window, Little Harbor Rd.
10:32 a.m., assault, Brewster Rd., Arrested: Tracy, William David, 40 Brewster Rd., Cohasset. DOB: 1/27/61. Charges: Assault & Battery.
1:23 p.m., larceny, Cedar Acres Ln.
2:44 p.m., medical aid, Locust Rd.
7:32 p.m., MV accident, Jerusalem Rd.
8:29 p.m., info, general, HQ.

Monday, Jan. 26

12:09 a.m., medical aid, Ash St.
7:19 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
7:26 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
7:36 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
7:46 a.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.
8:09 a.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.
9:07 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
10:04 a.m., medical aid, Linden Dr.
10:53 a.m., assist motorist, Elm St.
11:02 a.m., vandalism, S. Main St.
12:11 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
12:34 p.m., by-law violation, Cedar St.
3:19 p.m., general services, Rust Way.
5:12 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:39 p.m., suspicious (other), Brook St.
6:59 p.m., general services, Rust Way.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

12:24 a.m., MV accident, Stockbridge St.
1:25 a.m., suspicious (other), Sohier St.
1:53 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
3:54 a.m., fire (misc), Elm St.
6:38 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
6:58 a.m., general services, Bailey Rd.
7:08 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
8:20 a.m., assist motorist, Elm St.
9:17 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
9:28 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
9:47 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.
11:10 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
11:20 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.
11:26 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.
11:32 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
12:24 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
12:36 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
12:59 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
1:02 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
5:46 p.m., medical aid, Church St.
6:40 p.m., suspicious person, Church St.
7:03 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

7:15 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
7:24 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
Arrested, Stella, Glen P. 1089 Main St., Marshfield. DOB: 1/3/59. Charges: operating a MV without a license; failure by owner to have MV inspected; warrant.
8:46 a.m., MV stop, town parking lot.
9:19 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

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Mitigation committee wants to hire a consultant

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The Greenbush Mitigation Committee is feeling pressured by the imminent deadline ending the environmental review of the Greenbush Railroad project. The environmental review is scheduled to end in a few months.

Committee members are concerned that the environmental review will end without the MBTA responding to all of Cohasset's concerns. Some committee members are particularly worried about the possible health impacts of diesel fumes from the locomotives on the line.

The mitigation committee has decided to interview a large number of consultants with the intent of hiring one for $10,000. But the committee has no money and cannot hire a consultant. Committee members are hopeful that they can gain support at town meeting to set aside funds for a consultant.

The committee was scheduled to meet last night (Feb. 4) after the Mariner went to press.

Selectman and committee member Diane Sullivan is especially in favor of a consultant.

"We did the best we could on the walk-through as lay people, but that was based on our visual inspection," Sullivan said. "I am deeply concerned that we don't fairly represent the town because we don't have the expertise. We don't even know the proper mitigation because we don't have a consultant to explain the details."

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> SELECTMAN RONNIE MCMORRIS.

Sullivan said she was concerned over air quality issues related to diesel locomotives chugging through Cohasset.

Committee member Marty Corey also expressed anger at the MBTA for trying to examine emissions statewide, rather than just on the train line.

"I don't want Cohasset to take the hit on diesel emissions for the benefit of the commonwealth," Corey said.

Part of the problem is that little is known about the effects of diesel emissions on humans.

"The jury is still out on the effects of particulates on people," Dick said.

Mitigation Committee Chairman Tom Gruber said he thought the town should focus on less ephemeral items.

"My gut feeling is if you look at air quality after the train, Cohasset will fare much better than other towns because we have little added impact from trucks," Gruber said.

But Dick said the committee had to do everything in its power to examine the effects of diesel emissions.

"This committee has to face the people and say we did everything we could, and we can't say that on air quality issues," Dick said.

Committee members agreed that under ideal conditions, the town should hire a consultant to explain the proper way to mitigate the impacts of noise, air pollution and vibrations. Sullivan complained that town officials don't know what the impacts of vibrations will be on one type of house versus another. But a consultant might know.

"The feeling here is that everything needs to be done for the people in the community," said Selectman Ronnie McMorris at the group's last meeting, Jan. 21. "If that means $10,000 for a consultant, then that's what it means."

Selectman Nan Roth wanted to know if the town could hire an all-in-one consultant to address all mitigation issues related to Greenbush

McMorris suggested calling other towns which may have hired consultants to examine the effects of new commuter rail service.

"Before we hire a consultant we should contact other towns and see what they did," McMorris said. "It's a free resource and we should use that before a paid source."

Corey agreed to talk with several firms and get an idea of what kinds of services are available and at what cost. Corey said the town could use that information to draft a request for proposals seeking consultants.

If a consultant is approved, the committee will have to figure out a way to raise money to pay the individual or firm.

"Finding money is the big problem," Gruber said.

Sullivan and Gruber have met twice with the five towns affected by Greenbush to look at air quality. The five-town coalition was meant to find areas of common interest and work together to share costs and resources.

But the coalition got bogged down by disagreements over how to approach air quality issues. Gruber wanted to hire a consultant to first examine the scientifically documented effects of diesel emissions on people.

Hingham Greenbush coordinator Alexander Macmillan favored first recording the amount of diesel particulates emitted by the trains, then looking at the health effects.

The coalition has not yet hired a consultant to examine air quality issues.

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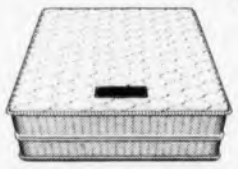
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Opposition mounts to proposal for septic systems

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

A small but vocal group of residents is unhappy with the latest plans to implement an on-site waste-water management plan in certain environmentally sensitive areas of town.

An agreement between the town and the state — known as the Second Final Amended Judgment for Agreement — forces certain homeowners to submit to mandatory septic system inspections and possible repairs or replacements.

Town officials met with an assistant attorney general on Monday to discuss certain aspects of the agreement. Health board member Kevin Ulmer said part of the discussion focused on implementation of the agreement and concerns of residents in the priority districts.

Members of the board of health, the sewer commission and the board of selectmen attended the meeting, although not enough members from any one board to constitute a quorum of the individual boards.

Several residents have also complained to the attorney general's office that the agreement is unfair and should be reexamined.

Two citizens' articles related to

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Dave Lahive rescues his nephew Clark Indek from the surf along Black Rock Beach.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Carbon monoxide detectors are a must, fire chief says

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

If Fire Chief Roger Lincoln has his way then every house in town will be equipped with carbon monoxide detectors.

He is proposing a new by-law that would require carbon monoxide detectors be installed before a house could be sold. Smoke detectors are already required.

Carbon monoxide detectors cost about $40 and should be installed near bedrooms where people are the most vulnerable, Lincoln explained.

They are installed typically on a wall in the hallway.

Lincoln said the fire department responds to a significant number of incidents of carbon monoxide poisoning.

He said incidents are on the rise because of better storm

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Student defends reputation at school board meeting

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The controversy about three student athletes, who were arrested Dec. 29 for carrying beer, surfaced again at the school board meeting. Michael Rossi objected to some conclusions board members apparently drew at their Jan. 22 meeting about the honesty of two student athletes.

Though the board did not name either of the two students, Rossi said he was one of them.

He also said everybody in town knew it.

Rossi said everyone knew he had been arrested, since his name was previously listed in the Mariner's Police Log that chronicled the Dec. 29 arrests. The 17-year old and two other student

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Green crosswalks not a certainty

On the recommendation of the traffic study committee, selectmen are considering painting the village crosswalks green similar to the ones in Hingham Square.

Not all selectmen are enthusiastic about the idea, however.

Selectman Diane Sullivan said the green "looks pretty tough" when it starts to fade and said the painting would have to be kept up.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she felt the traffic committee needed to do more leg work before making recommendations and seek more input from abutters and other townspeople.

Selectman Merle Brown, who sits on the traffic committee, agreed to ask the committee to do some research to see if green is acceptable.

Advisory committee chairman Roger Whitely said his board voted against painting the crosswalks green when the subject came up five years ago.

"We didn't want green, we thought it would look awful," he said.

DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield said it will cost $4,526 for the necessary paint and crosswalk signs and posts for 21 crosswalks in the village and common area and for those by the schools.

"We could end up with a lot of green," Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said.

Plans are to install signs at either side of the crosswalks alerting motorists they must stop for pedestrians. The signs would be similar to the one at the crosswalk in front of the library. The Common Historic Districts Commission must be asked for input on the signs placed in the common area, Litchfield said.

Drainage projects to get underway

Selectmen agreed to recommend spending $30,000 from free cash for the drainage projects at Beach and Beechwood streets. Town Manager Mark Haddad said DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield wants to complete these projects during the summer instead of the fall when weather might present a problem. Plans were to ask for the money at the fall town meeting.

50/50 sewer article backed

Selectmen agreed this week to place an article on the annual town meeting warrant asking the town to pay 50 percent of the North Cohasset sewer project. If the article is approved, funding would be contingent on an override. It is not clear if the override question could be placed on the town election ballot because of timing issues. If it can't, a special override election would have to be called. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he would look into the matter and report back to the board. The North Cohasset project is $2.7 million over budget. If successful, the debt exclusion override would put half the cost of the increase on the tax base adding about $17 a year to the real estate tax bill of a home valued at $330,000.

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Cohasset could warm to Scituate pool plan

Presentation to neighboring towns scheduled

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

A Scituate effort to build a community recreation complex with an indoor swimming pool and ice rink has attracted interest from Cohasset.

Cohasset officials have taken notice and have asked representatives of Scituate's Citizens' Recreation Action Group (CRAG) to share their recreational vision at their March 16 selectmen's meeting. The town of Norwell has also invited CRAG to make a presentation March 18.

"There seems to be some regional interest out there," said Ralph Crossen, founder of CRAG. "We'll see if there's some serious interest there."

Members of CRAG have been working on a proposal for a 100,000-square-foot facility on a 20-acre town-owned parcel off Route 3A at Mann Lot Road.

While Scituate residents would be the targeted membership, the proposed facility would also be open to neighboring towns, said Crossen. Any type of membership "deal-making" arrangement between Scituate and other interested communities would be at the discretion of the Scituate selectmen, he said.

"The interest still seems very high because there's a need for it," Crossen said.

In Cohasset, a year-round swimming pool had been on residents' wish list but is now on the back burner.

"The concern is that youngsters don't have a lot of recreational outlets," Joe McElroy, a school committee member who had been working on the project. "There's next to nothing to do in town. It's not a good situation."



The Cohasset Swim Center pool off Sohier Street is quiet this time of year. Plans to enclose it have been put on hold. In the meantime, Scituate is thinking of building an indoor pool and ice rink.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

> ***"I'm interested in hearing if the dues will be attractive."***
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> **– JOSEPH MCELROY, WINDY HILL ROAD.**

A proposal to enclose the Cohasset Swim Center off Sohier Street has been put on hold for the time being, he said.

Several other "big ticket items" on the town's tax horizon — including school building and sewerage projects — have prevented volunteers from asking residents to pay for a pool project as well, McElroy said.

The project, which would have entailed converting the summer-only pool to a year-round facility, has been estimated at $1.2 million.

"With all the other demands on people's generosity, it would be difficult to achieve right now," McElroy said.

McElroy said he would be open-minded to an arrangement with the Scituate group if the project comes to fruition.

"I'm interested in hearing if the dues will be attractive," he said.

After studying membership rates at nearby health clubs and recreation centers, Crossen said asking for a $500 family membership fee did not seem unreasonable. Membership fees have not been finalized, but CRAG has discussed charging Scituate residents less for use of the facility.

CRAG members are hoping that the Scituate recreation complex — estimated at $8 million to $10 million — can be built at no cost to taxpayers and paid for through user fees.

"I am absolutely convinced that the general area will support a year-round swimming pool," McElroy said. "The first town that makes it happen will have excellent leverage to establish a membership schedule that is advantageous to its residents. I'd rather have a pool in Scituate than no pool at all."

CRAG's plan includes a 25-yard indoor swimming pool and aquatics leisure center with water slides and hot tubs, a regulation-size indoor ice skating rink, a gymnasium, a health club, a day care center, offices for the town's recreation department and possibly an indoor soccer/lacrosse facility. Athletic fields surrounding the complex are also part of the proposal.

CRAG members are currently reviewing feasibility analysis proposals submitted by three companies; two more companies are expected to submit and a decision on which company will conduct the report will be made in about 10 days, Crossen said. The feasibility analysis, which will be paid for through privately raised funds, will help CRAG determine what scope, if any, the project should take.

In Scituate, the selectmen, the school committee and the recreation commission have expressed their support for the project.

New village sidewalk takes step forward

By Jason Bouffard and Mary Ford
STAFF WRITERS

Local architect Jim Shipsky, a Cohasset resident, gave a dress rehearsal of his vision of a remodeled area along South Main Street to the Village Revitalization Task Force last week. The practice paid off.

On opening night before selectmen Monday, he earned figurative applause as the board backed the $130,000 state grant proposal to pay for constructing the brick sidewalk.

Plans are to construct a brick sidewalk along North Main from its intersection with Jason Long Road to Elm Street.

The plan calls for removal of a portion of the outcropping of ledge below St. Stephen's Church to clear space for the sidewalk and lighting.

While this would require some blasting, Shipsky said any structures within 250 feet of the blast sites would be scrutinized by a surveyor to be sure no damage would be sustained during blasting.

The planters in front of the teen center would also be removed to allow space for the sidewalk which would vary in width but be a minimum of four-feet wide at its narrowest point. A new handicap-accessible entrance would be added to the teen center building.

The crosswalk that goes from Cohasset Hardware to Lilac House Antiques would be cut in half to 60 feet as the sidewalk area widens and extends into Elm Street. That change would make the turn at Elm and North Main more of a hard right. Currently Elm Street "merges" into North Main Street.

The sidewalk is the first step in a plan to revitalize the village area by improving its appearance.

No money for paramedic service

Program to start through attrition

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The town is going to take the slow road toward paramedic service.

Selectmen refused to back spending money to train two firefighters to become paramedics. They opted instead to move toward providing the service by requiring that any newly hired firefighters be trained paramedics as a condition of employment.

Town Manager Mark Haddad and Fire Chief Roger Lincoln hoped to get selectmen to agree to spend about $30,000 to jump start the service by training two men in fiscal year 1999, which starts July 1.

Currently the town uses the Advanced Life Support service through South Shore Hospital. When paramedic service is needed the fire department calls the ALS service that meets the ambulance en route to the hospital.

Lincoln said it would save time and eventually money for the town to provide its own paramedic service.

"It's 12 miles to South Shore Hospital. The time it takes to get there varies depending on traffic and the weather," Lincoln said.

Lincoln said having a paramedic on hand increases survivability rates.

It would cost the town $5,000 a year to equip the ambulance and to have paramedics renew their certification.

Lincoln said about eight firefighters have asked to sign up for the training.

But as it stands now they will have to pay for their own training.

Selectman Diane Sullivan said while providing the service is a laudable goal, she said the town can't afford to spend the money at this time.

Selectmen Nan Roth and Ronnie McMorris backed spending the money to start the service. They were out voted by Selectmen Merle Brown, Michael Sullivan and Diane Sullivan who want the program started gradually through attrition.

Five fighters will retire over the next few years, Lincoln said.

Cohasset Fire department overtime reported

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said the fire department spent $5,311,14 in overtime last month including $3201.42 in call backs; $1,498.98 in sick leave; $211.53 for training and $399.21 for the mechanic.

The fire department overtime budget for fiscal year 1998 which ends June 30 is $120,182. Lincoln said there a balance of $14,658.71 remaining in the account.

Ambulance billing update

The fire department billed for 34 ambulance transports last month for a total of $12,137.87. During the same period, the department collected $8,973.69 for ambulance service. So far this year, the fire department has collected $64,545,81 out of a possible $79,257.27. Amounts collected can also be applied to prior year's bills. Over the past five years, the town's collection rate has ranged from 90 to 98 percent.

Special education reform bill put on hold for a year

By Adrianne Appel
STAFF WRITER

Special education advocates breathed a sigh of relief following a vote Monday by the Education Committee to hold off making major changes in the state's special education program for at least one year.

The bill was the result of months of study by a specially appointed commission. A Jan. 20 public hearing on the proposed bill saw 12 hours of highly emotional testimony by parents, advocates and administration officials. Officials, including Acting Gov. Paul Cellucci, argued that special education benefits are so rich, they are sapping resources from regular education students.

Nonetheless, parents and others had earlier expressed alarm that services to their special needs children could be reduced if the bill is passed. They have said that even with the high benefit standard, they have had to fight for basic educational necessities, such as large print books, computers and wheelchair ramps.

"Parents have been working tirelessly on this issue," said Julia Landau of the Massachusetts Advocacy Center, which represents parents of disabled children. She said she was pleased with the outcome Monday.

After considerable debate, the committee voted Monday to retain the current level of benefits for special education children for at least one year while the issue is studied. Meantime, the bill's future is quite uncertain. It is now in the House Ways and Means Committee, but it could die in committee, due to a turf war between the House and Senate leadership.

Observers said the possibility that the bill may die in Ways and Means is great, not because of the substance of the bill, but because of an ensuing turf war between the Senate and House Speaker Thomas Finneran, D-Mattapan.

Finneran has been very vocal about his desire to reform special education. He was instrumental in forming the special commission. He also appointed Rep. Lida Harkins, D-Needham to chair the committee. She drafted the reform bill, but the bill reflected Finneran's interests on the issue.

> ***"If we can't explain what the change means how in God's name can we represent to the people of Massachusetts that this is the right thing to do."***
>
> —SEN. ROBERT ANTONIONI, D-LEOMINSTER, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Harkins was not pleased with the vote to amend the bill Monday.

"Studying it for a year kills the bill," Harkins said following the vote. "Special education will stay the same. We tried to help communities and towns."

On Monday, Harkins' bill was heavily amended before it passed 10-1, with five votes outstanding.

Harkins had proposed moving to the federal standard of "free and appropriate education," which is considered a lower standard even by those who back it. Proponents argue, however, that the federal standard, used by a majority of states, will not harm special education children and also is a more realistic goal for Massachusetts public schools to attain. Moreover, many, including Rep. Harold Lane, chairman of the House Education Committee, have criticized the state's standard of providing "maximum feasible services" as too rich and unfair to regular education students.

"Many of you, like myself, have received heartbreaking phone calls from parents. But I have heard nothing to convince me that this bill would harm special education children," said Rep. Harold Lane, D-Hold[illegible] House chair of the Education Committee.

The House and Senate education committee leadership were split on the question. While Lane backed the bill, state Sen. Robert Antonioni, D-Leominster, co-chairman of the Education Committee, offered the amendment to water it down.

"If we can't explain what the change means how in God's name can we represent to the people of Massachusetts that this is the right thing to do," Antonioni said.

"The committee has little or no information on the impact of this [proposed] switch," said Antonioni, who offered the amendment to retain the state standard.

The bill was also amended to allow low-income parents of special education children to receive free second opinions concerning their children's education.

Another amendment calls for re-instating widespread reading assistance programs for regular education children, which was cut back during the 1980s. Possibly as many as 40 percent of regular education students need extra help learning to read, Harkins said. Without services, they have looked to special education programs for help.

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Questions remain about special education reform

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

After Beacon Hill legislators applied the brakes to special education reform Monday, the reaction was quiet in Cohasset.

Town Administrator Mark Haddad had urged state legislators to support the reform bill. His letter followed the recommendations of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, the lobbyist for the cities and towns. The MMA also supported an amendment to increase state aid to local communities, consistent with school superintendent Stephen Hart's views.

Wednesday Haddad had no comment on the bill's standing. But the MMA's point man John Robertson said the lobby was viewing the lawmakers' decision to postpone reforms as a defeat.

"The MMA supported the bill and a move to federal standards right away," he said.

Robertson also said the MMA was disappointed with the outcome Monday and doubted lawmakers after a year of study would find out "anything they don't already know."

Schools superintendent Stephen Hart said he was unsure whether the one year study was good or bad but thought the issue overall was emotional for many parents.

"A lot of parents thought they had a potential for losing services," Hart said.

Nonetheless, Hart said he was mainly worried about a financial blow, due to sections of the bill that proposed changes in the state funding formula. Hart said Cohasset now receives minimal state funding. Though the proposed changes would give the district more state aid, the extra dollars would still not stretch far enough to keep red ink out of the budget. The community needs greater relief than this bill provided, the superintendent said.

Hart said this year's budget for special education tuitions has jumped by 50 percent. Overall, the district will spend roughly $1.4 million to provide special education, counting the dollars for aides and teachers with special education certificates at school..

"We were mainly concerned about the funding situation and requested our representatives support an increase in funding for special education," he said

With a total public school enrollment hovering below the 1,200 mark, Cohasset is too small to do hold down out-of-district special education costs.

The town spent roughly $200,000 this year to educate only four students who needed to be sent away to live at school. Yet the practice of sending some children out of the district may in fact be more cost effective than establishing similar programs within the public school system.

While this figure represents an average of $65,000 spent for each child attending an out-of-district program, it is a small percentage of the school department's $7 million budget.

The state association of schools superintendents had earlier proposed the changes in the special education law, due to worries about the dwindling funds left to teach regular education students. Since special education programs are mandated under existing state laws, school districts have been forced to make special needs students top priority.

Hart discussed the issue Jan. 22 before the school committee. As proposed, the reforms probably would have affected the school department's budget by roughly 1/2 of one percent, he said.

The superintendent suggested special education questions could be skewed, due to the small size of the school district. Hart said the reform would benefit big school districts. Cohasset would probably benefit but not by much.

"We're small," Hart said. "It's hard to make long-term projections."

Hart said substantial special education money was spent in regular classrooms. But the reform bill addressed only the funds spread over three different types of categories:

- private day school tuitions;
- in-district or Collaborative programs;
- out-of-district residential tuitions.

The reform bill would have provided state aid for all three categories. But it also would have reduced the state's share of the out-of-district residential tuitions. Next year, for instance, Cohasset expects to place three students in residential schools. Under the existing arrangement, the state paid half the bill for them, while Cohasset paid the other $99,213.

Under the reform bill provisions, the state would have paid only $72,189, leaving the school district with the balance. Since these are the most expensive of all the special education programs, Hart saw a potential for a steep downside if the district suddenly had to accommodate a number of new students with severe disabilities.

Snapshot

What happened

Monday, Beacon Hill put the brakes on the movement to reform special education by voting to study the question for another year. If House bill 5220 ultimately gets passed, the state will:

- change the way special education gets funded.
- tighten up the standards used to decide who qualifies for special education programs. Under the new rules, children "with a disability" would qualify, but not children "with special needs." The new standard would be the same as the federal government guidelines. On average, 17 percent of the Massachusetts school population now benefits from some type of special education. In contrast, Only 12 percent of the nation's school children are enrolled in such special programs.

What it means

As before, the financial impact of special education is unpredictable.

- On paper, Cohasset lost at least $31,000 due to Monday's vote. The money would have come in state aid if the bill passed. But that number could also have been headed in the opposite direction if more severely-handicapped children were to arrive at school next year. The new formula increases the community's share of tuitions for students sent to live in institutions.
- The local school district also stood to regain more control of over the way money for education gets spent. In theory, the reform would have allowed communities to spend more on regular education students than is allowed now, due to state mandates. Reform would also have meant the school districts could legally spend less on special education.

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Student defends reputation at school board meeting

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athletes were among seven youths arrested Dec. 29 for carrying beer in the Osgood School parking lot.

Under the state athletics association rules, student athletes who break the "chemical health rules" have to be suspended from sports, based on an interview conducted by the school principal. During the interview, William Good, 16, admitted guilt and was suspended from the hockey team for the rest of the season.

Rossi and the other wrestler were allowed to stay on the Cohasset High team after they told principal Curtis Collins they were not guilty of breaking the athletic association's taboo on alcohol.

The different treatment for hockey player William Good was brought to the school board's attention Jan. 22 by the student's father. The father said he did not think the principal had been fair. At that time, school board member Ralph Kidder suggested two student athletes who kept their spot on school teams might have been lying when they insisted they were not guilty. Kidder noted all seven youths were arraigned in Dec. 31 juvenile court.

"All three were arrested at the same time for the same offense at the same place, and the outcome with the judicial system was the same?" Kidder asked as he went over the facts.

Kidder suggested the two athletes might have lied to stay on their teams.

Rossi, in a short statement he read before the school committee Feb. 5, said he was one of the seven arrested in the Dec. 29 incident. Then he charged members of the school committee Jan. 22 "in so many words called me a liar." Rossi did not precisely say he told Collins the truth, however. The student said people know he is a member of the wrestling team.

"People know I'm a member of that team, and I would not do anything to damage the reputation of the team," he said.

Rossi also complained about newspaper accounts printed in the Mariner and in the Patriot Ledger and said the principal was fair. He suggested the school committee learn the facts "the next time."

Kidder and other school board members Jan. 22 did not refer to Rossi by name but did question the honesty of two unnamed student athletes who were arrested in the Dec. 29 incident.

"Did you know what the whole fact pattern was before you called me a liar?" Rossi asked school board member Ralph Kidder.

The student athlete said he would not do anything to injure the reputation of the wrestling team.

Rossi was not mentioned in any of the stories but said the board should not tell him "not to take these newspaper articles personally."

"Maybe next time you and everyone on the school committee will act responsibly and get what the facts are. Now there are people who will always think I am a liar," Rossi said.

Kidder thanked Rossi for coming in and said the committee blundered Jan. 22 when it discussed Good's complaint. Kidder agreed the school board should have gotten the facts before commenting on the actions of principal Collins.

But Kidder also stood by his opinion the school policy needs review.

"I stand by my remarks. It's a crazy policy," he said.

Kidder was the only member of the school board who assumed responsibility for the Jan. 22 discussion. School superintendent Stephen Hart said at last week's meeting that the problem was caused by newspapers. Though Hart had conversations with Good prior to his appearance at the school board Jan. 22, he did not then suggest the complaint be tabled to give Collins an opportunity to defend his decision.

Acting Chairman Richard Shea stopped Hart and said the superintendent's comments were not relevant. Then Shea said the Mariner and Patriot Ledger failed to mention the facts that were "stated very clearly."

"One thing that was stated very clearly the night of the meeting, the policy related to the three kids (who are athletes). The others were not part of the discussion. Neither the Ledger nor the Mariner recognized that fact."

Yet Shea himself Jan. 22 raised and simultaneously dismissed the question of changing school policy to "include" suspension from "other activities and not just sports" for this type of infraction. But he said at that time such a new policy would not include students who do not participate in anything.

Shea said the newspaper articles distorted the story.

"I was pretty irate. I gave some thought to pointing out those facts. I think it is a clear example of how a newspaper reporter can hear one thing and select the most sensational facts and distort the story," he said.

Carbon monoxide detectors

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windows and insulation, houses are not "breathing."

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Selectman Diane Sullivan said she would support the new bylaw but had concerns because it would add to the expenses of homeowners selling their homes.

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Favorite movie: "Ben-Hur."

Favorite book: "Truman."

Favorite junk food: Nachos.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: I'm not sure, but my kids would be glad to provide some examples.

Person you'd most like to meet: Winston Churchill.

Pet peeve: People who would rather complain, than get involved with a solution.

Vacation craft workshops

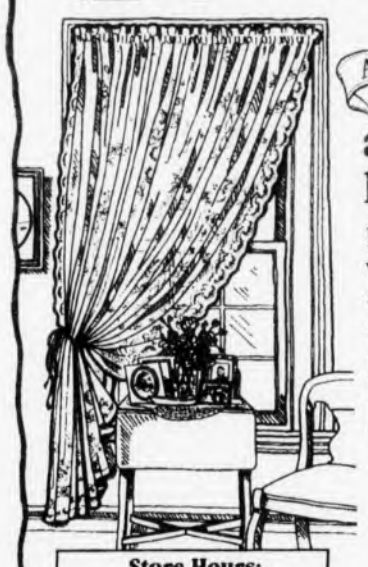
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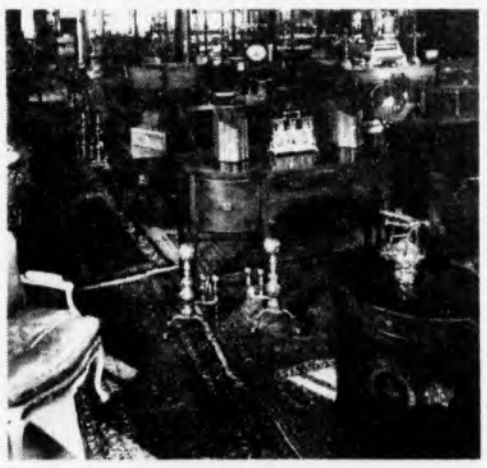
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MILLARD MACNEILL WILL BE MISSED

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Millard MacNeill, who passed away Jan. 28. What a fine man he was! He set records in the Second Congregational Church, he was a member of the choir there for so many years! His deep love of his family and friends was always evident, he will be missed!

DEAN'S LIST AT MASSASOIT

Massasoit Community College sends us word that we have two Cohasset students to congratulate, they made the dean's list! So, when you see Elizabeth Bestick and Trevor Cook, be sure that you give them a pat on the back and tell them to keep up their good work!

VALENTINE'S PARTY

Cohasset Elder Affairs sent news that our seniors should read about, boy, they are busy! Feb. 13 they will have a Valentine's Day Party, it will be a tea at Bancroft Hall at the Lightkeepers' House. Marie Dunn Frazier from the Milton Historical Society will present "Reflections on the Fine Art of Tea Drinking." She plans to set up an exhibit table, so go and enjoy!

SLIDES ON TIBET

Feb. 17, The Rev. John and Helen Gallop will show their fascinating slides on "Tibet." And, on Feb. 24, the new third-grade teacher Mrs. Jean Hanson will be there with the boys and girls from the Osgood School — go and say hello, they will certainly brighten even the gloomiest of days! Kids are wonderful!

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

The elders are also calling all volunteers, they are desperately in need of drivers, phone answering and message servers, and all of the volunteers they can get to host programs! Call the Cohasset Senior Center at 383-9112.

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GET WELL SOON

We sure hope that Leona Pratt is feeling much better as she reads this, she is doing ever so well and we want her to keep up the good work!

COLLEGE HONORS

Here are two more college students we can be proud of! Michael A. Figueiredo and Rachel Stephanie Christian are both members of the latest dean's list! Mike is majoring in marine biology, and Rachel is majoring in humanities and social services. Hearty congrats to both of you, you certainly deserve it!

SPORTS DAY

On Jan. 21 the National Girls and Women in Sport Day Celebration was held by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association to honor the advancing role of women in sport. Two outstanding young ladies from Cohasset High School were invited to attend, Lauren Dooley and Kate Devine. Cori Hughes was their chaperone. Hopefully we will hear more about this event, they are the best! And we are proud of you, Lauren and Kate!

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

That's the news for this week, except to wish all of you a happy Valentine's Day — tell the one you love how very much you care, and how special he/she is, okay?!

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OBITUARIES

David Bruce McLean

David Bruce McLean died Jan. 26 at Harbor House in Hingham. He was 87. Born in Danbury, Conn., April 16, 1910, he was the son of Alexander Scott McLean and Helen Eglee McLean, later Helen Scripture. He moved to Cohasset in 1920 with his mother and stepfather, Ralph E. Scripture. In 1927 he graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, and in 1931 from Yale College. During World War II he served in U.S. Naval Air Operations as a communications technician.

Mr. McLean leaves his wife, the former Jane Fuller (Tinka) McLean of Cohasset, a daughter, Jean Briggs of Herndon, Va., a son, Scott McLean of Franklin, and five grandchildren. He was the father of the late Sammis McLean of Cohasset, and also leaves his sister, Nancy Garrison of Cohasset.

Bruce McLean was a life member of the Cohasset Yacht Club and served for many years on its Race Committee. He was also a member of the Old Goats and the Hunt Club, both of Cohasset. Active in town affairs, Mr. McLean had served on the Cohasset School Committee and as Treasurer of the Cohasset Red Cross. With his wife Tinka, he owned and operated The Linen Chest of Cohasset for approximately 20 years from the mid-'60s onward. Mr. McLean was a fine singer who could, quite spontaneously, summon up perfect renditions of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, never missing a word or a note. As a communicant of St. Stephen's Church, he had shared this talent by singing in its choir.

A memorial service will be held at St. Stephen's Church, Cohasset, Saturday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, gifts in Bruce McLean's memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

Millard Emery MacNeill

Mr. Millard E. MacNeill, age 87, died Wednesday, Jan. 28. Born at home in Scituate Oct. 5, 1910, his family later moved to Cohasset where Mr. MacNeill graduated from the Osgood School (Cohasset High School) on Elm Street. He attended Bryant and Stratton College in Boston and entered into the employ of the Pilgrim Cooperative Bank on So. Main Street upon his graduation.

His inventive mind led him to a joint venture with the late John Estabrook of Marlboro. They successfully designed and sold the "Trusty Duster," a dusting machine for potato crops in Maine.

In 1950, Mr. MacNeill joined with his father, John N. MacNeill and brother Frederic D. MacNeill in the plumbing business which he later ran with his son Robert until his retirement in 1987.

Millard was active in many community activities and served as a founding member and officer of the South Shore Art Center with his wife Kerstin. He was Past President of the Quincy and Vicinity Master Plumber's Association and served as Plumbing Inspector in several communities.

Millard was recently cited by the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset for having sung in the church choir for 70 years. In fact, he had sung in the choir the Sunday prior to his recent illness. Music was a great love in his life and his tenor voice could be heard singing wherever he was found. He sang for many years in the Choral Arts Society from which he retired in 1995. He was guest soloist at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset on several occasions. He was also a frequent attendee of the Handel and Haydn Society concerts in Boston with his son John.

Millard was a Past Master of Konohassett Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of which he was a member for 53 years. At the time of his death, he was serving in the office of Chaplain. It has become a tradition that the Annual Picnic of Konohassett Lodge is held each August at Mr. MacNeill's home. This past August, 112 persons attended. He was also active in recent years with St. Stephen's Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Quincy.

Mr. MacNeill leaves his wife of 60 years, Kerstin F. (Anderson), his sons, John M. MacNeill of Cohasset and Robert W. MacNeill of Hingham; his sister, Helen Wilcoxson of Hingham and Newburyport as well as five grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted at the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue Feb. 7. The officers and members of Konohassett Lodge conducted a Masonic Memorial Service in conjunction with a traditional worship service directed by the pastor, The Rev. Gary Ritts.

Donations may be made in his honor to the Raymond T. Sewall Charity Fund, c/o the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, Suite 703, 186 Tremont St., Boston, 02111, or to the Masonic Charitable Trust in care of the Grand Lodge of Masons, 186 Tremont St., Boston, 02111.

Public library on caregiving at Sunrise

Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset recently opened a family resource library aimed particularly at professional and family caregivers of people with memory impairments. Open to the public, the library contains books and videos on Alzheimer's disease and caregiving which may be checked out for up to two weeks. In addition, brochures and flyers from the National Alzheimer's Association and the Alzheimer Society of Canada are free in single copies.

Library content is initially focused on caregiving issues related to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, since these are common disabilities among seniors, and many people do not have easy access to an Alzheimer's chapter library. However, the library is expected to soon expand its contents to cover caregiving issues related to other conditions.

Among the library's offerings are books and videos which cover the basics of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, current research, caregiving tips, handling caregiver emotions, dealing with difficult behaviors, and helping children and teenagers understand the disease.

The information office is located at 746 Chief Justice Cushing Highway in Cohasset. Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset is scheduled to open in late March 1998. Founded in 1981 by Paul and Terry Klaassen, Sunrise Assisted Living is one of the nation's oldest and largest providers of assisted living care for the elderly.

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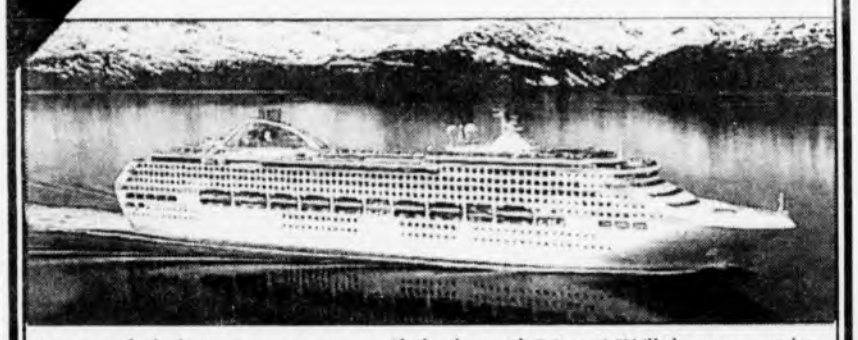
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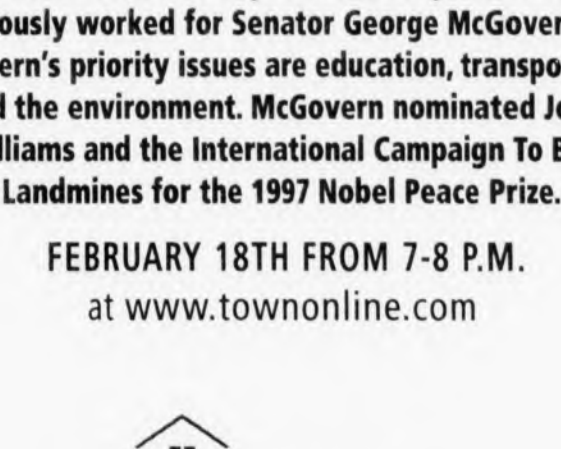
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Pull over and stop

Police say it was a miracle last Thursday that no one was killed when a Brockton man led police on a seven-town pursuit that included racing through traffic along Route 3A in Hingham and Cohasset.

What added to an extremely dangerous situation was the public's lack of understanding about what to do when they hear sirens or see flashing blue lights, police say.

For many of us, it's been decades since we took the written driving test so our memories may be sketchy on the subject.

Police from both Hingham and Cohasset told us that during Thursday's pursuit many drivers did not pull over to the right and stop, as required.

No matter which direction the sirens or lights are coming from, drivers are supposed to pull over to the right and stop, according to Hingham Det. Joseph Mayer.

That means if you hear a siren from an ambulance, fire truck or police cruiser or see the flashing lights — you should quickly pull over to the right and stop — regardless of whether the emergency vehicle is coming toward you or is coming up behind you.

This will allow the emergency vehicle or vehicles to go safely by.

A Scituate woman who rode in an ambulance which contained her seriously ill daughter told us she was horrified at how few people know the rules of the road. In her nightmare experience, the ambulance had to weave in and out of traffic all the way to South Shore Hospital because drivers were not pulling over. This can cause delays, costing precious life-saving minutes.

Cohasset Police Officer Richard Yocum said during Thursday's pursuit some drivers stopped in the middle of the road.

Others pulled over to let the Ford Taurus pass only to get back into the traveling lane in front of the police cruiser in pursuit.

Our police departments handled Thursday's incident professionally. They showed the necessary restraint by keeping the suspect in sight without making a bad situation worse.

Thankfully high-speed pursuits are rare.

But incidents involving flashing lights and sirens are routine. The next time you hear or see a police cruiser, ambulance or fire truck with its lights on and sirens blaring — pull over the right quickly and safely and stop. It's a simple as that.

— Mary Ford
Editor



LETTERS

Cartoon, article off the mark

To the Editor:

The Mariner's Feb. 5 cartoon ridiculed safety concerns voiced recently by Lamberts Lane parents at a Jan. 22 school committee meeting. During that meeting the parents requested an additional bus stop at the end of Lamberts Lane.

The children and residents of Lamberts Lane contend daily with numerous safety hazards. Walking to and from the bus stop on this narrow, winding, tree studded and heavily traveled, mile-long road is impossible. This has compounded the safety issues with the only bus stop located at the intersection of 228 (a state highway) and Lamberts Lane by forcing all the families to park at the top of the street which is too narrow to accommodate them. We deal with delivery trucks, Cohasset Golf Club traffic, heavy equipment traffic from the Emanuello Excavation Company's storage area, and construction trucks and machinery for the new homes being built and the Cohasset Golf Club.

At the Jan. 22 school committee meeting, it was briefly mentioned that coyotes had been sighted on Lamberts Lane. It is unfortunate that the Mariner's article of Jan. 29 by Margo Sullivan, and Jim Hamilton's cartoon chose to highlight this instead of the serious issues outlined. Clearly, coyotes are the least of our problems. Over the last two years the safety situation on Lamberts Lane has escalated to an intolerable level. The families here have worked hard and put in countless hours trying to make necessary changes. We are making some progress. The current board of selectmen and the DPW should be congratulated for the road improvements made last summer. We still have a long way to go. If anyone doubts that, we urge you to take a ride down here and see for yourselves. The Mariner could better serve the community by thoroughly investigating the matter instead of its poor and insensitive attempt at humor. We find the cartoon offensive. It trivialized the serious safety issues that continually affect the children and residents of Lamberts Lane. I can assure you the residents of Lamberts Lane do not feel their children's safety is a joke.

Bill and Mary Foley
184 Lamberts Lane

Selectman's record is praised

To the Editor:

This is a letter to commend Selectman Michael Sullivan for his service to the town of Cohasset.

His astute knowledge of the budget and wise judgment regarding the fiscal problems of the town will be missed. Michael provided leadership in many spheres of our community life and a great force for Cohasset. He was a keen observer, a man of ideas and empathy combined with civic courage and a moving voice.

We hope his invaluable contributions to the board of health and board of selectmen will be used for future Cohasset projects.

We hope his successor will have a record of accomplishments that equal his.

Polly Logan
121 Nichols Rd.

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LETTERS

Lamberts Lane bus service needed

Dear Superintendent Hart:

I feel it important to share with you an incident that occurred on Lamberts Lane today (Feb. 6) that makes my hair stand on end!

As you know, Lamberts Lane is a narrow road, without sidewalks, and with some sharp bends. Today, as I traveled up the road at a speed just a tad over the snail's pace of the posted 15 m.p.h. speed limit, without a person in sight on the road, continuing forthbound around a bend, I, (much to close for comfort) out of nowhere, came upon a middle school child walking en route to his home from the bus, too close to the middle of the road. I firmly believe that had I been traveling any faster (as is often the case of drivers in a hurry on this road) or not had full attention on the road in front of me, that this child could well have been hit. I feel assured that this type of incident has happened to others often, and that it has been through the grace of God, that no child has been injured!

In sharing another of my growing list of unsafe pedestrian experiences on Lamberts Lane with you: As my neighbor and I were parked at the beginning of Lamberts Lane, waiting out of our cars for the bus, a very large flat-bed truck attempted to enter the road en route to the residing construction company's driveway access, located approx. 50 yards from the bus stop. We were urged by the driver to move our cars so that the truck could make its sharp turn from Route 228. I must add that there was literally no room on the road for anything other than a toothpick, and we were forced to move away from the bus stop down beyond the driveway. I don't hesitate to ask you if this is a safe bus stop for children to wait, knowing that there do exist these incidences?

With regard to the police officer who has been evaluating Lamberts Lane, although appreciated, I must point out that January and February are probably the two most inactive months on the road (as the golf course is not in season) and consequently the poorest time to make an accurate evaluation of the road safety conditions. I can only compare making an evaluation at this time to making an evaluation of the parking lot traffic at Sandy Beach during the winter months.

You may be interested to know that the golf club management has informed me that during its season, when daily tournaments are conducted, approximately 150 people are brought to Lamberts Lane in a short period of time. My neighbor, Mary Foley, has counted 82 cars entering the road one day during her short wait for the bus. Need I mention that during season, large delivery trucks servicing the golf club are leaving little available space for children walking on the road.

I should also mention that the school bus does presently service the only other similar side-road in town, Cedar Street, which is comparable to Lamberts Lane with regard to public traffic volume, road narrowness, sharp bends and no sidewalks, however, it does differ in that it does have an outlet.

I cannot emphasize enough the safety hazards Lamberts Lane presents to walking children, and for whatever reason, they are in fact walking.

Again, I must point out that the School Bus System Handbook states that "bus routes will be established so that an authorized bus stop is available within a reasonable and safe walking distance of the home of every resident student entitled to transportation service." The handbook also states that bus stops ought to be safe. I believe that these policies are more than haphazardly written words and do have meaning.

It is my hope that we will no longer be allowed to be cut off from the implicit rights to enjoy the bus service because our circumstances on Lamberts Lane are not the town's norm and may require some extra creative effort. It is the given right of every student in Cohasset to have the bus service, as it is for those on Lamberts Lane, and we need to be made a priority, as it is within the town's means to provide service.

The safety hazards for children walking and waiting at the bus stop are experienced by us daily, and I find myself continually re-fueled in communicating them to you in an attempt to raise your awareness and to help you see the urgent need to have the bus service extended to us.

Dorian Brady
158 Lamberts Lane

Editor's note: Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Ofsthun provided the Mariner with copies of their letters.

Response to Lamberts Lane issue

Ms. Dorian Brady
158 Lamberts Lane

Dear Ms. Brady:

Your concerns about the traffic and safety on Lamberts Lane are legitimate. That is why the Superintendent and the School Committee have listened and cooperated with you and your Lamberts Lane neighbors. The school is providing a 'depot' bus service to the lane, just as it does for several other neighborhoods in town. It is not only too lengthy (8 to 10 minutes) to pick up at the homes but, more importantly, there is no turnaround for the bus at the end of the lane. Beyond the bus service provided:

- We met with and listened to you and your neighbors at the last two School Committee meetings.
- School officials have twice driven a bus down your lane to first-hand understand the hazards and obstacles.
- We have written to the police and asked for their opinion of the safety of your street. (The opinion of the Safety Officer, Jan. 1998, was that the lane is safe.)
- We have written to the planning board asking for their attention to your issues.

It is surprising that you have again addressed your concerns to the Superintendent, when it seems he and the School Committee have cooperated fully. Many of the issues that you raise are not under the purview of the schools, such as the narrowness of the road, the lack of sidewalks, and the quantity and intrusiveness of the golfers and construction traffic. These issues need to be addressed by working with the golf club, the developer, the town manager, police and planning board.

The Superintendent and the School Committee vow to continue working cooperatively and to pursue alternatives within the constraints of what we can affect.

Kathy Ofsthun
School Committee member

Lobster Lab is better than more taxes

To the Editor:

Letter writer Hamilton Tewksbury (Mariner, Feb. 5) suggests that the school curriculum be beefed up with science programs as an alternate to the Lobster Lab. Are the taxpayers ready for that? I doubt it; they'd rather see the funds raised privately rather than provide costly exposure to every student, whether he or she is promising or merely nodding his or her way through high school. The basic idea of the Lab is that it be an extra-curricular activity, to be taken advantage of by students who want to expand their horizons. If Toscanini lived in town, and offered to instill a love of music in those interested in participating, would Tewksbury insist that, instead, the entire student body be exposed to a beefed-up music program at the school, and that more music teachers be added to the payroll?

He claims that the property was purchased for access to the harbor, but that is not what the warrant article said, on which the vote to purchase was based. Other people continue to recite this false mantra about the basis for purchase, but repetition doesn't make the falsehood true.

Nor will the presence of the Lab preclude use of the boat ramp, nor have appreciable effect on parking during summer weekends (the only time that there is much demand for spaces, and the very time when the Lab will be closed)!

The good news is that so many thoughtful people in town grasp the significance of the Lab and assess the positives against the negatives with an intelligent sense of proportion. When the Lab is up and running and viewed with pride as one of the town's assets, few then will admit to have lacked the vision to have supported it.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Rd.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Tom Callahan announces candidacy for selectman



Tom Callahan

Conservation Commissioner Tom Callahan has announced his candidacy for the Board of Selectmen.

Callahan said his focus is the exercise of sound financial management as the town confronts the impact of the sewer and school projects on property tax rates. He supports the direction and approach of the Town Manager's first budget, but believes the next necessary step is for him and the selectmen to create a strategic financial master plan.

"During the next three to five years, when we take the hardest hit from the sewer and school projects, we'll need to prioritize and plan effectively to avoid overrides and allow taxpayers to catch their breath," Callahan said. "With the selectmen exercising the necessary leadership, we can get over the difficult hump of the next few years without sacrificing town needs."

Within a master plan, Callahan also favors moving towards sewering of the entire town. Callahan said, "We should begin now to plan sewering in the years 2005-2010. Due to the state court judgment, we have no choice but to squarely confront the issue. Continued reliance on septic systems and attempts to manage some or all of them is not, I believe, in the best long-term interest of the town."

With sound planning and "thinking outside the box," Callahan believes sewering could be both financially palatable and consistent with the town's current character.

Callahan is an attorney and mediator with offices in Holbrook and Boston, and is a member of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce and Holbrook Business Council. He and his wife Alison and two children have resided in Cohasset since 1985.

Brunch to benefit Murray

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, will host a fundraising brunch Sunday, March 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham.

This is Mary Jeanette's first fundraising brunch in four years. She said, "I do not see the need for a large campaign fund, but I must raise money now for my re-election campaign. I am elected to represent my constituents and to secure legislation which will make their lives better. I think it is important to attend all the functions I can in the district and to be available to my people, rather than raising money not needed to be effective in my job."

Chairpersons of the brunch are Julie Guild in Cohasset, Carl Harris in Hingham and James Yacobucci in Hull.

Murray has opposition this year and plans to conduct her traditional vigorous campaign.

Murray has served on the Committee on Human Services and the Elderly, the Committee on Taxation, the Ethics Committee and is the ranking member of the Local Affairs Committee and the Committee on Counties. Rep. Murray has been appointed to the Special Commission studying Counties and the Special Committee for Veterans' Services.

Several of Rep. Murray's bills which have become law include Drunk Driving in Boats; money for dredging in Cohasset, Hingham and Hull; the gate at Strait's Pond; a bill which allows towns to vote on referendum the issue of changing elected officials to appointed positions without having state legislative approval and other legislation granting more local control of cities and towns.

Murray has always been a staunch supporter of home rule, more local aid, and has opposed tax increases on the people in her district.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for Murray's re-election campaign may call Lillian Murray Curley, her campaign manager, at (781) 383-0695.

Cutler launches web site

The Cutler campaign has a new World Wide Web site.

Visitors can learn more about the candidate, read his views on important issues, review press releases and even volunteer for the campaign online.

Cutler, who works as a marketing and public relations executive, designed the site himself as a way to reach out to voters and communicate his ideas to a wider audience.

The 27-year-old Democrat is running for state representative in the third Plymouth District, which includes Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. The Cutler web site is located at http://www.jcutler.com. The Cutler Campaign may also be reached via e-mail at vote98@jcutler.com.

Bradley campaign donation

Asst. District Attorney and current state representative candidate Garrett Bradley received a little help from former Boston College football teammate and current Jacksonville Jaguar, Tom McManus, who contributed $500 to Bradley's campaign committee.

Opposition mounts to proposal for septic systems

Continued from page 1

the on-site plan have been placed on a draft of the town meeting warrant. Article 17 asks the town to allow the health board to amend the Second Amended Final Judgment. Article 18 would delay the septic portion of the agreement for at least one year so a comprehensive study can be undertaken to examine other options.

Both articles are sponsored by the same group of 10 citizens from Nichols Road to Jerusalem Road.

The road that led to these latest articles is a long and convoluted one.

Cohasset was the first town in the state to receive a citation under the Clean Water Act in 1975 and became eligible for federal money to build a sewer treatment plant, but the town kept voting the plan down.

In 1979, the state took Cohasset to court to complete the sewer plant, and in 1980 the first judgment was born. The state said it would fine the town $10,000 per day unless it went forward with the sewer project.

Town meeting approved the project, although the state did fine the town one token penalty of $10,000. The project was planned to sewer the major parts of town with the highest populations, while also being large enough to accommodate additional use in the future. The town also had to develop alternative plans for homes not included in the new sewer project.

But then Ronald Reagan was elected president, and he immediately delayed all public works funding to rein in inflation and high interest rates. By 1982, the federal government began releasing public works funds again, and Cohasset was informed that funding for the sewer project was available.

However, a group of residents opposed the project, leading to a lengthy legal battle with the state. The town intended at one point to ship all of its waste-water to a treatment facility in Hull.

> ***"They're being forced to do this and that's a very un-American thing."***
>
> **– TED GUILD, SEWER COMMISSIONER.**

Then came the 1988 election and Michael Dukakis' platform touting the Massachusetts miracle which quickly turned into an economic crisis. The state was in no position to spend money enforcing the agreement.

The judgment remained un-enforced until 1994 when someone in the State Attorney General's office dug out the old files and decided to enforce the agreement. But completion dates for implementation of the agreement had long-since expired.

In 1996, the state revised the plan with new dates. The revised plan became the Second Final Amended Judgment.

The new agreement called for the town to undertake a number of sewer projects. The town would build a sewer in North Cohasset and expand the sewer system in central Cohasset. A third key element of the agreement was a plan to implement an on-site waste-water management plan for homeowners in environmentally sensitive areas of town.

The key areas are a section around Lily Pond, and a triangular area where Nichols Road, Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue intersect. One hundred and thirty-six homes in the area would have to submit to mandatory Title 5 inspections within seven years and repair or replace systems that failed inspection.

The state would provide low-interest 20-year loans and allow residents to build shared systems to reduce costs.

The health board tried unsuccessfully to implement a town-funded plan that would have created a users fee system with the town inspecting systems and homeowners in the system paying an annual fee.

But the plan did not enjoy much local support because of its expense, and ultimately had to be abandoned.

The town was forced to fall back on a plan to borrow $3.5 million from the state to implement an on-site project in the high-priority homes. But that plan has recently come under fire from residents in the high priority district, who feel they are being unfairly forced to submit to Title 5 inspections and the possibility of expensive septic system repairs.

Guild said he is not surprised that people are opposing the on-site plan.

"They're being forced to do this and that's a very un-American thing," Guild said.

Guild said what has surprised him is some of the people who have recently opposed the plan. Voters at last year's town meeting unanimously approved the Second Amended Final Judgment.

On Dec. 9, 1997, the sewer commission held what Guild called its "stormiest meeting ever." After the meeting, Guild checked the sign-in list against the town meeting on the day voters approved the Second Amended Final Agreement.

The latest development is the citizen's articles for town meeting. Guild said it may be possible to delay the on-site plan without penalty because the state has given the town seven years to inspect the 136 homes and live up to the terms of the agreement.

The agreement says the town is obliged to begin the loan as of May 30, 1997. The town did begin drawing up plans by that date. But the agreement has no firm dates beyond that except for the seven-year deadline.

Guild said a one-year delay would still leave five years to complete the agreement, which is plenty of time.

Ulmer said the bottom-line for many of these residents is that they don't want to pay for expensive septic repairs.

"We have to wonder about what will happen if these articles pass," Ulmer said. "Our original plan was to send out notices in March to residents in these areas that we wanted to complete all inspections by June or July. But now we will wait until after town meeting."

Ulmer said it is also possible that the state may view any delays as a violation of the agreement, but that remains unclear.

Another problem with delays is that the town cannot collect any of its seven annual $500,000 for loans for septic repairs until homes are inspected. Guild said it is not clear that the town can collect the money retroactively if it waits too long to begin implementing the agreement.

The health board is planning to hold a joint hearing with selectmen on Feb. 23 to discuss the situation.

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Quintin nets a grand achievement

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Last Friday, Paul-Michael Quintin became the fourth player in Cohasset High School history to score 1,000 points, and the first since Bryan Edwards did so in the mid-'80s. Quintin's successful career has spanned three years, and he has won a South Sectional championship and a South Shore League title during that stretch, sinking, by coach Ron Ford's count, more than 150 three-point shots.

This season, however, has been a difficult one for the six-foot guard. He is tri-captain of a 6-13 Skipper team, one which has struggled all year. Quintin himself is having an excellent season, leading the SSL in scoring with 22 points per game. But one gets the feeling that the senior would trade all of those buckets for one last crack at the state tournament.

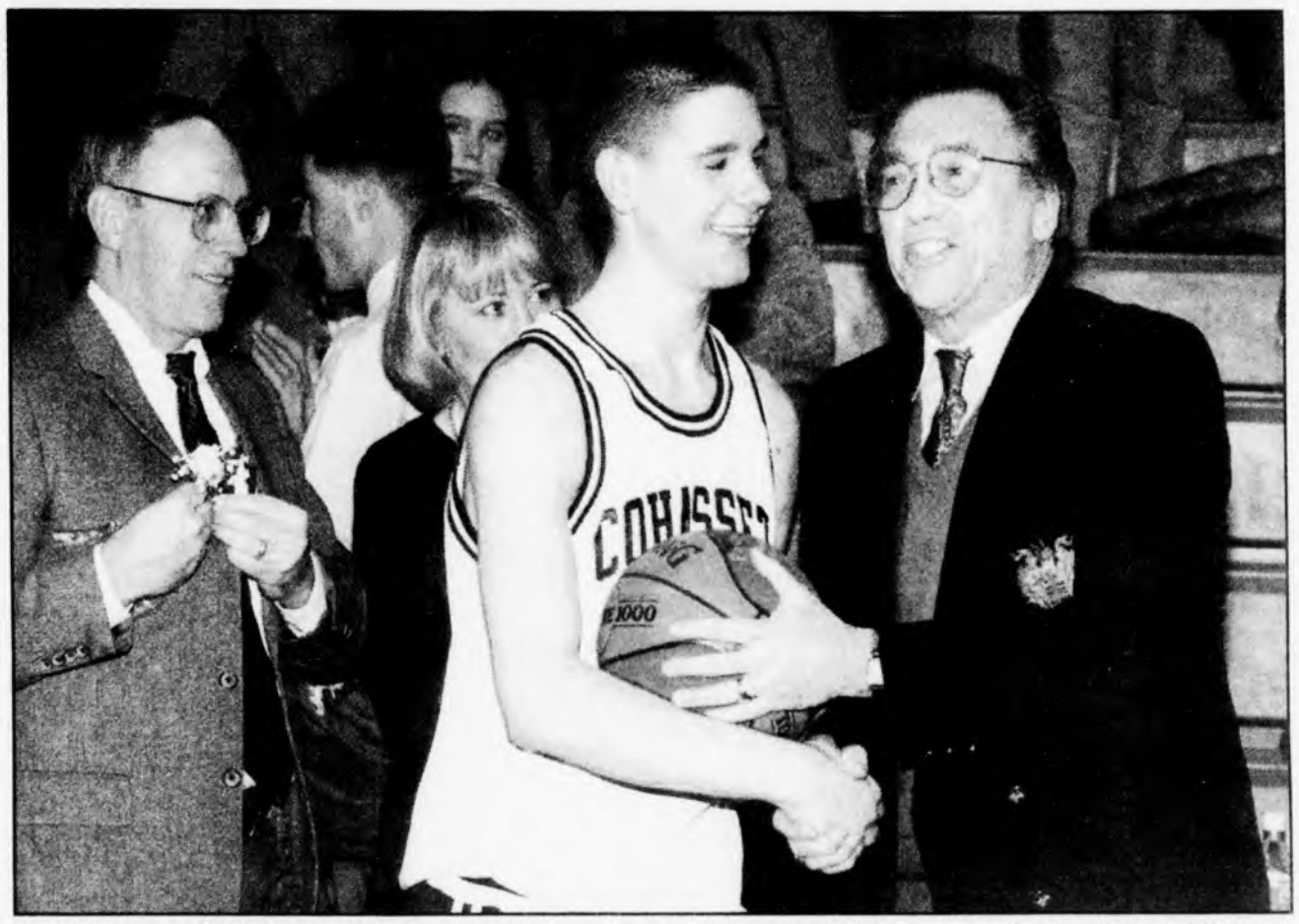
"I'd call this year difficult more than disappointing. Having a good individual year has helped a little bit, but my focus is still for the team to do well. It hurts to see us not reach the expectations that we set," Quintin said, after his team had been officially eliminated from the state tourney.

As a sophomore, Quintin stepped into a starting spot on a team which survived, led by the talented Jared Hardwick, all the way to the state semifinals at the Fleet Center. Quintin filled his role nicely, hitting the threes when called upon and promising two more years of marksmanship.

Last year, his role was increased. As big man Ryan Bishop drew attention down low and forward J.L. Williams also worked from beyond the arc, Quintin was sometimes left alone by defenses, a deadly mistake to commit with a player whose shot release is as quick and accurate as Quintin's. Quintin would catch on fire from long range some nights last year, helping, the team recapture the SSL flag.

This season, he has been the

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Bill Morgan, CHS Class of 1951, presents a ceremonial game ball to senior forward Paul-Michael Quintin Friday night upon scoring his 1,000 career point. Morgan was the first Skipper ever to accomplish the feat.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Flaim captures hearts in fourth Olympic try



Eric Flaim smiles with pride as he leads the U.S. athletes into the Olympic Stadium.

Photo courtesy of www.ericflaim.com and Concept Club

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

As the eyes of the world turned to Nagano, Japan over the weekend for the opening ceremonies of the 1998 Winter Olympic Games, for a moment in time the global spotlight was focused on the South Shore, Pembroke and Silver Lake Regional High School in particular.

When the contingent of athletes representing the United States marched into the Olympic Stadium carrying the flag as the standard bearer for his country, Eric Flaim wore a smile as wide as could be..

The short-track speed skater's dogged determination in making his fourth consecutive Olympic team served as an inspiration to all of his teammates. They showed their appreciation for all his work by giving Flaim the ultimate honor and allowing him to lead them into the stadium and carry the flag of their nation.

"It's a great honor and a privilege. I'll do my best to represent the U.S. and my teammates with all the pride that I can muster," said Flaim, who was informed of the honor that had been bestowed upon him by the United States Olympic Committee as his plane was touching down for a landing in Japan. "It was a surprise and a real pleasure and an honor. It's great."

Flaim talked a little more about his feelings in a posting to all of his fans on the web site that he has constructed for the Olympic Games.

His Internet site can be accessed at http://www.ericflaim.com.

"Being selected to be the American flag bearer is a great honor. What makes it even more special is that I was chosen to do this by my fellow Olympians," said Flaim. "I'd like to thank all of my teammates, my coach, my fiancee and my family. And I also want to thank everyone who stood behind me and believed that I could compete in another Olympics."

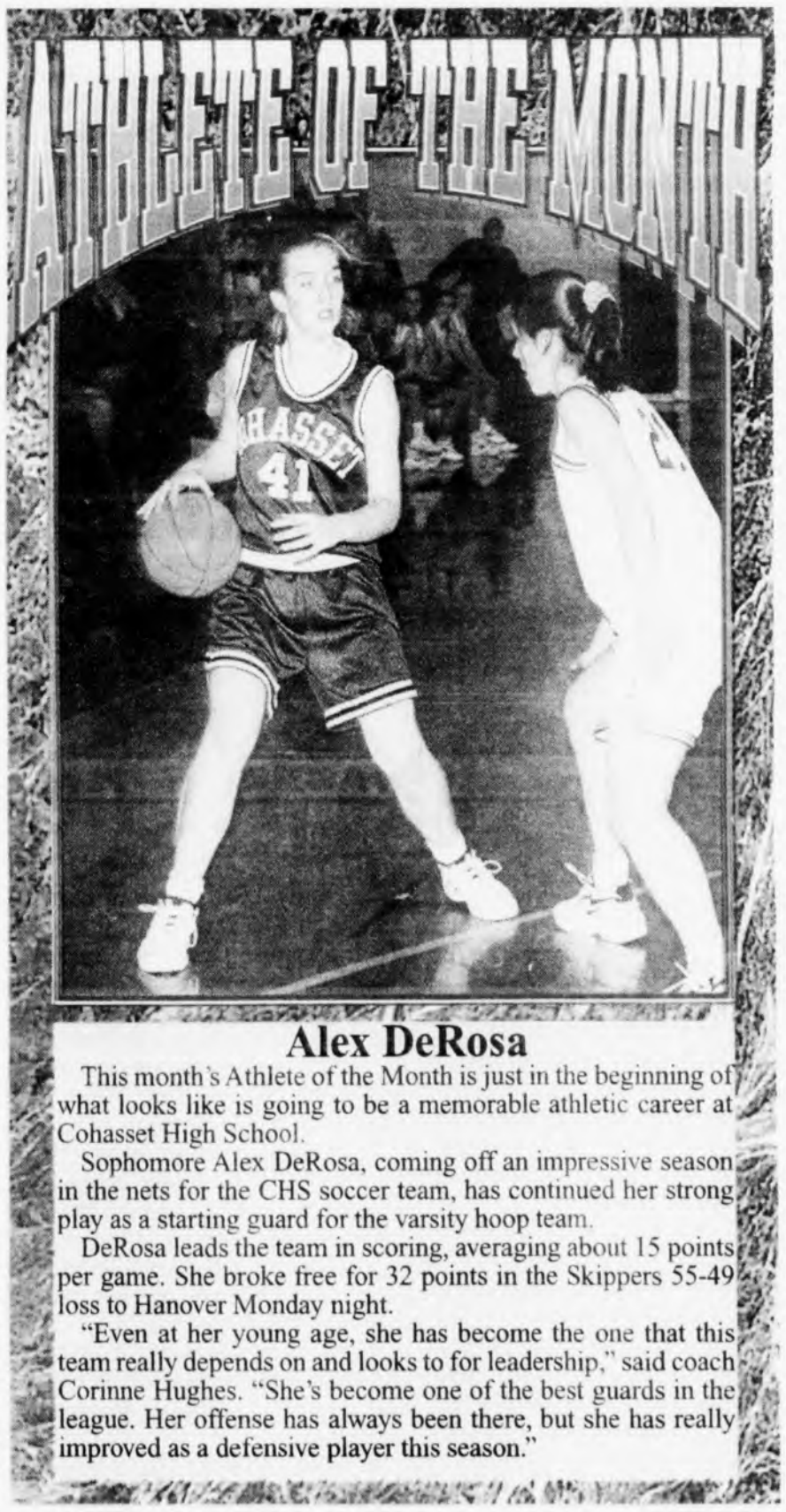
Making the moment even more special, Flaim announced that he would be carrying the flag in honor of his biggest supporter, his father Enrico, who passed away two years ago.

Many of his friends and family gathered in Duxbury at this home of Eric's sister to watch their favorite Olympian take part in the opening ceremonies Saturday evening.

Some of the youngsters around Flaim's old stomping grounds, the Hobomock Arena in Pembroke, will also be watching when he takes the ice next week.

"I think it's pretty cool that someone from around here is in the Olympics," said David Johnson, an 11-year-old who was at

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Alex DeRosa

This month's Athlete of the Month is just in the beginning of what looks like is going to be a memorable athletic career at Cohasset High School.

Sophomore Alex DeRosa, coming off an impressive season in the nets for the CHS soccer team, has continued her strong play as a starting guard for the varsity hoop team.

DeRosa leads the team in scoring, averaging about 15 points per game. She broke free for 32 points in the Skippers 55-49 loss to Hanover Monday night.

"Even at her young age, she has become the one that this team really depends on and looks to for leadership," said coach Corinne Hughes. "She's become one of the best guards in the league. Her offense has always been there, but she has really improved as a defensive player this season."

Gymnasts take top honors at Pilgrim meet

Kristin Sheerin took first place last week at the Pilgrim Conference all-league gymnastics meet, scoring an impressive 31.95 in the all-around competition.

sports wrap-up

A number of other CHS gymnasts also did very well in the meet.

In the team competition, Cohasset topped everyone else with an overall score of 117.3.

Caitlin Flint took a first place in the floor exercise, a third place on the beam and a sixth place in the bars event.

Tara Hettstrom took first on the bars and a second in the vault.

Carlie Carter took a third place for her floor routine and a fourth place on the bars.

Team captain **Carolyn Pratt** took home sixth place in the floor exercise.

At the conclusion of the meet a pair of CHS tumblers were named to the Pilgrim Conference all-star team: Tara Hettstrom (bars) and Kristin Sheerin (balance beam).

The Pilgrim Conference co-champs (along with Hanover) will now move on to the South sectional meet this weekend at Algonquin High School. The top teams from there will move onto the state finals next week.

Hoopsters continue on search for wins

As the players continue to battle their way through a season that finds them 2-15 going down the final stretch, girls' varsity coach Corrine Hughes finds solace in that the effort of her team has not wavered at all through the season.

"They are still out there trying as hard as they can, but they're having trouble with their confidence level," said Hughes. "They play really well in stretches but then the other team will start to come back a little bit and that seems to throw our confidence way off."

Hughes pointed to a recent loss at the hands of South Shore League leading Norwell as an example of this trend. "We were tied with them 20-20 at the half and playing a great game, but Norwell made a run early in the second half and we seemed to fall apart."

The Skippers also gave division rival Hanover all they could handle Monday night before falling to defeat 55-49. As has been the case for most of the season **Alex DeRosa** was the story for Cohasset, tossing in a game high 32 points in the losing cause.

"She's turned into our best all-around player," said Hughes about DeRosa. "She's only a sophomore but Alex has stepped up to shoulder the offensive load of the team."

With DeRosa coming back next season as well as almost everyone else on the varsity team (only **Whitney Cook** and **Rosalind Muniz** are seniors), Hughes said that added experience and a change in the league should mean good things for the squad next season.

"Right now we are a Division 4 team playing in a Division 3 league," said Hughes. With Rockland and East Bridgewater moving out of the league next season, Hughes said the school will be able to schedule more non-league games against more teams similar in size to Cohasset.

Grapplers finish regular season at 15-5

CHS wrestlers may have finished a game behind where they were at this time last season but head coach Torin Sweeney said he was very happy about the way things have turned out for his team.

"Between increasing the strength of our schedule and losing (top wrestler) **Jordan Fiore** to an injury even before the year started I am very happy about the way that things turned out for us," said Sweeney.

The squad finished in second place in the South Shore League behind Carver for the seventh straight season but continued to get strong recognition across the state even though they are one of the smallest schools that offers wrestling. Sweeney expected that the team would crack the state's Top 20 list this week and would be placed somewhere in the first five in the Division III poll.

The Division III South Sectionals will be held this weekend in Wayland where sixteen teams will battle for the six spots available to go to the state finals next weekend.

The wrestlers ended the regular season with a win over Middleboro and losses to a tough Wellesley team and the three-time defending state champion, Foxboro.

Craig Sheerin and **Luke Caldwell** took wins in all three meets. Double winners included **Justin Golden**, **Mike Rossi**, **Ben Littauer** and **J.P. Laugelle**.

Other winners were **Chris Pratt, Liam O'Donnell**, and **Kevin DeVito**.

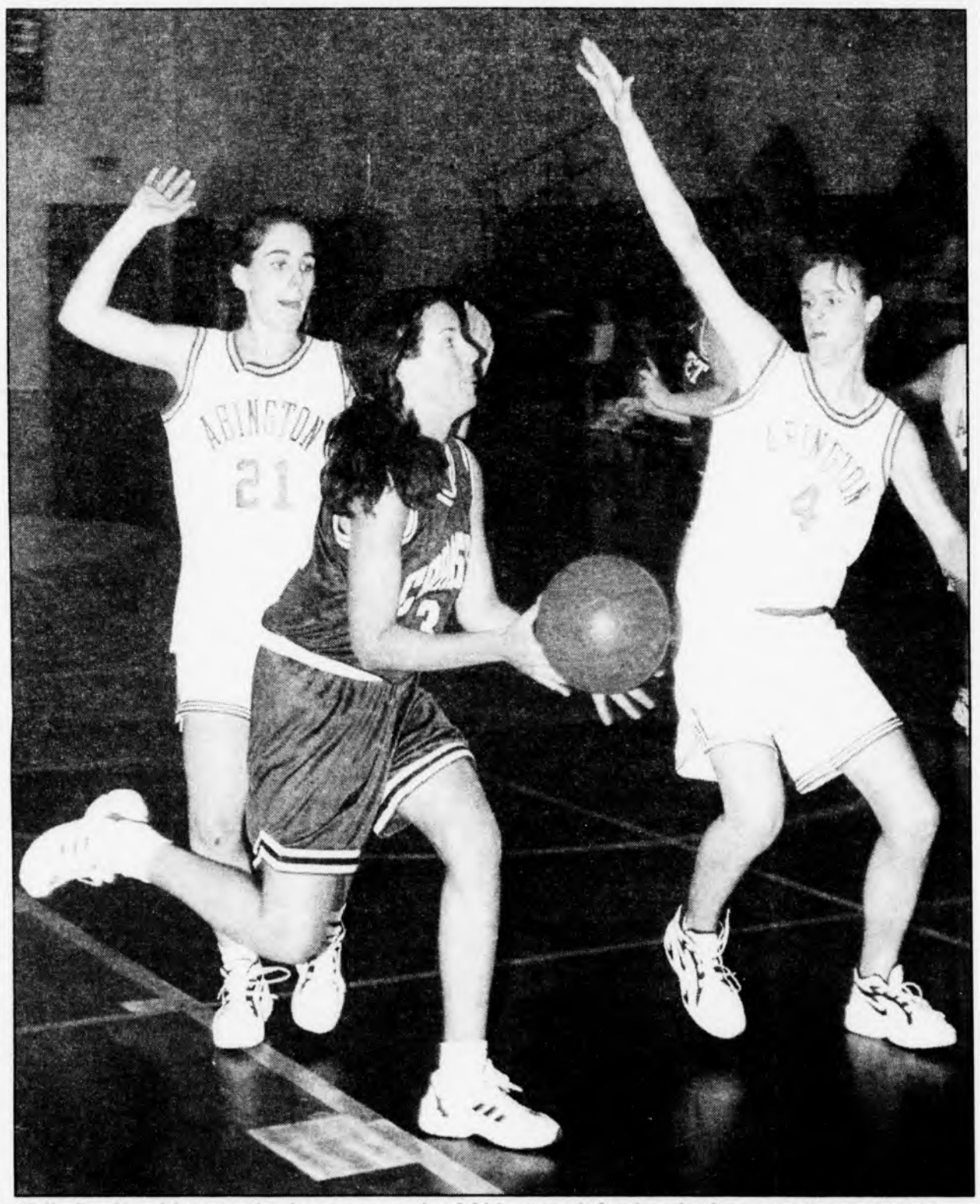
Boys eliminated from hoop tourney contention

They gave undefeated Rockland a run for their money Friday night, but the varsity boys' hoop team was eliminated from post-season play Friday night with a 69-54 loss to the Bulldogs in a game that included **Paul-Michael Quintin** becoming the fourth person in the history of the program to hit the 1,000 career point mark.

The Rockland contest was much closer than the score indicated as Cohasset gave the Bulldogs one of their tougher games this season. The Skipper jumped out to an early advantage and kept the high-octane Rockland squad off their game in the first half and lead 30-29 at the break.

Cohasset's luck would turn sour in the final 16 minutes and Rockland took control from there and cruise home to the victory.

Quintin led the team with 17 points. **Jaime DeMichele** added 14 points and **Pat Hurley** chipped in with nine.



Kelly Devine drives to the hoop as a pair of Abington defenders look to stop her progress.

Staff photo/Fred Robertson

Flaim captures hearts in fourth Olympic try

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the rink over the weekend watching some youth hockey action. "It's neat to think that someone who was good enough to make it to the Olympics started out here."

"I'll be watching him skate," said Meredith Dalton. "It must be great to be able to carry the flag in honor of your country in front of the whole world."

The fact that the 5'8, 160 lb. 31-year-old Flaim is on the short-track team says a great deal about his love and commitment to the sport of speed skating. First deciding to retire after the last Olympics in 1994, where he picked up a silver medal in the short-track event, the competitive juices just would not let Flaim sit back and retire.

The only U.S. skater to ever medal in the short- and long-track events, Flaim still skated three or four times a week while helping run the family business, R&F Micro-Tools in Pembroke, as well as starting up his own in-line skating store, Eric Flaim's Motion Sports in Boston.

After deciding to get back into serious training, Flaim accomplished his goal of returning to Olympic glory when he secured the sixth and final spot on the roster at the U.S. team trials last month in Lake Placid, N.Y.

As he makes his final Olympic run, Flaim finds himself in the company of a number of younger teammates.

Joining resident graybeards Flaim and Andrew Gable, 33, on the U.S. team are Scott Koons, 21, Thomas O'Hare, 19, Rusty Smith, 18, and fellow Massachusetts native Daniel Weinstein is only 17-years-old.

"I've been to the Olympic Games before and I really know what it takes to be successful going against the best in the world," Flaim said in an interview with the Mariner last year as he was beginning serious training for the competition. "I am not in my peak athletic years. I think I'm fully capable of beating the best in the world with the right preparation and race strategy.

"I think experience is the most important factor going for me," he added. "Plus I think that I am mentally stronger than when I started out. That will also be a big help."

Flaim was also on the Olympic team in 1992, but fell ill just days before his race and wasn't able to compete.

Flaim has a little more time to think about what he wants to accomplish as well as get in any last minute training in Nagano. His competition is not scheduled to begin until Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Around Silver Lake, the high school's athletic director Ralph Frazier said that Flaim and his accomplishments had quickly become the talk of the building.

"People have been poking their head into my office saying what a great honor this was for Flaim as well as for Pembroke and Silver Lake," said Frazier of the 1985 graduate. "I really cannot think of a greater honor to bestow on someone than what these Olympic competitors have given to Eric. I just cannot imagine what it would be like to be chosen for an honor such as this."

Flaim is on his fourth Olympic team, but he is not the only Silver Lake graduate to compete in the games. Professional hockey player Kevin Stevens is also from Pembroke and he competed on the U.S. Olympic team in 1988.

"It really is something special for Silver Lake," added Frazier. "How many other high schools can say that they have two Olympic athletes as members of their alumni. We can take a great deal of pride in that fact."

Dynamos skate to glory in Germany

Pee Wee team earns bronze medal at Regensburg Cup

By David McKee
STAFF WRITER

When you travel to Europe, it's always nice to bring back a souvenir.

And that's exactly what the members of the South Shore Dynamos Pee Wee hockey team did as they captured the bronze medal in the ten-nation Regensburg Cup Tournament held in Germany from Jan. 2 to Jan. 6.

The Dynamos, a select all-star team comprised of 19 top 11-year-old hockey players from Norwood to Sandwich, earned third place at the tourney by beating Latvia in the bronze medal round game.

Switzerland, the only team to beat the Dynamos during the preliminary round of the tourney, earned the gold medal by beating Sweden 5-2.

The Dynamos were only the third team from the United States to appear at the 25-year-old Regensburg Cup. They were invited to the international tourney after they captured the Mass Tier One State Championship last year.

In addition to their third-place finish in Regensburg, the Dynamos won the Sportsmanship Award.

"It was once in a lifetime event for everyone," said Dynamos coach Joe Griffin of Hingham. "We had 19 players and 45 parents who went on the trip and everyone had a blast. The tournament was a lot of fun and it was great being in Germany. Everyone came away with lots of special memories."

Ten different countries were represented at the Regensburg Cup. Those countries were: Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Holland, South Africa and the United States.

Griffin said the tourney was unlike any the Dynamos ever competed in. First of all, the Regensburg rink was an outdoor facility that had a larger neutral zone with smaller offensive and defensive zones than rinks in the United States. There were also different checking rules and more of an emphasis on passing and finesse. Plus the crowds numbered more than 1,500 people at some games.

"The only game we lost was our first game and I think we were still adjusting to the European style of play," Griffin said. "But it was great hockey and I was very proud of our players. They really had a great showing."

The USA players stayed with the players from the other countries at a youth hostel in Regensburg.

"The players from South Africa spoke some English and our guys were able to communicate with them," Griffin said. "But they really hit it off with the players from Sweden. They went to each others games and rooted for them in the finals." In addition to competing in the tourney, the Dynamo players and parents visited Regensburg, Nuremburg and Munich during their stay in Germany.

"Regensburg is a medieval city that was untouched by World War II and has stone bridges and cobblestone roads and was just beautiful," Griffin said. "The majority of our group had never been to Europe before and it was great to experience a different culture with its own language and food."

The members of the Dynamos were: Brad Arthur of Norwood, Trevor Clark of Randolph, John Durkin of Cohasset, Chris Fahey of Milton, Wes Fawcett of Hingham, Greg Genovese of Hingham, John Griffin of Hingham, Josh Helms of Sandwich, Marc Jackson of Bourne, James Lyons of Hanson, Justin Mahoney of Scituate, Pat McGuirk of Hingham, Chris Murphy of Abington, Pat Muse of Milton, Brian Pinch of Hingham, Pat Sampson of Braintree, Kyle Simpson of Scituate, Bobby Smith of Rayham and Pete Wilson of Marshfield. The coaches were: John Durkin of Cohasset, Joe Griffin of Hingham and Peter Muse of Milton.

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Quintin nets a grand achievement

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featured performer for Cohasset. Without a dominant big man to draw defenders into the paint, and with Jamie DeMichele the only other Skipper capable of consistent 15-point performances, Paul Michael has been double teamed by defenses designed to stop one scorer. Invariably, he has been guarded by the opponent's best defender. Yet, Quintin has still managed to average 22 points per game, earning one of The Boston Globe's nominations as Star of the Week last week.

"It's been a very good year, individually, for Paul-Michael," coach Ford commented. "He's had some spectacular games for us; he's a very prolific scorer. He's hit 65 threes for us this year, and close to half his career points have come on threes."

Ford dubbed Quintin the best shooter that has come through the program since Ford's arrival here and pointed out that the honor roll student has improved his ability to create his own shots this year.

One interesting facet of Quintin's game this year has been his rebounding ability. With no starter over 6'2", the Skippers have been killed on the glass this year. Listed generously at six feet even, Quintin is averaging about eight boards per game, hauling in as many as 15 in one night, an astonishing total for a guard.

Another interesting stat of Quintin's is that he leads the team in charges taken, a selfless act which can be a key play and momentum shift in a close ballgame. Ford pointed to the first Rockland game as an example of that. With his team trailing by 30, Quintin took three charges, a stat which usually won't show up in the scorebook, but the type of which is etched indelibly in the minds of teammates.

Paul-Michael Quintin is one of the great scorers to come out of Cohasset High School, and must score 54 points over his last three games to become the second leading scorer in the school's history. Quintin's last home game will be Wednesday, Feb. 18, in the Joseph "Hot" Sullivan gym.

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All players (including those already on a major league team) must sign up at this time.

In addition to completing a registration form and paying the registration fee, parents are also required to provide a copy of the player's birth certificate if one was not supplied last season. Registration is open to all children who will be at least five-years-old by August 1, 1998.

Call Mark or Lynne DeGiacomo at 383-6413 with any questions.

Last chance for Waterville Valley

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with Cohasset Teen Resources will sponsor a ski trip to Waterville Valley, N.H. Sunday, Feb. 8, for youngsters/teens age 10 and over.

The cost for this trip is $60 per person, which includes motor coach transportation and all-day, all-trail lift ticket. Checks are payable to the town of Cohasset and registrations must be made at the recreation department office no later than 7 p.m. Thursday evening, Jan. 29.

Motor coach will leave at 5:30 a.m. from town hall Feb. 8, and return between 7 and 7:15 p.m. that evening. The cost for ski rentals is $18 per person, lessons are $18 per person and snow board rentals are $25 per person.

Rentals and/or ski lessons should be indicated at the time of registration, however, participants will need to bring cash the day of the trip for rentals and/or lessons.

For further information, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 383-4109.

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The Cohasset Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club, will offer a basketball shooting clinic for boys and girls in grades four to eight during February school vacation.

Head boys varsity basketball coach Ron Ford will direct this unique program designed to help younger players develop the correct fundamentals involved with shooting the basketball. Ball handling skills will also be a focus of the clinic.

The program will be held in the Sullivan Gym at Cohasset High School Monday, Feb. 16, through Thursday, Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fee is $80 per individual; team and Patriot League players are offered a discount.

Forms for registration will come home via school soon, or are available at the Cohasset Recreation Department Office, first floor, Town Hall. Checks are payable to CBBC.

Participants will receive a clinic T-shirt.

After school activities offered at Deer Hill

The winter afterschool recreation program for ages four through sixth grade meets from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. daily at the Deer Hill School through March 13.

Offerings are as follows:

Mondays, ages 4 and 5, team games and sports, in the gym.

Mondays, grades K through three, table and board games, in the cafeteria.

Tuesdays, ages seven to ten, arts and crafts, cafeteria.

Tuesdays, grades four through six, hoop games and skill development, in the gym.

Wednesdays, ages four and five and kindergarten, basketball skills, in the gym.

Wednesday, grades kindergarten through third, arts and crafts, in the cafeteria.

Thursdays, ages four to six, arts and crafts, in the cafeteria.

Fridays, grades kindergarten through three, low organized games, in the gym.

Fridays, grades four through six, board and table games, in the cafeteria.

To register for the afterschool recreation programs, please mail a registration form to the recreation department office before Jan. 22. All programs are limited in size; register early.

Programs are six weeks, meeting daily unless school is canceled.

Fee schedule is:

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Second annual kitchen tour

It's a tour for every Martha Stewart want-to-be and even those who w[illegible] they'd never heard of the deva of kitchen and home. On March 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the South Shore Community Center will sponsor its second annual tour of area kitchens and dining rooms. Expanded from last year, the 1998 kitchen tour boasts six fantastic kitchens from the southern end of Cohasset to its northern end near Rocky Beach.

Each of these very different and inviting kitchens and homes will spotlight tablescapes by local and out-of-state interior designers as well as tempting taste treats by some of the South Shore's finest caterers.

Shuttle service to the homes will be offered from two locations including the Lightkeeper's residence where coffee and sweets will be available throughout the tour day, and a number of home and kitchen ware, specialty and craft vendors will have displays and items for sale.

Advance tickets may be purchased at the center or by calling (781) 383-0088. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 per person the day of the tour. Ticket sales are limited so early purchase is suggested.

Celebrating diversity is March 8

The Cohasset Diversity Committee invites you to come together to "Celebrate Diversity." This community-wide event will explore the issues and solutions to create an atmosphere of respect. Along with guest speaker Liz Walker of WBZ-TV, student essays, vignettes and poems, an art and slide show and community speakers will be featured. This event will take place at the Cohasset Town Hall Sunday, March 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, call Susan Etkind at 383-6602 or Nancy Froio at 383-1897.

Quilt show and luncheon

Saturday, March 7, will be the date spring comes to bloom at the Second Congregational Church with a display of 40 to 50 handmade quilts and a luncheon featuring a choice of shrimp, ham or vegetable soufflé, salad, rolls and an elaborate homemade assortment of desserts. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is $8 in advance or $10 at the door. A limited number of tickets are available. For tickets, send check payable to Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset 02025 or stop by the church office weekdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. For further information call (781) 383-0345.

The show will benefit the Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust at Boston City Hospital and the Reach Out and Read Program at the Boston Medical Center.

Vacation week at Lifesaving Museum

The museum will be open Monday through Friday during the February vacation for special hours, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily. An open house is held Feb. 16 to 20. Admission is $2 for adults, $1 for children 5 to 17, under 5 free.

Story hour for children is held Tuesday, Feb. 17, 11 a.m. to noon. The museum's staff, all avid storytellers, will read children's stories from the sea and shore. Appropriate for younger children and for others who enjoy the enchantment of the spoken word. Admission for adults is $2, $1 for children 5 to 17, under 5 free.

Classic Movie Fest is held Thursday, Feb. 19, 1 to 5 p.m. Admission of $1 for all. Refreshments are available. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a chaperone.

1 p.m. "Captains Courageous," starring Spencer Tracy and Freddie Bartholomew. In this 1937 version of Rudyard Kipling's wonderful novel, a spoiled young boy discovers himself and his place in the world aboard a fishing schooner that rescues him from the sea. One of the most beloved and memorable sea stories of all time.

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3 to 5 p.m. "Reap the Wild Wind," starring John Wayne, Ray Milland and Paulette Goddard.

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Community gardeners to meet

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Bates Hall in the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue. Coffee will be served at 9; the meeting will start at 9:30 a.m.

The speaker this month is Cory Wolinsky, photographer for National Geographic Magazine, who will present an exciting program on Sir Joseph Banks who sailed the South Seas with Captain Cook in 1768 collecting 3,000 specimens of exotic plants.

Creative adventures at vacation camp

The South Shore Art Center in collaboration with the South Shore Community Center will offer a vacation camp for children in grades one through three. Taught by experienced faculty, kids will explore, create and investigate art, including clay, drawing, painting, printmaking, collage and sculpture. There will be both group and individual projects in a fun, supportive environment.

At the community center, students will participate in cooking, science, bowling, gymnastics, sports and computer activities. Our days include breaks and a lunch period; be sure to pack a lunch and snack each day. Guaranteed to engage the creative spirit of each child, they will have lots of fun and make new friends. Limited enrollment for this popular camp, so sign up now. Camp will be held from Tuesday, Feb. 17, to Friday, Feb. 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is $160 for members, $175 for nonmembers. Call (781) 383-ARTS (2787) to register. The Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset and is wheelchair accessible.

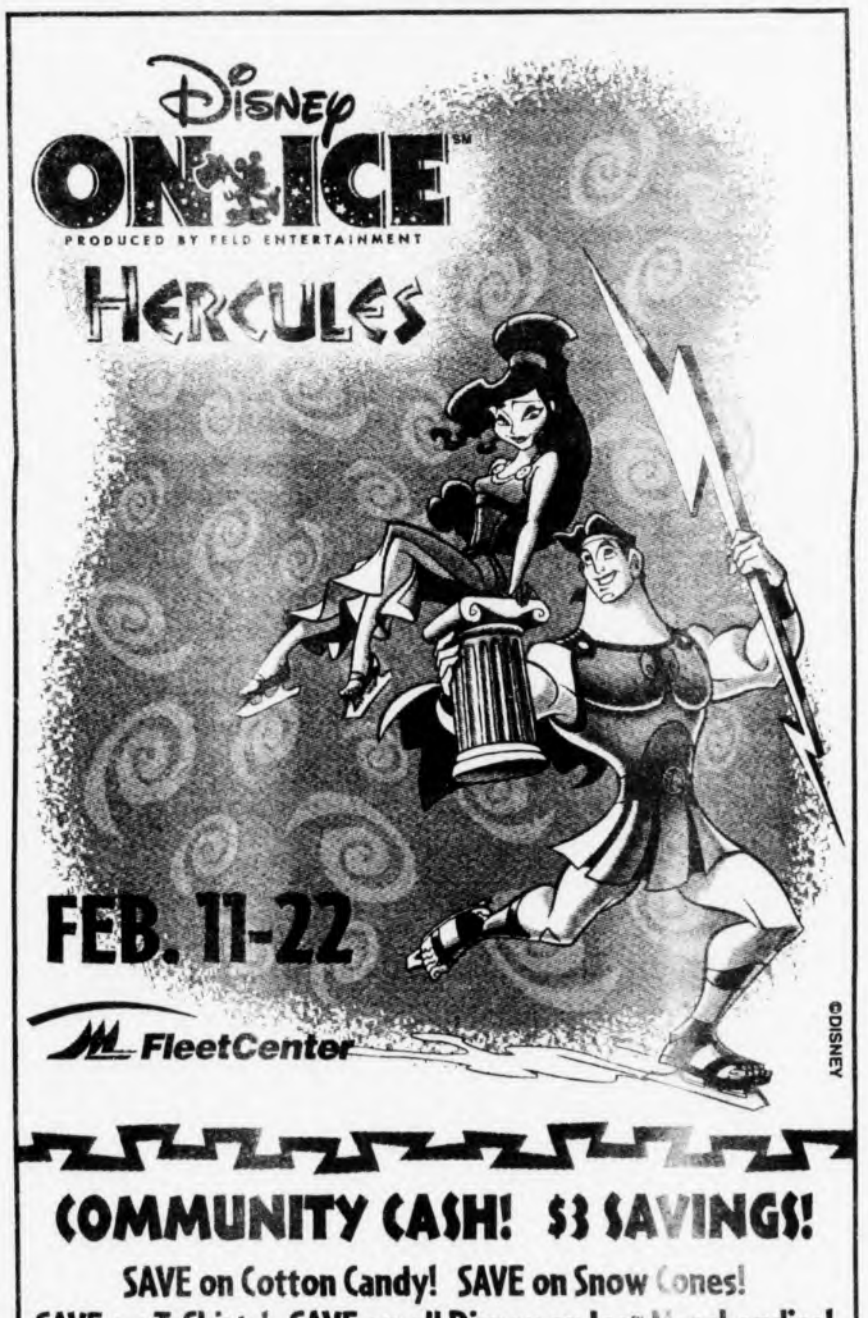
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This sign on North Main Street alerts drivers that a four-way stop will soon be in effect at the intersection of North Main, Forest Avenue and King Street.

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Gjesteby to throw hat into selectmen's race

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Martha Gjesteby, a former selectwoman, was thought to be mulling over another run for office. Gjesteby, of 81 Old Pasture Road, waited until 48 hours before the deadline to take out papers for a possible run for a seat on the board of selectmen.

There were also two other candidates who will try to get on the ballot for the Apr. 4 town election. Capt. Hugh Morgan, who gave his address as 24 Bow St., will try for a seat on the school board. Morgan, a bus driver for the Cohasset school department, lost a bid for school committee in a previous campaign.

Also, Debra J. Krupczak of 71 Aaron River Road will run for the assessor's board. She is the only candidate so far for the three-year term.

The nomination papers with signatures of 50 registered voters must be returned to the Town Clerk's office by 5 p.m. Feb. 17. So far, five of the candidates have returned papers and are on the ballot. They are:

For health board, Steve Bobo.

For library trustee, June Hubard, Barbara Power, Carol Riley and Jamie Williams.

For sewer commissioner, Henry Rattenbury and Patrick Plante.

For planning board, Robert Sturdy.

For recreation commission, Richard Barrow.

For school committee, Mark DeGiacomo.

For selectmen, Merle Brown and Thomas Callahan.

Register to vote by March 7

The last day to register for the Annual Town Meeting and the Annual Town Election is Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office. Registration forms are available at the Clerk's Office, the Cohasset Post Office and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the town clerk's office but must be received or postmarked on or before the deadline.

The last day to obtain nomination papers for the Annual Town Election on Saturday, April 4, is Thursday, Feb. 12, and the last day to return papers is Tuesday, Feb. 17.

Dog licenses are now available. Licenses for female and male dogs are $15 and for spayed and neutered dogs $8, accompanied by a current rabies certificate.

No bus service for Lamberts Lane

The Lamberts Lane residents received a setback from the school board Feb. 5. The school committee told the group it will not yet be possible to provide bus service for the students who live on the private way.

Schools superintendent Stephen Hart said there is currently no place to turn the bus around safely. Hart said that problem would have to be solved before he could consider juggling bus schedules to make extra service feasible.

Hart said the trip down Lamberts Lane would add another 10 or 12 minutes to the bus schedules.

The Lamberts Lane group had argued their street was unusually dangerous for children to walk the distance to the school bus stop. The group also said the bus stop on Route 228 was in a hazardous location, too near a construction company's driveway.

However, the police department failed to support contentions Lamberts Lane was more dangerous than other streets in the town.

Despite the adverse outcome, the committee and the residents will continue to work on the problem, they said.

Board member Joseph McElroy has also committed to representing the school committee before the planning board. McElroy has written to the Chairman Al Moore about plans to expand parking at the Cohasset Golf Club which is located off Lamberts Lane. McElroy said he would also raise issues about 10 new houses to be occupied on the private way.

Brush accepted at RTF

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Brockton man nabbed after seven-town pursuit

Local police stress last Thursday's seven-town pursuit of a man driving a stolen car was just that — a pursuit, not a chase.

"We always want to adjust conditions depending on the time, weather, traffic," said Lt. Charles Souther of the Hingham Police Department.

Hingham police began pursuit about noon Thursday on Route 3A as the driver later identified as Dale Loulakis, 21, of Brockton raced into town in a blue Ford Taurus which he had allegedly stolen from Weymouth.

For the better part of an hour, Loulakis led police in a pursuit through Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, Marshfield and Quincy. Loulakis finally hit a fire hydrant on Route 3A in Quincy and was later captured on foot.

At times Loulakis traveled at speeds upwards of 90 m.p.h., witnesses said. He passed cars on the right and left, drove along the soft shoulder of Route 3A and went the wrong way over the Fore River Bridge and around the Quincy rotary.

"We tried to keep him in sight. We tried to protect the public as best as we could. We tried to clear the roadway."

—POLICE OFFICER RICHARD YOCUM.

Loulakis, who was taken into custody by Hingham police, faces multiple charges from several towns including assault with a dangerous weapon, operating a motor vehicle negligently to endanger, failure to stop for a police officer, larceny of a motor vehicle, red light violations, and speeding. He plead innocent to the charges at his arraignment Feb. 6 in Hingham District Court and is being held without bail at the Barnstable House of Correction. A competency hearing at Hingham District Court was slated for yesterday (Feb. 11), according to published reports.

Officer Richard Yocum of Cohasset said it was a miracle that no one was killed.

"We tried to keep him in sight. We tried to protect the public as best as we could. We tried to clear the roadway," he said.

Yocum and Sgt. Robert Jackson tried to create a rolling roadblock with their cruisers to contain Loulakis but he passed Yocum on the right by South Shore Nissan.

Yocum said at one point the driver ran the red light at Beechwood and Route 3A and wove between two cars traveling across the intersection on Beechwood.

"I thought there was going to be another fatal at the intersection," Yocum said referring to an accident at the same spot last fall which claimed the life of a Scituate High School student.

Yocum said Loulakis ran the red lights at Beechwood, Pond Street and Stop & Shop.

Souther explained having police back off completely would not have made the situation any safer.

"He was doing his best to get out of the area and the way he was driving he didn't care," Souther said.

Police made 15 arrests last month

Police Chief Brian Noonan said January was "rather routine" for the police department. There were 15 arrests last month, including three for operating a motor vehicle after revocation of license (second or subsequent offense); three for outstanding warrants; one for breaking and entering in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony; one for assault and battery (domestic); one for simple assault and battery; one for keeping a disorderly house and minor in possession of alcohol; one for uttering a false prescription; one for assault and battery on a police officer; one for possession of a class D controlled substance; one for operating under the influence of alcohol and one protective custody.

There was one breaking and entering reported during the month at a residence, Noonan said.

During January, the Emergency Dispatch Center received 114 emergency calls that required a police response.

The yearly in-service training that requires each police officer to attend one week of training at the Criminal Justice Training Academy in Plymouth is about 75 percent complete, the chief said.

Cocaine arrest on Beechwood Street

Police Officer William Quigley arrested David B. Tedeschi, 39, 122 Old Forge Rd., Scituate, early Sunday morning by the Beechwood ball park.

After a traffic stop, further investigation revealed Tedeschi had a quantity of cocaine and marijuana in his possession, Quigley said.

Pursuant to the drug laws, police also seized $1,020 in personal checks and $1,463 in cash, he said.

Police charged Tedeschi with possession of cocaine and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute; possession of marijuana; conspiracy to violate the drug laws; speeding and failure to stay within marked lanes. Tedeschi's passenger, Edward Goodfellow, 27, 553 Beechwood St., Cohasset, was charged with possession of marijuana and conspiracy to violate drug laws, Quigley said.

Both men were arraigned on the charges Tuesday. Tedeschi was released on $5,000 cash bail and Goodfellow on $500 cash bail, police said.

A pre-trial hearing is set for April 21.



POLICE LOG

Wednesday, Jan. 28

10:22 a.m., assault, Crocker Ln.

11:15 a.m., general services, Nichols Rd.

12:56 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

4:13 p.m., animal complaint, Little Harbor Rd.

6:02 p.m., suspicious (other), N. Main St.

6:11 p.m., suspicious (other), Brook St.

Thursday, Jan. 29

12:44 a.m., general services, all over town.

12:48 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

7:16 a.m., MV accident, Doane St.

7:26 a.m., general services, Beechwood St.

7:34 a.m., medical aid, Turner Rd.

8:35 a.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.

10:16 a.m., suspicious auto, Stoneleigh Ln.

11:01 a.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.

11:24 a.m., public service, Margin St.

2:21 p.m., MV stop, CJCHwy.

4:18 p.m., general services, Meadow Ln.

5:53 p.m., general services, N. Main St.

6:38 p.m., officer wanted, Church St.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Petition/Golden

LEGAL NOTICE
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NORFOLK DIVISION
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To Ann E. Mitchell of Cohasset within the county of Norfolk and William E. Poland, Jr. of Dennisport within the County of Plymouth and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Irwin M. Golden, Trustee of Creek Realty Trust, of Falmouth in the County, of Plymouth representing that he holds as tenant in common an undivided part or share of certain land lying in Cohasset in said County of Norfolk and briefly described as follows: **Parcel 1:** The lot No. 17 situated on the southeasterly side of Jerusalem Road Drive in said Cohasset and lots No. 24 and 25 situated on the southerly side of Haystack Lane, all as shown on a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, Mass., Surveyed for A. Frederick Petersen" dated August 14, 1953, by Lewis W. Perkins & Son, Engineers, and filed with Norfolk Deeds as Plan No. 1207 of 1953 in Plan Book 180, subject to and with the benefit of such rights, restrict and easements of record as are now in force and applicable, including the Indenture of Protective Covenants recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 3213, Page 86.

Address of parcel 1: Lots 17, 24 and 25 Jerusalem Road Drive, Cohasset, Massachusetts.

Parcel 2: The lot numbered 38 situated on the northwesterly side of Old Pasture Road and Lot No. 43 situated on the southerly side of said Old Pasture Road, all as shown on "Subdivision Plan of Land in Cohasset off Old Pasture Road and Evergreen Lane" made by Edwin A. Young for Cohasset Estates, Inc., dated March, 1959, and filed with Norfolk Deeds as Plan No. 885 of 1959 in Plan Book 207 which plan is hereby incorporated herein by reference. Subject to and together with the benefit of such rights, restrictions and easements of record as may now be in force and applicable, including the Indenture of Protective Covenants and Restrictions made by Cohasset Estates, Inc., September 18, 1957, recorded with Norfolk Deeds in Book 3593, Page 215.

Address of Parcel 2: Lots 38 and 43, Old Pasture Road, Cohasset, Massachusetts.

setting forth that he desires that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than $50,000.00 dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof. Less amounts owed to the petitioner by William E. Poland, Jr. for reimbursement of payments made for real estate taxes and liability insurance for the preservation of his interest in said land.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham/649 High St.P.O.Box 269, Dedham, MA 02027-0269 before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **twenty-fifth day of February 1998,** the return day of this citation.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this fifteenth day of January 1998.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register

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POLICE LOG

7:04 p.m., MV stop, Church St.
7:25 p.m., notification, Highland Ave.
7:28 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
9:27 p.m., general services, Cedar St.

Friday, Jan. 30

12:01 a.m., animal complaint, N. Main St.
6:11 a.m., medical aid, Border St.
10:46 a.m., animal complaint, Forest Ave.
10:48 a.m., animal complaint, Beach St.
10:51 a.m., disturbance, Atlantic Ave.
1:13 p[.m., service restraining order, CJC Hwy.
1:14 p.m., transport, Hull St.
1:38 p.m., general services, Jerusalem Rd.
4:44 p.m., medical aid, Sagmore Ter.
5:06 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
5:34 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:55 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:40 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:59 p.m., medical aid, Black Rock Rd.
7:14 p.m. larceny, Highland Ave.
7:30 p.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.
7:59 p.m., suspicious person, S. Main St.
8:30 p.m., officer wanted, Cedar St.
11:09 p.m., animal complaint, N. Main St.

Saturday, Jan. 31

2:48 a.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A/Joseph's Hardware.
6:55 a.m., medical aid, Sam's Store Hatherly Road.
9:08 p.m., assist citizen, Sohier by Fairoaks Lane.
9:58 a.m., parking violation, the Square.
11:58 a.m., parking violation, area of 104 Howe Rd.
5:37 p.m. animal complaint, Little Harbor Rd.
6:52 p.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.
10:24 p.m., escort, Curtis Liquor.
10:27 p.m., medical aid, Hull St.

Sunday, Feb. 1

1:22 a.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.
1:28 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
7:02 a.m., suspicious auto, Highland Ct.
8:17 a.m., suspicious auto, Highland Ct.
9:49 a.m., general services, Hull St.
9:51 a.m., vandalism, N. Main St.
10:07 a.m., general services, Hull St.
11:16 a.m., larceny, S. Main St.
12:44 p.m., animal complaint, Margin St.
2:03 p.m., animal complaint, Atlantic Ave.
2:30 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
3:18 p.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.
3:41 p.m., fire, brush, S. Main St.
3:53 p.m., general services, Spring St.
4:34 p.m., medical aid, Windy Hill Rd.
6:08 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
10:24 p.m., MV violations, Doane St.

Monday, Feb. 2

12:43 a.m., general services, N. Main St.
12:44 a.m., motor vehicle stop, Pond St.
12:53 a.m., general services, Spring St.
6:39 a.m., MV stop, Riverview Dr.
6:53 a.m., MV stop, King St.
9:04 a.m., vandalism, Parkingway.
11:08 a.m., assist citizen, N. Main St.
12:30 p.m., general services, Beechwood St.
1:15 p.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.
2:09 p.m., larceny, Jerusalem Rd.
2:41 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
Arrested: Goldstein, Jason C. [redacted]
37 Bay St., Hull., DOB: 12/27/74.
Charges: military desertion.
8:13 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
8:26 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.
8:31 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:39 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
Arrested: Jenkins, Michael H., 58 Walnut St., Canton. DOB: 6/1/61.
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By Margo Sullivan
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Benjamin Franklin proved it existed with a kite, a key and the help of a lightning storm. Thomas Edison used it to invent the light bulb. Alexander Graham Bell harnessed it and began a revolution in communications.

Now, electricity is going to be a special part of the curriculum at the Deer Hill School. Soon, there may even be reason to speculate about the future inventions and discoveries to be made by the young scientists here.

Their teacher, Robert Bergquist, has recently been awarded a $5,000 grant from the Connecticut Energy Council of Teachers. Bergquist is the sixth grade science and mathematics teacher at the Cohasset school. He will use the funds to teach the class how electric power is generated and how it can be conserved.

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Bergquist also said most of the learning would be through experiments, such as the pickle test. It is possible to turn a pickle into a light bulb, the teacher said.

"You run energy from one side of the pickle to the other, and it lights up like a fluorescent," he said.

Bergquist said the light is created when the sulfates and the water in the pickle react to the power surge. He suspects it works because the food has been pickled.

"I tried it with a cucumber, and it didn't work," he admitted.

Bergquist said he started trying to electrify food as a way to teach the youngsters about conducting electricity.

"Water is an excellent conductor," he said. It got him thinking about foods.

Bergquist also said the class will cook hot dogs to learn about resistors. He also has another experiment to make fireworks out of steel wool.



Robert Bergquist, 6th grade teacher at Deer hill School.

"The thinner the steel wool, the more it glows and actually burns," he said.

Bergquist called the experiments "guided discovery," and he plans to use experiments to c[illegible] some other basics such as t[illegible] ferences between AC an[illegible] currents. By the time the cla[illegible] over, the youngsters will know how to build battery cells and how to build circuit boards.

Bergquist also said the grant money will pay for wires and bulbs, as well as for some field trips. The class will travel to Seekonk, Mass. to see a power plant that runs on trash converted to energy.

"They'll see couches being turned into electricity," Bergquist said. "The aroma is stimulating."

They will also visit a fossil fuel power plant at Brighton Point, and hear from two speakers on opposite sides of the nuclear power controversy.

Moreover, Mass Electric is going to send an electric car to school. Finally, a consultant from STEM International will be on hand to teach the students about energy conservation.

Learning is only part of the program. The students are also expected to apply the knowledge.

"Then they have to use their knowledge to serve some kind of purpose, other than something just within the sixth grade," Bergquist said.

The teacher has already come up with a short list of projects. They include an energy audit of the school, a demonstration of an electronic story board for the kindergarten and possibly another energy audit for seniors under the supervision of Boston Electric workers. (The last would be coordinated through the Council on Aging, and part of the job would be passing out energy-efficient light bulbs to the seniors.)

Bergquist said he would not be taking any of the "pickle" lights to the seniors, however.

"It just gives the kids a chance to experience authentic learning with real-life applications," he said.

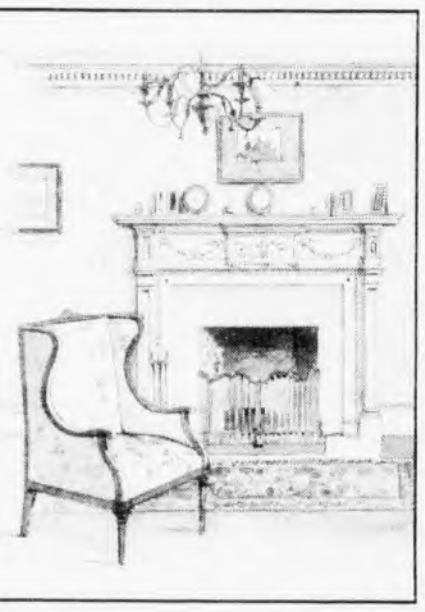
Bergquist said he hoped the school energy audit could be presented to the school principal and custodians and maybe even the school board.

If money is left over, he has some other projects in mind — such as working on some motion detector light switches for the girls' and boys' lavatories and a few other items that need improvements.

Cohasset library story hours

Registration for the new preschool story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library will begin on Monday, Feb. 23. Story hours will take place on Thursdays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., beginning March 12 and 13 and ending April 16 and 17. Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3 1/2 to participate. To register, call the children's librarian at 383-1348.

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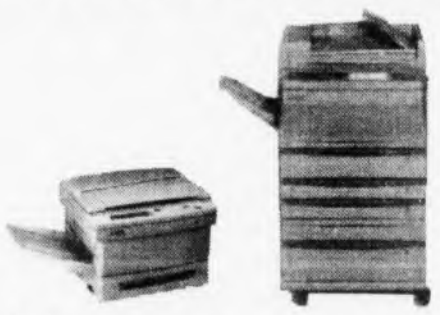
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Schools to battle selectmen over $30K budget cut

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

After the selectmen recently chopped $30,000 out of the school department's spending proposal for next year (FY99) school board member Ralph Kidder sounded ready to do battle. The selectmen's stinging 3-2 vote particularly irked Kidder. He sensed he was being double-crossed.

"My strong reaction is in response to two things," he said Monday. "Number one, I thought we had a deal."

Kidder said $115,000 he thought had been already promised was a compromise. The school board originally asked for $185,000.

But he also questioned the selectmen's ability to make a judgment on school needs.

"Number two, the board of selectmen is in no position to make an intelligent decision about the school budget," Kidder said. "They don't come to school committee budget hearings. And they should."

Kidder and the school board

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Election season begins in earnest

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Three people decided at the last minute against a run for office in the Apr. 4 town election. John Fortin, Janyce Brown and Frederick Koed did not get the nomination papers to the town clerk before the Feb. 12 deadline. But all the others who announced they would run are, in fact, on the ballot.

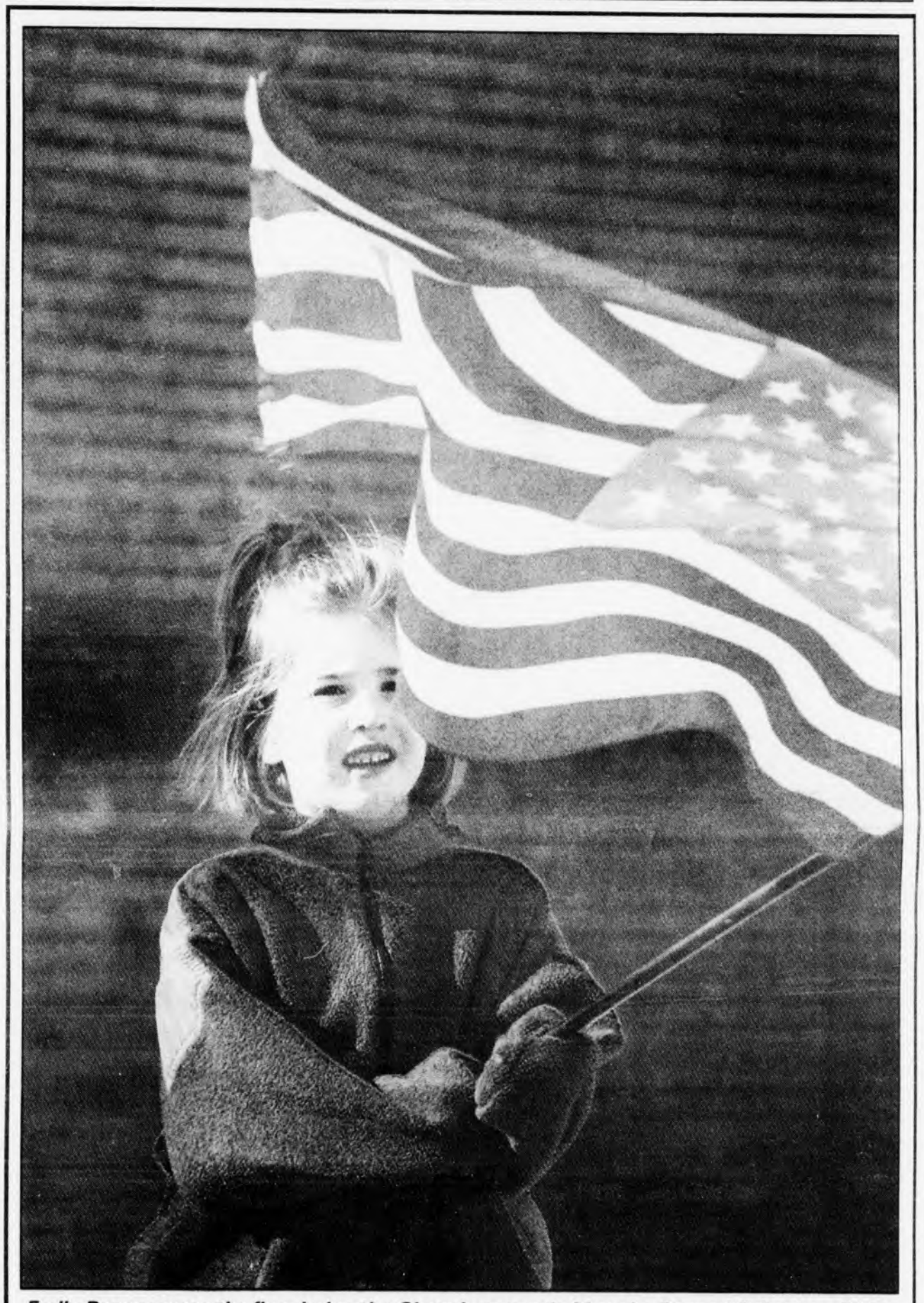
With the ballot now set for the Apr. 4 town election, the veteran candidates have started making the rounds of meetings. The exchanges between the sitting board and the hopefuls might prove early signals of the way the new boards will work together.

For instance, the school board last week welcomed comments from candidates Mark DeGiacomo and Hugh Morgan. Both were at the Feb. 12 meeting.

Similarly, selectmen candidates Martha Gjesteby and Thomas Callahan also were consulted for their views during a recent meeting of the Greenbush Mitigation Committee.

Gjesteby and selectwoman Diane Sullivan got into a humorous exchange about a patch of blueberries in the town-owned sand pit. The T might take the pit to replicate wetlands unless the

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Emily Runey waves the flag during the Olympic games held at the Osgood School on Friday. For more, see page 16.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Corporation cooking up deal to sell Cohasset Chart House

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Officials at corporate headquarters for the Chart House restaurants in California confirmed yesterday they have accepted an offer for the Cohasset restaurant.

Lewis Jackson, vice president of development, said the Chart House has accepted an offer and is negotiating final terms.

"We hope to close on the sale fairly soon so the new party can get in and operate the restaurant in time for the season," Jackson said.

He would not comment on who the buyer is or the price.

However, Tom Fallon and Kristie Henrikson, owner of Siro's on Marina Bay in Quincy, said they understand Peter Roy of Margin Street is the buyer. Roy, whose family owns Kimball's by the Sea motel and restaurant on the harbor, could not be reached for comment.

Henrikson said she bid unsuccessfully on the property.

Fallon, who serves as his wife's adviser, said they initially bid $1.7 million and subsequently raised their bid to $1.85 million.

According to town records, the Chart House bought the restaurant formerly known as Hugo's for $2.75 million in March 1990. The Border Street property is currently assessed at $2.08 million.

When the Chart House closed in early January it employed about 40 people, most of whom were part-time. The Chart House corporation owns 60 restaurants nationwide including ones in

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A Public Meeting has been scheduled by the Sewer Commission to provide information and solicit responses from concerned residents regarding sewer warrant articles to be presented at the upcoming Town Meeting. The proposed warrant articles include the following:

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Police want civilian crossing guards at schools

Police Chief Brian Noonan will ask the school department to implement civilian school crossing guards next year.

He is concerned about leaving the school crossings unguarded when police are called away to respond to calls in their sectors.

Currently, the shore car covers the crossings at the Osgood School from 8:40 to 9:15 a.m. and from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. Deer Hill is covered by the highway car from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and from 2:25 to 2:40 p.m.

"Next year all of the crossings will be at the Deer Hill School," Noonan said in a memo to school Supt. Stephen Hart. (The new school under construction behind Deer Hill is slated to open in the fall). "If school openings remain the same an officer would be required to stay there from 8 to 9:15 a.m. in the morning and 2:25 to 3:15 p.m. in the afternoon.

"To remove the highway car from its sector for these lengths of time could potentially compromise the safety of the town and is totally unacceptable to me," he said.

In an interview, Noonan said Scituate, Norwell, Marshfield and Hingham all use civilian crossing guards not police officers.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their weekly meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-9900 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Mondays.

Reebok donates to garage project

Reebok, the Stoughton-based athletic footwear and apparel company recently donated $500 to the "garage" project being spearheaded by Tony Bramblett and other Cohasset teenagers who are working to convert the old DPW garage into a teen center.

Last fall, Reebok made a similar $500 donation to help support after-school busing programs for Cohasset METCO students who would otherwise find it difficult to participate in late afternoon extra-curricular activities.

Reebok sponsors a program called "HuRah" which encourages its employees to be active in local community service programs.

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Mon. 23	8:00	10.0	1:46	8:39	9.1	2:26
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Pilgrim Co-operative has counted on Mulvey for 40 years

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

The Pilgrim Co-operative Bank on South Main Street has seen many changes since it was first established in 1916. During the past 40 years, bank president Edward T. Mulvey has stood at the forefront of these changes.

"It's convenient and it's a good job," said Mulvey, 62, a Cohasset native.

As large banking chains have bought out other banks in town, Pilgrim Co-operative — which services about 4,000 local customers — has tripled in size and increased its annual worth from $3 million to $76 million.

"I feel sorry for the consumer," he said of the disappearance of single-branch, community bank. "There goes another opportunity for you to price somebody else. The more choices you have, the better off the consumer is."

Following in his father's footsteps, Mulvey started at the bank as a teller in 1938 after graduation from Boston College with a business and finance major.

"I miss being a teller more than anything," he said. "You meet a lot of people. The same people come in all the time."

By 1969, Mulvey had worked his way up to the position of manager and became president of the bank four years later.

Mulvey remembers how the advent of computers into the banking industry drastically maximized the bank's productivity.

"It's just such a change since I first came," he said.

Before automated computer records, employees had to sit for hours and add ledger cards by hand.

> ***"It's convenient and it's a good job."***
> — ED MULVEY.

"It was such a cumbersome, detailed operation at times to run. Computers do it so much faster," he said.

As president, Mulvey oversees 10 employees and serves as the bank's manager, mortgage officer and policy maker.

"I am responsible for the health and soundness of the bank and making sure we respond to the needs of the community," he said.

Pilgrim Co-operative, a member FDIC/SIF, offers its clients savings, N.O.W. and money market accounts, home, auto and personal loans, IRAs, travelers checks, direct deposit, notary service and a 24-hour automated teller machine.

Many of the fees on services charged at the larger banking institutions are free at Pilgrim Co-operative, he said. A mutual bank as opposed to a stock bank, Pilgrim Co-operative is owned by its depositors and can offer certain savings, Mulvey explained.

"The bank makes certain commitments to service the product this way because that's the bank's philosophy," he said. "There are not a lot of frills. The bank is not for that. This is what the customers want."



Ed Mulvey, shown here at his desk, has been on the job at Pilgrim Co-Operative Bank for 40 years.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

In addition to offering competitive banking services with a small-town touch, Pilgrim Co-operative also goes out of its way to play an active role in the community.

The bank donated the $12,000 80-foot fiberglass flagpole now standing at the town common after the previous pole rotted after standing at the site for more than 50 years. A special flag-raising ceremony was held on Veterans' Day to commemorate the event.

Other gifts to the town in recent years include the restoration of the clock face at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, the MacIver Reddie murals in the library depicting Cohasset's history and the electronic scoreboard for the athletic field at Cohasset High School.

A longtime member of the Cohasset Rotary Club, Mulvey plans to retire from the bank within the next few years.

Search for school's new leader may yield fewer candidates

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The school board studied the realities of the job market recently when they decided how to advertise for a new leader for the school district. According to school committee member, Ralph Kidder, Cohasset wants to bring on an excellent person. To do so, the school board will have to learn some unwritten rules.

The board faces a dwindling pool of qualified candidates, Kidder said. (He was reporting the opinion of their consultant James Hardy.) Hardy told Kidder he expected at the most about 35 applications for the job, which is being vacated by Stephen Hart who plans to step down in August. In past years, 60 resumes would have been typical.

Hardy, from the state association of school committees, also previously told Kidder and school committee Chairwoman Maureen Jerz they would have to drop the idea of bringing semi-finalists in to meet with the community. Candidates want to be sure they are one of the finalists before they take time out of their busy schedules to visit a community, Kidder said.

"No semi-finalist is going to come here and spend the entire day being interviewed," Kidder reported, due to the realities of the job market.

But Kidder said he still expected the three or five finalists to come to Cohasset the week of May 18. The board members will also take on a visit to the finalists' school districts.

During a recent in-private session with the consultant, Kidder and Jerz came up with some recommendations. They addressed the job profile, the job qualifications and the time frame for interviews and hiring. In Jerz's absence last week, Kidder tried to get some unity from the rest of the panel. The purpose was to establish the next steps in the hiring process, prior to advertising the post in The Boston Globe March 1, in Education Week March 4 and in letters nationwide to school committees and superintendents. The board disagreed about some of the recommendations. But they generally solved the dispute by following other school boards' example.

> *Wanted: An experienced school administrator with at least 10 years of experience and established track record in school finance or business management. Must be enthusiastic, dynamic, high-spirited leader. Doctorate preferred. Master's degree required.*
>
> *Salary range: $90,000 to $105,000.*

The school board established three qualifications:

- Graduate education;
- Prior work experience as a teacher or a school administrator;
- Track record in school finance or business management.

The education of the superintendent proved to be a sticking point. Board members Richard Shea and Kidder differed over the issue of giving preference to candidates who earned their doctorates. The two were at extremes since Kidder said he personally would make the doctorate a requirement. However, Shea said he viewed the superintendent primarily as a manager.

"I don't particularly prefer a doctorate," Shea said. "I have an M.B.A. To me, a doctorate means you did some research. And you took some courses. And you wrote a thesis."

Shea said he thought job experience "infinitely more important."

Kidder said the superintendent also had to be the educational leader of the community. He also thought the Ed.D. would be better qualified to deal with curriculum issues.

Kidder said the focus groups did not want to make the doctorate a requirement. The board eventually agreed to follow the trend and say the doctorate degree was preferred, not required..

State law requires superintendents have only a master's degree, Kidder said.

Kidder and Jerz also recommended the candidates must have 10 years' minimum experience in education, though they did not specify how teaching experience and administrative experience should be weighted. The board finally chose wording that did not rule out "someone who has a tremendous amount of managerial experience and some teaching," Kidder said.

Shea wanted to know if experience on school committee would meet the qualification, but Kidder said it would not. Kidder said a member of the school board is a volunteer, not a professional. He also said all of the focus groups were against importing a superintendent from the business world.

"Nobody thought we should have someone from the business world," Kidder reminded the board.

Finally, the board agreed proven financial management skills should be a job qualification. Shea said the budget and long-range planning were part of the Cohasset superintendent's job, since the district lacks a business manager to handle money matters.

The board decided against a fourth qualification. The last requirement would have opened the job only to candidates who had experience implementing school-based technology. The board felt they would eliminate a number of good candidates if they adopted the fourth criterion.

The salary range also sparked a debate. Board member Joseph McElroy worried the board had settled on a figure higher than it needed to pay, if it published $95,000 as the low end of the range. Kidder said printing a number lower than $90,000 would send a signal to applicants. The signal would mean Cohasset was not in the market for a proven professional, he said. Kidder did not want to hire someone who would "learn to be a school superintendent in Cohasset," he said. Once again, market forces limited the amount of speculation on the issue. The board agreed they had to start at least with a $90,000 salary. Otherwise, the best candidates would not apply.

The board differed little about the new chief's main job responsibilities. Basically, they adapted a brochure previously used by the town of Mansfield. After they edited and reworked the brochure, the board had described a candidate prepared to:

- Lead the staff in teaching the curriculum;
- Understand the Education Reform Act;
- Raising test scores;
- Encourage the staff to continue professional studies;
- Build good relationships with the school committee and the community;
- Make the school district's goals work within a budget the town can afford.

The board intends to name Hart's replacement by the middle of June. They want the new superintendent to start work Aug. 3.

Kidder said the board would not begin interviews of the eight or ten semi-finalists until the beginning of May. The interviews with the semi-finalists and the finalists will be held in public, though the audience will not be able to ask questions.

He also said the consultant would screen the applications.

Fire department wants commercial lock boxes

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The fire chief wants to require all commercial buildings in town to install lock boxes.

The boxes, which would contain the keys, would be accessed through a master key held by the fire department.

Currently the fire department has a bag of more than 100 keys to different commercial buildings in town.

"It is much more efficient to have a key on the premises," Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said. "Now we're carrying over 100 keys in our pumper and we've outgrown our ability to carry them."

Selectmen were luke warm to backing a by-law requiring the lock boxes. But they felt Lincoln could require the boxes as a matter of policy.

Lincoln explained that lock boxes range in price from $200 to $300. The fire department would keep the master key which would open all the lock boxes.

That way there would be only one key on the truck and firefighters would be able to get into the building much faster, Lincoln said.

Selectman Diane Sullivan worried that the boxes could be opened "with one whack from a sledge hammer."

> ***"Now we're carrying over 100 keys in our pumper and we've outgrown our ability to carry them."***
> — FIRE CHIEF ROGER LINCOLN.

But Lincoln said the boxes are strong and resistant to vandalism.

"It would create a lot of attention to hammer on one to get it open," he said.

The town's new DPW garage has a lock box. Selectman Merle Brown said all municipal buildings should have one.

Town Manager Mark Haddad will check with town counsel to see if Lincoln can require the lock boxes as a matter of policy. If so, selectmen will pull the warrant article asking for a by-law to require them on new buildings or after substantial renovations.

School board raises concerns about Lamberts Lane plans

School board member Joseph McElroy planned to be at the planning board meeting Feb. 18 to address questions about Lamberts Lane.

A report of hazardous conditions on the private way reached the school committee's ears Jan. 22. At that time, a group of mothers complained their school children faced a dangerous walk on Lamberts Lane to get to a school bus stop on Hull Street. McElroy is worried about plans to add 75 spaces to the parking lot of the Cohasset Golf Club. He said the move will bring more traffic to Lamberts Lane.

In a recent letter to planning board Chairman Al Moore, McElroy wrote he sees the a "likelihood of additional functions that may include the daytime consumption of alcoholic beverages," due to the golf club's expansion.

McElroy said he wants the planning board to consider the school children's safety before it approves the parking plan. He also seemed to link the planning board's approval to a proposal to create a safe bus turn-around on the private way. Currently, there is no place for the bus to make the turn around safely.

Finally, McElroy raised questions about a separate development. The developer is reportedly putting 10 more houses on Lamberts Lane. McElroy said the residential development might add to the number of school children on Lamberts Lane.

Gulf River group to meet

The Annual Meeting of the Gulf Association, Inc. will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Lighthouse Keepers' Residence on Government Island in Cohasset.

The speaker will be Steve Ivas, executive director of the North and South Rivers Watershed Association. He will present a slide show on the accomplishments of this very active association and answer questions.

The Gulf Association was established in 1961 to protect and maintain the beauty and purity of the Gulf river for the benefit of its marshlands and its marine and mammal life. The meeting is open to all members and non-members. Come and learn how we can protect and improve the quality of the Gulf River. Refreshments will be served.

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Board: MBTA is sending mixed signals

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Michael Dick took a hard line at a recent committee meeting. His group is dealing with the Greenbush commuter rail line that is coming through town.

Dick was fed up because the MBTA continued to waffle, on promises the committee has already won in writing. He came out against "interpreting" any more of the T's statements. At issue, he said, was a recent "curt" letter from the T's engineer, Robert Egan. Egan's letter said the T has already complied with Cohasset's requests for information. The authority does not need to do any more complying, Egan claimed.

The letter from the T tested the limits of local diplomacy. Dick found the Egan letter offensive. He suggested the panel turn down flat the T's request for a Feb. 25 joint meeting on Greenbush.

"Our basic requirement has not been met," Dick said. He said until it was, the committee should not deal with the T again about Greenbush.

Greenbush is the third prong of the T's Old Colony train restoration. Bogged down by legal challenges and behind schedule, the restoration of the third segment faces formidable obstacles. The T has nonetheless vowed the railroad will be built, even though the authority has to pay the town for "adverse impacts" due to the train.

Cohasset's Mitigation Committee was formed last year to deal with the challenges the train will bring to town. The committee's mission is to identify houses, businesses and sections of town that will be damaged by the Greenbush line's return. The panel also is supposed to research a variety of potential problems, such as vibrations, noise, safety and air quality. It also is to work with the transit authority on compromises.

But after making a bit of progress last fall, the Mitigation Committee is facing up to recent actions by the T that suggested bad faith. In question this past week was an apparent decision by the T. The authority has consistently opted to ignore new information about the scope of flooding in the James Brook watershed. The watershed abuts the right of way where the T plans to build the rail. Cohasset's engineer Domenic Tutela has said in a storm the tracks could be six inches under water, if the T goes ahead and designs the rail using inaccurate maps.

"I'm very confused," Dick said. "I think we've made a mess of this. Who's driving this flood issue? We have allowed the T to muddy the waters by disagreeing with so many of the things we've asked for. They've engaged us in some kind of shifting debate. We're not asking them to fund our flood control. Yet. We're not asking them to fund anything."

Dick then said the Mitigation Committee should nix the next meeting with the T until the transit authority came across with accurate flood numbers.

> ***"We have to be face to face."***
> SELECTMAN NAN ROTH.

But after a spirited debate, the rest of the board decided the meeting would have to go on. Selectman Nan Roth said giving the T the "cold shoulder" would not work.

"We have to be face to face," said Roth.

Roth also said the upcoming meeting should be televised. Roth also pointed out that the T and the committee have gotten into a habit. "We tend to go away thinking different things," Roth said.

The selectman suggested the two sides sign a written statement at the end of future meetings to agree what was decided. She also said the committee should agree to the Feb. 25 meeting by letter. In the letter, the committee should reset the agenda for the meeting. The board also decided to repeat the requirement for more information about flooding.

The response from the T has not been forthcoming, Dick said.

And the response has been confused, Roth said.

Selectman Diane Sullivan also favored meeting with the T. She said there were some other questions on the agenda that could not be put off. Also high on the agenda were questions about the alternate train station at Nantasket Junction and questions about private grade crossings. (The T has denied the town's request and opted to close Lincoln Lane and denied the town's proposal to reconfigure the Sestito Lane gate.)

Nonetheless, flooding, the committee agreed, was the single most important issue in the talks between the town and the T. It has also been the thorniest since the state Environmental Protection Agency understated the extent of flooding in Cohasset.

"They have been working off the MEPA flood maps," committee Chairman Thomas Gruber said. Gruber also said the maps were flawed. Using bad data would allow the T to underestimate the amount of flood damage Cohasset would suffer in a severe storm, similar to the one of October 1996. Rising water then effectively put much of the village under water.

"They're effectively running a dike down the rail bed. Our ability to manage water is obviously affected."

Gruber said the T engineers, Sverdrup, and the town's engineer ought to be able to agree about numbers, calculations and assumptions.

Finally, the committee decided not to join with Hingham on an air quality study. Sullivan said the air quality was a safety issue for children and people with lung problems. The mitigation board needed to deal with the problem on that narrow basis rather than get into regional studies about air pollution that would be meaningless ultimately, since Cohasset would be only a small part of the study.

Sullivan said such joint studies had previously turned out unsatisfactory, due to Cohasset's small size.

"We're a small town," Sullivan said. "We'd be paying for something that doesn't directly benefit Cohasset. I only care how our people are impacted."

The committee also planned an executive session meeting with the board of selectmen Monday to deal with pending litigation over open space issues.


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Election season begins in earnest

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town can prove it is using the area. There's also concerns about air quality. So, when Gjesteby mentioned there were blueberries in the sand pits, Sullivan had a question.

"We're worried about people choking to death. You're worried about blueberries?" Sullivan laughed.

Callahan also had a suggestion the board could go into executive session to discuss "potential litigation," though he knew that was not right, according to the open meetings law.

"You can stretch it," Callahan said, though he allowed "pending," not potential litigation was a sufficient reason to take a meeting behind closed doors.

Now that the contested races are known, there should be many more such moments from the candidates running for selectmen and school committee. There are also contests for one seat on the board of health, one on the sewer commission, and one on the board of library trustees.

The candidates are:

- For health board, Steve Bobo faces Michael Spirito. Both are political newcomers.
- For library trustee, Carol Riley and Jamie Williams vie for one unexpired two-year term.
- For sewer commissioner, incumbent Henry Rattenbury gets a challenge from Patrick Plante.
- For selectmen, incumbent Merle Brown, former selectmen Rocco Laugelle and Martha Gjesteby, who were defeated a few years back, are in the race with Thomas Callahan and William Ross. Callahan, the conservation commission chairman, lost a bid for board of selectmen last year. Ross is a newcomer to politics.
- For school committee, Mark DeGiacomo, the chairman of the zoning board, is in the hunt for one of two terms that expire in April. Also in the field are Patricia Martin, a social worker, and Hugh Morgan, a school bus driver. Morgan made an unsuccessful run for school committee previously. He found many reasons to run for school board.

"The main thing," he said, "Being a graduate of the Cohasset school system, I see a lot of things. I'm in the schools every day."

Morgan cited "falling apart" buildings, an "ancient" library system and transportation as key issues. But the main reason, he said, was his "love for the children." Morgan said he wanted to be on the school board to make sure "each child gets the best opportunity money can buy."

Both the incumbents on the school board, Maureen Jerz and Ralph Kidder, decided not to try for another term.

The other races are not contested. The candidates are:

- For assessor, Deborah Krupczak.
- For three library trustees, the three incumbents June Hubbard, Sarah Pease and Barbara Power.
- For planning board, Robert Sturdy.
- For recreation commission, Richard Barrow.
- For water commissioner Robert Kassameyer.

Chart House deal is in the works

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Aspen, Col., Rhode Island and the Hawaiian Islands. The Chart House pulled the plug on the Cohasset site because it didn't attract the numbers corporate headquarters wanted.

"We had to do a heck of a lot of business to do a respectable return," Randy McNamara, vice president of operations, said.

Henrikson said she wished the new owners well.

"Hopefully, they'll do something wonderful," she said. Henrikson added she is looking forward to dining out at a great restaurant in Cohasset.

Some in town have expressed concern about what would locate to the restaurant. Closing the Chart House dealt a slight blow just as the town embarks on a plan to revitalize Cohasset's "downtown."

At the time of the closing, Dean Rizzo, vice president of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce said the restaurant is a "big draw" in bringing out-of-towners to Cohasset.

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Name: Dillon Bustin

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Best day of your life: May 6, 1991.

Biggest worry: Being unprepared for retirement.

Best vacation: California in the summer of 1984.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite book: "Walden."

Favorite movie: "Midnight Cowboy."

Favorite TV show: "The Young and the Restless."

Favorite junk food: Cape Cod potato chips.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Launching my boat with the drain plug removed.

Pet peeve: Complainers.

Person you'd most like to meet: Shamus Heany.



Personal finance author to speak

The Boston Globe personal finance columnist Charles A. Jaffe will be the featured speaker Sunday, March 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's residence in Cohasset when the South Shore Community Center presents a program on "The Right Way to Hire Financial Help."

The informal talk and question and answer session on general personal finance is in line with Jaffe's new book, also called "The Right Way to Hire Financial Help," which has just been released by The MIT Press, Cambridge. The book is a complete guide to hiring and managing brokers, financial planners, insurance agents, lawyers, tax preparers, bankers and real estate agents, the seven types of advisers Jaffe says most individuals will deal with in a lifetime.

Nationally syndicated in such papers as the Chicago Tribune and Los Angeles Times, Jaffe writes the Personal Finance column and the Short Course feature which appear in the Monday paper, and the Your Funds column that runs on Sundays. A frequent speaker on such topics as managing mutual funds and educating children about money, he appears regularly on New England Cable News.

He resides in Cohasset with his wife and two daughters.

Tickets for "The Right Way to Hire Financial Help" are $10 per person, $20 per couple in advance and $15 per person and $30 per couple at the door and include light refreshments. Space is limited. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Community Center at (781) 383-0088 or by stopping by the center at 3 North Main St.

Author signing and workshop

Boston-based author and artist Lisa Kerr will sign copies of her new book, "The Paper Card Book," and present a card-making workshop for teenagers and adults Sunday, March 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset.

"The Paper Card Book" demonstrates more than 15 different card designs including easy-to-make cards using gift wrap, ticket stubs and maps; cards that hold photos and momentos; and cards that fold out, pop up and close with a button. Materials will be provided, although participants may want to bring some items from home for inclusion in their cards. Space is limited; registration is required; $2 per person. Call 383-2665 to register for the workshop or reserve your copy of "The Paper Card Book."

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WOMAN OF THE YEAR!

We congratulate Anna Abbruzzese on being selected the "Woman of the Year," she surely deserves it! Now, here's a little more reason to congratulate her, she just celebrated her birthday last week! Did you know that she and Dennis Kuntz have the same birthday, and that they are the same age? They always have a birthday lunch to celebrate! Feb. 5, 1935, was their big day. Hope it was a happy one, folks!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JACK

Speaking of belated birthdays, Jack DeLorenzo's birthday was last week, and he had two cakes that we know of! Hope your day was a festive one, Jack, you are one swell guy!

WELCOME TO ADAM KUCINSKI

Hank and Nancy Kucinski have great news to share with all of us, they have a new member of their family to talk about! His name is Adam Joseph Kucinski and he was born Jan. 28. Adam weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces! He joins his big brother Ryan, a student at the Osgood School, and big sister Kaci, who is a student at the Montessori School. What a wonderful family, we congratulate all of you!!

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BRANDNEW DAUGHTER

Let's give a Cohasset welcome to Grace Adeline Gaumer, the brand new daughter of Kellie and Steve Gaumer, who was born Jan. 25, at 10:43 a.m. Grace weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces! Naturally her sisters, Kathryne and Hilary, are delighted by her arrival, as are her grandparents — Jim and Carol Lynch of Plymouth and Ron and Joan Gaumer of Missoula, Mont. Spring is right around the corner, we can-

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Sallyann Chatterton

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This is a family favorite, as well as being one of the recipes that everyone asks for when I bring it to any occasion!

MEXICAN LASAGNA

1-1/2 pounds ground beef
1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 tablespoon chili powder
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon red pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
1 can (16 ounces) tomatoes, chopped
10 to 12 corn tortillas
2 cups small curd cottage cheese, drained
1 cup grated Monterey Jack cheese with peppers
1 egg
1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese
2 cups shredded lettuce
1/2 cup chopped tomatoes
3 green onions, chopped
1/4 cup sliced black olives

Brown ground beef; drain thoroughly. Add cumin, chili powder, garlic powder, red pepper, salt, pepper and tomatoes; heat through. Cover bottom and sides of a 13-in. x 9-in. by 2-in. baking dish with tortillas. Pour beef mixture over tortillas; place a layer of tortillas over meat mixture and set aside. Combine cottage cheese, Monterey Jack cheese and egg; pour over tortillas. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove from oven; sprinkle rows of cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, green onions and olives diagonally across center of casserole. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

— Sallyann
383-0560

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not wait to see all of our new Cohassetites "around town."

THANKS FOR THOUGHTS, PRAYERS

On a personal note, a huge thank-you for all of the cards, thoughts, prayers and kind words to Clark at this time. It all means so much, and we are grateful! He is our Superman; and, like Superman, once the "kriptonite" is out of his system, he will be fine!

DEAN'S LIST AT COLBY

Colby College in Waterville, Maine, announced that Chloe J. Chittick was named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 97-98 academic year. Chloe is a sophomore majoring in anthropology and the daughter of Stanley and JoAnne Chittick. Congratulations to you!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Beechwood Congregational Church is holding a spaghetti supper Saturday, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m. The cost is $6.99 for adults, $3.50 for children. There will be wonderful entertainment, The Opals. Their renditions are guaranteed to have your toes tapping and your mood elevated. So, not only will you have wonderful food, you will be entertained to "beat the band." Call 383-1298 for your advance ticket sales, this will surely be a sellout!

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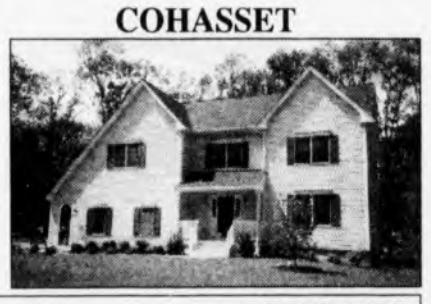
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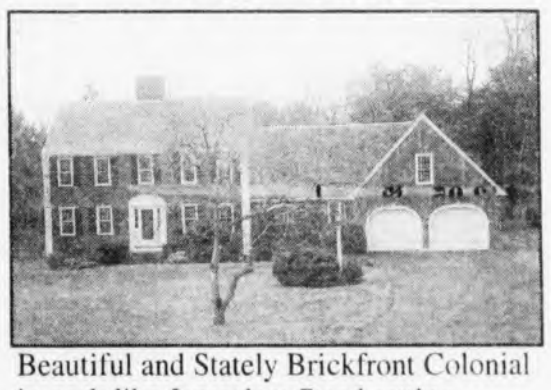
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

'Tis the season

No one can accuse Cohasset of governmental apathy. With five races on the April 4 town election ballot, this is going to be one of the hottest election seasons in recent memory.

There are races for seats on the board of selectmen, school committee, board of health, sewer commission and library trustees.

In keeping with our tradition, we will pose a Question of the Week to the candidates for contested seats.

Thomas Callahan, Martha Gjesteby, Bill Ross, Rocco Laugelle and incumbent Merle Brown will compete for two seats on the board of selectmen. Chairman Michael H. Sullivan will not seek a third term.

Mark DeGiacomo, Hugh Morgan, and Patricia Martin are vying for two open seats on the school committee. Ralph Kidder and Maureen Jerz are not seeking reelection.

Patrick Plante will challenge incumbent Henry Rattenbury for his seat on the sewer commission. Stephen Bobo and Michael Spirito will go head to head for the open seat on the board of health. Tom Cook is not seeking reelection.

And Carol Riley and Jamie Williams will vie to fill a two-year, unexpired term on the board of library trustees.

All candidates, opposed or unopposed, who have not already done so, are invited to submit photographs and formal statements announcing their candidacies.

Starting next week, we will feature candidates' answers to the Question of the Week. Responses should be brief — no more than 250 words — and must be received by 2 p.m., Monday. Candidates are asked to be specific and make every word count. Submissions will be cut if they exceed the word limit. (We use the word count feature on the computer to add up the number of words).

The following is the first Question of the Week. (In subsequent weeks, separate questions will be posed to each group of candidates running for the different boards).

'What is the most controversial issue facing the board you would like to represent? Where do you stand on the issue?'

Candidates may reply by the FAX at 781-741-2931 or by mailing or dropping off their responses at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham, on 73 South St. by 2 p.m., Monday. Be sure to leave enough time for mail delivery. Items may also be dropped off at Cohasset News on Brook Street.

We will also publish a candidates' corner but it is limited to a few lines (about 100 words) from any candidate who chooses to submit dates of coffees, fund-raisers and the like.

The Mariner will not accept Letters to the Editor from candidates or letters endorsing or attacking candidates. The Mariner will publish letters about campaign issues up until the March 26 edition before the election.

Candidates are encouraged to advertise their campaigns in the Mariner. For information about deadlines and costs of political advertisements, please contact Claudia Oliver at 781-837-4519.

If you have any questions, please call us at 383-8139.

— Mary Ford
Editor



CANDIDATES' CORNER

Gjesteby announces candidacy for selectman



Martha Gjesteby

For more than 30 years, Martha Gjesteby has served the town in numerous ways. Currently, she represents Cohasset on the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

Her former elected offices include: nine years on the board of selectmen; six years on the school committee and two years on the planning board. In addition, Gjesteby was appointed to the capital budget committee and the tri-town commission, the joint regional transportation committee and the citizen advisory committee to study the feasibility of restoring the Old Colony Railroad.

On the state level she is a past member of the governor's Local Advisory Council, second Vice President of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, Treasurer and Secretary and executive committee member of the Metropolitan Area Council.

Her civic memberships are as follows: the South Shore Community Center of which she is a former director; the Community Garden Club of which she is a former board member and The Cohasset Historical Society in which she is presently a board member.

Gjesteby underlines that the town needs a more comprehensive approach in planning for such vitally important projects as sewerage and the schools. "The capital budget committee has done some good work but our selectmen must be more involved," she continues.

The issues in both projects are complex, Gjesteby emphasizes. She notes her experience in such areas as funding availability and requirements, both state and local. And, she feels that the sewer plan approved by the most recent town meeting does not include sewering Lily Pond and Little Harbor, both of which have been identified as priority areas in the Tutela Environment Report.

Public safety is another concern. It is important to remember that Gjesteby both as a private citizen and a town board member has consistently opposed what is now known as Cohasset Heights since 1975. "I've always been concerned about the effects on our town's water supply," she explains. She also points to the need for a four-way traffic light at the intersection of King and North Main Streets.

Gjesteby was educated in Boston public schools and holds a B.S. from Simmons College. She was formerly employed by the Dana Farber Center and Harvard Public Health. She has served as clerk of the board of a family-owned business for many years.

She has lived in Cohasset since 1961 with her husband Arne and their four children, Erik, Rolf, Ingrid and Nils — all of whom graduated from Cohasset High School.

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Wizard makes math add up for Osgood pupils

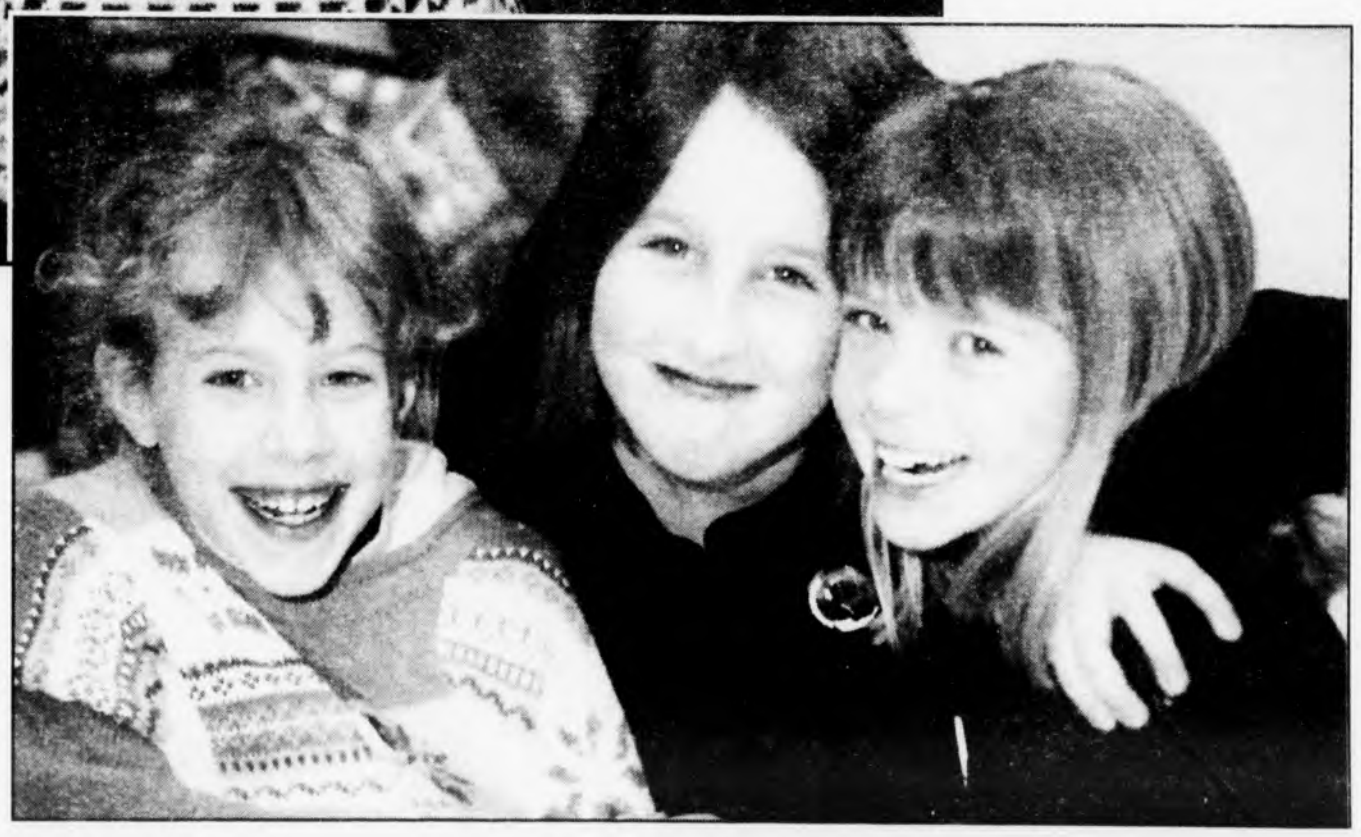


CLOCKWISE—Math Wizard Jim Schreider introduces himself to first-graders at a special program sponsored by the PSO. Schreider asks students at the Osgood School to put on their thinking caps and get ready to make math fun. Second-grader Kenny Muir volunteers to join the fun. Abby Foley, Alexandra Giroux and Samantha Williams wait for the fun to begin. Teacher Barbara Wells plays a math game with the Wizard's fuzzy dice.

Staff Photos/ Alan Chapman









Schools to battle selectmen over $30K budget cut

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will go face to face with the selectmen Monday to settle the question.

Though Kidder was fiery at the recent school board meeting, he might not have to fight hard when he gets to the selectmen. A new compromise is likely, according to Town Manager Mark Haddad.

"We have a disagreement here," Haddad said. "But that doesn't mean it can't be resolved."

Haddad said with just $30,000 in contention, he was confident a solution could be worked out. Moreover, the Town Manager said he would like to have the school committee's backing when the town budget goes to the voters at town meeting.

But Haddad dismissed the view the selectmen lacked information when they voted on the school budget.

"The school board made a presentation," Haddad said. The majority of the selectmen said the school department failed to prove their case. He also said he had worked hard to keep lines of communication open.

Other school board members also appeared in the mood to mull over a settlement. Joseph McElroy and Richard Shea said the selectmen were probably well-intentioned when they voted to cut the school budget.

"Our job is to argue strongly and compellingly for what we think is required. But if the selectmen, the Town Manager and the Advisory Committee are being fair, we have to accept that."

McElroy favored taking another stab at the explanations. As before, he said a number of issues was driving the budget, among them contractual obligations, special education costs and enrollments.

Meantime, schools superintendent Stephen Hart has taken the budget proposal (for fiscal year 1999) back to the principals. Hart said the total proposal is $8.1 million, but the summary lines were not yet available, due to the new round of alterations. The administration is looking for places to cut the $30,000 in expenses, though he will attempt to make the case for a bigger budget Feb. 23.

"I'm not sure how much more (information) we can add," Hart said about the upcoming meeting with the selectmen. The superintendent, who is set to retire in August, also signaled he was in no mood for a fight.

"I'm trying to get through these next couple of months with as little wear and tear on my psyche as possible," Hart said.

Kidder also is leaving the school committee after nine years, but he said he was ready to go out fighting.

"I guess I should feel that way," Kidder said after Hart spoke about leaving. "But I don't feel that way. I am willing to fight."

Kidder said if the selectmen previously failed to grasp the school department's "rational" presentation, he favored trying a new tack.

"I'll present it to them in an irrational way, then," Kidder said. "They made an 11:30 decision that makes no sense. They have acted arbitrarily. They acted capriciously. They completely overstepped their bounds. Their behavior was outrageous."

At their meeting last week, selectmen Ronnie McMorris and Michael Sullivan wanted to give the schools $115,000. They were out voted by Merle Brown, Diane Sullivan and Nan Roth who voted to cut that request by $30,000. Plans are to use the $30,000 for drainage projects on Beach and Beechwood streets.

McMorris said she was convinced any less than the $115,000 would "seriously impact" the schools.

Budgetary process is different this year

This year marks the first time Cohasset has had a Town Manager as its top executive. In prior years, the town had a different form of government with a Town Administrator. Then the budget was ultimately the selectmen's budget, although the administrator drafted it.

This year's $18.5 million budget is the Town Manager's budget, however. For the first time, he, not the selectmen, has the final say, though Haddad said he has adopted all the selectmen's recommendations.

Haddad also said there will never be a split between the board and the Town Manager while he has the job. In theory, if they disagreed, Haddad's budget would go before the voters. If the selectmen wanted to change it, they would have to amend it on the town meeting floor. But Haddad said that scenario is not a real possibility.

"That won't happen while I'm here," Haddad said. "I will always work with the selectmen to find a compromise."

Rotary Club 1998 phone book plans

The Cohasset Rotary Club would like to announce that the 1998 Cohasset phone book is being assembled. The Cohasset phone book is a service provided to the community by the club annually. All proceeds from the phone book are used for scholarships for Cohasset High School seniors. The Rotary Club also supplements the fund and accepts donations from the Cohasset community.

If any residents or businesses would like to add or alter any information currently in the book or if they would like to make a donation they can call Ed Fox at 383-2853. Deadline for ad submission is April 1. There is a 10 percent discount if paid by March 1. For additional information, contact the Cohasset Rotary Club, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, 02025.

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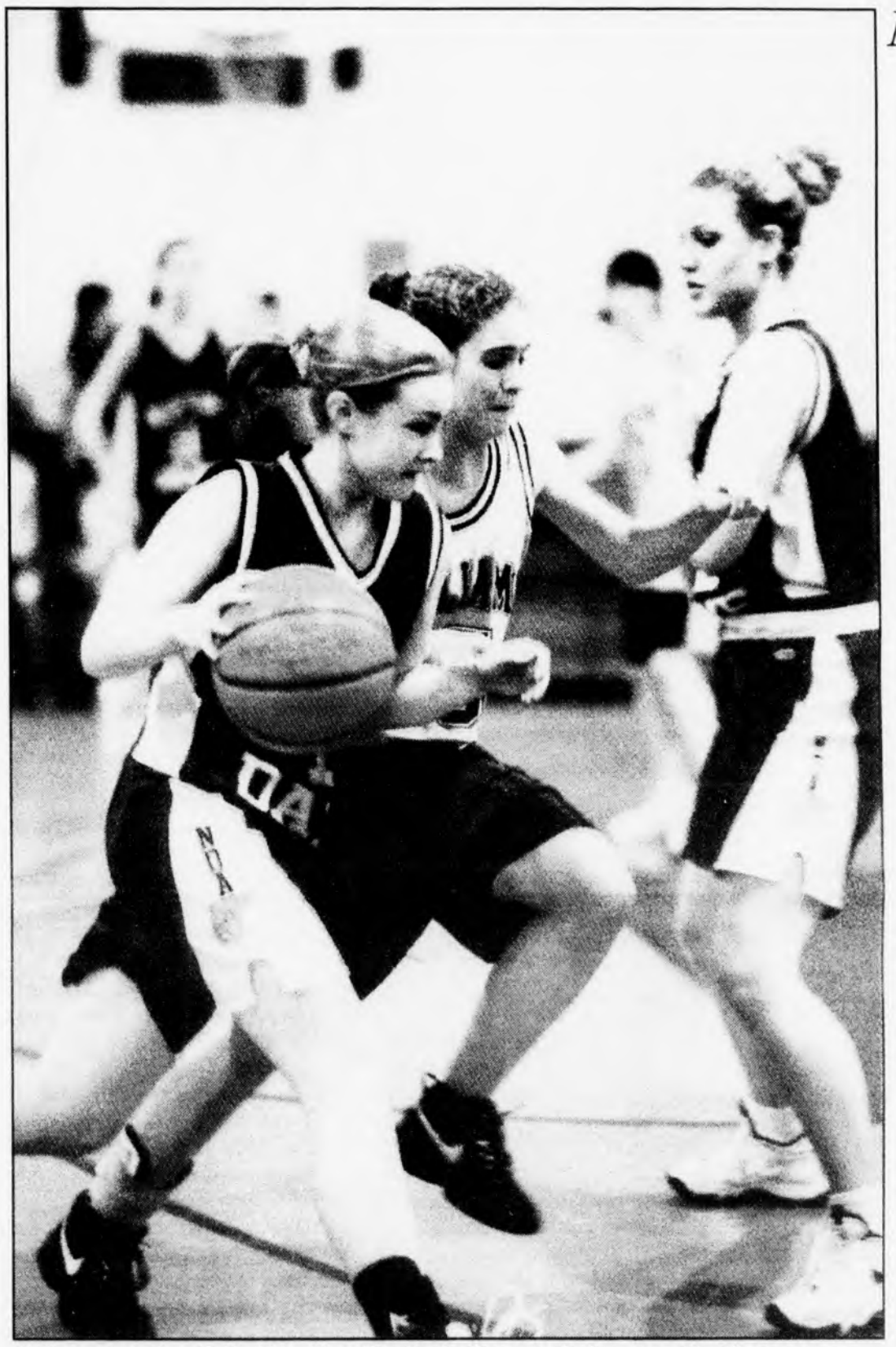
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One grand achievement for Hamill



Cohasset native Sally Hamill, with the ball, recently became the first person ever at Notre Dame Academy to reach the 1,000 career point mark.

NDA junior guard nets 1,000th career point

By David McKee
STAFF WRITER

Sally Hamill is a lethal weapon.

Whenever the Notre Dame Academy junior guard steps on the basketball court, she is a serious threat to wear out the bottom of the basket.

And last Wednesday against Rockland, the 17-year-old former Cohasset resident became the first-ever NDA basketball player to score 1,000 career points.

Needing 24 points against the Lady Bulldogs to reach the magic number, Hamill ended up with 25 as the landmark point came on a three-point bomb late in the second half.

"It was a big relief for me," Hamill admitted. "I knew going into the game that I had a chance that night and was shooting pretty well early on. I cooled off some in the second half, but my teammates started feeding me the ball at the end and it was nice to get it done with a three."

What makes Hamill's grand accomplishment even more impressive is that it came in only three years of varsity basketball. She has been a three-year starter at NDA at point guard.

"I really didn't know how close I was at the start of the year," she said. "But my coach (Don Edmonson) and my father (Berny) kept track of my point total and I started to really feel the pressure when I got within 150 points or so. I'm just glad I made it. Now I can move on to other things."

While Hamill was pleased to hit this grand number, she is more concerned with the upcoming Division II state tournament. The tourney pairings will be known at the end of next week.

The NDA Aces, who have already wrapped up the Catholic Conference league championship, went on to beat Rockland 63-33 and improve their record to 14-3.

They are considered one of the top teams in the Division II south bracket. Last year while playing in the Division I tourney, the Aces beat Silver Lake and EMass top scorer Marche Strickland in the opening round of play.

"Reaching 1,000 points was one of my goals this year but I have bigger things on my mind for the team," Hamill said. "We've clinched the league title already and I'm hoping we can end up with a good seed heading into the state tournament. And once we're there, I'd really like to win it all. I know there's a lot of basketball to be played but it would great to win the championship."

Hamill is used to playing championship basketball. Last year the 5' 5" point guard helped her AAU basketball team, the Eastern Mass Black Magic, win the state championship. The team is coached by her dad, Berny Hamill. One of her teammates on the Black Magic is Strickland.

Sally began playing basketball at an early age while growing up in Cohasset and attending St. Paul's in Hingham. (She never attended public schools.)

When she was 12 she started playing AAU ball with her dad as the coach. Last year her family moved to Scituate.

"I was out in my backyard shooting baskets when I was in first or second grade and I enjoyed the game right from the start," she said. "I've always been a pretty good shooter but I also enjoy passing the ball and helping my teammates score."

Hamil realized she had some basketball talent when she was in the fourth grade.

"I was in the fourth grade but I was playing on an eighth grade team and holding my own," she said. "I knew at that point that I had a chance of being pretty good. And I've had a lot of fun playing basketball over the years. I've made some great friends and traveled to some cool places along the way."

After she completes her junior season at NDA, Hamill will play AAU ball in the spring and attend a few basketball camps in the summer. She is hoping to have an even better year at NDA as a senior.

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EXTRA POINTS David Wolcott

A Magic moment that needs to be shared

I used to hate Magic Johnson.

Growing up a true Celtics fan, to me he stood for everything that was wrong with the world.

He was all glitter and glamour, not the stuff champions were made of. He strutted, he posed and threw the no-look-through-the-legs-behind-the-back pass when a simple bounce pass would have been easier, but it wouldn't have gotten him some face time on SportsCenter.

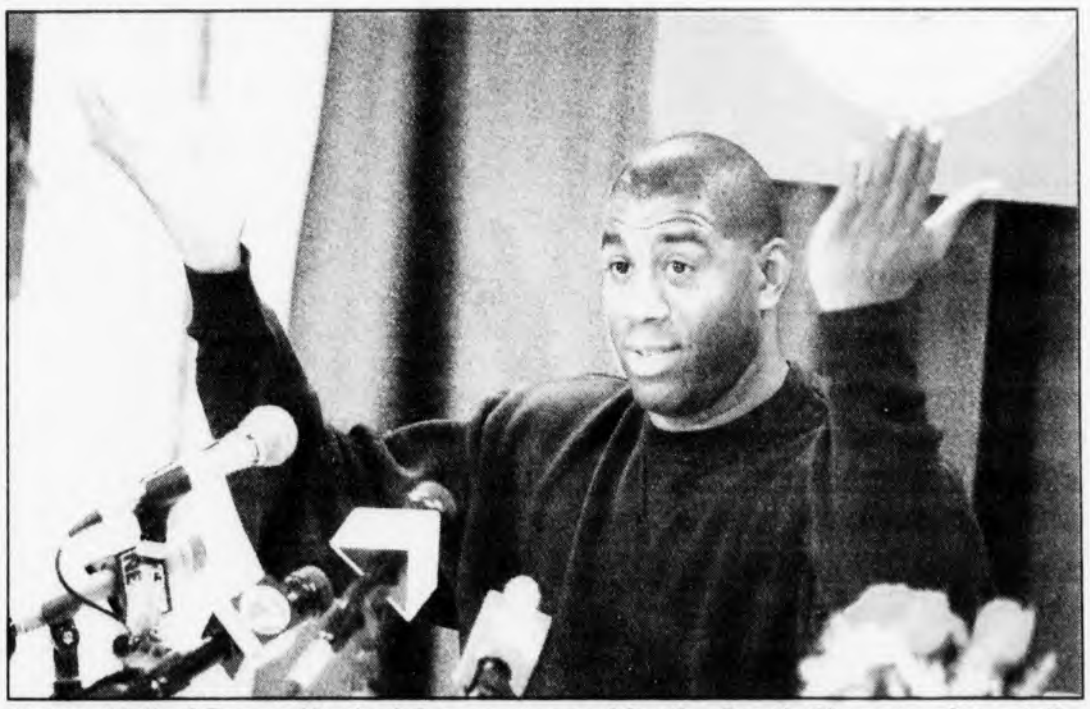
And that darn smile. Was he ever not grinning?

And wherever he went the beautiful people were sure to follow. Jack Nicholson, Dyan Cannon, Arsenio Hall, Billy Crystal and all the rest of those Hollywood types were all over the front row of the "Fabulous Forum" during the memorable Celtics-Lakers championship battles in the 1980s, hoping that one shot of them on television would get them some acting work.

At least devout Knicks fan Spike Lee knows something about the game of basketball. These Hollywood people were as fake and plastic as your average Baywatch actress.

So when Johnson came into enemy territory last week, namely Bridgewater State College, to give a talk at my alma mater sponsored by the Student Government Association, I expected to find the man I used to hate at the press conference held before his talk.

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Future Hall-of-Famer Magic Johnson stopped by the South Shore to give a talk at Bridgewater State College last week on topics ranging from his life after basketball, to his friendship with Larry Bird and how he is dealing with the HIV virus.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Small team shows big heart in winning Pilgrim title

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Of the four South Shore League titles the Cohasset High girls gymnastics team has won over the past five seasons, this year's championship the Lady Skippers are sharing with Hanover came as the biggest surprise.

True, the team was loaded with young talent (see Kristen Sheerin's All-Around tie in the league championship), but head coach Ruthann Ardizzoni had just seven girls on the squad. In past years Cohasset would attack its schedule with 10 to 12 strong.

Still, there was the thought of a championship banner in the back of the girls' minds. When they defeated the Lady Indians for the first time, Cohasset knew for sure a title was well within reach.

"They were hoping to be league champions," Ardizzoni said, "but I'm not sure they thought it was possible. They figured they'd finish second or third.

"I'm really pleased. It was amazing what the seven girls could accomplish. Once they realized they realized they could be league champions they went at it very hard."

Cohasset wound up its season on Saturday as the 12th seed in the South Sectional meet at Algonquin Regional School in Southborough.

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> RUTHANN ARDIZZONI

The Lady Skippers, led by a fine 8.1 from Sheerin on the balance beam, finished with a credible 117.3 score. Co-captain Tara Hettstrom, still feeling the effects of a painful back strain, was only able to compete in two events, compared to her usual three or four.

The real story this season was not the South Sectional competition, but the manner in which the Lady Skippers attained their 9-1 record to tie the Lady Indians.

Ardizzoni was quick to credit team captain Carolyn Pratt and youngsters Kate Grimm and Amanda Watts. Pratt, the lone senior on the squad, proved to be the consummate team player. She competed in events she wouldn't have had to on a larger team and was happy to do it. Ardizzoni didn't hear a peep from her all season.

"Carolyn did whatever was asked of her to help the team," Ardizzoni said.

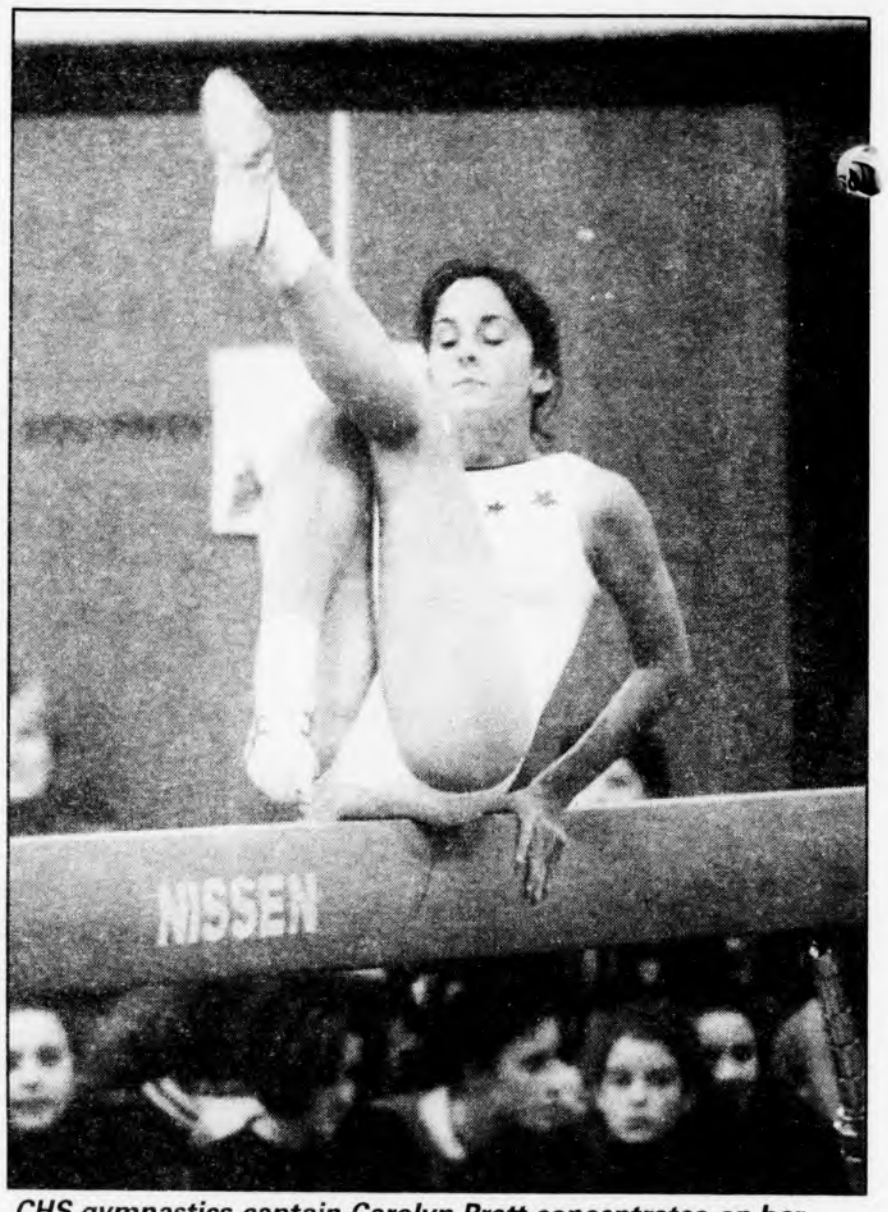
Grimm and Watts "improved a great deal," according to Ardizzoni and were key members of the squad. "With only seven girls on the team, we needed the kids who competed in one or two events as much as those on three or four," she said.

The Lady Skippers also could have used the help of seventh-grader Meredith Bixby. But because of her junior-high status, Bixby's scores didn't count in the varsity meets. There were times this season when her performances drew higher marks than some of the varsity scores that figured into the overall results.

Despite sharing the league title, Ardizzoni firmly believes the Lady Skippers were never able to put forth their best performance of the season. Injuries and sickness figured into more than a couple of meets, leaving Cohasset shorthanded. They did record a season-best 119.8, but Ardizzoni knew the Lady Skippers had a 122 in them with a healthy squad.

"We never hit our best performance," she said.

No, but there were plenty of SSL teams that would trade places with Cohasset in a minute for that league banner.



CHS gymnastics captain Carolyn Pratt concentrates on her beam routine. The young squad turned a lot of heads this season, finishing in a tie for the Pilgrim Conference title with Hanover.

Staff photo/Fred Robertson

Future is looking a little brighter for CHS swimmers

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Under the enthusiastic tutelage of coach Gordon MacKinnon, the Cohasset High School swimming team enjoyed a successful season this winter. With MacKinnon's guidance and the leadership of five talented seniors, the squad posted two wins, two more than any of the previous three seasons combined.

The swim team finds itself hindered when it competes against other towns. Competing in both the Bay Colony League, which is a mixed gender league, and the Pilgrim Conference, which is exclusively male, the team only has 17 swimmers, 11 of whom are female.

Thus, MacKinnon noted, this "puts us at a disadvantage. We'll sometimes have a ninth-grade girl swimming against a 12th-grade boy from another team. There will be a difference in there, not only in age, but also in strength and speed in the water."

But for the most part, MacKinnon was very positive about his team's performance.

"We're a young team; next year we won't have any seniors. This is a team who hadn't won a meet the last two or three years, and we were able to win two this year, which I think bodes well for the future."

The swimming program is indeed young, heavily numbered by junior high and early high school students. The five seniors are Greg Bilton, Colin Kilroy and tri-captains Derek Bugley, Sue Gill and Pat Leahy.

MacKinnon had nothing but praise for Bilton, who has been swimming competitively for years, but not for the school team until this year. According to his coach, Bilton shattered seven conference records.

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"He will go on and do very well at States. Bilton is really every coach's dream; I can't take any credit for developing Greg," MacKinnon chuckled.

The team had no juniors, but five sophomore girls, Jen Chastain, Mora Duffy, Jen Meehan, Kate Stone and Jesse Zerendow. MacKinnon pointed to this group as the cornerstone for the team over the next two seasons, singling out Duffy as a very talented swimmer and diver. Duffy only dove in three of the team's 13 meets, but took home victory each time she did.

The team's freshmen are Cara Foley and Chris Golden, both of whom MacKinnon cited as very talented, and its underclassmen included Yasmine Afshar, Alexis Bugley, Ashley Leahy, David Crowley-Buck and Kelly Stone. With such a stable of young talent, MacKinnon should be ready to continue to improve the Skippers' record next winter.

However, he noted that there has been discussion about combining the teams of Cohasset and Scituate.

"We have just enough swimmers to participate in all 12 events. This step would be taken to prevent this program from dying a slow death."

MacKinnon pointed at an abundance of other winter activities and a sheer number shortage as reasons for his small team, mentioning that some teams attended meets with 30 or 40 competitors.

The idea of combining the Cohasset and Scituate squads is an intriguing one and deserves some speculation, but Coach MacKinnon seems to be doing a fine job of improving Cohasset's program.

EXTRA POINTS David Wolcott

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To my surprise, one of us has changed a great deal over the past decade as what I found was a true gentleman with a message he wanted to spread and, best yet, a growing disgust for what the NBA has become since shoe contracts became more important than a properly executed pick-and-roll and the $100 million contract became a realty and not a sick joke.

More importantly, I found a man who has a mission to help others. Diagnosed with the HIV virus in 1992, the Magic Johnson Foundation has awarded more than $8 million in grants for AIDS and HIV research in the past five years and Johnson has worked tirelessly as a fund-raiser for other organizations such as the MDA, the United Negro College Fund and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

In business, Johnson has pledged to bring back neighborhood pride to the inner cities like where he grew up in Lansing, MI. Putting his money where his mouth is, his theaters in L.A., Houston and Atlanta now employ more than 400 inner city kids.

And you can now count me in as a convert to Johnson's Church of Hoopology.

"What gets me is the attitude of today's player. Some think that they alone are the reason that they are getting a $17 million a year contract," said Johnson with just the appropriate amount of disdain. "The reason that money is available is because of the television contracts and the reason for those contracts are players as Larry Bird and myself. Today's player fails to recognize that fact.

"If these guys are getting these contracts today, imagine what Larry and I would be getting if we were still playing," he added. "Larry would own Boston and I would own L.A. Together we'd own the whole NBA."

Can I get an Amen.

There wasn't one single ounce of boasting is Magic's comments, it was the simple Gospel truth. I was stunned to hear his comments about how tradition and team values had been lost on your average team player and how the obscene amounts of some of these contracts had replaced hard work and sweat at the top of the players agenda.

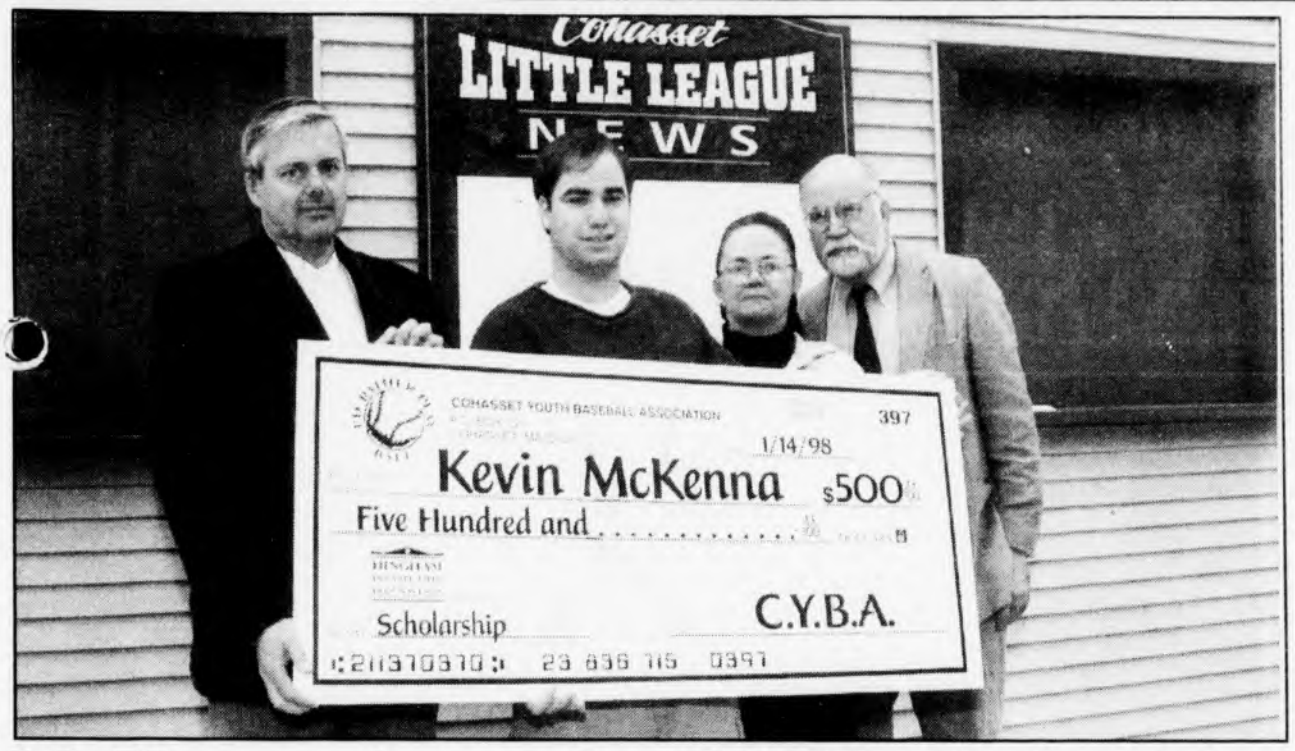
It was then that I realized how wrong I had been about Johnson. He may have worn the sissy purple and gold uniform of the Lakers, but deep down he was both a basketball traditionalist and a Celtic.

He made it official when talking with his new friend Elizabeth, a young lady who he pulled out of the audience that was just about young enough to have missed the Celtics-Lakers rivalry of the 80s and the great games that came out of it.

"Elizabeth, I'm going to tell you a little bit about Larry Bird," said Johnson, officially opening up school for the evening. "Larry could not jump over this microphone cord, but could he play the game of basketball. Once her got tired of scoring on you, he'd make you look foolish by passing the ball of or setting a pick. There wasn't anything that he couldn't do on the basketball court."

Recounting the trademark Bird pump fake and fall-away jumper, Johnson added that Bird was simply "the best I've ever seen".

Magic, don't sell yourself short. When the "Best Ever" do get together, you've got a seat waiting for you at the head table.



McKenna chosen for CYBA scholarship

On Jan. 14, the Cohasset Youth Baseball Association (CYBA) formally presented its first annual CYBA College Scholarship in the form of a $500 check to Kevin F. McKenna, son of Roselyn and William, 8 Todd Lane, Cohasset.

In his freshman year at Assumption College, Worcester, Mass., Kevin was selected last spring out of a number of candidates, all of whom were previously involved in the local Little League program, announced Dan Leahy, president, CYBA. This scholarship, founded in 1997 by then CYBA President Bob Moody, is presented annually to a former member of the major league level of this Cohasset baseball program, who still resides in Cohasset and submits the winning essay titled "What Little League Meant to Me." Forms for the 1998 award can be found at the guidance counselors' office at Cohasset High School. Applications must be completed and submitted by April 1, 1998.

McKenna has the unique distinction of being the first ever to receive this acknowledgment. He hopes to pursue a career in education upon graduation from college.

One grand achievement for Hamill

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"I'd like to develop more of my overall game," she said. "I think I need a few more moves. I'd also like to lift more weights and get a little stronger and quicker."

She praised NDA coach Edmonson for his help over the last three years.

"He is a very supportive coach and gives everyone a fair shot at playing," Hamill said. "He has been very helpful to my game and I'm happy he had faith in me when I was a freshman."

Eventually, Hamill would like to play basketball in college. She has hopes of possibly playing in Division I in two years.

"I know that's a long way off but it would be great to go on and play basketball in college," she said. "Given my choice I'd like to play in the Ivy League or the Patriot League." During the fall, she plays field hockey at NDA. And when she isn't playing sports, she likes to hang out with her friends.

Hamill lives in Scituate with her parents Berny and Lynda. She has an older sister Molly.

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Wrestling

The wrestling team took third place in the Division III South wrestling tourney in Foxboro over the weekend.

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OPALS at spaghetti supper

A special treat is in store for those who attend a spaghetti supper at 6 p.m. on Feb. 28, served at and prepared by the Beechwood Congregational Church. The OPALS, a group of enthusiastic, fun-loving singers, will entertain the diners with their toe-tapping renditions. Tickets are $6.99 for adults and $3.50 for children. To purchase tickets in advance, call 383-1298.



Second-grader Ryan Connors carries the Olympic torch during games held at the Osgood School in honor of the Olympics at Nagano, Japan.

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Tuesday, Feb. 3

1:38 a.m., general services, King St.
8:32 a.m., MV stop, Nichols Rd.
9:11 a.m., MV stop, Square.
9:28 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
9:40 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
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10:19 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
12:48 p.m., animal complaint, Fairoaks Lane.
1:21 p.m., general services, King St.
2:25 p.m., general services, Elm St.
3:53 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
3:51 p.m., general services, Elm St.
5:32 p.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A/Beechwood St.
7:50 p.m., MV stop, Rte. 3A/Curtis Liquors.
8:25 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood/Hillside Rd.
9:09 p.m., general services, Rust Way.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

6:52 a.m., MV stop, King St.
8:00 a.m., medical aid, Nichols Rd.
8:32 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
9:03 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
9:12 a.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Rd.
9:25 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
9:30 a.m., general services, S. Main St.
9:31 s.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
10:36 a.m., fire, brush, Nichols Rd.
10:45 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
11:43 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
12:44 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
1:33 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
2:56 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
3:23 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
4:01 p.m., medical aid, Wheelwright Farm.
5:58 p.m., suspicious (other), Jerusalem Rd.
7:46 p.m., notification, Pine Ridge Rd.
7:59 p.m., medical aid, Linden Dr.
8:32 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
8:52 p.m., open door/window, Sohier St.
9:54 p.m., transport, Lamberts Lane.

Thursday, Feb. 5

1:33 a.m., suspicious person, Summer St.
3:40 a.m., medical aid, Fairoaks Lane.
10:18 a.m., suspicious (other), Church St.
11:55 a.m., larceny, Bridge St.
1:00 p.m., threats (bodily harm), CJC Hwy.
1:05 p.m., MV violations, CJC Way.
3:17 p.m., notification, Nichols Rd.
3:29 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
7:20 p.m., assist citizen, Gammons Rd.
8:40 p.m., notification, HQ.
9:54 p.m., fire, King St.

Friday, Feb. 6

1:08 a.m., fire (investigation), King St.
7:05 a.m., medical aid, Summer St.
7:22 a.m., MV accident, Hull St.
8:58 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
11:13 a.m., general services, Pond St. by Spring St.
11:20 a.m., medical aid, Parkingway.
12:05 p.m., assist motorist, Cohasset Plaza.
4:36 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

Saturday, Feb. 7

12:16 a.m., disturbance gathering, Forest Ave., 16-year-old in protective custody.
1:10 a.m., MV stop, Beach St.
7:07 a.m.,, MV accident, CJC Hwy.
8:32 a.m., animal complaint, Little Harbor Rd.
10:08 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:17 a.m., animal complaint, Little Harbor Rd.
10:19 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
10:22 a.m., MV violations, Beechwood St.
10:57 a.m., MV stop, King St.
11:11 a.m., MV violations, Beechwood St.
1:59 p.m., MV stop, Pond St.
2:22 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
2:46 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
3:09 p.m., general services, HQ.
3:56 p.m., suspicious person, Cedar St.
4:11 p.m., disturbance, CJC Hwy.
4:51 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
7:40 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
8:52 p.m., fire, S. Main St.
9:35 p.m., transport, CJC Hwy.
10:03 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
11:06 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

Sunday, Feb. 8

12:10 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
12:20 a.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.
12:55 a.m., MV stop, Schofield Rd.
1:28 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.,
Arrested: Tedeschi, David, B., 122 Old Forge Rd., Scituate, DOB: 3/4/58. Charges: illegal possession of a class B substance, subsequent off.; poss. Class B substance with intent to distribute; illegal possession of Class D substance; conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws; speeding; failure to stay within marked lanes;
arrested: Goodfellow, Edward R., 553 Beechwood St., Cohasset. COB: 3/13/70. Charges: illegal possession of Class D substance; conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws.
7:38 a.m., assist motorist, S. Main St.
12:02 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
12:35 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.
12:45 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.
2:55 p.m., tree down, Aaron River Rd.
3:18 p.m. MV accident, N. Main St.
4:13 p.m., notification, Ripley Rd.
4:27 p.m., suspicious (other), Stanton Rd.
5:29 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:19 p.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.
6:27 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Monday, Feb. 9

7:06 a.m., MV stop, Red Fox Lane.
Arrested: Semar, Christine A., 300 Old Ocean St., Marshfield. DOB: 10/3/67. Charges: WMS warrant.
7:45 a.m., general services, Black Rock Road.
8:28 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:06 a.m., vandalism, Sohier St.
9:16 a.m., animal complaint, Pond St.
12:21 p.m., burglary, B&E, Brook St.
12:52 p.m., transport, CJC Hwy.
3:09 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.
3:40 p.m., medical aid, Beechwood St.
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5:33 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St. by Forest Ave.



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Henrikson caters to customers and helps feed area's homeless

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Kristie Henrikson of Cohasset has earned success with her restaurant Siro's. The eatery is a favorite with politicians, such as U.S. Rep. William Delahunt of the 10th Congressional District. But it also has a loyal following of neighborhood regulars who seek out a table laden with Italian specialties three or four times a week.

Henrikson's husband ,Thomas Fallon said the people come to see Kristie as well as to enjoy the view of the skyline and the food at her restaurant at Marina Bay.

"People come in to see her," Fallon said.

About 450 dropped by for Valentine's Day, according to Fallon. He said Siro's is "a very romantic spot."

Henrikson won a place in many people's hearts because of her work for the homeless. She spearheaded Quincy Restaurants for the Homeless. The co-operative provided meals for the Quincy Crisis Center.

This month, Quincy Mayor James Sheets recognized her community work. The mayor proclaimed her birthday, Feb. 5 Kristie Henrikson Day. Henrikson also was honored by the Marina Bay neighborhood organization and the City Council.

"I was kind of embarrassed," Henrikson said. "I'm sure a lot of people do a lot more than I do."

Henrikson said the restaurant business afforded some unique opportunities to do some good for people. Charitable work is but one of the many aspects of the business that she savors.

Restaurants became Henrikson's passion after college.

"At first, it was kind of a part-time thing to pay for school," she said. "Then it became a passion."

Henrikson's mother was a waitress for 35 years, and the daughter learned much about the trade from watching her parent.

Henrikson's mother, now 72, worked in Siro's for the first three years it was in business. She was the one most-requested by the customers, she said. The rest of the family has also played a role in her success. Her brother is her accountant. Her sister is a restaurant manager.



Peter Kolson, president of the Quincy City Council, Cohasset's Thomas Fallon and Kristie Henrikson, Bruce Ayers a member of the Quincy City Council, and U.S. Rep. William Delahunt.

Yet, few believed Henrikson would be a success when she started her own restaurant. Being a woman, she said, turned out to be one strike against her in the early going. But Henrikson, who worked 18 hour days getting the business off the ground, said she strongly believes in hiring women.

"They work a lot harder" (than men), she said.

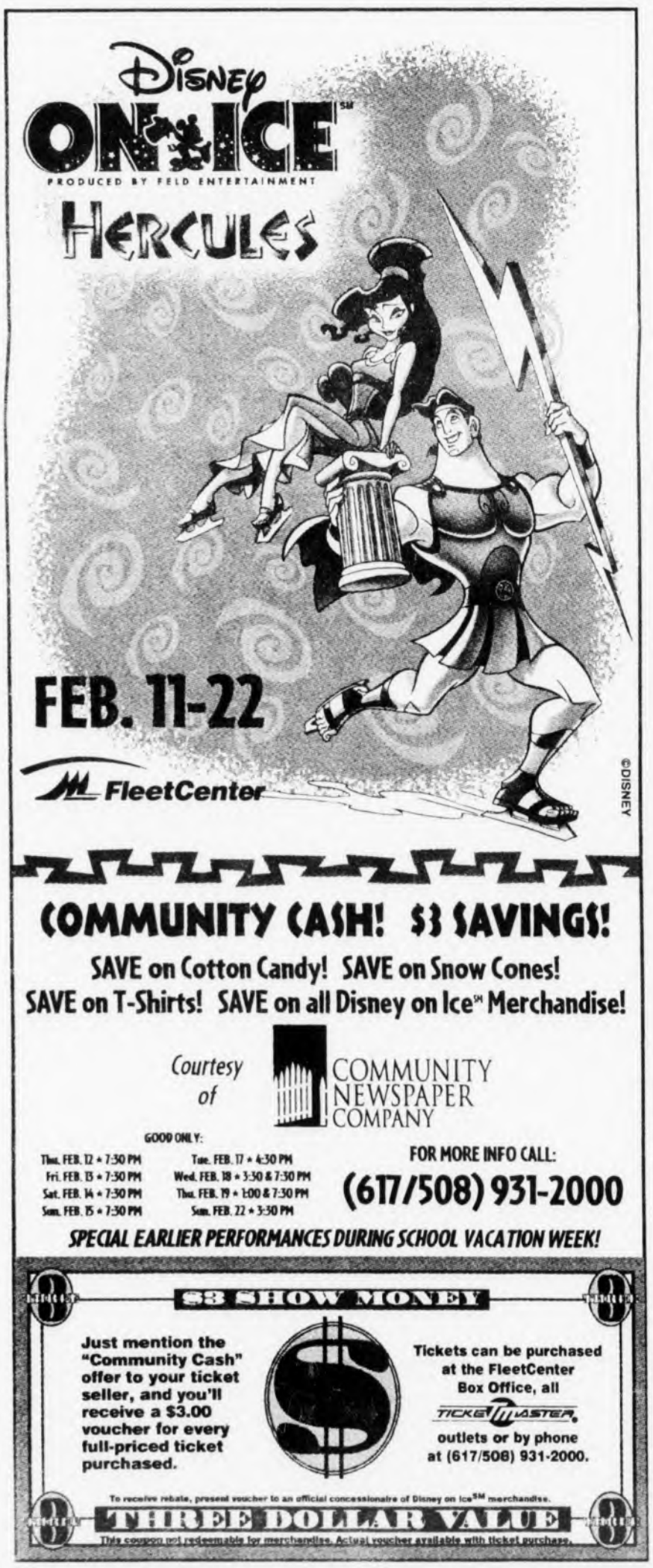
Henrikson has all women chefs and women managers in her restaurant now. Moreover, she does not share the view that men are the best in the kitchen.

"I've hired the right people," she said. "We all pitch in together. Nobody really is the boss."

Henrikson also said very few of the staff quit. Hopefully, she said, the low turnover is because Siro's is unlike some of the Boston restaurants where she was once employed.

"I worked for a lot of people who treated me horribly. They even treated their customers horribly. You spend half your life at work. It's nice to be in a place you enjoy."

Henrikson is opening another Siro's in Braintree in the fall.



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The show will benefit the Pediatric AIDS Charitable Trust at Boston City Hospital and the Reach Out and Read Program at the Boston Medical Center.

Fleming's helps raise funds for historical society

About a year ago, Frank Smith, proprietor of Fleming's of Cohasset Village, had an idea to help raise funds for the Cohasset Historical Society.

Smith's idea was to create a "Minot's Light 1-4-3" gold-plated collectible ornament for tree decorating, gift giving, or dressing up the top of a gift. In honor of the historical subject and local society efforts, he decided to give $2 to the Cohasset Historical Society for every ornament sold.

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Cohasset Mariner, 2/19/98

Hooper Estate

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DOCKET NO. 95P2529E1

NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY'S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of **Gertrude Hooper** late of **Cohasset,** in the county Norfolk,

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account(s) of Robert C. Hooper and Gordon M. Stevenson, Jr. as Executor has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at **Dedham** on or before the **eleventh day of March, 1998** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, **David H. Kopelman,** Esquire, First Justice of said Court at **Dedham** this twenty-nineth day of January, 1998.

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Kennedy Estate

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Estate of
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A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last, undated, will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that CHRISTOPHER GEORGE KENNEDY of KENILWORTH in the State of ILLINOIS be appointed executor named in the will without surety on the bond.

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Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this tenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.

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Assisted living to be discussed March 8

The Social Service League of Cohasset is sponsoring a program entitled, "Assisted Living for the Elderly, What is it?" from 2-4 p.m. on March 8 at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.

Representatives of local assisted living facilities will answer questions, such as: Why should a person consider one? When is a good time to move into one? Just how expensive are they? An attorney specializing in elder care law and estate planning and a long-term care insurance expert will also discuss legal and financial considerations. The panel will include representatives from Grove Manor Estates, Braintree; New England Friends Home, Hingham; Sunrise Assisted Living, Cohasset; Welch Health Care and Retirement Group; Attorney Brian Barreira, Hingham; Williston "Bud" Holbert, owner, Resource Group, Plymouth; moderator Particia Carleton, LICSW, Social Service League. Free admission, preregistration suggested. For more information, or to register, call (781) 383-0771.

Community gardeners to meet

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Bates Hall in the Second Congregational Church on Highland Avenue. Coffee will be served at 9; the meeting will start at 9:30 a.m.

The speaker this month is Cory Wolinsky, photographer for National Geographic Magazine, who will present an exciting program on Sir Joseph Banks who sailed the South Seas with Captain Cook in 1768 collecting 3,000 specimens of exotic plants.

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Students head for nation's capital

By Jennifer R. Horan
SCITUATE MARINER

Tomorrow's leaders are getting a head start today in high school. Three Cohasset High School seniors are receiving a "crash course in politics" at an educational conference in the nation's capital this month.

One of the students, Kelly Tufts, is taking part in a national program called "Presidential Classroom," which involves a week of seminars by government, military, media and lobbying organization leaders. Along with hundreds of students from across the country and abroad, Kelly will also tour the White House, meet with legislators and visit a foreign embassy.

"We're supposed to meet the president, but I don't know. He might be busy," said Tufts, who planned to be in Washington DC for the first time during school vacation Feb. 14-21.

A member of her school's student council since seventh grade and the council president this year, her active involvement in student government prompted Kelly to participate in the program. She has also attended leadership conferences at Holy Cross and local high schools.

"I'm really looking forward to it. I think it will be very fulfilling," she said recently.

Kelly, 17, has already been accepted to Boston College next fall, but said she is still awaiting a response from some other schools. Although politics ranks high among her interests, she said she plans to study medicine.

"You never know if I might pursue a career in politics," she said.

Next week, two of Kelly's peers will experience the international program offered by "Presidential Classroom."

Alia Afshar and John Kasameyer will participate in the Future World Leaders Summit from Feb. 21-28.

Their program includes seminars headed by a variety of world leaders and international organization chiefs. They will visit the U.S. State Department, the World Bank, the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and the National Defense University.

"In college, I'm hoping to study international relations. On this trip I will be exposed to what it's all about," Alia said. "I'm looking forward to seeing all of the aspects of international relations and how it all works and how it all fits together."

John said he has a particular interest in touring the World Bank. He plans to study political science, international business and investment banking. Two years ago, he participated in a one-week program called "Boys State" which focused on state government.

"I've always had an interest in that," he said. "In general, (the program) looks like something that will be interesting and I will take away from it a better understanding of international politics."

Seminars Alia and John will be taking during the summit include "The Role of Diplomacy," "Issues Facing Congress — A U.S. Representative's Perspective," "International Development," "The Role of Multi-National Organizations," "The Role of the Media in International Politics" and "Human Rights and the Holocaust Example." Throughout the week, students will be holding working group and delegation meetings. The week will culminate with a summit meeting.

CHS typically sends two or three students to the program each year. Students are nominated by teachers and must send in an application for acceptance to the program, as well as pay the $895 tuition. Kelly, Alia and John have received some contributions from local civic organizations to help pay their trip expenses.

Since 1969, more than 74,000 American students have participated in "Presidential Classroom," providing them with an opportunity to experience Washington first hand.



John Kasameyer and Alia Afshar are participating at the Future World Leaders Summit next week in Washington, DC.

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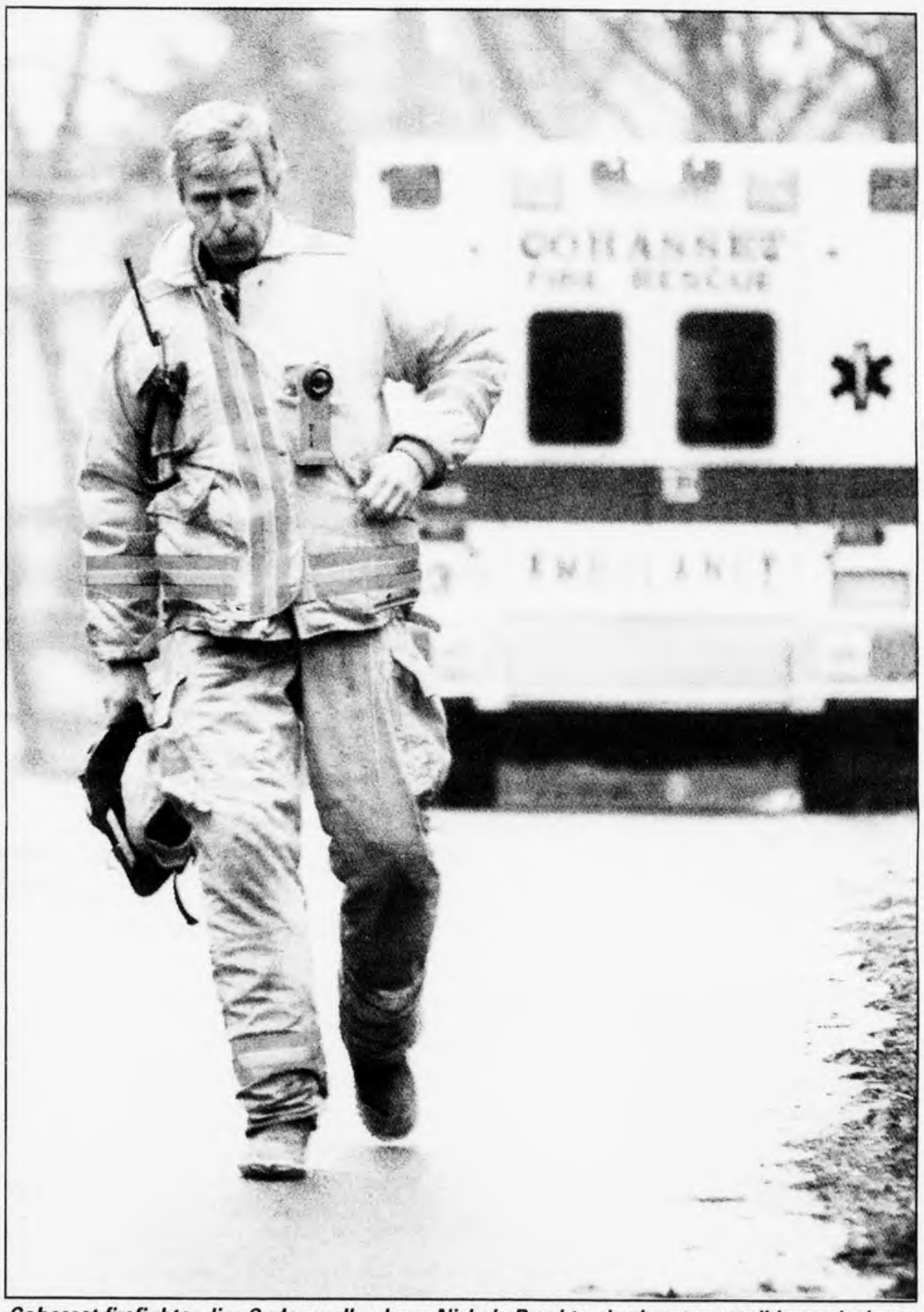
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Cohasset firefighter Jim Curley walks down Nichols Road to check out a possible gas leak as the ambulance waits in the background.

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State of Emergency

Experts charge state's emergency medical system fails to deliver consistent care

By Chris Szechenyi and Linda Rosencrance
CNC STAFF WRITERS

A head-on collision at the intersection of Burt and Tremont streets in Taunton a year ago left 6-year-old Angela Stewart with a severe head injury, trapped in her family's car for more than 10 minutes.

Police and an ambulance arrived at the scene, but 911 personnel failed to notify nearby firefighters, who alone had the equipment and the training needed to free Angela from the wreckage.

"There was too much time taken at the scene to get her out of the car," said John E. Frye, a Canton firefighter and emergency medical technician who stopped at the accident to help. "There was no heavy equipment to pull the car apart. We were so shorthanded and time was of the essence."

Finally freed and rushed to a hospital, Angela lapsed into a coma. Nine days later she died.

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Derailing response times

Chief looks for solutions to train's impact

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Lincoln's Lane is a small private way near the Scituate line. After the transit authority announced a plan to shut off traffic here permanently, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln went out to the private way. The chief has talked with the residents there about the T's plans to block up the street.

The T wants to close the lane to clamp down on the number of streets the tracks will cross. If the Greenbush rail line eventually comes through Cohasset, the track will probably cut the west side of Lincoln's Lane off from police and fire response routes. Ultimately, residents might have to rely on Scituate for a fast response in an emergency when and if the train comes in. (T officials are still ironing out plans for the train and hope to have it running in town by 2002).

The situation on Lincoln's Lane is an isolated example of the type of new obstacles the town can expect to confront when the train arrives. But it is not the only potential trouble spot. The trains will speed across about 13 streets and private ways on every trip, coming to a full stop only once at the station near

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Concerns about golf club unfounded, members say

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The Cohasset Golf Club has kept the green sward manicured on Lamberts Lane for more than 100 years. But now the club is at the center of a controversy about drinking and driving. Some of the club's new neighbors and a member of the school board raised the issue and say they are worried about the safety of children.

About 20 children travel Lamberts Lane to the school bus stop on Route 228.

Clifford Mitman, president of the Cohasset Golf Club, said the club members want to be good neighbors. But he objected to the school board member's characterization of the club. He said he was upset about charges the club bartender was putting drunk drivers on the road. Mitman said the club follows the law and does not serve liquor to people who already had too much to drink. He also said he did not understand why the school board member said people were drinking during the daytime at the club.

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Nichols Road group celebrates change in septic district plan

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions (CEES) is not opposed to the use of septic systems. What the group does oppose is any plan that seems to arbitrarily force homeowners to replace septic systems at costs that can soar to $80,000.

CEES has been fighting the town's plan to force 136 homeowners in designated priority districts to submit to mandatory septic system inspections and the possibility of expensive repairs and replacements. A recent decision by the state Attorney General's office to recommend that the town sewer 36 homes on Lily Pond has members of the group claiming a major victory.

"We are considering the letter from the Attorney General's office as a major success and it will be a suitable replacement," said Lisa Bumstead, a Nichols Road resident and founding member of CEES. "The efforts of CEES have made this whole thing happen."

CEES is comprised of residents placed into the town's priority districts around Lily Pond, Little Harbor, Jerusalem Road, Atlantic Avenue and Nichols Road to fulfill the terms of the Second Amended Final Agreement for Judgment.

The Second Judgment is an agreement between the town and the state to prevent water pollution in Cohasset by adequately managing waste water. The Second Judgment initially grew out of the town's failure to comply with the federal Clean Waters Act and violations of that act that date back to 1975.

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Telephone number changes at town hall

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Board of Health	383-4116
Planning Board	383-4118
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Weekly pay to be considered

Selectmen are considering allowing town employees to be paid weekly rather than every two weeks.

They were responding to a petition from town DPW employees stating that bi-weekly pay creates a financial hardship that is unfair and unnecessary in light of the fact the town uses a payroll service.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the same request has appeared in every union contract proposal.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan asked Haddad to figure out the financial impact of returning to weekly paychecks and report back to the board Monday.

Four-way stop objected to

Hamilton Tewksbury, 81 Elm St., wrote to selectmen objecting to a four-way stop at N. Main Street, King Street and Forest Avenue.

"You're all intelligent, thinking individuals," he said. "I mean it but in this case a four-way stop at that intersection is crazy and I emphasize crazy."

Tewskbury said North Main Street is a commuter road and not a back road or a country road.

"Please think about it, think what you're doing," he said.

Tewksbury said traffic lights which are triggered by pressure sensitive actuators are the best solution. Otherwise he recommended stop signs on King and Forest and caution signs on North Main.

In a May 1994 report, Police Chief Brian Noonan said four-way stops are safer and more effective on less heavily travelled roads with a more uniform amount of traffic entering from all directions. He said traffic lights would be his first choice at that intersection.

Selectmen have ruled lights out because of the cost and recently opted for a four-way stop on the recommendation of the traffic committee. Signs have been placed at the intersection warning motorists about the pending change.

A four-way stop will be in effect Monday at the intersection.

B&B's article gets mixed reviews

Selectmen are split on whether or not to support a town meeting article that would allow Bed and Breakfast homes in town without a special permit. Under current zoning regulations, anyone wishing to operate a bed and breakfast must obtain a special permit from the zoning board of appeals.

Dorothy Keville, lead signator on the citizens' petition article asking for relaxed zoning rules for smaller B&Bs with one or two bedrooms, said the change would not create a problem. She asked that a smaller B&B be subjected to the same parking requirements as a single family home. She pointed out there are not enough motel rooms to accommodate the people who would like to come to Cohasset.

But a minority of selectmen said the existing zoning by-law protects the town and neighbors.

"It is healthy for the town to have a monitoring system in place," Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said the zoning board is the best way to handle the permitting process relating to parking issues.

"We think of a B&B and imagine a Mercedes and a golden retriever leaping through the autumn air," he said. "Leave it to the ZBA to look at each example and grant a permit if they deem it right."

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said relaxing the rules for smaller B&Bs would serve a need in the community.

Selectmen McMorris, Merle Brown and Nan Roth voted to recommend approval of the town meeting article, with Sullivan and Diane Sullivan opposed.

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- A request for $2,700,000 additional funding for the new North Cohasset/Straits Pond sewer project, to be paid by the users.
- The addition of four homes off Atlantic Avenue to the present sewer system.
- The taking of easements in connection with the expanded central Cohasset sewer project.

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Dredging project slated for September

Harbor silt passes the test

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

There's some good news about all that silt in the harbor: it passed the test.

"The tests came in with flying colors," Harbormaster John "Moose" Winters said.

That means it will cost the town $10-$12 a cubic yard to dispose of the silt off shore as opposed to $110 a cubic yard for upland disposal.

The dredging project which has been in the works for four years is slated to begin in September with completion estimated by January, 1999.

Winters and David Vine of Nucci Vine Associates, town consultant for the project, will meet with selectmen Monday to provide an update on permitting issues and where the fishing fleet will be moored while dredging is underway..

There are a total of about 100,000 cubic yards of silt or 50 barge loads to be removed.

The project has cleared several hurdles, the latest of which was the re-testing of silt samples from four areas in the inner harbor.

Due to disagreements among federal agencies about testing protocol, such as water temperature, the town was forced to perform another round of testing silt samples.

The town is responsible for dredging about 7,500 cubic yards of silt from the Parker Avenue boat ramp, Cox's Point, Lawrence Wharf and the area between Cox's Point and the Cohasset Yacht Club.

Winters said he is negotiating with the yacht club to leave its main string of floats out for the fishing fleet. The yacht club is outside the area to be dredged.

"But liability is a problem," Winters said.

Otherwise, he said the moorings would have to be moved around the harbor to keep ahead of the dredging, a fall-back plan that Winters doesn't relish.

"It would be darn near impossible to pick up 31 lobster boat moorings and shift them back and forth," he said.

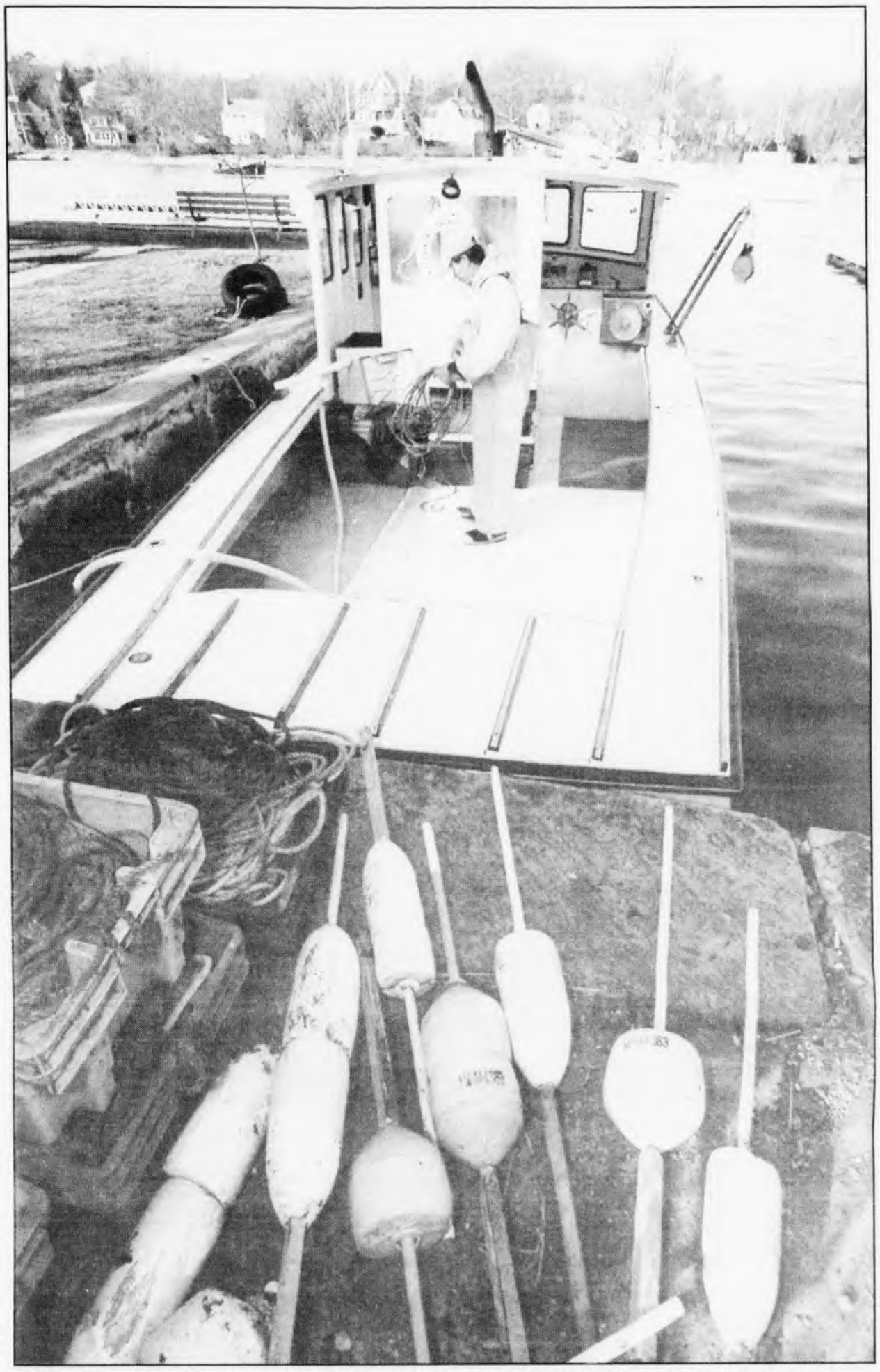
Winters explained Cohasset harbor is a pilot project for the Army Corps of Engineers which will take the dredged material to the ocean dumping site of Newburyport. The material will be used to cap the disposal area which is about 25 miles off shore. The area to be dredged might change day to day as the project supervisor tests the "granular size" of the dredged material which has to meet certain criteria to be suitable for capping. Therefore, the moorings have to be out of the way so the project can move about the harbor quickly.

> ***"It would be darn near impossible to pick up 31 lobster boat moorings and shift them back and forth."***
>
> – HARBORMASTER JOHN "MOOSE" WINTERS.

The federal channel, which is getting narrower and narrower due to silt buildup, hasn't been fully dredged in 35 years. There has been periodic maintenance dredging of the harbor and federal channel since then but the last time a federal/town dredging project of this magnitude was undertaken in Cohasset was in 1939.

With the state's financial help, the town is responsible for dredging areas in the harbor while the Army Corps of Engineers, a federal agency whose civil mission is to develop and manage the country's water resources, will tackle the harbor channel which falls under federal jurisdiction. Because of the entangled environmental permitting process for the two projects involving about a dozen agen-

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Lobsterman Matt Marr ties up in Cohasset Harbor. Cohasset received federal money for dredging because it is ranked 10th in the state for catching lobsters.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Rail bed park to trip up T, officials say

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Officials hope a strategic move will put the town in a better bargaining position with the MBTA.

To that end, selectmen were unanimous in their support to declare the Old Colony right of way — which the town owns — as park land.

Town meeting will vote on the proposal March 28.

This means for the T to take the right-of-way by eminent domain, it would require a 2/3 vote of the legislature, selectmen said.

The MBTA plans to restore the Greenbush Line of the Old Colony Railroad Project along the existing right of way through several South Shore towns including Cohasset.

The Mitigation Committee, charged with negotiating measures with the T to protect the town from the adverse effects of noise, vibration, diesel air pollution and exacerbated flooding potential, has not been happy with the T's response to its concerns.

The press and interested members of the public were barred from the deliberative process Monday because selectmen voted to discuss the issue in executive session. Reporters from the Mariner and Patriot Ledger objected but selectmen said they were advised by town counsel they could call an executive session in this instance.

The open meeting law allows executive sessions to discuss strategy relating to pending litigation. However, it was not clear what pending litigation was involved.

The Mitigation Committee was slated to meet with representatives from the MBTA last night after the Mariner went to press. MBTA environmental affairs manager Andrew Brennan could not be reached for comment.

The committee is upset the T provided them with incomplete data relating to the effect the restored rail bed would have on the James Brook basin which is prone to flooding.

Chairman Tom Gruber said the T's position is that the train will not affect flooding in James Brook.

"We've gotten half-baked calculations," he said. "By their own criteria the rails must be 18 inches above high water. At Sohier Street, they'll never make it."

The T says it has enabling legislation in place to allow it to take land for Greenbush by eminent domain. But conservation land is protected from development by the state constitution. The T could take conservation land

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Flood data leads town list

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

MBTA officials were scheduled to stop in Cohasset Wednesday for a meeting about the commuter trains coming to town. The Greenbush rail line is the third prong of the T's Old Colony train restoration. Bogged down by legal challenges and behind schedule, the restoration faces formidable obstacles. The T has nonetheless vowed the railroad will be built, even though the authority has to pay the town for "adverse impacts" due to the train.

Cohasset town officials have stressed they can both work with the T and protect the town's in-

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Nichols Road group celebrates change in septic district plan

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The recommendation from the Attorney General's office was in response to a meeting it held with town officials two weeks ago to address residents' concerns about the town's plans and to gauge progress on fulfilling the terms of the Second Amended Judgment.

The Attorney General has also recommended that the town initiate a study of Little Harbor within one year to examine nitrogen contamination and other pollution in the waters. The study would look at the Little Harbor watershed to determine where the contamination is coming from, including an examination of septic systems that could affect the water. Once the study is complete, the town would have six months to come up with a plan that could include sewering Little Harbor, continuing with priority districts and promoting shared septic systems.

Selectmen have proposed an article for the town meeting warrant for $45,000 to fund the study.

Health board member Kevin Ulmer said parts of this provision are unclear. Does the town have to perform full Title V inspections of the septic systems on Little Harbor? Or can town officials request a lesser examination that does not trigger the Title V process? Despite the ambiguity, Ulmer felt the Attorney General's plan was an excellent solution.

"The logic of sewering around the town's water drinking supply makes perfect sense," Ulmer said. "This is a good move by all parties and the most health-conscious solution."

CEES members have been fighting the town's priority district by complaining to the state Attorney General, proposing town meeting articles, and hiring a lawyer to represent them and take legal action if necessary.

"Whether we fight this on the town level, the state level or in the courts, we will use all three avenues to the extent that is necessary to win this battle," said Stephen Marcus of Marcus Gooden Emmer and Brooks in Braintree, the firm representing CEES. "If there can be no sensible solution, then we will fight this to the bitter end."

CEES submitted two articles for this year's town meeting. One article would delay for at least one year the implementation of the on-site waste water management plan and the other would allow the town to amend the Second Amended Final Judgment for Agreement.

Bumstead said CEES would meet next week to consider pulling its articles from the town meeting warrant.

"I think the state has, with its requirements for Cohasset to comply with the Attorney General's recommendation, made our articles a moot point," Bumstead said. "The selectmen's article will be a suitable replacement."

Members of CEES are outraged at what they see as the town trying to force them to pay for mistakes made by previous town officials.

"Title 5 says you don't have to submit to septic system inspections until you sell your home, but now the town picks 136 homes and says you people have to have inspections now," Marcus said. "No other community in the commonwealth has to do this."

Marcus said the town had access to federal funds to sewer these sections of town many years ago, but chose not to go forward with the project. Marcus claims the town even had access to between $10 million and $30 million in federal funds, but returned the money.

Marcus and members of CEES say the sewer commission is responding to pressure from people within the town to control growth by limiting the amount of sewer pipe in town.

"How is it that 136 people have to pay for the sins of sewer commissioners in years past?" Marcus asked.

Sewer Commissioner Ted Guild said the sewer commission is an elected body that is subject to the mandates, decisions and directives set forth by town meeting. Guild pointed out that the zoning board and the planning board are part-time boards, sometimes populated by amateurs, that must deal with professional developers who want to push through projects.

"Cohasset is one of the most beautiful towns in the state and perhaps even in New England," Guild said. "We'd like to maintain that atmosphere by controlling growth, and the town is growing on a controlled and appropriate basis. Successive town meetings have approved the sewer commission's program as it has evolved over the years."

The creation of CEES is a direct result of the town's on-site waste water management plan.

Bumstead first became involved in battling the on-site plan when a friend urged her to attend a health board hearing that listed Nichols Road as a priority district. The health board hearing was held well after the on-site plan and the Second Amended Final Judgment were approved at town meeting.

That was the first time Bumstead heard that Nichols Road was in a priority district.

Bumstead said the priority districts were picked and approved in a deceptive way. She said the town meeting warrant did not contain specific information about where the priority districts were located and who would be in them.

"Fourteen days before town meeting we got a warrant that mentioned priority districts only in article 13," Bumstead said. "But then one to two hours before town meeting, the selectmen changed the language of the article to include Lily Pond and Little Harbor as priority districts. If you watch the tape, the moderator reads the new language, which is moved, seconded and approved."

Bumstead said the change was made so quickly and at the last minute so voters did not understand the scope of the new language. Bumstead referred to a transcript of the selectmen's meeting that took place five days before town meeting (March 24, 1997) in which selectmen discussed priority districts.

According to the transcript, several hours into the meeting, former health board Chairman Tom Cook entered the meeting saying he had never seen article 13 nor discussed priority districts with the sewer commission. Dan Coughlin of Tutela Engineering advised selectmen to amend the language of article 13 on the floor of town meeting to promote its passage, Bumstead said.

"It seems clear to me from Coughlin and Cook's comments that the board of health had never heard of these priority districts," Marcus said.

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Zoning board holds special hearing on CHL violations

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The zoning board of appeals will hold a special hearing tonight at 8 p.m. in town hall to specifically deal with two zoning violations committed by the Cohasset Heights Limited landfill. CHL is appealing two cease and desist orders issued last January by the building inspector.

On Jan. 26, Building Inspector Robert Egan issued a cease and desist order directing CHL to cease operations because prior owner James Tyeryar failed to file a zoning board special permit with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. CHL owner Paul Barry also failed to file the permit after he purchased the landfill.

John K. McNabb Jr., vice-president of the anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE), discovered the violation after checking with the Registry of Deeds.

On Jan. 28, CHL's attorneys informed Egan that they had filed the special permit that morning. CHL attorney Anton Moehrke asked Egan to rescind the order, but Egan refused, saying the permit was not recorded before the town enacted its Water District Resource bylaw. CHL has argued that filing the permit fulfills the intention of the law.

The bylaw prohibits landfills from operating in the Water Resource District unless it was in operation prior to the enactment of the bylaw. A large portion of the landfill sits in the district. Egan ruled that the special permit was invalid and CHL could not claim "grandfathered" status for being in the district lawfully before the enactment of the bylaw.

"This is basically a legal argument," said zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo. "There doesn't appear to be any facts in dispute, but there is a legal argument over whether they were actually grandfathered into the Water Resource District."

On Jan. 29, Egan issued another cease and desist order against CHL for placing refuse in an area of the landfill not approved for dumping and ordered the removal of all refuse. McNabb discovered the illegal dumping when he compared several engineers drawings against the contours of the landfill. The illegal fill encompasses an area of about 7,800 square feet.

CHL is appealing Egan's removal order.

"I think CHL's primary complaint is that they can't remove the material by the date specified by the building inspector because the state must approve any plan," DeGiacomo said.

DeGiacomo said the zoning board is being asked by CHL to override the building inspector's decisions. The zoning board has the discretion to uphold the building inspector's decision, overturn it, or remand it back to Egan for further action.

SAFE is urging residents to attend the hearing.

"People need to attend the hearing to urge the ZBA to uphold the orders of the building inspector," McNabb said. "CHL is trying to get away with their illegal dumping of 21,600 tons of waste and with operating illegally since day one without a valid special permit."

CHL post-closure deal nears completion

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The board of health is closing in on a final plan to protect the town from the costs of closing the Cohasset Heights Limited landfill in the event that the company goes out of business.

Health board Chairman Alix White had hoped to finalize the deal by Jan. 22, but that deadline was not met. CHL and DEP signed off on an earlier agreement, but Cohasset was not a signatory to that arrangement. DEP must dig out the original copies of the agreement so Cohasset can sign off on the deal.

Health board member Kevin Ulmer said the delay was frustrating.

White said she felt confident that the package gave the town the appropriate financial protection, particularly since the bulk of the post-closure costs, including leachate collection, would be handled by the Massachusetts Highway Department.

State law requires landfill owners to take responsibility for post-closure costs for 30 years after the landfill closes. The indemnity package the town has negotiated with CHL totals $2.9 million in materials, surety bonds and letters of credit according to the health board's special environmental consultant, Michael Scott.

According to Scott, the financial assurances are being issued by the Chubb Insurance Group, which is owned by BFI, the largest trash disposal company in the world. The financial assurances would be held in a trust managed by Fleet Bank.

The $2.9 million deal represents just a portion of a larger $13 million post-closure plan. Most of the post-closure costs will be borne by the state to deal with leachate runoff from the landfill in the future.

The health board also has a letter of credit for $500,000 that gives the town the right to mine soils off other CHL-owned property in sufficient amounts to cap the landfill if necessary, according to Scott.

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Concerns about golf club unfounded, members say

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"I don't understand why they're somehow picking on us," he said. Much of the school year the club is not even open mornings until after 9 a.m., long after the last school bus has departed, according to Mitman. Furthermore, the only people there in the morning are the accounting office staff.

Mitman also said he doubted golfers who got to the club afternoons were drinkers. He also said he wanted to correct the misperception the club expanded the parking lot because the members planned to hold more functions than before. He said one of the school board members had talked about the parking expansion and surmised it meant more activity at the club.

School board member Joseph McElroy wrote a letter to the planning board and was received Jan. 28. In the letter, he stated the parking lot expansion for the golf club meant "the likelihood of additional functions that may include the daytime consumption of alcoholic beverages."

"That's not true," Mitman said. He said the club did not plan to hold any additional functions. It built up the parking spaces because the existing lot was too small. He said the club was trying to be a good neighbor and keep cars off Lamberts Lane when weddings and functions are held there.

Mitman said he worried about safety on Lamberts Lane, too. "It's tough being on a residential street. We're forever warning trucks to go slow," he said. He also said the club did some "extra work" to fix the road and tried to offer a place for the school bus to stop.

Mitman called the schools superintendent last month after he read the story about Lamberts Lane in the newspaper. He offered to let the school bus use the access road inside the club, so the drivers could avoid the cul de sac. It is too narrow for a wide bus turn.

"We're willing to let the bus turn around on our road," he said. Schools superintendent Stephen Hart said the access road was too narrow for the bus to travel. Hart and two school bus drivers drove Lamberts Lane last month to survey it.

"It really was still difficult for us to turn," Hart said. Hart and Mitman both said the club's new parking lot was not a good alternative for the bus, either.

"I don't see how it would work," Mitman said. During September and in April, May and June, cars are in the lot mornings.

"The bus would have to wend its way through," he said.

Patience Towle, a member of the golf club and a Lamberts Lane resident, said the club was also committed to being a good neighbor and making Lamberts Lane as safe as possible.

"The neighborhood is really changing. No matter how they got here, these houses are here. Now we've got to do something about making it safe," Towle said. "I see those little strips of pink tape in the woods. It makes me believe more houses will be built."

But she also said the statements by McElroy about drinking at the club misrepresented the situation. "I had a personal reaction to it," Towle said with good humor. She has lost count of the number of people who have stopped her to mention her street has been in the news, she said.

She said McElroy also was not right to surmise the bigger parking lot signaled changes at the club.

"We have about three weddings a year," she said. Towle said the Cohasset Golf Club was not like others that generated a stream of revenue due to functions.

Nonetheless, she was sympathetic to the residents who worry about their children. Towle said she drove her son to the school bus stop on Route 228 every day from the time he was in kindergarten until he finished eighth grade. The conditions are dangerous, she said.

"My car was only rammed one time," she said with wry humor. "The situation at the end of the road is unsafe."

Towle said she gave credit to Lamberts Lane resident Mary Foley who was successful in getting the town to make some safety improvements on Lamberts Lane. "Mary Foley did a tremendous job," said Towle.

Foley, a Lamberts Lane resident, said the dilemma is not yet solved.

"Mr. McElroy is trying to get the different parties together," she said. She said the planning board seemed to think the parking lot might be a place for the bus to turn around.

"That's what the planning board was going after, but the parking lot itself was never on the table," she said.

Foley was one of several mothers that reported hazardous conditions on the private way to the school committee Jan. 22. At that time, she complained the school children faced a dangerous walk on Lamberts Lane to get to a school bus stop on Hull Street.

Dorian Brady, a Lamberts Lane resident, said then the situation would only get worse, if officials did not act. More new houses are being developed on Lamberts Lane, she said. She also said the Cohasset Golf Club was adding 75 spaces to the parking lot.

Brady charged the golf club traffic was a lot of the problem on Lamberts Lane. She also cited the danger from "large delivery trucks leaving the golf club" and "drivers whose ability to operate a car may be impaired due to alcohol consumption at the residing golf club bar."

McElroy officially took up the neighborhood cause at the Jan. 22 meeting. He initially blamed the planning board for issuing too many permits for construction on Lamberts Lane.

"I don't know how the planning board got us in this pickle," he said.

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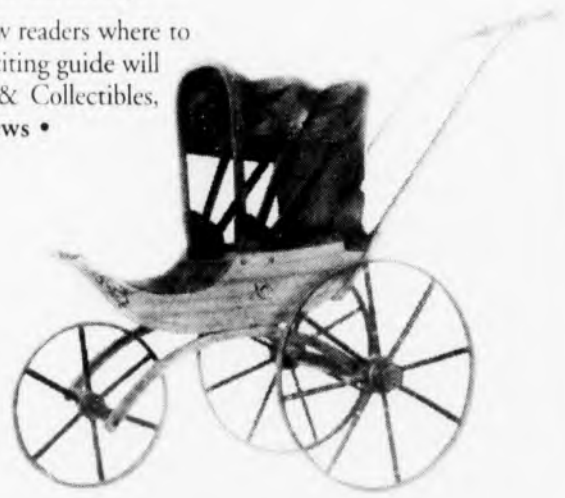
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Planning board a dead end for Lamberts Lane residents

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Al Moore said Thursday he felt sympathy for the residents of Lamberts Lane. But Moore doubted his panel could solve the dilemma about the school bus. The board was both "sympathetic and kind of helpless," Moore said.

Moore, the planning board chairman, summed up his views about the board's role after hearing Feb. 18 about the long list of problems on Lamberts Lane. The chairman said the board's "hands were tied" a long time ago when they dealt with a developer. When he wanted permits to build houses on Lamberts Lane, then town clerk Charles Marks signed a certificate that Lamberts Lane was a public street. Under state law, the certificate was as good as a town meeting vote to make the street accepted. It meant the developer only needed to get permits from the health board and the building inspector before he could start construction. The planning board had no say in the matter.

Marks retired in 1984.

Planning board member Robert Sturdy agreed with Moore's views. He said even if the town clerk made a mistake, the certificate forced the board to allow the construction. State law says the condition of the road is not a sufficient reason to stop building on a public street, he said.

Sturdy and Moore made an effort to explain why housing kept going up on Lamberts Lane. It appeared to be a development sprouting there. It also appeared to be happening without control from the planning board. The question came up after school board member Joseph McElroy wrote Moore a letter asking for advice about Lamberts Lane. McElroy and several residents went face to face with the planning board Feb. 18.

McElroy said then he wanted the planners to act as "honest brokers" between the Cohasset Golf Club and the residents. He said his idea was to "keep the lawyers off to one side at least initially." He also asked the planning board to write a letter to the golf club and to a developer who built houses on Lamberts Lane. He said he wanted to invite them to help solve the safety problems on the private way "without getting the legal beagles involved."

Moore eventually agreed to come up with letters after McElroy suggested the tone might be "conversational."

"Yeah, we can do that," said board member Robert Sturdy. Sturdy previously raised objections about the board's right to contact the golf club. Moore said the school committee should write the letter.

Sturdy also said the residents should do a search of old records to prove Lamberts Way was a public street when it belonged to Hingham in 1737. Ultimately, he said, the board of selectmen should widen the cul de sac and fix up the road. If they refused, the residents could play hardball with the selectmen once they had proof Lamberts Lane was public.

"The town builds a sidewalk. The town builds a cul de sac," Sturdy said. "The town has to pay for it."

He said the turn-around and the bus stop should be on town-owned land. Another solution, he said, would be to go at the problem from the other end. Though now a dead end, Lamberts Lane is a through street on the maps. The road could be "punched through" and a bus stop put somewhere on the other side, he said.

Sturdy said he has a personal stake in the Lamberts Lane situation because his grandchildren live there. He also said the golf club created a hazard, due to reported drinking and driving.

"There's a barroom. People are having a good round and traveling that road as kids are coming back from school."

The golf club president has denied the members are leaving the club drunk. He also said there are no plans to have more functions at the Cohasset Golf Club. The club is completing a parking lot expansion. The expansion will add 75 spaces to the parking lot. The plans, however, already won approval from town officials.



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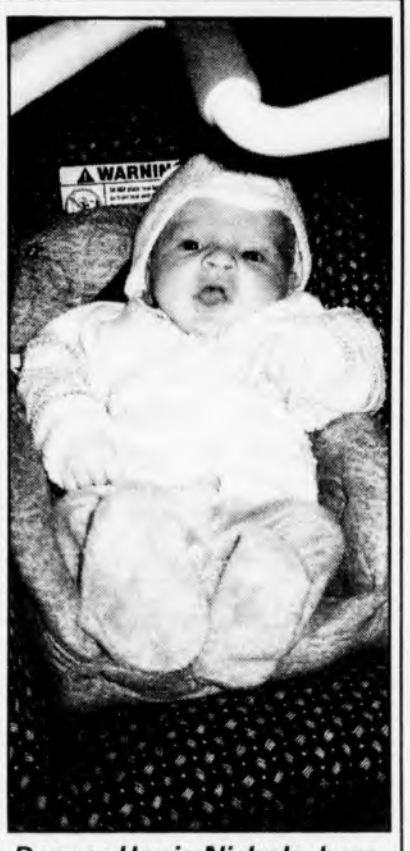
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Denver Harris Nichols, born Dec. 9, is a joy to his parents Wendy and Michael.

GOOD NEWS FROM NICHOLS ROAD

Let's begin with some good news from Nichols Road — Tucker Gledhill, a student at New Hampton School in New Hampshire, finished his wrestling season with a personal record of 26-0! Tucker won the Northern New England Prep School championships; get this, folks, he pinned all three opponents in the first period! As this goes to press, Tucker is representing The New England area at the Nationals in Pittsburgh, Pa. Congratulations to Tucker and to his number one fan, his mom Meredith. Go get 'em, champ! (We will keep you informed as his matches progress).

DEAN'S LIST AT WHEATON

Tracy Reardon of Cohasset was recently named to the dean's list for the fall 1997 semester at Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., where she is a member of the Class of 1998. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reardon of Red Gate Lane fame, and we all applaud her for the effort she put in to "making the grade."

NEWMAN PREP HONORS

An announcement made by Dean Francis L. Donelan tells us that Natalia Perova, daughter of Dr. Pol Perova of Jerusalem Road, was named to the dean's list at Newman Preparatory School in Boston. Miss Perova was elected for the fall semester, Sept. 8 to Jan. 16. Great job, Natalia!

DENVER NICHOLS ARRIVES!

Wendy P. Nichols of Baileys Island off Indian Trail, and Michael Harris of Derbyshire, England, are over-joyed to announce the arrival of their cherished miracle child Denver Harris Nichols, born Dec. 9 at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. Denver weighed 8 pounds 15 ounces. Mike works on the Island of Bahrain in the Persian Gulf, so Wendy is staying at home for a while with her blue-eyed, blond-haired bundle. Wendy and Michael have lived on Cohasset Harbor for almost 30 years, and are absolutely thrilled at his arrival. We are sure to see Denver around town this spring, and cannot wait — you will recognize him after you see the adorable picture!

LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE....CURE

Live, Laugh, Love ... Cure, a gala benefit for the Lupus Foundation of America, Mass. Chapter, was held Feb. 14 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. Susan and Jim Shumaker were the chairmen of Live, Laugh, Love ...Cure. Jim Shumaker is a partner with the Boston law firm of Choate Hall and Stewart. Susan, a person with lupus, is an advocate for lupus awareness and is an ardent supporter of the Lupus Foundation. The Shumakers live in Cohasset, and we hear that the romantic evening of fete and festivities was a wonderful one indeed! Hats off to Jim and Susan!

BU ACADEMIC DEGREES

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 940 students this winter; among the graduates was Cohasset resident Eileen Q. MacEachen, who received an EDM in English and language arts. Congratulations!

PATRIOTIC GIFT

Emma Astley received a real surprise recently — it was a present from the Ronald Goodwins! Margaret Goodwin is Emma's friend, and they all gave her an American flag that had flown over the Capital in Washington, D.C. There was a special reason for this wonderful gift, Emma recently became a citizen of the United States! Welcome Emma, we know that you will fly that flag proudly for many years to come! And, hats off to the Goodwins for such a wonderful gift!

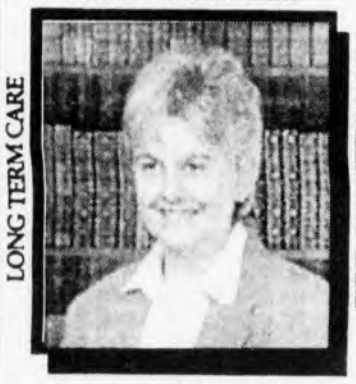
CONGRATS TO ED MULVEY

Ed Mulvey's 40th year anniversary with Pilgrim Cooperative Bank took place last week, and

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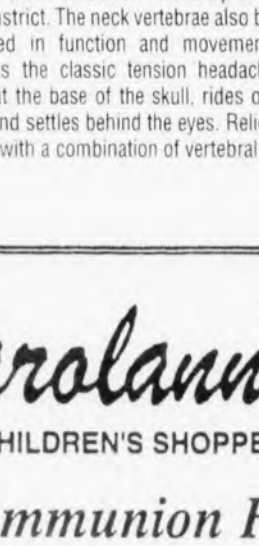
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CAROL RANKIN



Name: Carol Rankin

Occupation: Volunteer coordinator for the Cohasset Consignment Shop.

Goal: To instill the joy and satisfaction of volunteering (giving of oneself to others).

Best vacation: Grand Canyon, North Rim.

Best day of your life: Wedding day and the birth of our children.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Spring, life being reborn.

Favorite junk food: Dark, dark chocolate.

Favorite TV show: 'The Pretender.'

Favorite movie: 'The Sting.'

Favorite book: 'Heidi.'

Dumbest thing I've ever done: To dumb to tell but it involves the color purple.

Person you'd most like to meet: The wives of our 40th and 41st presidents.

Pet peeve: Whiners.

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we add our congrats to the long list who already applauded him — our town is so lucky to have such a devoted man to run a bank like ours! Eddie has always made sure that it doesn't loose the "personal touch" that so many banks lack now; to Ed we are not "just an account number," we are people! He went from teller to manager to president, and his personality never changed — his love of people, and his efforts in trying to help when he can, have made the bank what it is today. There aren't too many people who stay in the same place for 40 years; we are ever-so-glad that you have, Mr. Mulvey!

ROTARY CLUB PHONE BOOK

The Cohasset Rotary Club is busy assembling its 1998 Cohasset phone book — if any resident or business would like to add or change any information currently in the book, or if you would like to make a donation, call Ed Fox at 383-2853. The ad submission deadline is April 1, and there is a 10-percent discount if paid by March 1. For more information, call the Rotary Club at P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, 02025. Just think of the number of times that you, and people you know, use that wonderful little book! Then place that ad!

HIGHEST HONORS AT SKIDMORE

Kathryn Ross, daughter of James and Susan Ross of Cohasset, and a member of the Class of 2000, has earned highest honors during the fall semester at Skidmore College, a coeducational, liberal arts institution with an enrollment of approximately 2,150 students.

WHO'S WHO COLLEGE STUDENT

A Cohasset resident, Jonah A. Berger, has been inducted into "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Jonah is currently a junior at Westfield State College in Westfield. He is majoring in mass communications with a concentration in journalism and is minoring in math. He is the editor-in-chief of the Campus Voice, the student press of WSC, and is a member of the Society of Professional Journalists. Jonah is a representative to the Student Government Association from the class of 1999, including seats on the library and student affairs committees. He also is WSKB, the campus radio station, disc jockey and a member of its operations committee. He is the son of Kathleen and Dennis Berger and a CHS grad! Watch for his name, he will be famous someday!

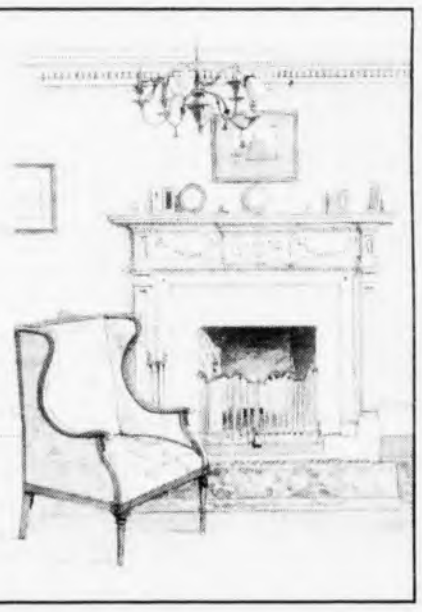
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That's the news for this week, keep yours coming so that we can keep up with what you and yours are doing! Everyone loves to hear all about it!

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It's time to improve our emergency care system

This year about 80,000 people will be involved in car crashes in Massachusetts. As many as 10,000 people will suffer heart attacks.

This is an unpleasant subject — no one wants to contemplate the possibility that disaster will strike themselves or the people they care about. It is also a compelling news story, because an investigation of the state's emergency medical system reveals a network that is inadequate, out of date and disorganized. According to some experts, its failings are responsible for the death of as many as 100 people a year.

The good news is that we are served by thousands of dedicated men and women who accept the stress and responsibility of being there first when someone is stricken. The bad news is that during crises where minutes literally mean the difference between life and death, we have failed to provide on a consistent statewide basis the tools and the organization they require to deliver life-saving help.

- Communication fails because equipment is broken, out of date or inadequately staffed;
- The wrong people appear on the scene first, delaying vital services;
- Ambulances are late because they travel too great distances; or
- Critically injured people are taken to the wrong medical facility.

The last is especially devastating in Massachusetts because we can boast medical facilities that stand among the best in the world — a billion-dollar resource wasted every time a victim is delivered to a hospital that cannot deliver the precise help that person needs.

The reason for these failures and the deaths and injuries that result is that today we still see emergency medical care as a local service. Each town must determine for itself how much emergency service it can afford and what rules it will follow. This guarantees that — even with the greatest good will possible — we will have a patchwork of care that falls far below the standard set in places such as Maryland, where emergency care is given a regional perspective. It poses a threat even to those fortunate enough to live in a town with the resources and the oversight to buy the best care available. Once you cross the border into the next town, in all likelihood you leave that better care behind.

We can't plan our disasters. But we can plan so that wherever they occur, we can be sure we will be adequately cared for.

The answer stands today on Beacon Hill, in the form of House Bill 2307, usually referred to as EMS 2000. It would begin to create the statewide oversight and consistent standards we need to improve the quality of emergency medical care in Massachusetts. Those who understand best why an integrated system of care is essential have stood up in support of this bill — emergency room doctors, firemen, emergency medical technicians — and we stand with them.

We bring this week's special report on the state's EMS system to you with an understanding of just how powerful the tradition is here for the town to be the unit of oversight. A state authority with augmented powers to deliver emergency care *does* diminish the power of the community. We are convinced, however, that the exchange is necessary and we all will be better served, on balance, by an emergency medical services system that is truly regional.

In support of EMS 2000 — of House Bill 2307 — we ask you to consider exchanging a sliver of autonomy to help us rest assured that when disaster strikes our families, our neighbors or ourselves, the men and women who dispatch calls, drive ambulances and staff emergency rooms will have the tools they need to protect us from harm.

Those who support the EMS 2000 legislation and want to be heard on the subject are advised to call the following:

Acting Gov. A. Paul Cellucci, Office of External Relations, 617-727-6250; Speaker of the House Thomas M. Finneran, 617-722-2500; Senate President Thomas F. Birmingham, 617-722-1650; Sen. Stanley C. Rosenberg, chair of Senate Ways and Means Committee, 617-722-1481; and Rep. John A. Stefanini, vice chair, Health Care Committee, 617-722-2130. Or, by all means, get in touch with our own lawmakers, Sen. Bob Hedlund or Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray.

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LETTERS

Better management of school resources needed

To the Editor:

Until recent intemperate statements by a school committee colleague and their sensationalized news coverage, I had chosen to avoid discussing specifics on the school district budget dilemma. I did not want to complicate the town manager's task of negotiating several other Town of Cohasset personnel contracts.

A lot of good things are happening within the Cohasset School District. Teacher-student contact hours have increased by more than 25 percent. Grades 7 through 12 have been reorganized into separate middle and high schools. Block scheduling is now a reality. Our community benefits from dedicated teachers and outstanding leadership at the Osgood, Deer Hill and Middle-High schools. Generally, we maintain an outstanding teacher-student ratio that makes it possible to address the individualized needs of our students.

Unfortunately, overhead costs associated with running a small school district are disproportionately high under the best of circumstances. Special education costs have increased 48 percent during fiscal years 1996-1998. A recent audit of the school district indicates that a lot of work needs to be done to improve management of school resources.

These pressures have been exacerbated by a three-year teachers' contract that has seen many faculty members receive 30-percent salary increases over the life of the contract. The contract includes an "early retirement incentive program" that is not functioning as envisioned and is a costly "perk." The large salary increases were justified based on a fairness principle of realizing comparability with neighboring communities and to compensate for state-mandated added teaching hours. I was not on the school committee when the contract was negotiated. However, I have seen documentation which confirms that Cohasset teachers did not experience comparability. In any event, it is clear to me that the financial impact of the teachers' contract was not understood by the school committee (or, they did not choose to share it). Likewise, the advisory committee and selectmen should have realized its financial implications.

I believe the school district budget is very poorly put together and extremely difficult to analyze. The lack of a strategic plan with a strong financial component deny Cohasset residents the information needed to make intelligent decisions. It is projected that the School District will have 20 employees earning $60,000, or more, during the 1998-99 school year. We must look at the organizational structure of the school district from top to bottom. Job responsibilities should have value ranges and compensation should be tied to merit; not just seniority. We must do more in terms of objective personnel evaluations with summary feedback information to the school committee and the public. We grossly underfund the area of professional development. It is tragic that the Osgood and Deer Hill school facilities will not be in one building with all the potential that would have offered for better common-use facilities and lower overhead costs. Regardless, "the die is cast." Now, we must put that epic dispute behind us and work together to support a first-class educational program at minimal cost.

Frankly, I don't agree with some of the current school spending priorities, but I believe it will be Nov. 1998 before a five-year plan and top-notch budget can be presented to Cohasset citizens. Better late than never. In the meantime, I do not want to see a further deterioration of the school infrastructure in the areas of efficient operations and maintenance as well as other non-personnel essentials. In particular, I hope that my school committee colleagues and town officials recognize the wisdom of converting an existing part-time position to a full-time operations manager. Results of the recent audit confirm our need for such a position. I guarantee you that there will be a positive return on in-

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The following candidates responded to the Question of the Week.

What is the most controversial issue facing the board you would like to represent? Where do you stand on the issue?

SELECTMAN/Martha Gjesteby

The selectmen coordinate and support the appropriate boards to solve problems such as sewer expansion, education of our youth and clean water initiatives. Some of the particular selectman issues are:

- Recycling—The marked trash bags will not be cost effective for the townspeople. It may increase illegally dumped trash around the town. Recycling other items such as an expanded list or plastics can help reduce trash.
- James Brook Watershed—In recent years, flooding has occurred from storms and will be acerbated by construction of the Greenbush track. The town should continue to work with the MBTA to mitigate potential future flooding.
- Town Budgets—The expectation with a town manager form of government is that the manager should find enough savings in his final budget to cover his own salary. The tax rate should be at a reasonable level.
- Infrastructure—Many of the private ways should quickly become public ways in order to build sewer lines, reduce potential liability on bus routes, and to replace water lines. Traffic lights on North Main/King Forest are critically needed.
- Town buildings—Maintenance of all buildings under one authority is efficient and saves money.

SELECTMAN/Tom Callahan

The most controversial issue facing the selectmen is the continuing wastewater treatment issue. We have already seen how costs, tax rates, opposition to septic management plans, the desire for fairness and financial parity and inter-board conflicts make any discussion of this issue controversial. We have danced around the issue for 22 years, but with the state court judgment now held against us, the town has no choice but to squarely confront these issues, with no easy solution at hand. The selectmen should take the lead in devising a long term goal and plan.

The ultimate question is what are we to do about the continuing financial hardship of septic ownership in this town, which remains a problem with or without a management plan. I propose that we once and for all sewer the whole town, the best answer both environmentally and financially. I propose we not begin work until the tax rate spike of the next few years has passed. Once begun, we should use longer term financing and phasing of the work to make the project financially palatable (together with sound overall budgeting via a financial Master Plan). By limiting plant capacity, out of necessity due to cost and limited availability of land, and by revision our zoning bylaws, I believe we can do this while also managing growth and preserving the character of the town.

SEWER COMMISSION/ Henry Rattenbury

The most controversial issue facing the Sewer Commission is the cost overruns on the bids for the North Cohasset project. The commissioners went out to bid twice and the second round of bids came in roughly $1,000,000 lower, but still very substantially over budget. Therefore, the Sewer Commission has an article in the March Town Meeting requesting $2.7 million to be paid by the users. Also, the selectmen have an article which would provide 50/50 funding by the taxpayers subject to a Prop. 2-1/2 override as was done last year for both the North Cohasset project and the Central Cohasset project.

Since I have always favored the 50/50 funding, I shall support the selectmen's article at the Town Meeting.

I feel that this project must go forward and expect to see the central Cohasset sewer expansion project continue progress.

Over the past decade, I have seen these projects through some difficult times. I would like to remain on the board to see these projects through to completion.

SEWER COMMISSION/ Patrick Plante

Cohasset residents are now entering the most expensive capital expenditure of a municipal project in the history of this town.

Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting of March 29, 1997, voted to appropriate $6,649,300 for the North Cohasset section of the sewer project. Article 6 of the same Special Town Meeting voted $322,500 for the pumping station entering into an Intermunicipal venture with Hingham. The bids for North Cohasset came in at 45 percent OVER the appropriated cost, and I find this totally unacceptable.

Also, under Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting (3/29/97), $13,496,800 was appropriated for the Central/Hillside sewer project, and this portion has yet to go out to bid.

The Cohasset taxpayers should not be held hostage to these outrageous increases in costs, and the Board of Sewer Commissioners is presenting an Article at our 1998 Town Meeting to add $2.7 MILLION MORE TO THE NORTH COHASSET SEWER PROJECT!

I feel that now is the time for Patrick Plante to be elected to the Board of Sewer Commissioners to represent the taxpayers of Cohasset in asking the "tough" questions and returning to the contractors to "sharpen" their pencils and come back with an affordable price. I also want to address the 50 percent of our residents presently to remain with on-site septic systems. Federal support for long-term bonding should be addressed so that the burden of complying with the Clean Water Act is not borne on one generation.

HEALTH BOARD/Stephen Bobo

As a retired engineer who successfully worked all his business life in disciplines and policy initiatives similar to those addressed by Cohasset's Health Board, it was natural to look for ways to use these skills to help the town that provides such a beautiful and healthy place to live. The town has a problem that will have an enormous impact on everyone: limited resources to cope with a growing demand for waste disposal. Landfills, sewers, septic systems and also clean water, are all part of the same system of land resource management, and to attack this problem piecemeal is to invite expense and litigation that the town can't afford. Failure of any part of the system will result in an unhealthy, possibly toxic environment for our town and its inhabitants. We are running out of time remaining to solve these difficult problems. We must meet and structure a unified plan for the whole town which addresses the towns health bill of rights:

Every citizen has:

1. the right to expect our elected officials to act in the interests of all our residents.
2. the right to a healthy environment for all citizens.
3. the right to a healthy waste disposal solution for his property. No one has the right to release effluent into our ecosystems by way of failed or defective systems. If a system is satisfactory, in good condition, and well maintained, its owner should be left alone.
4. the right to get what he pays for.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

Nothing stirs debate more than issues associated with increased taxes and no issue is more hotly contested than school funding. In Cohasset, like school districts across the country, the controversy is "How do we maintain our school facilities and ensure a quality education while remaining fiscally prudent?"

Answering this question is never easy, but particularly so when followed with questions such as: "How do we stay sensitive to seniors on limited incomes? How do we remain thoughtful to residents facing tax increases due to new sewers? How do we support other much needed municipal services?

An unlimited amount of tax dollars, obviously, cannot be the answer.

In regard to this controversy, I believe that areas of revenue outside the tax base must be constantly explored and considered. The school committee must ask itself, are we making the most of available grants? Have we fully examined fee-generating programs? Are we exploring public and private partnerships as well as regionalization and shared costs? Are fund raising components at their maximum potential?

As a grant writer, program developer and seasoned fund raiser, I secured hundreds of thousands of dollars for school districts across New Jersey. I believe Cohasset has the similar potential to find new moneys while possibly increasing services to the community. We must be open to looking in all directions and finding new ways.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Hugh Morgan

Clearly, the principal challenge of the School Committee is to establish a long-range plan and budget that identify minimum essential financial funding levels. On the one hand, there are many areas that are under-funded in the current school budget. We need to make up for past neglect. For example, the Deer Hill and middle/high school physical plants require significant upgrading. Everything from maintaining boilers at the high school to leaking windows at both schools and compliance with state code. Currently, the school public address system is inoperable and I regard that as a significant safety issue. In many instances, textbooks are outdated and school library collections are not in good condition.

On the other hand, increased funding needed in the aforementioned areas may be realized by emphasizing management efficiencies in other areas. Next year, the Deer Hill and Osgood students will be in close proximity to each other. Their co-location may offer the opportunity for a reorganization of administrative support. At the same time, personnel resources may need reshuffling within the middle/high school to recognize their new separateness. In view of the recent audit results — I think we may actually save money by converting our part-time operations position into a full-time responsibility.

Contract negotiations have to be very open and very fair to all school employees while taking into consideration the Cohasset taxpayer. Bottom line: we have to justify our minimum essential financial needs and work cooperatively with town officials and the taxpayers to support a first-rate school system.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Mark DeGiacomo

One thing the school committee does not lack is controversial issues. While it is difficult to identify the most controversial issue, the most current controversy involves the budget. Since I was not involved with the most recent budget process, I will not comment on it other than to observe that there is clearly something wrong somewhere when two weeks ago three of our selectmen indicated that they were not convinced that the entire $115,000 "compromise" amount was needed.

I believe that the school committee must immediately commence work on at least a conceptual model for the Fiscal 2000 budget. This task should be undertaken on two tracks. First, we should consider holding open forums to discuss the budget, line by line if necessary, and the budgetary needs of the schools. We need to reach out to all members of the community, especially those who disagree with our views. If we all keep open minds, I would like to think that together we can reach a consensus on a budget that will truly meet the school's needs.

Second, although we should attempt to reach a consensus, we must also be prepared to fight for the funding out schools need. Toward this end, the school committee must be prepared to play a leadership role in bringing our budget concerns to the town manager, the board of selectmen and, if necessary, to the town meeting floor and the election booth.

Next week's questions:

For selectman candidates:
If elected, how would you improve communication between the school committee and selectmen?

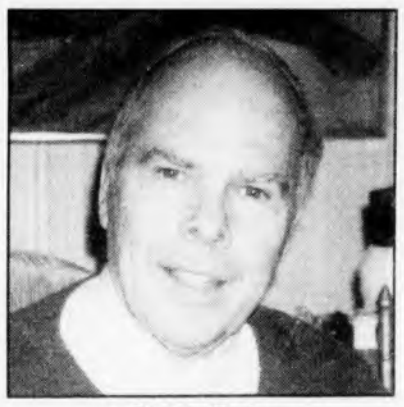
For school committee candidates:
The new school superintendent will be paid $40,000 more a year than the town manager and as much as the current superintendent. Why so much?

For sewer commission candidates:
Do you think a case can be made for sewering the entire town?

For health board candidates:
Do you support a total smoking ban in Cohasset restaurants?

Responses must be received by 2 p.m. Monday. Answers, which must be limited to 250 words or less, may be faxed to 741-2931 or dropped off at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham at 73 South Street. Call 741-2933 for more information.

CANDIDATES' CORNER



Steve Bobo

Bobo is candidate for health board

Steve Bobo is a candidate for the Board of Health. After his retirement from a successful engineering career, he looked for ways to pay Cohasset back for the joys of living here for the past 33 years. Soon, a more important concern appeared: one that could have a heavy impact on everyone in town and concerns the town's well being. Cohasset is a beautiful town, but if it's to keep its quaint charm, there needs to be a better job done of protecting its natural resources which are being assaulted in ways most people can't imagine. Without change, each Cohasset homeowner will be paying the bills for a dual system of waste disposal and expensive litigation which won't come close to giving us the clean waters or sanitary back yards we need.

It's a complicated problem, but after a careful study of Title 5, the state's waste treatment law, it became clear what DEP is trying to achieve. He read about waste disposal systems and learned how they are supposed to work. Not perfectly, but enough to know that without a unified plan, which includes sewers, waste disposal, control of septage, and oversight of waste and water management, we'll be paying fees which will make Boston's problems look like penny ante.

We already have much of the knowledge we need to develop a joint plan for Cohasset. What we have to do is stop depending on expensive and ineffectual patch jobs by incompetent suppliers, stop giving money to lawyers, and start discussing ways to have the town live with a system which takes advantage of septic systems where sewers are not indicated and the economies of large waste treatment systems where warranted. This isn't rocket science; most of the solutions have already been found, and most of the checks and balances are in place.

As a candidate for Cohasset's Board of Health, Steve Bobo's been successful in engineering disciplines and policy initiatives like those addressed by Cohasset's Health Board. He has the expertise and no other interest than the desire to help.

DeGiacomo is candidate for school committee

Mark DeGiacomo, 41, a lifelong Cohasset resident, has announced his candidacy for one of the two open positions on the Cohasset School Committee.

A product of the Cohasset Public School system, DeGiacomo completed all of his elementary and secondary education in the town and graduated from Cohasset High School in 1974. He received his undergraduate degree from Boston College and his law degree from Suffolk University Law School.

Mark has served on the Cohasset Zoning Board of Appeal for 13 years, most recently as chairman. As a baseball and basketball coach, and as a Sunday School teacher, DiGiacomo has worked with hundreds of Cohasset's youth. He is a member of the Cohasset Little League Board of Directors, serving as that board's "Player Agent" in charge of resolving issues with both children and parents.

Basing his candidacy on a commitment to the highest standards for education, DeGiacomo will draw from his experience as a lifelong resident and as a longtime active participant in the community. As a parent of two children currently attending Cohasset schools, DeGiacomo clearly understands the issues and challenges that parents, teachers and school administrators face every day to maintain quality public education.

"My candidacy is premised on the principal that ensuring quality education for our children should be a paramount issue for every resident, regardless of whether he or she has children currently in the Cohasset school system," DeGiacomo said.

"I was raised in Cohasset, and my wife, Lynne, and I have chosen to make this town the place where we raise and educate our children. I believe I can be an effective advocate for the schools and the students. While I understand that the town can not issue a blank check to the school department, there are certain operational and capital items that need to be funded if we are to educate our children properly. I hope to prove to the residents of this town that I would make the best choice for school committee member and I look forward to an open discussion of the issues surrounding our school system over the course of this campaign," he said.

DeGiacomo is a partner at the Boston law firm of Roche, Carens and DeGiacomo, P.C. In the legal community he possesses a reputation as an effective advocate for his clients and as an attorney who can bring disputing parties together to settle differences. He has authored several articles and books and has presented more than two dozen lectures to attorneys and judges throughout the Commonwealth.

Persons interested in volunteering or participating in the Mark DeGiacomo for School Committee campaign should call Ann Musto, chairman, at (781) 383-0401 or Margie Steele at (781) 383-1319.

Martin to run for school committee

Linden Drive resident Pat Martin has announced her intention to seek a position on the Cohasset School Committee.

A mother of three, Martin holds a Master's degree in Administration, Policy and Planning from the Rutgers University School of Social Work.

Before locating to Mass., Martin was the head of Martin and Associates, a consulting firm that specialized in need assessment, strategic planning, policy analysis, program development, grant writing, fund raising and special events. Ms. Martin's particular expertise within the firm was substance abuse prevention.

Martin has worked with school districts on almost every level. She taught as a substitute for two years before accepting a position at The Milford Academy as a seventh grade teacher. She has provided training to school administrators and faculty, analyzed and developed school policy, arranged special events for students, raised funds and developed new programs. The after school enrichment program she created for the Cranbury School District was recognized one of the best in the State of New Jersey.

Prior to starting her family and establishing her own company, Martin was the executive director of the Princeton Council of Community Services. This planning council studied the 13-town geographic region surrounding Princeton to identify emerging human service needs.

Martin believes if she is allowed to use her skills and expertise on the school committee, services to the community can be increased while new streams of revenue can be established. "The Cohasset School System is on the verge of a new dawn of development and leadership. I believe my experience can play a vital role in guiding it in the most positive direction," Martin recently stated.

Hugh J. Morgan candidate for school committee

Hugh J. Morgan announces his candidacy for Cohasset School Committee. Morgan is graduate of Cohasset High School. After serving in the Navy during the Vietnam period, he joined the MBTA. He worked through the ranks, from a bus driver to supervisor of revenue collections.

After retiring during 1991, he joined the Cohasset School System as a bus driver. Morgan is known to hundreds of Cohasset students as "Captain Morgan." Morgan is also the proprietor of "Captain Morgan's Dugout Galley" at Barnes Little League Field.

Hugh is a member of the George H. Mealy Jr. American Legion Post in Cohasset. He is an active volunteer for both St. Anthony's Church and the Cohasset Elder Affairs.

Hugh's goals include each child having an equal opportunity for a quality education while giving the taxpayer full value for each dollar expended. Morgan wants to see added emphasis given to maintenance and better support of school libraries and other areas that have been neglected. His in-depth knowledge of the school system also gives him insight into areas where economies and increased efficiencies can be realized. He is committed to creating a co-operative partnership between the schools, town officials and Cohasset residents. Citizens interested in supporting Hugh can call him at 383-0199. Donations would be welcome c/o the "Committee to Elect Hugh J. Morgan to the Cohasset School Committee," 24 Bow St., Cohasset, 02025.

Nichols Road group celebrates change in septic district plan

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Marcus agrees with Bumstead's assessment of the meeting. Marcus points out that if Cook had not discussed the specific priority districts with sewer commissioners just days before town meeting, how is it possible that the list of 136 homes was listed with the town clerk's office at least 14 days before town meeting as required by law?

Bumstead said there are other problems with the list of homes in the priority districts and there doesn't appear to be any "reasonable explanation" for the way some homes were chosen and some were not.

The sewer commission held a public hearing on the priority districts Dec. 9, 1997. At that hearing, several people wanted to know how homes were chosen for placement in the priority districts. According to the transcript of that meeting, Sewer Commissioner Ted Guild said the Department of Environmental Protection chose the priority districts. Guild recommended that residents contact David Ferris of DEP's Northeast Region Office. Guild said Ferris was very involved in choosing the districts and met with Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik 30 or 40 times.

But Bumstead said Ferris denies ever choosing any homes. Guild said he is aware of Ferris's statements to the contrary, but insists Ferris was involved in choosing districts.

Marcus said DEP has yet to even approve the priority districts, which raises questions about the validity of the on-site plan.

"To my knowledge, neither the priority districts nor any funding have been approved," Marcus said.

Guild refuted that claim, pointing to references in the Attorney General's letter to the existence of priority districts as agreed to in the Judgment.

Marcus said he believes he has legal grounds to declare Articles 4 and 13 of the 1997 town meeting invalid.

Bumstead said she has no faith in the sewer commission.

"The idea that people at town meeting voted for this plan knowing what it was is untrue," Bumstead said. "The language was cleverly masked and we voted for it because it was written benignly. You would like to think you could trust a town board if they advise you to vote for something because it will be good for you and the town."

Bumstead said it is also odd that the sewer commission did not include the Aaron River, which is the town's backup water supply, in the priority districts.

Marcus said the town is concerned with saving money on sewer costs instead of actually protecting the environment, which was the intent of the Second Judgment. He said if the town was really concerned about the environment, it would focus more on finding out what kind of contaminants are in Lily Pond and where those contaminants originated from. He added that the best solution for the environment would be to sewer the priority areas so the town would not have to worry about septic discharges into the town water supply.

Marcus said the sewer commission should not be in the business of controlling growth. That is a job for the planning board and the zoning board of appeals.

"The sewer commission has sacrificed the citizens of Cohasset and our drinking water to control growth," Bumstead said.

Bumstead said she believes the original intent of the First Judgment for Agreement was to sewer the priority areas, not force homeowners to endure restrictions far harsher than Title 5.

CEES has also hired an expert hydrogeologist, Peter Dillon of Geoscience, to critique Tutela Engineering's performance. Tutela is the sewer commission's engineer and technical adviser.

"Based upon review of the Tutela report, it is clear that additional work is required to evaluate the effectiveness of on-site sewage systems in both the Lily Pond and Little Harbor priority districts to solve long-term impacts to public health and the environment," Dillon said.

Marcus said his clients would not give up under any circumstances.

"My clients don't want to flush $80,000 apiece down the drain for 136 septic systems for no good reason," Marcus said. "The problem has been dodged for 23 years and the town has yet to address it. My clients are basically saying they want to be sewered."

FROM THE D&A COMMITTEE

Each decade turns the public's attention to another law enforcement issue. In the 1980s and the 1990s, the more notable court cases were those involving drunk driving or domestic violence. Since then, the public's awareness about the two issues has increased dramatically. Currently, the court cases of significance seem to be those which involve juveniles. The outcome of recent judicial proceedings, and the issue of community based juvenile justice, indicates that the legal climate for teens is changing. Inexperience and immaturity, once the standard excuses for juvenile misbehavior, are no longer an adequate defense for criminal conduct.

In 1993 and in 1996, two laws were enacted in Massachusetts that directly relate to juvenile justice. The Education Reform Law of 1993 provided school officials with specific language concerning the standards and procedures that must be met by school personnel when administering disciplinary measures in cases involving dangerous weapons, hate crimes or illegal substances. The law, in some ways, limits the discretion of school personnel by mandating certain disciplinary action be taken when student conduct offenses occur. One effect of the Education Reform Law is that tough school sanctions may be imposed on students who commit disciplinary infractions.

The Youthful Offender Law was enacted in 1996. The law makes it possible for a teenager between the ages of 14 and 17 to receive a stricter sentence when they are found guilty of a crime. The law allows for a juvenile to receive an adult sentence, a commitment to a Department of Youth Services (DYS) residential program, or a sentence that combines the two options. With the enactment of the youthful offender statute, it is now more probable that teens will be receiving harsher sentences when they are adjudicated as youthful offenders.

For a teen to be prosecuted as a youthful offender, one of three criteria must exist. The youth must already be a ward of DYS because of past criminal behavior, or must be charged with a crime that involves the threat of serious bodily injury, or has actually committed a crime that results in serious bodily injury to another, or involves certain offenses with firearms. If a teenager's case does not warrant prosecution as a youthful offender, he or she will be charged as a delinquent.

Juvenile delinquency cases are more common than those prosecuted as youthful offender cases. A juvenile who is found delinquent can receive a range of sentencing options. The maximum sentence for a delinquent teen is a commitment to DYS until the youth reaches 18. In an effort to provide appropriate intervention and services to juveniles before they become youthful offenders, Quincy District Court and other area courts have reinstated Juvenile Diversion. The diversion programs attempt to provide early intervention and individual accountability. The youths are given a choice whether or not to enter the program. If the youth agrees to a diversion program, an arraignment is postponed and a contract between the youth and juvenile court staff is written. If the youth meets the conditions of the program and successfully completes the agreed upon contract, then the formal charges are not brought forward by the court.

Every eligible youth's case is monitored through the legal system by the diversion program staff. The youth and their families are then introduced to various service agencies that can help encourage individual responsibility and teach appropriate behavior. If the teen fails to meet the court-imposed requirements, or successfully completes the diversion program but later goes on to commit another crime, a prosecution for the crime will take place. A teen is allowed only one opportunity to participate in the diversion program.

Youth diversion is based on the principles of early intervention and prevention strategies. These are the keys to deter young people from becoming further involved in the criminal justice system, but when youths continue to commit crimes, laws such as Education Reform and Youthful Offender send the message that antisocial behavior will no longer be tolerated.

—The Rev. E. Clifford Cutler for the Drug and Alcohol Committee, 16 Highland Ave. 383-1083.

LETTERS

Better management of school resources needed

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vestment and that the day-to-day management of the school district will be more efficient.

Despite some disagreements that I may have on spending priorities; the fact remains that per student costs are close to the state average. This is remarkable considering higher overhead costs associated with such a small school district. Too often, Cohasset voters have failed to invest in the future. One result is the current need to "play catch-up." For years, Cohasset school committees and Superintendent Hart have tried to comply with spending guidelines. They correctly placed their priority on the classroom but operational areas have grievously suffered.

I can tell you right now that school operating costs will continue to exceed normal guidelines so long as we poorly plan, lack focus and do not confront issues associated with the special education portion of the budget. Later this year, when we present the strategic plan, you must read it thoroughly and work with us to make difficult choices. The single biggest issue will be whether the Cohasset School District can offer comprehensive electives or whether we will have to narrow our offerings to a core curriculum. We will tell you the cost and you must make the choice.

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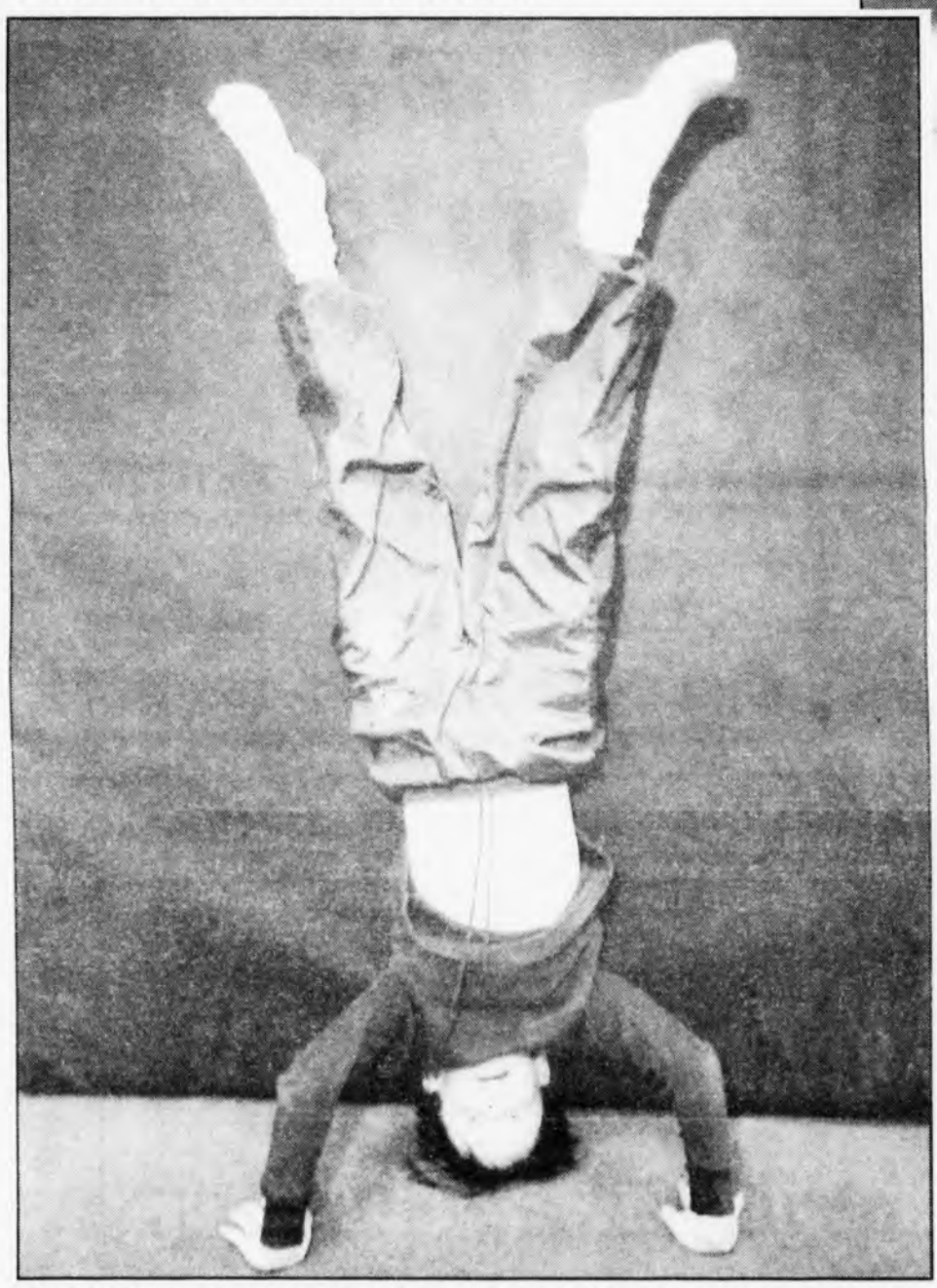
Bob Magner, Jr.

Hanging around at vacation camp

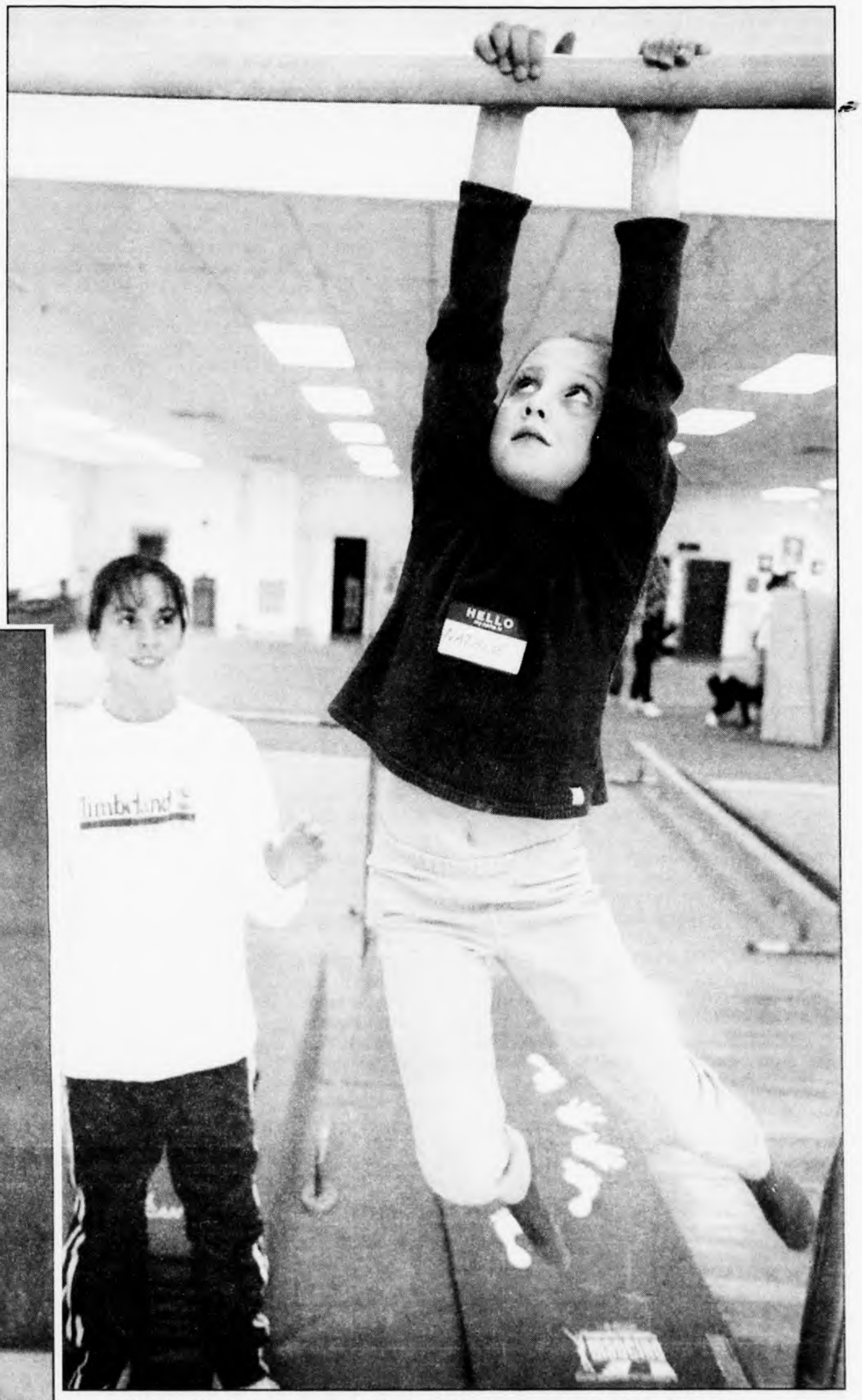
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Mayah Braun can't quite believe her bad luck in a computer game during vacation camp last weeks sponsored by the South Shore Art and Community Centers.



Ted Taylor works on his headstand in the vacation camp gymnastics.



Natalie Beukere hangs on to the high bar in gymnastics class at vacation camp.



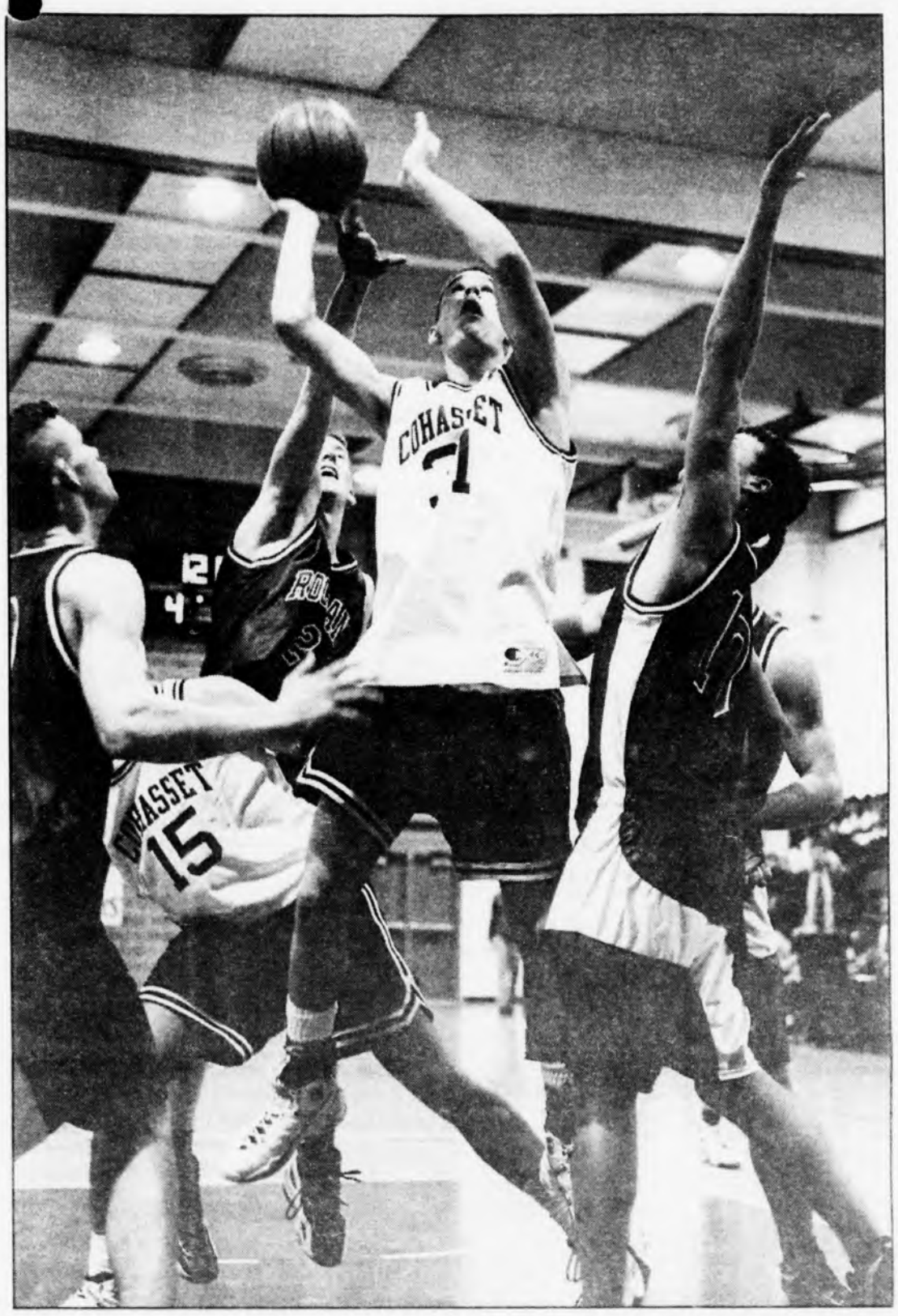
Julie Bass learns by doing in computer lab



Kyle Disizio shows off his icicle ornament made in Mary Brennock's craft class.

SPORTS

COHASSET MARINER



Paul-Michael Quintin drives through traffic to get to the hoop. Quintin, a senior, finished a fine basketball career at Cohasset by becoming only the fourth Skipper to reach the 1,000 career point mark.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Luckless Skippers look forward to some better times

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Finishing with a disappointing record of 7-15, the Cohasset High School boys' basketball team marked the program's worst season in several years. However, the news is not all bad. The season didn't go as poorly as the numbers indicate and, more importantly, next year looks to be more like old times.

This year's Skippers did not get blown out on the scoreboards as often as their record may indicate. Indeed, they dropped six games by four points or less. In other words, a 24-point swing over the whole season would have put CHS at 13-9, a record with which they would have cruised into the state tournament. Alas, it was not to be.

With seniors Andy Hamilton, Pat Hurley, Justin McNamara, Paul-Michael Quintin and Eric Wenmark forming the core of the team, Cohasset struggled through a season in which they were hobbled, both by inexperience and injuries. Quintin managed a personal highlight when he hit the 1,000 career point mark, becoming only the fourth CHS player to do so, and moving into second place on the all-time Cohasset point total list, behind only Bryan Edwards.

Coach Ron Ford often started five seniors this year, but it was no secret that some of the team's major talent spent the game's first few minutes on the bench. Jamie DeMichele, a junior who has been named one of next year's co-captains, was the team's second leading scorer, trailing only Quintin. DeMichele's intense style of play and superb offensive skills hint at a monster year for him next season.

> ***"This team was not as bad as our record made it out to be. We were very competitive in most games and we saw several of our young guys really develop this year, namely Jamie (DeMichele) and Daniel (Trowers). It was a learning experience for everyone involved. We haven't had a lot of experience on this side of the coin."***
>
> RON FORD

DeMichele will be joined in the Skipper backcourt by freshman Daniel Trowers, who saw some time this year at point guard. Manning the point, Trowers will be able to fully utilize the quickness, driving ability and brilliant court awareness that he displayed this year.

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EXTRA POINTS David Wolcott



Top 10 reasons why March Madness is better than the Olympics

As we here at the Extra Points home office in Marshfield sit around the lodge waiting for Alberto Tomba to make his final run down the mountain, we offer to you the Top 10 reasons why the high school basketball and hockey tourneys will be better than the recent Winter Olympics debacle.

10. We're pretty sure that David Letterman's mom is not going to be at any of the games. Last time out, very funny. This go around was sad, very sad. As lovely a lady as she is she just couldn't pull off the television magic once again.

9. Win or lose, both teams still have to be in Biology class first period the next morning. It's all a matter of perspective. There are no shoe contracts or a soda endorsement deal hanging in the balance of these tourney games. It's done for competition and the love of the sport. And speaking of keeping everything in perspective...

8. Neither Keri Flynn, Alex Wilson nor Marche Strickland have ever gone out and trashed a hotel room after losing an important game. Losing to the Czech team in the semifinals and failing to qualify for a medal in men's ice hockey was not embarrassing for Team USA. Going back to the athletes village, getting drunk out of your mind, trashing your hotel room to smithereens and then not standing up to be held accountable for your actions, now that's embarrassing. If 1980 was "The Miracle on Ice", 1998 will have to stand out as the year of "Morons on Ice."

7. All games are played at a reasonable hour for reasonable price. You pay your $4 or $5 admission, get to your seat about 6:45 p.m. and strap yourself in for two hours of as good a show as you will ever get for your entertainment dollar. There's no waiting up to 3 a.m. to watch the first period of the Belarus-Finland hockey game or turning away from SportsCenter and contact with all other media forms because you don't want to know who won the Gold in curling until CBS shows the finals as part of the prime-time coverage 72 hours after the fact.

6. The participants actually want to be there. Now here's a concept, participants actually interested in stepping into the game and giving it there all.

5. Opening ceremonies in the tourney last no more than five minutes. Player introductions and maybe the National Anthem. Tops. No dancing children acting out the history of their nation or sultry divas horribly lip-synching the words to one of her own hits. That's the way it should be.

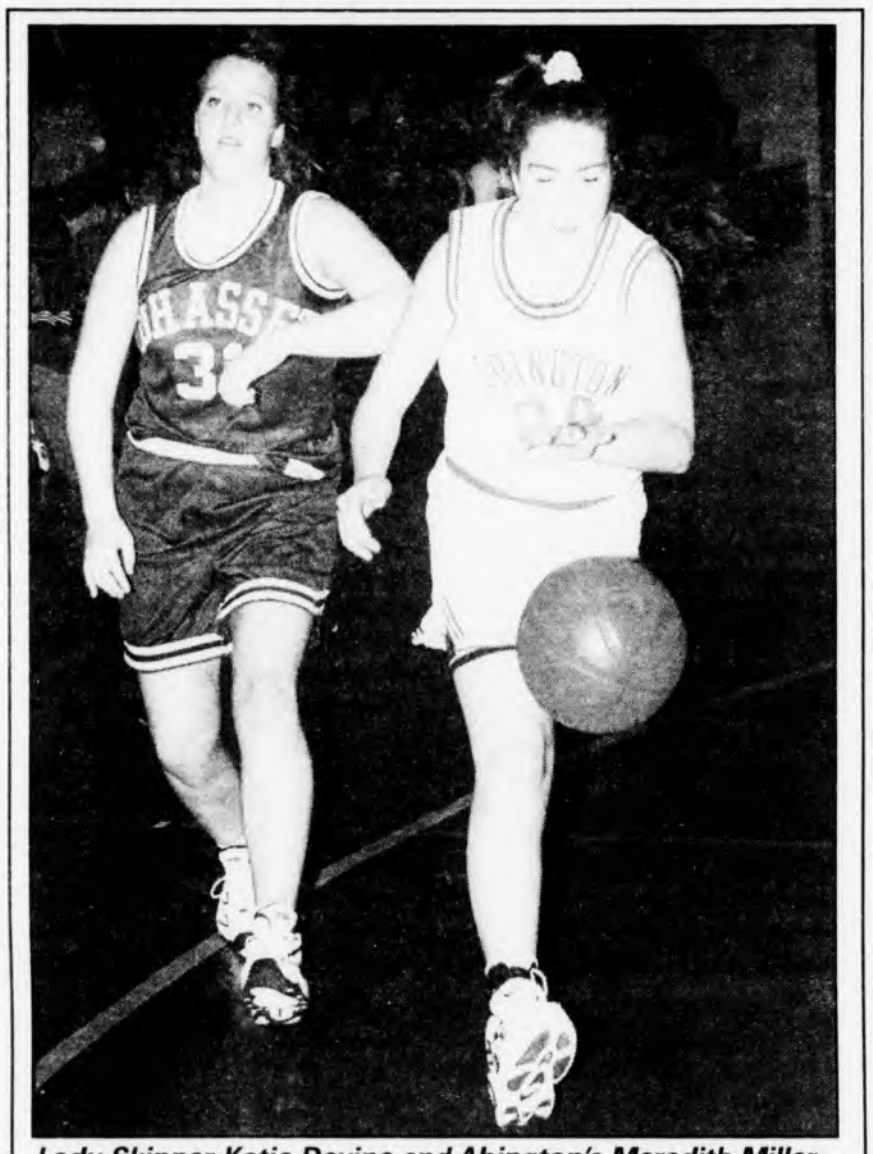
4. There are no bad guys. You don't have to be a fan of Team X or Team Y to cheer them on, you just have to be a fan of great action and players diving all over the place and getting floor burns that they will speak about with great pride for the rest of their life.

3. The high school tourney is a Scott Hamilton free zone. On a serious note, Mr. Hamilton gets nothing but respect from the Extra Points crew for his class and grace while fighting off a recent bout of cancer. Okay, enough with the seriousness. As an announcer, Hamilton may have surpassed Kathy Lee Gifford as the most annoying thing ever to wear a microphone with his color work in the figure skating competition. We know that you know more than anyone else in the world about the triple-toe-loop and backspin combination, but enough already. An announcer is not reason people turn into the Olympics, it's the athletes people come to see. Scott, please remember that for the 2002 games in Salt Lake City. For my money, we'll take Bill Wilhelm and any of those crazy local access cable announcers over Hamilton each and every day of the week.

2. For many of the players in the tourney, this is their Olympics. And their Super Bowl. And their World Series. And their Wrestlemania. For a good deal of the seniors on the tourney teams, the next time they lose will be their last experience in organized sports. And for those few who do get to go on to play in college, it really will never be the same. These are the last games these kids will play simply for the joy of it.

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SPORTS BRIEFS



Lady Skipper Katie Devine and Abington's Meredith Miller chase down a loose ball.

Staff photo/Fred Robertson

Little League registration Feb. 28

Registration for the 1998 Little League baseball season will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Cohasset High School.

All players (including those already on a major league team) must sign up at this time.

In addition to completing a registration form and paying the registration fee, parents are also required to provide a copy of the player's birth certificate if one was not supplied last season. Registration is open to all children who will be at least five-years-old by August 1, 1998.

Call Mark or Lynne DeGiacomo at 383-6413 with any questions.

Snow Row is this Saturday

The Hull Lifesaving Museum Inc. will have their 18th Annual Snow Row Open Water Rowing Race at 11 a.m. on Feb. 28 at the Pemberton Point Boathouse, Hull.

Entry fee for the race is $10 per person. Spectators are admitted free.

The Snow Row has gained a well-deserved reputation as Hull Lifesaving Museum's signature race. We've had snow squalls and shirt-sleeves, and everything in between on race day, but nothing tempers the excitement of this hard-working winter event or the enthusiasm of the athletes.

The race starts with all boats on the beach at the Musuem's Pemberton Point Boathouse in Hull. Then, at the shot of the starting gun, the competitors race into their boats LeMans style, creating a whirlwind of disorganized havoc ashore and afloat.

The 3 fl mile triangular course starts through Hull and Hingham Bays, continues around Sheep Island, past the Peddocks Island Day Marker and back to the beach.

The whole event is within view of the boathouse, so this is a particularly good event for the spectators. It is also a rare opportunity to see an amazing array of wooden pulling boats on the beach and in action—peapods, dories, wherries, whitehalls, ocean shells, pilot gigs, captain's gigs and Irish curraghs.

The race has five boat categories: workboats, livery boats, coxed boats, ocean kayaks and ocean shells. A few notes to all race participants: 1) all racers must be members of the USRA or the HLMI Rowing Association, 2) all boats must carry PFDs, bailers and whistles, 3) all coxed boats must begin the race bow on the beach, and 4) the HLMI Race Committee reserves the right to cancel the race or keep individual boats from setting forth due to weather conditions or rower skill level.

After watching the excitement of the Snow Row's one-of-a-kind LeMans start, come inside the Boathouse to warm up with a cup of hot coffee or cocoa. The Station Museum, one mile down the beach from the Boathouse, will be open following the race with free admission for all. For more information about the Snow Row, please contact Ed McCabe at 925-5433 or Box 221, Hull, MA 02045.

Jade Forest offers Meditation/Chi Kung workshop

On Sunday, March 1, John Loupos, owner of Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi/Internal Arts,

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Grapplers finish another superb season

Rossi readies for state finals on Saturday

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

It's Hoosiers in a singlet. A small school with barely enough students to field a team scraps its way to the top. And it's happening at Cohasset High. Nope, this year it's not the basketball team, which has had such success in the past, or the soccer team, with its tradition of winning. Rather, it's the CHS wrestling squad, under the tutelage of coach Torin Sweeney, that is ranked 11th in Division II and continually on the rise

The smallest high school in the state to have wrestling as an athletic option for students, Cohasset has one of the most solid teams around. Even with an injury to a talented wrestler and despite forfeiting two matches every meet, the Skippers have still climbed to be one of the tougher teams in the state.

In the recent Division II South sectional meet, Cohasset came in third for the third year in a row in the team competition behind Carver and perennial champion Foxboro.

Junior captain Luke Caldwell credits the work ethic of his teammates for the success. When asked whether he was surprised by the team's record, he replied, "No, I'm not afraid to say that I'm not. All the work that people put in in the off-season, both lifting and wrestling for Orange Crush (an area wrestling club) has paid off. We had good numbers in Orange Crush this year."

Loaded from 145 lb. and up, according to Sweeney, Cohasset is also talented at the lower weights. Many of those wrestlers did very well in the recent Division II south sectional meet and the overall final help on the past two weekends.

Mike Rossi (first in the sectionals, fourth in the Division finals) is the lone Skipper wrestler that will definitely compete this weekend at the state wrestling finals in Brockton. Both freshman Craig Sheerin (second and fifth) and junior Ben Littauer (second and fifth) are first alternates at the state meet, meaning they will only get to wrestle if one of the top four grapplers cannot compete.

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>
> TORIN SWEENEY

"Mike (Rossi) is in one of the top weight classes in the state, but he has always done very well for himself," said Sweeney of Rossi, who will trade in his headgear and singlet for catcher's gear once baseball season begins. "I expect that he'll do very well once again this weekend."

A number of other Cohasset grapplers also had a strong postseason.

Chris Pratt at 112 lb. placed fifth in the sectionals.

Dan Littauer, a mere eighth-grader, placed seventh in the sectionals at 119 lb.

Mike Baird was impressive at 125 lb., which Sweeney calls "the toughest weight class in the state." He took a fourth in the sectionals and a sixth place at the Division II meet.

Dan Duffy and Justin Langham, both freshmen, split the duties at 130 lb. and will continue to get stronger in the coming years.

Liam O'Donnell takes the mat at 135 lb, He placed sixth in the sectionals and pulled off a major upset when he defeated the #2 seed at the division meet.

With the loss of Jordan Fiore to a shoulder injury, Cohasset is forced to forfeit the 140 lb. weight class, but from there they are quite capable of winning the rest of the matches.

Justin Golden was dazzling this season at 160 lb., taking second place at the sectionals and Luke Caldwell did the same at 171 lb.

Sophomore Kevin DeVito saw time both at 160 lb. and 171 lb.

Despite a nagging knee injury, sophomore Joe Carbone looks like he's going to be a solid performer for the next two years at 189 lb.

J.P. Laugelle is in the 215 lb. class and he took a fifth at the sectionals while just missing a chance to move on to the next level.

Looking towards the future, Sweeney said the talent and popularity around the middle school wrestling program only bodes well for the team.

"Our middle school team finished 5-1 on the year and there was a lot of interest in the team, especially since the program is still fairly new," said Sweeney. "The early training gives the kids a great experience and allows them to be that much more prepared when they arrive at the high school." Sweeney also credited assistant coach Doug Sheerin with being a great help to him during the season.

Skippers point towards better times

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More help is on the way. Junior Paul Hussey will see time at the off guard position next year, and his outside shot will place him in a long line of distance shooters at Cohasset. Classmate Alex Russell saw limited time this year because of a knee injury, but he also has been dubbed a co-captain.

Sophomores Kevin Andrews, Sean Conte, Khalil Madyun, and Craig Parker all helped lead a JV team this season while also seeing time at the varsity level. Andrews and Conte are both excellent candidates for a guard position next year, and Madyun and Parker should be imposing forces inside.

Ford was realistic about the team's performance this year. Acknowledging that his squad's results were subpar, he also pointed out the silver lining.

"This team was not as bad as our record made it out to be. We were very competitive in most games and we saw several of our young guys really develop this year, namely Jamie and Daniel. It was a learning experience for everyone involved. We haven't had a lot of experience on this side of the coin.

"But hopefully, we've lit another fire. We have another group coming up, that could be very good if they want to be."

As for the way in which this year's seniors ended their careers, Ford had this to say.

"I feel bad that those guys had to go out with a losing record, but the fact is they played good basketball for the most part. Take a kid like Paul-Michael Quintin; he had an exceptional career for us, and you can't take anything away from that.

"This group worked very hard for us for a long time. I'm glad that we didn't get blown out in a lot of games and that they all got a lot of minutes."

Hopefully, this season was a fluke, just a down year for the program. Look for the Skippers to bounce back next year with a talented squad that learned the ropes this year.

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Fire chief looks for solutions to train's impact

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the Hingham side of Route 3A. Such crossings can be dangerous in any community, due to the chance of an accident. But in Cohasset, the crossings pose an extra hazard. About seven of them happen to be on the regular response routes used by rescue workers to get to the scene of an accident. They will shut down for as long as 45 seconds when the train passes through.

"We have only one fire station, and it's on the east side of the tracks," the chief said.

All the regular response routes basically cut east to west across the rights of way where the T intends to lay tracks. The Greenbush tracks will divide the village and much of the town on an east-west axis. As the rail line meanders through the town, it will run roughly west of South and North Main streets starting from the Scituate line until it crosses east of North Main Street near Turkey Hill. Once the track is built, the east side of South Main Street down to Cohasset harbor will be about the only part of town not cut off from the police and fire station.

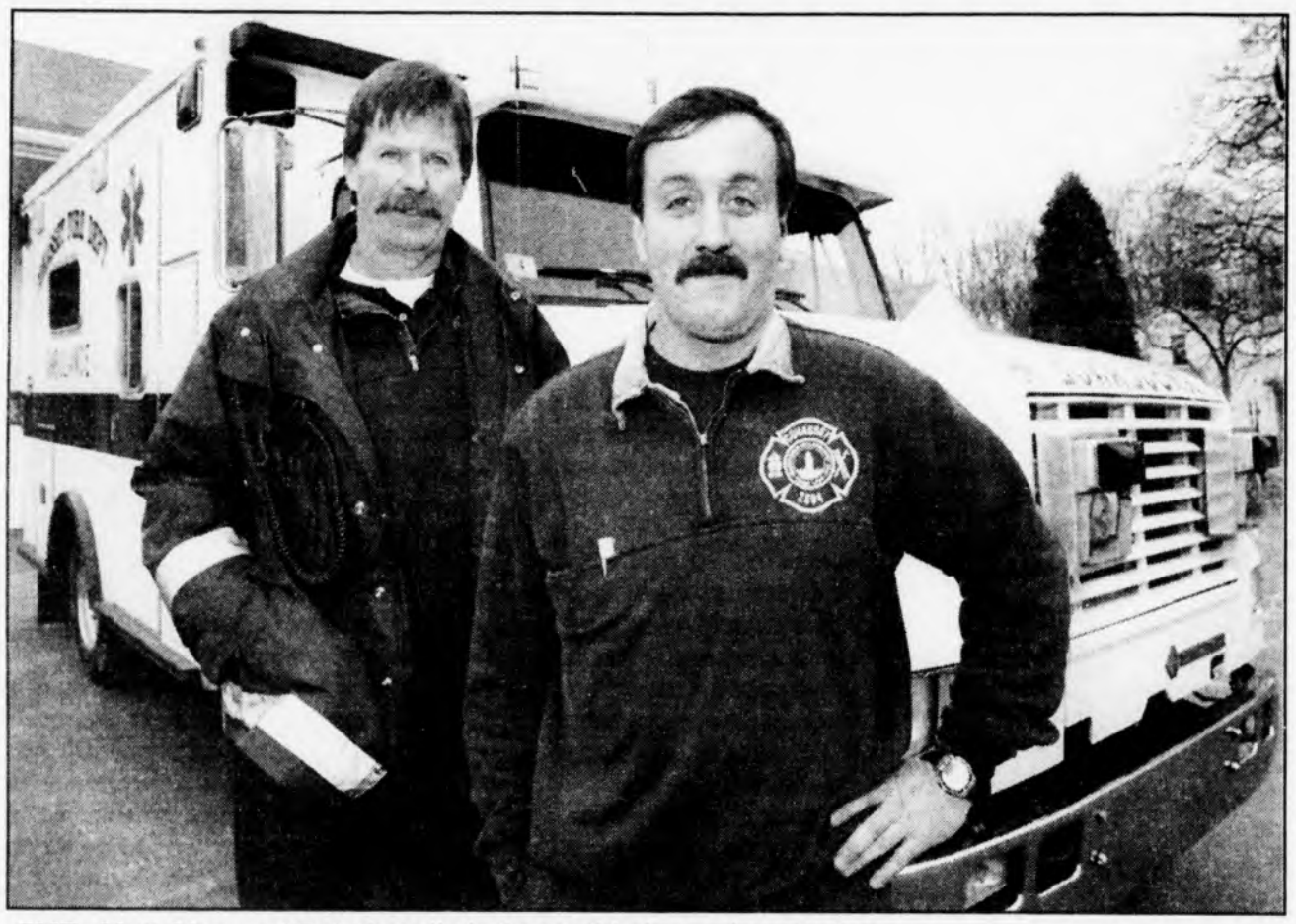
Lincoln said rescue workers will use alternate routes when possible. Nonetheless, he said there will be times when the rescue teams will have no option but to wait. The chief said the trains are supposed to be only four or five car lengths and should get by the crossings quickly.

"Unless there's a problem, the train isn't stopping," he said.

The T has said the gates will be closed for 45 seconds at most at each crossing. But the transit authority also acknowledged there might be extra delays due to a line of cars waiting for the train to pass. T spokesman Brian Pedro said he had no information about the Greenbush schedule. Pedro said it was premature to talk about the number of trains the T would put on the tracks. But he said there has never been a problem involving rescue vehicles at train crossings.

"Greenbush isn't the first train we've ever run," he said.

Pedro also agreed the number of grade crossings in Cohasset is a lot for a small area. But he said trains used to go through 24 grade crossings in Taunton. There was never a problem there or anywhere else in the commonwealth, he said.



EMTs Matt Marr and Bob Protulis in front of Cohasset's ambulance.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

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> — FIRE CHIEF ROGER LINCOLN

Lincoln said there was little doubt the train will add seconds to response time. But he also said there are more questions about the train than answers. Until the T's engineers get closer to the final design, it is too soon to say exactly how the train will impact rescue procedures.

The tracks are expected to cross Spring and North Main streets twice. The other regular street crossings are Hull Street, Cedar Street, King Street, Rocky Lane, Sohier Street, Smith Place, Pleasant Street, James Lane and Beechwood Street. The private ways are Sestito Lane, Castle Road and Lincoln's Lane.

The chief said a decision on the Lincoln's Lane closing has yet to be made. But as a member of the mitigation committee, the chief said he wanted to see the T take a consistent approach to safety at crossings. Lincoln said he wanted to see the same safety precautions taken at public streets and private ways.

"With these private ways it isn't the T's policy to treat them like the regular streets. We want the T to treat them the same way," Lincoln said.

He also said the public use of private ways here is something "peculiar to Cohasset." He wants to see lights, bells and safety gates mounted at all the crossings.

"We want to make them as safe as possible, whether one person or 100 people live there," he said.

The few homes on Lincoln's Lane are located only a few blocks away from the Elm Street fire station. Up to now, residents of the private way have had few doubts they could get timely help in a crisis. After sounding out the homeowners, the fire chief favored leaving the crossing open to traffic. That would give Cohasset's emergency vehicles access to Lincoln's Lane in an emergency.

Currently, Lincoln said it takes on average four to five minutes for rescue workers to reach the scene of an emergency. The numbers are high, due to the time to get vehicles to North Cohasset. Response time there averages seven or eight minutes.

Along with the questions about response time, the train could impact emergency work in other ways. The others are traffic accidents on the way to the train station or at crossings and train accidents, Lincoln said.

The chief said Cohasset would be a first-responder in the event of a train derailment. Rescue workers will receive special instruction in emergency procedures. The T and Amtrak will likely conduct mock disaster drills after the tracks are down, Lincoln said, similar to their approach in the communities that already have the Old Colony trains running. So far, those communities have not witnessed an increase in traffic accidents because of the train. Yet Lincoln is not ready to rule out the potential for trouble if more people start riding the commuter line to work.

State EMS legislation languishes on Beacon Hill

By Linda Rosencrance and Chris Szechenyi
CNC STAFF WRITERS

Legislation is pending on Beacon Hill that could revamp the Commonwealth's emergency medical system for the first time in 25 years.

If state lawmakers don't pass the bill it won't be for lack of support — it will be for lack of money.

"In principle, I'm in support of the bill," says state Sen. Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst), chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, a key player with the power to bring the bill to a vote.

For the past three years, those who provide emergency medical services to in Massachusetts have haggled over the so-called "EMS 2000" legislation. Now doctors, paramedics and firefighters have signed on in support of the bill, which would represent the first revision of emergency medical services since 1973.

The bill is the legislative outcome of the work of the EMS 2000 Commission, which was assembled in June 1992 by David Mulligan, the former commissioner of the state Department of Public Health, to respond to a critical evaluation of the state's emergency medical services system by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"We must begin to move from our current parochial system to a regionally based system in order to provide the highest level of service in the most cost effective manner," said state Rep. John Stefanini (D-Framingham), co-sponsor of the legislation and one of its most ardent supporters, who also happens to be a trained emergency medical technician.



Proponents hope new legislation will help enhance the state's EMS system, including speeding up response times and better coordination.

But key legislators are unsure whether they will pass it because of what they consider to be its hefty price tag — $3.5 million in addition to the $2 million currently budgeted for the service — and because time is running out in this legislative session.

If it is passed, the bill would coordinate and standardize the delivery of emergency medical services in Massachusetts. It would set up statewide treatment standards to ensure that everyone in the state from Boston to the Berkshires would receive equal access to high quality medical care. It would also establish a statewide trauma care system to deliver those in need to the best-suited facility.

Municipalities would still provide medical emergency services to residents, but would have expert oversight and support to upgrade the quality of those services.

First introduced in 1994, the bill would give the Office of Emergency Services, a division of the state Department of Public Health, the funding and authority to collect data to assess how well the system performs. At the moment, state authorities have no idea what the average response time is for ambulances across the Commonwealth and they don't have the resources necessary to collect or analyze the pertinent data.

The $3.5 million in new funding for the first year of the bill's implementation would be used to:

- Upgrade communications equipment to ensure that pre-hospital providers can connect with hospital emergency rooms, and complete a comprehensive study of future communication needs — $1 million;
- Hire six part-time medical directors to ensure adequate oversight and direction to emer-

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Experts charge state's EMS fails to deliver consistent care

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Today, the walls in the Taunton home of Warren and Chong Un Stewart are lined with pictures of Angela. But her father would like to forget the accident. "I work three jobs — from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. – so I don't have to remember," he said.

His little girl is one of the 100 people who experts estimate die in Massachusetts every year because of dangerous flaws in the state's emergency medical services system. An investigation by Community Newspaper Company and WCVB-TV Channel 5 revealed that while emergency services elsewhere in the country have become swift and dependable, Massachusetts residents remain at the mercy of a patchwork, antiquated network. The investigation found:

- The local system is crippled by weak leadership and inadequate funding;
- Communications equipment is often out of date, which slows the start of life-saving emergency care;
- Emergency service is neither tracked nor reviewed at the state level, so professional standards cannot be applied;
- No regional trauma network exists to ensure that the most critically injured patients go to the appropriate hospitals for treatment;
- The best-trained emergency care providers aren't always the first to be notified when disaster strikes;
- Some communities, still forced to depend on local volunteers for emergency care, face gaps in schedules that can threaten public safety.

"Right now there is no system at all," says Edward McNamara, executive director of the Central Massachusetts EMS Corp., which oversees ambulance services in that region. "We're way behind other states."

The result is what experts like Dr. Alasdair Conn, chief of Emergency Medical Services of Massachusetts General Hospital, call an unacceptable number of preventable deaths.

That abstract notion of "preventable deaths" became all too real for emergency medical technician Louise Goyette 15 years ago.

That was when a 17-month-old child choked on a hot dog. Goyette raced to her aid. Unable to relieve the child, she knew she needed help from paramedics a few miles away who had the tools to save the child from suffocating. She never contacted them. Her limited communication system just couldn't reach the neighboring town.

Today, Goyette is the head of the Office of Emergency Medical Services for the state of Massachusetts, but the circumstances that she believes made it impossible to save that child's life remain frozen in time.

"Nothing has changed for many communities since that incident nearly 15 years ago," says Goyette, "There are still places in Massachusetts where medical practitioners can't speak to one another during an emergency."

Patchwork services

The stakes are high in a service in which minutes mean the difference between life and death, in a state where 80,000 people are injured in motor vehicle accidents. In addition, most of the 10,000 people who die each year from heart attacks in Massachusetts are stricken outside of a hospital.

"Many of these could be saved if the chain of survival was strong," said Eliot Jekowsky, a Needham doctor formerly affiliated with the Massachusetts chapter of the American Heart Association.

But the emergency system is less a chain than a patchwork of disconnected private and public ambulance companies that operate emergency services in each of the commonwealth's 351 cities and towns.

"Each town in Massachusetts operates its [emergency] services as a separate fiefdom," said state Rep. John A. Stefanini, a Framingham Democrat who is also an emergency medical technician.

Inevitably, the quality of that services varies from town to town.

Some towns provide automatic defibrillators that can jump-start a heart; others can't afford the $2,000 machines and the training they require. Some towns rely on firefighters as first responders, while others hand that responsibility to the police.

A Peabody family discovered the difference on July 13, 1995. John Gosselin slumped into his chair and called out to his daughter to call 911. The 67-year-old had a history of heart disease.

As his breathing started to falter, Glenda Gosselin quickly dialed 911. She was shocked when a police officer — instead of a medic — walked into the house minutes later, demanding: "What's his name? What's his date of birth?"

John Gosselin's widow still believes her husband might be alive today if firefighters a mile away had been called to his side.

"They could have given him oxygen," said Mary Gosselin, who is a nurse. "Maybe they could have saved him."

But in Peabody and many other towns in Massachusetts, the policy is for police to respond to emergencies first, and then to call firefighters and an ambulance, if necessary.

Few experts would assert that a different sequence of events in a specific case would have meant life rather than death. But the issue is the lack of any consistent protocol. Meanwhile, the agency in charge of overseeing and coordinating emergency medical services among all towns in Massachusetts is so powerless and so poorly funded it cannot address the major issues. Instead, its staff of 18 people does little more than inspect ambulances and certify technicians.

And the Office of Emergency Medical Services, a division of the Department of Public Health, even stumbles in that basic mission. Recently it licensed two emergency medical technicians with criminal histories. No one had the time to conduct criminal background checks before it certified the two EMTs.

One vital statistic for any emergency system is its average response time, but state Director Louise Goyette said she has no idea what the average response time of ambulances is across the state and her office has never completed a comprehensive review of preventable deaths to assess the system.

"We don't have the resources or personnel for statewide data collection," Goyette said.

The system has been examined by outsiders — and found wanting. Gail Cooper, an emergency medical expert in San Diego County, in California, assessed Massachusetts' services in detail and found fundamental flaws. "The key is to have a strong lead agency to carry out the duties and oversight of the emergency response system," she said. "Massachusetts lacks the framework right now."

A state of crisis

The current weakness in the system does not come as a surprise to experts. Seven years ago, a DPH task force on emergency medical services produced a blistering assessment that announced "EMS is an industry in a state of crisis."

The state's emergency services were described as being on the verge of collapse as hospitals, ambulance companies, state government and towns faced severe fiscal cutbacks, the panel said.

The task force found that "Central office leadership and direction has been threatened and become ineffective because of inadequate funding to tie all aspects of the EMS system together."

Another report pointed out similar pitfalls a year later. In 1992, it was a blue-ribbon team of national experts assembled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that concluded that Massachusetts' emergency services were deficient.

"Our 1992 evaluation was an embarrassment to the commonwealth and to the efforts of thousands involved in EMS delivery," said John L. Good of Beverly Hospital after the federal report came out.

Today, many experts believe Massachusetts' emergency medical system is not much better. At particular risk are those who suffer the worst trauma. According to Dr. Conn, who has tracked the situation since he completed a federally funded study of preventable deaths in 1992, about 14 percent of the state's trauma patients — 100 people — die every year because of the ineffectiveness of the emergency system.

"If we would develop a trauma system, the numbers would drop," he said.

One essential failure he noted: is that the system fails to get patients to the medical facility best suited to serve their needs in the shortest amount of time.

And despite study after study that pointed out its flaws, not until this year will Massachusetts put rules into place to establish uniform treatment standards for paramedics. The rules finally go into effect in April..

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Emergency Response Times

Town	Average Time : Minutes
Abington	2-4
Braintree	3-4
Cohasset	4-5
Duxbury	5,west side 10-13
Hanover	4-6
Hingham	under 5
Holbrook	*
Kingston	6
Marshfield	4-6
Norwell	4-6 *
Pembroke	3-3.5
Rockland	2-4
Scituate	4
Weymouth	3-4

*Holbrook's answer was "within a couple of minutes." They would not specify as to wether this means two, three, or four minutes.

*Norwell-Nightime with only one central station open-4-8 minutes.

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gency medical technicians and paramedics. The medical directors would manage statewide rules of treatment and develop an integrated trauma system — $750,000;

- Hire six additional administrative staff members at the regional and state levels to make sure the new rules are followed — $185,000;
- Hire five additional employees at the regional level to expand the training of 911 dispatchers and medical communications operators — $175,000; and
- Hire a state coordinator to oversee training and educational activities at the regional level — $35,000.

In addition, another $600,000 would be needed at the regional level for administrative and office expenses and staff costs and $800,000 would pay to test and certify emergency medical technicians.

In the second year a total of $4.2 million would be needed to continue to implement the legislation. But supporters of the bill, including Louise Goyette, the current director of the state's Office of Emergency Medical Services, said they have no idea what the annual costs will be to keep the system running smoothly in the years to come.

The state of Maryland, which has built a system widely admired by experts, spends $30 million a year. That money is raised through an $8 surcharge on all vehicle registrations.

"In order to run a coordinated, integrated system, certainly more resources are needed than we already have," says Goyette. "In order to justify what we're doing we need data, but in order to generate data we need more resources. It's a Catch 22."

Until late last year the EMS 2000 bill was held up in part by a turf battle between Boston firefighters and Boston emergency medical personnel, two agencies locked in a battle for the right to be the first dispatched to the scene of a medical emergency.

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino intervened, and the two sides have settled their differences and now support the legislation.

Despite wide support, the bill may still not make it out of the Ways and Means Committee where it has languished since last June.

"This is the short year of our two-year session," said Chairman Rosenberg. "It ends in July. Once we get to the middle of March we start dealing with the budget and it's hard to move other bills."

Some legislators are more optimistic. State Sen. Mark Montigny (D-New Bedford) predicted that the EMS 2000 bill will become law this year. And if it doesn't, he said, many people should share the blame.

Having fun raising money:

At the CEF fourth annual spelling bee

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

'Supercalifragilisticexpealidious,' an inventive word from the 1960s Disney movie, "Mary Poppins," is a classic example of having fun with the written language, an exercise cleverly contrived over the years by imaginative wordmongers.

In the same spirit of having fun with the written word, the Cohasset Education Foundation will be hosting its fourth annual fundraising Spelling Bee Wednesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m., in the Cohasset High School cafeteria.

Pam and Malcolm Speed of Tower Lane, who are CEF board members, are once again coordinating this community event. The Speed family moved to Cohasset from Manhattan several years ago, and Pam Speed remembered the first year CEF Spelling Bee.

"It was crazy and fun, and pretty thrown together that first year. Malcolm came home from soccer practice and told me he had volunteered us to be spellers. I said 'you did what?!"' Pam Speed said.

Speed said that she's a "pretty good speller," but the idea of getting up and actually spelling in front of people made her nervous.

"It turned out to be a lot of fun. We ended up having a great time that evening and nearly winning."

The Speeds joined the CEF board of directors and have volunteered to coordinate the fund-raiser Bee since.

"The idea to hold a fund-raiser spelling bee in Cohasset originally came from Hingham's education foundation, who has been holding a bee each year.

"When our second year rolled around, I called Hingham to find out how they ran their Bee. They put me in touch with Scripps Howard, who organize spelling bees around the country for kids. They provide us with word and study books which we pass out a couple of weeks beforehand, so teams can study if they want," Pam said. She laughed and added that some people never open the book.

"Some people just come to have fun. It's a fund-raiser."

Spelling Bee audiences root spellers on, groan for the speller who gets it wrong, and generally just have a good time.

Held in the high school cafeteria, the spelling bee will be catered again by Cohasset's Silver Spoon Restaurant, who provide a menu of delicious foods and beverages for those who come hungry. In the past, 50 percent of the proceeds were generously donated by the restaurant to the CEF fund-raiser.

Organizers typically plan for approximately 200 people, including teams and spectators.

"In the room next to the cafeteria, we set up baby-sitters and videos for the younger children. Older kids like to sit in the cafeteria and watch the Bee," Pam said.

Who are the spellers?

"We have teachers and parents, and the kids naturally love to see them go down," she laughs. "We usually have a whole round of real estate people who compete against each other, and that's fun to watch. They've participated in the last two years."

Pam also mentioned the spelling team of several of Cohasset's religious leaders, who call their team, 'The Wise Men.'

"The senior center folks get a team together and they've taught me that many times, older people tend to be the best spellers. They seem to have a much clearer grasp of words they're not familiar with. Maybe they had a stronger background in Latin or phonics," she said.

The principal of Cohasset High School, Curt Collins, has been entertaining and funny as past Spelling Bee moderator. This year, the role will be filled again by Collins, or another of Cohasset's three school principals.

Raffle tickets for a trip to romantic Rome are being sold for $20 each by CEF board members. The prize includes airline tickets for two and three hotel nights in Rome. Raffle drawing will be held during the Spelling Bee.

"Last year, the trip was to Paris and tickets were sold out before the Bee. The Genoveses of Howell Road won them and I heard they had a fabulous time. We decided to raffle a trip again this year," Pam said.

She said that the number of tickets are limited, which provides good odds to win for those who buy them.

The Spelling Bee evening will include a reception in the high school's recently installed language lab at 6:30 p.m., offering Cohasset an opportunity to see firsthand what their CEF dollars paid for.

At 7:30 p.m., the Bee will commence in the high school cafeteria and will end at approximately 9:30 p.m.

The Cohasset Education Foundation is a fund-raising organization that has raised money to successfully install the computer lab at the Joseph Osgood School, the language lab at the high school, the naturalist-in-residence program at the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools, and the skillful teachers program, a supportive educational course offered to those involved in education in Cohasset.

For more information on the fourth annual CEF Spelling Bee, sponsorship or raffle, please call Pam Speed at 383-2572.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Cohasset library story hour

Registration for the new school story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library began Monday, Feb. 23. Story hours will take place Thursdays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m., beginning March 12 and 13 and ending April 16 and 17. Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3-1/2 to participate. To register, call the children's library at 383-1348.

Teen dance is Feb. 28

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with Cohasset Teen Resources will sponsor a dance Saturday, Feb. 28, for grades seven though 12.

The dance will be at the Cohasset Town Hall from 7:30 to 10 p.m. with an admission fee of $5.

For more information, you may call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 383-4109.

Be more involved in Lent

Catch the spirit at St. Anthony's Parish Mission is an opportunity to be more involved in Lent and to prepare for Easter. Begins 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 23 through Thursday, March 26 at St. Anthony's Church, 129 South Main St.

Celebrating diversity is March 8

The Cohasset Diversity Committee invites you to come together to "Celebrate Diversity." This community-wide event will explore the issues and solutions to create an atmosphere of respect. Along with guest speaker Liz Walker of WBZ-TV, student essays, vignettes and poems, an art and slide show and community speakers will be featured. This event will take place at the Cohasset Town Hall Sunday, March 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, call Susan Etkind at 383-6602 or Nancy Froio at 383-1897.

OPALS at spaghetti supper

A special treat is in store for those who attend a spaghetti supper at 6 p.m. on Feb. 28, served at and prepared by the Beechwood Congregational Church. The OPALS, a group of enthusiastic, fun-loving singers, will entertain the diners with their toe-tapping renditions. Tickets are $6.99 for adults and $3.50 for children. To purchase tickets in advance, call 383-1298.

Cellucci at March 8 brunch

South Shore residents of Plymouth-Norfolk Senatorial District to hear Governor A Paul Cellucci at Sunday brunch, 11-1 p.m. on March 8 at Hingham's Tosca.

Other invited elected officials will include Sen. Robert Hedlund of Weymouth, Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray of Cohasset, Sheriff Peter Forman of Plymouth and Jack Flood of Canton, District Attorneys Michael Sullivan of Abington and Jeffrey Locke of Wellesley, and County Commissioner Robert Stone of Whitman.

Polly Logan, state GOP vice chairman of Cohasset, said brunch is open to the public but reservations are required as seating is limited. Accepting reservations are John Flanagan, 383-2816 and Carl Harris, 749-7115. Checks may be mailed to Polly Logan, 383-0031, 121 Nichols Road, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Logan noted that city, town and ward committees will be electing delgates to the GOP state convention to be held in Worcester, April 17-19, from Feb. 21 through March 14.

'Evening Tide'

Meditations by Elizabeth Tarbox

By J. Peter Konkle
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Asked to review a book of meditations, this reviewer expected at least one chapter to read simply: "Om-m-m." To my surprise "Evening Tide," a new book of meditations by Elizabeth Tarbox, minister of the First Parish in Cohasset, was rich in imagery, pathos, persistent joy, and lessons for living.

This small book is a very personal journal of the author's reflections of her life on earth, a life not unlike the lives we all live. Questions and answers, warm days and chilly nights, loneliness and belonging. The "unrelenting blows of living" are likened to the blows of a blacksmith shaping our character.

Some chapters, such as "Homecoming," "Moving Day," and "Embers to Ashes" express the emotional mix of joy and sorrow that so many of life's events can bring. Others are deeply personal and expose the wounds and scars which are uniquely the author's.

The joy of the book, the gift the author gives us, is a reminder of life's natural beauty, even when the beholder's eye has a tear in it. Elizabeth wants the reader to pause and appreciate; to be moved by the common. She describes the neighborhood mutts as "impolite dogs. . . who see everything as a sporting event."

She reminds us our days are lived one hour at a time, and each hour leaves an imprint. She exhorts us to attend to each hour.

"Evening Tide" should be within reach whenever you need consolation or reassurance that day will follow night. It is published by Skinner House Books-UUA, 25 Beacon St., Boston.

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POLICE LOG

Monday, Feb. 16

1:54 a.m., assist other PD, Rockland St.

5:56 a.m., general services, Smith Place.

11:23 a.m., MV stop, 3A by Sohier St.

1155 a.m., medical aid, 10th Ave.

12:40 p.m., suspicious auot, Atlantic Ave.

2:36 p.m., medical aid, James Way.

3:46 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

4:59 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

5:54 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:18 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

9:51 p.m., MV stop, Pond St.

11:23 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

4:11 a.m., medical aid, Norfolk Rd.

5:24 a.m., noise complaint, Highland Ave.

7:20 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:31 a.m., animal complaint, Linden Dr.

8:35 a.m., MV stop, 3A by Stop & Shop.

9:12 a.m., MV stop, 3A by house of Pizza.

9:28 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St. by Ripley Rd.

12:23 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

12:41 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

12:44 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St. by Summer St.

1:30 p.m., animal complaint, Hammond Ave.

3:25 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Beechwood St.

3:31 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Beechwood St.

10:40 p.m., open door/window, Sohier St.

11:22 p.m., disturbance gathering, end of Doane St.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

12:59 a.m., general services, Jerusalem Rd.

10:06 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St. by ball field.

10:20 a.m., MV stop, area of 216 S. Main St.

4:20 p.m., notification, Linden Dr.

5:43 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

6:50 p.m., medical aid, HQ.

7:04 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

9:33 p.m., notification, CJC Hwy.

10:53 p.m., suspicious auto, Doane St.

Thursday, Feb. 19

6:33 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

6:49 a.m., MV stop, Square.

7:19 a.m., MV stop, Rocky Lane.

7:33 a.m., MV stop, Summer St.

2:10 p.m., medical aid, Windsor Road.

2:29 p.m., assists citizen, Border St.

4:39 p.m., officer wanted, Sankey Rd.

6:50 p.m., disabled auto, Jerusalem Rd.

7:59 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

10:23 p.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy. 50-year-old taken in protective custody.

Friday, Feb. 20

12:28 a.m., medical aid, Doane St.

1:20 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

1:34 a.m. general services Pond St.

1:43 a.m., general services, Pond St.

2:22 a.m., assist citizen, Aaron River Rd.

2:32 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

11:15 a.m., parking violation, The Square.

11:31 a.m., suspicious (other), Pond St.

4:18 p.m., medical aid, Hull St.

4:23 p.m., trespassing, Pleasant St.

4:46 p.m., suspicious auto, Brook St.

5:02 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

5:46 p.m., animal complaint, Wood Way.

6:01 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:14 p.m., MV stop, Pond St.

6:25 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:30 p.m., medical aid, Windsor Rd.

6:53 p.m., vandalism, Spring St.

8:04 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:11 p.m., medical aid, Hull St.

8:21 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:49 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

9:37 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

9:48 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. Arrested: White, Tyler C., 819 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., Cohasset. DOB: 3/20/53. Charges: warrant.

10:15 p.m., vandalism, Spring St.

10:28 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Rd., Arrested: Hollis, William V. Jr., 159 Sohier St., Cohasset. DOB: 3/12/63. Illegal possession of Class D (marijuana).

11:04 p.m., transport, Ripley Rd.

Saturday, Feb. 21

1:21 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

2:00 a.m., suspicious auto, Pond St.

5:39 a.m., rape, Norfolk Rd.,

Arrested: Donnelly, Matthew J. 15 Brook St., Cohasset. DOB: 8/11/66. Charges: rape, indecent A&B on a person 14 years of age of older.

Arrested: O'Leary, Paul J., 19 Arrowwood Road, Cohasset. DOB: 2/24/67. Charges: Rape; indecent A&B on a person 14 years or over; lewd & lascivious in speech or behavior.

7:30 p.m., open door/window, Pleasant St.

7:56 p.m., MV stop, Doane St.

arrested: Lentini, Paul A., 72 Oakland St., Natick. DOB: 10/12/57. Charges: fail to stop for stop sign, operating under the influence of liquor, 3rd+ off.

9:53 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Stop & Shop.

10:56 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Brewster Rd.

Sunday, Feb. 22

12:56 a.m., general services, Pond St.

1:30 a.m., MV stop, Little Harbor Rd.

10:20 a.m., suspicious (other), Forest Ave.

10:22 a.m., animal complaint, Highland Ave.

10:53 a.m., animal complaint, Little Harbor Rd.

1:01 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

1:28 p.m., animal complaint, Little Harbor Rd.

1:38 p.m., animal complaint, Atlantic Ave.

3:08 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

3:27 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:05 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:51 p.m., animal complaint, N. Main St.

8:44 p.m., threats (other), Arrowwood Rd.

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Men plead innocent to rape charges

Two Cohasset men pleaded not guilty to rape charges in Quincy District Court on Monday.

Cohasset police charged Matthew J. Donnelly, 31, of 15 Brook St., and Paul J. O'Leary, 30, of 19 Arrowwood Road with rape after the alleged victim came into the station at about 5:30 a.m. Saturday morning to report the incident.

Sgt. Robert Jackson said the report was investigated by Officers William Quigley and Shelly Peters, who is the department's sexual assault officer.

"As a result of the investigation, two parties were placed in custody and were arraigned in Quincy District Court on Monday," he said.

Jackson said the alleged rape was not a random act of violence.

"She knew them at least by sight," he said.

Donnelly who was charged with rape and indecent assault and battery on a person 14 years or older was released on $1,000 cash bail. O'Leary, who was charged with rape, indecent assault and battery on a person 14 years or over and lewd, wanton & lascivious behavior, was released on $2,000 cash bail, the court said.

Attorney William Phelan of Quincy, who is representing O'Leary, said he confident his client will be cleared of these charges.

Attorney Joseph W. McDonald of Cohasset, who is representing Donnelly, could not be reached for comment by press time.

The men will be back in court for a pre-trial hearing on March 17.

LEGAL NOTICES

Board of Health Hearing
LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF COHASSET
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Town of Cohasset Board of Health regulations that Mary C. Soutter has filed an application to upgrade the Septic System to Title 5 specifications at lot 28, Whitehead Rd.

A public hearing will be held by the Cohasset Board of Health on **March 5, 1998** starting at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA.

Cohasset Mariner 2/26/98

Harbor Dredge Project
LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

An application for 401 Water Quality Certification is pending before the Department of Environmental Protection for the Cohasset Harbor Dredge Project, for the dredging of 107,000 CY of sediment from Cohasset Harbor and the Federal Channel by the Town of Cohasset and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Additional information may be obtained from David Vine, Nucci Vine Associates, Inc., 253 Low Street, Newburyport, MA 01950, (978)465-1428. Written comments should be addressed to: DEP Wetlands and Waterways Program, One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108 within twenty-one days of this notice. Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40 and the Cohasset Wetland Protection Bylaw Notice that Mary C. Soutter has filed a Notice of Intent proposing a Rock Revetment at lot 28, Whitehead Rd.

A public hearing will be held by the Cohasset Conservation Commission on **March 5, 1998** starting at 8:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA.

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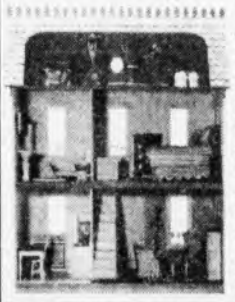
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Rail bed park to trip up T, officials say

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only with a two-thirds override in both the House and Senate, with the governor's signature.

Mitigation Committee member Michael Dick said at a recent meeting that this could be a recourse to get the T to do what the town wants.

He said town counsel believes the town can designate the land for conservation use because it has been used for recreation since 1960.

The town bought the land for recreational use after the Old Colony Railroad ceased operation in 1959. In 1995, the land was listed as municipal open space in the town's open space plan. The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs approved the open space plan.

In a related matter, selectmen voted to issue a Request for Proposals for a consultant to help the town assess its mitigation needs. Plans are to issue the RFP and how much expertise the town could get for about $15,000 — the amount to be included in a town meeting article. If the proposals show the town can't get anything substantial for that amount of money, the article will be withdrawn, selectmen said. Articles are items of business before town meeting.

Selectman Merle Brown cast the sole dissenting vote. He believes the town should work regionally with other Greenbush towns to address the issues they have in common which include noise, vibration and air quality.

"I don't believe we should stand alone doing a $15,000 study of air," he said. "Why can't we work together with other towns?"

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she felt the RFP should not include air quality which was harder to assess. However, the others reached a consensus that it should be included.

Flood data leads town list

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terests. Cohasset's Mitigation Committee was formed last year to deal with the problems the train will bring to town. The committee's mission is to identify houses, businesses and sections of town that will be damaged by the Greenbush line's return. The panel also is supposed to research a variety of potential problems, such as vibrations, noise, safety and air quality. They also are to work with the transit authority on compromises.

But recently the town's Greenbush Mitigation Committee appeared fed up with the curt responses to their questions from the T. They reset the agenda for Wednesday's session in a firm letter of Feb. 13. The letter went out under Town Manager Mark Haddad's signature. It told the T the James Brook watershed is the biggest issue for Cohasset. It also said the town expects the T to address questions about the train's impact on the flood plain in "a complete, professional manner."

The strong language was a fair measure of strong feelings from the Cohasset mitigation board. Member Michael Dick said during the board's Feb. 11 meeting the meeting should be called off unless the T provided the flood data.

They new agenda also called for discussion about:

- the Sohier Street wells;
- the Nantasket Junction Station alternatives;
- Private grade crossings.

Finally, Haddad's letter asked for a separate meeting to go over the numerous other problems related to the train.

No exemption for Krupczak

Selectmen did not vote an exemption allowed under state law that would permit assessor candidate Deborah Krupczak to keep her current job if elected to the board of assessors.

Krupczak works as a clerk in the assessors' office. She is the only candidate running for an open seat on the board of assessors.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said he could see "inherent problems" with Krupczak holding both positions. Assistant assessor appraiser Cheryl Pooler reports to the board of assessors. Selectmen see a conflict because Krupczak would be reporting to Pooler during the day with the reverse being the case when the assessors meet.

"She would be the boss of her boss," Sullivan said.

Krupczak said that she would recuse herself from any personnel matters.

"Personnel matters are a minor component of the job," she said.

The exemption would allow Krupczak to hold more than one municipal position.

Selectman Diane Sullivan likened it to the selectmen's secretary Joyce Studley also serving as a selectman.

" I would compare it to Joyce being on the board of selectmen and still working in this office," she said.

Krupczak said she is trained in the field.

"I have chosen this as my career. It is my area of expertise and I thought this was a good opportunity to throw my hat into the ring," she said.

Krupczak said she is not in a position to give up her job.

"I can't give up my paycheck," she said.

Krupczak had not taken her name off the ballot by press time yesterday.

Dredging project slated for September 1998

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cies, the federal and town dredging projects piggy-back onto one another. There have been several powwows with state, federal, town and regulatory officials since the project was proposed nearly four years ago.

A total of $400,000 — including a state grant administered by the Waterways Division of the state Department of Environmental Management — and a $100,000 town match are expected to cover the town's dredging costs. Congress appropriated $1.34 million to pay for the federal portion of the Cohasset dredging project after U.S. Rep. William Delahunt, D-Quincy, went to bat for the town.

Last July, Delahunt shepherded money for the project through at the federal level when he discovered flaws in the reporting system among state and federal agencies, which set national priorities for federal assistance to coastal navigation improvements. A key part of the formula was the volume of shellfish actually landed. Cohasset ranked 10th in the state in 1995 for catching lobsters, landing 570,000 pounds in 1996. With 39 lobstermen fishing out of the harbor, Cohasset is ranked 11th in size of ports out of 40 in the state.

Delahunt discovered the Corps of Engineers underestimated the amount of lobsters landed in Cohasset when the project was not included in the fiscal year 1998 federal budget.



Cohasset Republican committee chairman John Flanagan and state GOP vice chairman Polly Logan invite acting Gov. Paul Cellucci to speak to South Shore residents March 8. The event is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tosca in Hingham. Seating is limited. Call 383-0031 for reservations.

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Sarah Davis will host the stop on the Kitchen Tour at 84 Elm St. on Friday, March 6.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Second annual kitchen tour

It's a tour for every Martha Stewart want-to-be and even those who wish they'd never heard of the deva of kitchen and home. On March 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the South Shore Community Center will sponsor its second annual tour of area kitchens and dining rooms. Expanded from last year, the 1998 kitchen tour boasts six fantastic kitchens from the southern end of Cohasset to its northern end near Rocky Beach.

Each of these very different and inviting kitchens and homes will spotlight tablescapes by local and out-of-state interior designers as well as tempting taste treats by some of the South Shore's finest caterers.

Shuttle service to the homes will be offered from two locations including the Lightkeeper's residence where coffee and sweets will be available throughout the tour day, and a number of home and kitchen ware, specialty and craft vendors will have displays and items for sale.

Advance tickets may be purchased at the center or by calling (781) 383-0088. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 per person the day of the tour. Ticket sales are limited so early purchase is suggested.

Assisted living to be discussed March 8

The Social Service League of Cohasset is sponsoring a program entitled, "Assisted Living for the Elderly, What is it?" from 2-4 p.m. on March 8 at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.

Representatives of local assisted living facilities will answer questions, such as: Why should a person consider one? When is a good time to move into one? Just how expensive are they? An attorney specializing in elder care law and estate planning and a long-term care insurance expert will also discuss legal and financial considerations.

The panel will include representatives from Grove Manor Estates, Braintree; New England Friends Home, Hingham; Sunrise Assisted Living, Cohasset; Welch Health Care and Retirement Group; Attorney Brian Barreira, Hingham; Williston "Bud" Holbert, owner, Resource Group, Plymouth; moderator Particia Carleton, LICSW, Social Service League. Free admission, pre-registration suggested. For more information, or to register, call (781) 383-0771.

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Nancy Driscoll walks along Sandy Beach with her dog Max on a brisk winter day

Alan Chapman photo

Landfill expansion gets green light with conditions

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe has issued a decision saying that the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill can expand vertically without a supplemental environmental impact report as long as it satisfies certain criteria.

In a letter dated Feb. 11, 1998, Coxe says that CHL may modify its permit and increase the maximum allowable height of the landfill from its current limit of 190 feet to 206 feet. John K. McNabb Jr., vice-president of the anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE) estimated the current height of the CHL facility at 178 feet. McNabb added that the landfill is wide and the height may be lower at other sections.

The additional height would add another 44,000 tons of material to the landfill. CHL's maximum daily rate will remain unchanged at 299 tons per day. Coxe estimated that the additional height would allow CHL to continue landfilling until March, 1999. Once the landfill is at maximum capacity, CHL must

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Planners have reservations

Red Lion Inn owner seeks town support for reopening

By Margo Sullivan and David Tibbetts

The businessman who owns The Red Lion Inn laid it on the line for the Planning Board last week. Gerd Ordelheide made the message very clear.

It was a two-part message.

- He has the deep pockets it will take to restore the faded jewel of the village.
- The planning board better work with him.

"You're looking at a million dollars plus," he told chairman Al Moore. "Find another idiot who would do it in this town."

The planning board heard the message. Without any doubt, the Red Lion Inn, according to board member Robert Sturdy, could bring new life and energy to the village. But the board's enthusiasm for the end result was plainly chilled by their doubts about the means. In frank comments after the hearing, the planning board appeared to have little inclination to approve Ordelheide's plans without substantial improve-

RED LION INN PAGE 19

Selectmen ante up for school budget

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

As expected, the selectmen Monday voted to inject more cash into the school department's budget.

The board agreed to add $30,000 for the coming fiscal year (FY99) to the bottom line for education spending. The extra money came due to a special request of the school board.

Previously the selectmen voted 3-2 to give the schools $30,000 less than anticipated. But later they agreed to reconsider their vote.

About 50 people turned out to hear the discussion. School superintendent Stephen Hart and four members of the school committee answered questions from the selectmen before a crowd that packed the selectmen's second-floor quarters to overflow capacity. Some latecomers had to stand.

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Is Cohasset Arnold's kind of town?

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

A rumor movie star Arnold Schwarzenegger is moving to Cohasset has been circulating for the past weeks. Lately the gossip has been given credence by some people who were once friends of the late Michael Kennedy. He was killed Dec. 31 in a skiing mishap in Colorado. His home on Atlantic Avenue has since been the subject of speculation that a sale might be imminent to his cousin-in-law.

Polly Logan, a Kennedy friend though a prominent Republican party supporter here, said she heard the story in a Realtor's office and thought it might be true. Logan said she preferred not to identify the real estate broker. But Alna Eckberg, the Realtor who sold the house to Kennedy, said she has also heard the rumor and believes it is invented.

"We hear it, and we just laugh," Eckberg said.

Cohasset police chief Brian Noonan also said he had heard several different accounts. The first had the actor on Atlantic Avenue looking at a house to buy. In a later version, Schwarzenegger and his wife, Maria Shriver, TV journalist and daughter of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, decided against the first house and bought the Kennedy house.

Kennedy was the first cousin of Schwarzenegger's wife Maria Shriver. His house also has an Atlantic Avenue address at Number 181.

But if the story turns out to be true, Noonan said he doubted another movie star would cause much of a splash in Cohasset.

"He might draw a crowd for a while, but I don't believe it would be a lasting thing," the chief said. He also favors a trend by celebrities to seek havens in small communities.

"I don't blame them," Noonan said. "If he comes here, we will assist him in retaining his privacy, the same as we would for any citizen."

But Ann Whelan, who lives across from the Kennedy house and is a friend of the Shriver family, said she doubted Cohasset would be Schwarzenegger's kind of town.

"He would be a colorful cat to have in Cohasset," she laughed.

More skepticism came from a spokesman at the Registry of Deeds. According to Richard Kennedy inside the Norfolk Country land court, Michael's estranged wife deeded her right to the Atlantic Avenue property back to her husband in December. He doubted another sale could happen for at least a year, while the estate is in probate court.

ARNOLD PAGE 27



Rumors are circulating that Arnold Schwarzenegger, pictured here attending counsin Michael Kennedy's funeral in January, bought the late Kennedy's home on Atlantic Avenue.

Robert Barboza photo

COHASSET'S WEEK

Something's cookin' at center

The South Shore Community Center is sponsoring a dream tour of some of the most unique kitchens in Cohasset from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 6. The tour consists of six fantastic kitchens, including a spotlight of interior decorators and free samplings from some of the finest caterers on the South Shore at each home.

A free shuttle service will depart regularly from Sandy Beach and also from The Lightkeeper's Residence to all of the homes. At the Lightkeeper's Residence there will be complimentary beverages and sweets provided by local caterers and merchants, along with aonderful variety of kitchenware, crafts and novelty items.

This year we are limiting our ticket sales to just 500. Tickets are $20 per person in advance and $25 the day of the tour (if there are any tickets left).

Tickets may be purchased at the Community Center or by calling us at 781-383-0088. Tickets by phone must be put on a charge and we cannot hold any tickets. Drop by the center at 3 North Main St., Cohasset to pick up tickets.

We hope you will join us on our Second Annual Kitchen Tour!

Hedlund announces municipal recycling grant

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund (R-Weymouth) has announced that Cohasset has been selected to receive a $833 municipal recycling grant.

"These core grants play a significant role in building Massachusetts' recycling infrastructure and promoting consumer participation in recycling, composting and household hazardous waste programs. Cohasset was selected for a grant because its program demonstrates a commitment to enhancing the Commonwealth's goal of 46 percent recycling by the year 2000," concluded Hedlund.

Since 1990, the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) have granted over $14 million in recycling equipment, household hazardous waste equipment and education materials to municipalities throughout the Commonewalth. Out of the $5.2 million in Fiscal Year 1998 grant requests, DEP will award $1.37 million in grants.

Republicans to meet

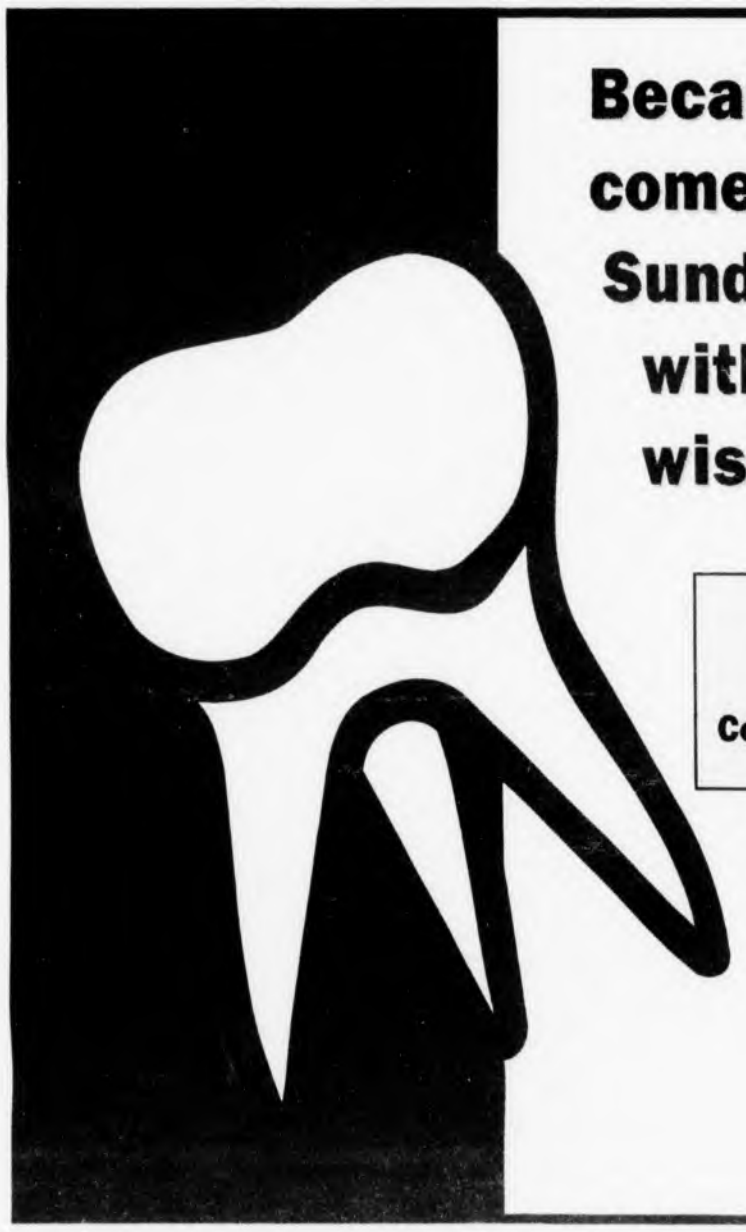
The Cohasset Republican Town Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. on March 5 at the home of Polly Logan, 121 Nichols Road to elect seven delegates and two alternates to the state convention.

The convention will be held in Worcester on April 18.

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WINDOWS INTO COHASSET

Victorian home blends functionality with grand past

A kitchen tour to benefit the South Shore Community Center is set for Friday, March 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. On display are kitchens in six private homes plus one inside the Lightkeeper's Residence. A few of the $25 tickets are still for sale. Call 383-0088 for information. (The snow date is Saturday.)

One of the kitchen on the route belongs to Sarah Davis. Earlier this week she invited the Mariner to her home and offered a preview of the 1998 Tour.



The Davis home on Elm Street is part of the South Shore Community Center's tour of private kitchens.

Alan Chapman photo

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Sarah Davis and her husband Michael treasure old houses. Two years ago they bought the Victorian house at 84 Elm St. The house had been in the original owner's family for almost 100 years and was then in need of repairs. But Davis said the couple did not even consider building or buying a new home.

"The more work the house needed, the better we liked it," she said. "I liked the idea of rescuing it."

Davis said the effort is still a "work in progress." But the work left to be done is not apparent to a visitor. With a new roof, landscaping and a driveway, the home today has a definite visual message. It says a Victorian house might be surrounded by Colonial architecture and still look quite at home.

Davis said all the other houses along Elm Street are Colonial, and most are examples of the Federal style. The Victorian house is different in architecture yet still part of the neighborhood. One of its best features is the location within a stroll of both the harbor and the village.

The mansard roof and bay windows make the house an example of the Second Empire style of Victorian architecture. The style was popular around 1870 when the house was constructed. (Davis said the house was built between 1860 and 1870.)

"The mansard roof is special because it lets you keep the high ceilings upstairs," said Sarah Davis.

Davis and husband Michael replaced the roof when they moved in. The mansard roof was then covered in wood shingles, but the original material was probably slate. The couple had the shingles removed and went for a slate-look. Ultimately, they chose a material that looked like slate but was more practical. It weathers better in the seaside air.

The new roof was among their extensive renovations inside and outside of the house. They also overhauled the barn behind the house. It has a flying horse weathervane over a cupola.

"We did an awful lot to this house," she said. "We replaced the roof. We painted. We put in the driveway. We did over the landscaping."

Fortunately, they had similar ideas about most of the changes, including the color of the house. It was all white when they bought it, and the coins and other architectural points were all but invisible.

"You couldn't see any of the details," Davis said.

The couple wanted a "fairly neutral and soft" palette. They added gray, taupe and green to the white. Then they got to work on the landscaping partly because the front door was almost inaccessible, she said.

"The house just sat up on a hill of grass," Davis said. "People used the back door rather than climb up it."

They also opened up the porch which was enclosed and made it look more like a verandah and much more inviting. Some hewn stone steps lead from the verandah to a new driveway. It is shaped like a horseshoe and made of crushed stone.

"The more work the house needed, the better we liked it. I liked the idea of rescuing it."
– HOMEOWNER SARAH DAVIS

The inside of the house also has the best features of Victorians. The downstairs rooms are big, bright and airy with 12-foot ceilings and banks of bay windows. But they also contain little closets, butler's pantries and a pass-through. The features turn everyday life into a brush with a grand past. The original marble fireplace is the focus of the front room. The downstairs floors are red pine, except for the wood parquet in the dining room and tile in the kitchen. Lofty ceilings are edged with the original plaster moldings and decorated with medallions. A winding staircase leads upstairs from the foyer.

But Friday, the guests will be looking primarily at the big yellow and blue country kitchen.

"These are just my colors," Davis said. Davis said she has painted the kitchen yellow in every home she has lived in, and she acknowledged it is a hard color to get right because the hue tends to change with the light of the day. This time, it came out right. "This is a really special yellow, a nice warm yellow."

But she credited the decorator Helen Baker Interiors of West Harwich, for finding the right shade.

It is a wonderful room. It is big but it is also comfortable, due to the arrangement of some unusual antiques in combination with modern fixtures. The Jenn-Air stove placed in a kitchen island could be in any modern house. But it is set off by a marble topped dry sink with marble sides stands against one wall. Almost opposite, near a back door, Davis has placed an antique ice chest. Antique chairs are dressed in buttoned slipcovers. The blue and white pattern in the fabric is mirrored by blue willow china mounted on another wall. Light streams in from two big windows, two doors and a back stairway.

Davis said the house was a big project but one the couple enjoyed.

"We really do love this house," she said. "It's just a happy house."



Sarah Davis in the kitchen of her Victorian home which she and her husband have lovingly restored.

Alan Chapman photo

Board looks to clear way for dredging

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Peter Pratt sent the selectmen a clear but ominous message Monday when he briefed them on the status of the harbor dredging project. The project is on target to begin in September or October, but the schedule is tight.

Pratt, a former selectman, was not happy to hear about a possible delay while the board ironed out a property dispute to the waters of Bailey's Creek. The property owner, Paul Trendowicz of the Cohasset Harbor Marina, has said he owns the area under water up to the middle of the creek. Though he has agreed to move his floats while the harbor is dredged, the Army Corps of Engineers has indicated he must remove the floats permanently. The floats are used to tie up boats, according to the harbor master John Winters.

"He has an encroachment problem," Winters said because the floats are invading waters the federal government claims it owns. Trendowicz was not reached for comment before the Mariner went to press.

After learning selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan opted to "research" the property owner's title deed, Pratt said the time spent was time wasted. He said the dispute could delay the project. He also said Sullivan previously should have dismissed the claim.

"One little glitch like this could hold up this project," Pratt said and reminded the board a $1.5 million federal grant is at stake. He also said the court decided the same property question years ago. Pratt criticized Sullivan's actions.

"You're not advancing the best interests of the town, Michael," he said.

Pratt compared the claim to someone presenting a title to the Town Common. He said he had hoped the board had better sense than to entertain such assertions.

Sullivan said he would also research a question about ownership of the Town Common but reminded Pratt he would not be a selectman much longer. "I won't be here in six weeks," Sullivan said. He also said Pratt would probably be glad of his departure.

Nonetheless, the project consultant David Vine confirmed the "glitch" could hold up the dredging.

"Yes, it could hold up the p[illegible] ject," he said. Vine said probably the Army Corps of Engineers would dredge other parts of the harbor and potentially leave the creek out altogether.

Assessor candidate drops out of race

The only candidate for the board of assessors has dropped out of the race. Deborah Krupczak ended her campaign Friday, after the selectmen did not grant her a special exemption.

Krupczak is employed as an assistant in the assessor's office. Without the exemption, she would have had to choose between keeping her job and serving on the board. Town Manager Mark Haddad had offered to find her a job in a different department, other than the assessor's office. She would not have needed an exemption then. But she decided she preferred to stay in the assessor's office.

Krupczak said Wednesday she ended her campaign because it seemed like the "wise" thing to do.

"I wanted to serve the town, but the selectmen had a problem with it," she said.

Krupczak was the only candidate running in the April 4 town election for the seat on the assessor's board. Frederick Koed, a former water commissioner, took out nomination papers but then decided against a run for public office.

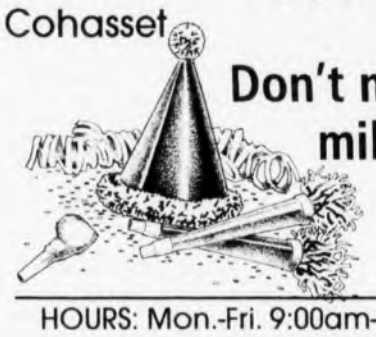
Septic hearings on hold

The board of health has stopped holding public hearings on an unpopular subject. New regulations to govern controversial "high-priority" septic districts have been put on "indefinite" postponement.

The delay is due to the Attorney General's decision to take a second look at the priority district. Two districts were adopted last year as part of a settlement with the state. They were unpopular with homeowners, however. Many residents objected to mandatory inspections of their septic systems on a recurring seven-year cycle.

The health board has been charged with supervising the inspections and writing regulations to govern the new districts.

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Town Meeting Preview

Sewer commission, selectmen offer 'conflicting articles

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen and the sewer commission disagree about who should pay to connect five Newtonville homes to the Central sewer system.

The selectmen say the taxpayers should spring for half the construction costs. But the sewer commission holds the homeowners should foot the bill themselves. Before the issue gets decided, both sides are likely to air a question about fairness before the March 28 town meeting voters. Ironically, the issue concerns the less important of two sewer construction projects. By far the bigger issue is how to finance the North Cohasset project, according to sewer commissioner Ted Guild.

The two boards also are sponsoring two different articles to finance the big North Cohasset project. Nonetheless, selectmen and sewer commissioners do agree about the financing there. In that case, the second article does not reflect a disagreement. The second article is there to insure the job gets a green light if the voters defeat the first question, according to sewer commissioner Ted Guild.

Monday, the sewer commissioners tackled questions about all the sewer articles that will come before town meeting. The most controversial, Guild said, was how to raise the $2.7 million for sewers in North Cohasset, not how to pay for Newtonville. If the $2.7 million question is passed, voters will decide again about a debt exclusion override to pay for the North Cohasset sewer project. Town Manager Mark Haddad said Monday the question will be on the April 4 ballot. A vote in favor of the debt exclusion would allow the town to exceed the Proposition 2 1/2 levy limit. The increase would be temporary and would end when the project is all paid for. Debt exclusions are typically used when money has to be borrowed to pay for construction, capital improvements or other one-time costs.

Monday about 30 people showed up at the public meeting to hear about all the sewer articles on the town meeting agenda. There are five in all. The sewer commission is sponsoring three. The selectmen are sponsoring two.

The first question will ask the voters to OK the taking of easements to lay sewer mains for the Central project. (The selectmen favor it provided it wonít cost any money.)

Next the voters will see two separate and contradictory articles to solve the Newtonville financing dilemma on the town meeting agenda. The sewer commissionís article asks the voters to OK borrowing money from the state revolving fund. The loan would be repaid entirely by the homeowners.

On the other side, the selectmen and Town Manager Mark Haddad objected Feb. 25 to the sewer boardís way of handling the Newtonville connection. They argued it was only fair to deal with the extra five properties the same as the rest of the Central section. Only Selectman Diane Sullivan said it seemed unfair to put Newtonville in automatically with the rest of the Central project. But the rest of the board went against her views.

The selectmen inserted their article before the sewer commissionís question on the agenda. If the selectmenís article wins, the sewer commissionís article will be dead, Guild acknowledged.

But he vowed the commissioners will put up a battle.

ìWe will urge the defeat of their article and offer our article as the alternative,î he said Wednesday in a telephone interview.

Guild said the selectmenís article muddies the waters over Newtonville. Their question asks the voters simply to amend an article passed at the March 1997 special town meeting. He said the wording does not make it clear the taxpayers will be paying half the costs for the hook up. Yet, a favorable vote would split on the costs 50-50 between the taxpayers and the homeowners. He said the Newtonville homeowners should pay the entire costs themselves. They were never part of the Central sewer project, even though their homes are in the same area.

The sewer commissioners believe the taxpayers should pay for a sewer project 50-50 sometimes, however. For example, the whole town should chip in if the hook up helps people who were subject to a court order or an agreement for judgment to correct the townís wastewater problems. That was the reason the earlier town meeting approved a Proposition 2 1/2 override to help finance the Central project. But the Newtonville houses were not impacted by the court order or the agreement. Therefore, it would not fair to bill all the taxpayers for people who wanted to have sewers, Guild said.

Guild said he was fearful the town might set a precedent that would have to be followed when other residents wanted sewers. He also said the Newtonville people originally agreed to pay the bill themselves but then went back on the initial deal.

ìIt doesnít seem fair,î he said.

Finally, all the town officials back the 50-50 split to finance the $2.7 million for North Cohasset. After the project to build sewers there went out to bid the first time, town officials and taxpayers came out of the experience with sticker shock. The lowest price proposal came in almost $4 million over budget, according to Guild. The project was put out to bid a second time, and the town managed to shave a mil-

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The check's in the mail, weekly

Town government workers scored a victory Monday when the selectmen voted to pay them once a week instead of every two weeks.

The change is effective July 1, according to Town Manager Mark Haddad. He estimated the cost of cutting weekly checks would total about $4,000. Selectman Diane Sullivan cast the only vote against the weekly pay arrangement. Sullivan cited budget constraints. She also urged the board to table the idea for another year.

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A few good men

Retirees driving force behind volunteer programs

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Each day a handicapped transportation van leaves the senior citizen's center with a retired volunteer behind the wheel. The driver, usually a retired man, is part of a force of volunteers that provide transportation for elderly residents too frail to get around on their own.

The transportation service is one of the many services offered by the senior center, but the unique thing about it is the large number of retired male volunteers who make it work at no cost to the town.

Cohasset has a large percentage of retired residents, making up 22 percent, 1596 people, of the general population of about 7,200. Men make up around one-third of the town's retired population.

Since last July, 567 seniors have used the center, of which 189 were men. While more women still use the center than men, the proportion of men and women who do use the center matches the proportion of male and female retirees in town.

Five years ago, senior center officials noticed that few men used the facility. In an effort to reach out to male retirees, the center sent out a survey to find out what kind of services they wanted. Some of the responses were surprising: gardening, writing classes and travel classes topped the list.

"Five years ago it was primarily women who used the center and we didn't know why," said Kathy Bryant, director of the council on aging and the Cohasset Senior Center.

The survey also highlighted something senior center officials were already aware of: that the current generation of retired men have had some difficulty making the transition from work to retirement.

Retirement is a mixed blessing for the current generation of retired men. They're entitled to enjoy the benefits of senior citizen status after working for 20, 30 even 40 years or more. Now is supposed to be a time for relaxation and enjoyment.

But retirement can also be a difficult time for their generation. Many of them formed social networks and friendships at work. Retirement severed some of those social networks, while also leaving these former working men with a lot of free time that was previously devoted to long work days.

"If you retired today, where would your social network be?" Bryant asked. "In Cohasset, we have a highly educated population. Many of our retired men worked as engineers, doctors, writers and other skilled professions, which is where they formed their social networks."



Volunteer Al Buckley helps Jacqueline Moores with her groceries after bringing her to the store in the council on aging van.

In contrast to their husbands, many of the current generation of retired women stayed home as housewives and formed social networks in the neighborhood which they have maintained into retirement. Those same social networks stayed intact through shared activities at the senior center.

The survey helped the senior center tailor some of its services for men while developing a network of male volunteers that benefit the entire town.

"The men want to be active and they volunteer for a lot of activities that benefit the town," Bryant said. "They drive the vans, stuff tax envelopes, help out in town hall, staff the food pantry and do many other things."

Bryant points out that many retired women also volunteer and provide the town with the same services at no charge. But the men prefer to stay in the background.

"The men tend to be quiet about their volunteerism and they want it that way," Bryant said. "But they come when they are called. When we put out the word for volunteer special needs drivers, 10 retired men showed up. They went on to become certified drivers who volunteer their services at no cost to the town."

The bus transports senior citizens all day long. A typical bus driver earns a starting pay of $10-$11 per hour.

Peter Tolman, 73, is a retired electrician and one of the van drivers. Tolman also works part-time for the South Shore Community Center which shares space with the senior center. Tolman volunteers for a number of activities at the senior center, from driving the van to performing electrical maintenance work for the center. He also maintains the four bowling alleys at the community center, and does other general maintenance work.

"I just like to keep busy," Tolman said.

Yet Bryant said Cohasset is fortunate that so many retired men volunteer and are willing to contribute a lot of their time for the benefit of the community.

One of Tolman's favorite activities is the Wednesday morning breakfast club. Each Wednesday, a small convoy of five or six cars transports 25-30 men to a restaurant for a group breakfast.

The shared meal is a chance for the men to socialize, trade stories and spend some time in a setting similar to their old social networks.

Retired doctor Alwin Merrill started the breakfast club 10 years ago to help house-bound senior citizens get out for a little while. The first members of the club were an 83-year-old gentle-

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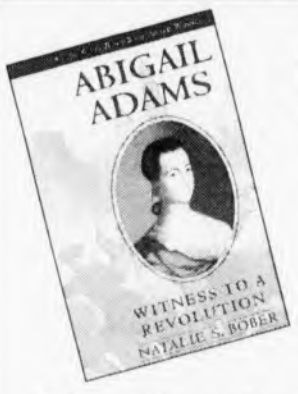
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Cohasset teen to share screen with Robert Redford

Horseback riding skills helped her land role

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Fifteen-year-old Kate Bosworth will never forget the thrill she experienced while hanging on to Black Beauty's reigns as the horse — on cue — flung its front legs high into the air.

That never would have happened if Kate, a Cohasset High School freshman, had not harnessed a role in the upcoming Robert Redford film "The Horse Whisperer," scheduled to open May 15.

"I was scared, excited, glad — so many things. It's hard to describe," Kate said of her experiences on the Saratoga, N. Y., set last April.

The then-14-year-old Kate spent five weeks filming scenes with actress Scarlett Johanneson — who starred in Home Alone 3 — and taking direction from the legendary Redford.

"It was amazing. It was something you've never experienced before," she said. "You go from normal high school life to 'Hi, I'm in a movie!' You never stop having fun."

Kate's mother, Patti, received word from some of her friends in the California movie industry that Redford might be looking for some extras for the movie. Kate taped some lines from the script in New York, delighted with the opportunity to audition for a movie — never expecting to be offered a role several weeks later.

"It was fun and I went home," she recalled of the experience.

Redford saw the tapes and requested that Kate fly out to Los Angeles for another audition with him.

"I guess he thought I had the look for the part. I fit the character description. And I think it was a plus that I could horseback ride," she said.

At the time, Kate had been reading for the lead role, which the more experienced Johanneson captured. Two weeks later, Redford offered Kate a supporting role that more than 200 actresses had auditioned for.

"I think part of it was her passion for horses. She didn't have to act that out," said her mother. "The riding factored in but I think when (Redford) saw the tape she had a quality that appealed to him."

Working with Redford made Kate's first acting experience particularly special — and more comfortable, she said.

"I got to meet Robert Redford," she said. "He is the most patient person ever. He is so nice. He makes you feel so comfortable, especially for me since it was my first time acting." Kate has never done any serious acting, she said.

In her movie debut, Kate plays the part of Judith, a young girl who dies tragically in a horseback riding accident. Her best friend Grace, played by Johanneson, survives the incident but loses her leg. In addition to physical injuries, Grace's horse suffers a "mental breakdown" which can only be treated by a horse whisperer — played by Redford. Kate also appears in flashback scenes throughout the movie.

Kate describes "The Horse Whisperer" as a love story and a tragedy.

"It's full of joy and full of sadness. It's a movie for everyone," she said.

Five years of English-style horseback riding and show jumping helped Kate land the role and enhanced her performance on the big screen as well, she said. Since she moved to Cohasset from Connecticut six months ago, Kate has been training under Carl Catani at River Wind Farm in Pembroke.

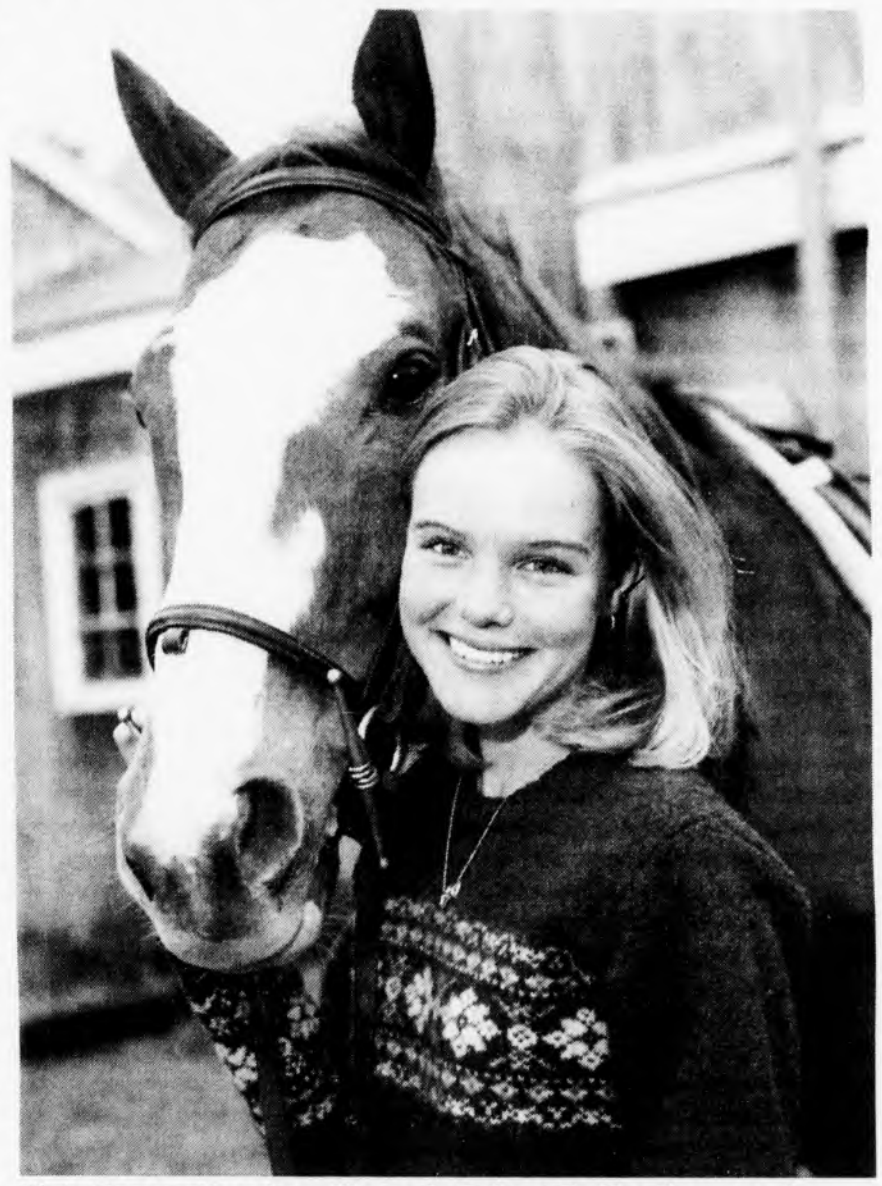
"It really helped in the movie. I could concentrate so much more on acting," she said.

In the movie, Kate rides and performs all her own stunts, with the exception of the accident scene, for which she had a stunt double.

"I don't know how to make a horse fall over," she explained. In that scene, Kate's character and Black Beauty slide down a snowy hill and collide with an oncoming truck that loses control on an icy road.

While "looping" dialogue — dubbing lines that don't come out clearly during the initial taping — for the film in New York City a few weeks ago, Kate caught a glimpse of some of her own scenes for the first time. During the shoot, Redford did not play

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Kate Bosworth, who will star in Robert Redford's upcoming film "The Horse Whisperer," trains with "Doc" at River Wind Farm in Pembroke. Her horseback riding talents helped her win the movie role.

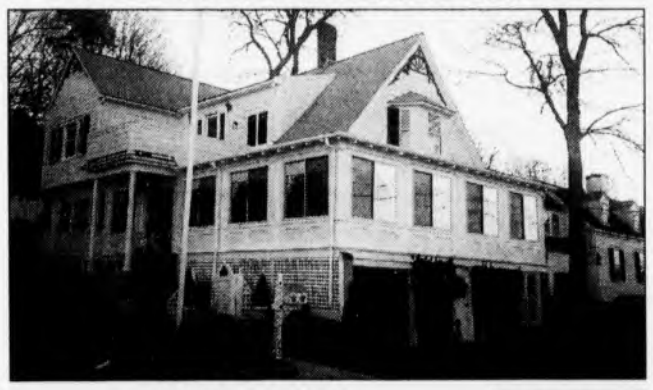
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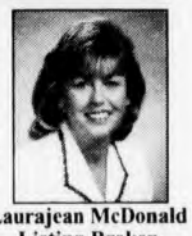
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Last Monday a "Mass of Celebration" was held for Rosemary Doyle Murphy, who passed away Feb. 16. Many of you will remember her as a former teacher in Cohasset for many years; others will remember her as a gracious, kind, loving lady. Her family and friends adored her, many were saddened when she moved to New Hampshire to live with her daughter, Kathleen. All who attended her service knew that she lived on through her adoring family — the love, the graciousness, the flowers, the hymns ... all were reminders of Mrs. Murphy. It was the perfect goodbye for the perfect lady! We will all miss her!

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CHUCK JAFFE'S FIRST BOOK PULISHED

Chuck Jaffe, better known to Cohasset's fifth- and sixth-grade

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Sally Davenport, a musician with the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, plays her oboe for Polly and Wisner Murray of Cohasset. Looking on is Marilee Cantelmo, principal of Cohasset Elementary School and a member of the Philharmonic's education committee.

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Sallyann Chatterton

When I was growing up, Ash Wednesday meant that my grandmother would spend a lot of time preparing fish for what seemed to be weeks on end! Fortunately for us, she did an excellent job presenting yummy varieties (I can remember many friends bemoaning Fridays and Lent as "fish days," and their not liking it one bit!). Two of our favorites were fish cakes and a casserole that tastes so much like lobster you can fool almost anyone! Here they are:

CODFISH CAKES

1 cup codfish (you may use a milder fish if you wish)
1/2 tablespoon butter
2 cups diced potatoes
1/2 teaspoon pepper, or to taste
1 egg

Wash the codfish in cold water and tear into shreds. Cover potatoes and fish with boiling water and cook until the potatoes are soft. Drain. Mash thoroughly in the dish in which they were cooked, adding butter, pepper, and well-beaten egg. Form into cakes and roll in flour. Fry in deep fat (or sauté) until brown.

HADDOCK CASSEROLE

2 lbs. haddock fillets
salt
1 cup canned (or frozen and thawed) cream of shrimp soup
1 Tablespoon lemon juice or sherry
1/2 teaspoon minced onion
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 cup melted butter
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
3/4 cup bread crumbs or crushed Ritz crackers

Place fish in greased 2-qt. casserole. Sprinkle with salt. Mix soup with sherry or lemon juice. Pour over fish. Bake uncovered for 20 minutes at 375 degrees. While baking, sauté onion and garlic in butter. Remove from heat and add Worcestershire sauce. Then blend with crumbs. Sprinkle crumb mixture over fish and bake 10 minutes more. Serves 6.

— **Sallyann**

Gulf River group to meet

The Annual Meeting of the Gulf Association, Inc. will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Lighthouse Keepers' Residence on Government Island in Cohasset.

The speaker will be Steve Ivas, executive director of the North and South Rivers Watershed Association. He will present a slide show on the accomplishments of this very active association and answer questions.

The Gulf Association was established in 1961 to protect and maintain the beauty and purity of the Gulf river for the benefit of its marshlands and its marine and mammal life.

The meeting is open to all members and non-members. Come and learn how we can protect and improve the quality of the Gulf River. Refreshments will be served.

Popular cooking classes slated

The South Shore Community Center's popular series of cooking classes is offering a great new class on Thai Cuisine. David Wells who has been cooking and teaching for many years on the South Shore will guide students as they prepare hors d'oeuvres, Thai spring rolls, chicken curry, and pad Thai. David is well known for his local cable TV cooking show and has been a popular local caterer and food consultant.

The class will be held from 6:45 to 9 p.m. on March 12 at South Shore Community Center's kitchen at 3 North Main St., Cohasset. Cost is $35 for members and $38 for non-members. Advance registration is required and class size is limited!

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boys lacrosse players as "Coach Jaffe" and known to Boston Globe readers as the Globe's Personal Finance Columnist, has just had his first book published! The title of the book is "The Right Way to Hire Financial Help." It's hot off the press and can be found in Borders book stores nationwide or directly from MIT Press in Cambridge. Chuck and his wife Susan have lived in Cohasset for four years with their daughters Thomson, age 6, and Whitney, age 4. Congratulations!

The reviews are in, and once again John Kuntz made the stage come alive with his performance! John starred in the award-winning play, "Porcelain," directed by Steven Maler and written by Chay Yew. John played a cornucopia of gay men and the bereft old-country Japanese father. It was held by the SpeakEasy Stage Company at the Black Box Theater in Boston. We are sorry that we didn't inform you of his star performance beforehand, next time we guarantee a promo before the performance! In any case, we certainly are proud of our Cohasset star, and continued success in his chosen field!

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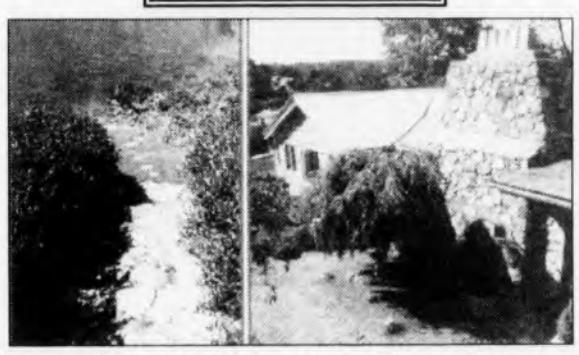
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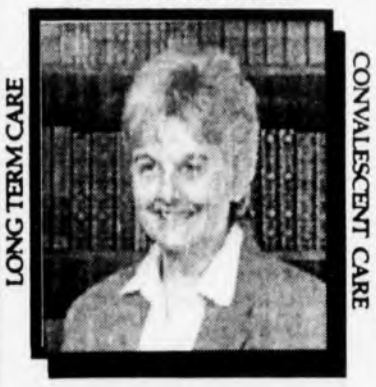
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Students put to the test in May

Like other communities across the state, all of Cohasset's efforts in education reform will come sharply into focus this spring when MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System), a new testing program, is administered.

Simply put, all students in grades 4, 8, and 10 will be tested in English language arts, mathematics, and science and technology. History and social science will be added to the annual testing in May, 1999.

According to the state Department of Education (DOE), this marks an historic moment for Massachusetts.

In the past, state tests weren't based on rigorous statewide academic standards, and only schools and districts received scores on statewide tests.

For the first time, statewide tests will now be administered based on common standards contained within the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

This May, Cohasset will be participating in the first state assessment program since the Education Reform Act of 1993.

This program is based on the Curriculum Frameworks prepared by the DOE, which are designed to indicate what students should be able to do.

Although there will be opportunities for accommodation for students with special needs, according to education officials, all students in the relevant grades will have to take the tests.

There will be three types of questions: multiple choice, short answer, and open-ended, with the latter questions counting toward 50 percent of the score.

While tests will be untimed, the state is estimating that it should take about 45 minutes per testing session.

Results are predicted to be low around the state. In fact, it's anticipated that anywhere from 30 to 80 percent of students across Massachusetts will fail the tests the first time.

School systems are planning to view the results of these first tests as baseline data for future comparisons. Because the Curriculum Frameworks are new, schools are clearly going to need more time to make adjustments.

As it stands now, however, our current seventh graders will have to pass these tests when they are 10th graders in order to be eligible for a high school diploma.

Obviously, the support of parents will be needed during the testing period set for roughly two months from now.

Therefore, parents need to keep in mind that students should come to school as well-rested as possible after having eaten a good breakfast.

Results will be reported by school, by district, and by individual student. Parents will receive their child's results in October.

The reason for the delay is simple. There are a staggering eight million open-ended questions that will need to be scored by Advanced Systems, the company with whom the state has contracted for the MCAS tests.

We're confident that Cohasset's teachers and administrators will do everything they can to create a supportive environment which will encourage our students to do their very best work on these very challenging tests.

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LETTERS

Chairman responds to school letter

To the Editor:

As chairman of the school committee for the past year, I have been committed to helping foster the spirit of compromise both within my committee and within the working relationships we have with other town committees and boards.

During this year's budget process, I have continually reminded my members, as well as others, of what I see as our purpose as elected officials, which is to work with each other and with the town's other elected officials in the best interest of the entire town. As school committee members we must additionally keep in mind the best interests of our students and somehow advocate for their needs while keeping an eye on costs.

As recently as two weeks ago, I cautioned my fellow members to maintain that spirit of compromise as we went through the last few weeks of the budget process. However, frustration over the budget process has spilled over in recent weeks at both school committee meetings and in your editorial pages. I feel I must respond to a recent letter by fellow school committee member Joe McElroy.

Mr. McElroy has correctly enumerated and praised the many positive things that are happening throughout the Cohasset school system. Unfortunately, that praise rings hollow in the face of his subsequent comments, which I feel are designed to inflame certain readers and disparage the very people who have so efficiently managed these changes over the past few years.

Mr. McElroy has applauded the increase in student-teacher contact hours, the reorganization of the Jr.-Sr. High School in to Middle-High School, and the implementation of block scheduling, all of which have taken place in the last two to three years. He notes that these changes have taken place while, amazingly, we still maintain our per pupil costs at the state average. I'm not sure how we've done this wile being so poorly mismanaged.

Mr. McElroy also takes issue with the current teacher's contract, noting "large salary increases" and what he deems a costly "perk," the early retirement incentive. I can assure you that the early retirement incentive is functioning as envisioned, is saving us money over the long term and is responsible for a healthy turnover in staffing. As for "large increases," I would only say that when salaries are allowed to slip over several years to a point where we are no longer comparable to surrounding towns, there will be a cost associated with playing catch-up, a cost that we were fully aware of at the time the contract was negotiated. However, I would also note that the changes that Mr. McElroy has spoken of so positively would not have been possible without a negotiated change in that same contract which frees us from the confines of the traditional teaching work week, allowing more flexibility in implementing the block schedule.

In regards to the school audit, Mr. McElroy charges that the recent audit "indicates that a lot of work needs to be done to improve management of school resources" and that the audit "confirms our need" for a business manager position. Mr. McElroy wishes that were so, as he is a strong proponent of this position. In truth, relative to deficiencies found, the audit says that the "majority of deficiencies are standard, with no evidence of material weaknesses," and recommends that we update our policy and procedures manual, emphasize enforcement of those policies and procedures and then "evaluate the need to hire a full-time business manager" as this, of course, has a cost attached.

Interestingly, Mr. McElroy brings up the almost two-year-old issue of the new elementary school, and the sometimes acrimonious debate that took place during the course of that discussion. While he says "we must put that epic dispute behind us" it is

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Selectman:
If elected, how would you improve communication between the school committee and selectmen?

SELECTAN/Tom Callahan

I would advocate regular, institutionalized interaction between the boards. Each respective five-member board should have at least two liaisons to the other, and every effort should be made for at least one liaison's presence at the other board's meetings. While it would likely not be necessary for a liaison to be present at every meeting of the other board, it certainly would be so during any work on budgets or budget-impacting policies. Either as an alternative or in addition to formal liaisons, there could be set up a working group of two members of each board plus the town manager and school superintendent that would meet from time to time simply to discuss issues of mutual concern, again particularly during budget time.

Having a selectmen's representative present during the school committee's upcoming formulation of its strategic plan will also likely improve understanding and town-wide acceptance of that plan later.

By my observation, the simple act of regular interaction would be a great improvement over the current situation. However, beyond setting up new institutions for interaction, there also has to be an attitude and a willingness for that interaction to bear fruit. My goal would be that each board gain a new appreciation for the problems and needs of the other, and from there work to a more harmonious formulation of the town's overall budget within the means of the town.

SELECTMAN/ Merle S. Brown

During my first year as chairman of the board of selectmen, a meeting was set up between the chairman of the school committee and the chairman of the advisory board. That meeting emphasized the importance of maintaining open and continuous communication between these three boards.

To increase communication with all the boards in town, regularly scheduled roundtable discussion should be held so everyone is aware of the issues that concern each other. Whether it is budgets or capital items, the entire group would have a better feel for what is going on throughout the town.

This year the budget has been a very big issue. Under the new town manager by-law, the town manager has full responsibility for the town's entire budget. It is the town manger's job to bring a balanced budget to the annual town meeting. In the past, all the departments, boards and committees individually went to the advisory board with their budget. Now, the town manager works with everyone to develop the budget and then present it to both the boards of selectmen and advisory. We, as selectmen, are now involved with more of the budget process than in the past.

Due to this new procedure, we need to work with the school committee to see if we can simplify their budget process and understand their needs as well as well as the town needs. It is very important to work together for the whole town.

Sewer commission:
Do you think a case can be made for sewering the entire town?

SEWER COMMISSION/ Patrick A. Plante

Sewering the entire town of Cohasset is not a new concept. Those of us who have lived in Cohasset during the past 25 years remember the engineering studies of Metcalf & Eddy that addressed this issue before town meetings when 94 percent federal funding was available to us.

It is easy for me to say that Cohasset missed that great opportunity, but I feel that avenue could still be viable today.

The direction that the sewer commission is taking us now is fragmenting the town and placing a heavy burden on a few to satisfy the mandate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and still not sewering the most critical areas.

In my opinion, sewering a town should be undertaken as a municipal project! The town should install the main sewer lines, with each homeowner responsible for their own hook-up. Rate settings through betterments and regulations would then be adopted uniformly so we would conform to every other sewered community statewide.

On Saturday, Feb. 28, on page 3, the Boston Herald printed an article referring to a $5 billion to $10 billion surplus in the federal budget this year and surpluses for the next few years. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is announcing a surplus in our state budget of almost $500 million. We should be asking our town officials to look into this surplus money and seek long-term bonding (up to 80 years) so the debt can be passed along to future generations.

For the past several years, Cohasset has realized a surplus of revenue in its own town budget, and perhaps a certain percent of our surplus can be designated each year to help repay the bond.

I agree with the statement made by our congressman when he addressed a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting in Cohasset in response to our sewer issue:

"Get the job done. Do it now. Do it right."

Board of health:
Do you support a total smoking ban in Cohasset restaurants?

HEALTH BOARD/Steve Bobo

In answer to the question about a smoking ban in Cohasset restaurants, an increasingly complex society requires more complicated laws.

But, there's a difference between laws that infringe on personal freedom and those intended to help people. Prohibiting smoking is an example. It wasn't too long ago that restaurants were banned from serving liquor. That law was repealed. On the other hand, laws banning drunken behavior are appropriate. And a law protecting the people working in smoke-filled rooms would also seem to make sense.

There's no reason bartenders and waiters must sacrifice their health in order to retain their jobs. Restaurant operators should be allowed to do what their clients want, but there should also be a way to protect smokers and non-smokers without infringing on the rights of others.

School committee:
The new superintendent will be paid $40,000 more a year than the town manager and as much as the current superintendent. Why so much?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Mark DeGiacomo

The new school superintendent will be paid $40,000 more a year than the town manager and as much as the current superintendent. Why so much?

The school committee is advertising an annual salary range for the new superintendent of between $90,000 and $105,000. I believe this decision is correct.

It is important that we attract top level candidates for this very important position. Although the salary range may seem high, the fact is it merely reflects the salary range of superintendents in our area. There are currently a significant amount of openings for superintendents in Massachusetts. We want to be able to compete for the best candidate available. While it is possible that we could "get lucky" and hire a good superintendent at a lower salary, taking such a risk would not be in the best interest of the schools or the taxpayers.

We are hoping to ultimately hire a superintendent who has significant experience in running a school system including dealing with budgetary constraints. With Cohasset's already high tax rate, there will be limited funds available for the schools. Our new superintendent must understand this and be able to utilize every dollar available to the schools so that the children receive the absolute maximum benefit.

It will, however, be important to explain to our new superintendent that give this salary level, we expect the highest standards of performance. We must be prepared to move decisively if we feel that those levels are not being met.

If we pay for a highly qualified, experienced superintendent, the benefits the schools will ultimately receive should significantly exceed any perceived "excess" in salary.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

In all my experience, I can't say I have ever seen a town compare the job of superintendent of schools with that of town administrator. What I have commonly seen is towns compare their school districts with others to determine equitable demands and comparable salary values. Rather than try to compare two jobs that I believe are totally different, we should compare our requirements for superintendent with towns similar to Cohasset to determine a fair and current salary range.

If, by comparing the positions of town manage and superintendent of schools we are looking for a way to justify paying our new superintendent $40,000 less than its present salary level or the going rate, we should reconsider. Although cost savings should be considered in all municipal budgets on all levels, offering less for the person who will determine the future of our schools may be penny wise and pound foolish.

Offering less than the current market value may attract lesser candidates. It may also send a message that we don't value this position as a town. And if cost is the sole issue, we should consider that it may cost us a lot more later in terms of both money and energy if we discover we made the wrong choice and need to make a change.

I believe we should choose our new superintendent based solely on the skills, expertise and talents they can offer Cohasset and not on how little they are willing to work for.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Hugh Morgan

Compensation for a superintendent's position is market driven and all indications are that the targeted salary range of $90,000 to $105,000 is at or below competitive rates. The new superintendent will assume responsibility for approximately 200 people, many of them with advanced degrees. He will oversee an $8,000,000 budget without the benefit of a business manager. He will have to have 10-plus years of teaching and administrative experience as well as at least a master's degree.

Further, the premise of the question is incorrect. Town manager Mark Haddad is going form compensation of $60,000 to $68,000, or, 13-plus percent. I believe there is a strong sentiment that even at $68,000 he is underpaid. At any rate, the difference between $68,000 and $90-$105,000 is a range of $22-$37,000; a big difference form a flat $40,000.

The school committee established a range of $90,000 to $105,000 in order to give itself needed flexibility. They may choose to hire a candidate with outstanding potential at a lower starting salary or an experienced superintendent at a great cost. Also, the school committee must consider its existing salary scales. Clearly, there should be at least a $10,000 differential between what it pays its superintendent in comparison to the well qualified and excellent principals that oversee the Osgood, Deer Hill and Middle-High schools. Bottom line, the recommended salary range is necessary to attract a first quality superintendent and that is what we should have—nothing less.

Next week's questions:

For selectman candidates:
Call firefighters. Are they archaic or worth preserving?

For the board of health & sewer commission:
The Newtonville nightmare is just one example of a breakdown in communication between the board of health and sewer commission. How can this type of thing be avoided?

For the school committee:
Teachers salaries are a cost driver in the school budget. Is the teachers' contract too generous?

Responses must be received my 2 p.m., Monday. Answers, which must be limited to 250 words or less, may be faxed to 741-2931 or dropped off at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham at 73 South St. Call 741-2933 with questions.

Sewer commission, selectmen offer conflicting articles

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lion dollars off the construction cost. But the final number was still $2.7 million above initial estimates. Originally, the town passed a Proposition Override for $6 million. It was supposed to finance the entire project.

Guild said the high price of sewering North Cohasset was due to the unusual circumstances. Much of the construction has to be done on private property, and the contractors fear a spate of potential lawsuits mounted by individual homeowners.

"The contractors have to go on private property and blast,î Guild said. "It makes them vulnerable to lawsuits. As one put it, everybody in that part of town either is a lawyer or has a lawyer."Despite the financial hurdle, town officials want to go ahead with the project. To come up with the shortfall, the town meeting will be asked to authorize borrowing the extra $2.7 million, Guild said.

Presenting differing views

Guild said both the selectmen and the sewer commission will ultimately present different versions of the same question to town meeting. In the selectmenís article, the taxpayers will be asked to finance 50 percent of the price tag over 20 years through a Proposition 2 & 1/2 debt override. The people who get the sewers have to pay the other half. If the override should fail, the users must come up with the whole cost.

In the question from the sewer commissioners, the users will foot the entire bill themselves. Guild said it seemed less misleading to put the question so even though the town would help the homeowners with loans. The town will borrow money from the state Water Pollution Abatement Trust for the residents, Guild said. The savings through the low interest rates could amount to 40 percent or even 50 percent. But he was uneasy raising the subject since the state fund would benefit the taxpayers as well as the homeowners equally, he said if the voters went for the 50-50 split as the selectmen advised.

Guild said the sewer commission supports the selectmenís article on North Cohasset and the 50-50 split. Nonetheless, there was a point in having two different articles to decide basically the same issue.

"The real purpose of the sewer commissionerís article is to insure the project will be done," he said because people might vote against the selectmenís article out of fear their taxes will go up. In contrast, the sewer commissionerís article has no impact on the tax rate. The people who get the sewers have to pay for them, but not the rest of the town.

"Sewers always are very bitter,"he said.

As if to confirm Guildís prediction, Monday selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan criticized the sewer board for holding 6 p.m. meetings. Sullivan agreed with resident Lisa Bumstead who complained the meeting time was inconvenient for people who work.

"It is inappropriate for the sewer commissioners to have meetings at six p.m.,î he said. He also said the selectmen should take the matter up.

Guild said the sewer board held most meetings of public importance at 7:30 p.m. but kept the 6 p.m. time slot for their regular sessions. He said the time of the meetings has been an issue. Nonetheless, the commissioners are a volunteer board and prefer the early meeting to have time to spend with their families.

Selectmen ante up for school budget

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Selectman Nan Roth, who voted previously to cut down the money for the schools, set the tone for the session when she made a statement before the discussions began. Roth said the selectmen had established a record of giving support to the schools and believed in a "strong school system." But she then said a lack of money was not the only cause of weaknesses that currently existed in the Cohasset schools.

Roth alluded to the recent operational audit of the schools. The accounting firm of Tucci and Roselli conducted the audit and the report found the school's budgetary process was "adequate." But the audit raised numerous questions about checks and balances. Specifically, it faulted the school department for the practice of "deficit spending" or spending money when there is no money left. It also questioned the school committee's decision to allow the superintendent sole authority to move money into different budget line items when money runs out. The school committee should authorize the administrator's decisions, the audit reported.

"I don't see the school budget as a sacred cow,"
SELECTMAN DIANE SULLIVAN

The school department also opted to begin with a prepared statement. But selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan cut off a teacher's prepared speech which chronicled the virtues of a school librarian at length. He said the topic had little to do with the budget issue. Overall, the selectmen controlled the discussion. But there were some testy moments, such as one exchange between Roth and school board Chairman Maureen Jerz.

"I am only mildly insulted you suggested we were dishonest," Jerz told Roth.

"I did not suggest that," Roth countered.

Selectman Merle Brown said he wanted to see the school board commit to making some new policies about money matters. He said he would vote for the extra funding if he got a promise from the school board members who are staying in office after the town-wide elections April 4. Brown did later change his vote. But he told the school board the "communication has not been good." He also said the school committee should broadcast its meetings on cable TV.

Selectman Diane Sullivan was the only board member who ultimately did not change her vote. Like Roth, Sullivan also complained about irregularities in the budget.

"I don't see the school budget as a sacred cow," she said. "The public has a right to be able to look at comparisons."

Hart said the extra money would go for technology and to pay elementary school librarians.

The school committee will be back before the selectmen Monday to discuss questions raised by the school audit.

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11:10 a.m. Escort, Sparrel to Woodside.

11:30 a.m. Larceny, Stop and Shop.

11:47 a.m. E911 Call verification, Oak St.

12:03 p.m. General services, Norfolk Rd.

3:25 p.m. Vandalism, Spring St.

4:09 p.m. Larceny, Pond St.

5:37 p.m. Fire (misc.), Pond St.

7:30 p.m. Burglar alarm, Pleasant St.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

6:29 a.m. General services, King St.

7:19 a.m. General services, South Main/St. Anthony's.

8:16 a.m. Assist motorist, 3A by Pond St.

8:37 a.m. Burglar alarm, Jerusalem Rd.

8:42 a.m. General services, The Shoreline.

9:09 a.m. General services, Jerusalem Rd. by Bow St.

9:11 a.m. Assist other agency, Bates Ln. at Doane St.

9:14 a.m. Info, general, Border St. by Mill Bridge.

9:53 a.m. E911 Call verification, Hill St.

10:09 a.m. Fire, investigation, Howard Gleason Rd.

10:18 a.m. Assist citizen, Hull St.

10:30 a.m. Investigation, Elm St.

1:48 p.m. Fire, inspections, Beechwood St.

2:40 p.m. Accident, motor vehicle, King St.

2:48 p.m. Fire, investigation, North Main St.

2:57 p.m. Fire, investigation, Aaron River Rd.

4:36 p.m. Fire, (misc.) Jerusalem Rd.

4:53 p.m. Fire, (misc.) Red Gate Ln.

5:22 p.m. General services, Beechwood St.

5:27 p.m. Fire, (misc.) Howard Gleason Rd.

6:23 p.m. Medical aid, Samoset Ave.

6:55 p.m. General services, North Main St.

7:09 p.m. General services, Howe Rd.

7:13 p.m. General services, Beechwood St.

7:24 p.m. Fire, structure, Highland Ave.

7:41 p.m. General services, Ripley Rd.

7:50 p.m. General services, Jerusalem Rd.

7:55 p.m. Property damage, King St.

8:46 p.m. Medical aid, Atlantic Ave.

8:50 p.m. Fire, (misc.) Nichols Rd.

9:32 p.m. General services, North Main St.

9:33 p.m. Medical aid, Sohier St.

9:55 p.m. Fire, (misc.) Smith Pl.

10 p.m. General services, Pleasant St.

11:41 p.m. Suspicious (other), Church St.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

2:27 a.m. Fire, investigation, Howard Gleason Rd.

1:49 a.m. Suspicious auto, Ripley Rd.

6:03 a.m. Assist citizen, Ripley Rd.

6:20 a.m. General services, Ripley Rd.

8:14 a.m. Fire, (misc.) Howe Rd.

11:02 a.m. Fire, inspections, Parker Ave.

1:48 p.m. General services, Ripley Rd.

2:07 p.m. Escort, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

3:53 p.m. General services, Old Coach Rd.

4:31 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, South Main St.

5:02 p.m. Fire, (misc.) Black Horse Ln.

5:31 p.m. Burglar alarm, Black Rock Rd.

8:18 p.m. E911 Call verification, Black Horse Ln.

9:40 p.m. Suspicious (other), South Main St.

11:57 p.m. Medical aid, Old Pasture Rd.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

12:46 a.m. Suspicious person, King St.

7:44 a.m. Burglar alarm, South Main St.

8:32 a.m. Medical aid, North Main St.

8:55 a.m. General services, Red Gate Ln.

9 a.m. Motor vehicle violations, Jerusalem Rd.

10 a.m. Fire, inspections, Surry Dr.

10:22 a.m. Assist motorist, Border St.

11:05 a.m. Fire, inspections, Black Horse Ln.

12:05 p.m. Assist other agency, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

12:56 p.m. E911 Call verification, Jerusalem Rd.

1:29 p.m. Assist other Police Department, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

1:46 p.m. Larceny, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

2:35 p.m. Motor vehicle violations, Pond St.

3 p.m. Burglar alarm, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

3 p.m. Animal complaint, Stockbridge St.

3:08 p.m. Assist other Police Department, Cedar St.

3:33 p.m. Medical aid, Linden Dr.

4:04 p.m. Assist citizen, Headquarters HDQT.

5:48 p.m. Assist citizen, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

6:57 p.m. E911 Call verification, S. Main St.

7:52 p.m. Medical aid, Windsor Rd.

9:05 p.m. Open door/window, King St.

10:37 p.m. Notification, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

11:26 p.m. Medical aid, Stockbridge St.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

7:27 a.m. Assist other police department, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

8 a.m. Fire, inspections, King St.

9:27 a.m. Medical aid, Parking Way.

11:09 a.m. General services, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

11:30 a.m. Assist other agency, North Main St.

12:03 p.m. Fire, (misc.) Nichols Rd.

1:02 p.m. Burglar alarm, Lantern Ln.

1:44 p.m. General services, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

3:03 p.m. Fire, inspections, King St.

3:46 p.m. General services, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

4:30 p.m. Motor vehicle violations, Ripley Rd.

5:13 p.m. Suspicious (other), South Main St.

5:17 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

5:58 p.m. Fire, investigation, Pond St.

6:05 p.m. Officer wanted, Elm St.

7:29 p.m. Fire, (misc.) West Gate Ln.

8:40 p.m. Suspicious (other), Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

8:49 p.m. Motor vehicle violations, Hull St.

10:30 p.m. Notification, Pond St.

11:09 p.m. E911 Call verification, Windy Hill Rd.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

12:27 a.m. Medical aid, Norman Todd Rd.

12:46 a.m. Accident, motor vehicle, Norman Todd Rd., protective custody, age 43.

1:30 a.m. General services, Tedeschi Plaza.

2:32 a.m. Fire, (misc.) Oceanside Dr.

3:14 a.m. Fire, investigation, Highland Ave.

7:36 a.m. Accident, motor vehicle, South Main St.

11:02 a.m. Open door/window, Highland Ave.

12:54 p.m. Burglar alarm, Beechwood St.

2:43 p.m. General services, Howe Rd.

3:31 p.m. General services, North Main St.

3:41 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

4:35 p.m. Suspicious person, Atlantic Ave.

4:45 p.m. Burglar alarm, Beechwood St.

5:12 p.m. Assist other agency, N. Main St. at Lower King St.

7:09 p.m. Fire, structure, King St.

7:58 p.m. Info, general, N. Main St. at Forest Ave.

8:33 p.m. Accident, motor vehicle, Lower King St. by 3A.

8:42 p.m. Suspicious person, Surry Dr. and Forest Ave.

8:52 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, King St.

8:55 p.m. Escort, Curtis Liquor.

11:11 p.m. Suspicious (other), Old Coach Rd.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

6:55 a.m. Assist other agency, Lower King/N. Main/Forest Ave.

7:35 a.m. Assist other agency, N. Main/Forest Ave.

7:55 a.m. Burglar alarm, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

9:41 a.m. Burglar alarm, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

2:51 p.m. Disabled auto, North Main St.

3:45 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Summer St.

3:53 p.m. Accident, motor vehicle, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

6:48 p.m. Fire, investigation, South Main St.

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Retirees driving force behind volunteer programs



Lou Simone joins in the weekly breakfast club at the South Shore Community Center.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

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man and a 92-year-old fellow.

"Kathy (Bryant) said to me, 'you know Winn, we just can't get the men involved,' " Merrill said.

Over the years the club has gained in popularity and grown to its current membership of 46. The club has become so popular that it has outgrown its current configuration. The men are finding it difficult to locate restaurants that can accommodate such a large group. Merrill, who is still involved in the program, is working with other members to change the configuration of the club, perhaps into separate chapters, so they can accept more people while keeping the size of the group manageable.

Merrill is pleased with the popularity of the breakfast club. He said it is one of many activities the center offers that are popular with men, including a supper club, a sailing club, a cards club and a boating club. Each club has a core nucleus of members that keeps it running.

All of these activities are extremely important for the elderly community, especially as the Baby Boomer generation approaches retirement, Merrill said.

But their time has not yet come. And Bryant wants to acknowledge the accomplishments of the town's retired men.

"When I attend statewide director's meetings, people are amazed at the number of retired men who have stepped forward to volunteer," Bryant said. "Our volunteers take people to the doctor, volunteer on town boards, help the town with mailings, volunteer in the food pantry and at the end of the day, they ask if there is something else they can do."

Chart House sale still on the table

By Margo Sullivan and Mary Ford
STAFF WRITERS

The Chart House restaurant on the harbor is still looking for a new owner. Two weeks ago an executive at the restaurant chain's corporate headquarters in California said the company had accepted an offer. Now the story has changed.

Lewis Jackson, vice-president of development, said the broker, Atlantic Retail Properties of Waltham, was "still actively marketing" the property.

Jackson said the company was now reviewing a "couple of offers" while it continued talks with one bidder. But nothing is final yet. He also said he hoped to find a new buyer as quickly as possible and was encouraged by the amount of "interest" from prospective buyers.

Jackson did not confirm the company was holding out for an offer over $2 million. The Border Street property is currently assessed for $2.08 million. According to town records, the Chart House corporation bought the restaurant for $2.75 million in March 1990. The business was then known as Hugo's.

Kristie Henrikson, owner of Siro's on Marina Bay in Quincy, said she previously offered $1.85 million for the Chart House. But Henrikson stopped bidding when she was asked to raise her offer by another $400,000. She also was discouraged when she learned Peter Roy of Margin Street was interested in buying the restaurant. Henrikson said she did not have the money to get into a bidding war with Roy. By Feb. 17, she was told the corporation had accepted Roy's offer.

This Tuesday Henrikson was surprised the final deal had not yet been struck and said she might change her mind about making another offer.

Roy was going out of town and could not be reached for comment. His family owns Kimball's by the Sea motel and restaurant adjacent to the Chart House. No one at his home was able to say if he had dropped out of the bidding.

Jackson did not say if Roy's offer was the one the Chart House accepted previously.

When the Chart House closed in early January, it employed about 40 people. Most of the workers were part-time. The Chart House corporation owns 60 restaurants nationwide including ones in Aspen, Col., Newport, R.I. and Sausalito, Calif.

The Chart House pulled the plug on the Cohasset site because it failed to attract the numbers corporate headquarters expected.

"We had to do a heck of a lot of business to do a respectable return," said Randy McNamara, the vice-president of operations.

Candidates Night scheduled

S.A.F.E. will sponsor its annual candidates forum at 7:30 p.m. on March 19 at the lightkeeper's residence on Government Island.

Candidates for the offices of selectmen, board of health and sewer commission have been invited to discuss their qualifications and their positions on important issues facing the town of Cohasset.

All voters are welcome and encouraged to attend.

$100K sought for dredging work

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The selectmen Monday re-opened the town meeting warrant to add one question, asking voters to set aside $100,000 to pay a contractor to pull up moorings when the harbor dredging project gets underway and put them back after the job is finished.

The vote was unanimous but reluctant. Selectwoman Diane Sullivan said she was disturbed the matter was not brought to the board's attention earlier.

The cost to remove the moorings was overlooked when the project was originally budgeted, harbor master John Winters said.

"Every mooring has to go. Someone has to physically pick up 300 moorings, throw them on the beach and put them back," he said.

Winters said the town might not have to spend the money ultimately. The state might pay the contractor or the town might assess a charge on the boat owners, he said. But until the issue is decided, the town was expected to put aside some money for the task.

"You can't leave it up to the individual boaters. It would never get done," he said.

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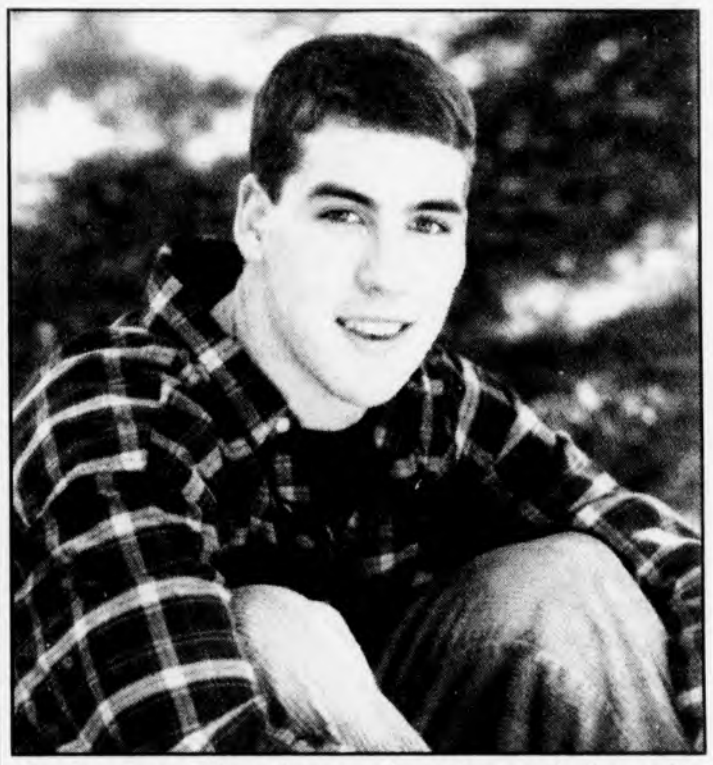


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Bilton brings home the Gold



Senior Greg Bilton has made quite a splash on the CHS swimming scene this season, including winning a pair of Divison II state swimming titles just this past weekend. He competes for the top New England spot this weekend at Brown University.

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

One's senior year in high school can be approached a couple of different ways. One student may dismiss their senior year, concentrating on having fun, relaxing, and celebrating the end of high school. Another student might put forth a half-hearted effort, just hanging on until graduation rolls around, buying time until college.

Or, senior year can be attacked with enthusiastic ferocity, swallowed whole.

Greg Bilton chose the final route and, so far, it's paid off quite well.

A nationally recognized swimmer since he was in elementary school, Bilton swam for club teams exclusively, until this year, when he appeased his classmates and decided to swim for the Cohasset High swimming team. Greg's decision proved to be a rewarding one.

Apart from his team leadership, Bilton also became the Division 2 state champion in the 100-yard backstroke and the 50-yard freestyle. And these were just checkpoints in his season.

During an interview, Bilton explained that elite swimmers focus on one meet every year and tailor their training regimen accordingly, adjusting so they reach their peak at just the right time. This year, Greg has aimed for a meet which will occur this coming week at Brown University in Providence. In other words, these state championships were won when Bilton was at less than peak condition.

His list of achievements is lengthy, far more than this space allows. However, a few highlights include the record Bilton set this past season when he broke a 17-year-old 50-yard freestyle record in the South Sectional finals, dousing the record by one quarter of a second and beating the Division 1 state champ by one full second.

Greg also shattered six Bay Colony records this year. He finished tops in the 200-yard individual medley, the 200-yard freestyle, the 100-yard freestyle, the 100-yard butterfly and the 100-yard backstroke. CHS swim coach Gary McKinnon said that Greg could have held all nine of the individual event records if McKinnon had chosen to allow Bilton to swim in all nine events throughout the year.

McKinnon was clearly impressed with not only Bilton's ability, but his overall make-up.

"You don't see a lot of people like Greg Bilton out there. He's really head and shoulders above most of his competitors. Greg is very dedicated to the sport, not burnt-out at all. I don't think that he's even hit his peak."

McKinnon boldly predicted that Bilton would be named an All-American in college and even had a shot at the Olympics.

"Whatever college is lucky enough to get him should be counting its blessings."

McKinnon also praised Bilton's modesty and sense of

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Women's hockey gets boost from Olympics

South Shore Hornets coach sees golden chance for game

By David McKee
STAFF WRITER

Robin Duffy cannot wait to buy a box of Wheaties with the gold medal champion USA women's hockey team on the front.

However, the 34-year-old Brockton resident has more than a passing interest in women's hockey. Not only is she the coach of the South Shore Hornets, a regional hockey team for young women, she also has skated with several members of Team USA during her 20-plus years of playing the game.

"I stopped playing the game for real last year but I played with some of the Massachusetts Olympians over the years and I can tell you nobody deserved it more than they did," Duffy said. "Just to make an Olympic team is huge a sacrifice but to go on and win the gold medal is incredible. And as a 'so-called' hockey old-timer, I couldn't be happier for them."

Just like every other sports fan in the country, Duffy sat glued to her television set watching the USA women's hockey team win the gold against Canada in the first-ever Olympics women's ice hockey competition. Duffy praised the high level of play and said the Olympic success was a long time coming.

"It was a very skilled brand of hockey and it was more physical than I expected," she said. "And Team USA showed that women can really play the game. But we've been trying to get women's hockey into the Olympics since 1975. I'm glad we finally made it to the party."

Since the Olympics wrapped up Duffy has received ten calls from young women who are interested in playing for the South Shore Hornets.

Based in Hingham, the Hornets are comprised of 14 South Shore area young women players from ages 14 to19. The team practices every Saturday night at the Pilgrim Arena in Hingham and competes in the South Shore Women's Hockey League in Canton and Marlboro against 26 other teams.

Right now the Hornets are battling for one of the top four positions in the league standings. In April, the league holds its annual playoffs. The South Shore Women's Hockey League has been in existence for the last twenty years.

"I heard from our league president that eight out of ten young girls who begin skating want to use hockey skates these days," Duffy said. "Before it was only one in ten because everyone wanted to be a figure skater. Now, there is more demand for hockey and I think it will be great for the game. One day I hope

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Pembroke resident Carlo Casarano will be one of the leaders of the U.S. sled hockey team that starts their quest for the gold this weekend in Nagano at the Paralympic Games.

Staff photo/Chris Bernstein

Blazing a trail for the physically challenged

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Carlo Casarano could have himself quite a belated birthday celebration on his hands if all goes according to plan. How about a little cake and ice cream on the gold medal stand at the Paralympic Games?

Casarano, who turned 42 on Feb. 3, is in Nagano, Japan with the rest of the members of the U.S. sled hockey squad for the Paralympic Games, which take place beginning this weekend.

Casarano has been paralyzed from the chest down for a little over 20 years, the results of a horrific ski accident he was involved in just after Christmas, 1977.

"I was going down the mountain fine (Mt. Cannon in New Hampshire), but I just lost control and ran into a group of trees coming around a corner," said Casarano, who has one of the highest levels of disability on the team, depending solely upon his well-developed upper body to motor his way down the ice.

The crash left him with no feeling in his trunk and legs as well as with a number of fractures to his skull.

After all is said and done, the Pembroke resident is extremely confident that he and his teammates will be returning from Nagano with a little bit more

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Blazing a trail for the physically challenged

South Shore Paralympian prepares to help bring home the gold

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hardware than they started their trip with.

"I know what this team can do and I think we are in a good position for silver, maybe even a gold medal," he said. "We just need to get over there and do our job."

Casarano has always been an athlete and while growing up on the North Shore he developed an affinity for the "Big Bad Bruins" of the early-to mid-70s style of rock'em sock'em hockey.

Skating not exactly being his forte, Casarano filled his hockey need on the streets. While a teenager he was good enough to make an elite national street hockey team that participated in the CanAm Games.

"We were one of the first U.S. teams to beat the Canadian squad at their own game," he recalled with a smile.

It was only a few years ago that Casarano first learned about the sled hockey game, and when he looked further into it he really liked what he saw, eventually hooking up with the Boston Blades squad, where he was encouraged by teammates to make what turned out to be a successful run for the Paralympic team.

Casarano said the fact that he would be representing his country, as well as providing an inspiration to physically challenged people everywhere, didn't really hit him until December when he was in Japan for a tournament celebrating the opening of the Olympic hockey venue.

"When we got there and they game me the USA jacket, it hit me," said Casarano. "It's like nothing I've ever felt before. It really hit me then that this was really happening and I was going to be an Olympian."

The shock wore off quickly for Casarano and the rest of his teammates on the trip, who recovered to win the pre-Olympic tourney.

In another warm-up series, they defeated the Canadian squad at the final tryout session for both squads last September in Buffalo. The same Canadian team took home the bronze medal in the last Paralympics, lending some optimism to the American team for the games.

> ***"As much as we will be representing our country, we're also going to be out there for the disabled community. This sport is something new for this country. I think we are going to be the trailblazers for some great things to come."***
>
> **USA SLED HOCKEY PARALYMPIAN CARLO CASARANO**

The United States is still playing catch-up with the rest of the world when it comes to sled hockey. It's only been organized here for less than a decade, but has been a competitive sport in Canada for a couple of decades and across Europe for more 40 years.

"We're doing the best that we can," said Casarano, who manages the Cedar Creek Farm on West Elm Street. "As much as we will be representing our country, we're also going to be out there for the disabled community. This is something new for this country. I think we are going to be the trailblazers for some great things to come."

The members of the team, 12 in all with two alternates named to the squad, get together about once a month for training in locations all over the country. Last month the practices were up in this area. Next month Casarano will travel to Colorado for another training camp.

"We really just take the ice time where we can get it," explained Casarano. "The MDC has been really good abut getting us some ice time all around the Boston."

"We've been all over the country, working with awareness groups while getting some training in as well."

As part of the awareness training, Casarano and his teammates travel to schools all around to talk to the kids about their sport of choice.

"The kids seem to really take to us," said Casarano. "They love the checking part of the game."

A recent exhibition the team played in-between periods of a Boston Bruins was especially exhilarating according to Casarano, saying that the crowd was "going bananas" at the quick and intense pace of the game.

For the most part, sled hockey is played the same as the game enthusiasts are used to seeing with a few distinct differences, most notably that the players are on sleds instead of skates and they are suited with one stick, usually about two feet in length, for each hand.

The aluminum sleds are generally 2 to 4 feet in length, depending upon the size of the player, and weigh about 25 lb. As with everything else, technology is moving at a rapid rate with newer sleds allowing for the players to get stronger and faster coming out every day.

Such is the case for Casarano, who got a new sled from Japan last week that he said may be a big help to him in the upcoming games.

"I usually can get up the ice in about 8.4 seconds. This new sled could take about a half-second off of that," he said. "I'm not getting any younger. I'll take all of the advantages that I can get."

A defenseman, Casarano is one of the oldest members of the team. Not particularly fast on the sled, he said he uses proper positioning and good hockey sense rather than speed to get to the puck.

"There's two or three of us old guys all about the same age," he said with a chuckle. "The younger guys look to us as a calming influence on the team. We've got some players with great ability and all we need to do is channel that and get it all going in the right direction."

As for Nagano, Casarano said he was really looking forward to the level of play that will be showcased in the tourney.

"I can't wait to get out there against the elite competition. It really will be the best of the best from all over the world," he said. "I can't wait to see what teams like Norway and Sweden have to offer."

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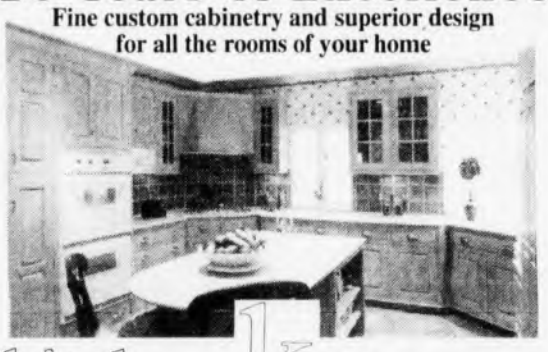
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Senior Greg Bilton brings home the Gold

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perspective. The coach related a story of how, late in the season, he casually mentioned one of Greg's Bay Colony records to the swimmer's parents. Greg had been so unimpressed with his own achievements that he had neglected to mention them to his own parents.

It was hard to find a negative sentiment towards Bilton. His friend and summer swimming teammate Justin Golden said, simply, "My boy's wicked fast."

Bilton was typically modest when asked of his accomplishments. He said that his season had gone "really well" and did not bring up his records or titles. Bilton acknowledged his teammates and did not emphasize his role on the team at all.

From personal experience, I've found Greg to be an exceptionally well-rounded guy with a good sense of humor, completely unimpressed by his success. I saw Greg hit 15 home runs in one year of Little League and I was an untalented midfielder on a soccer team which he helped lead to the state quarterfinals.

He's also in my history class and Greg has never once mentioned his aquatic exploits or any of his other accomplishments. He will be inducted into the National Honor Society on March 15 and is senior class treasurer.

Greg is considering attending Brown University next year and mentioned studying biology in college. With one more season left in his high school sporting career, the pressure is on Bilton to pick up the bat and glove and take to the diamond.

Thus Bilton has obviously chosen to challenge himself this year, not coasting, but rather churning up the water around him. With an excellent personal, academic and athletic background behind him, Bilton appears to have a bright future ahead of him.

And, of course, he's wicked fast.

Local women's hockey gets boost from Olympics

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some of the players I've coached will be skating for the Olympics."

The next winter Olympics will be held in Salt Lake City in 2002.

Hockey is also becoming more popular at the collegiate level. In the last two years, ten colleges have added women's hockey to the varsity roster. The recently passed Title IX rule, which mandates that colleges have equal numbers of varsity sports for men and women, has also helped, according to Duffy.

"Hockey is a hot sport right now," she said. "Title IX helped that and now it will be even bigger thanks to the Olympics."

However, Duffy said there are still a lot of people who don't get the idea that women want to play hockey.

"I work for an accountant and there were many time where I'd go to the rink right after work all decked out in a business suit," Duffy said. "And as I walked in with my equipment bag at my side, I would get these looks from the guys. It was pretty funny. And there are still some people who don't believe I play hockey. But I don't care. I just like to play the game."

The Hornets roster includes: Cohasset's Caitlin Donovan, Scituate's Jessica Keeley and Lindsay Pacuska, Norwell's Kelly McNamara and Duxbury's Kadi Viise. (Former Hornet Teri Perona is currently a member of the state tourney bound NHS Clippers.)

"We have a great group of young players and I think the South Shore is a great hockey area," Duffy said. "I'm hoping we can keep going this year and make the playoffs."

As it stands now, if a young girl wants to play ice hockey, she must sign on to play in the boys town youth leagues. Duffy is hoping the Olympics will push towns into offering young girls a league of their own.

"It would be great to see more programs offered for girls and young women," she said. "Even having a couple towns join together to start a program would be great. But like every hockey team in the area, there is a constant battle to get ice time. There just aren't enough rinks to go around."

However, one rink is doing something about this. Starting in September, the Pilgrim Arena will be offering a women's adult hockey league, according to rink director Hoby Taylor.

If anyone wants to become involved with the Hornets or with the Commonwealth Hockey League, the other team Duffy coaches, they should contact any area hockey rink and ask for information.

Sports Briefs

Lacrosse team needs a leader

The girls' varsity lacrosse team at Cohasset High School will again be funded through the boosters as well as by a user fee. The boosters are currently looking for a candidate to fill the position of head coach for the team.

The salary will be paid by the boosters group. If you are experienced in the sport of lacrosse and would like to coach the team, please contact either David Leahy (383-6565) or Rose Kahn (383-0332). Lacrosse at the middle school and high school levels has been approved by the school committee for the 1998-99 school year.

Two skiers qualify for states

The Cohasset High School ski team congratulates two of its members who qualified for the Massachusetts State Ski Championship that where held at Berkshire East Ski Area in Charlemont, Mass on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Sophomore Caitlin Stansell finished first for the girls in the small school division and third overall for the Mass. Bay East Ski League. Senior Rob Buckley also qualified for the State Championship with a top finish for the CHS boys ski team.



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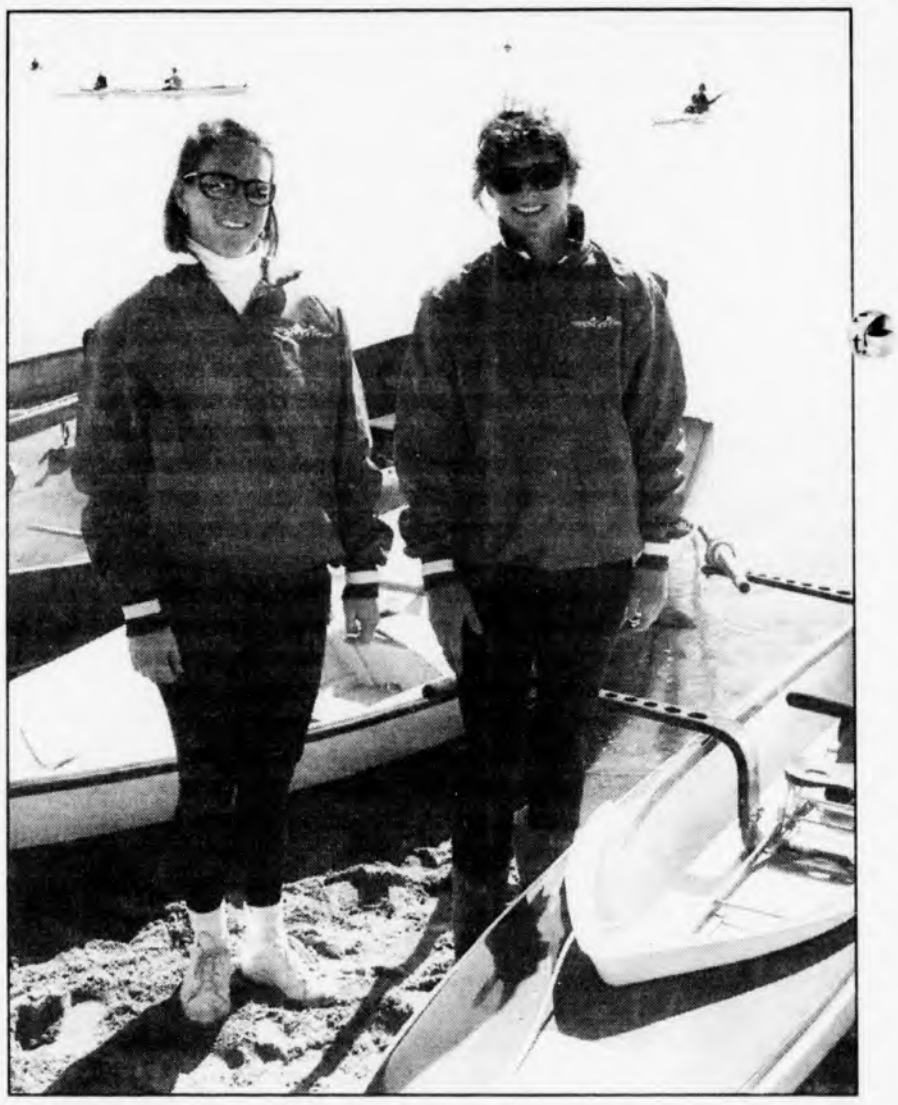
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Snow Row 1998







CLOCKWISE—It everyone for themself as the the pilot gig race kicks off at the annual Snow Row. Team Obsession, Kathleen Martell and Blake Munro, pause before the start of the double sliders class race. The defending Snow Row champs Team Sasquish once again took the title in the Pilot Gig class in last Saturday's annual event for the Hull Lifesaving Museum. Pictured are John Daley, Steve Wohl, Bernie Smith, Mike Jenness, Tim Snow, Burt Jenness and David Sevierld.

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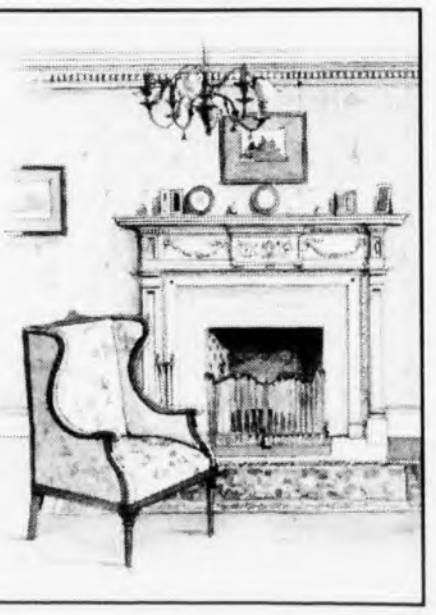
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Red Lion

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ments. Sturdy almost cringed when the owner rehearsed a plan to build over the existing first floor. Later, he said the historic building might cave in if Ordelheide ever proceeded on the course his architect laid out.

"He can't use it as a support," he said, without building a platform above it.

Other board members also had reservations.

"I don't want to kill it," said board member John O'Toole afterwards. But O'Toole said Ordelheide desperately needed to hire a construction manager.

During the public hearing, O'Toole put his hand on two views of the front and rear of the building. The front and the back should be the same length, he said.

They weren't.

Planning board Chairman Al Moore was firm with Ordelheide. He needed a consultation with the town's civil engineer on the plans.

"They need to chat," Moore said afterwards.

During their face to face, both sides spoke bluntly at times. But ultimately, Ordelheide said the board should understand why he has undertaken the expensive project and been stalwart in his resolve, despite some doubts from them.

"I'm building a monument for my children," he said.

Ordelheide will be back March 11 with a third set of plans. He is hopeful he will get the board's stamp of approval then and has promised to work with civil engineer meanwhile.

Ordelheide is the Red Lion Inn's second owner in as many years. The historic inn, built in 1704, was sold at auction in 1996 to a Florida businessman, Carl Akerblom. Akerblom held on to the property for 18 months, promising to renovate the inn. But the renovations never came, and Akerblom sold the inn to Ordelheide last June. Inn manager Joe Dooley said Ordelheide is going to restore the Red Lion Inn to its former status as a first-class New England inn and restaurant. He is confident Ordelheide can make it work.

"The Red Lion Inn has always been one of the most important things in Cohasset," Dooley said. "The owner wants to make it into a first-class establishment. We're going to make it go."

Many residents hope to see it open once again as a restaurant and place of lodging. Business leaders consider the Red Lion Inn to be at the center of any Cohasset Village revitalization plan.

"There's no question that the Red Lion Inn is an historic anchor to the downtown Village business area," said Dean Rizzo, chairman of the Village Revitalization Committee of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce. "We need lodging in Cohasset and if someone could restore the Red Lion Inn, it could be a gold mine."

The Red Lion Inn has a restaurant and barroom on the first floor and 15 lodging rooms on the two upper floors. All the rooms will be renovated and modernized to include standard amenities like telephones and cable television. Guests and patrons can look forward to patio dining, a pub menu, a lunch menu and a full dinner menu. Dooley invited residents to call the Inn with suggestions about how to improve the establishment.

"Gerry (Ordelheide) is coming back full-time to oversee the entire construction process and accelerate the project," Dooley said previously. "I'm gearing my energy toward opening the restaurant, and getting the menus and staff ready."

Ordelheide reportedly retired Feb. 1 as the majority shareholder in BMC Software of Frankfurt, Germany, and has plans to devote all his time to the Inn.

Cohasset teen

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back their scenes because he did not want to ruin the actors' momentum, she said.

"The accident scene is so effective. It's amazing the way they did it," she said. "I think it's going to be really good. There are a lot of great actors in the movie."

Kate had a chance to hob knob with the cast and crew of the film at the end of her 12-hour shoots.

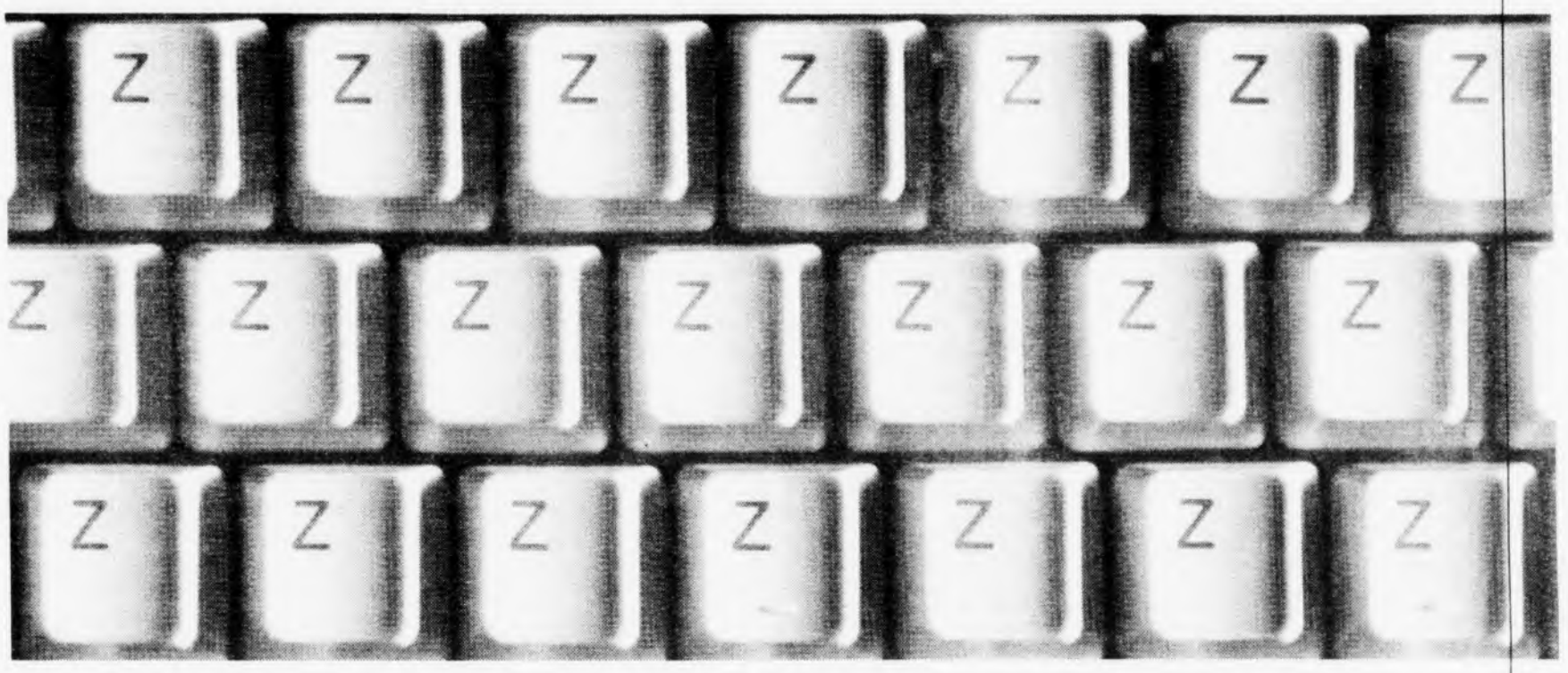
"We'd all go out to dinner. The cast and crew were unbelievable," she said.

During the shoot, she received star treatment, having assistants to select her wardrobe, style her hair and make up her face every day.

The only drawback to the filming occurred after her five-week shoot — making up the midterm exams she missed during her absence.

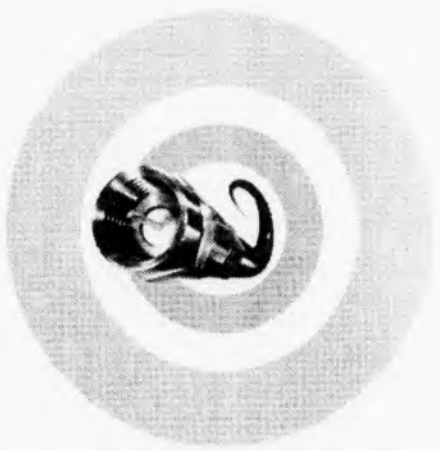
Following her first taste of stardom, Kate has received a half a dozen scripts from her agent in New York but has not yet committed to another movie deal.

"I'm going to wait for the one that's right for me," she said.



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Genovese is proof never say you never win



Linda Genovese enjoys an outdoor cafe across from the Louvre in Paris.

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Linda Genovese of Howe Road says she never wins anything, not even on bingo nights in Boston with her girlfriends, which is where she was the night she and her husband won the Cohasset Education Foundation's trip to Paris raffle.

The raffle was held in conjunction with the third annual Spelling Bee last year.

"I bought the raffle ticket because it was for a good cause. Pam Speed (CEF board member and raffle coordinator) is also a friend," Linda said recently.

Linda, who waitresses at Jake's in Hull in the summer, was recess teacher and lunch monitor at Osgood School the day she bought the winning ticket.

"Ilene Colwell, the Osgood secretary, was selling the tickets and I told her before I left the school that day, I would buy one from her. I forgot and actually left school and was driving down Main Street when I realized it. I hesitated about going back for a moment and thought, 'No, no, no, it's for a good cause,' so I went back. That ticket was Ilene's last one, and she told me I didn't have to buy it if I didn't want to because she'd buy it."

But Linda did, and is a happier woman for it.

"I drove back from Boston that night, thinking once again how I never win. I walked into the house and my family said, 'You're going to Paris, Linda.' Talk about a thrill!"

Genovese and her husband, Alan, arrived in Paris on a Friday morning last May, feeling rumpled from the overnight flight.

"We were tired, grubby, and thought we should probably get some sleep."

But the streets of Paris "called" to the Cohasset couple. They dropped their bags in their hotel room, and Linda said, "OK, where's the Eiffel Tower?"

The Metro transit system provided the Genoveses with transportation to everywhere they wanted to go in the next three days. Linda said it was three days of outdoor cafes, the Louvre, Notre Dame, a boat trip down the Seine, and on their last night in Paris, the Moulin Rouge, a nightclub famous for its can-can dance.

Paris, Linda said, is big, clean, and relatively safe, even though they were cautioned against pickpockets. She found Parisians, contrary to popular opinion, friendly to them, the traveling Americans.

"There were several things that struck me about Paris that I remember," she said. "First of all, the size of it overwhelmed me. I imagined it to be smaller and more quaint. Our hotel wasn't right in the middle of everything, but more off to the side of the city. Outside our window was a narrow side street where flower boxes hung on windows. That was nice. "

Linda was also fascinated by the numbers of people from different countries.

"I thought that everyone outside of America immigrates here, but Paris is another New York City. I couldn't get over the huge population of Mid-Easterners, in particular. One day, Alan and I sat in a cafe next to a couple from Switzerland, who were in Paris for the weekend, the difference being they came to Paris frequently, much like we might go to New York City from Boston. It's that close and convenient for them."

Linda said when people opened their mouths to speak, she never knew what accent was going to come out. It intrigued her.

There was nothing about Paris that Linda didn't love. Her favorite outing was the boat trip down the Seine when she saw the different types of architecture of buildings like Notre Dame and the Louvre.

"My family and I have traveled a bit. We've "cross countried" here in the States and I've been to Italy. Now, I can say I've been to Paris, although I wish the trip had been longer. You have to stay longer in Paris, it's a great town!"

Linda has already purchased her ticket for this year's CEF Spelling Bee raffle, which will be held on Wednesday evening, March 11, at 7:30 p.m.



Alan Genovese stands with the Eiffel Tower in the background.

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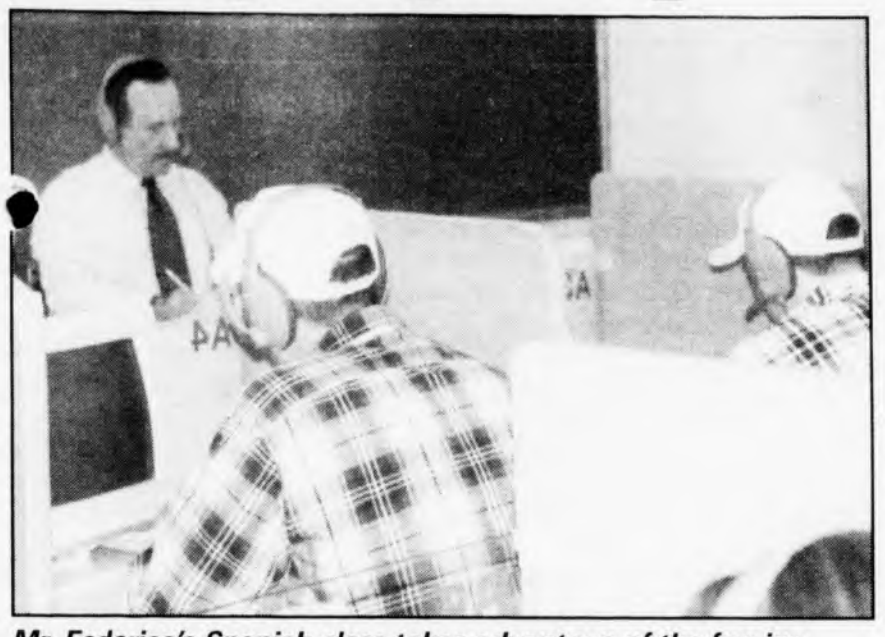
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Mr. Federico's Spanish class takes advantage of the foreign language lab at the high school.



Students study their foreign language skills in the new lab.

Photos/Mary Sheppard Earon

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Paul Narkiewicz, world language department chairman at Cohasset High School, said he pinches himself when he looks at the newly installed language lab.

"It is truly a dream come true to have this state of the art SONY equipment as a teaching tool for the kids," he said.

He is grateful to the Cohasset Education Foundation for raising the needed funds.

Narkiewicz described the language lab, installed last November, as an adjunct to the school's language program. It provides a place were students and teachers can deal with different affected cultural material, practice their foreign language listening and speaking skills, and take tests through their headphones with the least amount of distraction. It is a classic audio and video learning experience.

"Foreign language is more important to our society than ever before," Narkiewicz said. "The world economy in particular makes it so."

Although a foreign language is not required, many Cohasset High students take either French, Spanish or Latin.

"I think the kids enjoy the lab, and I think they're proud of it, too. It offers them a break from the traditional way to learn, with a teacher talking face to face with them at the front of the class," he said. "If students have questions, they sit and wait their turn. In the lab, students put on their headphones, and sit in their booths, communicating with the teacher and the other students through the phones and their computer screens. The teacher can hit a button and have the whole class listen to the question, or just have the communication between the student and teacher, depending on the situation and question."

In this way, the language lab offers teaching in a traditional and non-traditional manner. According to Narkiewicz, students pay attention better and learn with less distraction.

"Their ears are into the headphones, their eyes are on the computer screens."

A popular teaching practice in language today is called "paired practice." The teacher gives the language exercise and the class is broken up into pairs randomly. Through buttons on the teacher's monitor, students become connected with each other in the classroom, and they go through the process of identifying themselves in the room, before settling into the exercise. Narkiewicz said it provides an element of excitement for the students.

Although Cohasset High School has had a language lab since 1968, which is the year Narkiewicz arrived as department chairman, it became outdated and ineffective.

"When the CEF decided to begin looking into more effective, modern language lab equipment after I submitted a request for a permanent lab, George Fortin (CEF board member) opened up the possibilities and led the way. Eventually, Dr. Gary Garber took the project over. He did a wonderful job researching different labs and companies, and through the process of eliminating such equipment as portable labs and labs with one TV in front of the classroom, he came to the conclusion to try to install a lab with a monitor in each booth."

Recently, through the department's own budget, Narkiewicz added a computer that plays CDs.

"Language programs are coming out with programs on CDs because CDs not only offer a better sound quality, but teachers can immediately go to what they want, and not have to search through the tape, as on a cassette."

The public is invited to come and view the language lab at a reception Wednesday, March 11, from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m., prior to the CEF fourth annual Spelling Bee fund-raiser.

"Parents should definitely come in and sit down in these booths to hear what the kids listen to, and do some repeatings of themselves to hear what they sound like. We're very proud of our lab and I think those who helped pay for it and those curious about it, will feel a sense of pride also. Maybe I'll conduct a French class that night," Paul Narkiewicz smiled.

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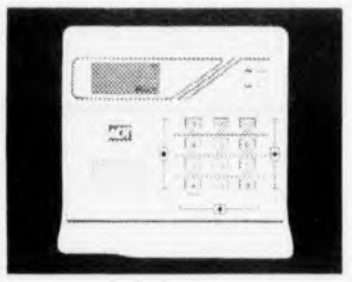
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Landfill's vertical expansion

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close the operation and cap the material.

Coxe says that CHL may expand vertically only by satisfying all permit requirements and meeting all Department of Environmental Protection and MEPA regulations.

"DEP should ensure that no permit modifications are granted until the landfill is fully in compliance with all regulatory requirements, including, if necessary, the removal of waste material from non site-assigned areas," Coxe said. "I interpret this to mean in this instance that all physical requirements will be completed—not that there are promises of tasks to be completed— even before the permit modification review process begins."

The zoning board of appeals is currently considering whether CHL is not legally permitted because the previous landfill owner failed to file a special permit with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. Coxe states that the vertical expansion can proceed only if all permits are in order. The zoning board is also considering whether to force CHL to remove 7,800 square feet of landfill material it placed in a section of the facility not authorized for landfilling. The zoning board expects to render a decision on the two CHL matters on March 12.

Coxe said she feels that there is no need for a supplemental EIR because her office and DEP have received extensive public comments on problems associated with CHL.

"I do share the concerns of the citizens of Cohasset about past operations and continuing conditions at the site," Coxe said. "There will not be and should not be any vertical expansion until these issues (the permit and illegal landfilling matters before the zoning board) are resolved to the satisfaction of DEP, which should itself be sure to involve concerned citizens and town officials as it resolves these issues."

Coxe concluded that the vertical expansion will not significantly contribute to storm water runoff contamination as long as CHL abides by its order of conditions. She also concluded that the added weight of the vertical material would not press down on the landfill and cause the horizontal area to increase.

Assistant Secretary of Environmental Affairs John Rodman said his office has placed tough restrictions on CHL and DEP's approval.

"Secretary Coxe has instructed DEP through the MEPA process that all the requirements are not only to be met but to be physically done before the vertical expansion is approved," Rodman said. But McNabb said he felt that the decision was a mix of good and bad elements for the town. McNabb said the decision could be interpreted to mean that if DEP finds that CHL does not have to remove the illegal material in the unauthorized area, then the vertical expansion can proceed.

Zoning board considers action against landfill

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The zoning board of appeals is considering whether to take action against the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill after a Feb. 26 special hearing that focused on two zoning violations. CHL is appealing two cease and desist orders issued last January by Building Inspector Robert Egan.

The zoning board discussed the violations for 90 minutes before taking the matter under advisement. Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said the board may issue a draft decision as soon as March 12.

Egan issued a cease and desist order on Jan. 12 ordering CHL to cease operations because prior landfill owner James Tyeryar failed to file a zoning board special permit with the Registry of Deeds. John McNabb, vice-president of the anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion, discovered the violation after inspecting permits at the Registry.

The special permit to operate a landfill was issued by the zoning board in 1976, but Tyeryar never filed it with the county. Under state law, special permits take effect only after being filed with the county clerk. CHL owner Paul Barry also did not file the permit after he purchased the landfill.

Egan ruled that CHL is in violation of the town's 1986 Water Resource District Bylaw. The bylaw prohibits any landfill from operating in the water district unless it was in lawful operation prior to the enactment of the law. A large portion of the landfill sits in the district. The landfill was in operation 10 years before the creation of the water district. On Jan. 28, CHL's attorneys filed the special permit, but Egan insisted the landfill comply with the cease and desist order.

McNabb argued against CHL before the zoning board that the permit does not become effective until it is recorded with the Registry of Deeds. He also refuted claims by CHL that the town tried to enforce the special permit more than 10 years ago to prevent CHL from accepting sludge.

"CHL says the town brought litigation against CHL when it invoked the special permit, but the town did not bring litigation,Ó McNabb said. "CHL initiated the action when it appealed the building inspector's enforcement order. It's been assumed all along that CHL is a valid, pre-existing, non-conforming use, but that argument is DOA because they filed the special permit Jan. 21, 1998.Ó

CHL Attorney Anton Moehrke has countered that McNabb's legal assertions are narrow interpretations of the law.

"This is clearly and classically a paper chase, because no one has acclaimed anything other than a piece of paper was not filed,Ó Moehrke said. "No disrespect is meant to the ZBA. No one has asserted by this miscue that anyone was misled, prejudiced or that anything would have been different if that paper had been filed. This is the outcome of a search not to protect the environment, but an attempt by avowed enemies of CHL (SAFE) to find the fatal flaw through the use of public resources to shut down the landfill.Ó DeGiacomo said the arguments in the permit appeal focus on straightforward legal issues.

The second violation came about when McNabb discovered last November that CHL had placed refuse in an area of the facility not approved for landfilling. On Jan. 29, Egan issued another cease and desist order against CHL for placing refuse in the unapproved section, Area IV-B, and ordered the removal of all refuse. McNabb discovered the illegal dumping when he compared several engineers drawings against the contours of the landfill. The illegal fill encompasses an area of about 7,800 square feet. CHL owner Paul Barry admitted placing the refuse in Area IV-B. Barry said the refuse was placed in Area IV-B accidentally, and that the material had been capped in 1989 when landfilling ceased in that part of the facility.

CHL appealed the building inspector's decision on the grounds that it cannot remove the refuse without approval from the state Department of Environmental Protection and the board of health because of possible environmental impacts.

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LETTERS

Chairman responds to school letter

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worth noting that Mr. McElroy is the only person I have heard bring this up in the past year. The real tragedy of that situation was the town" rejection of the first option recommended by the school facilities committee, which would have rolled renovations of the Deer Hill into the package. One of the chief opponents to that plan was Mr. McElroy. Now, the town will be forced to pay for those much needed renovations out of its own pocket, instead of with 60 percent state funding. As Mr. McElroy points out, "too often, Cohasset voters have failed to invest in the future."

It is my fervent hope that Mr. McElroy made an honest error in misrepresenting special education increases. They have increased 48 percent over three years (FY95-98), not over two years, and 23 percent of that increase is accounted for in FY97-97, and is specifically related to day and residential (out of district) placements. The real issue here is the state's willingness to fund these kinds of costs more fully. I have been actively involved in special education issues for many years, and I know all to well how easily this hot button issue can be used to pit regular education against special education.

Lastly, I must agree, in part, with Mr. McElroy regarding the issue of strategic planning. The existence of the school committee's five-year strategic plan is unique in this town—only the school department has one. Yet we must work to strengthen it with a financial component. Work on that was begun almost a year and a half ago (prior to Mr. McElroy's election to this committee) and all current members are committed to its completion. However, I would never use such a plan to force the people of this town who truly care about education to make a choice between "comprehensive electives" and a "core curriculum," as Mr. McElroy suggests. We must use such a plan as a vehicle to educate and inform so that every citizen is aware of the rationale behind the decisions the school committee makes regarding its school system and to make them aware, well in advance, of any costs that may be attached to those decisions.

I truly believe that this town can put past divisions between "school side" vs. "town side" aside, and we must if we are to function in the future. But we can only do it if our elected officials put aside personal agendas, avoid grandstanding and then agree to work as a cohesive unit.

Maureen Jerz
Chairman, Cohasset School Committee

More teacher training needed

To the Editor:

In response to Mr. McElroy's letter in your Feb. 26th newspaper, I found it interesting to read Mr. McElroy's statement that we need to confront issues associated with the special education portion of the budget.

Perhaps the school committee should look into just what is being spent on special education. Develop a plan to train teachers, administrators and themselves on how to do more for the students with special needs themselves rather than through outside agencies which cost more with little return in the long run. Look at how Lexington does it.

I'm sure our teachers would welcome the training to further understand the needs of all the children of Cohasset.

Fred Johanson
20 King St.

Is Cohasset Arnold's kind of town?

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A spokeswoman at the Norfolk County Probate Court confirmed Kennedy's will is in probate. But the will has been "impounded." She did not say if a judge had granted a license to complete the property sale.

However remote it might seem to experienced observers, the rumors about the sale have persisted.

In several different versions.

For instance, Cohasset native Noel Ripley said he had heard the house was sold for $2.5 million, though he had not heard Schwarzenegger was the new owner. The price sounded high. (According to Deborah Krupczak in the Cohasset Assessor's Offoce, the Kennedy house is assessed for a little over $1 million.) Ripley also thought it strange the house would stay with another member of the Kennedy family.

Though he allowed the Kennedy clan had a longtime link to Cohasset, Ripley never actually saw Michael Kennedy in town, even when he lived in a house off Steven's Lane, near his home. As for the history of the Kennedys in Cohasset, Ripley said he believed Joseph P. and Rose Kennedy spent one summer in the 1920s or 1930s in a house on the south side of Sandy Beach. It was said they never came back because they were not accepted at the golf club.

"It was very snooty then," he said.

Ripley did have some contact with Victoria Gifford Kennedy after an accident on South Main Street.

"Vicki was coming down South Main Street," Ripley said when her car struck a child riding a bicycle. Almost miraculously, the little girl was not seriously injured. He said he noticed the youngster because she had a little hard hat painted with ladybugs. When he saw the accident, he came running over to help. The little girl took the incident pretty much in stride. But Kennedy "was a wreck." Ripley said she was so upset she was not able to get back in her car and drive home.

"She seemed like a very pleasant person," he said. He also remembered he got a thank-you note from her afterwards.

In any case, the actor of Terminator movies is welcome, he said.

"I think he is a big star," Ripley said when asked to rate Schwarzenegger by local standards. "His movies are silly, but they're fun. I have a feeling he doesn't take himself very seriously."

But Ripley was not sure where to rank Schwarzenegger's celebrity among the luminaries of the town's past.

A lot of famous people have lived in Cohasset, he said, counting the McCormicks of the McCormick Reaper, the Barrons of The Wall Street Journal and many movie actors and actresses.

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Archaeologist to visit

Cape Cod Museum of Natural History staff archaeologist Fred Dunford will discuss and sign his new book, "Secrets in the Sand: The Archaeology of Cape Cod," Sunday, March 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Buttonwood Books and Toys in Cohasset.

In the first detailed work to be written about Cape Cod's earliest settlers, Dunford and co-author Greg O'Brien offer an illuminating portrait of the prehistoric bands of Paleoindian hunter-gatherers who first roamed the Cape ten millenia ago. The Cape Cod they discovered was a far different place than it is today. Integrating accounts of excavations made at Brewster's Upper Mill Pond, Sandy Neck, Pochet and Wing Island with anthropological interpretation of the ancient artifacts found, "Secrets in the Sand" offers a compelling picture of an indigenous people who lived on the Cape down through the centuries until the modern world came to claim ownership. Here, too, is a detailed look at the work and methodologies of present-day archaeologists in their quest to explore and understand the mysteries of the past.

Dunford will discuss his book from 2:15 to 3 p.m. Although this event is free, registration is requested for seating. Call 383-2665 for more information or to reserve a seat or autographed copy of the book.

'Alice in Wonderland' auditions

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for our spring musical, "Alice in Wonderland," 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., for children and 1 to 2 p.m. for adults, on March 7 at the Cohasset Town Hall. Be prepared to sing from our sheet music or bring your own with you. For more information, please call director Sherry Campbell, (781) 834-2398. Tentative performance dates are for the first three weeks of May.

Dramatic Club presents 'You Can't Take it With You'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will perform "You Can't Take it With You" at 8 p.m. on March 20, 21, 27 and 28, and at 2 p.m. on March 22 and 29 at Cohasset Town Hall. There will be a benefit performance for Amy's Fund at 2 p.m. on March 15, with all proceeds going to the children of Amy (Welch) Dimitri. All seats are $10. For tickets, call (781) 545-6229.

Cellucci at March 8 brunch

South Shore residents of Plymouth-Norfolk Senatorial District to hear Governor A Paul Cellucci at Sunday brunch, 11-1 p.m. on March 8 at Hingham's Tosca.

Other invited elected officials will include Sen. Robert Hedlund of Weymouth, Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray of Cohasset, Sheriff Peter Forman of Plymouth and Jack Flood of Canton, District Attorneys Michael Sullivan of Abington and Jeffrey Locke of Wellesley, and County Commissioner Robert Stone of Whitman.

Polly Logan, state GOP vice chairman of Cohasset, said brunch is open to the public but reservations are required as seating is limited. Accepting reservations are John Flanagan, 383-2816 and Carl Harris, 749-7115. Checks may be mailed to Polly Logan, 383-0031, 121 Nichols Road, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Logan noted that city, town and ward committees will be electing delgates to the GOP state convention to be held in Worcester, April 17-19, from Feb. 21 through March 14.

Community Center classes slated

The following activities are coming up at SSCC: SAT Preparatory English from 7 to 9 p.m. starting March 24 and extending five weeks at Cohasset High School. Limited class size. $80 for members and $90 for nonmembers; SAT Preparatory Math from 7 to 9 p.m. starting March 26 and extending five weeks at Cohasset High School. $80 for members and $90 for nonmembers; Cooking Corner: Pizza, with Anna Abbruzzese from 6:45 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 26. $20 for members and $22 for nonmembers; Cuisine of Thailand, with David Wells, from 6:45 to 9 p.m. on March 12. $35 for members and $38 for nonmembers.

Call the center to register at 781-383-0088 or stop by the office at 3 North St., Cohasset.

Celebrating diversity is March 8

The Cohasset Diversity Committee invites you to come together to "Celebrate Diversity." This community-wide event will explore the issues and solutions to create an atmosphere of respect. Along with guest speaker Liz Walker of WBZ-TV, student essays, vignettes and poems, an art and slide show and community speakers will be featured. This event will take place at the Cohasset Town Hall Sunday, March 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, call Susan Etkind at 383-6602 or Nancy Froio at 383-1897.

Personal finance author to speak

The Boston Globe personal finance columnist Charles A. Jaffe will be the featured speaker Sunday, March 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's residence in Cohasset when the South Shore Community Center presents a program on "The Right Way to Hire Financial Help."

The informal talk and question and answer session on general personal finance is in line with Jaffe's new book, also called "The Right Way to Hire Financial Help," which has just been released by The MIT Press, Cambridge. The book is a complete guide to hiring and managing brokers, financial planners, insurance agents, lawyers, tax preparers, bankers and real estate agents, the seven types of advisers Jaffe says most individuals will deal with in a lifetime.

Nationally syndicated in such papers as the Chicago Tribune and Los Angeles Times, Jaffe writes the Personal Finance column and the Short Course feature which appear in the Monday paper, and the Your Funds column that runs on Sundays. A frequent speaker on such topics as managing mutual funds and educating children about money, he appears regularly on New England Cable News.

He resides in Cohasset with his wife and two daughters.

Tickets for "The Right Way to Hire Financial Help" are $10 per person, $20 per couple in advance and $15 per person and $30 per couple at the door and include light refreshments. Space is limited. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Community Center at (781) 383-0088 or by stopping by the center at 3 North Main St.

South Shore residents to hear Gov. Paul Cellucci at Tosca brunch

Gov. Paul Cellucci will speak to South Shore residents at a Sunday brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 8 at Tosca, 14 North St., Hingham. The brunch, which will highlight a state hosue briefing, is open to the public but reservations are required as there is limited seating.

Other invited elected officials will include Sen. Robert Hedlund of Weymouth, Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray of Cohasset, Sheriff Peter Forman of Plymouth and Sheriff Jack Flood of Canton., District Attorneys Michael Sullivan of Abington and Jeffrey Locke of Wellesley, County Commissioner Robert Stone of Whitman and Rep. Francis Marini of Hanson.

For reservations, call or mail checks to Polly Logan, 383-0031, 121 Nichols Rd., Cohasset, Mass. 02025.



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Public privy in village pondered

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

There are no public rest rooms in Cohasset Village which can pose a problem for tourists or anyone else who's away from home when nature calls.

Some village businesses don't mind allowing visitors to use their rest rooms, others do.

Dean Rizzo, vice president of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, will ask selectmen Monday to investigate using the Independence Building as a site for public rest rooms and a visitor center.

"It's the perfect spot," said Rizzo who said the subject came up at a recent meeting of the Village Task Force on which he is a member.

Currently the Independence Building is leased to Cohasset Youth Resources Inc. which is using it as a Teen Center. Plans are to relocate the Teen Center to the old DPW garage in the town parking lot.

Selectmen have discussed selling the Independence Building which used to house the police station in the early part of the century.

Rizzo will ask selectmen to hold off getting rid of the building until the rest room/visitor center concept can be looked at. He pointed out that the plan would fit in with the proposal to redo the sidewalk which runs along South Main Street below

PUBLIC PAGE 6



First-grader Sarah Libby jumps rope behind the Osgood School during recess.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Contracting out for bus service possible

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The possibility of contracting out for bus service is just one of several suggestions in an audit of the school department.

The town paid the accounting firm Tucci & Roselli — which performs the annual town audit — $8,000 to take a closer look at the school department this year.

Selectmen stressed the school audit was routine and was a good way to take a closer look at the department which is in the throes of building a new school and hiring a new superintendent. In the past other town departments have been the subject of more in-depth audits, including the water department.

Tony Roselli pointed out that at $182,000-$190,000 annually contracting out for bus service may cost slightly more than in-house service ($176,000) — but the administrative cost of running the service in-house takes its toll.

"It is time consuming," Roselli said.

School Supt. Stephen Hart, who will retire in June, said a bid

BUS SERVICE PAGE 4

Health board charges Cohasset Heights with overfilling

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The health board questioned the owners of the Cohasset Heights Limited landfill Tuesday night about evidence that they have already exceeded the legal capacity of the facility. John K. McNabb Jr., vice-president of the anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE), uncovered evidence using CHL's own reports that the company had placed as much as 170,000 cubic yards of excess material in the landfill.

McNabb was uncertain of his own discovery because the landfill has not yet reached its maximum allowable height. The excess fill is difficult to see because it is actually on the slopes and contours of the landfill, McNabb said. It was only when CHL submitted a drawing to the health board that showed the current shape and contours of the landfill that the excess fill was confirmed. When a DEP overlay showing the allowed contours of the landfill was laid over CHL's latest submission, health board members realized there was a huge amount of excess material in the facility.

The health board has taken the matter under advisement and will discuss the excess fill again on April 14. Health board member Kevin Ulmer said he's not sure what the health board can do because the excess material would be a violation of CHL's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) permit. DEP would have to handle any enforcement. CHL-attorney Anton Moehrke was unavailable for comment.

"It's a staggering amount of material," Ulmer said in a telephone interview. "Essentially, they overfilled the landfill."

DEP is responsible for punishing them for any violations, Ulmer said. He added that DEP is aware the contours are inconsistent and is investigating.

According to Ulmer, CHL-owner Paul Barry said he only "eyeballed" the contours of the landfill when placing material in the facility, and that the extra material was an honest mistake. Ulmer said Barry denied seeing the engineer's drawings of the contours that went to DEP. Barry also argued that he has submitted the annual drawings to the state every year without any comment from DEP. The drawings are not normally submitted to the health board.

"I'd be more sympathetic to their claims if they had overfilled some contours and underfilled others," Ulmer said. "But they overfilled all of the contours."

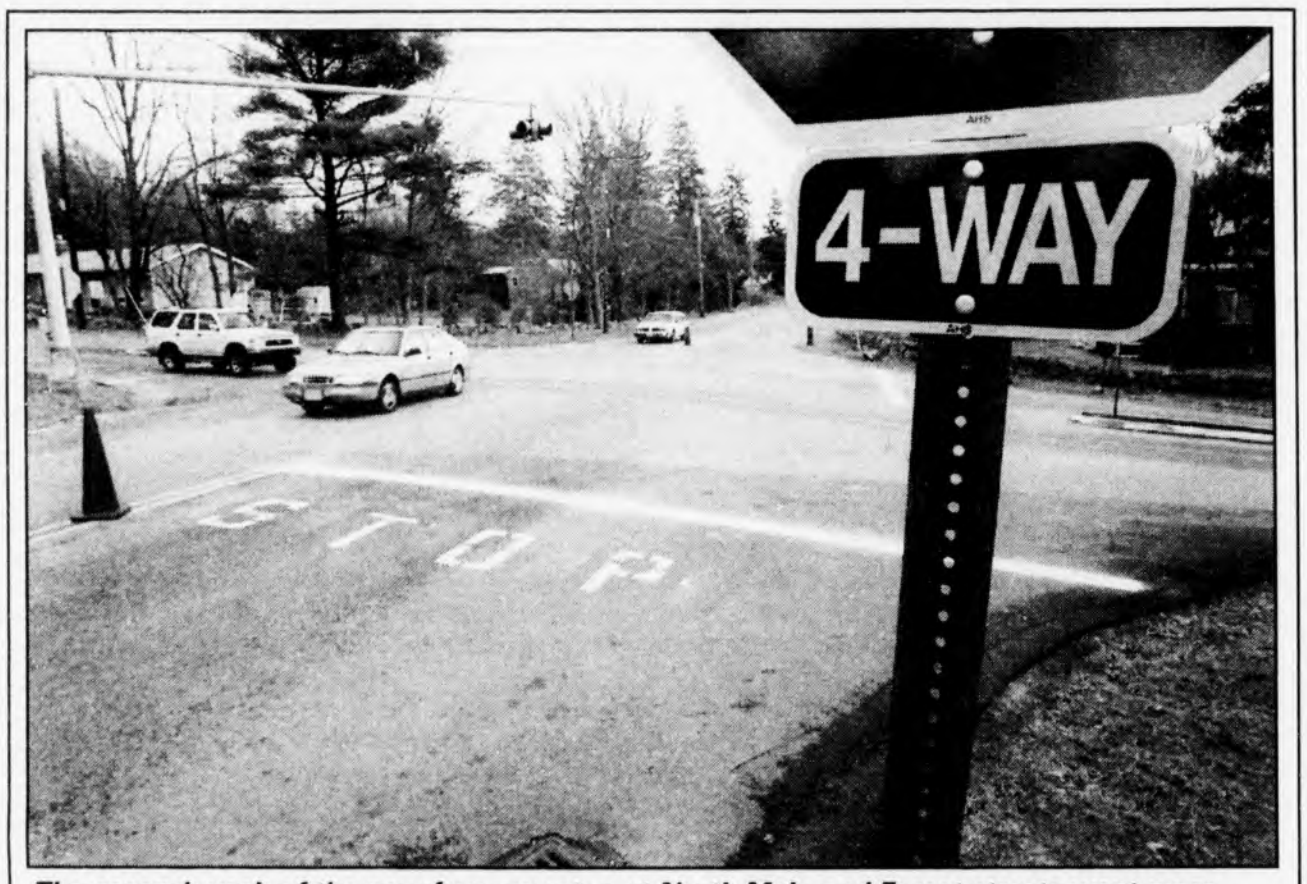
Ulmer said it appears CHL may have made as much as $4 million in profit by taking in the excess material. He said DEP should fine CHL according to the severity of the violation. Ulmer said CHL charges around $50 a ton to take in landfill material, mostly construction material.

"Any fine against CHL should match the value of its ill-gotten gain, in this case $4 million, plus an extra fine to punish the violation," Ulmer said.

CHL actually appeared before the health board to discuss another matter: a plan to remove 7,800 square feet of material placed in an area of the facility not approved for landfilling: Area IV-B. The zoning board is currently considering whether to uphold a cease and desist order from the

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COHASSET'S WEEK



The second week of the new four-way stop at North Main and Forest streets went more smoothly, police say. After issuing about two dozen verbal warnings the first few days, compliance is now about 99 percent.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Town census has been mailed

The Town Census for 1998 has been mailed to each household. The local census is primarily used to maintain voting and jury lists but it also aids in school enrollment projections, public safety and senior citizens' needs. The local census also establishes proof of residency, which is often needed for certain privileges, such as transfer station stickers and cemetery rights, certain veterans' benefits, and reduced tuition rates at state colleges and universities.

Dog forms were enclosed. The licenses are valid through Dec. 31, 1998. If you did not receive a census form, please call the town clerk's office.

Candidates night scheduled

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Candidates for the offices of selectmen, board of health and sewer commission have been invited to discuss their qualifications and their positions on important issues facing the town of Cohasset. The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions and also talk informally with candidates following the formal presentation.

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Public reading packet available

In an effort to promote communcation, the school department will provide a public reading packet and make if available to local citizens, the school board said last week. The packet, which will be available in the superintendent's office, will contain recent correspondence and other documents. There will also be an index of documents including items such as teacher contracts and school handbooks, so people will know how to access those.

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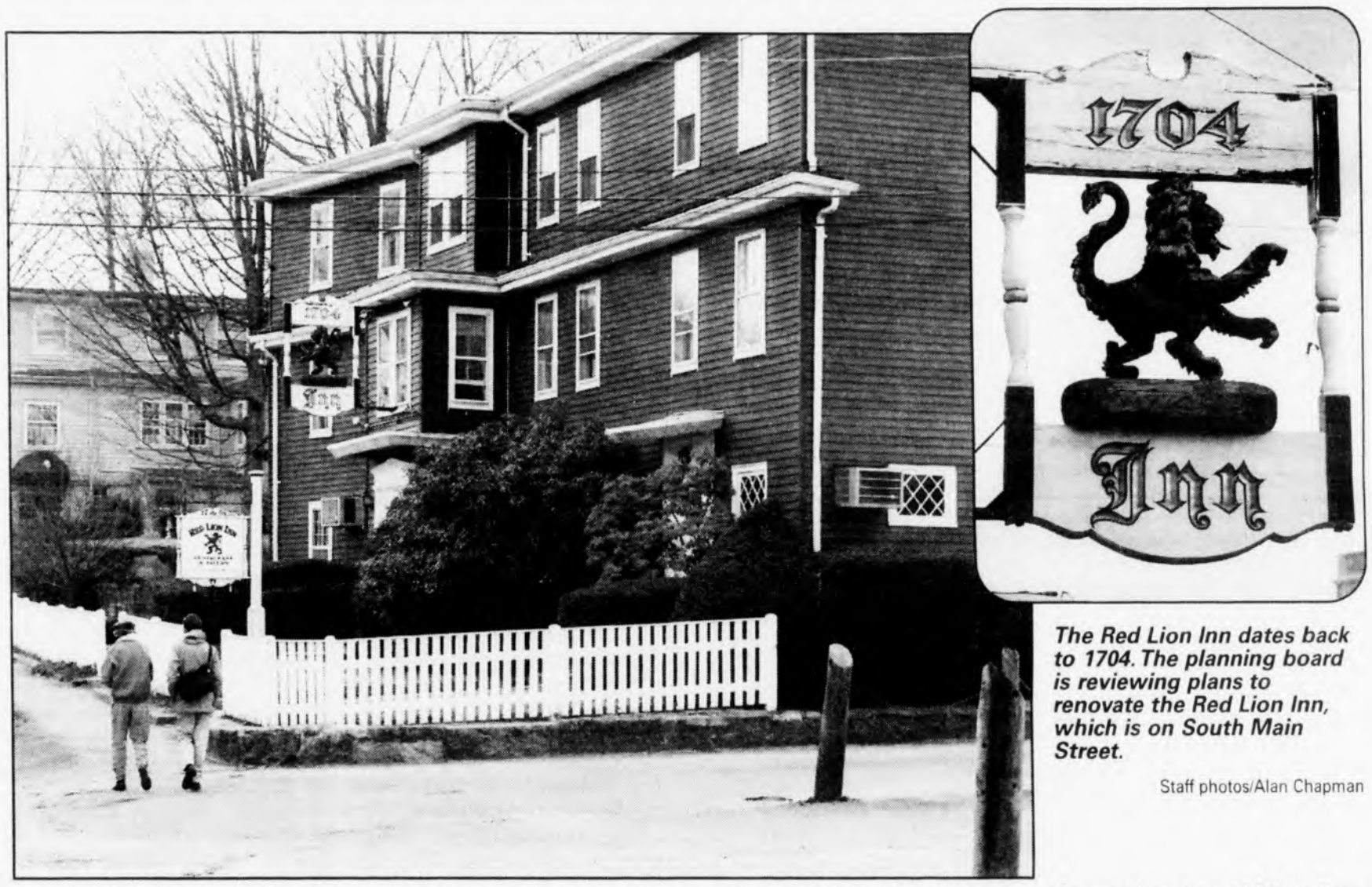
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WINDOWS INTO COHASSET

Historic Red Lion Inn to be restored

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER



The Red Lion Inn dates back to 1704. The planning board is reviewing plans to renovate the Red Lion Inn, which is on South Main Street.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Once considered the jewel of the village, the Red Lion Inn on South Main Street has lost much of its former glory to neglect. A year ago it was a shabby boarding house, and the Red Lion seemed on a downward spiral. Now Gerd Ordelheide, the Red Lion Inn's second owner in the past two years, has vowed to restore the historic inn. He is prepared to undertake a costly and massive renovation of the structure and the grounds. Wednesday, the planning board was scheduled to review the latest edition of the architect's designs. Though planning board Chairman Al Moore previously was disappointed with the technical drawings, he has said the town boards will work with the new owner. He hopes to give Ordelheide the direction to solve many of the engineering problems associated with the renovation. Moore said the restoration will be as significant for the town as was the development of the Shaw's Plaza on Route 3. According to the general manager Joe Dooley, Ordelheide has the determination it will take to restore the Red Lion Inn to its former status as a first-class New England inn and restaurant. He is confident Ordelheide can make it work.

Joe Dooley is looking forward to the day when the Red Lion Inn is once again the center of life in the village. Dooley, the inn's restaurant manager, believes the planned renovations can put the luster back into the Red Lion, while preserving much of the building's historical character.

"It's been run as a boarding house, but it will go back to being an inn again," he said.

Dooley said Monday the plans call for demolishing the additions on the back of the building but not the original structure where the dining room is located. The additions went up over the years and have no historic interest, he said. Conversely, the dining room is a place of charm and some architectural value. The focus of the dining room is the Dutch brick oven, once used to heat the building as well as to cook. It is part of the central chimney and it shows clay brick insulation wedged between the studding. The walls are plaster with a wainscot of dark wood. There is even a cardboard skeleton in a closet beside the hearth. There has always been a skeleton in the closet at the Red Lion, he joked.

"This is basically going to stay the same," he said. "The owner wants to keep the traditional New England look."

Nonetheless, there will be some changes made in the second dining room, Dooley said. The second room is smaller and features walls that go out at angles. The plan will make the room light and airy. It calls for installing French doors to the patio. The owner also intends to expand the rock garden by the patio. The new gardens will go all the way back to the property line, he said

More changes are planned for the bar and the kitchen. The booths in the bar will be torn out and replaced with one long couch along the wall. The fireplace, which is not working now, will be refurbished. Ultimately, the bar will get a bistro look, after the Cafe Restaurant a la Mort Subite in France. The kitchen will be open and a third, much smaller dining room and a new fireplace will be added.

Dooley said there will also be a second entrance, roughly across from the Texaco gas station. Guests entering will be in the new addition. It will have a front desk and lobby and a new open fireplace.

Upstairs, the plans call for enlarging the inn's guest rooms. Some will have working fireplaces. Most will open onto a new balcony through French doors. The plans also call for bay windows to capture the generous sunlight on the southern exposure.



Manager Joe Dooley stands in the soon-to-be renovated restaurant in the Red Lion Inn.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

David Wadsworth of the Cohasset Historical Society said the Red Lion Inn is considered one of the most important historic buildings in town.

"It's been an inn since the 1700's," he said. The Red Lion Inn was the original name, although the name was changed at least twice. (The Hillside Inn and Norfolk House were among the other names.) The commercial tradition is the reason why the building is significant, since Main Street was once the stage coach line. The line was known by two names—the Coast Road and the County Way. (The latter name is still the street name of the continuation of Main Street in Scituate.)

Wadsworth said the building, which was constructed around 1704, was originally a small Colonial farmhouse, not a barn. But additions over the years have obliterated the original outline.

"The building was enlarged probably more than once," he said. "It had a pitched roof, but sometime in the 1800's the third floor was added and topped with a flat roof.

"We have the Frank Shapleigh painting," he said. (Shapleigh, a painter of the late nineteenth century, married a Cohasset woman and did a series of paintings of the town.) It shows the building as it looked in the late nineteenth century when the painter visited Cohasset.

Wadsworth said the original farmhouse walls were made of wood. Though in the dining room, an exposed part of an original wall is identified under a glass frame, he doubted the exterior walls were ever brick and stone.

"That might be part of a chimney," he suggested.

He said other interior features illustrate the Colonial period style of building. The exposed beam ceilings are hand-hewn. They were cut with a tool called an adz.

Wadsworth said the farmhouse was built by Thomas James. His grandson Christopher turned it into an inn. The last member of the James family to own the Red Lion was Eleazer James. James Lane was named after him. It used to run Pleasant Street to South Main but was cut off when the railroad bisected it. The narrow road between the Red Lion and the Texaco station is the old north end of James Lane.

Contracting out for bus service possible

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request is being drawn up to evaluate contracting out for the service.

The school lunch service is running at an accumulated deficit of $37,000, Roselli said. This is due to increasing costs, fewer breaks for students, and over staffing by one person, according to the audit.

Lunch prices were raised this year which has enhanced profitability, Roselli said.

"This should be a self-supporting activity. But what's happening, is it's a taxpayer supported activity," Roselli said.

Hart said the school department is piloting a program to provide lunches to a nearby education facility which could result in a profit of about $8,000 to $10,000 a year.

Other action the school department is considering as a result of the audit includes:

- the school committee adopting a policy requiring its approval for transfers which exceed a specified dollar amount;
- installing an automated barcode system for inventory control;
- developing an updated policy manual;
- a system requiring review by the town accountant for all purchases between $1,000 and $10,000;
- rigid enforcement of a purchase order system.

Roselli said the student activity accounts "were run better than any community he's looked at." The school department is considering using the money from former classes for a scholarship fund.

The policy for cash receipts was also discussed. The school department has in place a formal reconciliation process to ensure a match between gate receipts and what is issued and a ticket numbering system. It will also require all people without passes pay for admission to athletic events. All employees are covered by an insurance bond, Hart said.

Roselli suggested the school department evaluate the need to hire a full-time business manager to adequately monitor the corrective steps identified in the audit.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan gave the audit high marks.

"There is nothing glaring. These are procedural things which are easy to fix," he said.

School committee chairman Maureen Jerz said the audit pointed out the department's strengths and weaknesses and "helped us to address those areas."

Discord on school board surfaces publicly

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

• *See Related Letter, P. 10*

School board member Ralph Kidder went public March 5 about his spat with Joseph McElroy. A letter McElroy previously sent for publication in the Mariner irked Kidder. The letter also drew fire from school board Chairwoman Maureen Jerz. Her reply was published in the newspaper March 5. The same night, Kidder aired his objections to McElroy's views. The letter implied Cohasset teachers were being paid too much. It also found fault with the previous school board for negotiating a teacher contract that called for the pay hikes. Kidder said the letter showed McElroy apparently "doesn't even understand the rudiments of collective bargaining."

He listed several other statements in the McElroy letter. The statements appeared to be contradictions, he said. Moreover, he said the contradictions were typical of McElroy's campaign "to be all things to all people."

Kidder said he never before criticized McElroy publicly, but now "the gloves are off." He said McElroy went behind his back and sent another letter to other boards. Kidder also objected to the second letter. He said McElroy had also made accusations behind his back and said Kidder did not know what he was doing and had "evil intentions."

Afterwards, McElroy stood by his comments about special education spending increases. He also said he sent Jerz a copy of his letter to the selectmen, the advisory board and the town manager. However, Jerz said she never received it.

"Maureen was sent a copy of the correspondence two days before I released it to Merle, Mark and Dick," McElroy said. Jerz shrugged and said she "never got it."

School bus discipline policy

The school bus policy has received a green light town counsel, schools superintendent Stephen Hart said March 5. Hart said he would post the changes for the public's information. But he plans to forego a public hearing.

"We will put it out for public comment," he said. "But these are not substantial changes."

Hart said the town's lawyer Paul DeRensis did not see problems with the plan to adopt a stricter disciplinary code. Under the new rules, the schools will stop busing a student who is cited for "disorderly conduct" on the bus three times. The rules also ban eating or drinking on the bus, but the board asked for an exception in the case of athletes coming back from meets on the bus.

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Changes planned in light of school audit

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

• *See related story page one*

An independent audit of the school department's books found the school business office does an "adequate" job accounting for money in the budget. But the examination, conducted by the firm of Tucci and Roselli, also raised some serious questions about other financial dealings by the school.

Schools superintendent Stephen Hart reported the findings to the school committee March 5. He said then it was important to remember many of the questions raised by the audit were only questions. He said the auditors did not look hard for answers to the questions in many cases because the investigative work would have been outside the scope of the audit.

For instance, Hart said the audit questioned whether school department employees were bonded since some handled money. They are, he said. He also said the audit appeared to find a large amount of cash was in the keeping of a school department employee for several days before it was deposited in the bank. That criticism also involved a miscommunication, since the money was in a money order, not in cash.

Overall, he said the audit will be "helpful" as the school department works to improve financial controls.

The audit is conducted for three main reasons, according to the statement from Tucci & Roselli:

• to "safeguard assets from loss" or theft;

• to verify the management's statements about the department's financial condition;

• to promote "efficient and economical" ways of doing business by making recommendations.

Hart said the first recommendation was unclear. It addressed the way the superintendent balances the budget through the school year. Typically, if more money has to be spent than was anticipated, the superintendent now covers the shortfall using money that was earmarked for other expenses but has not yet been spent. (For instance, when special education costs go over budget, the superintendent might tap money that was reserved for textbooks but not yet spent.) But the audit found controls could be improved if the school board stopped allowing the superintendent sole discretion in balancing the budget. It said the school committee should approve such money transfers.

Deficit spending line items need improvement, audit says.

Hart said school board supervision might prove unwieldy. He suggested the school committee could adopt the recommendation but set a threshold for the dollar amount. For instance, the superintendent might have sole discretion if the transfers are less than $5,000. The school board would need to OK the transfers above $5,000. But he also said he did not think the recommendation would work if the approval had to be gained every time a single account was touched. The school board members also said they believed their supervision should be confined to a summary of combined accounts called "schedules."

School board member Ralph Kidder said the school committee should not "micromanage" the school department but leave management to the professional school administrators.

"I would be very concerned to see a group of volunteers try to authorize at too small a level," he said. School board member Joseph McElroy suggested the school principals might be given more control of the budgets for their schools. He also said the threshold dollar amount might not work because it did not address "relationships" among the accounts.

"One line has $4 million, and another has $25,000," he said. "You have to look at relationships as well as gross numbers."

Many changes already made in purchasing and disbursements, Hart said.

The audit also found a discrepancy between policy and practice when contracts are awarded. State law says jobs do not need to be advertised for bid if the total cost is under $10,000. Nonetheless, the business manager is obligated to get three verbal price quotes for the job. The audit found a lack of documentation on verbal bids. But Hart said he has already dealt with the problem. He also said the department could use "suppliers on the state bid list" without getting verbal price quotes.

The audit also reported most contracts are not forwarded to the Town Accountant but should be. Hart said most are sent over to the accountant.

Some other questions proved hard to resolve, however. For example, the audit found fault because some people were allowed to enter school athletic events without paying. Hart said only people with a pass from the state school athletics association, the MIAA, should be allowed in without a ticket. He said he has directed the athletic directors to enforce the policy, though it is unpopular.

Policies and procedures are deemed "antiquated"

The audit found fault with the school policy and procedures manual. The book is behind the times and incomplete. According to the audit, "it is critical that the School formalize policies and procedures in the area of management and accounting information systems." Hart said the school board was working on the policy manual.

Inventory also a problem

The audit saw room for improvement in the way the school keeps records on its equipment such as computers, televisions, musical instruments and athletic gear. Hart said the school department would correct the problem. He said bar codes would be used to keep track of items by computer.

School lunch program ran deficits too long

The school board accepted part of the blame for the audit's criticism of the school lunch program. The board kept the price of a school lunch too low for too long, the members agreed. Hart said the program was showing a small profit this year, after the school committee finally agreed to firm up prices. As yet, the profit is not enough to wipe out the losses accumulated over several years. But Hart said the school department is starting a pilot program. It may earn money by selling lunches to other nearby institutions, he said.

The audit also raised some issues about bus transportation and about inactive student accounts belonging to classes that have long been graduated. Hart said the school board was reviewing the benefits of hiring a private bus company. The inactive accounts are being advertised. If no one claims them, they will be closed out and the money used as a scholarship fund.

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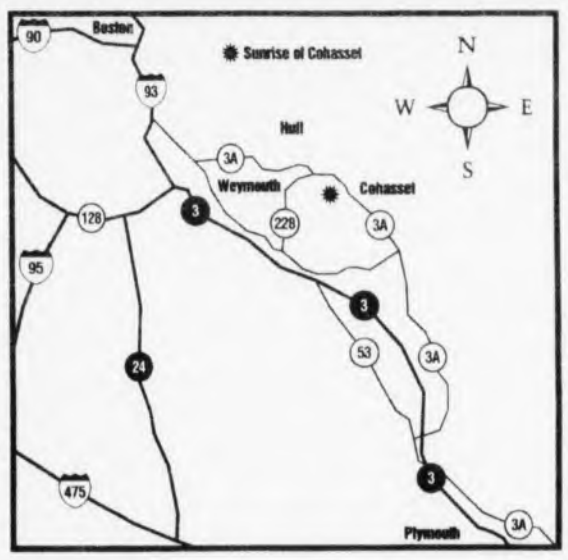
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Public privy in village pondered

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St. Stephen's Church and along the front of the Independence Building.

"It is a great opportunity to have it incorporated into the sidewalk project," he said.

The lack of public bathrooms was exacerbated by the sewer moratorium in the village which is now being lifted under an agreement with the state.

Debbie Neil, manager of Fitness First, said she puts signs on the door telling people the rest rooms are not open to the public.

"I send them to the gas station," she said.

George Roukounakis of Olympic Texaco has provided a men's and ladies' room for 25 years which are accessible with a key. He said for the most part, he is good natured about his fellow businesses sending visitors to the Texaco station to avail themselves.

Denise Bismore of The Silver Spoon said lack of public facilities is the "biggest problem in the village." She refers people to the Community Center.

"It's a serious problem, most definitely," she said.

Stephanie Church, director of the Community Center, said since being hooked up to the sewer last spring, the public's seeking to use the center's bathrooms has been less of a problem.

Before that the center's septic system had to be pumped weekly. Nevertheless, she said the center, which is equipped with a men's and ladies' room with two stalls each, does not turn people away.

Church is skeptical about the additional of public rest rooms in the village. She agrees there is a need but worries about vandalism and maintenance.

"Who would keep them clean and stocked?" she asked.

Rizzo said possibly all the businesses could chip in a few dollars a month to pay for maintenance. Also, the upstairs of the building could be rented out as office space to offset the custodial costs, he said.

Sue Strahley of Cards & Shards said some people are furious when they are turned away from using the facilities elsewhere. She allows visitors to use her rest room.

"They say, 'can you believe they wouldn't let me use the bathroom?'" she said.

Strahley is very enthusiastic about the visitor center and public bathroom concept.

Judy Parsons, office manager at Hunneman & Company, said while she is happy to share the office rest room, public facilities would be a nice addition to the village.

She worries that while some are very comfortable about coming in and asking, other people aren't.

"This is such a beautiful town, people should be able to come and enjoy it," she said.

Dr. Joseph Godzik, health agent, said under the plumbing code a public restroom is not required if the restaurant has less than 20 seats.

While he agrees that lack of public facilities is a problem — public rest rooms might pose a bigger problem in terms of maintenance.

Godzik said he gets more calls about the public rest rooms at Shaw's and Stop & Shop. He doesn't blame the supermarkets which are doing their best.

"You virtually have to be there all the time," he said. "The general public can be just awful. They don't care and can leave it in a shambles."

Health board charges CHL with overfilling

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building inspector directing CHL to remove the excess fill.

According to Ulmer, CHL submitted a set of plans from 1989 clearly indicating the liner extending beyond the Area IV-A boundary into Area IV-B.

"That drawing went to DEP and they didn't see it," Ulmer said.

"They (CHL) have admitted they did install the liner and that they installed it beyond their site assignment."

McNabb spent three weeks in December, 1997 poring over reports CHL must submit monthly to the health board. The reports detail how much material CHL has taken in daily. From the reports McNabb said he discovered that CHL had exceeded its legal tonnage limit beginning in Dec., 1994. According to McNabb, CHL's activity records show the company took in about 140,000 tons (280 million pounds) more than the 175,000 tons approved by DEP.

McNabb submitted his findings to the health board, which has been investigating the violations for the last four months.

McNabb said the violation in Area IV-B is nowhere near as serious as the 140,000 tons of excess fill.

"It turns out the Area IV-B violation is just the tip of the iceberg," McNabb said. "I discussed the excess landfill with the health board two weeks ago, but couldn't account for it.

McNabb said the next step is up to DEP. CHL is attempting to meet the requirements to go ahead with a vertical expansion that would raise the maximum height of the landfill from 190 feet to 206 feet. Currently, the landfill stands at about 178-feet-high, and the health board estimates it could take in an additional 9,600 cubic yards of material without the vertical expansion. The vertical expansion would allow CHL to take in an additional 44,000 tons of material and keep it open until at least March, 1999. CHL can take in a maximum of 299 tons of material per day.

McNabb said he hopes DEP will not approve the vertical expansion unless CHL can somehow remove the 140,000 tons of excess material. Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe said CHL must be in compliance with all permits and conditions to receive approval of its vertical expansion.

Ulmer pointed out that even with the vertical expansion, there isn't enough room for CHL to move the excess material from the side contours of the landfill to the top.



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Name: Julie Rothhaar

Occupation: Associate at Atlantic Bagel and freshman at the University of Maine.

Goal: To open up a clinic for patients with eating disorders and their families.

Best vacation: Europe in the summer of 1995.

Best day of your life: When my mom and step-dad got married.

Biggest worry: Graduating from college on time.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving because we're all together.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite book: 'South Park.'

Favorite movie: 'Forrest Gump.'

Favorite book: 'Night,' by Eli Wiesel.

Favorite junk food: Popcorn.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Getting caught skipping school my junior year in high school.

Person you'd most like to meet: Winston Churchill.

Pet peeve: Ignorant people.

First Parish presents Cabaret '98

"Cabaret '98," a musical revue produced and directed by Carolyn Curtis, will show at 8 p.m., March 20-21 and at 4 p.m. on March 22 at the First Parish at 23 North Main St. A dinner buffet will precede the performance at 7 p.m. on March 20 and 21. Tickets for dinner and show are $25 and by reservation only. Sunday's performance is $10 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under, with reservations available, though not required. Free child care is available if requested in advance. For information or reservations, call 383-1100, Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dramatic Club presents 'You Can't Take it With You'

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will perform "You Can't Take it With You" at 8 p.m. on March 20, 21, 27 and 28, and at 2 p.m. on March 22 and 29 at Cohasset Town Hall. There will be a benefit performance for Amy's Fund at 2 p.m. on March 15, with all proceeds going to the children of Amy (Welch) Dimitri. All seats are $10. For tickets, call (781) 545-6229.

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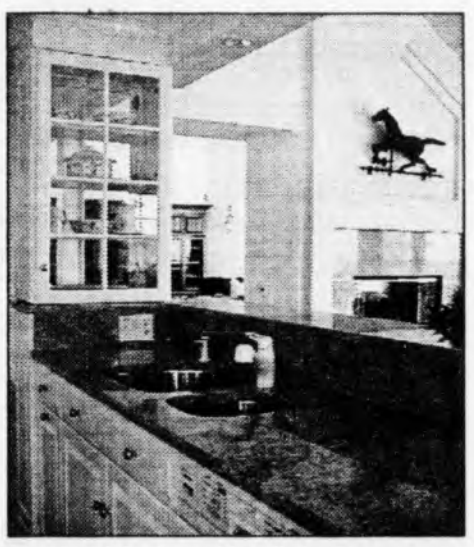
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VAN TRAINING IS MARCH 14

Taffy Nothnagle has some news to share — Saturday, March 14, will be a training session on how to operate the handicapped-accessible van available to all Cohasset residents any Tuesday or Wednesday. This van and the senior shuttle are desperately in need of drivers. Anyone interested in the training session or in driving could call the Council on Aging at 383-9112, or Francie Andrews at 383-2957.

OSGOOD BIRTHDAY IS COMING

Attention — All Osgood School alumni — The Joseph Osgood School will be celebrating its 70th birthday this year before closing in June. They would like you to help in the celebration by lending or giving pictures of yourselves or events during your years as students. There will be a box in the school office where they can be dropped off. Remember to write your name on the back, or the event being depicted — more details on the gala (they are hoping to have an Osgood reunion tent at the Harborfest in June, as well as a "transition event" as they move from the old school to the new school).

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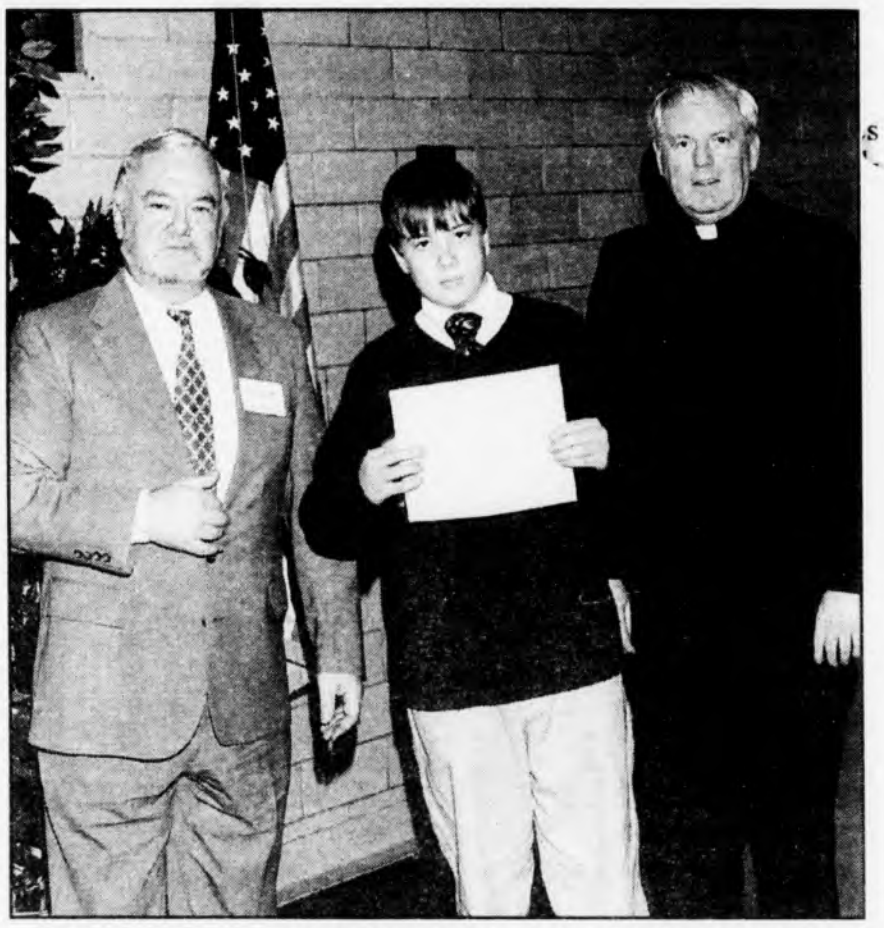
Bob and Carol Riley were at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, Fla., recently. Guess who they ran into? Larry Figueiredo and his nephew, Chip (Larry works at the ORC Golf Club Bar). Bob and Larry had a great time exchanging stories about "remember when" and "who do you know." Larry wants to be remembered to everybody!

GRADUATING IN MAY

On their way to Florida, Carol and Bob stopped in Durham to see their son Mike's final hockey game at Duke (they lost to UNC 5-4 in overtime.) Can you believe that Mike will be graduating from Duke in May (in the top 5 percent of his class)! We know that Mike will do very well at whatever next phase of his life comes along, he is one great guy!

BC HIGH SCHOLAR

Christopher J. Carr, an eighth-grade student at the Cohasset Middle School, has been named a Scholar of the School at Boston College High School in Boston. The scholars were selected from the applicants to next year's freshman class at B.C. High, the class of 2002. Criteria used for selection as a scholar included outstanding fork on the school's entrance examination and distinguished academic performance in the present school setting.



Christopher J. Carr, an eighth-grader at the middle school, has been named a Scholar of the School at BC High.

NDA HONOR ROLL

Notre Dame Academy announced its second quarter honor roll, and four Cohasset students "made the grade" ... they are Allison Berg (Principal's List, 3.9 gpa, or better); Stephanie Canton (Stephanie also made the Principal's List); Emily Coyne (Second Honors with a GPA of 3.4 or better); and Kristen Devine (also made second honors).

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Open meeting of Historical Society

The Cohasset Historical Society will have an open meeting March 12 at the Cohasset Lightkeepers Association at 6 Sunday evening. Guest speaker will be Ms. Nancy Martin, director of volunteers and friends of the Boston Harbor Islands. The lecture will be delivered in the midst of an after-dinner light hors d'oeuvres setting.

The society encourages interested members and their families to attend. The end result of the evening will be to decide on a potential Cohasset Historical Society July trip to one or more of the islands, based upon interest expressed by members in attendance.

Please make reservations by March 13 at the Cohasset Historical Society, 14 Summer St., Cohasset, Mass. 02025. Members are $10, non-members $12. Their phone number is (781) 383-1434.

Catch the Spirit

St. Anthony Church in Cohasset extends an open invitation to all those interested to participate in a Parish Mission taking place at 7:30 p.m., from Monday, March 23 to Thursday, March 26. The mission will take place in the church located at 129 South Main St. They invite individuals and couples, families, those young and older, practicing Christians and those who have been away from their faith for a while. The focus of this mission will be the Holy Spirit and has been entitled "Catch the Spirit."

In 1997 the Catholic Church began three years of preparation for the celebration of the Jubilee year 2000, the 2000th anniversary of Christ's birth. Pope John Paul II has established spiritual renewal as the primary objective of this celebration. The Holy Father suggested themes for each of these years of preparation and 1998 has been designated as the Year of the Holy Spirit.

Try to set this time aside to pray and reflect together. This mission is another opportunity for participants to foster and enjoy each other's friendship in God. The timing is appropriate also since Lent is a time of grace and inner renewal. The services each evening will last about an hour, certainly not too much to ask during this traditional period of sacrifice and fasting. More information about the program and speakers will be available here in the Mariner over the next few weeks or you can call St. Anthony Church at 383-0219.

St. Patrick's Day party

St. Patrick's Day party at 1 p.m., Tuesday, March 17 to sponsor Cohasset Elder Affairs at the Second Congregational Church, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset Common. Special performance by Maura Devin and the Irish Step. A traditional corned beef and cabbage luncheon will be catered by the Borrowed Butler. $10 per person, RSVP before March 13.

Molly Hochkeppel wins big!

Molly Hochkeppel won $20,000 in a scratch ticket purchased at Tedeschi's in the village yesterday.

Hochkeppel, who lives on Smith Place, said she is delighted.

"This has made most of my year," she said. Hochkeppel, who is the Cohasset reporter for the Patriot Ledger, went right to the lottery offices to claim her winnings which total $13,400 after taxes. Congratulations, Molly!

Recreation department annual Easter egg hunt

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold the 21st annual Easter egg hunt for children 3 through 11 years old Saturday, April 4, noon, at Deer Hill School Field.

This year there is again the distinct possibility that the Easter bunny and helpers will be on hand. There also will be live animals at this year's hunt, as well as other attractions. Children will be divided into three separate chronological groups:

Group 1, ages 3 and 4 (with parent); Group 2, ages 5 to 7 and group 3, ages 8 to 11.

Please enter around your designated area sign before noon. Bring a small paper bag or container for your candy.

Individually-wrapped chocolate eggs will be scattered about the designated areas. In each group some of the eggs will be wrapped with masking tape that will have a number on the tape. Should you find one of the numbered eggs, hold on to it as you will receive a prize from the Easter Bunny.

This year's program sponsors are Cohasset Rotary Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9146, American Legion Post 118, the Cohasset Police Association, and the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce. Rain date will be Saturday, April 11, noon, at Deer Hill School Field.

Be more involved in Lent

Catch the spirit at St. Anthony's Parish Mission is an opportunity to be more involved in Lent and to prepare for Easter. Begins 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 23 through Thursday, March 26 at St. Anthony's Church, 129 South Main St.

Gulf River group to meet

The Annual Meeting of the Gulf Association, Inc. will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at the Lighthouse Keepers' Residence on Government Island in Cohasset.

The speaker will be Steve Ivas, executive director of the North and South Rivers Watershed Association. He will present a slide show on the accomplishments of this very active association and answer questions.

The Gulf Association was established in 1961 to protect and maintain the beauty and purity of the Gulf river for the benefit of its marshlands and its marine and mammal life.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Public rest rooms

Tune in to cable-TV Monday evening for a lively discussion on the possibility of a visitor center complete with public rest rooms in Cohasset Village.

Chamber of Commerce vice president Dean Rizzo is on the selectmen's agenda and plans to raise the subject. Mr. Rizzo also sits on both the Village Task Force and Village Revitalization Committee which are dedicated to improving Cohasset Village.

Mr. Rizzo would like to see the Independence Building considered as a site for the visitor center and rest rooms.

If the issues of staffing the visitor center and maintenance and upkeep of the bathrooms can be worked out — then the center could be of real benefit to the village.

What's happening now is a hodgepodge of activity where visitors are directed here and there to find a bathroom.

Cards & Shards — and others — also often act as unofficial visitor centers supplying friendly information and help with finding the local sights.

Perhaps the visitor center could be staffed with volunteers on weekends in the summer months and during the fall and spring.

When you think about it, Cohasset has so much to offer a day-tripper. There are colonial churches, St. Stephen's carillon, the Replica, templates, Lightkeepers' residence, local museums, and art center just to name a few. These are all within walking distance of the town parking lot.

Having the information about our local sights at a visitor center and the availability of public rest rooms can only make Cohasset's many treasures more accessible. Visitors also shop and eat in town, which is a help to our village shops and restaurants.

Mary Ford
Editor



SAFE sponsors candidate's forum

To the Editor:

Every year, as a public service to the voters, S.A.F.E. sponsors a Candidates Forum. March 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the Lightkeeper's residence on Government Island, candidates for the offices of selectmen, board of health and sewer commission will debate important issues facing the town of Cohasset. There will be formal statements as well as a question and answer section.

The S.A.F.E. candidates forum is one of only two opportunities for voters to meet with prospective town leaders. Please join us tonight to learn about these candidates in order to cast an informed vote on election day.

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LETTERS

A truly great human being

To the Editor:

A final tribute to Gary

Many of us are still wondering why Gary Garber's final passing after fighting cancer has profoundly affected us so much. We tried to make sense of this while attending his memorial service where hundreds overflowed the chapel, lounge, hallway and stairwells just to pay tribute. Was it because Gary left us at such an early age? We had to face our own mortality? We felt sorrow for his bereaved family?

We suspect part of the reason is that Gary was one of the few "five star" people we will ever have the honor to meet in our lives. Gary was a gifted professional without a hint of arrogance, a passionate advocate without a sense of "winning at all cost," a contributor who never expected a favor returned, and a friend who always found the time to share his life.

We believe Gary's legacy was the opportunity for many of us to have shared a moment with someone who truly was a great human being. And for this, we will miss him terribly.

Rick and **Ann Swanborg**
48 Nichols Road

McElroy responds to Kidder

To the Editor:

Because of the infrequent school committee meetings (only six from Nov. 1, 1997 through Feb. 28, 1998), inconsistent publicity about meeting times and lack of television coverage, it is necessary to clarify many issues. Mr. Kidder has strongly advocated for a "separation of powers" between the selectmen and school committee. I hope that there will be a partnership and that the town and school district will put the budget on a shared data base with appropriate security codes. This will permit multiple format views. Further, I strongly support the DPW assuming maintenance responsibility for school buildings. I agree that the school committee has primary responsibility for the budget. However, the selectmen should comment as representatives of Cohasset taxpayers. I have chosen to make public my concerns because the school committee has never voted our budget. Mr. Kidder cannot understand how I can both praise and constructively criticize management of the schools. The answer is simple, good things are happening, but other issues are being neglected. The truth lies between extremes.

Mr. Kidder criticized me for not notifying the school committee of a communication to the town manager and others. He is wrong. The communication was sent to our chairperson on Feb.21 via the NET and was read the next day (anyone is welcome to stop by for confirmation). That communication advocated three things: reconsideration of the $30,000 and operations manager as well as requiring a commitment of the school committee to present a five-year strategic plan with a financial component.

Ms. Jerz says that the early retirement incentive is working as envisioned. Perhaps so, but the vision is flawed. Any early retirement incentive program that I am familiar with has a cut-off date. This $9,000 is good for the entire three-year life of the contract and is apparently open to further extensions during upcoming

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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School committee:
Teachers salaries are a cost driver in the school budget. Is the teachers' contract too generous?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

I can imagine to anyone unfamiliar with the past history of teachers' salaries in Cohasset that the most recent contract might appear quite generous at first glance. Upon further examination, however, and with an understanding of its progression from contracts past, it becomes clear that it is not too generous at all.

The current contract can only be considered too generous when it is examined out of context. The preamble to this particular contract must play a role in its consideration. That is that the contracts preceding this one did not keep up with salary increases being offered to teachers in surrounding communities and across the state. Hence, we are now making amends.

Retirement incentives may also look extremely generous when they are reviewed in a single fiscal year scope. When examined over time and allowed to play out, however, the cost saving will be realized and readily seen.

This question, like the two before it, brings to our attention the lack of funds available to our schools and the constant challenges that we must confront because of it. It is my strong belief that we must find ways to bring new revenue outside the tax base into the budget and then perhaps we won't have so many tough choices to make.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Hugh J. Morgan

I feel that the teachers' contracts and salaries are not as generous as people think. Our school district, at this time, is lower in salaries than our neighboring school districts. We must realize that in any big business or corporation, the salaries are the biggest part of the operating cost. Our school district has an $8,000,000 budget that must cover everything from salaries to pencils.

The town of Cohasset is very fortunate to have a dedicated administration and teaching staff working to give our children the highest standard of education available.

We must keep in mind at all times that educational costs may seem great but our children are our most important asset and our country's greatest future.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Mark DeGiacomo

I do not believe that our teachers are overpaid. I have reached this conclusion based on my review of both the current teachers' contract and various charts that compare our teachers' salaries to teachers' salaries paid in other towns in our area. These charts make it clear that, at least with regard to straight salary, our teachers' salary levels are very average.

I believe that Cohasset schools have a very strong faculty. I have been impressed with the dedication, knowledge and effort of all the teachers with whom I have come in contact as my children have progressed through Joseph Osgood and into Deer Hill. However, if there are situations where teachers are not performing to the standards we expect, I believe our administrators must act quickly and effectively.

The current teachers' contract runs through the 1998-1999 school year. Discussions concerning the next teachers' contract will begin shortly. If elected, I would like to take an active role in the negotiation of the next teachers' contract. As a business owner, I know the importance of maintaining competitive salary levels so that top candidates are both attracted to our school and ultimately make the decision to stay with us. Above and beyond salaries, we should continue to provide incentives to our teachers to pursue continuing education and we should include provisions in the teachers' contract that will keep our teachers energized and motivated.

Selectman candidates:
Call firefighters. Are they archaic or worth preserving?

SELECTMAN/Martha Gjesteby

A few weeks ago, I watched a selectman's meeting and was surprised that our new town manager recommended canceling the call fire department. It seems he had convinced most of the board members that it was an archaic useless institution. The following week, the selectmen were contacted by the active call firefighters and they successfully persuaded the whole board that the call force was a very important cog in the fire fighting effort.

We only have four full-time firefighters on duty each shift, so a call volunteer fire force is an absolute necessity.

In stead of discussing whether or not we should have call firefighters, we should concentrate on finding better ways to recruit new members.

The following suggestion may have some merit and is worth looking into, — namely to make it attractive for town employees to double as call firefighters. We often hear that it is hard for the call firefighters to attend daytime fires if they work out of town. By recruiting our town workers, we can be assured that enough members will be available during the daytime hours.

In conclusion — Keep the call firefighter force to work with our dedicated permanent fire department and find ways to improve recruitment efforts.

SELECTMAN/Merle S. Brown

During the recent town manager's budget process, he recommended to discontinue the call firefighter force. Some of the concerns I had were, whether or not a need existed to have call firefighters assist the permanent fire department force. Could we utilize them more efficiently or should we consider eliminating them?

I met with the call firefighters to discuss my concerns. They pointed out the many tasks they perform. For example, there are some times when call firefighters arrive at the scene of an incident before the regular fire department and can begin services at that time. Call firefighters can also stay at the hydrant and hook up the hoses while the permanent firefighters can bring the fire apparatus closer to the scene to fight the fire and many more tasks.

With the reduction in the permanent force, it becomes even more important to have a good trained call force. They have all received firefighter "I" training and a couple of them are certified EMT's. After talking with them I was convinced it was to the town's advantage to maintain a strong call force.

The board of selectmen has asked the town manager and the fire chief to look at other towns with a call firefighter force and find out what is required for training, what are the responsibilities, and how they are compensated.

SELECTMAN/Tom Callahan

I believe that call firefighters can have a place in our fire department as a valuable supplement to the professional force. While volunteers would not be the first to attack a fire, they should be properly trained and meet the necessary physical requirements of firefighting. If we're going to have call firefighters, they should be trained and prepared to be used in actual firefighting.

Without claiming to be an expert, I envision a Long Island, NY-type volunteer force, as opposed to what we may have had in the past as a call force. Long Island illustrates that volunteer forces can work. While I do not advocate an all-volunteer force, in tough budgetary times a volunteer supplementary force could be very helpful in allowing us to still have the means to meet the firefighting needs of the town. The issues of safe minimum manning and high overtime expenditures could be addressed with such a force.

I also do not believe we needed to choose between the call force and paramedic training during the budget process. They are separate issues, but for the coincidence in their costs. Perhaps we could forego even the minimal sums now paid to call firefighters, to use the money instead of paramedics. However, if the call force could successfully address overtime, the call force could instead help us to reach the paramedic goal rather than be a sacrifice to it. Either way, we should find a way to add paramedic capabilities in the near future.

Sewer commission:
The Newtonville nightmare is just one example of a breakdown in communication between the board of health and sewer commission. How can this type of thing be avoided?

SEWER COMMISSION/ Henry Rattenbury

Harry Truman is reported to have said, "It's a mighty thin pancake that doesn't have two sides." In other words, there are two sides to every story. I can only say that the Sewer Commission has always sent copies of the Tutela reports to the Board of Health on time as they have become available. In addition, the Sewer Commission has accepted a number of suggestions over the years for increased sewer service form the Board of Health, including two major areas in North Cohasset.

People should be aware that over more than a year the Board of Selectmen has held seven or eight joint meetings with the Board of Health and the Board of Sewer Commissioners. I feel that their continued sponsorship of similar meetings should provide an extra dimension towards full communications between the three boards.

Also, we should not confuse communication with agreement. We can all understand the facts, but may not necessarily agree on what is the appropriate action.

SEWER COMMISSION/ Patrick A. Plante

One of the responsibilities of the sewer commission is to establish and update a master plan incorporating ALL areas of the town.

Most important is the cooperative effort of communicating on a regularly scheduled basis with the board of health and the health agent, to reach the goals of the town-wide plan.

The "Newtonville Nightmare," as you refer to in the question to us, is the end result when you lack this dialogue between boards necessary to make important decisions. When these two boards realize they are equally as important, it will become a much easier task to resolve the health and environmental problems of Cohasset.

If there is no area large enough for upgrade of present on-site septic systems (to comply with the state mandate of Title V) which is causing a major health concern in specific locations such as Newtonville, common sense should dictate.

The most obvious way to solve the problem of the homeowners in the Newtonville section is to extend the sewer line to this area, and serve these residents in the same manner as their neighbors on Elm Court and Stockbridge Street.

Board of health:
The Newtonville nightmare is just one example of a breakdown in communication between the board of health and sewer commission. How can this type of thing be avoided?

HEALTH BOARD/Steve Bobo

Newtonville is an example of a simple lack of dialogue between town boards. Many would be quick to blame lack of mutual trust, intransigence or stupidity, but I suspect that the underlying reason for the lack of communication between the Sewer commission and the Board of Health is related to an issue that should be out of their jurisdiction; how the town should develop. Both the sewer commission and the health board should use all their talents and resources to ensure practical solutions to health and waste disposal problems, and leave the issue of town development and growth to the townspeople. It seems we have a town where when one gets into office he forgets that he is the people's servant. We have selectmen removing articles submitted to the town in good faith by other elected boards, board members enunciating policy and commissioners requiring secret meetings in violation of the law. These positions are elected, their holders are supposed to be serving the town, not their special agendas. The sewer commission should see to the best method for sewering that part of town which needs it. The health board should see to health concerns and both should follow a town-wide plan which makes it least costly to the citizens.

Next week's question:

For all candidates:

Some elected board members have never seen an executive session they didn't like. Others are circumventing the law by holding working sessions without quorums so meetings don't have to be posted.

Is the Opening Meeting Law something to be embraced or avoided?

Responses must be received my 2 p.m., Monday. Answers, which must be limited to 250 words or less, may be faxed to 741-2931 or dropped off at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham at 73 South St. Call 741-2933 with questions.

What's cooking in Cohasset

Kitchen Tour cooks up delectable delights



Linda Tomasi and Jane Falvey enjoy the humorous place settings at the Wade Cottage. The table was prepared for a dinner party welcoming Hillary Clinton and Bill's girls featuring such treats as Starr's lemon tarts.



K.T. Leary of Seasons Cafe and Caterers tends to the hors d'oeuvres table on the Highland Avenue stop on the kitchen tour. Each home had a scrumptious spread for hungry visitors.



South Shore Community Center board member Andrea Kinnealey enjoys some refreshment in the dining room of the Border Street home.



Pamela Healy spruces up her display for Floral Designs by Sadie Pearl at the Lightkeepers Residence which served as headquarters for the Kitchen Tour sponsored by the South Shore Community Center.



Joan Conkling welcomes visitors to the start of the Kitchen Tour at the Lightkeepers Residence.

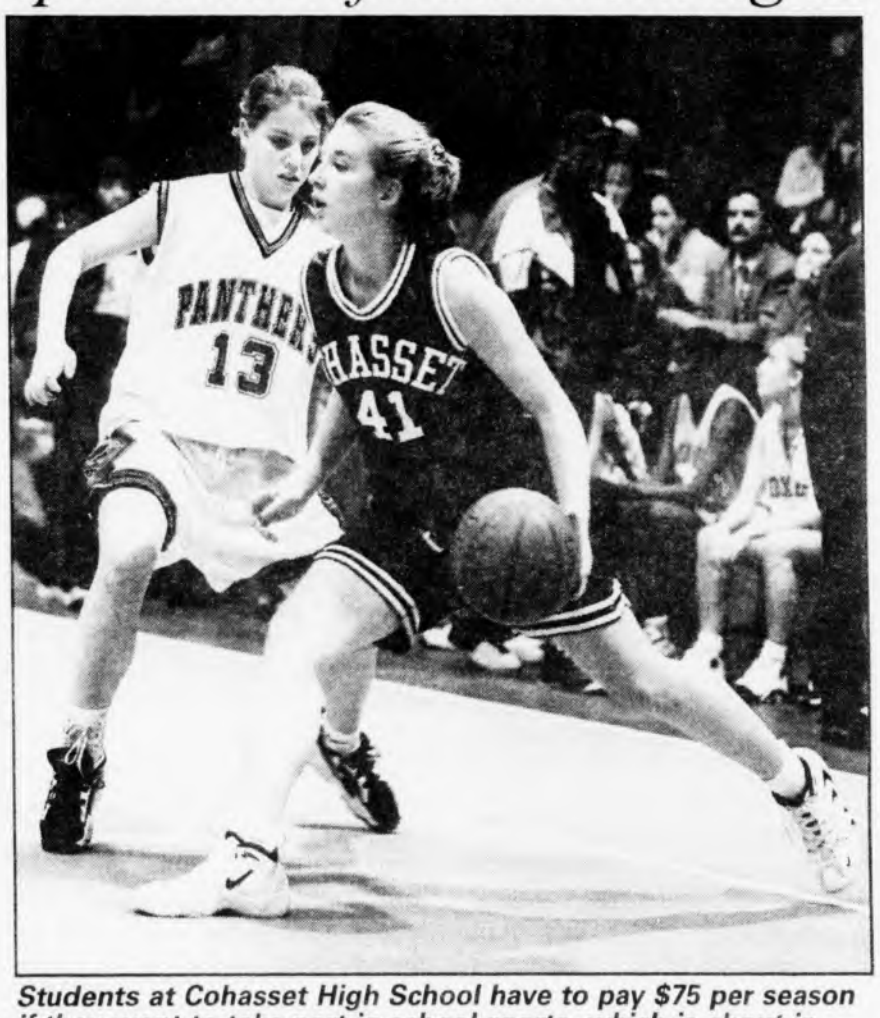
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SPORTS

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Paying too high a price for athletics?

Sports user fees are taxing student-athletes



Students at Cohasset High School have to pay $75 per season if they want to take part in school sports, which is about in the middle of the spectrum of the local high schools that were polled for this story.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

By David McKee
STAFF WRITER

If you want to be a high school sports star on the South Shore, you better bring your wallet.

Ever since Prop. 2 1/2 became law 15 years ago, many area high schools have been charging student-athletes user fees to boost the school's sports budget and prevent the elimination of programs.

A survey of several area high schools show that student-athletes pay anywhere from $0 in Norwell to upwards of $75 per season at Cohasset or $100 at Hanover. It is estimated that some high schools receive between $50,000 and $60,000 each year from its sports user fees.

But in this era of multi-million dollar school budgets and state-wide prosperity, there is a growing sentiment that sports user fees have gone from an economic necessity to an unfair burden placed on those who play high school sports.

"I don't think there should be sports user fees anywhere," said Marshfield High athletic director Ed Miller. "Public education is funded through tax money and I don't think it's fair for kids or their parents to have to pay extra just to play sports. To me, a sports user fee is just another tax. Only it's for those who play sports."

In Marshfield, there is growing support for either the elimination or reduction of the present athletic user fee system by the start of the next school year.

"Our superintendent is in favor of getting rid of them and I think it's a great idea for Marshfield," Miller said. "I've heard many complaints over the years and I personally think it's the right thing to do. Originally user fees were put in place to save some sports programs during some tough budget times. But as anyone who deals with budgets knows, once the money gets in there, it's hard to get out. And to eliminate our user fees, we would have to get the money from somewhere else in the budget and that isn't always easy to do."

At Marshfield High, the overall athletic budget is in the neighborhood of $270,000. The overall school budget for Marshfield is more than $24 million. Therefore the MHS sports budget is just over 1 percent of the overall school budget. This percentage is consistent with other schools in the area. In

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User fees in the area

Marshfield High - $120 for the entire year

Hanover High - $75 for each sports season, $100 for football and ice hockey, $50 for tennis and cheer leading

Cohasset High - $75 for each sports season

Hingham High - $100 for the entire year

Scituate High - $50 for the entire year

Duxbury High - $65 for each sports season

Norwell High - $0

Skippers help honor women in sports

Lauren Dooley and Katie Devine recently took part in the Massachusetts celebration of National Girls and Women in Sport Day at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

The two were chosen because they are positive contributing members to both their teams and their school. The ceremony, which is supported by the Department of Education and sponsored by New Agenda Northeast, the MIAA and the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport, is designed to honor female athletes in the state

Dooley participates in field hockey and softball while Devine take part on the field hockey, basketball and lacrosse team.

Slotnick thrives at Vassar

Cohasset native Joe Slotnick (class of 1999) is continuing a strong career as a starter on the varsity basketball team.

At mid-season the former Skipper standout was average 8.8 points and nine rebounds per game.

MacQuarrie earns soccer letter

Freshman Brett MacQuarrie, of Cohasset, earned his first varsity letter as a member of the Trinity College men's soccer team, which finished the 1997 season with a 9-6-1 record and earned its first-ever berth in the NCAA Division III Championship.

The Bantams advanced to the second round of the tournament before losing to Metro Region #1 seed Kean University.

MacQuarrie played in all 16 games, starting four, as a forward for the bantams and was one of eight freshman to earn a varsity letter this season.

MacQuarrie had two goals this season, both coming in a 6-0 win over Albertus Magnus College.

He is a graduate of Northfield-Mount Hermon School.

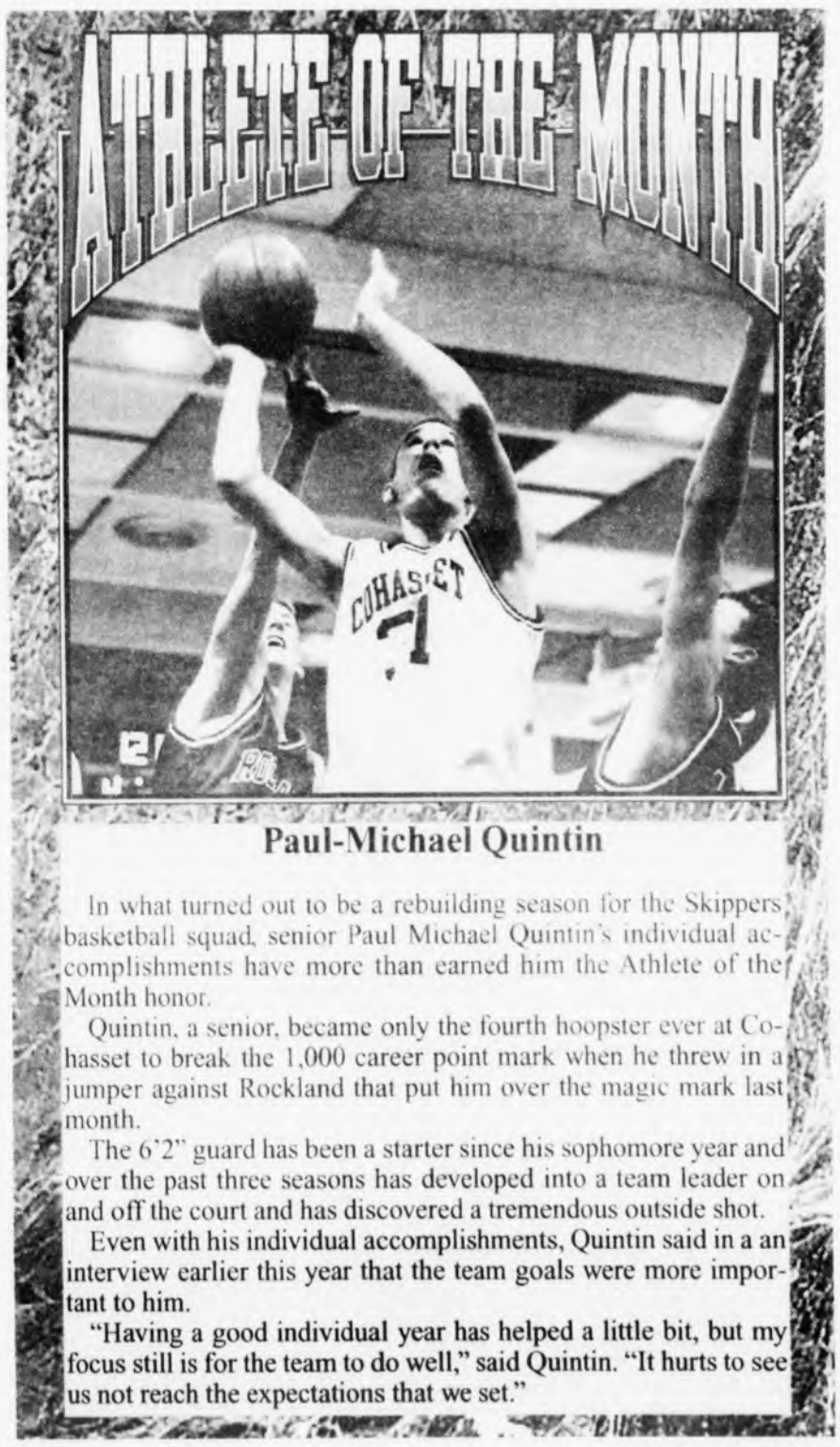
Two residents honored by Noble and Greenough

Cohasset residents Taylor Devin and Stephanie Noering were recent honored by the Noble and Greenough School in Dedham for their athletic accomplishments this past fall.

Devin, a senior and the son of Rob Devin and Sheila Sullivan, was named to the Independent School League All-League team for his solid performance as a member of the varsity football team. He was awarded the E.T. Putnam Award which is given each year in honor of the Headmaster by the 1970 football team.

Noering, a junior, is the daughter of Richard and Sabina Noering. She was named to the ISL All-Star field hockey team and served as a captain on the squad.

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Paul-Michael Quintin

In what turned out to be a rebuilding season for the Skippers basketball squad, senior Paul Michael Quintin's individual accomplishments have more than earned him the Athlete of the Month honor.

Quintin, a senior, became only the fourth hoopster ever at Cohasset to break the 1,000 career point mark when he threw in a jumper against Rockland that put him over the magic mark last month.

The 6'2" guard has been a starter since his sophomore year and over the past three seasons has developed into a team leader on and off the court and has discovered a tremendous outside shot.

Even with his individual accomplishments, Quintin said in a an interview earlier this year that the team goals were more important to him.

"Having a good individual year has helped a little bit, but my focus still is for the team to do well," said Quintin. "It hurts to see us not reach the expectations that we set."

Paying too high a price for athletics?

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Hingham, the overall school budget is close to $22 million with the athletic budget in the neighborhood of $300,000. Also just over one percent. And like every school with sports user fees, Marshfield and Hingham have individual and family limits on overall contributions as well as waivers for those with financial hardships.

At Hanover, athletic director John Sullivan is in favor of eliminating sports user fees altogether. However, he doesn't have a say in whether they stay or go.

"You're asking the wrong guy," he said. "The decision to have user fees comes from the superintendent and not me. I don't like them but if it came down to eliminating programs or having user fees, I'd do whatever I can to keep our programs in place."

Hanover has had user fees for the last dozen years and fields 18 different athletic teams. In the last decade, both the girls soccer and ice hockey teams have won state championships.

"If we could increase our budget and eliminate user fees that would be just great," Sullivan said. "But until that happens, I have to operate with what we get." Norwell High has never had user fees. Its athletic director Bill Gerety believes user fees are an unfair burden on student-athletes.

"We have to make our uniforms last a little longer and we have to be a little more flexible with our scheduling but we've done whatever we can to avoid having user fees," he said. "We think its the way to go and I'm proud we've never had them."

Norwell High also relies on great financial help from its boosters club and various fund-raisers to help beef up the sports budget.

However, all is not totally rosy at the NHS sports program. Both the ice hockey and lacrosse programs are totally self-funded despite Gerety's budget requests each year.

"We're hoping these two programs can get funded one day," Gerety said. "Hopefully, it will happen very soon."

At Scituate High, there is a student activities fee for anyone who takes part in an extra-curricular activity, be it the football team or the band. "Ideally, I'd like to have no user fees or student activity fees," said acting athletic director Phil Pisano. "But this is a way to help off-set our costs and keep programs from being dropped."

Pisano would like to see the entire sports budget covered by tax money. However, like Sullivan, it isn't his call.

"The tax burden is certainly a big issue for parents and students these days," he said. "And having to pay additional money just to play a sport or join the drama club is something that should be carefully examined by the powers that be."

Pisano said a good portion of the student activity fee helps cover the transportation costs for those who take part in extra-curricular activities.

Hingham High athletic director Bill Barges believes a sports user fee system drives people away from athletics. And in a perfect world, he would like to see Hingham High eliminate them.

"User fees are not a positive thing and I'm sure there have been many students over the years who didn't want to have to pay all this money up front just to play a sport," he said. "But the big question is where are schools going to get the money for their sports programs if user fees are eliminated? I guess in the end, it's going to come from the taxpayers."

Hingham High school officials recently turned down Barges request to fund the ski and sailing programs. Even though the overall school budget is more than $22 million, school officials could not come up with the $10,000 requested to fund both programs. Therefore, like the hockey team and lacrosse team at Norwell High, the ski and sailing programs at Hingham High have to raise their own funds.

However, Barges is optimistic the two programs will receive funding next year. "They would both add a lot to our school and I feel they deserve budgetary support," he said.

In addition to financial considerations, many athletic directors and coaches believe sports user fees reflect a lack of respect for athletics by school officials and town budget number crunchers over the years.

"A lot of people don't realize the lessons learned in athletics," Miller said. "Hard work, discipline, teamwork and handling adversity are things that athletes deal with every day. And these are very valuable lessons for life. Plus how many students over the years have stayed in school or tried even harder in class to get good grades and stay on a team. I think a lot of people don't realize this. We should be doing everything we can to try and get more people involved in sports instead of chasing them away with user fees."

This view is shared by Pisano.

"I believe sports and other extra-curricular activities are vital to the education of students," he said. "Important lessons are learned through athletic competition and if schools keep having user fees, there is a great chance that students will be driven away from getting involved. And nobody wants to see that happen."

Barges said the large student involvement in athletics and other extra-curricular activities should be reflected in the budget. Like Norwell and other towns, Hingham High receives private financial help from groups like the boosters and the Hingham Sports Partnership. "Every dollar in our budget is accounted for and we try to do as much as we can within our means," he said. "But I'd like to be adding programs and getting more students involved than cutting back and excluding people. Hopefully, that will change one day."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Register to race By-The-Sea

The Cohasset Rotary Club would like to announce that the 22nd Annual 10K Road Race and Walk By-The-Sea will be held on Sunday, April 5.

This year's race is under the direction of Tom Gruber and Roy Fitzsimmons and the proceeds will go to a number of local and international projects that the Rotary supports. Over 800 runners are expected to participate in the race.

The race, sponsored by the USATF-NE, will start at 1 p.m. from Cohasset Common. There will be free refreshments for all registered runners.

The fun walk will start at 10 a.m. from Sandy Beach.

Applications are available at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shop (Cohasset store) or from the Cohasset Rotary at P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MA. 02025.

The deadline for pre-registration is April 1. Pre-registration is $12 and it will be $15 on the day of the race.

For race questions please call Austin Lyne at (781) 383-6550. If you would like to join or address the membership of the Rotary, please sense a note to President, Cohasset Rotary Clubm P.O. Box 35, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Final registration

The final registration for 1998 Little League Baseball will be held from 8-10 a.m., Saturday, March 21 at the Deer Hill School. All players (including players who are already on a major league team) must sign up.

In addition to completing a registration form and paying the registration fee, parents are also required to provide a copy of the player's birth certificate if one was not supplied last season. Registration is open to all children who will be at least five years old by August 1.

Call Mark or Lynne DeGiacomo at 383-6413 with any questions.

Youth football and cheerleading registration

The Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleaders have scheduled a sign-up session to be held Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to noon at Scituate High School.

Boys and girls ages 7 to 13 are eligible to participate in three levels of competition based on age and weight.

Football and cheerleading practice begins in mid-August for games played in September and October.

The Scituate-Cohasset program is part of the Old Colony Youth Football League.

For more information, call (781) 544-0900.

Skippers help honor women in sports

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Bishop stands out at Hamilton

Cohasset resident Peter Bishop broke onto the varsity team year as a back-up center on the Hamilton College hoop team.

Bishop, a 6'6" junior, played in sixteen games this season off the bench for the Continentals, coming up big with six points and three rebounds in recent action against Hobart College.



CHS athletes Katie Devine and Lauren Dooley, pictured here with girls' basketball coach Cori Hughes, recently took part in honoring female athletes during National Girls and Women in Sports Day at Fanueil Hall in Boston.

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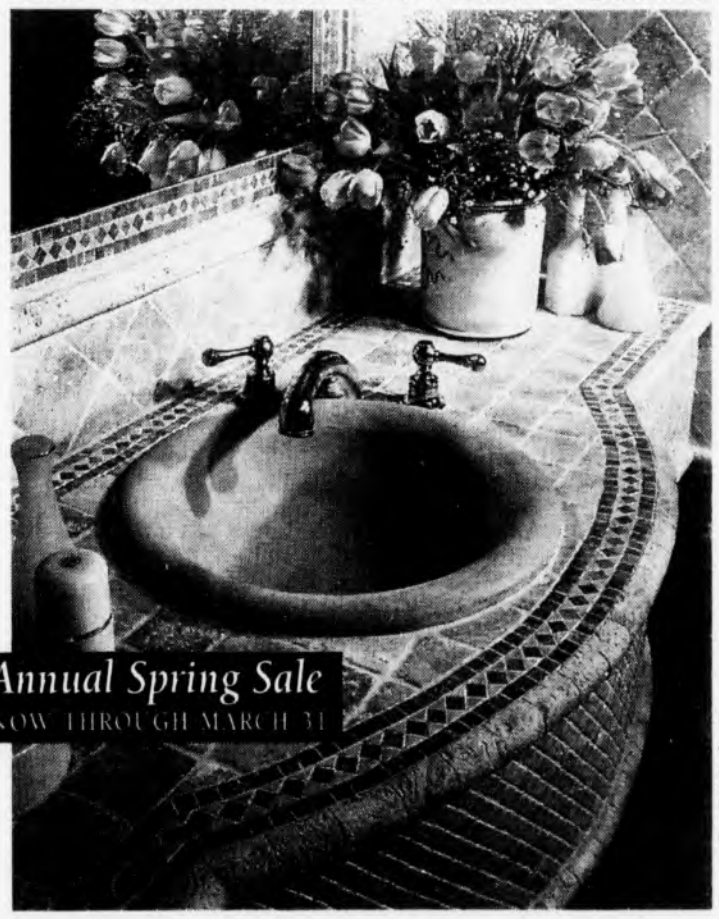
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Question Of The Week

Selectman:
If elected, how would you improve communication between the school committee and selectmen?

SELECTMAN/Martha Gjesteby

The selectmen should charge the town manager to routinely communicate with the school committee. By statute, the school committee runs the schools. Although the budget bottom line is fixed by town meeting, the school committee has autonomy within the budget. It would be helpful if the town manger met with selectmen and the school committee in the fall to discuss school and town needs for the next fiscal year. At the same time, the town manager should analyze the town financial condition.

Editor's note: Mrs. Gjesteby's answer to the Question of the Week was inadvertently omitted last week. The candidate for selectman submitted her answer by the deadline. The Mariner regrets the error.

Candidates' Corner

Brown to run for another term



Merle Brown

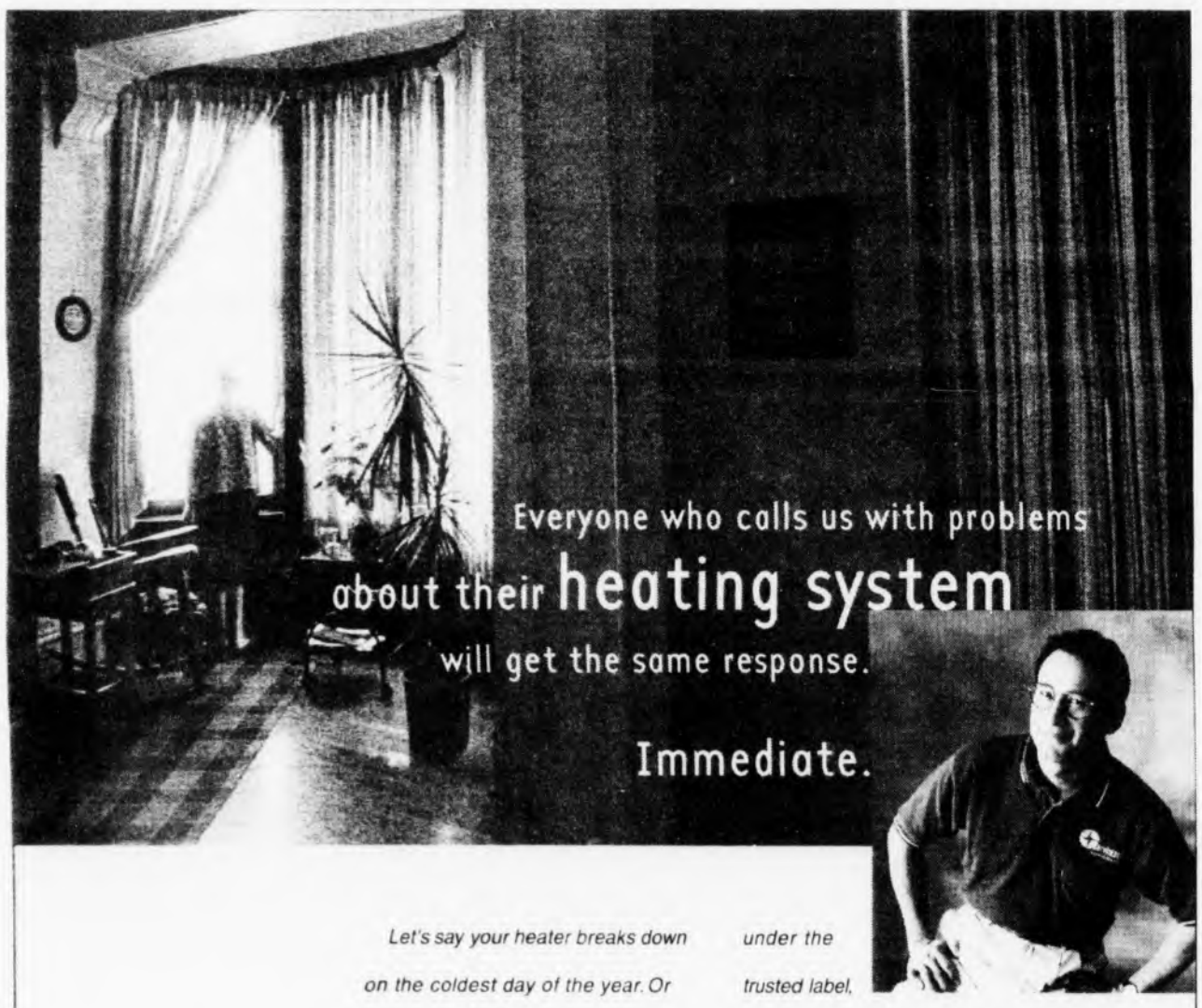
Merle Brown has served on the board of selectmen for two three-year terms. During his tenure, several of his many accomplishments to the town of Cohasset are as follows:

Merle was a strong proponent for the consolidation of the highway, tree, park and cemetery departments, and the recycling transfer facility under the DPW. He was instrumental in reclassifying both the DPW superintendent and treasurer/collector positions from elected to appointed positions. It better serves the town to appoint people with the specific qualifications needed for these important positions. Merle has saved the town money by being personally involved with the building of the new DPW garage and recommended the Clerk of The Works, with no cost to the town.

Merle has a good working relationship with the towns of Hingham and Scituate. He continuously works with other surrounding towns to explore projects to do together. One of his goals for the next term is to see what Cohasset and its neighboring communities can do together to save money and increase efficiency. Merle currently serves on the Norfolk County Advisory Board and has been successful in procuring the services of the county engineers for several projects at no cost to the town.

Increased communication continues to be a needed tool to help solve major problems that face the whole town. It is more important than ever for the sewer commissioners, the board of health and the board of selectmen to work together to solve the problems of sewerage and septic systems. Also the board of selectmen and the school committee must commit to work together to resolve the school issues that face the town.

If you would be interested in helping on Merle's campaign or wish to make a donation, call Arthur Lehr at 383-0388 (treasurer) or Merle at 383-1625. All checks should be made payable to the "Committee to Elect Merle Brown Selectman," c/o 200 North Main St., Cohasset, Mass. 02025.



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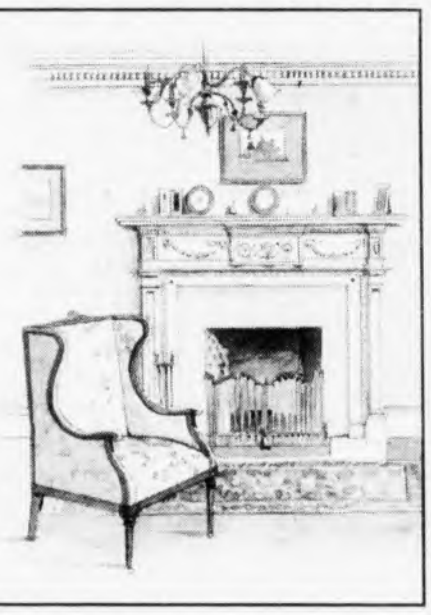
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Cutler campaign hosts coffee hours

Supporters of the Campaign to Elect Josh Cutler will be hosting neighborhood coffee hours throughout the district over the next several weeks. Cutler is running for the Democratic Party nomination for state representative.

The following coffee hours have been scheduled:

March 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m.—Gil and Ann Daley, 32 French St., Hingham; March 14, 4 to 5:30 p.m.—Stephen and Laura Avakian, 22 Oceanside Drive, Hull; March 18, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Donna McGee, 27 Hill St., Cohasset; March 22, 3 to 5 p.m.—Pam Wolfe and Deb Marinelli, 26 Sunset Ave., Hull; March 26, 7 to 8:30 p.m.—Christian VanDerslice, 186 Atlantic Ave., Hull; March 29, 3 to 4:30 p.m.—Kristen and Daniel Evans, 96 Spring St., Hull; April 5, 4 to 5:30 p.m.—Kathy Bogdan, 136 Samoset Ave., Hull; April 5, 6:30 to 8 p.m.—Gerry and Donna Scampoli, 6 Bayberry Road, Hingham.

If you are interested in hosting or attending a Josh Cutler Campaign Coffee, please call Ann Marie Farrell at 740-0220.

Spirito drops out of health board race

One of the candidates in the April 4 town election has told the town clerk he no longer wants his name on the ballot. Michael Spirito, a candidate for the health board, reportedly said he wanted to drop out of the race, according to Marion Douglas, the town clerk. Douglas said it was too late to take his name off the ballot. It has already been printed.

Coffee for Martin is March 13

A coffee will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Friday, March 13, for school committee candidate Pat Martin. The coffee will be hosted by Janyce Brown at her home at 39 Rocky Lane. Anyone who is interested in meeting Pat is invited to attend. She will be available to answer questions and address any concerns. Call Janyce Brown at 383-9828 for questions concerning this event.

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Personal finance author to speak

The Boston Globe personal finance columnist Charles A. Jaffe will be the featured speaker Sunday, March 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Lightkeeper's residence in Cohasset when the South Shore Community Center presents a program on "The Right Way to Hire Financial Help."

Tickets for "The Right Way to Hire Financial Help" are $10 per person, $20 per couple in advance and $15 per person and $30 per couple at the door and include light refreshments. Space is limited. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Community Center at (781) 383-0088 or by stopping by the center at 3 North Main St.

High school arts open house

The Fine Arts Department at Cohasset High School is presenting an Art Open House Thursday, March 12, from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m.

The schedule for the evening's events will start with exhibits of students' art and photography in the "Design Corner," also known as the art rooms.

At 7:15 p.m. the jazz band will perform in the library. Beginning at 8 p.m., the drama students will present their festival entry "Through Our Eyes," and at 8:45 the South Shore Vocational Technical High School drama students will perform their festival entry, "Take Five."

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McElroy responds to Kidder

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contract negotiations. If so, it is a retirement bonus, not a retirement incentive.

The first sentence in the conclusion to the school audit says: "Our review ha indicated a need for improvement in many areas," Enough said.

I did not oppose replacement of the Osgood School. I advocated for a compromise along the lines of the March '95 Cohasset Schools town-wide survey (848 responses) in which 63 percent advocated for either a K-5 or K-6 elementary grade configuration. Implicit in that response was renovation and enlargement of the Deer Hill School which would have provided better common-use facilities with lower overhead operating costs.

Ms. Jerz says that "special education...has increased 48 percent over three years" (FY95-98). Clearly, if she uses 95/96/97/98, she is speaking about four years. My figures are correct. We are speaking about day and residential placements only. For FY98, that amount is $1,339,000 exclusive of minor state assistance. Although the question has been asked, no on really knows what the total cost of special education is for the Cohasset School District. It is safe to estimate that it significantly exceeds $2,000,000. As many as 200-220 Cohasset students receive some form of special education assistance. The percentage of Cohasset students involved in some form of special education program is in the top 20 percent of local area school districts and this is exacerbated by the state having the highest enrollment rate in the nation. I agree with Mr. Johanson that more inclusive teacher training is needed and that is one reason why I strongly support much more emphasis on teacher professional development. I do not want special education parents and youngsters to feel threatened. We must work together to increase federal/state aid from its current 17 percent to the national average of 53 percent. I believe that we should continue to pay for "two opinions" and that we should use the next year to hear both sides of the argument on "maximum feasible" versus "free and appropriate."

Ms. Jerz refers to the Oct. 1995 Strategic Plan. Only one meeting has been held on strategic planning since that Plan was published. That meeting was Sept. 20, 1997 and there is no public record of the results of that meeting. The Oct. 1995 plan has never been updated.

My comments on elective simply reflects that budgetary considerations as well as the state Department of Education and "high stakes testing" are going to push us toward a greater emphasis on the core curriculum. I will wait until next year for better justification of why we offer subjects and industrial arts (isn't that the purview of SSVOTECH?). We also need to look at situations such as athletics where the per student cost to play soccer averages $164; whereas, gymnastics an ice hockey cost $829 and $705 per student, respectively.

My attitude about compensation is that outstanding teachers are underpaid and poor teachers (only a few) are overpaid. If we are to compete with charter and private schools, we must compensate based on merit—not longevity. Currently, no statistical profile of Cohasset School District personnel evaluations exist (generic; i.e., not by name). Staff and faculty positions should have value ranges. Right now, guidance counselors and department heads are bumping up against the MS-HS assistant principals who work the full calendar year. Salaries must be related to levels of responsibility. I also strongly object to how the FY98 "salary reserve" was approved. Last summer, there was a seven week hiatus in school committee meetings. Apparently, pay increase decisions were made at that time. The "salary reserve" process needs to be reviewed. We are also overdue to implement "site based" management mandated by the Educational Reform Act. A step in the right direction would be to give each school principal management responsibility for his portion of the district budget.

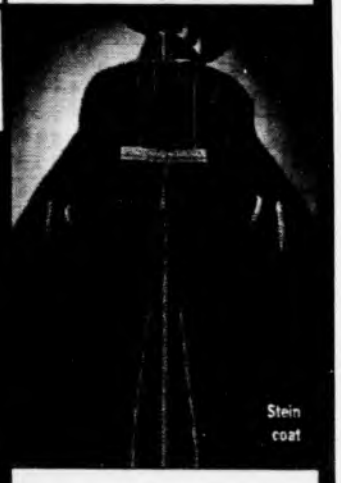
Other concerns include: how a FY98 projected budget deficit of $282,000 was abruptly revised to $180,000. I am doing FY98 on-line budget tracking and I [illegible] hard questions answered before I support the town meeting article asking for a $180,000 supplement. We spent considerable time establishing 1997-98 goals, but we've never had a progress review. I attended a recent Friday afternoon technology meeting where I was advised that the "one-inch" voluminous technology plan was solely intended to gain state approval and a $37,000 state grant, but was not the operative plan for phasing-in technology. At that Friday meeting, I asked for a milestone plan with associated costs. Last week, I received that plan which was dated Feb. 17. The plan projected Deer Hill wiring would begin March 3, but at the March 5 school committee meeting we were told to disregard the plan because it was inaccurate.

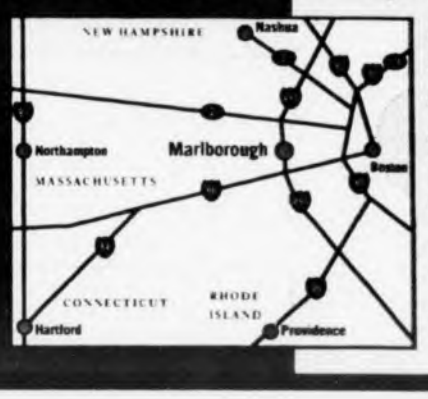
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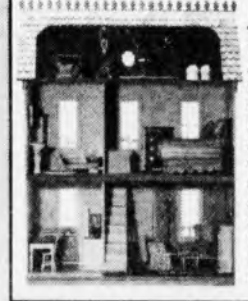
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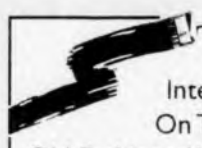
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Obituaries

Arlene Harris

Arlene K. Harris, age 61, of Cohasset, died March 6 at home of cancer.

Mrs. Harris was a volunteer at Rosie's Place consignment shops in Westwood and Cohasset , as well as for the South Shore Massachusetts Audobon Society and Meals on Wheels in Cohasset. She had worked as a United Airlines stewardess before marrying.

She was born and raised in Seattle and received her education there. She moved to Westwood in 1963. She had lived in Cohasset since 1986.

She belonged to the Cohasset Sailing Club.

She leaves her husband, M. Richard Harris; two sons, Kenneth R. Harris of Hyannis and Michael S. Harris of Colorado; a sister, Katherine L. Harris of New Hampshire; her mother, Mary Paavola of Washington; two sisters, Geraldine Merryman and Jeanne Polk, both of Washington; and a grandson. Daughter of the late Anthony Lefcoski.

A memorial service was held March 11 at First Parish Church, Cohasset Common and followed by a private burial.

Donations may be sent to the South Shore Health and Education Foundation, c/o South Shore Hospital Oncology Dept., 55 Fogg Road, Weymouth 02190.

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Police Log

Monday, March 2

5:51 a.m., MV stop, N. Main & Forest Ave.

8:19 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.

10:37 a.m., MV stop, S. Main by Summer Street.

3:41 p.m., medical aid, Hull St.

6:30 p.m., threats (other), Jerusalem Rd., arrested: Hurlbut, Robert W., 790A Jerusalem Road. DOB: 7/10/68. Charges: assault and battery, assault by dangerous weapon.

8:28 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

10:09 p.m., annoying phone calls, King Street.

11:23 p.m., vandalism, CJC Hwy.

Tuesday, March 3

1:05 a.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.

7:15 a.m., animal complaint, Beach Street.

9:08 a.m., general services, Stagecoach Way.

11:21 a.m., investigation, Jerusalem Road.

1:20 p.m., assist other agency, North Main Street.

1:21 p.m., reported death, Rust Way.

2:00 p.m., general services, North Main Street.

2:33 p.m., general services, North Main Street.

3:01 p.m., general services, North Main Street.

9:23 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

9:41 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

9:49 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

Wednesday, March 4

8:49 a.m., general services, Forest Ave.

9:03 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

12:08 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

4:11 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

4:20 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Road.

4:22 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

4:30 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

5:00 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

5:36 p.m., suspicious auto, Old Pasture Road.

6:34 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.

7:46 p.m., drug/narcotic violations, South Main St. Arrested: Hubbell, Richard B., 85 Indian Trail, Scituate. DOB: 10/15/80. Charges: illegal possession of class D substance, possession class D with intent to distribute/manufacture/cultivate, operating an unregistered MV/trailer, operating a MV without license in possession, fail to stop for stop sign.

7:53 p.m., medical aid, N. Main St.

8:19 p.m., assists citizen, S. Main St.

9:43 p.m., medical aid, HQ.

9:52 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

Thursday, March 5

1:34 a.m., general services, Cohasset Plaza.

8:19 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

8:42 a.m., general services, Sohier St.

8:53 a.m., MV stop, King St.

9:03 a.m., MV stop, King St.

11:44 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

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11:56 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

12:05 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

12:47 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

2:02 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.

2:35 p.m., general services, Church St.

3:44 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

4:35 p.m., investigation, Wompatuck State Park.

6:06 p.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave. by Beach St.

7:15 p.m., info, general, CJC Hwy.

9:04 p.m., info, general, Sohier St.

Friday, March 6

12:48 a.m., general services, Sandy Beach Lot.

6:25 a.m., animal complaint, S. Main St.

9:09 a.m., assist motorist, Beechwood St.

9:19 a.m., MV accident, Brook St.

10:51 .m., MV stop, Pond St.

11:05 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:22 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:54 a.m., medical aid, Elm St.

12:25 p.m., serve restraining order, S. Main St.

1:31 p.m., annoying phone calls, Pleasant St.

2:12 p.m., MV stop, Black Horse Lane.

2:45 p.m., disturbance, Sohier St.

3:12 p.m., general services, HQ.

3:26 p.m., general services, Pond St.

3:55 p.m., by-law violation, Linden Dr.

7:15 p.m., suspicious auto, Shaw's Plaza.

7:50 p.m., MV spot, S. Main St.

9:20 p.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A north.

11:40 p.m., MV vehicle stop, Rt. 3A/JJ's.

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12:43 a.m., suspicious auto, Forest Ave.

1:05 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

1:53 p.m., medical aid, Border St.

2:07 p.m., medical aid, Hull St.

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Planning board will not support water tank bylaw

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The water commission believes that it must overcome numerous delays and build a second water tank in the coming year to provide adequate fire protection to the town. Water commissioners have proposed a town meeting article that would allow the town to build a new water tank without a special permit from the zoning board of appeals. But the planning board has voted unanimously not to support a change in bylaws even though selectmen and the advisory committee have supported the plan.

At last year's town meeting, voters approved $1.4 million to build a second water tank with a capacity of two million gallons and 65-feet-high next to an existing unit on Bear Hill. Property owners near the existing tank opposed a second tank in their line of vision for aesthetic reasons, favoring instead an alternate site on Scituate Hill. Abutters have been able to delay the construction of the Bear Hill tank.

The water commission must get a special permit from the zoning board to overcome the town's height restriction bylaw, which is 35 feet in residential zones and 45 feet in industrial zones.

But the Scituate Hill site is on a 62-acre parcel of private property. Developers are trying to come up with a plan that would give the town some land for free in exchange for concessions. The town is still conducting discussions with the land owner. Even with the free land, two of the three suitable locations on Scituate Hill would cost at least $200,000 more than the Bear Hill location.

The bylaw would allow the town to build a water tank in any light industrial zone or on any parcel of land currently owned by the town, such as the property on Bear Hill. Water Commissioner John K. McNabb Jr. said the commission is trying to keep all its options open going in to town meeting.

"The problem is that we are unlikely to get a variance for Bear Hill from the zoning board of appeals even though town meeting allocated $1.4 million for that site," McNabb said. "If we can't get out of town meeting with a site for Scituate Hill, then we have to try for Bear Hill. It comes down to whether it will cost a lot more money to go to Scituate Hill."

Planning board Chairman Al Moore said the bylaw would disrupt a system that already works properly.

"To change this bylaw is a blatant attempt to short circuit the process," Moore said. "The current system has checks and balances in place that work fine, which is why you need a special permit from the zoning board of appeals for a water tank. It's the court of last resort."

Moore sympathized with the water commission's attempt to carry out the mandate of town meeting and build the water tank. He pointed out that the planning board has supported the plan to build the tank on Bear Hill. He added that he just doesn't believe changing the bylaw is the answer.

In other business, the planning board supported a bed and breakfast bylaw on a split 3-2 vote. The bylaw would allow homeowners living in residential zones to open a bed and breakfast with less than three rooms as a matter of right. Currently, residents need a special permit from the zoning board of appeals to open a bed and breakfast establishment.

A group of citizens led by Dorothy Keville proposed the article. Keville has been before the zoning board of appeals on several occasions seeking a special permit to run a bed and breakfast from her home. In discussions with Keville, the zoning board indicated it was uncomfortable with the parking configuration at her Stockbridge Street home, which would have forced guests to back out of the parking area. Backing a car onto a street is prohibited by Cohasset's bylaws.

Moore did not support the proposal because he felt the real issue was the bylaw against backing into traffic.

"This is a tough one, but I personally believe the problem is we have a zoning requirement that prevents you from backing out into traffic," Moore said. "It is a complex matter and there may be more at issue here. This opens the door for a lot of uses, and says anyone can have a bed and breakfast without ever asking anyone for permission."

Moore pointed out that Keville withdrew her application from the zoning board out of fear that it would be rejected.

"While this woman should probably get a special permit, she has never actually been denied," Moore said. "We have a working system in place."

Selectmen also voted 3-2 to support the bed and breakfast.

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Sewer cost overrun complex issue to spell out

By Mary Ford
MARINER STAFF

If Monday's selectmen's meeting was indicative, then how to explain the $2.7 million cost overrun of the North Cohasset sewer project to voters at the March 28 town meeting may be a tough task.

Town meeting must authorize spending the additional money for phases three and four of the now $9.3 million project to go forward.

Selectmen, sewer commissioners, and town engineers spent the better part of two hours Monday rehashing the cost drivers for the project. Soaring prices per linear foot of pipe, blasting ledge, liability issues relating to private property and even "The Big Dig" (Boston's central artery project) which has drained the pool of contractors were included on the list of reasons for the 45 percent increase over estimates.

At the 1997 annual town meeting, voters appropriated $6.6 million to hook up about 330 homes in the north section of town to the Hull treatment plant.

A subsequent Prop. 2-1/2 override passed at the ballot box meaning half the cost of the project was to be picked up by all taxpayers.

But when the bids came in $2.7 million

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Elizabeth Cossette serves up corned beef and cabbage at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon sponsored by the Council of Elder Affairs at the Second Congregational Church on Tuesday. For more photos, see page 28.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Deadbeat dad is running for Cohasset selectman

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Selectman candidate William G. Ross is a deadbeat dad, according to Norfolk County court records supplied by a local woman. Margaret Litchfield of 175 Beechwood St. said Wednesday he owes her more than $23,000 in child support payments. According to Litchfield, the court found Ross in contempt Nov. 30, 1994. A family court justice sentenced him to 30 days in jail after he failed to comply with a court order to provide $50 a week for his son. Ross served time in the Dedham House of Corrections over Thanksgiving and Christmas of 1994.

Ross had no comment on the matter for the time being. He reserved the right to respond to the allegations later and clarify certain facts. He said the revelations coming at this time could be "damaging" to his legal defense.

Ross's signature is legible on an April 1986 notarized statement acknowledging he is the child's natural father. However, he denied signing the document. He has never taken a blood test to determine paternity, he said. And his name is not on the child's birth certificate. According to a letter to the court from Mary Anne McCarthy, the parentage testing coordinator at the DOR, Ross failed to appear three times for scheduled blood tests. His failure to appear in

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Scituate sports center seeks town support

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Scituate's plans for a state-of-the-art recreation center could have a Cohasset hook.

Officials behind the $10 million project say the center will cost about $1.5 million annually to run including about $700,000 to pay off the 20-year bond and $850,000 in operating costs.

They hope Cohasset residents will join the "Coastal Communities Recreation Center" which will include an Olympic size swimming pool, gym with a spring floor for gymnastics and ice skating rink. Plans are to build the 100,000-square-foot facility on the Ellis property off Route 3A near its intersection with Mann Lot Road - kiddy corner to the Sunoco station.

It is not clear if Cohasset residents would be charged out-of-town rates to join or use the facilities at the center or if the town of Cohasset would provide a sub-

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Taffy Nothnagle sits in a wheelchair as National Safety Council spokesman Jack Mastrangelo answers questions from citizens interested in volunteering as drivers for the Council of Elder Affairs van which serves the elderly and disabled. The training session was sponsored by the Commission on Disabilities. For more information about volunteering, call Nothnagle at 383-0895.

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For CHS exchange student

American stay is a dream come true

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

At 16 Rosa Hareiter of Vienna, Austria is living the American dream in Cohasset. She is spending a year as an exchange student with the Sandell family in Cohasset. Recently, Rosa described the experience as a dream come true. She has wanted to go to school in the United States ever since she can remember.

"Since I was a little girl, I always wanted to come here," she said. "For a European, America is a fascinating thing."

Rosa talked over her experiences in front of a roaring fireplace in the Sandell's kitchen. She has sampled a wide range of fascinating and sometimes dangerous things since she arrived. On a visit to Yale University, some of her friends witnessed a shooting in the New Haven neighborhood around the school. She was also astounded when she read the police log in the Mariner.

"I've never seen one of my friends getting arrested. I was shocked. I was amazed. How do so many people get arrested in one weekend?" In Vienna, people under 18 are never arrested, she said. Until age 18, she said, youths are not considered "independent."

She found other differences that were equally startling. Cohasset is a small town where everyone knows everyone else, unlike the city where many people are strangers. Yet American parents supervise their children more than Europeans, she said, so that teenagers seem to be considered children longer than she expected. At 18, young people in Vienna leave home. Even when they go to college, they have their own apartments.

"American parents are really protective," she said. "When I first came, it was one of the things I really noticed. It was a drastic difference." Also, teens in America work, something that seldom happens at home, Rosa said. She said her mother once told her to "be serious" when she asked if she could get a job.

"What's allowed here or what's common here does not happen there," she said.

Rosa said she came to see first hand how people in America live as well as to improve her command of English. It is one of six languages she speaks. She started on a seventh this year when she took up Spanish at Cohasset High.

"Most Europeans speak between three and five languages," she said, due to the variety of cultures in Europe. "There's no other way. We are surrounded by different languages and different cultures. When I am in Vienna, within an hour and a half travel in any direction, people speak a different language." Rosa said Europeans seem to learn other languages faster than Americans, but they all have to learn English to land a job. Americans do not have to learn a foreign language.

"Every single person in the world needs to learn English to get a good job," she said. "But Americans don't have to learn other languages."

Rosa would like to return to the United States for college after she completes high school in Austria. She has visited Harvard, Yale and colleges in Washington, D.C. Though she agreed some of the small American colleges also provide a top-notch education, big names count in Europe.

"It's sort of ridiculous," she said. "About getting a job in Europe, the one thing that counts is the big name of the school."

After she finishes her education, Rosa said she has dreams about becoming an actress. She was impressed by the Cohasset High production of "Godspell." She wanted to try out for a part but at the start of the school year, she was afraid her English was not good enough. She has become more confident now and is working with a drama club, though she has volunteered for backstage jobs.



Rosa Hareiter of Vienna, Austria — an exchange student at Cohasset High — is staying with the Sandell family of Stevens Lane.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

"There are dreams," she said. "It sounds really stupid, but I always dreamed I would become a famous actress. I guess I will do something with art. It's in my blood. My whole family are architects—both grandparents and both my parents."

Her background made her a perfect match for the Sandell family. James Sandell is an architect, and the family been in international exchange programs for many years. Nancy Sandell said Rosa is the fifteenth student who has come to live with them.

"I think we've found this exchange enriches our family. But the whole community also benefits from having someone new in our town." Nancy Sandell said.

Rosa spoke at the Diversity program. She said the experience has been "more than positive" and she has learned people are truly different.

"I learned a lot," she said. "I learned the difference between cultures. I learned how different people actually can be. I never realized it before."

Rosa said her new friends in America were friendly and kind. She has particularly enjoyed her junior varsity soccer team. Sports are not taken seriously in Austria, she said. She loved the teamwork and team spirit. The team improved with every game, she said.

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Public rest rooms in the village to be considered

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen say the addition of public rest rooms in the village is worth considering if issues of maintenance and accessibility can be worked out.

Dean Rizzo, vice president of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, asked selectmen this week to hold off selling the Independence Building on South Main Street until the possibility of using the site for rest rooms and a visitor center could be looked into.

Although he couldn't think of other towns with public bathrooms, Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan conceded other towns have more restaurants with rest rooms.

"It's worth exploring," Sullivan said. "But we need to know the associated expenses."

He suggested electronic locks that lock up at dusk might be worth investigating.

Rizzo said he believed Gloucester and Rockport have public rest rooms.

"I will contact them to get ideas on how they handle them," Rizzo said.

"With a visitors' center and rest rooms, we could bring the building back to its original character."

— DEAN RIZZO, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COHASSET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Some local businesses say the lack of rest rooms is a major problem in the village.

Rizzo also sits on the Village Revitalization Task Force which spearheaded the recent effort to obtain a state grant to rebuild the sidewalk that runs below St. Stephen's Church and in front of the Independence Building, currently being used as a Teen Center.

Responding to concerns from Selectman Ronnie McMorris, Rizzo said sidewalk plans include a ramp system into the Independence Building.

He said renovations to the building would fit in nicely with the sidewalk proposal.

"With a visitors' center and rest rooms, we could bring the building back to its original character," he said.

The Independence Building, which served as the police department in the early part of the century, still has the original cells. The Teen Center plans to relocate to the former DPW garage in the town parking lot.

School budget and separation of powers

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

• *See related story on page 5*

School board member Ralph Kidder borrowed a term from political science when he called the division between school board and municipal government responsibilities "the separation of powers." He is not the first to grapple with the complex question of where to draw the line between the school board's authority and the role of other elected officials. The definition of the school board's precise role can be thorny, according to Jan Feldman, a spokeswoman at the state Department of Education.

"It's a real involved question," she said. Basically, the school committee has sole authority for deciding the education spending priorities. The selectmen and the public (at town meeting, for instance) may recommend certain items get increased or decreased. But neither a town meeting vote or a selectman's speech can "limit the school committee's authority," she said.

Nonetheless, the school board still has to work with the money the community gives it. Feldman said the school board's role in the budget process is part of the Education Reform Act of 1993. The law gives school boards a December 1999 deadline to make sure the community's budget meets or beats a spending target established by the state called the "per pupil expenditure."

Selectmen should stay out of school budget, Kidder says

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Veteran school board member Ralph Kidder has blasted the selectmen for meddling in the school department's audit report. The selectmen at a meeting March 2 hashed over some of the questions the audit raised with members of the school board. Kidder, who watched the scene on television, said he the peppering of questions from the selectmen had his school board "colleagues squirming uncomfortably." After that, Kidder, in a brief prepared statement delivered at the March 5 school committee meeting, said the audit was no excuse for the selectmen to dig into the school department's books. He dubbed their "input" to be "improper by law" since the school board has sole authority for education spending.

The audit, conducted by Tucci and Roselli, raised questions about the way money is moved between accounts, or sections, of the school department budget to cover shortfalls when no money is left in an account. It suggested the school board should do more to supervise the deficit money transfers which currently are decided by the superintendent. Kidder did not say the school board should adopt the recommendation. But he did object to explaining budget adjustments to the selectmen. "The school committee is under no obligation to discuss transfers within its operating budget with elected officials," he said.

He also stood by his characterization of the selectmen's deliberations as "arbitrary and capricious." He particularly objected to selectman Diane Sullivan's question about the price the school department paid for tool sharpening.

"I stand by my statement the selectmen were arbitrary and capricious," he said. How else are we to account for Diane Sullivan's asinine question about spending $1500 to sharpen tools?"

Kidder ended his statement by urging the public to "wake up and smell the flowers."

But later Kidder also complimented the selectmen for changing their vote on school spending.

"The board of selectmen deserve credit for coming around," he said. "It was the right thing to do." Kidder said the school committee has to "put the message across" about the schools' needs. He is stepping down next month after nine years on the school committee. Several weeks ago, he vowed to go out fighting for the schools.

Sewer cost overrun a complex issue to spell out

higher than expected in January, sewer commissioners were left scrambling for ways to cover the extra cost without getting mired in another legal battle with the state. The town is under a court order to clean up its septic problems or face hefty state fines.

On March 28, town meeting voters will be asked to approve the additional spending contingent on a positive Prop. 2-1/2 override vote on April 4 which would pick up half the cost of the increase, about $1.3 million. If successful, the override would add about $17 a year to the annual tax bill of a home assessed at $330,000 and keep the 50/50 shared user/town payment plan voted a year ago.

If the override fails, North Cohasset homeowners will pick up the entire cost of the overrun which will translate into about 63 percent of total project's costs. The increase, which would be assessed through betterments, will add about $340 more a year for 20 years to the real estate bill of each affected homeowner.

Sewer commissioners don't expect town meeting to reject the additional appropriation because the money would not come from the tax base.

But at Monday's meeting, a handful of residents said the town should reject the sewer article and force the sewer commission to re-bid phases three and four of the North Cohasset project.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis warned that if town meeting approves the additional spending, the project should not be re-bid. He explained that bidders were asked to extend their bids until after town meeting with the understanding the bid would be awarded. Not to award the bids could open the town up to lawsuits, he said.

But if the town rejects the article asking for additional funding, the project could be re-bid and lumped together with the Central Cohasset project. The $13.4 million Central Cohasset project will upgrade the town's wastewater treatment plant and extend service to about 600 homes not currently on the sewer.

"If town meeting refuses to fund it, that (re-bidding) is an option," DeRensis said. "But that could put us in deep granola with the state."

Phases one and two involve installing mains on all streets in the North Cohasset area, buying into the Hingham pump station, buying capacity in the Hull treatment plant, covering all engineering to date, and installing sewer service to the Straits Pond area, which has been deemed by the state as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). Phases three and four involve hooking the remaining homes in North Cohasset up to the sewer main. North Cohasset homes will be hooked up to the sewer line via a pump system due to the high amount of ledge. This type of hook-up is more complicated and expensive than the gravity system slated for Central Cohasset.

Selectmen tossed around the idea of asking those in phases 3 & 4 to pay for their own hookups.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan asked town engineers for a cost comparison of the town vs. individual homeowners paying for the hookups.

But Selectman Ronnie McMorris warned that those affected homeowners voted for the sewer project last year with the understanding they would be connected to the sewer main.

Sewer commissioner Gary Vanderweil explained state grants are an important part of the project. The "grant equivalent funding" provides 50 percent equivalent grants to hookup homes to the sewer. The town obtains the loan from the state at a favorable interest rate which affected homeowners can repay over 20 years. If homeowners are on their own, they would have to arrange their own financing or pay for the connection estimated at about $12,000 per home up front, he said.

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School budget hearing is on tap tonight

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The school board members are expected Thursday to pull together and back the $8.17 million school budget with a show of unity. Veteran school board member Ralph Kidder said the night would mark the iculminationî of the budget talks ongoing for four months. He doubted the bottom line would change but said the board might adjust spending, based on opinions from teachers, parents and the public. His colleague Joseph McElroy, who has been in the thick of a feud with Kidder, predicted Wednesday the open hearing on education finances will probably not be dull. The public also gets an opportunity to comment after the presentation by schools superintendent Stephen Hart. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. in the AV room at the high school.

Monday, Hart did not answer questions from a Mariner reporter about the upcoming budget talk. He deemed the questions pre-mature in advance of the hearing Thursday. A copy of the budget was available for review in the superintendentís office.

With the public hearing pending, McElroy appeared to soften his opinion of the school boardís financial stewardship. He wrote several position letters to the newspaper editor over the past weeks. In them, he predicted the school committee would fall short of producing a itop-notch budgetî until November 1998. While not changing his forecast, he said in a telephone interview the school department overall has done a good job of building the budget. He said there was still room for improvement and repeated his belief the real improvements are still about a year away.

McElroy based his view on a study of the 1996 and 1997 fiscal years. Because a budgetís success can only be tested in hindsight, he compared the actual paid expenses to the allowances made in the budget. (For instance, if the budget provided $2,800 for high school science classroom materials and only $1,400 was actually spent on the materials, the forecast was not accurate, even though there was no red ink.) He concluded the school budget numbers came closer to the mark than the townís municipal budget for the past two years.

Since the 1998 fiscal year will not end until June 30, this yearís budget (FY99) cannot yet be evaluated so conclusively, however. The budget document Hart will present Thursday shows the prior yearís budget allowance, called the iappropriation,î but not the actual expenditures. The actual expenditures will not be known precisely until July after the books for the fiscal year are closed.

McElroy and Kidder have quarreled openly about a number of technical budget questions over the past weeks. Kidder particularly objected to one letter McElroy wrote. In that letter and in previous ones, McElroy pointed out special education expenses have proved one of the icost driversî in the budget. He has also previously said the school budget should provide for an special education based on past experience.

But Wednesday, McElroy appeared to reverse himself as he defended cuts in this yearís special education budget at the Deer Hill and the Osgood schools. He said those costs followed the student population and reflected known changes to date in the number of students enrolled in special needs programs. McElroy said he agreed with budgeting the next yearís expenses based on the ìlatest estimateî and did not hold the amounts should be increased to match the trend that has seen an eight percent uptick annually. He said that would call for budgeting for the iworst case scenarioî and would be unfair.

The budget overall shows the bulk of the education spending package will go for salaries.

The total Deer Hill School budget now totals $1.6 million compared to the $1.45 million that was proposed earlier. However, that earlier proposal reflected cuts the superintendent asked the principal to make, based on the expectation the town would provide less money for education than the Town Manager ultimately has recommended. The latest draft of the budget for the Deer Hill School, compared to the earlier proposal the principal took before the school board, showed slight to substantial increases in all the items in the summary budget, except for special education which was actually reduced. On the latest increases, for instance, money for library, media and technology almost doubled, going from $49,168 to $98,286. That change reflected the $30,000 the selectmen belatedly agreed to tack onto the school budget. (The Deer Hill teachers had strongly indicated they wanted the extra funding to go towards the library. The teachers wrung a verbal commitment from the school board March 5.) But one other item showed even bigger increases. The maintenance budget better than doubled, climbing from $64,029 to $144,023. Money earmarked for the fourth, fifth and sixth grades jumped $12,000, while other categories had slight adjustments. Only choral music remained the same.

Special education was cut by $30,000 for the Deer Hill School budget.

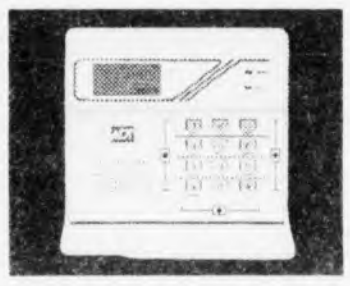
McElroy was confident the adjustment down for special education reflected a genuine change. The $1,000 drop in the special education budget for the Osgood School, for instance, was due to a change in the number of classroom aides, he said. He also said he now was confident the school board Chairwoman Maureen Jerz reached a firm agreement with the Advisory Committee and the Town Manager. In their understanding, the school department will be able to go back to town meeting for extra money for special education.

Jerz did not return a telephone call to the Mariner to discuss the special education situation.

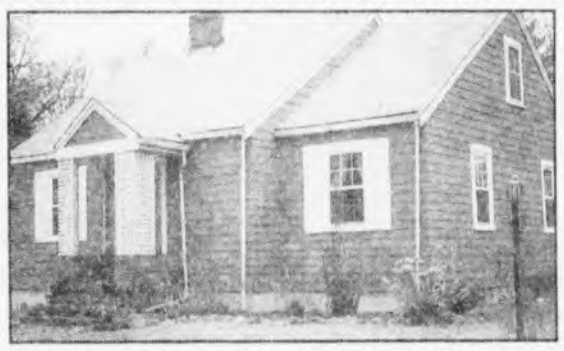
Fewer changes were made to the Osgood budget, compared to previous proposals. The total now comes to $1.6 million. About $32,000 extra went for the first-grade budget on top of the $14,000 increase over last yearís budget suggested earlier. Third grade dropped below last yearís budget numbers, while second grade held on to most of its gains, $12,000 of the $13,000 increase shown earlier. Maintenance showed a big gain, up by $18,000. In the previous budget draft, it inched up by only $325 over the last yearís number. Kidder said he was unsure why the maintenance budget at Deer Hill School was increased so much but thought the Osgood School maintenance budget increase was probably not out of line. Finally, the budget for the middle and high schools rose by roughly $300,000 compared to last year.

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Deadbeat dad running for Cohasset selectman

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court led to a 1992 judgment of paternity against him.

Litchfield, whose son is now 12 years old, claimed she has seldom received payments from Ross. Although the court in 1991 ordered him to pay $50 a week (plus an extra $25 a week on back payments) he never sent the money. The Department of Revenue's child support enforcement division has only occasionally garnished his paychecks. He has avoided the payments by quitting his job when the DOR tracks him down, she said.

A spokeswoman for the DOR confirmed Litchfield's story. Diana Obbard said Ross has established a pattern of providing the state with false information about his employers and his home address. He has also established a pattern of quitting jobs once the state catches up with him.

"We have a thick folder on him," she said. "I cannot tell you how many times we have taken this man to court. There seems to be a determination not to pay."

Obbard said she sympathized with Litchfield. But she said the state has done everything it can to get her child support from Ross.

"He's been jailed for 30 days, and he still wouldn't pay," Obbard said. "We have sent countless wage allowances to his employers. We took his state and federal income tax refunds. But you cannot change someone's character. If someone refuses to work, our hands are tied." She also said the state has largely succeeded making deadbeat dads pay. Of 180,000 child support cases, about 860 are in default currently.

Litchfield said her doubts about the state's success was one of the reasons she came forward now with her story. But with the April 4 town election pending, she wanted to air her doubts about Ross's fitness to serve in town government. She also hoped negative publicity for the state program would draw attention to her plight and the cases of other single parents.

"I am appalled he is running for the board of selectmen," she said. "I'm certainly not naive. I don't believe everyone on the board of selectmen is perfect. But this man blatantly thumbs his nose at state laws. I don't believe an individual like Mr. Ross should be on the board of selectmen."

Litchfield said she has been in court since 1990 in an effort to get Ross to pay the child support. She said she was frustrated with the state because it has been unsuccessful getting him to pay. The state program has "huge problems," due to a lack of staffing, Litchfield said. More negative publicity about the state operation "might get things moving along," she said. Litchfield said Ross has been ordered to pay $85 a week, and $35 of the weekly total is to pay down the amount in arrears. But she has received only three or four payments from Ross through the state. She would have been homeless if her own family had not supported her. Litchfield is now employed as a special education bus driver. She has worked full time since her son was two years old, she said.

Scituate sports center seeks town support

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sidy to keep the cost for its residents down.

Ralph Crossen president of Scituate's CRAG (Citizens Recreation Action Group) told selectmen this week the center would pay for itself through user fees not Scituate tax dollars and would likely be operated by a management company.

Cohasset selectmen said they'd like to hear more.

Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan asked if CRAG was looking for a certain amount of money from Cohasset.

Crossen said some subsidy might keep the membership rate at $500 per family - the same amount proposed for Scituate families. Without subsidy, out-of-town memberships might be double that or $1,000, he said, pointing out that Scituate was supplying the land, financing and the leg work.

Town Manager Mark Haddad plans to get together with Scituate Town Administrator Richard Agnew once the feasibility study is completed in about 30 days.

"The next step is to start a dialog," Haddad said. "Once the feasibility study is done, we can get a better handle on finances."

Joseph McElroy of Windy Hill Road, who was the driving force behind the plan floated last year to enclose the Cohasset Swim Center off Sohier Street to make it a year-round facility, was enthusiastic about Scituate's plans.

"It's a huge, beautiful parcel of land in a perfect location," McElroy said.

He said plans to enclose the swim center at an estimated cost of about $1.2 million will not go forward because of lack of financial support for the project. McElroy planned to raise the money privately. The swim center is a non-profit organization run by a board of trustees.

McElroy said he hopes Cohasset tries to work a deal with Scituate to get subsidized rates for the recreation department and the schools to use the facility.

Lynn Durkin, 40 Hill Road, said a nearby recreational facility would be wonderful because of the travel time youngsters spend getting to skating rinks and pools. The nearest rinks are in Pembroke and Hingham and the pools used are in Duxbury and at UMass Boston in Dorchester.

"This is affecting everyone's family life," she said. "It's an opportunity and we can't afford to miss it."

CRAG will make the same presentation to the Norwell board of selectmen, Crossen said. He added the center would also draw from Marshfield Hills.

"It will be the first regional facility of this type in the area," he said. "It will be something the South Shore can be proud of."

Crossen said the South Shore Seahawks youth hockey program and Cape Cod Gymnastics have expressed interest in renting the new facilities which also will include a theraputic pool, dive tank, community rooms and playing fields.

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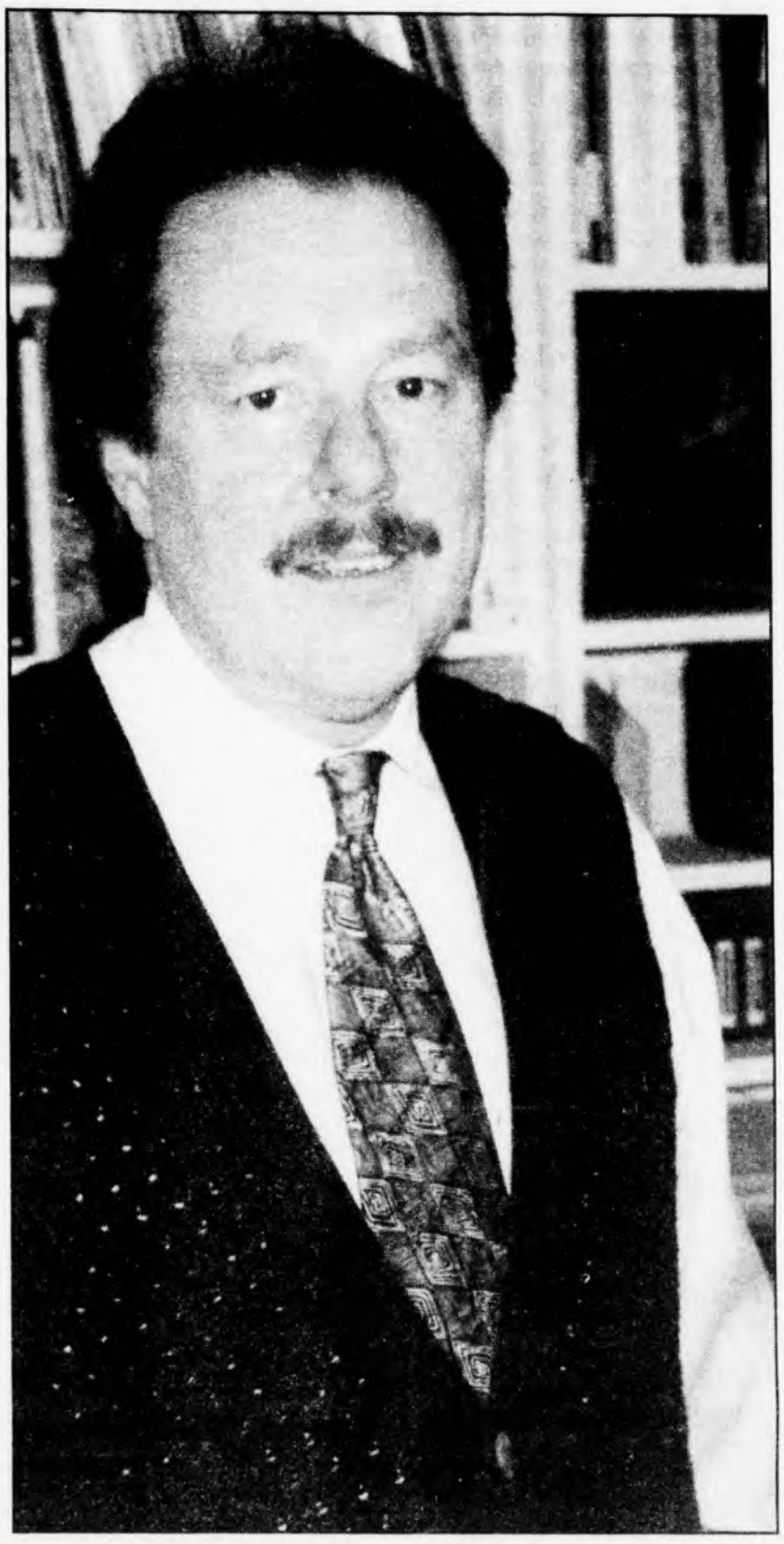
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Rotary Club 1998 phone book plans

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If any residents or businesses would like to add or alter any information currently in the book or if they would like to make a donation they can call Ed Fox at 383-3000. Deadline for ad submission is April 1. For additional information, contact the Cohasset Rotary Club, P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, 02025.

The rotary meets Monday evenings at 6:30 at the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island.

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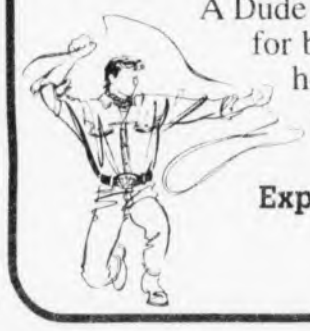
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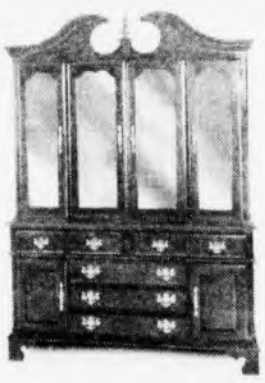
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MEMORIAL FUND SEEKS DONATIONS

Here is something that will be of interest to many local history buffs — the Antoine and Wilson Memorial Fund is seeking donations for the construction of a monument to preserve the significance of the night when two young men and the original Minot Lighthouse were lost to the sea. They are hopeful your special interests might include projects to preserve historical events. Memorializing these two men and the original lighthouse is significant to the history of New England. In 1851, during the worst storm of that century, the light keeper (Capt. Bennett) flagged for a ship to go ashore. His two assistants, Antoine and Wilson, stayed to keep the light burning and the bell ringinig. The storm-tossed see rose to 50 feet. On April 17, about 1 a.m., the lighthouse bell was heard ringing furiously . . . then there was silence. The next morning the sea subsided, but the lighthouse was lost to the ocean, and the two men were lost performing their duty. In an area rich in history and proud of its heritage, two very brave men, Joseph Antoine and Joseph Wilson, have somehow been overlooked for 146 years.

On Government Island, with Bancroft Hall and the Minot Light replica, they will erect a granite monument to these two young men. The monument will be made of solid polished black granite. It will rest on a base designed as a compass rose and constructed with polished black granite, brick and cobblestone. Please send donations, made payable to the Antoine and Wilson Memorial Fund, to Hingham Institution for Savings, 13 Elm St., Cohasset. Be proud to take part in this exciting Cohasset project!

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Kristin Niessink, daughter of Deborah and Jan Niessink, was named to the dean's list for the fall 1997 semester at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vt. Kristin is a junior, majoring in biology, and we congratulate her for all her efforts.

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Call for Entries: The South Shore Art Center announces a Call for Entries for the All New England Color Show. The exhibition is open to all media incorporating color. Entries will be received from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 14 and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 17. Fees are $10 per entry. Jurying will take place on March 20 and the show opens on March 27 with an opening reception from 6-8 p.m. For more information call (781) 383-ARTS.

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An extra performance has been added this year to reduce crowding in Trueblood Hall in the Parish House at 23 North Main St. Opening night is at 8 p.m., Friday, March 20, preceded by a gala buffet at 7 p.m. There will be a repeat buffet and performance at identical times Saturday, March 21 and a matinee performance at 4 p.m., Sunday, March 22. Families and children should know that the adult matinee price is reduced this year.

Ticket information may be obtained from the Parish office at 23 N. Main St., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Call 383-1100 or fax 383-1594.

MAY I PRESENT



Sallyann Chatterton

This is the time of year when we all begin to look for something different to prepare for meals! It seems that our taste buds are tired of the same things each week, to say nothing of our families moaning "Are we having that again?" Try the following, it is a change of pace that everyone will love.

DEVILED STEAK

1-1/2 pounds ground beef
1 cup milk
3 tablespoons finely chopped onion
3/4 cup cracker crumbs
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon mustard
1 tablespoon horseradish
6 strips bacon
6 thin slices sharp cheese

Mix together beef, milk, onion, crumbs and parsley. Blend salt, pepper and mustard, and add with horseradish to beef. Mix thoroughly. Shape lightly into oblong patties (six of them). Wrap a strip of bacon around each and secure with toothpicks. Place in shallow pan. During the last 15 minutes of baking place a slice of cheese on each patty.

With the deviled steak, serve paprika potatoes. You can cook both dishes at the same time, and they really compliment one-another!

PAPRIKA POTATOES

6 large potatoes
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/4 cup melted butter

Wash, peel and slice potatoes 1/8 inch thick. Into greased 2-quart casserole place a layer of potatoes. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and paprika. Repeat until all potatoes are used. Over top of potatoes slowly pour melted butter. Cover tightly.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place patties and potatoes in oven; at the end of 45 minutes baking time, arrange cheese slices on patties and bake 15 minutes longer. Total oven time 60 minutes.

Hope you and yours enjoy it!
— **Sallyann**

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

What ever happened to winter?

One impulse from a vernal wood
May teach you more of man,
Of moral evil and of good.
Then all the sages can.

That's the poet William Wordsworth's paean to the coming of spring, a time when the first croci push their way out of the reborn earth and the first robins return from the Caribbean or wherever it is robins go for the winter.

The sub-freezing cold that grips our cars each frosty morning, the drifting snow that brings out the shovels and snow-blowers, the icy sidewalks that are the bane of our older folks; they're all behind us now.

We have only balmy days to look forward to, mornings on the beach (and don't forget that No. 15 sun screen), afternoons sailing lazily on the bay, evenings in shirtsleeves in the bleachers at Fenway Park rooting for the old town team. We don't do all these things but they are possible.

All this starts Friday, March 20, precisely at 2:55 in the afternoon, the vernal equinox, the day and time when the sun passes over the equator, when the days equal the nights in length, and the promise of more and more sunlight lies ahead.

We, who stand ready to greet the spring in the year 1998, have only one question: What to heck ever happened to winter?

Since the first of the year, by the National Weather Service count, only 22 inches of snow has fallen in the South Shore area. Shoot, more than that has descended in one fell swoop in the old days. We called them "blizzards."

Not that we're complaining, but we haven't had a decent blizzard since January 1996, and before that March of 1993 and before that February, 1978, the winter storm by which the younger generation measures all others.

Since the first of the year, again by National Weather Service count, the temperature has been a cumulative total of 329 degrees above the average winter, at times even threatening to all time high for the day. That's the South Shore, not Miami Beach.

Some blame El Nino, the warm trans-Pacific current that appears periodically around Christmastime and disrupts normal weather patterns. Others tend to blame Bill Clinton, but that's another story for another time.

And all that leads to another question — can we enjoy spring as much as usual when we don't even remember winter? Maybe not, but at 2:55 p.m. Friday we're sure going to try.

—Tom Henshaw

Tom Henshaw is a staff writer for the Weymouth News, one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.

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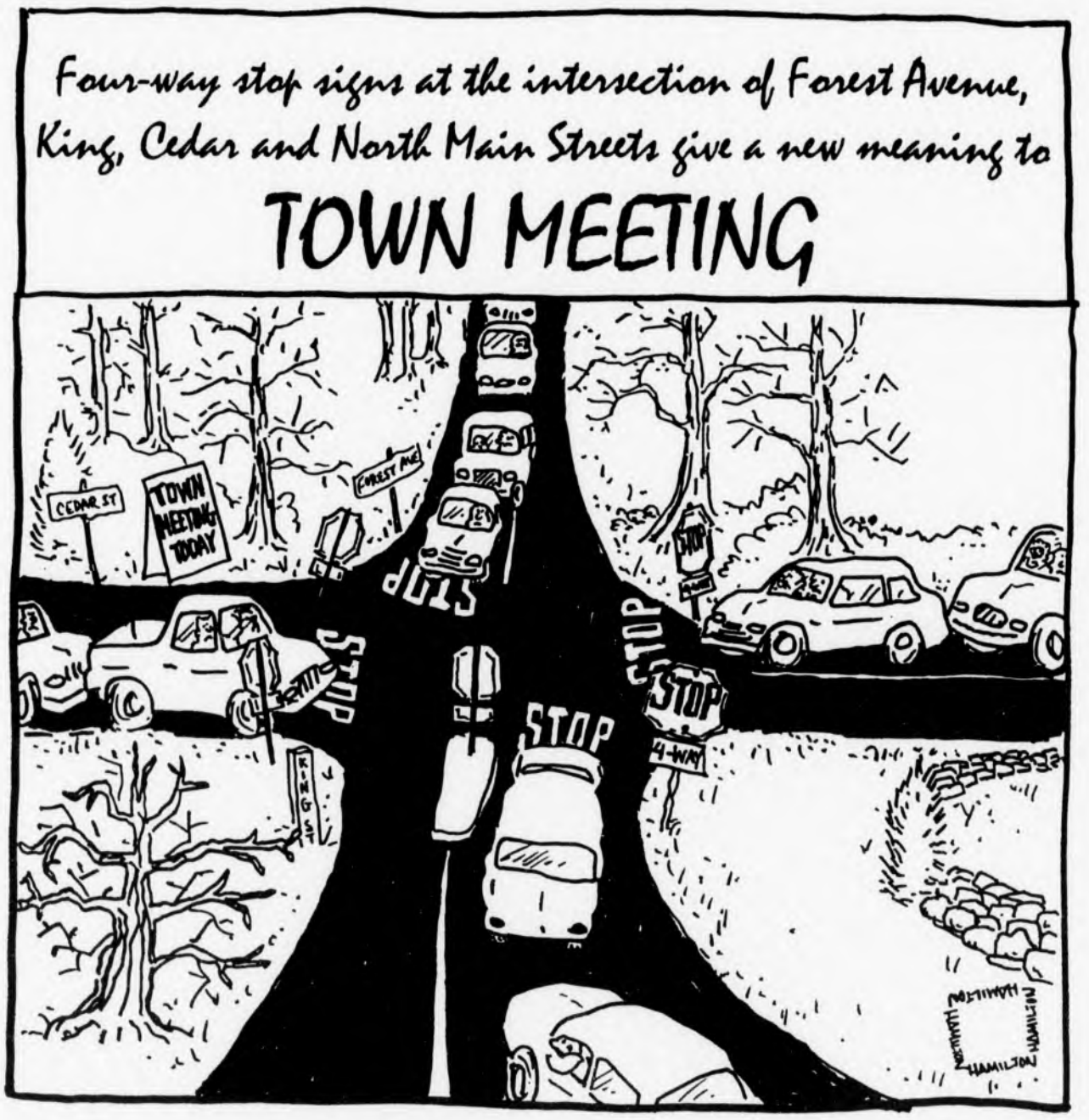
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LETTERS

Love, support appreciated

To the Editor:

The Garber family would like to thank our friends and neighbors for all their love and support during our most difficult time.

Helene Garber
Fair Oaks Lane

Kidder responds to McElroy

To the Editor:

I have been privileged to serve as a member of the Cohasset School Committee for nearly nine years. In all that time, despite vigorous disagreements on matters of principle and policy, I have never publicly criticized one of my colleagues. But as the songster so aptly put it, "all good things must end some day."

Four points from Joe McElroy's March 12 letter to the Cohasset Mariner illustrate that he can be characterized most charitably as a loose cannon on the School Committee who does not seem to understand the concept of team work and who persists in demonstrating publicly and privately his lack of understanding, his disregard of facts and his apparently insatiable need to hear himself speak, all to the detriment of the Cohasset Public Schools:

1) Mr. McElroy asserts that "if we are to compete with charter and private schools, we must compensate based on merit — not longevity." While a laudable goal which I have supported for years (and introduced in negotiations with the teacher's union), and while a typical McElroy sound bite, this assertion ignores reality. Public school teachers are unionized. No one and especially not someone who in 10 months has alienated so many teachers — can unilaterally impose merit-based compensation. This assertion demonstrates Mr. McElroy's fundamental misunderstanding of the collective bargaining process.

2) Mr. McElroy says he "strongly objects" to the salary reserve section of the school budget and implies that a secret cabal with evil intentions made "pay increase decisions" during a "seven-week hiatus in school committee meetings" last summer. First, this assertion demonstrates Mr. McElroy's complete lack of understanding of the salary reserve, which is nothing more than a sum of money set aside each year to grant pay increases to non-union employees. Second, this assertion also demonstrates that Mr. McElroy is clueless about the Education Reform Act of 1993, which charges superintendents, not School Committee members, with responsibility for granting such pay increases. Third, where was Mr. McElroy while all of these dastardly deeds allegedly were being done since he was, after all, a member of the School Committee last summer? Finally, I deeply resent Mr. McElroy's implication that something nefarious was occurring. I'll pit my integrity against his any day.

3) The School Committee has in all my years as a member cooperated fully with the Selectmen, the Advisory Committee and this year with the new Town Manager. If such were not the case, this town would have been faced with the prospect of several Town Meeting floor fights and Proposition 2-1/2 override elections over the last five or six years to provide additional (and some would argue appropriate) levels of funding for the schools. Instead, each year, your town leaders have found common ground and have come before you with compromise positions that all boards have supported. However, cooperation does not and should not mean kow-towing, especially when several of our selectmen persist in disregarding their legally mandated role. The "separation of powers" which I advocate, and which Mr. McElroy clearly does not understand, is a concept fundamental to the operation of local governments in Massachusetts, namely that the elected members of the School Committee have the legal and fiduciary duty to oversee spending by the school department, while no other boards have any rights or obligations in this matter, especially with respect to within-budget transfers.

4) Mr. McElroy states that he "has chosen to make public my concerns because the School Committee has never voted on our budget." Of course the School Committee

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Last week's question:

Some elected board members have never seen an executive session they didn't like. Others are circumventing the law by holding working sessions without quorums so meetings don't have to be posted.

Is the Opening Meeting Law something to be embraced or avoided?

SELECTMAN/Rocco F. Laugelle

The Open Meeting Law is a good law and I support it. It's there to protect the people and to make sure that they know what is going on in their government.

I would also like to make a few comments on the use of call firefighters. Trained call firefighters are important in that they provide needed support to the permanent men. Until a better way is found to for the permanent men to meet all the needs of the department and the town, the call firefighters should stay in place.

SELECTMAN/Tom Callahan

Of course the law should be adhered to. That said, the use of subcommittees and working groups is not problematic, per se, but like anything else, becomes so if abused. Sometimes, the details of complicated issues are best sifted through by a few board members. Division of labor on a busy board provides advantages in getting all issues addressed in a timely manner. On the Conservation Commission, we have used such tools occasionally. However, we have always strictly followed some basic rules: 1) the place and time of the subgroup's meeting should be announced and be open to the public (unless properly appropriate for executive session), b) the sub-group can never make a binding decision for the full board and c) the work of any sub-group is fully reported to and ratified by the full board. My view is that sub-groups should be used only as an administrative convenience in dealing with complex issues, and never as a substitute for full-board action, never outside the control of the full board and unless appropriate for executive session, never in secret. It is simply a matter of following the law in any meeting context, quorum or no quorum. To avoid any misunderstanding of these simple rules and the law, and to the extent we have any current abuse, I suggest having town officials, citizens and the press take part in a refresher course on the law offered by town counsel or the DA's office, and repeat that training every so often.

SELECTMAN/Martha Gjesteby

The Open Meeting Law must be followed. It is the law, Chapter 39, Section 23b, of Massachusetts general law. The law requires open discussion and decisions of all sub-committees and full board meetings.

The few areas when executive sessions may be held are: competence of an individual other than professional, discipline or dismissal of public employees, strategy of collective bargaining or litigation if the town might be harmed, security devices, discussion of real property acquisition when negotiation might be compromised, criminal misconduct complaints, provisions of state and federal grant in aid requirements, preliminary screening of applicants for employment by subcommittees and meeting with mediators in regard to litigation or decision.

All minutes of meetings shall be made available to the public detailing action, time, date and those present. Meetings should be held at convenient times and locations for the public to attend. The supervisor of records requires all regular meeting minutes and correspondence to a committee released in 10 days or less upon request.

I am a strong advocate of the right of the people to know how a town does its business. Democracy is in peril if candidates for town election must be asked about the Open Meeting law as a question of the week.

SELECTMAN/Merle S. Brown

I strongly believe in the open meeting law.

As you know, I have not always agreed on going into executive session. However, the law, like most laws, is often hard to interpret. There is a fine line between what is executive, and what is not. There are eight different criteria to call an executive session.

1. To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health of an employee.
2. To consider the discipline or dismissal of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer or employee.
3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation.
4. To discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices.
5. To investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to discuss the filing of criminal complaints.
6. To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.
7. To comply with the provisions of any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements.
8. To consider and interview applicants for employment by a preliminary screening committee.

These eight criteria are a very short version of the law and do not show all the complexities that go into what is, or is not, executive session material. I firmly believe that the selectmen sincerely want to conform to the law and have gone into executive session only when they felt it was in the best interest of the town and those involved.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Mark DeGiacomo

I believe that the Open Meeting Law is very important and must be understood and respected by town officials and the press. The Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. c.29 Section 23B) is quite specific concerning what can be discussed outside of a posted meeting and what can be discussed during an executive session. As an attorney and chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeal, I have always conducted ZBA meetings in strict conformity with the Open Meeting Law. During the 14 years I have served on the Zoning Board of Appeal, no one has ever claimed that we have acted in a violation of this statute. During my tenure, the only time the ZBA ever went into executive session was for the specific purpose of meeting with Town Counsel concerning pending litigation.

While strict adherence by public officials to the Open Meeting Law is very important, it is also important that the press understand what the Open Meeting Law is and what it is not. An allegation that a board has violated this statute is a very serious matter and should be made only by persons who are very familiar with the statute and are fully informed concerning the facts surrounding any alleged violation. There are times when executive sessions are absolutely necessary in order to protect the best interests of the town. Members of the press should be vigilant but they should not automatically assume that every executive session is being called merely to hide something from them.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Hugh Morgan

It is terribly important that elected officials encourage public participation if we are to have participatory local government. It may cause longer meetings, but the deliberations will reflect thoughtful consideration and greater consensus. An executive session may be justified to protect a person's legitimate concerns for privacy or because legal implications may necessitate. However, the Open Meeting Law has repeatedly been "fine-tuned" by court challenges. The law protects personal privacy while respecting the public's rights. The Open Meeting Law is part of a legal triangle whose other footings are the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act.

If elected, I would totally respect the aforementioned statues. Of curse, there are situations that necessitate a judgment call. In those instances, I would place my confidence in the public and vote against going into executive session.

A recent example of where I would have handled things differently is the Sept. 20 School District Strategic Planning Meeting. Only four or five hours were available to cover a very broad agenda. However, the public didn't need to be excluded. The superintendent and school committee could have asked for written questions and comments and provided answers following the meeting.

It's not fair to ask the public to appropriate a town budget approximating $16,000,000 without the fullest opportunity for public comment.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

For the benefit of all involved, the Open Meeting Law must be unquestionably and without hesitation embraced, and to avoid problems, astringently practiced by both our elected officials and members of the public.

As stated in "A Guide to Open Meetings" written for the League of Women Voters by Mary Adelstein, "Open meetings may increase public understanding of governmental actions, (and) make officials, both elected and appointed, accountable to the public for the actions they take."

The Open Meeting Law applies to and should be practiced within every meeting of most public bodies. There are a few exceptions, however. In regard to the comment that "some officials never met an executive session they didn't like," it must be understood that there are seven reasons for holding executive session which closes the meeting to public access. They can be translated into the following activities: hiring and evaluation, consideration of reputation; character and heath; firing and disciplinary action; litigation; collective bargaining; purchase of real estate; security measures; investigation of criminal complaints and other laws. Field trips, conventions and workshops are also exempt from the law.

Like so many other laws, The Open Meeting Law is understandably long on its procedures, applications and exceptions. It is, therefore, my feeling that all elected officials should become educated to the law. To assist the public at large, an open meetings guidebook should be made available at every meeting. This practice, if not already in place, would allow for a quick consultation and answer should the question of a meeting arise.

SEWER COMMISSION/ Patrick A. Plante

To answer your question, is the Open Meeting Law something to be embraced or avoided, it is very clear to me that Section 23B of the Open Meeting Law clearly states the mandate of what is legal at every meeting of a governmental body.

As each new member is elected to a board, the board chairman should be responsible for circulating copies of the Open Meeting Law, so that sitting members, as well as newly-elected members, are fully aware of all the rules and regulations set forth in this law.

As a candidate for sewer commission, I would like to add another dimension to Open Meetings. Board Meetings in the Town of Cohasset should be scheduled at a convenient hour in order to accommodate a large number of our residents. It is inconsiderate for the Sewer Commission to post monthly meetings for 6 p.m. — when a large number of working men and women driving back home to Cohasset from their out-of-town places of employment are still held up in traffic!

SEWER COMMISSION/ Henry Rattenbury

As far as I can remember, the Sewer Commission has never had an executive session on its own, although the Commissioners have met in executive session with the Boards of Selectmen and Health with regard to pending litigation with the state.

The part of the question dealing with minority working committees does not apply to the Sewer Commission because two members constitute a quorum. I have observed, however, that minority working subcommittees of five- or six-member boards are efficient and effective on matters such as the interviewing of candidates for a town position.

HEALTH BOARD/Steve Bobo

The effectiveness of a board is in the melding of the unique skills and talents of its members. Meaningful discourse about the town's problems can lead to good solutions. Such discussions are appropriately done out of the

STEVE BOBO PAGE 12

Next week's questions:

For school committee candidates:
Separation of powers. Do you think selectmen are overstepping their bounds by trying to micro-manage the school budget?

For selectmen candidates:
As chief executive officers of the town, do selectmen have a role in the school budget process?

For the health board:
What is the biggest challenge facing the health board in its dealings with Cohasset Heights Landfill?

For sewer commission candidates:
Bids for North Cohasset were 45 percent higher than expected. What can the sewer commission do to make sure history doesn't repeat itself when Central Cohasset goes out to bid?

Responses must be received my 2 p.m., Monday. Answers, which must be limited to 250 words or less, may be faxed to 741-2931 or dropped off at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham at 73 South St. Call 741-2933 with questions.

CANDIDATES' CORNER



Carol A. Riley

Riley running for library trustee term

Carol A. Riley is running for a two-year term for trustee of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Carol and Bob Riley have been Jerusalem Road home owners since 1976. Two sons graduated from the Cohasset public school system: Mike is now a senior at Duke University; Brian is a sophomore at Providence College.

A California native and a B.A. graduate in English from California State University at Los Angeles, Carol is a former Pan American Airways stewardess and also former director of Television/Radio Publicity for the J. Walter Thompson Company, New York. She served on the Executive Board of the Cohasset PSO in charge of fundraising, publicity and special events. She was treasurer of the Cohasset Hockey Boosters and was chief photographer for the Cohasset Gridiron Club for three years. She has been on the Board of the Cohasset Social Service League since 1994. Riley has been in charge of recruiting blood donors for the Red Cross Blood Drives for 14 years. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library in charge of publicity since 1995, is currently vice-president of that group, has also worked at library book sales and been a volunteer at the front desk of the library for three years.

Riley's goals for the library are to expand the physical facilities of the building to include handicap ease of access; work with the trustees and director for better space utilization; better display of topical reading materials; ease of internet/computer use; better communication with patrons of the library as to wants/needs; increase size of collection, including audio and video; and publicize amenities and new acquisitions to Cohasset residents.



Jamie Williams

Williams to run for library trustee

Jamie Williams, a resident of Cohasset, has announced her candidacy to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Library Trustees, which has a two-year unexpired term.

"I have always been an avid library user and am now in a position to commit the time and energy to pay the library back for the many services it has so generously provided to me."

Williams received her undergraduate degree from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in 1977, and continued her study in Business Administration at Suffolk University in Boston. She was employed as a communications specialist at NYNEX for 11 years before resigning to be at home with her family.

She, her husband Robert, and their two sons, David and Colby, reside on Surry Drive.

Chamber candidates' night

Chamber candidates' night will be held from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, March 24 in the Second Congregational Church, Cohasset.

You are invited to participate in this live debate with the candidates for local town elections.

Come and as questions that are important to you and our community. Each candidate will be given a couple of minutes to explain their views and then we will open the forum up to questions from you, the citizens and business community of Cohasset.

They hope you will join and support this public participation process.

Election supper is March 26

Come meet Cohasset candidates running for office at the Beechwood Congregational Church at 6:30 p.m., March 26. Then enjoy dinner prepared by the church. Tickets are $6.99 for adults and $3.50 for children and should be reserved by calling 383-1298.

Question Of The Week

Steve Bobo

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public spotlight, and may be done at unscheduled meetings. Lack of a quorum is just another way of saying that decisions affecting the public may be discussed, but decisions may not be made. On the other hand, scheduled meetings are one of the tools the system uses to help run things in an orderly way. When board members make decisions affecting townspeople, the meetings should be open. And since those appearing at scheduled meetings have taken the trouble to attend, it's patronizing and unfair when they are denied the right to listen. Public officials should bend over backward to keep scheduled meetings open.

LETTERS

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has not yet voted this year's budget. Why? Because it is illegal to vote the budget until a public hearing (scheduled for March 19) is held. Does Mr. McElroy not know this? Or is he using this as a smoke screen to obfuscate the real reasons for his rambling, inaccurate and ultimately harmful public diatribe?

I stand by my prior remarks — Mr. McElroy in his current iteration is a detriment to the Cohasset Public Schools. Perhaps he will grow into the job. But parents and other taxpayers ought to remain vigilant to be sure that he does.

Ralph D. Kidder
2 Cushing Rd.

Truly a community effort

To the Editor:

The Red Cross wishes to thank all those involved in the Cohasset community blood drive held Jan. 14 for making it a success. Congratulations and thanks to the 95 individuals who arrived that day to "give the gift of life:" Bill Adams, Connie Afshar, Karen Aherne, Dick Avery, Sandra Bailey of Hingham, Clyde Baker, Gloria Bamford of Scituate, Janice Batts, George Baumgarten, Robert Beggan, Victoria Berger, Ann Berman of Hull, Evelyn Beveridge, Michael Bleakie, Dorian Brady, David Brown of North Weymouth, Beverley Burgess, Fraser Cameron, Jack Cibelli, Shirley Cibelli, Joseph Coggins, Joseph Curley, Joshua Cutler of Hull, Retta Dwyer, Gerry Earle, Pam Earle, Louis Eaton Jr., Lily Emanuello, Grace Evans, Elaine Fahey, John Flanagan, Verdella Fletcher, Crispian G. Flood, Donald W. Ford of North Scituate, Ed Fox, Stephen Gammon of Scituate, Galt Grant, Ken Greer, Elmer Hartnett of Scituate, Jane Higgins of Scituate, Margaret Hillman, Mike Hubley, Stephen Ingram, John Irwin, Elizabeth Jordan, Edward Karcher, Angelina Kelley, William and Debbie Ketchum, Diana Kornet, James Lavigne, John Magruder, Ken Maitland, Melissa Matchett of Plymouth, Steve Maynard, Eleanor McCann of Rockland, David McCarthy, Robert Meegan of Scituate, Ann Mitchell, Laurence Mitchell, Clifford Mitman, Charles Mundhenk of Hingham, Corey Mundhenk of Hull, F. Wisner Murray, Ann Musto, Michael Myers, John Norris of North Scituate, Geoffrey Nothnagle, Kevin O'Connor, Robert O'Hayre, Kathleen O'Leary, Charles Peterson Jr., Jack Reynolds, Carol Riley, Virginia Riley, Rev. Gary Ritts, Wayne Robbins, Brian Rossi, Ken Roth, Matthew Salerno, Aaron Sawchuk, Wayne Sawchuk, R. Lawrence Shultz, Richard Silvia, Harry StOnge, Mark StOnge, Joan Sullivan, Rev. Elizabeth Tarbox, Helene Thornton, Hubert Vanderlugt, Daniel Volungis, John Walsh of Marshfield, Judith Ward and Susan Watrous.

The Red Cross and the Cohasset community would especially like to recognize the following active donors who have donated blood more than 80 times through the Cohasset community blood drive: Louis F. Eaton (121) the most prolific supporter in Cohasset, Bob Beggan (89), Wayne Robbins (83) and John Glutting (82). Just as impressive was the appearance of Caroline Cameron, a sophomore at Cohasset High School, to donate her first time. She brought along her dad, Fraser, who donated, but was herself just under the minimum age of 16 required by the Red Cross. She wasn't able to give blood this time but promised to be back again after her next birthday.

In addition to all those heroes listed above, there were many others generous with their time who organized the event, called or organized prospective donors to schedule appointments and many people who worked the day of the Blood Drive to help with registration, the canteen and as donor escorts. These included: Bill Adams, Bob Barrows, Mary Brennock, Vernita Bryant, Marcia Coe, Corinne Cahill, Ruth Delay, Retta Dwyer, Tony Finnegan, Loise Flint, Karen and Steve Gammon, Jean Higgins, Ozzie Ingraham, Patsy Leggat, Harold Litchfield, Jane Marsh, Mary McElroy, Janet MacLure, Ann O'Connor, Kevin O'Connor, Maggie O'Connor, Al Odermatt, Carol Riley, Virginia Riley, Wayne Robbins, Joan Trask and Jen Vacca. Our youngest group of volunteers from the Girl Scouts helped out at nearly every blood drive providing baby sitting for parents with young children. Girl Scouts this time included: Caitlin Condon, Kristen James, Kerry Long and Rachel McElroy.

The Red Cross welcomes any new individuals who are able to donate blood, any organizations which would like to work with the Cohasset community blood drive to organize their own donors for each blood drive and, of course, volunteers to help on or before the day of each blood drive. Please call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 383-1290. The next blood drive will take place in June. As you can see, it is truly a Cohasset community effort, so please offer whatever help you can for this life-giving activity.

Kevin O'Connor
for the Cohasset Community
Blood Drive

Disappointed at shrillness of letters

To the Editor:

As a graduate, parent of graduates, long-ago member of management and long-time observer of the Cohasset school system, I offer a few observations on the current exchange of rather disagreeable letters to the editor:

* On the basis of performance of its products over the years, the schools seem to have done a pretty good job in a period of changing times~ interests and requirements. I haven't noted any consistent, persistent, documented complaint on this score, which would seem to be the ultimate objective.

* In the matter of costs, relative to the expectations of a concerned constituency, the system doesn't seem wildly out of line...usually quite in keeping with comparable communities. This is not to say that some economies, especially those not affecting the objective of education, may always be possible.

* As to teachers' salaries, these, like those of employees everywhere, are subject to the marketplace, like it or not. This applies whether or not a union is involved, although that conditions the salary-setting process and its implementation. Again Cohasset seems in line. There is often some eye-opening and conditioning apparent in new committee members.

* Further to teachers' compensation, "merit salary" has long been a rallying cry of neophytes. Several facts obtain: given different teaching styles and great variety among their clients, teacher evaluation is a subjective, imprecise process; moreover there is always quiet, subtle teacher evaluation going on within the bounds of staff harmony, which itself is an important management concerni and one or two less than spectacular teachers in a child's lifetime can do little harm...may even do some good.

All of this to express disappointment at the shrillness of the current letter writing.

Osborne F. Ingram
274 Beechwood St.

Coffee for Pat Martin

A Coffee will be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 25 for school committee candidate Pat Martin. The Coffee will be hosted by Rita Poh and Catherine Davis at Catherine's home on 52 Linden Drive.

Pat's final Coffee will be hosted by Andrea Kinnealey from 9:30-10:30 a.m., April 1 at her home on 37 Elm St.

Anyone interested in meeting Pat is welcome to attend. If there are any questions regarding these events you can call Janyce Brown at 383-9828.

SAFE candidates' night tonight

S.A.F.E. will sponsor its annual candidates forum at 7:30 p.m. on March 19 at the Lightkeeper's Residence on Government Island.

Candidates for the offices of selectmen, board of health and sewer commission have been invited to discuss their qualifications and their positions on important issues facing the town of Cohasset. The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions and also talk informally with candidates following the formal presentation.

All voters are welcome and encouraged to attend.

DEP is investigating Cohasset Heights violations

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is investigating two separate cases in which the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill either allegedly overfilled the facility or placed refuse in an unpermitted area.

The zoning board of appeals is considering whether to take action against CHL for dumping a 7,800 square-foot pile of refuse in an area of the landfill not permitted for dumping. And the health board has taken under advisement revelations that CHL may have overfilled the legally permitted portion of the landfill with as much as 280 million pounds of excess material. DEP is also investigating both matters.

"We are investigating, and have been doing so for several months," said Edward MacDonald, DEP's regional engineer for waste prevention in the northeast region. "I am not at liberty to discuss these matters since they involve potential enforcement action."

Currently, CHL is embroiled in several matters that could ultimately lead to enforcement by local or state officials. All of the violations were discovered by John K. McNabb Jr., vice president of the anti-landfill group SAFE (Stop Any Further Expansion). McNabb said it's not too hard to find a CHL violation.

"If you can't find a violation by CHL, then you're not really looking," McNabb said.

The zoning board is considering two appeals by CHL of cease and desist orders issued by Building Inspector Robert Egan.

Egan issued a cease and desist order On Jan. 12 ordering CHL to shut down because former landfill owner James Tyeryar did not file a special permit issued by the zoning board with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. CHL owner Paul Barry also did not file the permit after he purchased the landfill.

The special permit to operate a landfill was issued by the zoning board in 1976, but Tyeryar never filed it with the county. Under state law, special permits take effect only after being filed with the county clerk.

Egan ruled that CHL is in violation of the town's 1986 Water Resource District Bylaw, which prohibits any landfill from operating in the district unless it was in lawful operation before enactment of the law. A large portion of the landfill sits in the district.

The second violation came last November when McNabb discovered that CHL had placed refuse in an area of the facility not approved for landfilling.

On Jan. 29, Egan issued a second cease and desist order against CHL for placing refuse in the unapproved section, Area IV-B, and ordered the removal of all refuse.

One of CHL's owners, Paul Barry, admitted placing the refuse in Area IV-B, but said it was placed there accidentally, and that the material had been capped in 1989 when landfilling ceased in that part of the facility.

CHL appealed Egan's decision, saying it could not remove the refuse without approval from DEP and the health board because of possible environmental damage. CHL officials claim they are awaiting instructions from DEP and the health board.

Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said McNabb recently appealed the building inspector's decision not to fine CHL for failing to remove the refuse in Area IV-B.

CHL attorney Anton Moehrke said all the violations have been brought about by a group that exists solely to shut down the CHL landfill.

"CHL has been called to task for a number of things that we're not really happy about," Moehrke said. "We've admitted to mistakes when we were wrong."

Moerhke said SAFE is using public resources to accomplish its private goal to shut down CHL.

Moehrke added that in some instances, like the material placed in Area IV-B, all environmental procedures were followed and the material was placed on a proper liner.

Cohasset Heights goes after town landfill

Officials from the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill will meet with the conservation commission tonight to discuss alleged environmental abuses at the town's landfill.

CHL attorney Anton Moehrke said the town has initiated numerous actions against CHL while ignoring wetlands violations and scattered garbage at the town's facility. CHL has appeared before the conservation commission on past occasions complaining about the town's alleged lack of action against its own landfill. Moehrke said the town has a double-standard in which it goes after CHL for every violation while ignoring violations at the town's facility.

"There is garbage strewn all across the area, and two-to-three feet of silt in the wetlands," Moehrke said. "And we can't seem to get local environmental agencies, like the conservation commission and the health board, interested in these violations."

Moehrke added that there is an issue of equity at stake. The town should not have two separate but unequal standards for landfills. He also took the anti-landfill group SAFE (Stop Any Further Expansion) to task for constant attacks on CHL but no demonstrated interest in violations at the town landfill.

"This group turns its back on an outrageous set of violations at the town landfill and disavows the environmental consequences," Moehrke said.

But John K. McNabb Jr., vice president of SAFE, countered that the town landfill is closed and operating only as a transfer facility. McNabb said CHL is open and still accepting refuse and still committing violations. He also pointed out that CHL is in the Water Resource District and poses a threat to the town's water drinking supply, while the town landfill is not in the district.

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Red Lion Inn hires new construction team

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The owner of the Red Lion Inn, Gerd Ordelheide, has hired a new architect. He made the move after the planning board March 11 once again found fault with the plans. According to general manager Joseph Dooley, Ordelheide has signed up a whole new team to help restore and expand the historic building in the village. He said Wednesday architect Peter Niemintz of Boston has taken over the plans and will guide the project through the design phase. Tish Gardner of Shawmut Construction, also of Boston, has become the construction manager. Dooley also said the project is definitely going forward. The owner is "very excited" about the new team and determined "more than ever" to get the project off the ground.

The Red Lion has been an inn since the 1700's, according to David Wadsworth of the Cohasset Historical Society. He deemed the building, which dates from 1704, one of the most significant historic places in the town. Though once considered the jewel of the village, the inn at 71 South Main St. has lost much of its luster to neglect. Ordelheide's hopes to restore it are viewed as potential inspiration for the rest of the downtown, according to planning board members Robert Sturdy and Chairman Al Moore.

Yet Moore and Sturdy were at odds for much of the public hearing, as they differed on the importance of the gap between their expectations and the drawings supplied by the architect. Sturdy, who admitted he was hungry and wanted to go home at the start of the meeting, eventually dug into the plans, pointing out the flaws with gusto.

"You can't come in here with unfinished plans," he said. "You have given us shreds of information that are incomplete. Don't waste our time. That is not a proper drawing. That is a working sketch."

But Moore reminded his colleague the main problems were due to formal details, such as printing the name, date, and revision numbers on the drawings. He also said he saw "no insurmountable problems" with the plan as drawn but agreed a parking plan with lighting would have to be provided. Using an analogy about a sack of potatoes, Moore tried to explain the dilemma for the board.

"We seem to be a way apart, but we are not far apart. There are times when people try to fit 20 pounds of potatoes in a 15 pound sack. That is not the case here. None of the issues has to do with the feasibility or practicality of the plan." He said he would be concerned if neighbors were against the project. But those who came to the public hearing supported Ordelheide. For instance, Marie Price of 85 South Main St. said she liked the drawings and was happy about the restoration. Finally, Moore said the only problem for the board was being prudent. If they approved the plan based on a verbal understanding with Ordelheide, they would have a problem if the property changed hands.

Ultimately, the planning board held out for a complete set of drawings. They continued the public hearing on the renovation until March 25. Their move disappointed Ordelheide who hoped he would be through with the town bureaucracy last week. He was plainly upset over questions raised by Sturdy who repeatedly complained "not enough effort" had gone into the drawings.

At one point, after a testy scolding from Sturdy, he seemed to be fed up.

"I'm getting it up to here," he said, touching his brow. "I want to get going."

Dooley said later Ordelheide was "totally embarrassed" by the architect's failure to complete the checklist supplied by the town's civil engineer.

"We were expecting to pull permits after the meeting March 11," Dooley said. "The architect was supposed to have the plans complete. But nothing was done."

Seventh Annual Appalachia Yard Sale—April 4

As the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project gears up for its eleventh trip to help upgrade the homes of poor families in Appalachia, they eagerly approach their next fund-raiser: the Seventh Annual ASP Yard Sale. With 84 teenagers, 30 adult and 12 potential college students, the group has reached an all-time high of 126 volunteers who will be traveling to West Virginia from June 27 through July 5.

The yard sale will take place on Voting Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 4 at the Second Congregational Church, right next door to the polling location (Town Hall). Items—no clothing, please—may be donated by bringing them to the church from Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3, just prior to the sale. Pick up of heavier items can be arranged by calling us at 383-0345, faxing 383-7005 or E-mailing scc@dreamcom.net. And don't forget to come by and purchase those special treasures you simply must have—and at such a good price!

ASP volunteers are also around to take stock of your orders. Buying a share of stock in Cohasset ASP, at the cost of $20, is a special way to support a specific volunteer as well as the project itself. For each share purchased, further benefits also come your way. Contact the church to buy a share or request a list of the 126 volunteers. Also, watch for us behind the scenes at Cohasset Rotary Club's annual Road Race by the Sea.


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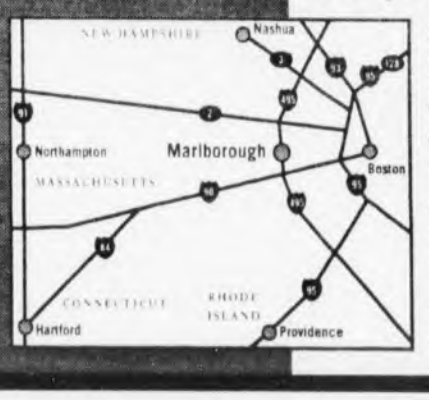
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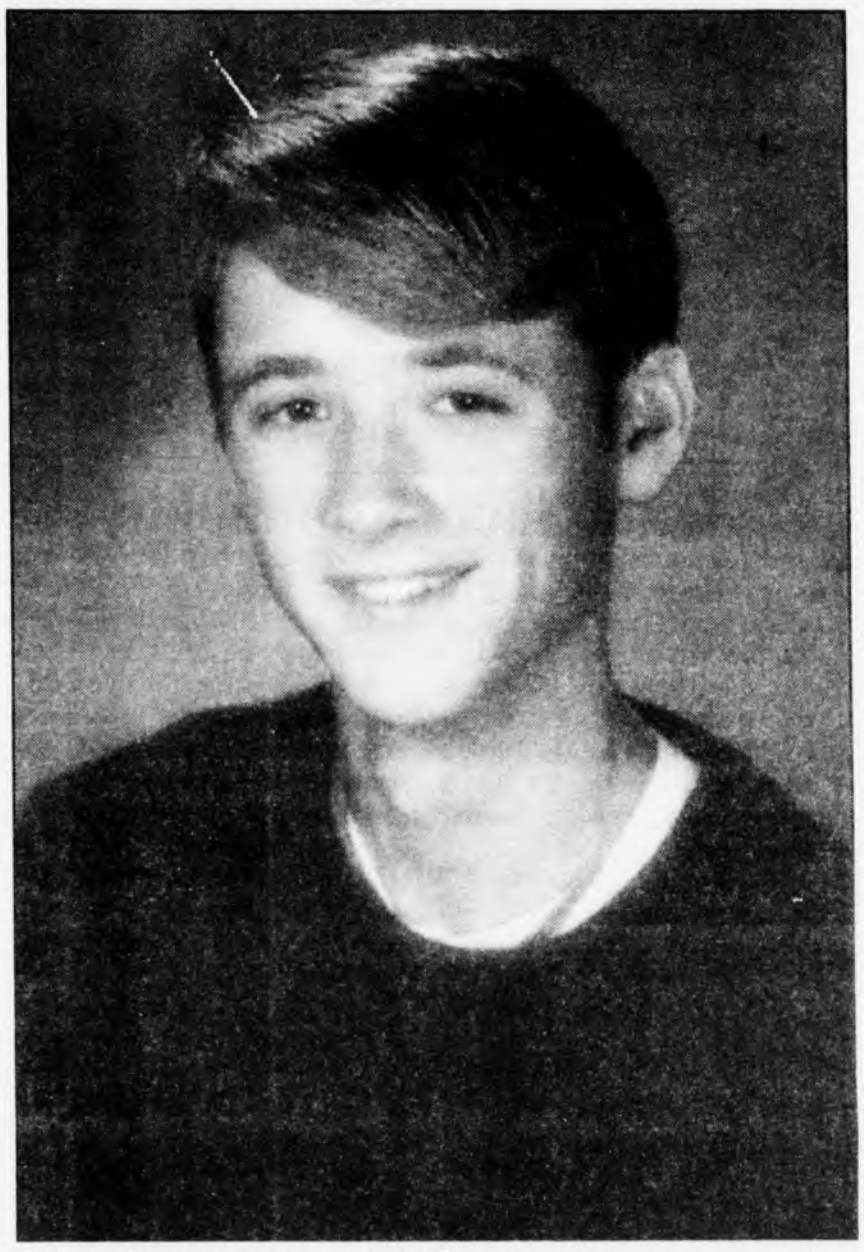
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SPORTS

COHASSET MARINER

Flanagan excels as CHS' easy rider



CHS varsity soccer player Josh Flanagan is also a veteran of another sport. He's currently ranked as the #2 mountain biker in New England in the under-18 division.

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

With about 47 teams competing at Cohasset Middle/High School, it's easy to overlook individual sports which may not be considered mainstream.

However, especially, in a year in which only one Cohasset team (field hockey) has managed a tournament appearance, it is sometimes the athletes who don't compete in the popular team sports that offer the most interesting stories.

It was with this in mind that swimmer Greg Bilton was profiled in this space two weeks ago and that we take a look at mountain biker Josh Flanagan this week.

Flanagan, a senior at CHS, is a competitive mountain biker who races throughout New England. Unfamiliar with the sport, I asked about the format of the races and learned that they range from 18 to 26 miles in length. I was then astounded when Josh told me that these races can be finished in as little as an hour and a half.

After an intense hour of arithmetic and finally yielding to a graphing calculator, I figured that riding at that rate means speeds hovering around 15 miles per hour, or one mile every four minutes. Impressive if one were to be pedaling downhill on an asphalt road, but frightening, considering these races occur on rocky terrain, often teeming with very hard trees.

Josh has been riding competitively for four years. Having trained in Wompatuck State Park for a few years, he has now taken to training on paved roads in the South Shore area, citing increased power as a benefit of this type of training. And it's paid off, as Josh is now ranked second out of 350 riders in New England's 18-and-under age group.

Racing in the expert class in this age bracket for Somerville's Independent Fabrication Team, he will move up to the 19 to 34 bracket next year, a promotion which he's not anticipating with relish.

Questioned about the sport's popularity, he noted that it appeals to a wide range of people and was just added to the summer Olympics last year. Riders race in competitions all over the country. In Connecticut and Massachusetts, Josh said, the competitions tend to take place in state parks, but contests in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont are often held at ski resorts like Sunday River and Killington.

Asked about his favorite thing about the sport, Josh replied, "It's not the training that's fun. I like the racing atmosphere, the racing itself. I started out just for fun, but getting to compete is a real rush."

In August, Josh plans to bike in the National Off-Road Bicycle Association National Championships

Lest you think Flanagan has tunneled all his talents into careening down a mountain on metal and rubber, scraping bark off trees, it is important to note his other accomplishments. While ranking in the top three in his class and serving as vice-president of the National Honor Society, he also patrolled midfield for the varsity soccer team and is a senior class representative.

With such a busy life, it's surprising that Josh would have any time left to train but he pointed out that, since mountain biking taxes the body both aerobically and anaerobically, taking a mere two weeks off from training can damage a whole year's worth of training.

"If you want to ride just for fun, that's great. A lot of people do it for recreation and exercise. But, if you want to get serious about it, it takes commitment, it takes year-round training."

A sport that most people wouldn't dare to try has attracted one of Cohasset's best and brightest athletes and has allowed him to excel. Josh Flanagan has approached mountain biking with the same thoroughness and commitment with which he seems to approach anything else. Only difference is, he wears a helmet.

Star gymnast has a long career ahead of her

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

She has never measured her success by the number of trophies and medals awarded her. For Kristin Sheerin, personal best performances and steady improvement are reward enough.

The pint-sized gymnast may only be 4-foot-7 and tip the scale at 73 pounds, but she was the Paul Bunyan of the Cohasset High gymnastics team. Sheerin came up with huge performances when they were needed the most.

Only an eighth-grader, Sheerin marveled the judges with her tumbling passes and poise on the floor exercise during the Pilgrim Conference's individual championships, finishing with a score of 8.55. Add that to her 7.35 on the bars, 8.0 on beam and 8.05 vault and Sheerin came away with an all-around mark of 31.95. That was good enough to finish in a surprising first-place tie with defending champion, senior Kim Richardson of Hanover.

Heading into the meet, Sheerin figured, if all went well, she had a good shot at third place. But when Duxbury's fine gymnast Kate Collins was forced out because of a broken arm, Sheerin's stock rose even higher. First place, however, never entered her mind.

"I was really surprised," she said. "The Duxbury girl (Collins) broke her arm a couple of nights before. I figured she'd be first, Kim Richardson would be second and I could get third."

Head coach Ruthann Ardizzoni said she was as surprised as anyone at Sheerin's first-place showing, but believes she has only scratched the surface of her full potential.

"It was a total shock to everyone," Ardizzoni said. "Kristin did a beautiful floor routine and that's what made the difference. Give her another couple of years and she's going to be outstanding.

"When Kristin gets a little older she'll get that gracefulness that comes with maturity and age."

Even though Sheerin is just 13, her toughness as a competitor has never been questioned. While many gymnasts fall apart with a poor outing on a certain event, Sheerin feeds off it. She allows herself to steam over mistakes between events, but puts it out of her mind once she is back on the mats or on the beam.

"I may not be happy about it (bad performance)," Sheerin explained, "but I don't let it affect my performance in the next event. It can actually make me do better because I don't want to have a bad meet because of a mistake in one event.

"I love the competition. I like to get in there and see how I do against the others. I'm very competitive and more aggressive during meets."

Sheerin's best regular-season showing came in a tri meet against Scituate and Carver. She was solid on all her routines, but it was her best event, the floor exercise, where she was unmatched.

With the music of Yanni playing in the background, Sheerin incorporated a straddle jump and several tumbling passes into her routine to finish with an eye-popping score of 8.8.

Sheerin is also a member of the Ellis School of Gymnastics in Braintree, where she competes from November thru May. If her first-place finish in the Pilgrim Conference championships was the highlight of her high school season, Sheerin's March 14 state qualifier meet in Woburn was, so far, her finest hour on the club squad.

Sheerin took first on the floor, and thirds on the bars, beam and vault. More importantly, however, was her final score. She needed an all-around mark of 32.0 to qualify for the state finals. Sheerin came through with a 32.35 and third place, earning her a visit to the finals on April 4-5 at Northboro's Algonquin Regional High School.

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Eighth grader, Kristin Sheerin, on the far right, tied for first place at the Pilgrim Conference championship with Hanover's Kim Richardson.

Star gymnast has a long career ahead of her

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"At the beginning of the season I didn't think I'd make it to the sectionals or states," Sheerin admitted. "I accomplished my goal to qualify for the states. I was really happy with my score. Placing was an added bonus."

Ardizzoni, though, said Sheerin only got stronger as the season continued as her scores began to rise.

"Kristin set goals for herself at the beginning of the season," Ardizzoni said. "She has a lot of drive and determination to reach them. She was scoring 7.8 and 7.9 on floor and ended up with an 8.8."

Sheerin got her start in gymnastics as a 7 year old. She became a member of Scituate's Seaside Gymnastics, where her mother, Patricia, coached. A former assistant coach at both Rockland and Scituate High School, Patricia has seen Kristin develop in all her events.

"She's made huge strides every year," Patricia said. "This gym (Ellis) doesn't demand you're in there 18 hours a week."

Sheerin moved to Cohasset from Scituate three years ago. She said she enjoys competing for the high school and club, but there is a big difference in the two.

"It's (high school) a lot of fun," Sheerin said. "It's a change from the club because you're with all your friends and compete as a team. At the club, we're all friends, but at the meets we don't compete for a team score."

Patricia believes Kristin's participation on the Lady Skippers' squad has provided added benefits beyond gymnastics. "The high school end of it gives her a little more of an identity in the community she otherwise wouldn't have gotten," Patricia said. "It has been a great experience."

As serious and determined Sheerin is about her training and competition, gymnastics are only part of her life. She continues to work hard at the sport because she likes it. To do otherwise would be foolish.

"You just have to try your hardest and have fun with it," Sheerin said. "Realize there are other things to do. Sports aren't the only thing.

"It's not healthy to be that much into it, emotionally or physically."

As for defending her all-around title next winter, Sheerin hasn't given it all that much thought. She does want to perform routines which have a greater degree of difficulty and will be concentrating on that this summer and fall.

Sheerin does know she won't let her performance in the conference meet determine how successful a season she has.

"I really want to improve and do more difficult skills," Sheerin said. "I'll go into next season like any other season. Having won the all-around title won't be an added pressure, not at all."

The real pressure will be on the gymnasts trying to defeat Sheerin. With those competitive juices going, it will be a tough task for any Pilgrim Conference opponent.



Kristin Sheerin and Kate Grimm were bestowed with the title of "Beam Queens" at the recent break-up dinner for the CHS gymnastics team.

South Shore Community Center events

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9:30 to 10:30 a.m. 1/2 sports, 1/2 gymnastics, age 4-6

10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Tumble Bugs, age 3

11:15 a.m. to noon Tumble Bugs, age 3

1 to 2 p.m. 1/2 sports, 1/2 gymnastics, age 4-6

2 to 3 p.m. Pre-school gymnastics, age 4-6

3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Beginner girls, age 5-8

4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Beg./Int. girls, age 8-11

Tuesdays

3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Gymnastics for girls, age 4-6

4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Beg./Int. girls, age 7-11

Wednesdays

1:30 to 2:15 p.m. Tumble Bugs, age 3

2:15 to 3:15 p.m. Pre-school gymnastics, age 4-6

3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Beg. girls, age 5-8

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Thursdays

9 to 10 a.m. 1/2 sports, 1/2 gymnastics, age 4-6

10 to 11 a.m. Pre-school gymnastics, age 4-5

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3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Beg./Int., age 7-11

Fridays

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1 to 2 p.m. Pre-school gymnastics, age 4-5

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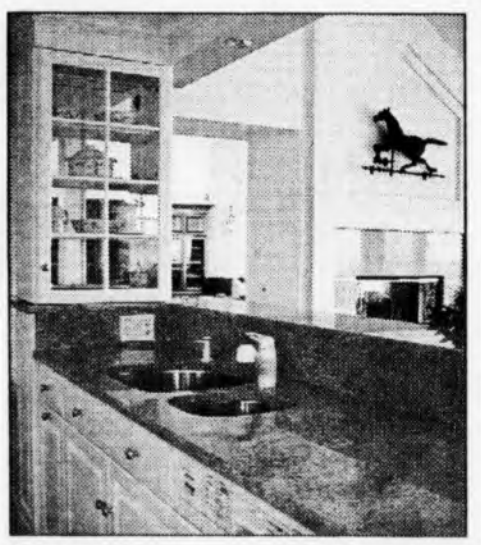
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Sports Briefs

Spring ham shoot is April 5

The Scituate Rod and Gun Club announces its annual Spring Ham Shoot, to be held from noon to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, April 5. In the event of inclement weather, the shoot will be held Sunday, April 19.

The ham shoot features games of skill and chance focusing on shooting sports. Canned hams are awarded as prizes.

Featured games include:

- skeet — where the object is to hit a fast-moving clay target.
- swinging target — where the most number of shotgun pellets inside a swinging circle wins.
- hanging targets — where the pellet closest to the center wins.
- traditional, muzzleloading rifles — hit an exploding bullseye to win.
- Lucky 22s — highest score with five shots wins (this game is a favorite with young children).
- archery for the children — everyone wins at least a candy bar.

This is an opportunity for area residents to enjoy a day of clean, family fun at the gun club and, maybe, take home the Easter ham.

The Scituate Rod and Gun Club is located on the West side of Route 3A in North Scituate between Henry Turner Bailey Road and Booth Hill Road, opposite mile marker 38. Call (781) 545-1510.

Register for spring recreation fun

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept mail-in and drop-in registrations for spring recreation programs for children aged four to 10. Programs are scheduled to commence during the week of May 4, continuing for six weeks through June 12.

The following programs will be offered:

Monday: Arts & Crafts Girls, ages four and five; Sports and Games, grades K through first.

Tuesday: Arts & Crafts Boys, ages four and five; Sports and Games, ages seven through 10.

Wednesday: T-ball, Grades K through first; Arts & Crafts Coed, ages 7 through 10.

Thursday: Sports and Games, ages four and five; Arts & Crafts Boys, Grades K through first.

Friday: T-ball, ages four and five; Arts & Crafts Girls, Grades K through first.

Sports and Games will include outdoor instruction and play in soccer, basketball and kickball.

All programs will meet at the Joseph Osgood School from 3-5 p.m.

Some programs will have to be postponed should inclement weather dictate and you may call the recreation office at 383-4109 after 1 p.m., if you are in doubt of the program status. Children at Osgood and Deer Hill will be advised and sent home should the program not meet. We will make every reasonable effort to make up days lost to poor weather.

Children may bring snacks/drinks to programs and all children smut be picked up either prior to or promptly at the concluding program time of 5 p.m. Late pick-up is subject to additional fee charges, based upon time tardy.

The Joseph Osgood children may stay after school to participate once parental permission is given on the registration form.

The fee schedule is as follows:

Five-day program: 1 child, $92—2nd child, $42—3rd child, $37

Four-day program: 1 child, $77—2nd child, $37—3rd child, $32

Three-day program: 1 child, $62—2nd child, $32—3rd child, $27

Two-day program: 1 child, $47—2nd child, $27—3rd child, $22

One-day program: 1 child, $27—2nd child, $17—3rd child, $7

Forms will be coming home via school in early April or are available now at the recreation office. Applications are due by April 30. Some programs will be limited in size so register early.

Call the recreation department at 383-4109 for further information.

The 10K Cohasset walk for MS

Residents of Cohasset and surrounding towns are invited to join The Cohasset MS Walk on Saturday, April 18. The event, which will start and end at the Cohasset Town Hall, has a scenic 10K route through Cohasset.

Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m., the walk will start at 10 a.m. and by 1 p.m. the majority of the walkers will have returned to the Town Hall for a Welcome Back Lunch.

The MS Society is extending an invitation to people from across the area to join with family members, friends, civic and fraternal clubs, church groups and corporate employee organizations to form their own TeamMS and make a mile of difference by participating in the MS Walk.

During the weekends of March 29, April 18 and 19, the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will hold 17 walks across Massachusetts to support cutting-edge new research and to fund vital support services for thousands of local families living with this difficult, unpredictable disease.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that wears away the control you have over your own body. MS is often diagnosed in young adults, ages 20-40, and affects a third of a million Americans. The symptoms range from numbness to paralysis, blindness and speech disorders.

No one can predict the course it will take in any individual.

Local sponsors include: WJDA, Kimball's By The Sea, Stop & Shop, Dunkin Donuts, General Suburban Aid/REACT. To find out how you can participate in the MS Walk as either an individual walker, on a team or by serving as a volunteer, call 1 (508) 291-2169.

Final registration

The final registration for 1998 Little League Baseball will be held from 8-10 a.m., Saturday, March 21 at the Deer Hill School. All players (including players who are already on a major league team) must sign up.

In addition to completing a registration form and paying the registration fee, parents are also required to provide a copy of the player's birth certificate if one was not supplied last season. Registration is open to all children who will be at least five years old by August 1.

Call Mark or Lynne DeGiacomo at 383-6413 with any questions.

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Recreation accepting applications for summer employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for Playground Program Counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Applicants must be 18 years of age by July 1, 1998. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 29 through August 14 plus a one-day orientation during late June.

CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the pre-school 3 fi- to five-year-old half-day program and the five- to 12-yhear-old, full day programs.

Should you be interested in applying, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (781) 383-4109 for an application or further information.

Youth football and cheerleading registration

The Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleaders have scheduled a sign-up session to be held Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to noon at Scituate High School.

Boys and girls ages 7 to 13 are eligible to participate in three levels of competition based on age and weight.

Football and cheerleading practice begins in mid-August for games played in September and October.

The Scituate-Cohasset program is part of the Old Colony Youth Football League.

For more information, call (781) 544-0900.

Register to race By-The-Sea

The Cohasset Rotary Club would like to announce that the 22nd Annual 10K Road Race and Walk By-The-Sea will be held on Sunday, April 5.

This year's race is under the direction of Tom Gruber and Roy Fitzsimmons and the proceeds will go to a number of local and international projects that the Rotary supports. Over 800 runners are expected to participate in the race.

The race, sponsored by the USATF-NE, will start at 1 p.m. from Cohasset Common. There will be free refreshments for all registered runners.

The fun walk will start at 10 a.m. from Sandy Beach.

Applications are available at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shop (Cohasset store) or from the Cohasset Rotary at P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MA. 02025.

The deadline for pre-registration is April 1. Pre-registration is $12 and it will be $15 on the day of the race.

For race questions please call Austin Lyne at (781) 383-6550. If you would like to join or address the membership of the Rotary, please sense a note to President, Cohasset Rotary Clubm P.O. Box 35, Cohasset, MA 02025.



Spectators gather at the finish line for the recent Snow Row Race, sponsored by the Hull Lifesaving Museum.

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Coast Guard offers boating course

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 1208, and the Cohassset Recreation Department will sponsor a spring, six-session Safe Boating Course, offering certification by both the Coast Guard and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The new course, "Boating Safely," will be offered to both youth and adults. However, certification in this course is mandatory for 16 year olds and under who wish to operate a craft powered by 25 horsepower or more. The course will cover safety equipment, aids of navigation and rules of the road, boat handling and person watercraft.

USCGA, Flotilla 1208 instructors will teach the six-session course, scheduled from 7:30-9:30 p.m., May 5 through Mary 21 at the Cohasset High School.

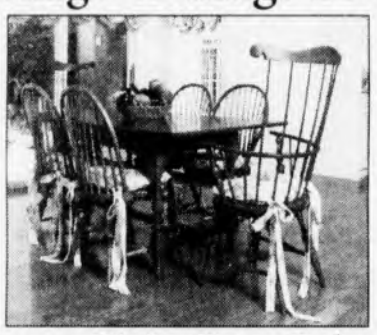
To register, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 383-4109 as soon as possible, as class size will be limited and participants will be enrolled on a first call basis. There will be a $25 per person fee for this program, that covers the cost of the text book and class materials.

Checks for payment must be made out to "USCGA Flotilla 1208."

While the class is designed for children/youth and adults, it is suggested that children aged 12 and under be accompanied by a participating adult.

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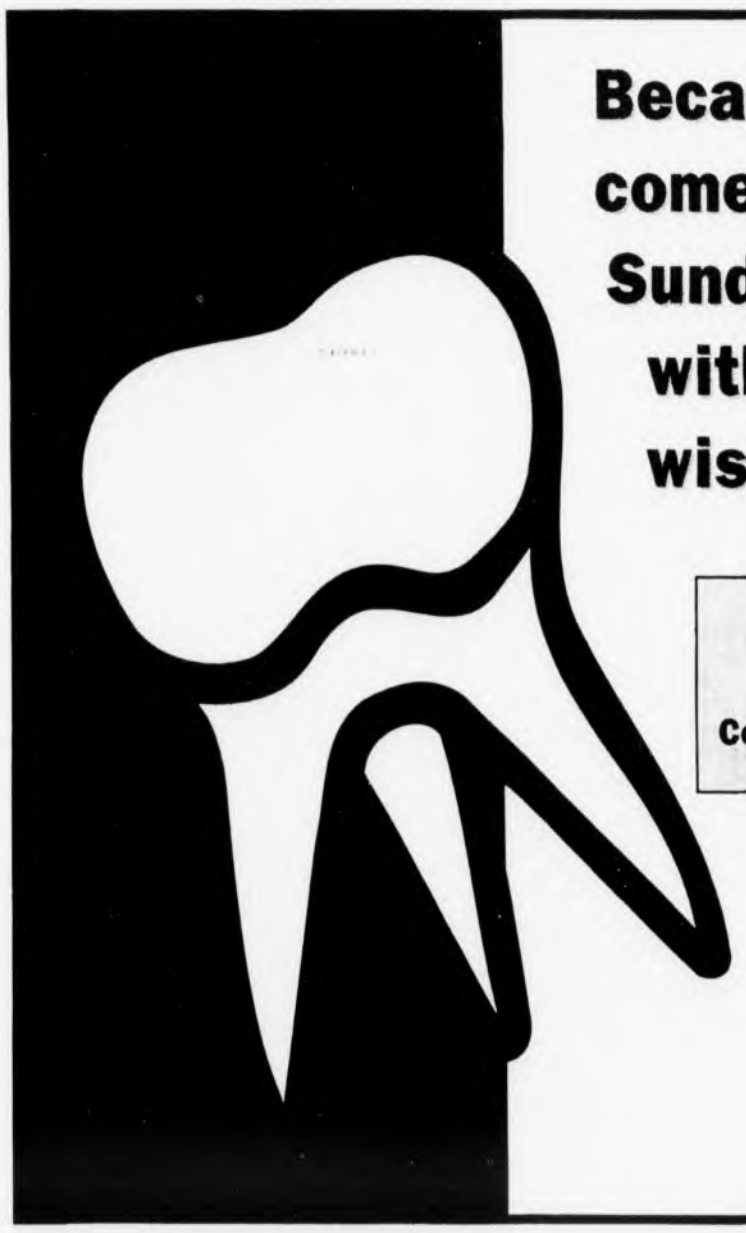
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A rookie joins the Cohasset Dramatic Club

By Melissa Boynton
CORRESPONDENT

It was a another drizzling gray Saturday in January. I go out to get the mail and find, at the bottom of the pile, a flyer advertising for auditions to an upcoming production of Cohasset Dramatic Club. Last year I had bought a family membership just because I liked the people I met when reviewing their 1997 "Wizard of Oz" production. My husband and I considered it a donation to a worthy cause and didn't give participation much thought outside of maybe helping with set construction or assisting with publicity.

I never had enough time or confidence in high school or college to perform in any plays, but always thought the "drama" people were the most interesting. In fact, at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. one of the few people I made an effort to know was a theater major, Jessica McDonald. She was this quirky, flamboyant redhead from Connecticut. I often wondered what happened to her. The "Wizard of Oz" production last year gave me the answer. Up on stage was Jessica stealing the show as the cowardly lion. We chatted afterwards and she encouraged us to join. When I saw her name as director on the audition notice, I felt a sense of safety since I at least knew someone.

The play's title was also compelling; "You Can't Take it With You." I had been feeling rushed and hectic at work and home. It occurred to me that I needed some sort of extra-curricular outside of earning the almighty dollar. This seemed like a new and different way to spend winter evenings and weekends.

The auditions were not quite as scary as you see in the movies. No one was dismissed with an annoyed gesture or carted off with a hook. We were told to go up on stage with a few other people and read parts of the script. There were a couple of roles that sounded entry-level, so I went for those, still assuming I would end up as the prop gal! If by some fluke I did get cast, I didn't want something too meaty!

After a few readings a theme started to unfold – Melissa can you read Alice with Tony, then Penny, and then Grandpa? Having not read the play beforehand, I had no idea how big a part Alice was. I was so thrilled to be "picked" I didn't even consider what I was picked for. It brought me back to high school when the coach put me in the game. It didn't matter that the win was a foregone conclusion – I was dribbling! Yahoo! That sense of playfulness and belonging was back. I was part of a team!

The first rehearsal brought the first scary piece of news. I was supposed to kiss somebody. Somebody I had never met. Somebody other than my husband. Sleep came slowly that night and I had dreams about going to school without my uniform on.

Every Tuesday and Thursday I left work right at quitting time mumbling some excuse – it's a rare thing for me to be the first to leave. After work I stopped at Dagwood's or the Silver Spoon Café and grabbed a quick supper before rehearsals. It was never tiring. Though it IS work it is a different, more creative sort of work than my day job of computer training. We played, lobbed out bloopers, gave gentle suggestions, and poked fun at each other when we started taking the whole thing too seriously.

The second week of rehearsals came and I received scary news number two. It occurs to me that not only do I have to know the lines I have to act like somebody else entirely. I have to BE Alice, a 21year old girl in love for the first time in 1937. The concept of acting suddenly seemed a lot harder than dribbling a basketball!

When the shortage of male actors started to panic the director, I drafted my husband to play a small, walk-on part. He reluctantly agreed and began to come to rehearsals with me.

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The 'Grand Duchess' gets a hairstyle assist from Melissa Boynton, who plays Alice Sycamore in the CDC production "You Can't Take It With You."

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Above, Marie Price grabs a piece of Irish bread from Sister Barbara Reney.

Clockwise from top left, volunteer Libby Hagan waits on tables at the Second Congregational Church where the CEA luncheon was held. Dot Lloyd dresses for the occasion. Anna Abbruzzese fixes a plate for a hungry senior citizen. Ray Buckley and Mary Jeanette Murray share a laugh at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon sponsored by the Council on Elder Affairs.

Cohasset 'Celebrates Diversity' in special program

Channel 4's news co-anchor Liz Walker was the guest speaker at a special event "Celebrate Diversity" sponsored by the Diversity Committee March 8 at Town Hall.

Walker spoke about the media's responsibility to report positive things that are being done in many communities to help understand the appreciate differences among people. She said how much she valued the opportunity to be a part of this type of forum and in turn invited everyone present to visit her church in Jamaica Plain and the inner city community in general.

"It's not so scary," she said.

Cohasset METCO parent Caroline Remy co-chaired the event with Diversity Committee chairwomen Susan Etkind and Nancy Froio.

The Diversity Committee was formed in 1994 to educated the community by acknowledging and respecting diversity in Cohasset and the world and to become aware that instances of racism, anti-Semitism, classism and disrespect have occurred and the town needs to be a place where all feel comfortable to live or visit.

Etkind said there are positive and negatives to the story.

"I am going to share a few vignettes of disrespect so that you can bear witness that we have work to do," she said.

"A young girl came out of a gymnastic meet several years ago to find a swastika drawn in snow on her car; a six-year-old was told his black friend was retarded; and a kindergarten child was told she couldn't play with a group of girls because her face was too dark," she said.

"Good things are happening...the six-year-old when told that his friend was retarded responded as only a six-year-old can. 'He can't be retarded, he taught me all these tricks on the jungle gym and showed me how to get to the very top.'

"When some older high school students hung out a window of a house and said 'Hey Jew, there's the Jew.' The Jewish boy's friend said 'Wait here.' He went into his house to confront the taunters and even extracted an apology."

Besides the decorations lining the walls of Town Hall depicting many countries and traditions made by Deer Hill and Osgood pupils, many students personally contributed to the program through songs, essays and skits. Thanks go to David Ingber, Marissa Mella, Katie Roche, Ti-Shonte Walton, Caroline Carr, Yvonne Ortiz, Bryan Bilton, Meredith Bates, Krista Nicynski, Mareth Collins-Wooly, Marcina Boone, Khalil Madayun, Manasseh Remy, Raheem Shepard, Rosa Hareiter, Elizabeth Ingber, Chris Carr and Kevin Chang.

Margo Cheel explained the importance of participating in cultural exchange programs and Rosa Hareiter, an exchange student from Austria, recounted her first impressions and her observations about America.

Connie Afshar spoke about the role METCO plays in Cohasset.

"The METCO program is invaluable to our community, for it alone ensures that our children will have daily inter-personal contact with students of diverse racial backgrounds. It is from this daily interaction that understanding, mutual respect and friendships are build. This forging of ties between the races is what will keep our country internally healthy and strong," Afshar said.

The evening was a hopeful and positive process as clergy and citizens from Boston and Coahsset came together to celebrate diversity.



Liz Walker spoke about fostering greater cultural understanding at 'Celebrating Diversity' at town hall. The event, sponsored by the Diversity Committee, was a resounding success and packed the town hall auditorium to capacity.

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Catch the spirit at St. Anthony's

The parish family of St. Anthony Church welcomes all to participate in an upcoming Lenten Mission over four nights from Monday, March 23, to Thursday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Give yourself this time to renew your faith in preparation for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Each person's involvement in this Mission can make a difference to them personally and it may make a difference to others as well. Inviting a relative, friend or neighbor to make the Mission with you could be all that's needed to get them involved.

The Holy Father has dedicated 1998 to be a time for reflection on the Holy Spirit. As a way of renewing our Christian faith, each evening will focus on the Holy Spirit and will include common prayer, preaching, quiet reflection and time for fellowship. The first evening will look at *Holy Spirit: Soul of the Church*. For the second evening, the reflection will be on the *Presence of Grace*. The third evening addresses the Holy Spirit as *Giver of Goodness and Peace* and the sacrament of Penance will be available. The theme for the last night will focus on the Holy Spirit as the *Source of the Church's Mission* and will conclude with the celebration of Mass. The service each evening will last about an hour.

We hope you can be there but even if you cannot attend, we ask that you participate in some way by saying a prayer for the Mission's success and all those participating.

Swing into spring with Talbots at Tosca

An afternoon of fun and fashion to benefit South Shore Habitat for Humanity will be held at noon, Wednesday, April 1 at Tosca, 14 North Hingham St., Hingham. A light lunch will be served and an informal modeling of Talbots' classics shown. Door prizes. Tickets are $25 in advance, $30 at the door, and are available at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Cohasset; Children's Exchange, 64 South Main St., Cohasset; Jack Conway & Co., 80 Front St., Scituate; Talbots, 164 North St., Hingham. For further information, call Liz Charlton at 545-8199, Laurie Mann-Strenge at (617) 773-3289 or Diane Tracy at 383-2551. Sponsored by St. Stephen's Church of Cohasset.

A rookie joins the Cohasset Dramatic Club

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As the weeks flew by and we entered the end of February we began to feel like part of a real family. The play's action revolves around the Sycamore family. A loving, bohemian and expressive family, they begin to question their lifestyles when faced with their daughter/sister's potential in-laws, the Kirbys. On the surface the Kirbys are to be envied – rich, powerful and socially well connected. Then you begin to see just how unhappy, inhibited and boxed-in they are. The Sycamores emerge as the true heroes.

The people we've met through this membership are everyday heroes. They live their lives with gusto. They are creative souls, great parents, and terrific friends. They have opinions and feelings that they happily share. One cast member, Jean DiGiacomandrea of Scituate, organized a benefit performance for the children of a dear friend who died recently of cancer, Amy Dimitri. Her commitment and compassion was inspiring.

Along with my husband and I there were other new actors in the play, Bob Brando and Dave Gordon. Though we were all new to the club the veterans let us into their circle. This is another membership that has its privileges – you learn what goes on behind the stage and you get to have a lot of fun!

"You Can't Take It With You" opens at Cohasset Town Hall this Friday March 20th at 8 p.m. There will be Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. through the 29th. Tickets can be purchased at the box office before the show.



The cast gathers around for a picture on the set before Sunday's benefit performance. The CDC show continues this weekend at Cohasset Town Hall.

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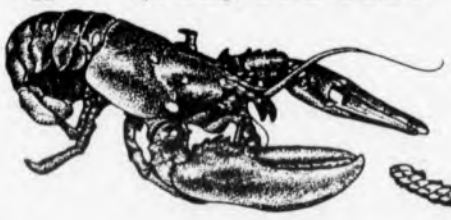
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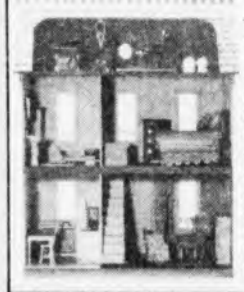
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Saturday, March 7

8:58 p.m., suspicious (other), Beechwood St.

9:07 p.m., MV stop, Todd Road.

9:21 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

9:32 p.m., suspicious (other), Beechwood St.

Sunday, March 8

11:07 a.m., animal complaint, Ripley Road.

11:45 a.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Road by Steep Rock.

1:17 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

1:30 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St. by Ripley Road.

1:40 p.m., info, general, King St.

2:03 p.m., suspicious (other). Joy Place.

2:18 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

2:54 p.m., suspicious person, S. Main St.

3:04 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

3:44 p.m., vandalism, Brook St.

4:50 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

5:36 p.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave.

8:36 p.m., notification, Margin St.

9:14 p.m., notification, CJC Hwy.

11:09 p.m., medical aid, Wheelwright Farm.

Monday, March 9

8:54 a.m., general services, Summer St.

10:32 a.m., medical aid, Grace Drive. 43-year-old in protective custody.

1:54 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

2:16 p.m., assist other agency, CJC Hwy.

3:20 p.m., property (found), Brook St.

3:24 p.m., general services, S. Main St.

4:22 p.m., medical aid, Parkingway.

4:34 p.m., tree down, Doane St.

4:40 p.m., fire (misc), Elm St.

5:11 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

5:57 p.m., officer wanted, Grace Drive.

6:06 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

7:16 p.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Road.

9:52 p.m., MV stop, King St.

9:57 p.m., suspicious auto, Cedar St.

Tuesday, March 10

12:20 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

1:04 a.m., general service, HQ.

2:50 a.m., suspicious auto, Forest Ave.

6:43 a.m., general services, N. Main St.

6:57 a.m., disturbance gathering, Sohier St.

7:25 a.m., assist citizen, HQ.

8:13 a.m., medical aid, HQ.

8:20 a.m., animal complaint, Ripley Road.

10:00 a.m., violation restraining order, Grace Drive. Arrested: Nardo, Daniel J., 3 Grace Drive, Cohasset. DOB: 1/7/55. Charges: violation of a protective order.

10:37 a.m., general services, HQ.

12:33 p.m., MV stop, Square

1:00 p.m., larceny, King St.

1:08 p.m., MV violations, N. Main St.

2:22 p.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy.

5:33 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

5:48 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

6:04 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

6:45 p.m., notification, Atlantic Ocean.

6:52 p.m., assist citizen, Grace Dr.

8:29 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

9:02 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

Wednesday, March 11

12:56 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

1:06 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:08 a.m., general services, Hillside Drive.

7:29 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:29 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.

8:37 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

9:09 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

9:31 a.m., serve restraining order, Cedar St.

9:33 a.m., message delivery, James Lane.

11:43 a.m., serve restraining order, Cedar St.

11:50 a.m., MV violations, Cedar St.

12:25 p.m., general services, N. Main St.

1:05 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

1:47 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

1:51 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

3:19 p.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave.

3:22 p.m., medical aid, First Parish Road.

5:02 p.m., animal complaint, Little Harbor Road.

5:10 p.m., serve restraining order, Cedar St.

5:25 p.m., larceny, James Lane.

8:12 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Beechwood St.

8:24 p.m., MV violations, CJC Way south from Hingham.

9:05 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.

10:26 p.m., fire, investigation, Lamberts Lane.

Thursday, March 12

12:30 a.m., MV accident, Jersualem Road.

9:28 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

10:11 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:30 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

11:00 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

11:28 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

11:42 a.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.

11:58 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

1:15 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

2:20 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

2:55 p.m., MV stop, Red Gate Lane.

3:36 p.m., MV violations, Stop & Shop Parking Lot.

6:43 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.

9:00 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St. Arrested: Ford, Brenda M., 56 Henry Turner Bailey Road, Scituate. COB: 7/29/69. Charges: WMS warrant.

9:55 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:19 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:22 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.

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Little Harbor study must include shellfish analysis

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Town officials have received permission from the state to change some aspects of the septic priority district compromise reached with the Attorney General's office last month. The agreement struck a balance between the town's need to fulfill the conditions of the Second Final Agreement for Judgment and demands of fair treatment from residents in septic priority districts. Town officials must approve the agreement to finalize its implementation.

But the town did not receive all the changes it requested. The state rejected the town's request to exclude shellfish beds from water quality testing of Little Harbor.

Health board member Kevin Ulmer said the shellfish beds have been un-usable for as long as the past 50 years. Ulmer said the water standards for shell fish beds are much stricter than the standards for swimming, boating and recreation.

"The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) wants clam beds to be part of the Little Harbor study," Ulmer said. "But that is a higher standard than other comparable areas and we should not be held to that standard."

Sewer Commissioner Ted Guild said the clam beds have been closed for as long as he can remember. He said whatever is affecting the clam beds probably pre-dates any alleged problems caused by septic systems.

But state officials disagreed.

"The Commonwealth is committed to the notion that if we are going to spend time on a water quality study of Little Harbor, it should be a study that makes sense," said Mary B. Griffin, an assistant attorney general in the Environmental Protection Division. "In our view, omitting the shell fish criteria of the water quality standards makes no sense from a scientific perspective."

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> – MARY B. GRIFFIN, AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION.

Ulmer also pointed out that shell fish beds were not part of the Agreement for Judgment, and should not be tacked on after the fact. Griffin said the town would have to accept the higher standards because of stricter environmental regulations.

"The consent judgment did not address shell fishing because this type of water quality study was not contemplated at the time the town committed to sewer connections or a mandatory Title V inspection program in priority areas," Griffin said.

Griffin cautioned the town to approve the agreement with the Attorney General without making too many additional demands.

"This proposal was not meant to encourage a 'horse-trading' process," Griffin said. "Instead, we tried to take the views of town officials into account at the onset, and would much appreciate a response in kind."

The town has one year to perform a water quality study of Little Harbor, and six months from the completion of the study to develop a plan to deal with water pollution problems. Selectmen have submitted an article in the town meeting warrant asking for $50,000 to perform the study. As part of the study, the town must also inspect septic systems in the Little Harbor Watershed and determine what effects those on-site systems are having on water quality.

Ulmer said town officials were confused about the septic inspection requirement. It sounded like the state was forcing homeowners in the Little Harbor Watershed to submit to Title V inspections.

But that will not be the case, Griffin said. She said homeowners forced to submit to mandatory inspections for the Little Harbor study would not be bound by Title V laws. She said that included an exemption in this case from Title V's two-year repa' replacement requiremer f.. failed systems.

"We believe that if inspections of subsurface sewage disposal systems are set up as voluntary assessments, then the deadlines for mandatory upgrades would not be applicable for failed systems identified solely through this process," Griffin said.

Ulmer said he believes the study is not the ultimate answer to water quality problems in Little Harbor.

"What's really needed is to look in the watershed and see which areas can support septic and which cannot," Ulmer said. "My sense is we may find it easier to sewer Little Harbor than study all these solutions."

The agreement also calls for the town to connect 23 homes abutting Lily Pond, the town's water supply, to the sewer system once the Central Cohasset Treatment Plant expansion is completed. The plant's capacity will increase from 80,000 gallons per day to 400,000 gallons per day after the expansion is finished.

State officials had originally directed the town to sewer 36 homes, but no one in town knows where that figure came from. Guild said it was probably a mistake by the state.

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The Cohasset Historical Society will have an open meeting March 22 at the Cohasset Lightkeepers Association at 6 Sunday evening. Guest speaker will be Ms. Nancy Martin, director of volunteers and friends of the Boston Harbor Islands. The lecture will be delivered in the midst of an after-dinner light hors d'oeuvres setting.

The society encourages interested members and their families to attend. The end result of the evening will be to decide on a potential Cohasset Historical Society July trip to one or more of the islands, based upon interest expressed by members in attendance.

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On The Cover

"My Angel" by Clement Micarelli of Marshfield, painted in blues and greens, is on display at Christopher Gallery, Cohasset. For more on galleries, see page 14.

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ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL

Scituate antique dealers band together to promote town

By Helen Graves
STAFF WRITER

Business was booming for Scituate shops during the late '80s filming of "The Witches of Eastwick," when the quaint Quarterdeck shop was renamed The Yapping Fox to feature Cher's chubby buddhas on its shelves.

"The filming was a real surge," says the Quarterdeck's Joan Noble, who rented her shop-on-stilts to Warner Brothers for a day and a half. "Men with manila envelopes would take out $100 bills and say, 'I'll take that and that and that.' We could use another movie. It was great for the whole South Shore."

But rather than depend on outsider-induced uplift, eight Scituate antique dealers including the Quarterdeck are taking matters into their own hands by banding together to promote the town as a great place to spend the day.

"We have a lot to offer. There's the harbor, great restaurants for lunch and antiquing," says chief organizer Diane McLaughlin of Echo Lake Antiques, 165 Front St. "It's key to let others know we're here, a little off the beaten path, not right on 3A but not difficult to reach. People just have to know we're here."

> **"A group can do more than just a few."**
>
> -Diane McLaughlin

Part of the mission of the Antique Dealers of Scituate is to pool funds for joint advertising. "A group can do more than just a few," McLaughlin says. And there are plans for other things, such as participating in the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days. The fledgling group has met a few times and expects to meet once a month to go over opportunities.

Rather than see one another as competition, the eight believe they complement one another's stores. They already refer customers to each other.

"A lot of people coming into my shop are from out of the area and they'll ask, is there anything else like this?" says Diane Ferwarda, who runs Calico Attic, 24 Country Way, Greenbush, with her husband Mark. "There are beautiful shops here. There's a good feel to working together. If I don't have something someone is looking for and someone else does, I don't have a problem sending them to someone else, and vice versa. It's not as though we're competing in one item."

Collaboration among the antiquers can be more elaborate. "I might have a table. Someone else might have chairs," says Barbara Landry of Needful Things, 161 Front St. "If one of us fails, all of us fail. More people will come to this area for eight shops than for one."

"I want people to think of Scituate as a place where they can go and their time is well-spent," says Kathy Fortuna, who co-owns Bird-in-Hand Antiques, 157 Front St. with Shirley Parkhurst.

Noble, whose shop hangs over the harbor at 206 Front St., would like to see Scituate gain a

Hallowell, Maine, reputation, where people make an effort to

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The Quarterdeck is The Yapping Fox during the filming of "The Witches of Eastwick," when potter Cher pedaled her chubby buddhas there.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman



Barbara Landry of Needful Things and Diane McLaughlin of Echo Lake Antiques are two of the eight antique dealers joining forces in Scituate.

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COMMERCIAL GALLERIES PROVIDE VERY 'FINE' ARTS VENUE

By Marilyn Jackson
CORRESPONDENT

Art and artists abound on the South Shore, but unless you work with an interior decorator who has a long-established relationship with a private art gallery or you are an art aficionado who visits the local festivals throughout the year, original art for sale is difficult to find.

There are, however, local, commercial fine arts galleries which are trying to change that, introducing artists and their work at special events.

THE SILVER RIBBON

At The Silver Ribbon in Pembroke, owner Donna Avila of Scituate is mounting a new show by E. Mandeville Avery of Pembroke who, for the past five years, has been working with gourds as well as creating abstract monoprints in blues, pinks and greens.

Her show, called "Owl Woman, Telling Her Story," will run from March 20 to April 25. An opening reception will be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, at Pembroke Crossing on Route 53.

Each pear-shaped bottle gourd is different, subtly painted to represent one of the 19 species of owls indigenous to North America, such as the snowy owl or barn owl or short-eared owl. On another level of meaning, Avery depicts each gourd as a vessel of life in celebration of womanhood, with only a half face revealed, keeping secret the other half. Avery weaves a dreamlike tale to accompany each owl woman which may be wearing a feather fetish.

Avila opened The Silver Ribbon nearly 10 years ago, first at Brigantine Village on Route 139 in Pembroke. She has been at her present location about seven years. "I was a weaver in a co-op in Cohasset and realized there was a demand for handmade things. And there were not many sources," she says. "I decided to focus on high quality crafts and art work." Avila acquires most of the art work through jurying of slides and pictures, and she decides what will fit in her displays. Most of the art work is local, although she draws artists from New Hampshire and Maine as well. In addition to art, The Silver Ribbon carries pottery, glass, wood, basketry, weaving and jewelry.



E. Mandeville Avery of Pembroke is showing her "Owl Woman, Telling Her Story" at The Silver Ribbon March 20 to April 25 with an opening reception Saturday, March 21. Pictured are Snowy Owl Woman, Barn Owl Woman, Northern Pygmy Owl Woman, Shorteared Owl Woman and Northern Hawk Woman.

AISLING GALLERY

At the Aisling Gallery on Lincoln Street, Route 3A, Hingham, John and Maureen Connolly combine art, pottery, Kerry glass and jewelry with their framing business. "The Irish translation of aisling is vision or dream," says Maureen Connolly in her lilting accent. "We present a piece of Ireland and remind people of their ancestral home."



"Rainy Day, Dingle" is piece of Ireland Maureen and John Connolly offer at their Aisling Gallery, Hingham.

Connolly says the gallery carries four percent Irish art, but the other artwork is of Irish themes, including beautiful scenes of Ireland by noted artist Eugene Conlon, who hails from Braintree. Also in stock are handmade Irish linen christening gowns, some embroidered with the Celtic cross. The coat of arms with the family name can be added, Connolly says. The costs range from $150 to $295, including a bonnet. The shop has colorful hand-knit woolen sweaters.

The Hingham couple opened their gallery in December, 1989, when John retired from the MBTA as a project director, where he had introduced the idea of a plastic pass, and when Maureen, an administrative assistant at Cabot, Cabot and Forbes, lost her job when the real estate and development firm went out of business.

Aisling Gallery offers classes, such as the ongoing bodhran or drum class, taught by Bob Condon of Rockland, and Celtic calligraphy, taught by Norma McKenzie of Weymouth. Other classes in Irish literature, poetry and Gaelic will be offered in the fall. Last week the gallery hosted a poetry reading by three young Irish poets, including Aidan Rooney-Céspedes of Hingham, who was chosen the Hennessy Cognac new Irish poet last year. And next month, the gallery will take part in the fourth annual anamchairde, or Celtic spirituality conference, sponsored by the Benedictine Monks of Glastonbury Abbey and to be held at Notre Dame Academy on Route 228 in Hingham.

CHRISTOPHER GALLERY

"It's a difficult market for artists in New England," says Adele Kilroy of Hull, who manages Christopher Gallery in Cohasset, owned by Dominic Micarelli of Hingham.

Micarelli opened his gallery and framing business as the Artist's Son 12 years ago after working "temporarily" for a decade as the drummer in Fat City Blues. But in the past year or so, the gallery's reputation has expanded and now draws artists from around the country. Last fall the gallery hosted the regional show of the Oil Painters of America and plans to repeat the event in October.

Among the artists the gallery represents are noted marine artist Charles Vickery of Chicago, Robert Douglas Hunter and Timothy Thies of Connecticut, Kevin Macpherson of Taos, William F. Reese of Washington state and Lois Griffel, director of the Cape Cod School of Art in Provincetown.

Local artists include Clement Micarelli of Marshfield, Margaret McWethy and Laurie Borden of Hingham, Sergio Roffo of Scituate and John Kilroy of Hull. Although the gallery offers no classes, many of the artists do teach privately or through local arts associations.



Margaret McWethy of Hingham begins work at Christopher Gallery's recent group demonstration. Staff photo/Fred Robertson

Recently, the gallery hosted "A Prelude of Spring." Working in

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oil, acrylics or watercolors, several artists spent the afternoon at the gallery quickly painting a small canvas, incorporating floral arrangements

Adele Kilroy says the next major event the gallery will sponsor will be a plein air ·cise in July, when the artists will scatter throughout Cohasset and capture outdoor scenes of the Gulph River or Cohasset Harbor in brilliant sunshine.

In August, there will be a show of nightlife.

LAMBERT GALLERY

Maggie Lambert of Hanover, an interior designer for the past 15 years, decided to open Lambert Gallery at 237 Broadway about a year-and-a-half ago, in an old Victorian house off Route 53.



Stephanie Roberts of Pembroke displays her work, including "Shifting Space," this month at Lambert Gallery.

"It has mushroomed since then," Lambert says. Most of the artists are from New England, but they worked in all media. "Mostly it is contemporary art, but there are a few traditional artists," she says.

Lambert holds gallery openings, featuring a solo artist or a group of artists every six weeks. At the last show opening March 8, the band INS (Improvisational Noise Sculpture), which includes three artists from the gallery, played during the reception for artists Stephanie Roberts of Pembroke and Ky Ober of Boston, who work in mixed media.

In May, Peggy Fox of Cambridge will be the featured artist. Her oil and acrylic landscapes are modeled in the rich tradition of Paul Gauguin and the show appropriately is titled "After Gauguin." In June, Lambert is presenting a group show of eight working with found objects, assemblages and sculptures. This show will extend outdoors, she says, and will include metalwork and woodwork.

C & C GALLERIES AND ARTICA

When a general manager for Kennedy Studios in Boston, David Connor decided to go on his own in 1986, starting C & C Galleries, Inc., on Route 53, Norwell. Rather than specialize in original art, Connor found his niche in framed and unframed prints, some local limited-edition prints and custom framing. The gallery, he says, is now the largest print gallery on the South Shore. It is also a family affair, both in management and in service.

The first C in the store's name, Connor explains, represents his surname; the second stands for Cushing, his wife's family with longtime ties to Duxbury. So it was only natural that, when the art gallery Artica in Duxbury came on the market in November, he bought it. "When we purchased Artica it was a family decision that daughter Marcie (Clough) would run it and Dad would oversee C & C," Connor says. Artica is an originals gallery of various media featuring local artists that also provides custom framing and offers some limited edition prints. Divided into a showroom and a gallery, the store holds a show with opening reception every two months and regularly displays art by locals such as Katherine Smit and Deborah Henning of Duxbury and limited edition prints by Pembroke's Michael Keane, notes manager Jane Sorensen. The current show is by Deborah Howard, of Somerville, which opened Friday night.



Marcie Clough of Artica Gallery stands with artist Deborah Howard, whose exhibit runs through April 11.

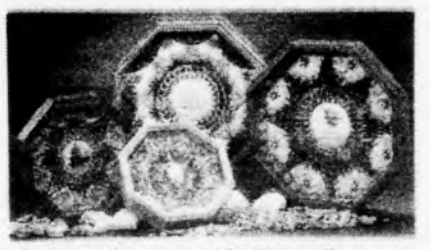
Not only run by family, the business is also committed to treating customers like family, providing consultation either in store or at home to help the homeowner find the right piece of art for their decor. Free delivery, too, is offered on a regular basis, Connor says.

GALLERY BY-THE-SEA

The newest South Shore fine arts gallery will open next month. Eileen and Richard Agostini of Marshfield have leased space in the old bank at 44 Main St. in downtown Plymouth, opposite the former firehouse, for their Gallery By-The-Sea.

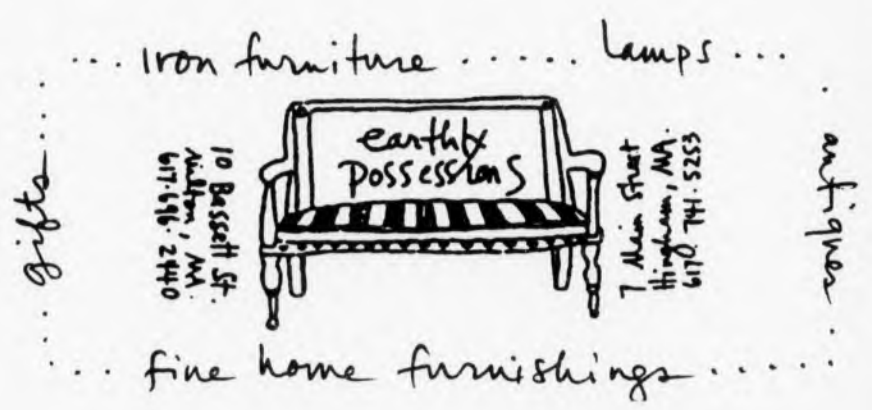
Like the Connollys, the Agostinis are making a big career change after moving from Harrisburg, Pa., 18 months ago. Richard Agostini is a retired insurance executive; Eileen was an assistant director of a fine arts gallery and a corporate art consultant for 10 years in the Pennsylvania capital.

"This will be the type of gallery I worked in before," Eileen Agostini says, "but we'll be celebrating the arts of New England." She says they chose the Plymouth site because of the tourism America's hometown draws, especially during the summer. The shop will feature original art, limited edition prints, graphics and serigraphs as well as fine American handcrafts, including pottery, glass and pewter.



Art at the new Gallery By-The-Sea will include sailors' valentines by Duxbury's Sandy Moran.

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visit its main street shops. "The harbor is always beautiful. It's a draw and I think it is known as the sixth best harbor in the Northeast. It's known now as a docking area."

"In a way, we all compete for the same thing but we all have our specialties," says Irving Versoy of Greenhouse Antiques, 182 First Parish Road. He specializes in lighting and clocks, including repair and restoration, and runs a mail-order business for Aladdin kerosene lamps. Items in his store include early oil and electric lighting such as pull-down parlor lamps, Tiffany lamps and table lamps, and early clocks: banjo, tall, schoolhouse and mantle clocks. Rather than deal in large furniture, Versoy says he might have some "smalls" on hand.

Alexis Andrews, too, deals in smalls at her 91 Front St. Stained Glass & More by Alexis. As her store name implies, she creates custom-designed stained glass on the premises — "that's what gets me through the winter" — and also offers work by local artisans: Vickie Kusleika's baskets, Maureen Cunio's pottery, Marj Bates's jewelry and glass knobs, and Ruth Rosenthal's jewelry. She will feature an artist of the month, beginning April 4 with Tamara Orlowsky of Norwell.



Ralph Fisher has found relief from Army retirement at Timekeepers, the clock repair, antique and gift shop he runs with his wife, Elinor.

Other Front Street shops vary in character: Echo Lake carries 18th, 19th and 20th century pine, oak and mahogany pieces as well as china and silver, and Harry McLaughlin provides furniture refinishing. Bird-in-Hand specializes in primitive and country furniture as well as in Parkhurst's interest in folk art, and Needful Things offers a wide variety of furniture as well as new items, gifts and cards. Noble describes the Quarterdeck's contents as college shop, although she is known for her postcards: a Titanic card just sold for more than $200.

After losing their lobster boat in last year's April Fools storm, the Ferwerdas opened Calico Attic, intending to specialize in clocks. Instead, Diane says, their selection is eclectic. "I wanted to touch everybody. I like kitchen gadgets. I wanted to be affordable, carry new with the old."

Elinor and Ralph Fisher, who run Timekeepers, 366 Gannett Road, were looking for something to do after Ralph's retirement from the Army. He had always repaired clocks, and Elinor, also retired from running the officers' club, was interested in antiques and collectibles. Opening their Timekeepers in 1992, they headed to Europe to fill the shop but now stick to Massachusetts. Over the years, the business has come to focus on gifts and clock repair.

"We joined with the others to tell people that we're here, come to Scituate and see what we have," Elinor Fisher says. "We also want to include our local people — we can't forget them."

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ARTS & ANTIQUES

A guide to antiquing the South Shore

OR HOW TO FIND ADVENTURE IN COLLECTIBLE HISTORY

By Stacey K. Powers
CORRESPONDENT

Antique shopping is, in itself, an adventure for the most avid treasure-seekers and history-lovers. To some, there is no better adrenaline rush than the excitement of stumbling upon a special find.

That find can happen in today's antique store.

Like the wares that are displayed in them, the stores are unique in their own right. Many store owners are known for combining their own special interests with what they show in their stores. Some are full-service interior design shops, mixing together a little bit of this and a little bit of that to create a blend of old and new, complementing any style and pocket book.

COUNTRY HOUSE ANTIQUES & INTERIORS

Country House Antiques & Interiors in Cohasset is a full-service shop that features European imported pine and oak country antiques and accessories, custom upholstered furniture and draperies, and an Oriental rug gallery right on the premises. A 20-year veteran in the antiques industry, owner Arlene Ferreira added decorating to her list of accomplishments five years ago, responding to the needs of customers seeking a unique look, antique or not. Offering oil paintings, lamps and mirrors along with an abundance of antique armoires outfitted for today's uses, mainly entertainment centers, Country House imports most of its pieces from Denmark, England and France. In addition, Country House customizes pine tables with new and old wood that is hand-waxed and distressed to create an old, antique look.

A collector herself, Ferreira sells antique, silver-plated Kate Greenaway figural napkin rings. "These are very collectable," she says, noting that she has about three dozen in her own private collection.

DILLON & COMPANY

At Dillon & Company, Jill Dillon has created a haven for out-of-the ordinary English country antiques in her quaint, brightly painted Plymouth Center shop. A native of England, Dillon first came to Boston 14 years ago, following her success in the business in England, France and New Jersey Once established here, she simultaneously operated a Newbury Street store and a shop in Plymouth with partners under the name Dillon, Meyers & Meyers. During the late '80s, she went out on her own. "We focus mainly on large pieces of furniture such as hutches and armoires, as well as handpainted mirrors from Florence, Italy, and architectural pieces from English gardens," she says.



Country House Antiques features a selection of pine furniture in the Cohasset store.



Jill Dillon travels to Europe to supply her Plymouth Dillon & Company with antiques such as this French fruitwood table, circa 1850.

Every six weeks, Dillon makes a trip to England and France where she relies on a network of people who hand-pick each piece of furniture and accessory for her careful inspection. She returns with a 40-foot container filled to the max with 200 pieces of furniture made up of 90 percent antiques and 10 percent old-wood reproductions.

A particularly unusual piece is an English coffer, resembling a modern-day hope chest, that features a readable page from an actual newspaper dated 1797 that, lining the coffer, infused with the wood. Other accessories include rustic French pottery, barley twist candlesticks, English tapestries, antique tea tins and upholstered footstools.

KEARNEY'S KOLLECTABLES

There is something for everyone at Kearney's Kollectables and its discount store, Kearney's Korner, both located in Marshfield and occupying space in three store fronts. Co-owners Barbara Kearney and Jim Carreiro opened Kearney's Kollectables three years ago and expanded into discount furniture and accessories just six months ago.

"Everybody wants a bargain," Kearney says. "We saw a need develop from our many cottage shoppers who are interested in buying everyday type things such as plates, lamps, ashtrays, old books and good, solid used furniture that just needs some fixing up." Kearney's sells the do-it-yourself pieces at a very low price, allowing the buyer to transform a gently worn piece of furniture into a stunning, like-new labor of love.

In the main store, shoppers will find furniture that ranges in style from art deco to Victorian to classic '40s and '50s hutches, tables, bureaus and art work as well as vintage clothing and accessories.

One interesting piece in the store is an art deco entertainment center featuring a working, electric fireplace, a bar complete with glasses, and a radio and old-fashioned turntable. Kearney's also features a large selection of handmade as well as antique walking sticks.

VICTORIA'S BY THE SEA

Across from Cohasset Harbor, Victoria's By The Sea welcomes shoppers into its multi-dealer showrooms that, according to owner Victoria Chin, "combine the past with the present."

That it does. Featuring Victorian, country, primitive, custom and reproduction furniture alongside sculptures, lamps, architectural, garden and collector items as well as original paintings by local artists, Chin has managed to offer clients decorating and designing services to boot. "Antique chandeliers, china and glassware are some of my favorite things," says Chin, who opened her own shop five years ago, having grown up in a family-owned custom furniture business.

Chin keeps a "wish book" of customers' sought-after items that she keeps an eye out for. She acquires most of her pieces from estate liquidations and buy-outs from local homes as well as from Cape Cod, Vermont, Maine and Canada, and she will be going to France in July.

March is markdown month at Victoria's and there are some great bargains to be found, such

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ENLIGHTENING — AND WORTHY

Its nickname is "the ugly lamp," but owner Sue Leslie admits, "When it is all lit up, it really is pretty." Still, Leslie wasn't expecting much when she took the lamp to the Hanover Chamber of Commerce's appraisal fund-raiser earlier this month. A chamber member, she grabbed the lamp for auctioneer/appraiser Joan Caddigan's opinion on her way to volunteer at the event. The lamp, to Leslie's surprise, is valuable.

A Pairpoint Puffy, made by the Cape Cod glass company, the shade is painted glass, Leslie describes; the base is brass — "not a lot were made with brass" — and is signed — "that was the clincher."

Caddigan has been in the auction and appraisal business for 20 years. A Hanover chamber member herself, she says the proceeds from the appraisals will go to the organization's scholarship fund. She does appraisal fund-raisers and charitable auctions from time to time. "Some wonderful things can come through the door," she says.

With or without her lamp, Leslie says the appraisal fund-raiser was a lot of fun. "People bring in things in boxes and bags, wrapped in towels. You get to chat." And then, with any luck, you get to adjust your insurance policy.



Staff photo/Fred Robertson

—**Helen Graves**

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as an antique, mahogany-carved and upholstered love seat, circa 1920, and a marble coffee table.

FURNITURE CONSIGNMENT GALLERY

Located in Hanover, the Furniture Consignment Gallery is a four-floor source for traditional and contemporary furnishings at more and more affordable prices the longer they remain in the store. For each 30 days the item remains unsold, it is marked down 10 percent. "Things move quickly here — most don't stay long enough to make it to the markdown," explains manager Rich Quigley. Owned by Susan Fiore, the gallery typically features traditional mahogany and cherry wood as well as reasonably priced modern pieces.

In addition to the multitude of bedroom, kitchen and dining sets, the consignment gallery is host to many unique pieces, such as a late 1800s, handpainted blanket chest that was restored by a local artist. Another unique piece is a large, handpainted counter bar made with antique wood parts.

If you're in the market for a new desk, there was a beautifully carved, two-drawer mahogany claw foot library table and an antique, Victorian, floral-patterned camel back sofa, circa 1870.

SIMON HILL ANTIQUES

Snug Harbor in Duxbury is home to Simon Hill Antiques, a multi-dealer shop owned by Barbara Stevens and Terry Stevens featuring an extensive collection of 14 karat gold and sterling silver antique and used jewelry. A shop that buys as well as consigns, Simon Hill also has a huge collection of Irish Claddaugh rings, some with stones and some without. Also displayed are many locally crafted decoys, Oriental rugs, paintings, china and a bountiful collection of unique Christmas ornaments.

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Sewer battle is likely at town meeting

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions (CEES), a grass roots organization opposed to the town's sewer and wastewater management plans, is organizing a potentially powerful voting bloc and gearing up to defeat sewer articles at Saturday's town meeting. More than 90 people packed into the high school cafeteria last week as members of CEES and its consultants discussed the town's sewer and septic plans.

CEES's goal for town meeting is to defeat two articles asking residents to approve an additional $2.7 million for the North Cohasset sewer project because of higher than projected contract bids. The sewer commission wants voters to approve the additional funding to complete the North Cohasset project. CEES alsc wants to halt the implementation of the Second Amended Final Judgment for Agreement and septic system priority districts.

The battle lines have been drawn, but the outcome is uncertain. Town meeting voters will have the final say.

Lisa Bumstead serves as the group's public relations liaison. When asked, Bumstead stopped short of saying the group wants to sewer the entire town. But she did say CEES wants the town to look for

SEWER BATTLE PAGE 6

Sewer subsidy is a wallet issue

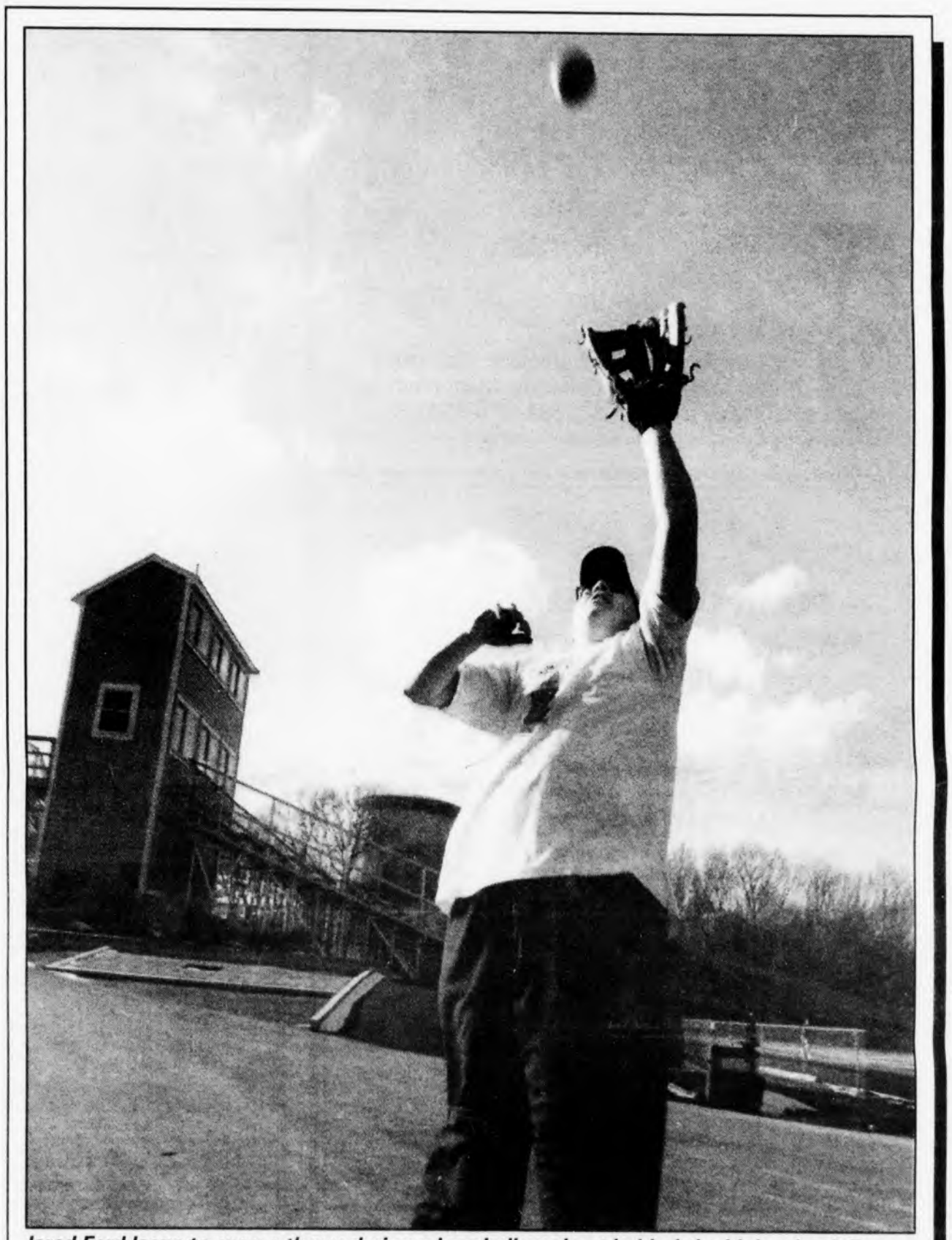
By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Just how good a deal state subsidy is for homeowners hooking up to the sewer seems to be at the heart of the controversy brewing in North Cohasset.

Selectmen grappled with how to handle the $2.7 million cost overrun of the North Cohasset sewer project again at their meeting Monday. Voters at Saturday's town meeting will be asked to appropriate the additional funds which would hook up about 200 homes in phases 3 and 4 of the project to the sewer line.

Selectmen aren't sure whether to recommend the additional appropriation which would bring

STATE SEWER PAGE 7



Jared Ford leaps to snag a throw during a baseball workout behind the high school. For more sports news see pages 15-18

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Marina land dispute could threaten harbor dredging

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

A local businessman hopes the threat of controversy sinking the $1.34 million harbor dredging project will propel the town to resolve an old land dispute.

Owner of Cohasset Harbor Marina, Paul Trendowicz of Beach Street, wants the town to support realigning the federal anchorage in Bailey's Creek in front of his marina.

In a 4-1 vote on Monday — with Selectman Diane Sullivan dissenting — selectmen directed Town Manager Mark Haddad to work with town counsel, the harbormaster and harbor committee to seek a resolution to the matter. (See related story).

Trendowicz, who bought the former Figueiredo property several years ago, proposes moving the federal line of jurisdiction by 40 feet to improve the marina by providing more room for the marina's existing 45 slips and an additional 50 slips.

As it stands now, Trendowicz must remove the existing docks which encroach in the federal channel before the Army Corps of Engineers will dredge the harbor.

But Trendowicz claims he can prove he actually owns to the middle of Bailey's Creek and can get the federal anchorage area removed. If the town supports the 40-foot realignment of the federal area —which would have to be dredged at Trendowicz's expense because federal money cannot be used for private dredging projects — he would be willing to deed the remaining anchorage area to Cohasset.

The swap would ensure the dredging project goes forward as planned and would be beneficial to the town and to the marina because it would resolve the land dispute once and for all, Trendowicz claims.

MARINA LAND PAGE 14

Office buildings slated for driving range site

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Paul Barry, the owner of the Cohasset Heights landfill, will ask the planning board April 1 to approve a small new office development along Route 3A. Under review will be two single-story office buildings, parking for 190 cars and a 10,000 square foot auto repair facility. All are to be built on land now used by a golf driving range.

Barry and next-door businessman Wayne Sawchuk both say the new construction will improve the area. Sawchuk, who owns a brick office building next to the site, called it "a great idea." He said the development would take up only a small portion of "acres of land." He had no doubt the project would be "an asset."

But if the plan eventually spurs new questions about over-development in Cohasset, those questions will be coming about 45 years too late. According to planning board Chairman Al Moore, Cohasset's three-mile stretch of the road had its fate decided in 1954 when the town decided against putting a residential zone along Route 3. Ultimately, Moore said, if developments like Barry's continue, the town might

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2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs which prevent voting at the polls on election day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, by fax or hand-delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed and the signature of the applicant. A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such a voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absent voter, sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand-deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by April 4 to be counted.

The Town Clerk's office will be using the Accu-Vote optical scan system. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the OVAL to the right of your choice, follow directions as to the number of candidates for each office, and to vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line and completely fill in the OVAL.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

Brush accepted at R.T.F.

Residential Brush will be accepted at the R.T.F. through April 19. No trees over 12" in diameter. No contractors allowed.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their weekly meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-9900 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Mondays.

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High Society Victorian Tea Party
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Cohasset professor pens techno-thriller

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Imagine the second Ice Age is about to begin. To stop it, a super-weatherman has to be crafted to save the planet from a deep freeze. He is Dr. Cliff Lorenz, and he must smother doubts about his science before he plunges into the ultimate battle with nature. Though an expert in a new and dangerous technology to alter the earth's climate, he knows the limits of his knowledge. Lorenz already witnessed one disaster after a climate experiment failed. It will mean the end of the world if he fails now.

That is the synopsis of "Polar Day 9," the techno-thriller written by a Cohasset professor. Dr. Ubaldo DiBenedetto wrote the book under the pen name Kyle Donner. He is now being swamped with requests for the television and movie rights to his novel. Last week, DiBenedetto said he should know by June if he can strike a deal to sell his techno-thriller "Polar Day 9" to Universal Studios. The studio has amassed a record of international TV hits such as "Xena Warrior Princess" and "Hercules." If not, he has other producers' representatives looking to buy the option.

Ironically, DiBenedetto used episodes based on his own life in "Polar Day 9." He was a meteorologist in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He spent most of the war in a flying weather station inside an army plane. Much of his work is still classified, but the weather research the army did then is still used as the basis for studies of changes in the earth's climate.

"In those days we used to hear about climate modifiers," he said. "Some are controlled by man. Some are not." For one long-standing instance of a human control, he said, governments sometimes try to make rain during droughts by "seeding" clouds with silver iodide. More recently, the Russian government has attempted to bring water and agriculture to the dry steppes in the south by re-routing some of the rivers. In "Polar Day 9," the project is more ambitious. The hero changes the entire world's weather patterns when he re-channels the Gulf Stream.

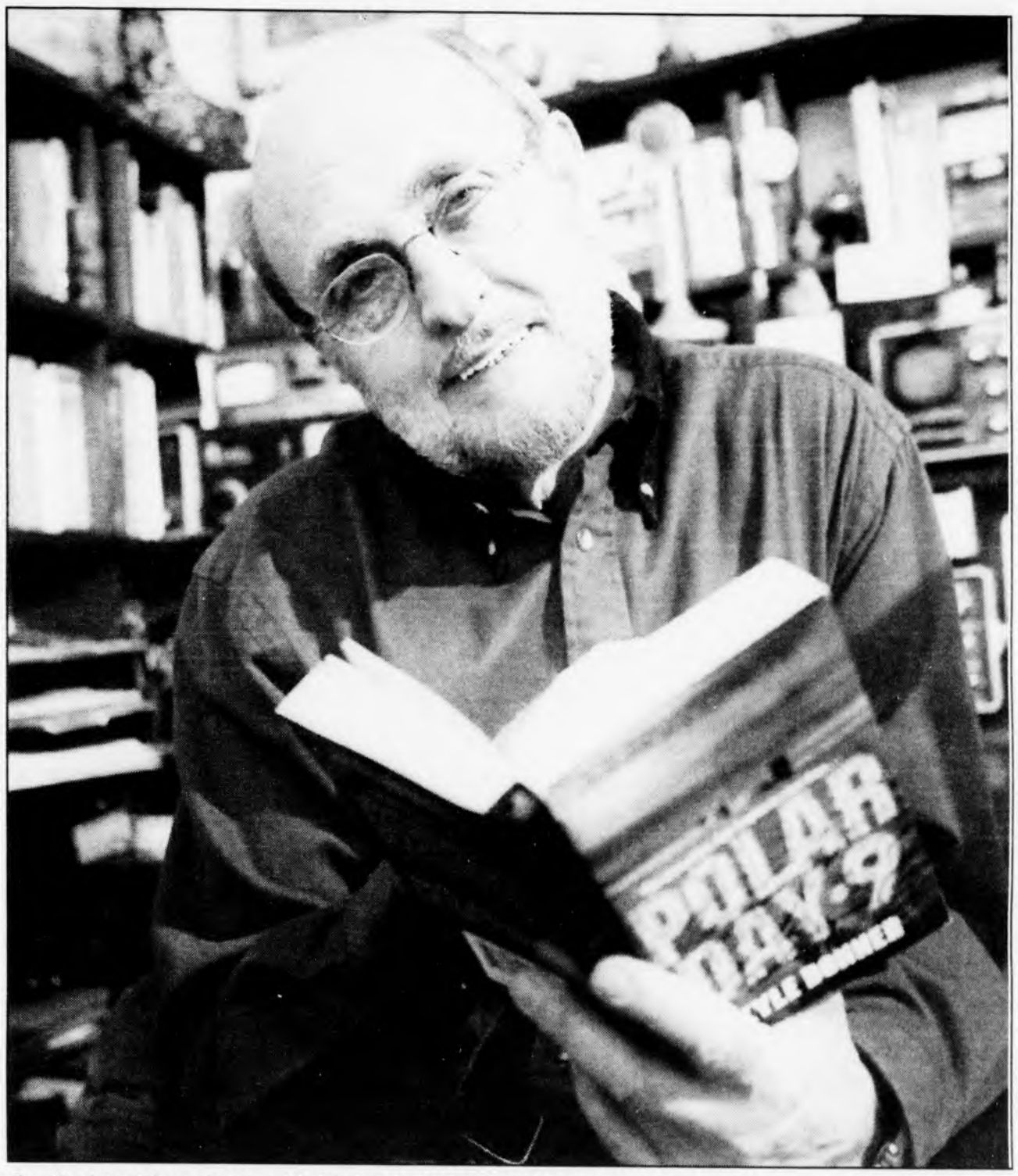
The story is based in science. It starts in California when a jolt along the San Andreas fault releases underground gases into the atmosphere. The underground gas contains crystalline particles. They block the sun's rays and plunge the earth into a freeze similar to the cold, dark world imagined after a nuclear war. DiBenedetto, who teaches Romance Languages and literature at the Harvard School of Continuing Education, tapped into a network of academic colleagues to make sure the science in the story is solid. He said the situation is similar to the earth's predicament after the Yucatan was struck by meteors approximately 60 million years ago.

"The dust, the smoke, the fire so darkened the sky, it was like winter," he said. Scientists generally agree the meteor strike spelled the extinction of the dinosaur and altered life on earth. Similarly, the escape of crystalline particles described in "Polar Day 9" could cause a "sudden drop in temperature," he said. DiBenedetto said a temperature drop followed a 1991 volcanic eruption in the Philippines.

"So much smoke and dust spewed out of it, it lowered the temperature by a centigrade degree. That's not much. But if it continued, it could have precipitated a cooling" of the earth's surface, he said. DiBenedetto also used his computer to construct the underwater mass, the hero used to split the Gulf Stream. His map of the underwater "hull" near New Brunswick is pure fiction, but he used his computer to calculate how water would be dispersed if the hull were really there. The calculations are accurate. The picture of the hull is framed and hung on the wall of the professor's study, along with academic certificates he has won as well as charts of the Renaissance world he has studied. In his home office on Jerusalem Road, the professor is surrounded by books and gadgets.

"It's like having friends you like, except they're silent," he said. Not all of them are silent, though. DiBenedetto's book shelves are crammed with things that beep, talk and whistle. He has a ham radio. He also has a computer with scanner, movie cameras and a weather machine. It reads out the temperature and other climate statistics inside and outside his house.

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Dr. Ubaldo DiBenedetto with his book "Polar Day 9," published under the pen name Kyle Bonner, is being considered as the basis for a Hollywood movie.

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Protecting Spanish from computer words

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The sparkle long ago rubbed off the term *Renaissance man*. But Dr. Ubaldo DiBenedetto epitomizes the best spirit of the legendary individual proficient at both art and science, past and future, fiction and fact. "Polar Day 9" is not his only project. Along with culling movie script proposals, he is occupied with a new academic project related to linguistics. At stake this time is nothing less than the future of the Spanish language. DiBenedetto, who has already produced a Spanish-English dictionary, is a member of the Royal Academy of the Spanish language.

He has been charged with the task of translating into Spanish words used in the computer science field. Most are American-English words. The sheer volume of American coinages has threatened the purity of many Romance languages, including Italian and French.

"My God, what the Americans have developed," he said. If the Romance languages merely imported the American computer words, the practice might "open the floodgate" and clear the way for thousands more new words related to medicine, business, electronics and cable television. For instance, he said, the words "leader" and "manager" have already simply been adopted in Italy. The English words appear in newspaper articles and are no longer viewed as foreign words, like the way Americans use espresso. Other times, the words get a translation, but the Romance version is based too slavishly on the American model. The American "click," used to describe how to use a computer mouse, became "clicare" in Italian, due to the influence of Italian hackers rather than linguists. The sound of the word "clicare" does not belong in the language of Dante, he said.

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— DR. UBALDO DIBENEDETTO

"The Internet is in the hands of kids," the professor sighed. "They won't look in the dictionary." He estimated half of the Italian web pages really consists of American-English words.

DiBenedetto also said the American computer coinages, though sometimes clever, vary in quality. For instance, he said, "click" has the virtue of sounding like the action it describes, and "feedback" is a good visual metaphor, too. But "desktop" really does not work that well to describe either a PC or its files. There is no good reason to import an unsatisfactory word.

"English has been very liberal in accepting words that are plain too awful to translate," he said. "But they have not accepted everything. Espresso is a good word. It sounds like coffee coming out in a hurry. But if the English has a good word for something already, the foreign word has not been accepted. They don't say "frezzio" when they mean a frieze."

DiBenedetto said the American advances in technology have spawned problems for undeveloped countries, too. Some countries did not even have electricity when multinational firms like Digital began shipping computers abroad. Digital followed the recommendation of language professors 15 years ago and published their technical manuals in English. He estimated there are hundreds of technical words in English that have been imported by languages, such as Chinese, that did not have a word to describe or define the machinery.

"There is proof this is what the whole world is coming to," he said, pointing to the airlines industry where English is now the official language, even in Italy. For safety and simplicity, companies are under pressure to "do away with the local language" and move to English.

"The problem is just beginning to reveal itself," he said. "We don't know how big the problem is yet." DiBenedetto said millions of people speak Spanish around the world. His task ultimately will mean coming up with words that can be accepted by all the different dialects and will not conflict with local usage customs or be offensive. Though a mammoth undertaking, the job has not daunted the professor. He said the Spanish language will survive better with its own words. If afterwards the Spanish writers keep choosing the English word, he will have failed.

"You can be as academic as you

PROTECT SPANISH, PAGE 4

Office buildings at driving range

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be looking at more traffic signals and more lanes along Route 3A. But the opinion these changes will impact the town's "pastoral splendor" depends mostly on an illusion. The view roadside has long been a blend of strip malls, office buildings, backyards and wetlands.

"It's not as if something's being placed in an inappropriate location," he said. Moore also said it was more accurate to see new developments in the context of Route 3A's "redevelopment." Most of the new construction, such as the Stop & Shop and the Shaw's Supermarkets, have replaced blight. For instance, an abandoned car dealership was demolished to make way for the Stop & Shop. Shaw's took over a plaza that repeatedly failed septic system tests. The Barry project, replacing the driving range, offers an improvement but on a smaller scale than the supermarkets. He said the planning board could help push for aesthetic appeal by insisting on landscaping, green space and proper access.

"It's not as if we're tearing up virgin forest," he said. Moore said without doubt, the town would have made a better decision in 1954, if they had voted against the light industrial zone on Route 3A. But it would be unfair to change the zoning now. He also said traffic studies have shown a spike in the flow along Route 3A around morning and afternoon commutes. An office development might not increase the traffic during the peak hours, he said.

Barry also said Wednesday he doubted the project could be viewed as part of a trend that ultimately would transform Route 3A into a string of strip malls.

"My feeling about Route 3A in Cohasset is it is very much off beaten trail for business. I don't think you could draw anyone from Boston to build in Cohasset. To me it's more for local people to have a business in their own community." The preliminary plan he filed depicts one 4,000 square foot single-story office building, one 5,000 square foot single-story office building and the auto repair north of Crocker Lane. All will be visible from Route 3A since the land there is "all flat." He also said Wednesday he was not sure about the exact setbacks from the highway but could estimate the development would be at least 50 feet off the highway. Barry said as yet no official tenants had been signed for any of the buildings. He said the decision was made to build after numerous people indicated an interest in locating a business in the area.

Barry said he had purchased the property several years ago and cleaned it up.

"I've had that property five or seven years. When I took it over it was a junkyard. I cleaned it up." He said it had since been rented to the driving range. But the golf operation had not proved successful in his opinion. Though he did not go into details about the trust, he said he was not now the property owner.

Panel makeup for superintendent search

With the search for a new schools superintendent underway, the school board adjusted the composition of the 11-member panel that will interview the candidates. March 19, the school committee opted to cut the number of student representatives in half and insure a place for one delegate from the school councils. They also nominated Nancy Sandell to fill the slot for a former school board member.

The new formation calls for:

- one student,
- two teachers,
- two administrators,
- two parents,
- one school council member,
- one former school board member and
- two people chosen randomly from those who ask to serve on the interview board.

The 11 members will interview the pool of candidates whose resumes were previously selected by a consultant, James Hardy of the state association of school committees. Ultimatel the panel will rank the candidates.

The school board will conduct the finalist interviews. Board member Ralph Kidder said the interviews of the eight or ten semi-finalists would not be held until the beginning of May. The interviews with the semi-finalists and the finalists will be held in public, though the audience will not be able to ask questions. The school committee has sole authority to hire the superintendent.

The new superintendent will replace Stephen Hart. He is stepping down in August. The board intends to name Hart's replacement by the middle of June. They want the new superintendent to start work Aug. 3.

Seventh Annual Appalachia Yard Sale—April 4

As the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project gears up for its eleventh trip to help upgrade the homes of poor families in Appalachia, they eagerly approach their next fund-raiser: the Seventh Annual ASP Yard Sale.

The yard sale will take place on Voting Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 4 at the Second Congregational Church, right next door to the polling location (Town Hall). Items—no clothing, please—may be donated by bringing them to the church from Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3, just prior to the sale. Pick up of heavier items can be arranged by calling us at 383-0345, faxing 383-7005 or E-mailing scc@dreamcom.net. And don't forget to come by and purchase those special treasures you simply must have—and at such a good price!

Protecting the Spanish language

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want. But vox populi, Vox Dei," he said, quoting the maxim that popular usage is ultimately viewed as the voice of God

"A country like France, like Spain, like Italy would rather have its own word that means "feedback," for instance. The trouble is, it doesn't usually come out as beautifully as "feedback" does in English. It may need two or three Spanish words to do it. The new coinage may conflict with the meaning of another existing word. But the mother language should be controlling the uniform standard. My sincere hope is the press and the writers of fiction and non-fiction will accept the new Spanish words as the standard."

Meanwhile, the appointment to the Royal Academy is a dream come true for him. He visited the academy in Madrid when he was a graduate student and remembers walking "on tiptoe" in a gallery above the room where a meeting of the members was in progress. He wished then he could be one of them. The wish became fact this year.

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School board inks FY'99 budget

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The school board March 19 gave its conditional approval to a "very complicated" $8.17 million budget for the next school year (FY 99). The OK came with the proviso the school department could find $12,000 inside the budget (without increasing the bottom line) to fund the middle school athletics program. After the "no-cut" sports program started at the middle school this year, 105 of the 190 students turned out for fall teams. With that degree of success, the school board felt strongly the no-cut program should go on.

The new budget, a 7.5 percent increase over last year, will be voted on at town meeting Saturday. Schools superintendent Stephen Hart said Wednesday a corrected copy of the budget is now ready for the public's review. He said the summary budget that appears in the warrant is also accurate. Hart said it took a long time to come up with final numbers this year because so many changes were made to the "bottom line" figure.

After the town manager gives the school department the bottom line number, the superintendent is supposed to decide how the total gets distributed. Because the bottom line number changed several times, the whole budget came in for several substantial revisions. Hart said the process generated errors. This week some last-minute changes and corrections were made to numbers that spelled out how education at each school will be paid for. He said other mistakes, such as the error in the current year (FY 98) bottom line, had also been corrected. The superintendent also said there were more errors made in the budget this year than in past years, due to the changes made during the budget talks and the subsequent changes in the bottom line.

At the March 19 school board meeting, the Mariner drew fire for an advance report on the budget before the public hearing Thursday. School board Chairwoman Maureen Jerz said then the newspaper report "has a lot of errors from my point of view." In an interview Tuesday, she said she still preferred not to see the final budget numbers compared against the previous proposals. She said she liked a "more general" look at the budget that broke out the "things driving the budget up," such as salaries, student enrollments, new teacher hires due to enrollment and special education.

"This gives people the best indication of where it's at and why the school department pressed for a little more money this year. These are fixed costs, and there's not any flexibility" (in special education, for example). She also offered a reason why the school department and the board had more trouble with the budget this year than before.

"This year was different," said Jerz. "The bottom line changed dramatically over the course of December, January and February." In other years, the school board had been looking at much the same bottom line from the start of the budget talks to the finish. But this year the differences started with a budget five percent bigger than FY 98 but ended with a 7.59 percent increase.

"Every time the bottom line changed, the office had to change all the numbers across the board," she said. But historically, Jerz said she thought the school department had generally come in with accurate forecasts.

"In the past couple of years there were some overruns in special education and some variation in the other line items. But I think the forecasting generally is" (accurate).

Overall, Hart pointed to substantial increases in special education both inside and outside the district, except at the Osgood School. The special education total there went down by $5,000 because at least one student who needed classroom aides was to attend the Deer Hill School next year. (Hart also said an apparent.$30,000 cut in special education at the Deer Hill School was not a cut. The change was due to an "error early on" in which a $30,000 tuition credit was included in the special education line. He said the money subsequently had to be moved into a different line item.) Teacher assignments accounted for other big changes in the budget. At the high school, for instance, since the Project EXCEL program ended, the former EXCEL teacher was reassigned to half time in the world languages department and half time in social studies. He has since been appointed to a full time slot as a world language teacher. A similar change bumped up the fourth grade budget. After a teacher left Deer Hill, the replacement teacher had to be paid at a higher step. Moreover, next year, six, instead of five teachers, will get fourth grade assignments there, due to enrollment increases.

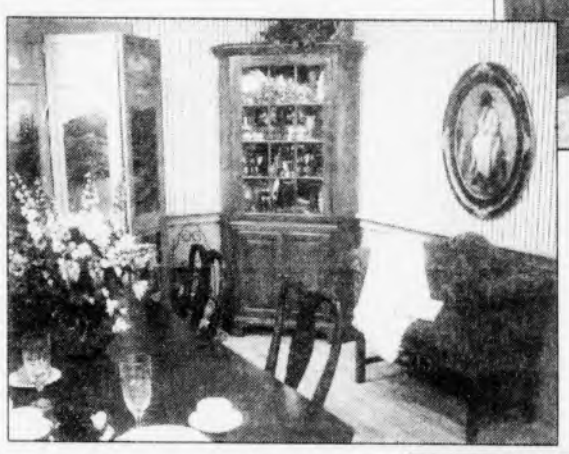
Maintenance increased 14 percent system-wide. He said some confusions about the percentage changes at each school were partly due to his later decision to spread the costs of grounds maintenance and one custodian's salary across all three schools. Previously, he said, he charged off the $14,000 grounds maintenance and the one custodian's salary entirely to the high school. He also confirmed the forecast for maintenance at the Osgood School reflected the janitors' salaries only. The school is being closed at the end of the school year. The janitors will work at the new school next year.

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Citizen's group wants to sink sewer article at town meeting

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sewer solutions that are fair and environmentally sound.

But Sewer Commissioner Ted Guild said there is the potential to create a chaotic situation. Guild said repealing the Seconded Amended Judgment (article four from the 1997 annual town meeting) would be risky for the town because it is a legally binding agreement between the town and the state.

"Article four is law; you can't do it," Guild said.

And sewering even the majority of the town suitable for sewer pipes could cost $70-$80 million.

CEES is comprised of residents placed into the town's priority districts around Lily Pond, Little Harbor, Jerusalem Road, Atlantic Avenue and Nichols Road to fulfill the terms of the Second Amended Final Judgment for Agreement. CEES members are fighting forced septic system inspections and possible upgrades as part of the agreement creating the septic priority districts. CEES members feel they should be included in the town's sewer system.

Members of CEES have been busy soliciting support for their goals. The group believes the town should stop building sewers in a piece-meal fashion and come up with a solution that addresses wastewater problems in all environmentally sensitive areas, including Lily Pond, Little Harbor and streets surrounding Little Harbor, Cohasset Harbor and all associated feeding waterways.

The group has approached state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth and U.S. Representative William Delahunt for assistance, hired attorneys and engineers, and conducted a massive public education program.

CEES claimed a victory several weeks ago when the Attorney General's Office ruled that the town should sewer 23 homes on Lily Pond and study the feasibility of sewering Little Harbor.

Hedlund met with CEES and town officials last week to see if he could offer any assistance. He said it is possible that there is an alternative state funding source that could lower the price of the North Cohasset project, but more investigation is necessary.

Bumstead said there are so many problems with the sewer commission's plans for North Cohasset that the town should scrap the parts of the project still in the bidding process and start over.

Bumstead said the bids for the sewer project, which recently came back $2.7 million higher than the original $6.6 million estimate, are riddled with inconsistencies and inflated prices. She said CEES has examined the bids and a practice called "pennying." Bidders are required to set prices for a certain number of line items in a contract when bidding on a project. Some of the line-items include items like removing ledge on private property, which is an unpredictable cost. For such line-items, many bidders submit a cost of one penny and then include money in other line items to cover the "pennyed" sections.

Sewer Commissioner Ted Guild said he didn't know why bidders "pennyed" certain items, but that it is common industry practice.

Sewer commissioners said the project bids came back so high because contractors were concerned about liability issues involved with ledge removal while working on private property. Bumstead said Hingham is expecting to lower costs associated with private property by identifying ledge and other difficult spots on private land for contractors, something Cohasset has not done. She said detailed drawings reduce liability by eliminating uncertainties about the amount of ledge on a piece of land, and allowing contractors to avoid "pennying."

But Guild pointed out that there is no guarantee that rebidding a contract will result in lower bids. The bids could come back higher. And Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said at last week's selectmen's meeting that Town Meeting had to reject the additional $2.7 million in funding for the town to legally send the project out to bid again.

Bumstead said "pennying" is just one problem in a long line of shortcomings in the North Cohasset project. She said other towns have embarked on similar sewer projects that cost a fraction of the North Cohasset project. Bumstead said Hingham expects to sewer 150 homes as part of a shared project with Cohasset and Hull for $2.3 million. She added that Hull is going to sewer 130 homes and upgrade its treatment plant for $2.5 million. Bumstead said she has a hard time reconciling those figures with Cohasset's cost of $9.3 million to merely sewer 262 homes.

But Guild replied that those projects may not compare favorably to the North Cohasset area, which has an unusually high amount of ledge.

CEES is also supporting Patrick Plante in his candidacy to defeat Henry Rattenbury for his seat on the sewer commission. Plante visited selectmen last week and pointed out that some of the valves in the bids were priced 300-400 percent higher than identical valves at retail outlets. Bumstead and CEES have also accused the sewer commission's engineering consultant, Tutela Engineering, of overcharging the town for services and performing shoddy work.

Bumstead said the bottom-line is the $2.7 million should be rejected and the town should find a more economical solution that is fair to everyone and beneficial to the environment.

Guild said voters should consider the implications carefully.

"We should continue with the project, pending a state study of the one area currently under consideration as part of the Attorney General's ruling," Guild said. "This has been in the town meeting warrant for 20 years. Right now we're looking at $22 million just for these two small parts of the town (North and central Cohasset) we need a plant and it can be done, but let's get this out of the way, and get the state off our backs. After that, if we want to do more sewer work in the future, then let's do it."

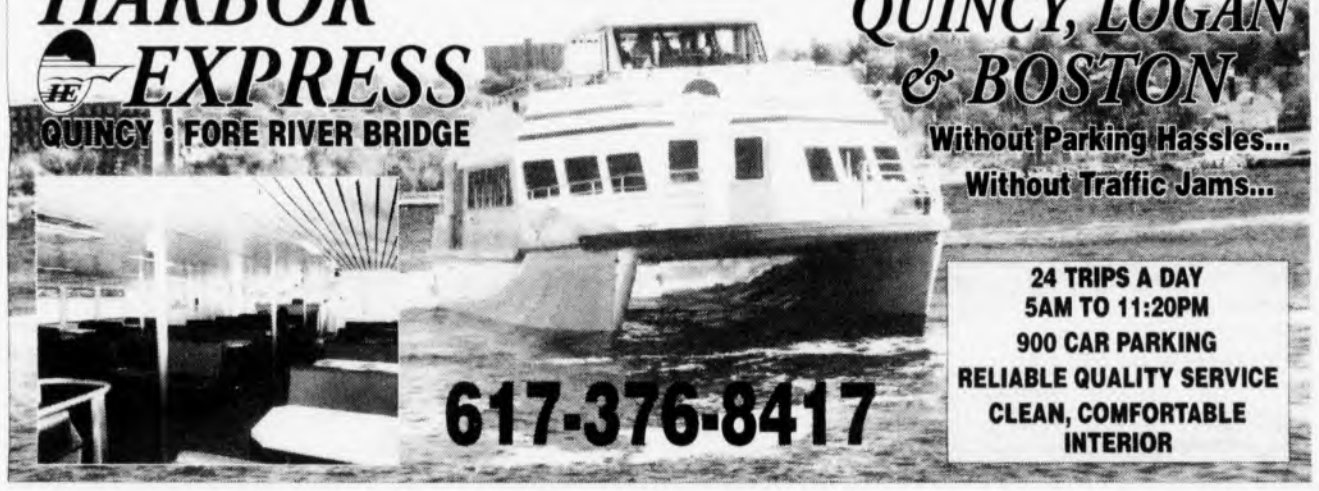
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Central bids come in below budget

On Thursday, March 19, sewer commissioners received eight bids for phase one of the Central Cohasset sewer project. Five of the eight bidders came in below the engineer's estimate with the winning bidder over 25 percent below estimate and 10 percent below the next bidder, chairman Ted Guild said.

Ever since the North Cohasset bids came in well above budget, sewer commissioners have stated that they expect the Central Cohasset project to be at or near the projected cost. The phase one bid results appear to substantiate this, commissioners said. Phase one covers the sewer main for the new elementary school down Pleasant Street to Cushing Road to the existing main on Spring Street. Connecting "stubs" to each property line will be installed at the same time, but individual homeowners will not be able to hook up until the town's treatment plant has been expanded, some two years hence, Guild said. The remainder of the Central Cohasset project will go out to bid in the fall.

Sewer subsidy is a wallet issue

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the total cost of the project to more than $9 million.

If the town meeting article fails, phases 3 & 4 would not go forward and the sewer commission could decide to rebid or drop those phases of the project. If town meeting appropriates the money, the affected homeowners would pay to hookup to the sewer main through betterments assessed over 20 years. The project has qualified for state grant equivalency funding which is highly beneficial to the homeowner, sewer commissioners said.

But some project opponents claim homeowners could do better on their own because the town has to pay prevailing wage and other costs associated with a public project.

"It's the same as paying $500 for a loaf of bread with 25 percent state discount," said Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Road. "It's still too much to pay for the bread."

While Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild agreed private contractors can do the job more cheaply, he stressed the favorable state funding still makes having the town contract for the project a better deal for the homeowner.

He said the only reason phases 3 & 4 were proposed was to help out the affected homeowners. State funding provides zero interest loans and forgives part of the pay back, Guild explained. (Bids for Phase 1, which lays sewer pipe throughout the district and phase 2, which hooks up130 homes near Straits Pond — an Area of Critical Environmental Concern — to the sewer have been awarded. Those parts of the project are moving ahead).

To illustrate his point, Guild said the private contractor cost for hooking 45 Windy Hill Road — a typical home in phase 3 — is $8900, according to an independent estimate provided by local contractor Rosano Davis. That's cheaper than the $14,200 "bidder's cost." But assuming the homeowner obtains a home equity loan at 8 percent for 20 years to pay for the hook up privately — the end cost would be $18,700 as opposed to $12,200 for the bidders' cost after state funding.

Hooking up 7 Linden Drive — a typical home in phase 4 — would cost the homeowner $9200 to do privately with a net cost of $20,000 after paying back a home equity loan. The bidder's cost for the same home is $15,900 but only $13,300 after state funding.

Last year the town voted a debt exclusion override to pay the cost of half the North Cohasset project. If article 17 passes Saturday, another override slated for April 4 will ask voters to pick up half or $1.3 million of the cost overrun, if the sewer article passes but the override fails — the affected homeowners would pay for the entire cost as reduced by state funding through betterments. Articles are items of business before town meeting.

In a telephone interview, Guild explained installing pressure systems as part of a sewer project is extremely rare. The high amount of ledge in North Cohasset makes a gravity system — like the one slated for central Cohasset – prohibitively expensive, some three times the cost of the pressure system.

"In order to make North Cohasset possible, the state says the tank and pump are part of the treatment system, therefore the homeowner gets a 50 percent subsidy on what goes on their property," he said. "That's the only reason we proposed to sewer on private property to obtain state funding for them."

In Central Cohasset — where more than 600 homes will be added to the sewer line — all except about 40 of the affected homeowners will pay the entire cost for their own hookups because they are conventional gravity sewers and are less costly. The 40 special cases have a high amount of ledge like those in North Cohasset and will be done by pressure sewers will be afforded the same 50 percent state funding, Guild said.

Moderator hopes to speed up town meeting

If Town Moderator George Marlette has his way then Town Meeting is going to be more streamlined this year.

Marlette said in an effort to expedite the process, for the first time he is going to ask town meeting to approve housekeeping and routine articles as a group.

"I'd like to focus on the issues like sewer and water which are likely to be debated," Marlette said.

The annual Town Meeting — which includes 44 articles or items of business — is slated to begin at 10 a.m. in the high school gymnasium. It takes a quorum of 100 registered voters for town meeting to get underway.

Marlette plans to go through the list of articles with town meeting to ascertain those which no one wants to debate and ask town meeting to adopt them.

Copies of all the motions — or answers to the articles in the warrant — will be available to voters as they check in. Marlette hopes to dispense with the reading of the motions which should also help speed things up.

"I hope people understand what we are trying to accomplish," he said.

Marlette said a similar system is used in Nantucket and Concord.

Nevertheless, Marlette doesn't expect all the business to be completed Saturday. If needed, Town Meeting will reconvene at 7:30 p.m., Monday at the high school.

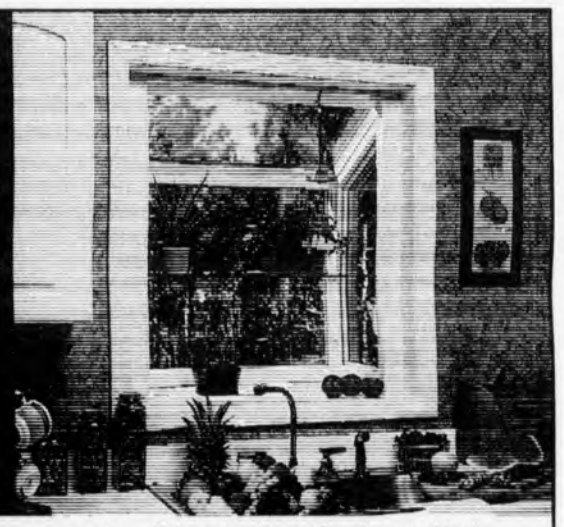


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CANDIDATES' LUNCHEON

The Cohasset Elder Affairs Board has invited the candidates to attend its 11th annual candidate's luncheon Tuesday, March 31, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The luncheon will be held at the Community Center, 3 North Main St. Mr. John Coe will be master of ceremonies. The purpose of the luncheon is to introduce candidates to Cohasset Senior Citizens so they may familiarize them with the important issues confronting Cohasset now and in the future. The candidates will give a two-minute opening statement on their philosophy and goals of their candidacy. There will be questions and answers and a one-minute summary. The elders will be certain to learn a lot about their candidate, everyone interested should attend!

ASP YARD SALE

Now that Spring is officially here, it is time for us to "clean out" all of those things that we haven't used for the past year! Where should they go? To the Appalachia Service Project Yard Sale, that's where! The date of the sale is Saturday, April 4, so you have plenty of time to find treasures for them to sell! They will be accepting donations of all sorts the week before the sale (next week). So, spend the weekend "throwing" into the Yard Sale pile, then drop it off, then watch people pay $$$ for your throwaways! It is a great fund-raiser for the ASP. Be sure to attend, and buy someone else's thing that you can't live without! So, vote, then shop—the sale takes place at the Second Congregational Church from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (if you have anything large, call 383-0345 and they will arrange to come and take it).

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OUTSTANDING GYMNASTS

Kudos go to Kristin Sheerin this week. She is surely worthy of them. In case you missed the news, Kristin tied for first place at the Pilgrim Conference Championship! She is an eighth grader. Kim Richardson of Hanover is a senior! You can bet that we will be reading a lot about her, she is a little dynamo who will go places!!

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 4 certainly is going to be a busy day for all. Add the Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt to your list! It will be held at noon, for ages three to 11, at the Deer Hill School. They are even going to have prizes for those who find "special eggs". Bring a small bag to put your eggs in—then have fun!

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ARTISTRY OF FLOWERS

Speaking of flowers, Barbara Power and Patricia Michaud are doing something really special on Tuesday, March 31. At the South Shore Art Center, at 10 a.m., they are doing "Creative Container Design and Floral Arrangement. As you probably know, they are both National Council Flower Show Judges, and they are going to demonstrate artistry with flowers. Barbara compliments works of art with floral designs. Pat develops arrangements as extensions of Judy Rossman's creative ceramic containers. The following Tuesday, April 7, they will be "Creating Art in Bloom at the MFA." They will hold a slide presentation of the Museum of Fine Arts' annual Art in Bloom celebration. Massachusetts Garden Club members interpret the museum's precious art objects to create ravishing floral designs. There will be a fee of $10 for each program, or $15 for the series. Coffee will be served.

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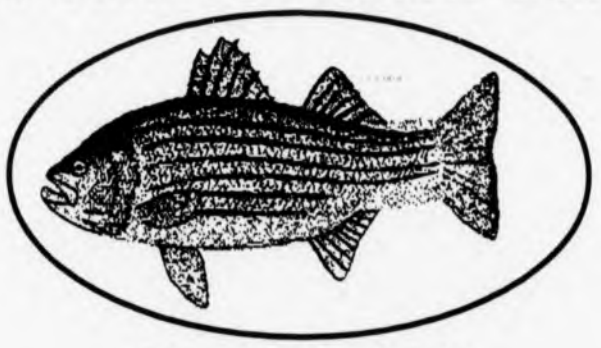
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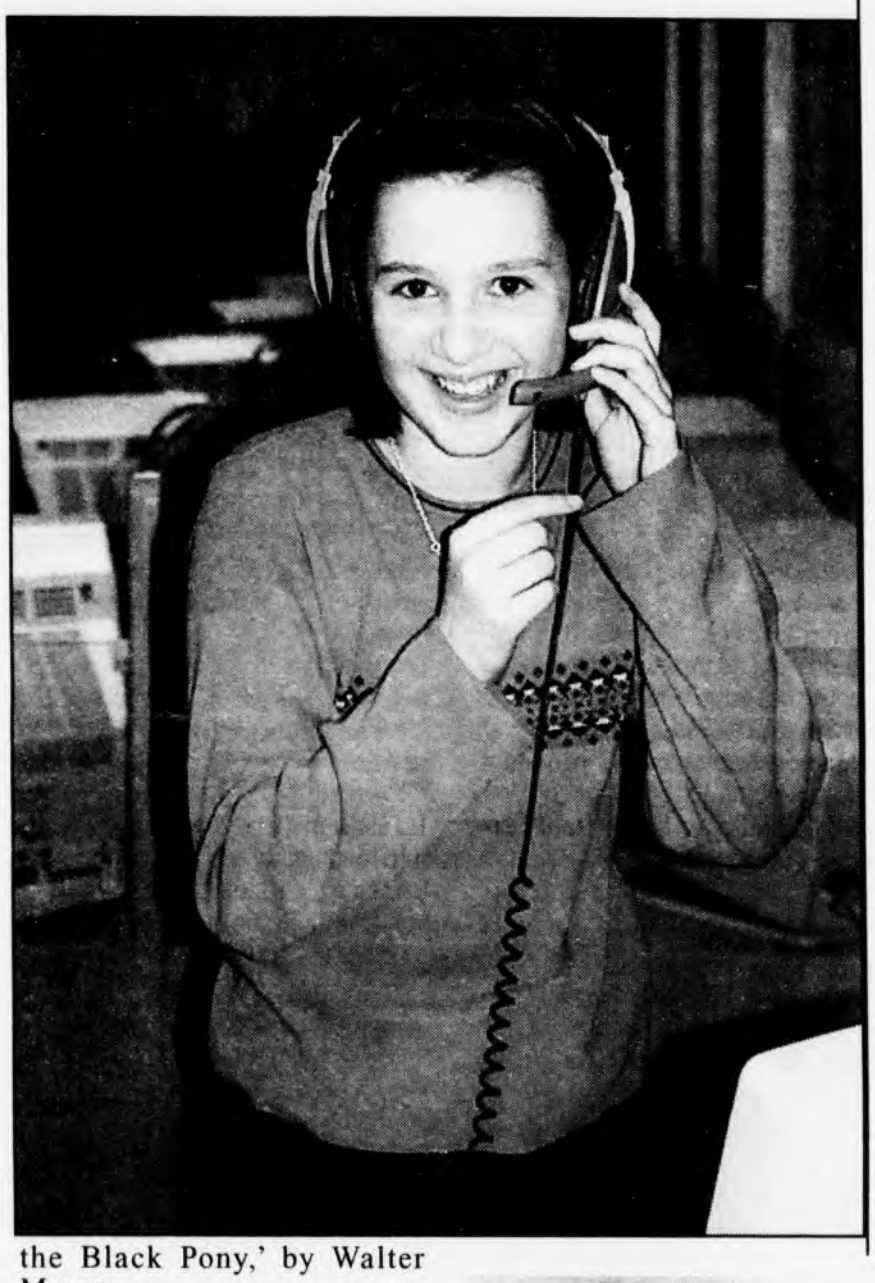
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Favorite countries: Ireland and Switzerland.

Best vacation: My trip to Hawaii with my sister and brother. I loved Sacred Falls on Oahu.

Best day(s): Barbeque days with flashlight tag after dark.

Biggest worry: I usually don't worry, but when I do, it's about people I love who die.

Favorite holiday: I love everything about Christmas.

Favorite season: Summer because of shorts, sprinklers, pools and convertibles.

Favorite TV show: I don't have one.

Favorite movie: My interest varies from comedy to horror.

Favorite book: 'The Year of the Black Pony,' by Walter Moorey.

Most embarrassing moment: Nothing big enough to tell.

Pet peeve: When I'm speaking and someone is rushing me. It's rude.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

The marina proposal

There was suddenly a lot of pressure in selectmen's chambers Monday to address a "land dispute" between the town and Cohasset Harbor Marina on Parker Avenue.

The lawyer for the marina threatened if the town didn't support owner Paul Trendowicz's request to have the federal anchorage area in Bailey's Creek moved to allow expansion of the marina then the town dredging project might be jeopardized.

Mr. Trendowicz, who claims he owns to the middle of the creek, is willing to deed that land to the town if Cohasset will support moving the federal line of jurisdiction 40 feet to accommodate plans to expand the marina.

This was all happening too fast for Selectman Diane Sullivan, who — as liasion to the harbor committee — wasn't told about a meeting held last week where town counsel and Trendowicz's lawyer met for 4-1/2 hours to discuss the issue.

She was outraged that the harbor committee was also out of the loop and questioned Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan why Mr. Trendowicz and his attorney were a last-minute addition to Monday's agenda.

The dredging project has been four years in the planning stages.

While we can understand why Mr. Trendowicz wants to expand into the creek because the state will not allow him to expand "landward" on the other side of his docks for environmental reasons — we don't see the harm in his waiting to deal with the town after the dredging project is completed next spring.

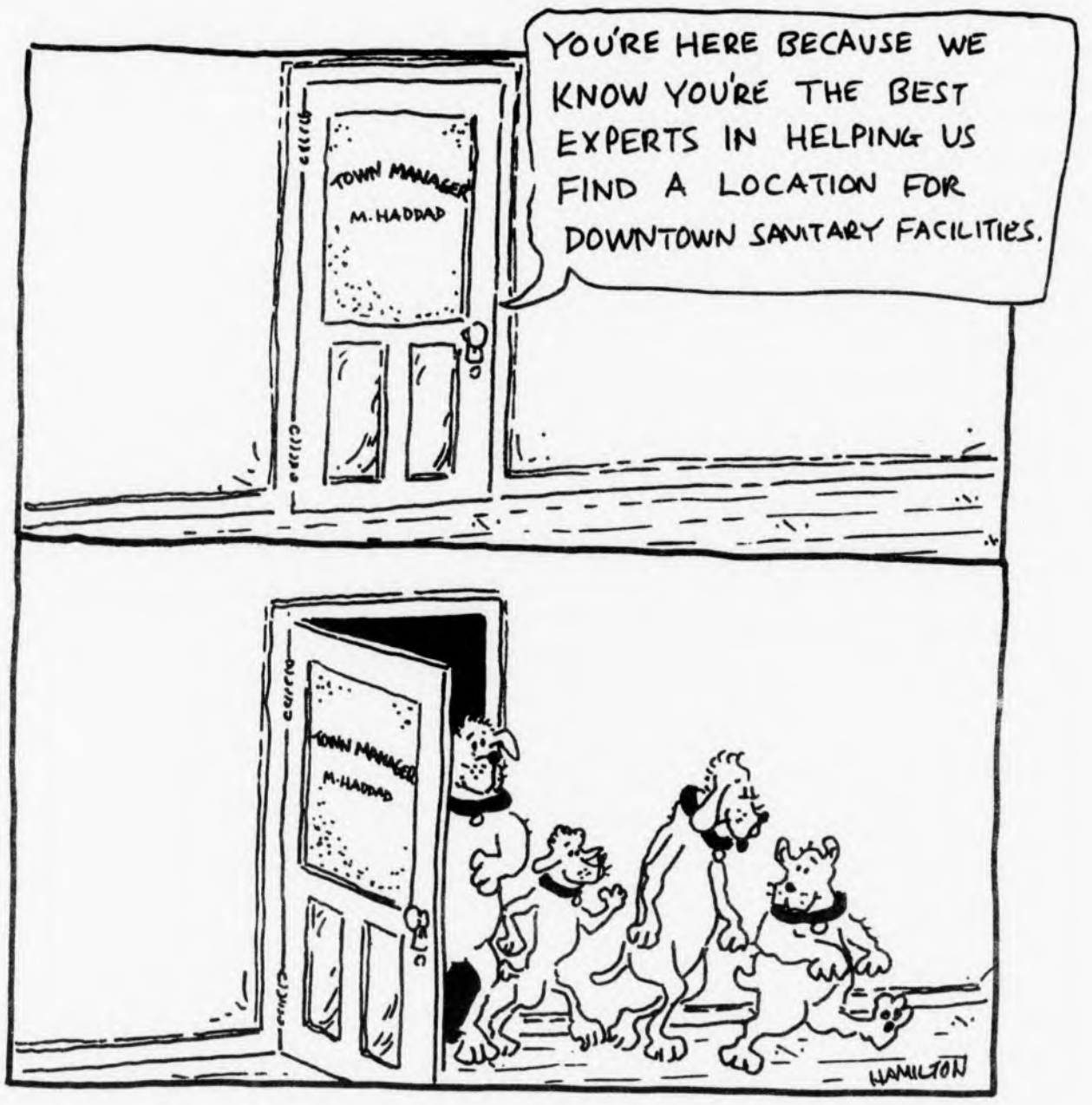
His lawyer kept talking about urgency. But any urgency is on the town's side to make sure this project meets all extremely tight permitting timetables so the dredging starts on schedule.

Cohasset has too much riding on this dredging project to get the Army Corps of Engineers involved in deauthorizing and reauthorizing federal anchorage areas at this late stage.

While a land swap might be worth studying — it should be done without the pressure of trying to piggyback onto Cohasset's dredging project.

And clearly, with a proposal of this magnitude — Mrs. Sullivan and the harbor committee on which she serves as liasion — should be involved from the outset.

— Mary Ford
Editor



LETTERS

James Lane/Eleazer Lane closure

To the Editor:

James Lane—formerly Eleazer Lane prior to 1925—is and always has been considered a dead end lane. It has never been a "through way" to Pleasant Street for countless reasons, primarily public safety, and rightly so. James Lane is approximately 125 yards long and so narrow in spots—less than the width of two cars side-by-side in some areas—that it can only comfortably accommodate one car traveling in one direction at any given time.

James Lane is a quaint, quiet, peaceful lane directly serving seven homes whose driveways connect to the lane, and indirectly serving another four homes whose backyards abut the lane. There are approximately 14 children and 15 adults who use the lane on a regular basis.

In the interest of public safety and for the good of all the residents on James Lane, please help your fellow neighbors and vote with us at town meeting March 28 on Article 42 to keep James Lane/Eleazer Lane a dead end and discontinue the Eleazer Lane parcel as a private way. This is really only a formality because James Lane/Eleazer Lane has always been considered and treated as a dead end anyway.

Scott Smith
49 James Lane

Thanks for Kitchen Tour support

To the Editor:

The South Shore Community Center's second Annual Kitchen Tour was a huge success with over 400 in attendance this year! The six fantastic kitchens plus samplings form each of the caterers were out of this world. A "special thanks" to the Giuggio, Galligan, Wade, Tierney, Norman and Davis families for opening up their homes. We would like to thank the following caterers who contributed this year at each home: Laura Atherton, The Borrowed Butler, The Catered Affair, Circe's Grotto, The Lantana, Kinnealey Meats, The Silent Chef, Seasons Cafe & Caterers.

We would also like to thank the following interior designers: Janet Roggenburg of Janet Roggenburg Interiors, Middletown, NJ; Helen Baker Interiors, W. Harwich, MA; Susan Thorn & Melissa Tierney of Susan Thorn Interiors, Cross River, NJ; Deming deGrunne of New York, NY; Pat Belanger; Arlene Ferreira & Kim Jalewsky of Country House Antiques & Interiors, Cohasset.

The Center would like to thank all of the people who helped to make this event possible: Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, St. Anthony's Parish, St. Stephen's Church, First Parish Church, Cohasset News, Stop & Shop of Cohasset, Molly Hochkeppel, Sally Chatterton, Morning Glories, French Memories, Curtis Liquors, Quikava, Dunkin Donuts, Fireking Baking Co., Iiam Tewksbury, Libby Pompeo, Mary Ford, Alan Chapman, Dickinson's Direct Mail, Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Lightkeepers, Peter Tolman, Edvia Yocum, Don & Paula Dickinson, Emily Malone, Karen Kirkendall, Grace Evans, Flowers & Festivities, Notable Occasions, Mary McElroy, Ruthann Ardizzoni, Liz Hebb, Mal McCunney, Nancy Froio, Cindy Cavannarro, Mary McGoldrick, Susan Jaffe, Trish Hart, Lisa Westcott, Martha Gangemi, Nancy O'Donnell, Sue DiPesa, K.T. Leary, Council On Elder Affairs, Janice Brown, Henry Brennock, Mary Brennock, Mike Reynolds, John Bellefontaine, Karen MacCormick, Mary Foley, Marianne Smith, Mark Haddad, Marily Hughes, Marie Plante, Shaw's Supermarket, Pamela Healey, Custom Transportation, Ann Carney, Cheryl Goodnow, Laura DeSisto, Anne Carney, Patty Smith, The Pampered Chef, Jen Maher, Andrea Kinnealey, Grace Evans, Sally Newhall, Peter Flaherty, Janet Kingan, Joe Kinnealey, Sweet Surprises, Ann Gallagher.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Selectmen candidates:
As chief executive officers of the town, do selectmen have a role in the school budget process?

SELECTMAN/Martha Gjesteby

The school board has full authority to prepare the school budget. This proposal must then be presented to the town manager, who has the final authority in preparing the budget that will be presented to Town meeting. The board of selectmen and the Advisory board can recommend changes in the budgets that are to be presented to Town meeting. In the "town" part of the budget they can recommend line item changes, but in the "school" part they can only concern themselves with the bottom line. Nobody, including the Town meeting can tell the school committee how to spend their budget..

The role of the selectmen in this process is therefore limited. They can recommend to the town manager as well as to the school committee as well as the town meeting to either increase or decrease the bottom line of school budget. If they feel that the town can afford to spend a larger share of the town's income, they can recommend an increase in the bottom line but the school committee has the sole authority to determine how the increases should be spent. Likewise, if they feel the school committee's request is more than they can afford, they can make recommendations to reduce the bottom line. Here again they will have no input as to where the reductions should be made.

SELECTMAN/Tom Callahan

Yes. While there is a separation of responsibility in making budgets, the boards are not equals in their respective budgetary scopes. The school department is still one department within the larger whole of the town. The town manager and selectmen are tasked with formulating the overall town budget. Thus, they have and should set a "bottom line" target for school spending as part of the overall town budget, and they can do this without intruding into the educational policy mission of the school committee.

The rub comes when the "bottom lines" do not match. Discussion of individual expenditures will be a natural and unavoidable result of incongruous budgets. Because of their wider mandate, questions by the selectmen are a necessary function of their job. However, the selectmen can only comment on individual expenditures, and it remains the school committee's job to decide upon individual spending choices. The school committee, though, must be sensitive to the overall town budget, and appreciate that its budget has to fit within a financially palatable whole.

Last week, Mr. Kidder wrote about teamwork. His words should be heeded. Since these boards control all our money, they have to work together rather than with a separate camp mentality. That is why I advocated a couple of weeks ago regular interaction between the boards. The school budget can be handled without jurisdictional noses getting out of joint if there was less jurisdictional sensitivity and better understanding by both boards of the other's problems and needs.

SELECTMAN/Merle S. Brown

Before the Town Manager's Act, the selectmen were responsible for the budget process of the following: fire, police, DPW, town accountant, building inspector and the town hall secretarial staff. All these and other department budgets were then brought to the advisory board. After review, the advisory board would bring the overall budget to the annual town meeting.

Under the Town Manager's Act, the town manager is responsible for the overall budget of the town. He presents the budget to the selectmen and the advisory board for their review before it is presented to the annual town meeting. Therefore, the ultimate role of the selectmen is to recommend the bottom line of the school budget. I don't believe the selectmen should, or do, have the right to tell the school committee what they can do within their budget. However, because the selectmen are responsible for the bottom line, they should work with the school committee for a better understanding of how the bottom line of the budget was achieved. I also believe the school committee should make the budget easier to understand for all interested parties. For clarity and audit purposes, documentation should be recorded when money is transferred from one account to another. This is a recommendation that resulted from the recent audit of the school department.

Sewer commission:
Bids for North Cohasset were 45 percent higher than expected. What can the sewer commission do to make sure history doesn't repeat itself when Central Cohasset goes out to bid?

SEWER COMMISSION/ Henry Rattenbury

Of course, the high bid prices for the North Cohasset project have been a major concern for the sewer commissioners. We have stated repeatedly, however, that we do not expect a large overage on the Central Cohasset project because there will be very little blasting on private property. In fact, we now have concrete proof that the Central Cohasset costs will be in line with our engineers' projections.

On March 19 the sewer commissioners received bids from eight contractors for the sewer main to connect the new elementary school with the town's treatment plant. The contract covers the sewer main down Pleasant Street to Cushing Road to Spring Street, including the connecting "stubs" to each homeowner's property line. The winning bid was 25 percent less than the projected cost, and five of the eight bidders came in below estimate.

We continue to expect that the Central Cohasset project will come in at or very close to budget. We shall continue our efforts to ensure a similarly large number of bidders when the remainder of the Central Cohasset project goes out to bid in the fall.

SEWER COMMISSION/ Patrick A. Plante

There is not one simple answer to your question of the week regarding what to do to make sure history doesn't repeat itself when Central Cohasset goes out to bid.

The North Cohasset project was divided into four separate contracts. This manner of bidding quadruples the efforts of contractors figuring the job.

Two years ago, when the North Cohasset section was in its initial stage of bidding, I suggested to the Sewer Commissioners that this should be designed just like every other sewer project in the country. The municipality asks for an appropriation from the taxpayers for the main sewer line, and each homeowner is then responsible for the payment of his own hook-up.

Had we done this, the cost to the town of Cohasset would be less than $4 million dollars instead of the almost $9 million dollar figure we are now facing.

My suggestions to avoid this from happening in Central/Hillside are, as follows: (a) If the contract is divided into four sections, also ask for bids to be submitted for the entire project. (b) Combine town-wide bids for North Cohasset/Central/Hillside to attract larger, more experienced contractors to do the entire project. (c) The Sewer Commissioners should reject immediately all bids with a 45 percent increase over the appropriated amount of money.

I was somewhat surprised when I asked one of the sewer commissioners last week why he did not see a "red flag" when he looked at the bids, and he admitted to me that even though three months had passed since the bid opening, he has not even seen the bids!

All of us must be vigilant and work together to be more fiscally responsible to all the taxpayers in the town of Cohasset.

School committee:
Separation of powers. Do you think selectmen are overstepping their bounds by trying to micromanage the school budget?

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Mark DeGiacomo

I am not convinced that the board of selectmen have been attempting to micromanage the school budget. I think most, if not all, of the selectmen understand under Massachusetts law it is the function of the school committee to determine how funds in the school budget are to be spent. However, because the money in the school budget is supplied by the town, I believe selectmen are clearly entitled to ask well thought out questions concerning the availability of funds in the current budget before agreeing the recommended additional funding of the school budget.

It is, however, important that anyone who would like to question the school committee about the budget first take the time to review and understand the budget. A lot of time has been spent recently debating the appropriateness of the current format of the school budget. In order to eliminate this debate in the future, the school committee and the town manager should meet as soon as possible for the purpose of reaching an agreement concerning the format for next year's budget.

Clearly, everyone cannot agree on each line item that is contained in an $8 million budget. It is, however, important that everyone has the opportunity to clearly understand how the money is being spent and the rationale for the school committee's spending priorities. Perhaps with an agreed upon format for next year's budget, the allegations that money is somehow being "hidden" in the budget can come to an end.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Pat Martin

It is my belief that the original purpose and intent of the selectmen's school budget review was a beneficial one; to maintain communication between the two bodies. However, I do feel that the role of the selectmen and ht process of review did, in fact, get misconstrued and misinterpreted. This seems apparent by the tone of some of the budget review questions asked and most certainly clear by the decision to fund the school committee an amount less than was recommended. I must say, it does seem inappropriate for any one board to pretend to know what is best for another board's charge and then establish funding priorities without the benefit of months of fiscal planning and review.

It will be unfortunate if we allow the spirit of cooperation between the two groups to be damaged as a result of this recent controversy. If I am elected, it will be my intention to encourage continued cooperation and communication between both groups. As public servants, I feel we may just need to remind ourselves that it is okay to question one another and sometimes disagree as long as we do so within the appropriate process and with respect for one another. We should, after all, have similar goals; to provide Cohasset residents with our best possible public service.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE/ Hugh Morgan

I do not believe that the selectmen have tried to micromanage the school budget. As elected representatives of the taxpayers, they are obliged to represent the entire town and they have tried to avoid a Proposition 2 1/2 override vote for the Fiscal Year 1999. Accordingly, they worked with the town manager to establish reasonable spending objectives. When it became apparent that the schools needed more than 5.5 percent to 6 percent objective, they voted four to one to approve a 7.7 percent school budget. The democratic process worked.

Legally, the school committee controls school spending priorities and I fully support maintaining that accountability. I welcome the selectmen, other officials and the taxpayers making constructive suggestions. The school committee should control its own budget and work with the town manager, selectmen and advisory committee to integrate it into town-wide priorities. I'm sensitive to the reality that there are more demands for the taxpayers' resources than can be fully accommodated. In particular, many elderly have legitimate concerns about tax increases exceeding their fixed incomes.

We must accept the fact that high quality education comes with a cost. Taxpayers realize that it's expensive to offer our youth the best possible education. If elected to the school committee, I will work to support a top quality education program that will be managed cost effectively.

Health board:
What is the biggest challenge facing the health board in its dealings with Cohasset Heights Landfill?

HEALTH BOARD/Steve Bobo

CHL is a powerful business interest which may jeopardize our way of life here in town by threatening our water supply. The Army Corps of Engineers reports indicate the approaching encroachment of high levels of mercury form CHL outflow toward our water supply. CHL has dumped far more fill materials into their landfill than approved by the state. CHL have used the tools of publicity and expensive litigation to further their profitable enterprise, and will continue if unopposed. Nevertheless, as a member of the board of health, I must disregard my personal feelings and follow laws and regulations in place.

Accordingly, the two major challenges that I perceive are as follows:

1. The promotion of continued vigilance to keep the issue of the CHL before the public, and let citizens know the truth about the threat CHL poses.

2. Support for new measures, and innovative and efficient prosecution of existing laws requiring shutdown of the landfill.

As a member of the board of health, I will do everything in my power to support new legislation and enforce the laws in place which will lead to closing CHL and diminishing its effect on our ecology.

Cohasset PSO provides mid-year update

By Jane Pescatore
PSO PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe that half the year has already passed! The PSO has again been very active in supporting the schools. So far, we have committed more than $10,000 to grant and enrichment programs at all three schools. Your fantastic support of our fund-raising efforts has ensured that we have funds available to provide additional enrichment programs, instructional materials, and other capitol items that the current school budgets just can't accommodate.

Rather than chronicle the achievements of the past five months, however, I'd like to take this opportunity to talk about the challenges and opportunities for the future.

The challenges facing us are myriad.

* There is escalating competition for town funds because of major infrastructure projects that must be undertaken. Indeed, two of the biggest infrastructure projects are the older schools themselves, Deer Hill and the middle/high school.

* Cohasset, like other towns in the Commonwealth, is wrestling with the integration of state-mandated curriculum frameworks to prepare students for mandatory testing.

* While we are dealing with all of these issues, we are also in the process of finding a new "leader" who can chart a course for the future. Our new superintendent needs to ensure we have a school system that is stronger educationally, financially and socially.

* In the spring, we will be filling two school committee seats vacated by experienced members.

* New concepts in education — the middle school and block scheduling — have been recently introduced and require ongoing evaluation and refinement.

* The PSO, the school councils, and the schools themselves have been working closely with community and local law enforcement officials on drug and alcohol issues that threaten our children.

The direction we take in the future is in your hands. To meet these challenges we, as parents, need to make sure our voices are heard, our concerns registered, our suggestions integrated. The PSO is your organization. Please, get to know your PSO representatives — there are 28 of them, all listed in the school calendar. Use them to channel your thoughts and concerns. Better yet, join us! PSO Board, School Council and School Committee meetings are all open to everyone. Come to the meetings, tell us what we can do to help you become more effective advocates for education. Public education is only as strong as the parents who participate in it!

Cohasset needs an affordable second water tank

By Rob Kasameyer, John McNabb, Richard Muncey, Board of Water Commissioners
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Last year, Town Meeting voted unanimously to site the needed second water tank on Bear Hill, next to the existing tank for reasons of public safety, health, cost, and timing. Nevertheless, construction has been delayed so that alternative siting on Scituate Hill could be fully explored, consistent with the wishes of the Zoning Board of Appeals and certain Town residents. It is not time to move ahead.

A second tank is essential to ensure sufficient fire reserve and improve water quality. The added fire reserve is needed to meet insurance industry recommendations to protect property values. At the same time, many of us in Cohasset are plagued with dirty or stained water from the solid matter that naturally builds up in the pipes and which must be removed periodically by flushing.

Without the second tank, it is impossible to conduct an effective large scale flushing program to maintain water quality. In addition to the lack of adequate fire protection from insufficient fire reserve at times of high demand, this lack of adequate water quality compels the town to build a second tank as soon as possible.

There are two potential sites — Bear Hill and Scituate Hill. Both are suitable from the standpoint of providing fire protection which meets insurance recommendations. The Bear Hill site has the advantage of being owned by the town, which has used the land for water supply purposes since 18~7. This gives the Bear Hill site inherent timing and cost advantages, as well as benefiting from a redundant dual water main connection with the distribution system. The Scituate Hill locale, the former Norfolk Conveyor site, is owned by a private party, who is now working on a development proposal that could accommodate a water storage tank.

The Water Commission has also investigated two important valuation issues regarding the Bear Hill and Scituate Hill locations — the impact of a second tank on Bear Hill to property value there and the potential for a significant financial penalty for the Town if it takes the appropriate land on Scituate Hill by eminent domain.

We hired an appraiser familiar with Cohasset and recommended by the Town for this study. As part of his report, appraiser Tom Mulhern, who examined assessors records and land sale rewards and interviewed area real estate agents. His report concluded that the addition of a second tank at Bear Hill will not adversely affect property values there. He also concluded that, as long as the Scituate Hill site stays zoned industrial, that there would be no significant potential liability for the Town above the costs of a normal land-taking on Scituate Hill, if eminent domain is the chosen route.

Last fall, the water Commissioners asked Wayne Sawchuk and Glenn Pratt, two strong proponents of the Scituate Hill site, to help develop a strategy to make it possible for the town to site the tank on Scituate Hill with no additional cost or timing penalty to the town. We agreed that such an arrangement would make Scituate Hill the preferred site. This has resulted in on-going discussions between the Water Commission and a Scituate Hill Development group about siting a tank on Scituate Hill.

Several sites have been considered on Scituate Hill. As it stands today, all are more costly than Bear Hill for the town. Including land acquisition and construction, the incremental costs range from 10 percent to 35 percent above Bear Hill, when calculated on a comparable basis. This corresponds to $140,000 to almost $500,000 more than the estimated cost of putting the tank on Bear Hill of $1,400,000.

These are very significant numbers. The Town previously voted unanimously to put the tank on Bear Hill based on a then estimated cost difference of a little over $200,000 between the Bear Hill and Scituate Hill sites. The Commission does not favor paying a substantial premium for locating the second tank on Scituate Hill. That substantial extra cost for Scituate Hill could be better spent on the many, many other water supply rehabilitation needs throughout the Town.

Cohasset should avoid the situation faced by the town of Pembroke. That town was delayed for three years in constructing their needed second tank, which when finally approved, they experienced significantly higher costs for construction because of the delay.

It has been clear that. if we are successful in getting the Scituate Hill site for the town with no cost penalty, the Commission will recommend the Scituate Hill site at Town Meeting. If there is no satisfactory resolution regarding Scituate hill on the basis of cost nor timing, we will recommend that Town Meeting adopt the zoning bylaw change that will allow U8 to put the second tank on Bear Hill.

FROM THE D&A COMMITTEE

Kids and drugs: What to do with your worry

Everyone knows there is a problem in this world with drug abuse. But it gets very difficult to wonder and explore if this drug use is happening with our own children. Sometimes this difficulty keeps us from looking at our kids hard enough, from sharing our worries with them, from setting the kind of limits that might quell our fears.

"But I've always trusted her," we wail. "I could never search her room. I don't want to jeopardize that trust."

"If I act suspicious, he'll get even more secretive!" we say defensively.

"I know my child knows right from wrong," we respond with certainty.

"If there were a problem, she would come to me. All kids act secretive sometimes," we say wishfully.

"I can't talk to my son about smoking pot. What if he asks if I've ever smoked? If I don't bring it up, I won't have to lie," we shrug defensively.

Maybe. Maybe not.

Wondering if kids are on drugs is tough, but it is also a loving thing to do. So what should you do?

First of all, honor your own worry and suspicions. They are not bad. They are what make you a good parent. Think about it as the same kind of worry you might have if your child has a suspicious looking sports injury, a prolonged stomach bug, a cut that isn't healing. You would plan a way to check it out and make sure your child was in good health. Sometimes good health requires unpleasant things like foul tasting medicine for 10 days, or stitches. But you do it for their well being. So, too, must you be willing to search a backpack, to ask for explanations about where baby-sitting, birthday, or allowance money is going, to carefully check any liquor bottles you keep at home, and perhaps hardest of all, to sort out your own experiences and come to terms with the fact that you, too, may have subjected yourself to serious risk by drug use in your youth. Many drug users of the 60's and 70's haven't lived to tell their stories. You are here, and if you used drugs in your youth, you need to figure out a way to use your experience in the task of guiding and protecting your children.

Second, talk. Start a conversation about substance abuse, and keep that conversation going.

If there are two parents in the home, talk to each other and come up with an agreed upon approach to the issue of drugs and alcohol. If parents live separately, but are both involved in parenting, try to get together and form some consistent expectations. When the parents have as much agreement as they can get, talk to your child. Conversations that are open ended, with no preconceived ideas, flow better. Try very hard to listen, and stay receptive, even if you think what you are being told is bunk. See if you can come to some common understanding of how things are, just to set the stage for future conversations about your child's specific behavior. Then, together, decide what your child can expect. Don't say anything mean. Discuss what each of you think would happen if there were underage drinking in your home. If there were drugs found in the home? If your child brought home a drunk friend? Called for a ride from a party because there were no sober drivers? Was picked up by the police for being with a crowd that was rowdy and drinking? (Of course you must be prepared to be looked at as if you have six heads. "Where do parents get these strange ideas?" One of the joys of parenthood, especially through adolescence, is that we are supposed to be geeks, we are supposed to act as if something as unlikely as drug use in our community is going on. If we never seem strange to our children, they will be deprived of an important developmental phase.)

Behavioral changes are the norm in adolescence. Your sweet daughter may become a stranger from one day to the next; your lively son may become monosyllabic and reclusive, overnight. Changes in habits, friends, activities, and disposition are worrisome, and can be a sign of drug use, but it's hard to tell.

As you talk with your child, try to connect around the issue of your worry. As parents, we have the right to have feelings, and to be spared of chronic unrelenting worry. (One parent never gave her 17-year-old daughter a curfew, but asked her, "What time should I start to worry about you if you're not home yet?" Together they came up with a reasonable time, and she managed to get home before it. Honoring your worries and engaging in conversations are parental acts of love in the guidance and protection of children. (Next month: The Courage to Lovingly Confront)

Lillian Helen Adler
(a nurse and mother of teenagers)
Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee

Candidates Corner

Meet Josh Cutler

Meet candidate for state representative Josh Cutler from 7:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, April 2 at George Mealy Post Legion Hall, Cohasset. Hors d'oeuvres by local chef Anthony Alibrandi and a cash bar. Suggested contribution of $20. For information or to get involved, call 749-3342.

Coffee for Pat Martin

A final Coffee for Pat Martin, candidate for school committee, will be held at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 1. The Coffee will be hosted by Andrea Kinnealey at her home on 37 Elm St.

Anyone interested in meeting Pat is welcome to attend. If there are any questions regarding this event, call Janyce Brown at 383-9828.

Election supper is March 26

Come meet Cohasset candidates running for office at the Beechwood Congregational Church at 6:30 p.m., March 26. Then enjoy dinner prepared by the church. Tickets are $6.99 for adults and $3.50 for children and should be reserved by calling 383-1298.

Candidates debate on channel 3

Cohasset residents can watch the rebroadcast of the S.A.F.E. candidates forum on cable channel 3. The candidates debate for the offices of board of health, selectmen and sewer commission will be shown at 8 p.m., Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27.

Asthma and allergy program set

The Cohasset Social Service League will sponsor a free program entitled, "Asthma and Allergy, What You Need to Know," featuring Michael C. Young, M.D. and Martin D. Broff, M.D., from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday evening, April 1, at the Cohasset Lightkeepers' Residence, 96 Border St., Cohasset.

The physicians will address such points as: How many people in the U.S. are affected by allergies, asthma? At what age does asthma usually appear? Can it appear later? Is it curable? Does it diminish with age? Is it hereditary? What are the latest treatments, medications? What are common allergies? Common food allergies? At what age do allergies appear? Disappear? Are they Hereditary? New treatments? Asthma and allergy in children, how to handle?

Correction:

The last line of Pat Martin's response to the Question of the Week on the Open Meeting Law which appeared in the March19 issue of the Cohasset Mariner should have said:

"This practice, if not already in place, would allow for a quick consultation and answer should the question of a meeting violation arise."

Due to a typesetting error, the word violation was inadvertently omitted from Mrs. Martin's answer.

Also the time for a coffee for Pat Martin, who is a candidate for school committee, should have said 9:30 a.m. not 7:30 p.m. on March 25.

The Mariner regrets these errors and any confusion they may have caused.

LETTERS

Ralph Kidder praised

To the Editor:

Three cheers for Ralph Kidder! When he leaves his position on the Cohasset School Committee he will be truly missed.

His diligence, honesty and consistent dedication to the Cohasset school system should be loudly applauded!

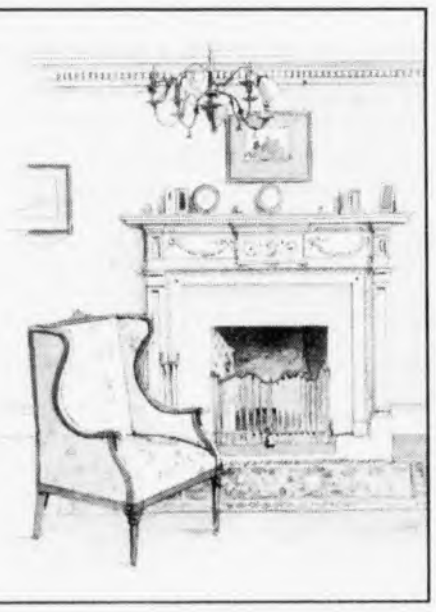
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Selectman Diane Sullivan objects to secret meeting

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Tempers flared Monday when Selectman Diane Sullivan protested the process behind the Cohasset Harbor Marina expansion proposal. (See related story).

The proposed expansion of the private marina off Parker Avenue could impact the town's $1.34 million dredging project due to start in September. The project is seen as critical for safe navigation for recreational boaters and commercial fishermen.

In the strongest possible terms, Sullivan objected to the fact that a critical board and town officials were not in the loop when the lawyer for the marina owner was permitted to meet with town counsel last week — a meeting which cost the town $450.

Diane Sullivan, who is liaison to the harbor committee, was also not told about the meeting before the fact.

Also Paul Trendowicz, owner of the marina, and his lawyer Donald Connors were a last minute addition the selectmen's meeting agenda Monday but apparently the harbormaster and harbor committee were not told to appear, she said.

But Selectmen Chairman Michael Sullivan said he asked Haddad to deal with the issue because he felt it was time to bring the matter out in the open. The land dispute between the town and marina has been "simmering behind the scenes," he said. Trendowicz claims that he, not the town, owns midway into Bailey's Creek and that he could have the federal anchorage removed if the town doesn't support realignment of the federal lines of jurisdiction there so he can expand his marina. Sullivan said Haddad and the harbormaster met with Trendowicz and made a determination to refer the matter to town counsel.

"Let's bring it out in the table. Let's discuss it and move forward in the best interests of the town," he said.

But Diane Sullivan would have none of it.

"We have a harbor committee and a harbormaster. Why isn't their opinion or input here? This was not an agenda item, how come?" she asked.

She said she resented having the proponents in without selectmen having benefit of legal counsel.

Selectmen voted 4-1, with Diane Sullivan dissenting, to spend $2,500 to have town counsel work with Haddad, the harbor committee, and harbormaster to see if they can resolve the matter and report back to the board with their recommendations.

Marina land dispute could threaten harbor dredging

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"Cohasset Marina wants to see the dredging go forward." Trendowicz's attorney Donald Connors of Duxbury told selectmen Monday. "But the project is at risk if the controversy can't be resolved. The marina doesn't want controversy."

But former selectman Peter Pratt who has worked on the project for four years — which involves 22 local, federal and state agencies — said opening up this land dispute with the town now is a bad idea.

"We are in compliance," he said. "The federal government says Paul Trendowicz is intruding and must move. If he disagrees with that, he has a problem with the U.S. government."

Pratt, who worries this has the potential to bring the entire dredging project to a screeching halt, does not rule out Trendowicz being able to work out something with the town down the road.

"Anything is possible here," he said. "But this close to the project, it's inconceivable to seek another authorization."

But Trendowicz may have no choice but to play hard ball with the town if he wants to expand the marina. His proposal to the town follows on the heels of the state Department of Environmental Protection's rejection of a permit to allow him to dredge the inter-tidal zone on the "landward" side of the marina, Connors said.

In a presentation to selectmen, Connors said coastal laws which date back to Colonial times gave landowners ownership into waterways to facilitate the construction of docks. He said although the town obtained indemnification for dredging in Bailey's Creek 30 years ago, it never took the creek bottom by eminent domain.

John Bertolami, chairman of the Harbor Committee, said if there's a problem with dredging the marina then Bailey's Creek won't be dredged which amounts to about 20 percent of the total project.

"I think that's a major thing," he said.

Pratt said not dredging Bailey's Creek would be tantamount to the town turning back $1/4 million in federal money.

Trendowicz claims the town supported the realigning the federal anchorage area in the harbor to allow the Cohasset Yacht Club to expand.

But Pratt said the two situations were different.

He said the yacht club did not intrude on the navigation channel and by reconfiguring its docks both the yacht club and town picked up mooring space.

"It was a win-win situation," Pratt said.

He explained that a 40-foot expansion of Cohasset Marina would wipe out space for some new town moorings and impact on the navigation channel through Bailey's Creek.

"We'd be losing 40 feet of navigational space. In low water, things would be very tight. Why wipe out public property?" he asked.

Trendowicz's lawyer said Cohasset would ultimately benefit because the private marina would provide more slips for boaters.

Connors said the Army Corps will pencil in the changes once the town, marina and DEP reach an agreement.

In a letter from the ACE to Trendowicz, Duban Montoya, project manager, said the town and DEP would have to seek action from Congress to exclude the 40 foot expansion of the marina from the project although final action is not necessary prior to the dredging project moving ahead.

Paul Pattison of Elm Street said any land transfer should go before town meeting. He questioned why something of this magnitude is being raised at the last minute.

"There's something sinister about it," he said.

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Andrew Laney breaks away after taking the baton from Justin Golden as members of the CHS track team get is shape for the start of the spring sports season.

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Laxmen hope to build on tourney experience

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Coming off a highly successful year in which they ventured into the state tourney, the Cohasset High boys' lacrosse team is once again ready to kick off their season.

Coached by newcomer Mike Falvey, the Skippers are a team of interesting makeup. After graduating nine talented seniors last year, including seven starters, the team could be expected to drop off. But, only two weeks into practice, things look good for the boys in blue.

Led by seven seniors, the remainder of the 25-man roster is an interesting blend of rookies, with a few holdovers from last year's squad.

Coach Falvey pointed to the veteran attack unit of senior Jamie Buick, senior Eric Moore and junior Ted Goff as a key.

"Buick was the leading scorer in the state last year, and is probably a preseason All-American. This is a returning unit; these guys have played together and should be big for us."

Other seniors include Derek Bugley, Bourke Corcoran, Adam Donovan, Janson Dupre, John Kasameyer, captain Pat Leahy and Tom Leahy. Most saw a fair amount of action on last year's squad.

They are complemented by a small but skilled group of juniors. Jamie DeMichele, Goff, Justin Maitland, Jake Motley and Adam Sasso will all be integral parts of the team this season. Goff is the only one who played varsity last year, as Motley was sidelined with a back injury and the others did not play.

Sophomores Kevin DeVito, Bill Good, Travis Moore, Matt Pilczak and Brad Powell could challenge for starting positions this year. DeVito started a few games in net at the end of last season and appears to have a lock on the goalie position for the next three years.

Falvey also has a number of freshmen on his roster, for seasoning as well as backup. Ronan Buick, John Cotter, Lane Forrer, Justin Langham and Ken Portanova will all don varsity uniforms to play for the Skippers.

"I expect a good season this year, with plenty of wins. We compete in a tough, tough league and I've increased the difficulty of our out-of-league games."

COACH MIKE FALVEY

Falvey seemed very enthusiastic about his team's performance this year. He coached lacrosse in Hingham for nine years, but he has never been the head coach of a varsity lacrosse team before.

"I expect a good season this year, with plenty of wins. We compete in a tough, tough league and I've increased the difficulty of our out-of-league games. If we play as a team, we should do very well."

With Buick, who scored a ridiculous hundred points last year, threatening to repeat his monster season, a solid force of veterans melding with a skilled group of newcomers, and an energetic new coach, things look promising for the lacrosse squad this year.

Scenic beauty draws runners to Cohasset race

10K Roadrace-By-The-Sea is April 5

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

The 10K (6.2 miles) course has everything a runner could possibly want if he or she was to design a typical New England route. There are winding, tree-shaded roads, a spectacular view of the ocean, large mansions and a starting area straight out of a Norman Rockwell painting.

When the field gathers behind the starting line, April 5, at Cohasset Common on North Main Street for the 22nd Annual Cohasset Roadrace-By-The-Sea at 1 p.m., however, the big question mark, as it is every year, will be the weather.

And why shouldn't it be. Mother Nature is the big variable every year in what has become the unofficial start of spring in Cohasset.

"One year we had hail, snow, sleet and rain," said race director Roy Fitzsimmons. "And the sun came out that day too. It's typical New England weather so it's just a roll of the dice."

Lousy weather conditions have kept a small amount of thin-skinned runners from entering on race day in past years. By contrast, in other years more than half of the runners have waited until the morning of the race to enter. Size of the field aside, the Cohasset run is one of the most popular on the South Shore, second only to Hingham's Fourth of July event as far as numbers of runners.

But even Hingham's course can't match Cohasset's when it comes to overall beauty. The race has been recognized by New England Runner and Running magazines as being one of the most scenic in the country.

This year's race should have another large turnout. And, if conditions are right, post registration could be huge, enough to rival the record 1,200-runner field of 1996.

As of March 24, 340 runners had registered for the race, a number Fitzsimmons said is "about what we usually do" just under two weeks before the event. What he found especially encouraging was that 46 percent of the applications were from women runners. Fitzsimmons said the number of female runners has increased steadily over the past several years, a trend he would like to see continue.

"There are definitely more women running the race every year," Fitzsimmons said. "It's great to see so many female runners out there."

Though the course is as breathtaking as one can find, it is hardly an easy run. It's no coincidence that the course record of three-time winner Bob Hodge still stands at 30:31

Runners can get into their pace early, thanks to the flat first two miles. The route, however, turns difficult just past Sandy Beach when the competitors hit the rolling hills of Jerusalem Road, by far the most scenic section of the course.

Runners face the most challenging hill on the course when they take the left from Jerusalem Road onto Forest Ave. The incline is relatively short, but what it lacks in

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Sailing club looking for one good boat

As the sailing season approaches, the Cohasset Sailing Club is looking to adopt a boat for use with their junior sailor training program this summer.

At present the organization has two boats for their youth sailing program and they are looking to a add a third to spread the work out more evenly among the vessels as well as to better serve the students. Budget constraints restrict the outright purchase of a launch this year, so they are turning to the community for help.

"It's not a situation where we are going to shut down the program if we don't get another boat, but another one on hand would be a great deal of help," said CSC representative Kevin O'Connor. "We've got more kids than ever interested in the program."

Specifications for the boat are that it be a 13- to 17-foot Whaler or similar craft with a 20- to 25-horsepower engine. If this description fits something sitting unused at the end of your driveway, the Cohasset Sailing Club wants to talk with you.

CSC's Junior Training Program has experienced a resurgence over the past few years with an increase in the number of participants and retention of a higher number of these sailors to the ages of 15- and 16-years-old.

"Chuck Peterson and his staff have been doing a great job with the program and keeping things interesting for the kids," explained O'Connor.

In addition to the number of participants, more sailors from the junior program are participating in regattas away from Cohasset Harbor. Another staff member will likely be added this year as well because of the growth of the program.

Preparations are already underway for the 1998 season at the Cohasset Sailing Club. Docks will be going into the water in early May and the sailing program is scheduled to begin the week of June 22. The board of directors has reviewed and approved facility and equipment upgrades and repairs for the upcoming season.

The CSC is a non-profit organization and can offer the combined benefit of a tax deduction and the satisfaction that you would be helping out a summer program. For more information please call Chuck Peterson ((383-6194), Kevin O'Connor (383-1290) or Peter Pescatore (383-2660).

Recreation accepting applications for summer employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for Playground Program Counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Applicants must be 18 years of age by July 1, 1998. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 29 through August 14 plus a one-day orientation during late June.

CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the preschool 3 fi- to five-year-old half-day program and the five- to 12-yhear-old, full day programs.

Should you be interested in applying, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (781) 383-4109 for an application or further information.

Youth football and cheerleading registration

The Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleaders have scheduled a sign-up session to be held Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to noon at Scituate High School.

Boys and girls ages 7 to 13 are eligible to participate in three levels of competition based on age and weight.

Football and cheerleading practice begins in mid-August for games played in September and October.

The Scituate-Cohasset program is part of the Old Colony Youth Football League.

For more information, call (781) 544-0900.

Register to race By-The-Sea

The Cohasset Rotary Club would like to announce that the 22nd Annual 10K Road Race and Walk By-The-Sea will be held on Sunday, April 5.

This year's race is under the direction of Tom Gruber and Roy Fitzsimmons and the proceeds will go to a number of local and international projects that the Rotary supports. Over 800 runners are expected to participate in the race.

The race, sponsored by the USATF-NE, will start at 1 p.m. from Cohasset Common. There will be free refreshments for all registered runners.

The fun walk will start at 10 a.m. from Sandy Beach.

Applications are available at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shop (Cohasset store) or from the Cohasset Rotary at P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MA. 02025.

The deadline for pre-registration is April 1. Pre-registration is $12 and it will be $15 on the day of the race.

For race questions please call Austin Lyne at (781) 383-6550. If you would like to join or address the membership of the Rotary, please sense a note to President, Cohasset Rotary Clubm P.O. Box 35, Cohasset, MA 02025.

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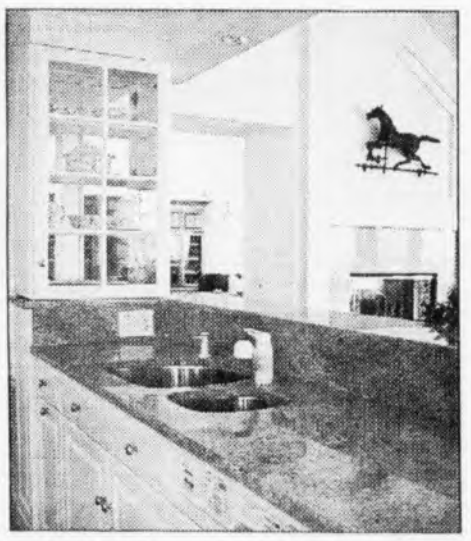
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Scenic beauty draws runners to Cohasset race

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ngth it more than makes up for in its degree of steepness.

Once over the hill, the runners have a rolling stretch along Forest Ave., which has become better known as "Rollercoaster Road." The course mercifully flattens out on North Main St. to the finish line in front of town hall.

Despite the toughness of the course, post-race conversation centers more on what can be a stubborn wind, than the hills or overall weather conditions. "The runners complain mostly about the wind," Fitzsimmons said. "The cold doesn't bother them."

As has been the norm, there will be no shortage of awards presented to runners following the race. Age groups for both men and women include Under 14, 14-18, 19-39, 40-49, 50-59 and a 60-and-over class.



Members of the CHS gymnastics team and the coaching staff gathered recently for their end of the year dinner.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Register for spring recreation fun

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept mail-in and drop-in registrations for spring recreation programs for children aged four to 10. Programs are scheduled to commence during the week of May 4, continuing for six weeks through June 12.

The following programs will be offered:

Monday: Arts & Crafts Girls, ages four and five; Sports and Games, grades K through first.

Tuesday: Arts & Crafts Boys, ages four and five; Sports and Games, ages seven through 10.

Wednesday: T-ball, Grades K through first; Arts & Crafts Coed, ages 7 through 10.

Thursday: Sports and Games, ages four and five; Arts & Crafts Boys, Grades K through first.

Friday: T-ball, ages four and five; Arts & Crafts Girls, Grades K through first.

Sports and Games will include outdoor instruction and play in soccer, basketball and kickball.

All programs will meet at the Joseph Osgood School from 3-5 p.m.

Some programs will have to be postponed should inclement weather dictate and you may call the recreation office at 383-4109 after 1 p.m., if you are in doubt of the program status. Children at Osgood and Deer Hill will be advised and sent home should the program not meet. We will make every reasonable effort to make up days lost to poor weather.

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Two-day program: 1 child, $47—2nd child, $27—3rd child, $22

One-day program: 1 child, $27—2nd child, $17—3rd child, $7

Forms will be coming home via school in early April or are available now at the recreation office. Applications are due by April 30. Some programs will be limited in size so register early. Call the recreation department at 383-4109 for further information.

Lacrosse team needs a leader

The girls' varsity lacrosse team at Cohasset High School will again be funded through the boosters as well as by a user fee. The boosters are currently looking for a candidate to fill the position of head coach for the team.

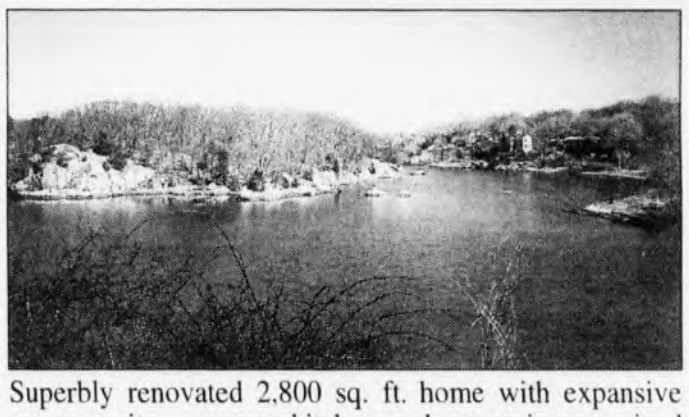
The salary will be paid by the boosters group.

If you are experienced in the sport of lacrosse and would like to coach the team, please contact either David Leahy (383-6565) or Rose Kahn (383-0332).

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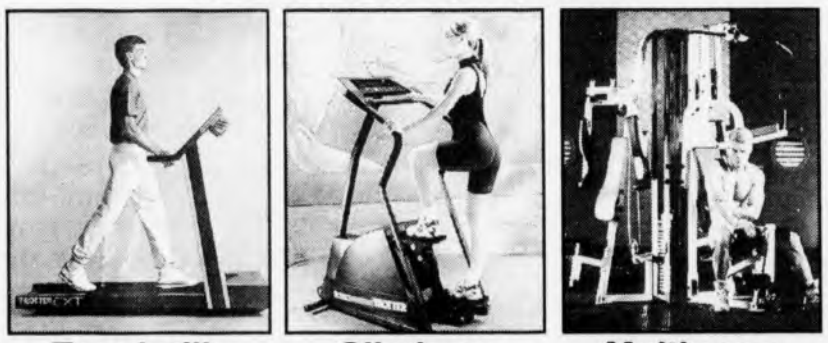
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BY MARK TRASK

Learning from one of the best about the art of fishing

Deep in frosty January, the front door rattled and banged open and there behind his mischievous goatee stood Roger, grinning, with a package of aqua books tucked under one arm. They're here Mark, he exclaimed and the pocket knife flashed and a dozen spilled across the counter. As I looked up at Roger's smiling face, his eyes ever-twinkling behind oversized glasses and shaded by the ever-present ballcap, I began to realize what this moment was.

Roger began fishing before many of us were born. He would snort at that I am sure. Rowing a dory in the inland waters of Ocean City, N.J. and learning to swim, he reveals, were his father's prerequisites for moving up to a two-horsepower Sears & Roebucks gasoline outboard. He spent his teen years chasing every fish within reach before heading off into the Navy and college. Something we will all benefit from. Settling in on the shores of prolific Cape Cod Bay, Roger began a career in teaching in the Duxbury schools and learning on the waters of the bay. Something we will all benefit from.

Years and years of chasing the various species of the bay, learning their habits, learning their seasons, learning their menu, chartering thousands of anglers, running a bait and tackle shop, lobbying for protective legislation, teaching at seminars, where does it end. Someday it will end, but as I thumbed through the fresh copy of "Bottom Dunkers Bible" I realized that the moment had arrived. All those years of fishing, chasing bait, detangling snarled reels, poring over charts and later electronics, seasick customers, great trips and not so great trips, were contained in the bible!

Feeling not unlike Indiana Jones, about to discover secret wonders of the world, I dug in, reading the "Bottom Dunkers Bible" in the space of a couple hours. With generous dollops of the humor those who know Roger have come to expect, he plunges right in describing all the bottom fish of the bay, from the goosefish, described by Roger as...."in my opinion...the ugliest of all marine life"...to the tautog.... "if its colors weren't so subdued this guy would be a technicolor nightmare"...to mixing in some delectable recipes. My mouth was watering as I chuckled over Roger's tongue-in-cheek handling of the various niceties of fish and fishing and a lifetime spent in the pursuit thereof...

From there he branches out into selecting your gear, out-fitting a boat, selecting tackle, electronics, terminal tackle, rods, reels, line, rigs and knots, where he highly recommends adhering to the K.I.S.S. principle. Liberally sprinkled with great photographs of fine fish captured over the years, "Part 2" picks up after a very informative section on the care and handling of your catch, again more blue ribbon recipes.

"Part 2" is a much more in-depth look at each species, their habits, preferred baits and lures, and techniques for bringing them in. Roger reveals what may be his biggest secret of all. He keeps meticulous records of each trip, chart positions, loran coordinates, date, time and tide are all recorded. As the bible reaches its conclusion, Roger talks about record-sized fish and provides an excellent index for those who will use the bible as a handy reference.

Yes that moment had come, when the man many would describe as a guru was parting with decades worth of hard-won information and experiences. This is something we will all benefit from. What is something like that truly worth?

In bookstores and bait shops from Boston to the canal and beyond, a tidy $15 is money well spent in pursuit of a sport that can easily cost you thousands. For those who would seek to meet Roger Jarvis in person, he will be at Bayside Marine in Duxbury, April 18, from 10 a.m. to noon and April 19 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Dust off those rods. Clean up those reels. Wind on some fresh line. The Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife reports that stocking is under way on the cape and ponds in Plymouth. Locally the Tack Factory Pond and Brushy Hill Reservoir in Scituate (First Herring Brook) have had their first batch stocked. Fisherman Jack was there and had two beautiful trout for his efforts, as well as the first "story" of the one that snapped his line and got away!

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The 10K Cohasset walk for MS

Residents of Cohasset and surrounding towns are invited to join The Cohasset MS Walk on Saturday, April 18. The event, which will start and end at the Cohasset Town Hall, has a scenic 10K route through Cohasset.

Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m., the walk will start at 10 a.m. and by 1 p.m. the majority of the walkers will have returned to the Town Hall for a Welcome Back Lunch.

The MS Society is extending an invitation to people from across the area to join with family members, friends, civic and fraternal clubs, church groups and corporate employee organizations to form their own TeamMS and make a mile of difference by participating in the MS Walk.

During the weekends of March 29, April 18 and 19, the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will hold 17 walks across Massachusetts to support cutting-edge new research and to fund vital support services for thousands of local families living with this difficult, unpredictable disease.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that wears away the control you have over your own body. MS is often diagnosed in young adults, ages 20-40, and affects a third of a million Americans. The symptoms range from numbness to paralysis, blindness and speech disorders.

No one can predict the course it will take in any individual.

Local sponsors include: WJDA, Kimball's By The Sea, Stop & Shop, Dunkin Donuts, General Suburban Aid/REACT. To find out how you can participate in the MS Walk as either an individual walker, on a team or by serving as a volunteer, call 1 (508) 291-2169.

For Your Health

Accomplish fitness with a personal touch

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Donna Bailey has never been one to lack motivation when it comes to exercising on a consistent basis. Whether it be working out with weights or attending as many as five aerobics classes per week, Bailey attacked her training with passion and desire to stay in shape.

Bailey was hardly what one would term out of shape. Still, the 45-year-old Rockland High School teacher and artist felt she should have been getting more back from the effort she was putting out in the gym.

Today, Bailey feels as strong and as fit as she ever has. And she credits its personal trainer Craig Huntington for her vast improvement.

The 26-year-old Huntington, founder of Huntington Fitness Company of Hanover, began training Bailey two years ago while working at Marshfield's Workout Club. It didn't take Bailey long to see the results of Huntington's short but highly intensive sessions.

Bailey was curious about Huntington's approach to training when she first met him at the club.

"I wasn't making any significant changes through my workouts," Bailey said. "I saw him working with some people at the club and decided to give it a try.

"I was skeptical in the beginning and now I'm one of his biggest fans. My original intention was to spend a week doing the workouts with him and then doing them on my own. But I decided to go another week and have been a client ever since.

"It was a whole different way of training for me — very time efficient. I started to see results in two weeks. I wasn't lacking motivation. I was lacking results. And I've been getting the results I've been looking for. I'm a pretty motivated and intense person, but Craig pushes you that much further."

A training session with Huntington lasts only 15 minutes, but there is no wasted time involved. Rest between the three to four exercises per session is brief and then it's back to work. A session with Huntington is all work, with the goal of continual improvement in overall strength.

"Basically, I want every client to surpass the previous workout," said Huntington, who began training with weights at the age of 15 and went on to compete in the national bodybuilding championships while attending UMass-Amherst. "I monitor my clients very closely. If they're not progressing, I'm not doing my job. The intensity factor is the most important thing."

While at UMass, Huntington began working informally with friends. He was the Workout Club's personal trainer and began to build a modest clientele. Huntington then took the plunge and opened his own studio on April 1, 1996.

The business was slow going at first, but has "taken off" over the past six months. Huntington personally trains 30 clients and has a full schedule with 65 to 70 appointments per week.

Huntington makes it a point to keep detailed records of a client's progress, and plans in advance the workout he or she will be doing. They only need to bring a strong commitment and willingness to work — and work hard — when they arrive for a session.

"I can plan someone's next workout very quickly," he said. "It's all based on their previous session. My father always told me, 'If you fail to plan you plan to fail.' It's a favorite expression of mine."

Bailey says one of Huntington's greatest strengths as a personal trainer is that of motivator. While the workouts are arduous, he is right there, giving encouragement and pushing for those three more repetitions clients might not otherwise have had the confidence to attempt — much less complete — on their own. Positive reinforcement, combined with training schedules specifically designed for each client, keeps them excited about working out. Huntington is able to tap into the strength and determination his clients never knew they had.

Huntington said personal training is on the rise, but finds the number of people who lack the qualifications for the job "disturbing." He believes people should ask a lot of questions and be wary before taking on a personal trainer.

He recommends people who are considering a personal trainer to get references and, if possible, talk to other clients.

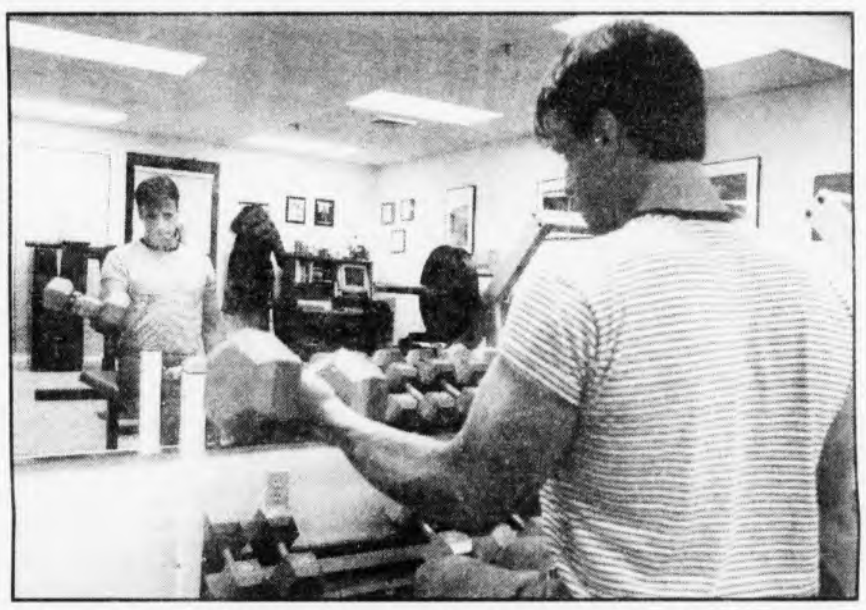
Huntington said he enjoys when clients ask questions about a particular workout. He is more than happy to explain the benefits and how they fit into the overall training program designed for that person.

"I want them to understand what I'm saying and what direction I'm heading in," Huntington said. "That's very important."

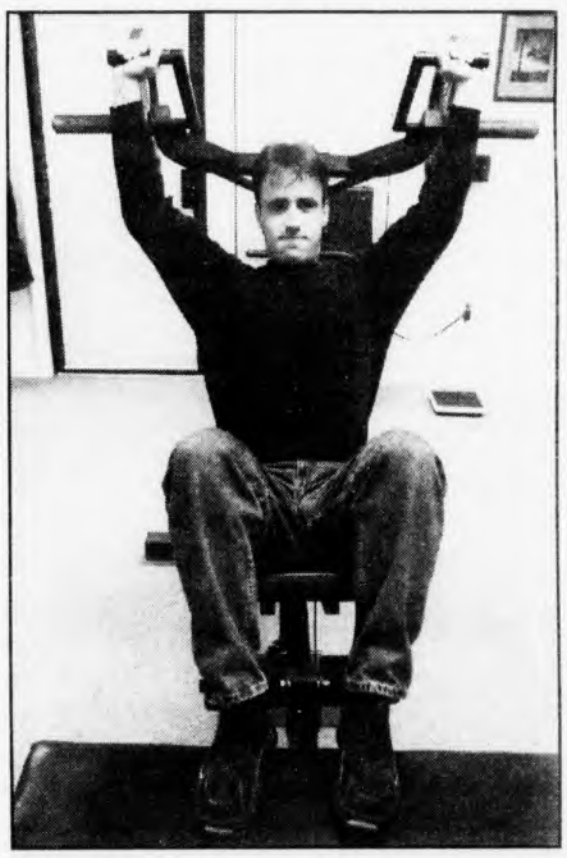


Personal trainer Craig Huntington demonstrates the leg press in his Hanover gym.

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Encouragement to continue with a few more dumbbell curls gets results.



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Before starting an exercise program, it's wise to consult your physician to be sure you're ready for your new fitness regime.

"Exercise in general is the best thing you can do for yourself, but just as you wouldn't drive your car without a tune-up, you need to get your body checked, too," says Anne Tarry, MD. "People should be up-to-date with their routine summary, including blood pressure, heart rate and diabetes screening."

High blood pressure can be a hidden ailment, notes Tarry, who practices internal medicine at East Street Medical Center, Hanover, and has a South Shore Hospital affiliation. A worst case scenario is stroke, she says, coming on when weight lifting increases inter-cranial pressure. "People can be unaware of their diabetes and become dehydrated and more fatigued," she notes. Someone with an irregular heart rate runs the risk of making the condition worse by tackling an exercise program unawares.

Relating a personal history of injury or aches and pains is important, too. "You need to be sure you don't stress tendons and joints unnecessarily," Tarry says.

Results from a fitness program happen when the body is ready. "Exercise is a process of building by breaking down," Tarry says. "You break down muscles to build them back stronger. But if you're not ready for an exercise program, there won't be benefit.

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Annual spelling bee is fun-filled event

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The March 11 fourth Spelling Bee sponsored by the Cohasset Education Foundation produced a "cross pollination" of excited and enthusiastic spellers, friends, and neighbors who turned out for this annual fun-filled fund raiser.

Twenty-five teams of three competed for first and second place. After several lively rounds over two hours, first place went to Goodwin Graphics spellers, Paul Dowling, Rich Fitzpatrick and George Ayob. Each team member received a "dinner for two" gift certificate to the Silver Spoon Restaurant.

Second place winner was the Osgood Neighbor Bees, comprised of Pam Speed, Jane Ellis and Meg Moore, who each received a one-month membership to Fitness First.

For those already brushing up on their spelling words for next year's Bee, the championship round of words included "gazetteer," "scotopia," "bathymeter," and "recondite."

Holding the winning raffle ticket for the "trip for two" to Rome was Jean and Steve Hajjar of Heather Drive. Upon receiving the winner announcement telephone call that evening from CEF president, Michael Hurley, Jean Hajjar thought it was a prank call, but is happily busy now, planning their trip to Rome this spring.

Prior to the Spelling Bee, a reception was held at Cohasset High School, inviting the town in to experience the newly installed Language Lab that CEF's effort and dollars saw to fruition. Language Lab teachers and CEF board members were on hand to greet the public and answer questions.



From left, Bill Adams, Lesley Faber and Kathy Yeager (team captain) are truly "Spell Bound" at the annual spelling bee sponsored by the Cohasset Education Foundation.

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Cohasset school councils seek candidates

Five parent representative positions will open up for the 1998-2000 term. They are as follows: Joseph Osgood-1, Deer Hill-2, Middle School/High School-2.

Each of the three Cohasset School Councils (comprised of the principal, teachers, parent an community representatives) is charged with formulating a school improvement plan as well as establishing focus areas to be studied each year. Parent representatives are elected for a two year term by the parent body of each school. Therefore, the representative must have children in attendance at the specific school during the term they serve.

Anyone who is interested in serving as a parent representative should submit a brief statement about themselves and their interest in the school council to: PSO Nominating Committee c/o Susan Galligan, 31 Border St. Submissions should be made no later than Monday, April 6 as the elections will be held April 13-17.

If you have any questions regarding the election process or would like to learn more about the positions, please call Susan Galligan at 383-0765.

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Cohasset PSO seeks volunteers for executive board

The nominating committee for the Cohasset PSO is seeking volunteers to serve on next term's executive board. The executive board meets once a month during the school year.

If you are interested in becoming involved with this organization which serves as the main communication link between Cohasset's schools and parents, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Lucia Flibotte, 383-2792; Susan Galligan, 383-0765; Jeanne Quigley, 383-1573; Lynne Sheridan, 383-6090 and Wallace St. John, 383-2627.

Deadline for submissions is April 6.

Cohasset library story hours

Registration for the new preschool story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library story hour is underway. Story hours will take place on Thursdays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. through April 16 and 17. Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3 1/2 to participate. To register, call the children's librarian at 383-1348.

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Laas, Alicia
Lordan, Kelly
McMorris, Karen
McWilliams, Geoffrey
O'Brien, Douglas
Sceery, Clara
Shea, Erik
Ulmer, Ashley

Grade 10:
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Moje, Rebecca
Tracy, Brian
Vanderweil, Stefan
Zerendow, Jessie

Grade 11:
Brister, Catherine
Caldwell, Lucius
Candia, Susana
DeMichele, James
Golden, Justin
Hareiter, Rosa
Hettstrom, Tara
Kilkuskie, Kelly
Littauer, Benjamin
McNamara, Alyssa
Reynolds, Stephen
Ronan, Katherine
Sceery, Steven
Steel, Ryan
Watts, Jamey

Grade 12:
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Bilton, Gregory
Buckley, Kathleen
Dooley, Lauren
Flaherty, Jane
Flanagan, Josh
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Henderson, Kelsey
Hurley, Morgan
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Duffy, Maura
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Good, William
Hassan, Elizabeth
Merrill, Ryan
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'Toolbox for Success' slated

The Carriage House Nursery School will present a parent forum entitled "Toolbox for Success" with developmental psychologist Joanne Benn, Ph.D. at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 31. The program topic will deal with children's needs and the ways parents and teachers can meet them. The forum will be held at the Carriage House Nursery School, 23 North Main St. Admission is $5. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Sally Atkinson at 383-9785 or Lillian Curley at 383-0695.

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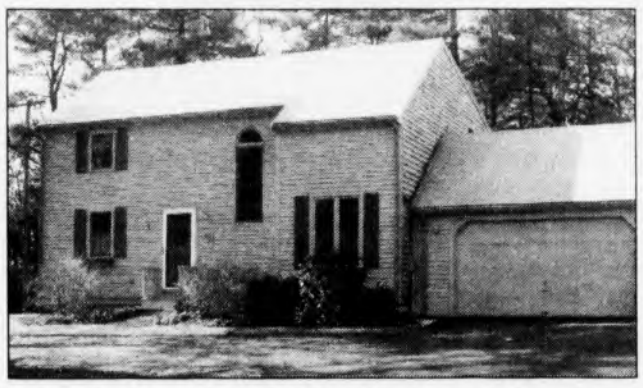
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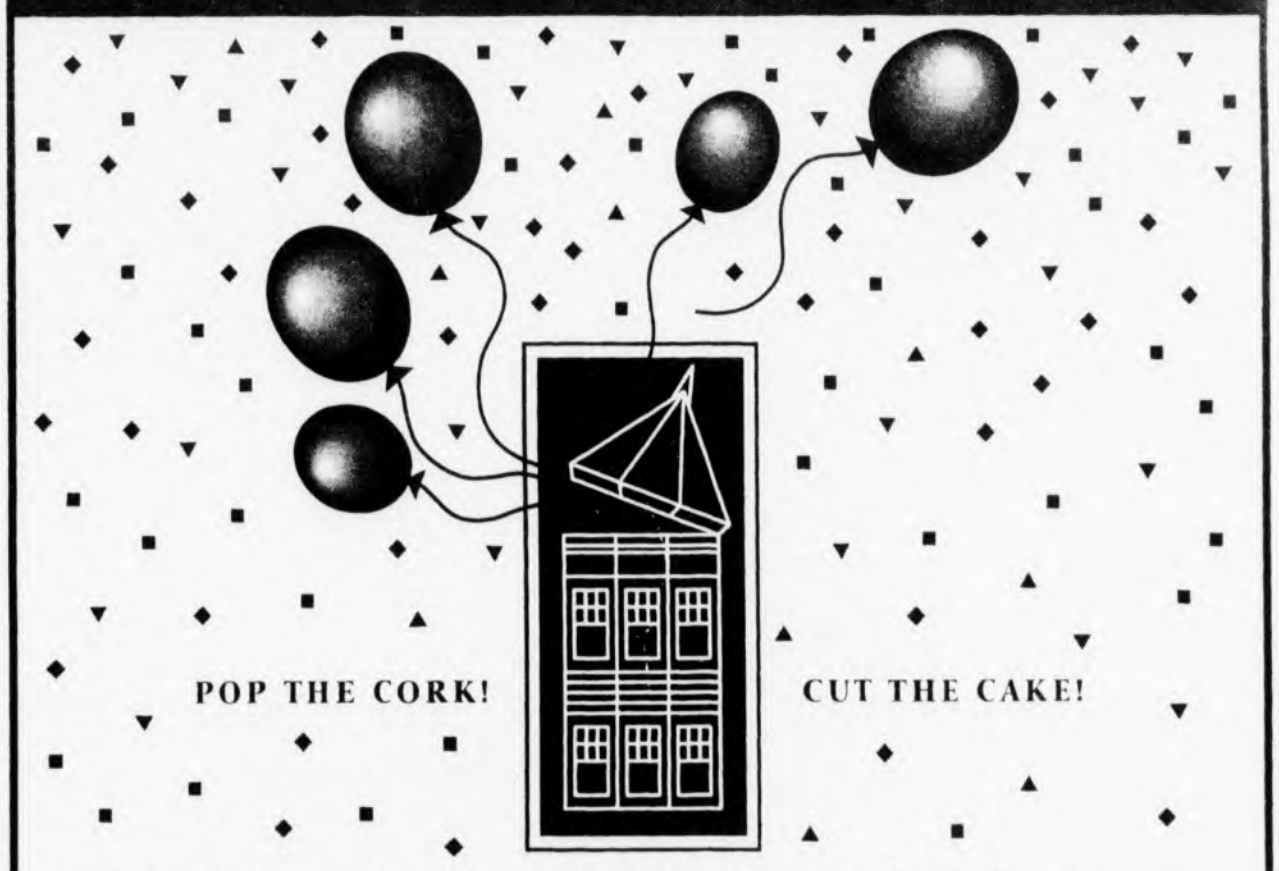


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Obituaries

Dr. Gary Garber

Dr. Gary R. Garber, age 42, of Cohasset, died March 5 at home.

Dr. Garber founded the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at Brockton Hospital and Entropy, a medical software company.

He was a practicing member of Park Medical Associates of Stoughton and an attending physician of invasive procedures at Beth Israel Hospital.

Dr. Garber served on the American College of Cardiology's information technology committee, was a consultant for Hewlett Packard Inc. and the Cohasset computer committee and specialized in medical computer applications.

He had recently worked as a volunteer to create a new language lab at Cohasset High School.

Born in Norwalk, Conn., he graduated from Lawrence High School in Lawrence, NJ and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with highest honors in chemistry from Rutgers University in 1977, honored as a "Henry Rutgers Scholar." Dr. Garber also graduated with honors from Down State Medical Center in 1981.

He completed his medical residence at Boston City Hospital and was chief resident of internal medicine there before serving as the attending physician of invasive cardiology at Boston University Hospital starting in 1988.

Dr. Garber enjoyed woodworking, tennis and sailing and was a member of the Scituate Sailing Club.

He leaves his wife, Helene Garber; his mother, Myrna Garber; a son, Jeffrey Garber; two daughters, Rachel Garber and Caren Garber; a brother, Larry Garber; and a sister, Melissa Francis. Son of the late Murray Garber.

A funeral service was held March 8 in the Schlossberg & Solomon Memorial Chapel, 824 Washington St., Canton.

Burial was in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon.

Donations may be made to charity.

Vivian J. McCormack

Vivian J. (MacDonald) McCormack, age 88, of Cohasset, died March 9 at South Shore Hospital, South Weymouth, after a long illness.

Prior to retiring in 1976, Mrs. McCormack had worked 25 years for Jack Conway Real Estate in Cohasset. After retiring, she worked as social director at the Ripley Road Nursing Home.

Mrs. McCormack was a bookkeeper for the Cohasset Sailing Club. She was active with Cub Scouts in Cohasset and was a member of Order of Eastern Star.

Born, raised, and educated in Medford, was a member of the Mystic Players there in the 1920s. She lived in Cohasset for 60 years.

Wife of the late T. Frank McCormack. She leaves twin sons, Duncan T. McCormack of Cohasset and Donald T. McCormack of South Weymouth; three sisters, Ruth Goodwin of Cohasset, Edna Silliker of Augusta, ME, Dee Wemyss of West Palm Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held March 12 in Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset 02025 or South Shore VNA, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree 02184.

Eleanor F. Maloney

Eleanor F. Maloney, age 81, of Cohasset, died March 14 in Grosvenor Park Nursing Home in Salem.

Mrs. Maloney organized bus trips to concerts for senior citizens in Boston from 1979 to 1995.

She had been a violinist with the Hingham Civic Orchestra.

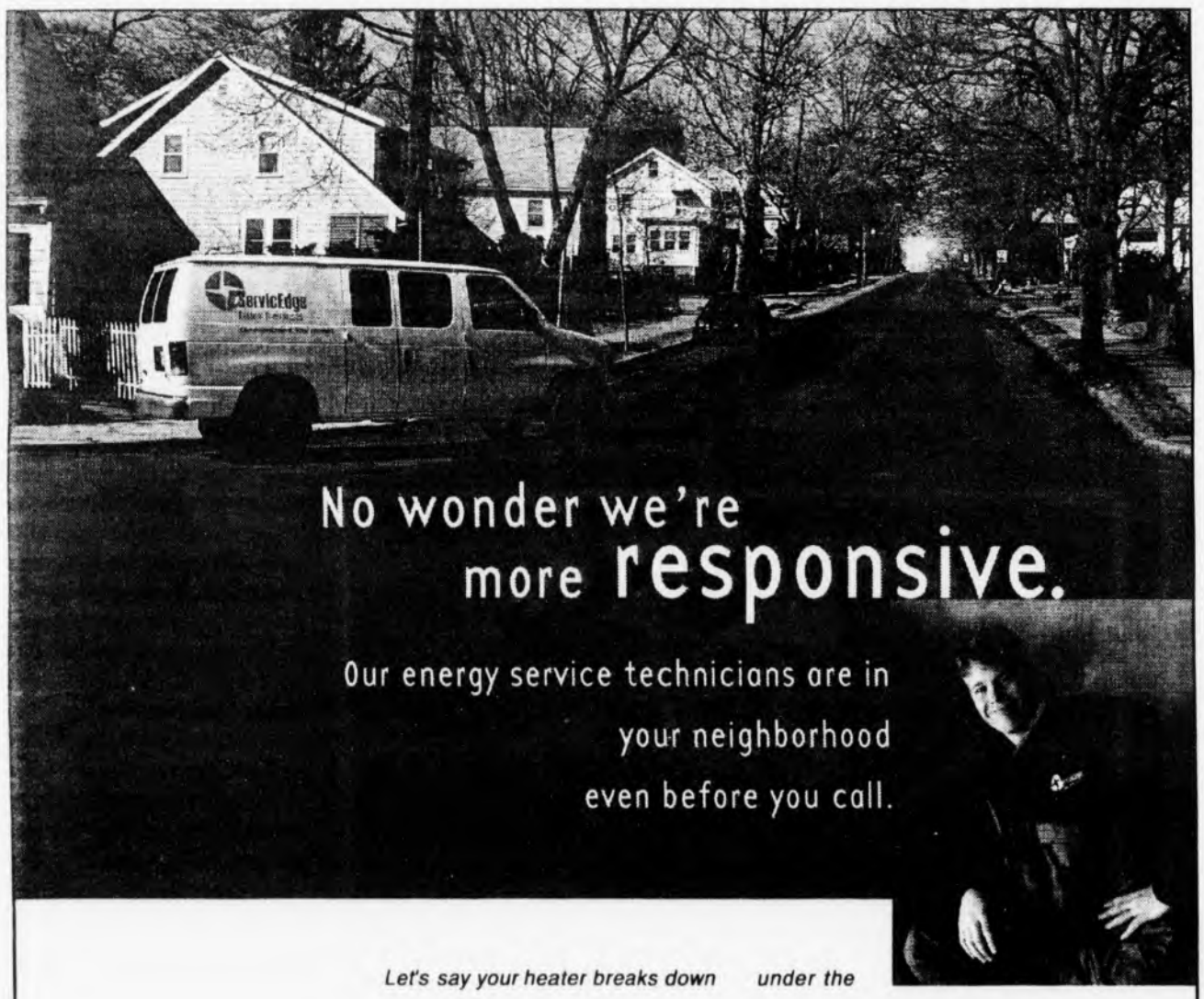
For 20 years, she had served as a volunteer at the Cohasset Library.

Wife of the late Charles W. Maloney. She leaves three sons, Charles W. Maloney Jr. of Somerville, Daniel H. Maloney of Milwaukee, Wis. And Peter C. Maloney of Baltimore; a daughter, Dorothy Cole of Marblehead; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services and burial were private.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrel Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

Donations may be sent to the Marjorie R. Stetton Scholarship Fund, c/o the Marine Biological Laboratory, 7 Water St., Woods Hole 02543.



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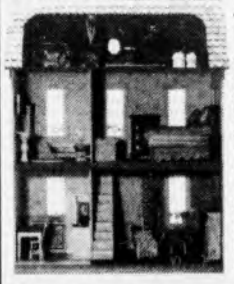
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Police Log

Friday, March 13

7:42 a.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Leo's Exxon.

Arrested: Tooher, Noel A., 152 Hollett St., Scituate. DOB: 121/9/53. Charges: Warrant.

9:54 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St. by Jerusalem Rd.

11:21 a.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Stop & Shop.

12:15 p.m., station coverage, Scituate Fire HQ.

12:26 p.m.., larceny, N. Main St.

2:10 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

3:50 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

4:10p.m., medical aid, James Lane.

4:40 p.m., fire, brush, Lamberts Lane.

5:26 p.m., annoying phone calls, Pond St.

7:38 p.m., suspicious (other), Diab Lane.

8:21 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:03 p.m., MV accident, Beechwood St.

11:25 p.m., MV accident, Cedar St.

Saturday, March 14

12:21 a.m., medical aid, Forest Ave.

6:45 a.m., info, general, N. Main St./Common area.

7:49 a.m., info, general, Elm St.

8:33 a.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.

9:54 a.m., fire, investigation, Howard Gleason Road.

10:20 a.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.

11:05 a.m., medical aid, Norman Todd Lane.

11:40 a.m., info, general, King St.

11:47 a.m., suspicious auto, Doane St. entrance to Wompatuck State Park.

2:51 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

5:20 p.m., suspicious (other), Howe Road.

6:27 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. by Jerusalem Road.

10:10 p.m., escort, Curtis Liquors.

Sunday, March 15

12:36 a.m., general services, Beechwood St.

12:44 a.m., MV stop, Dolan Lane.

1:41 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

6:21 a.m., vandalism, Nichols Road.

7:45 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

10:22 a.m., suspicious auto, Town Lot.

10:53 a.m., burglary (B&E), Pond St.

12:35 p.m., assist motorist, Summer St.

3:24 p.m., assault, Cedar St.

4:40 p.m., fire, investigation, Border St.

6:02 p.m., assist citizen, Elm St.

8:50 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

10:40 p.m., fire (misc), Highland Ave.

11:00 p.m., info, general, Elm St.

11:19 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:44 P.m., fire (misc), Highland Ave.

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Monday, March 16

10:00 a.m., general services, Hull St.

10:06 a.m., assist motorist, King St.

10:15 a.m., general services, Howe Rd.

10:18 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

11:19 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

12:40 p.m., fire, investigation, Elm St.

1:25 p.m., general services, Lamberts Ln.

2:01 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

2:26 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

3:03 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

3:29 p.m., vandalism, N. Main St.

3:37 p.m., notification, King St.

4:12 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

4:47 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

5:54 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

6:04 p.m., transport, S. Main St.

6:12 p.m., animal complaint, Summer St.

6:47 p.m., violation of restraining order, Mill Ln.

7:30 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

10:49 p.m., noise complaint, N. Main St.

11:44 p.m., investigation, S. Main St.

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CHL demands action on town landfill violations

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The owners of the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill are demanding that the town halt unauthorized excavation work near being done near the town-owned Cedar Street landfill in a wetland that abuts the facility. CHL is also demanding that the town comply with a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) order to restore the wetland to its original condition.

CHL-owner Paul Barry filed his complaint last week with the conservation commission. After listening to the complaint, conservation commission Chairman Jeff Waal asked Barry what steps he wanted the town to take to repair any damage to the wetlands near the Cedar Street facility. Barry became visibly angered by Waal's statement.

"I get kind of offended when you ask me that," Barry said. "You always know what to do when it's my landfill and when it's me before your commission. You know what the violations are and what has to be done. Now do it."

The Cedar Street landfill is closed and capped and currently serves the town as a transfer facility. On March 5, 1997, CHL filed a complaint with the conservation commission against the Cedar Street landfill and the town for allowing siltation to runoff into the wetlands, damaging the area and killing vegetation. The conservation commission failed to respond to the complaint within 21 days as required by law, and CHL filed a complaint with DEP.

> ***"There could be batteries, solvent, paint."***
>
> —ROD GASKELL, CHL'S ENGINEERING CONSULTANT

On Oct. 28, 1997, DEP ruled that the wetland where the excavation was being done, known as Breadencheese Swamp, fell under the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act. DEP said any excavation to remove siltation must stop and the town would have to file a notice of intent outlining its purpose for working in the wetland.

In its ruling, DEP noted that the town had filed a notice of intent as part of its closure plan. However, DEP ruled that the town was still obligated to file a new notice of intent for the excavation work.

The conservation commission must also issue an order of conditions for any work to remove siltation or to restore the wetland. In addition, any wetland area altered by the excavation would have to be restored to its pre-existing condition.

CHL's engineering consultant, Rod Gaskell, outlined the damage done to Breadencheese Swamp by siltation from the town landfill. Gaskell said Breadencheese Swamp was essentially a Red Maple Swamp until siltation from the town landfill killed many of the maples and turned the swamp into an unvegetated pond.

He said a six-acre area was affected by the siltation, which ranged in depth from six-inches to three-feet deep.

Gaskell said the excavation work being done by the town to remove siltation has also uncovered trash from the capped landfill, creating a potential health and safety hazard.

"There could be batteries, solvent, paint," Gaskell said. "This material dates back to an era when landfilling was unregulated. Some of this stuff is really nasty and should be defined. This siltation removal is supposedly being done under the closure plan notice of intent, but I don't see how this qualifies for that."

Gaskell said the town needs to clearly outline its objectives for working in the wetland.

"Are you trying to restore this to a Red Maple Swamp?" Gaskell wondered. "What is your purpose for excavating?"

Gaskell said the town should comply with DEP's ruling. In addition, the town should file a notice of intent, perform a comprehensive study of the damage, define what kind of materials are involved, and outline a clear [illegible] to remove siltation and [illegible] the wetland.

The conservation commi[illegible] took the matter under advisement.

Locke guest at drug and alcohol meeting

The Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee said that Norfolk County District Attorney Jeffrey Locke will be the guest speaker at its April 8 meeting.

The meeting will be held in the A.V. Studio at the Cohasset High School at 7:30 p.m. Parents, students, and members of the community are urged to attend.

Topics to be discussed by the district attorney will be: party host responsibility; memorandum of agreement between the schools, the police department and the district attorney's office; prom night; procedures for first-time juvenile offenders; CDART (Community Drug Action Response Team).

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'Healthy' voter turnout expected Saturday

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

This year's April 4 town election is shaping up as a story of the political newcomers. Potentially, half of the 14 town offices at stake could go to candidates running in their first election. Four are mathematically assured of victory already. Newcomers will take the election for assessor and health board where they face no opponents. One more will land a seat on the board of library trustees. Only one will have to unseat an incumbent to get in.

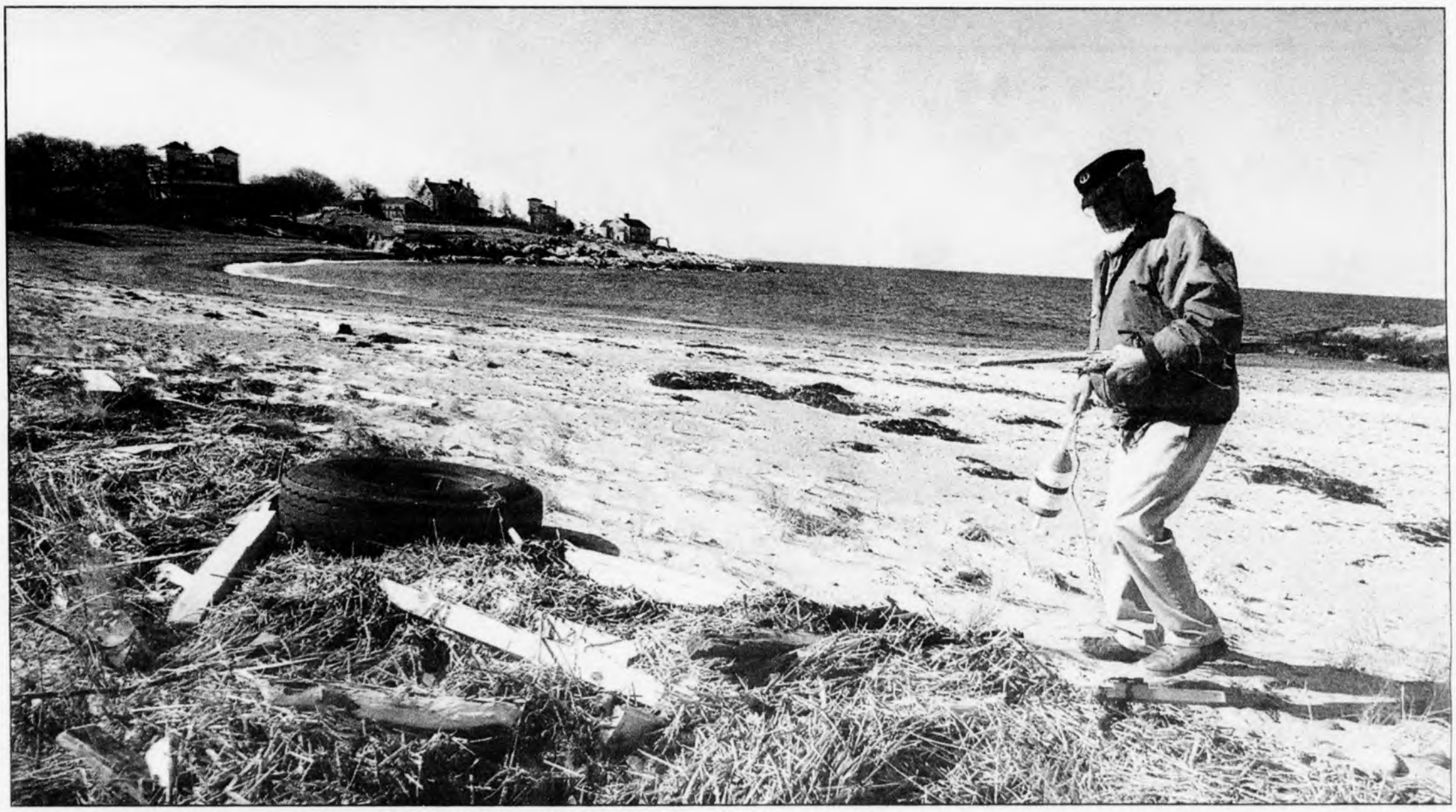
The polls are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at town hall.

Town clerk Marion Douglas sees a "good race" in the strong field and the high number of new people testing the political waters. She expects a healthy 40 percent turnout at the polls. About 5,415 people are eligible to vote, she said Wednesday. March 7 was the deadline for new voter registrations.

Like last year, there will be a write-in campaign. Elsa Miller of 60 Reservoir Road has decided to go after the assessor's term. Douglas said Miller's name will not appear on the ballot. To vote for her, people must write Miller's name and address on the write-in line but must be sure to darken the oval by her name, too. The machine will not tabulate votes unless the oval is full. Douglas said the voters will use special pens to fill out the ballot.

Miller said she has paid for clip-in coupons for her write-in campaign. She did not order stickers because she was told they would not fit on the ballot.

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Cohasset's Herb Jason collects driftwood (for his wife's nautical creations) along Jerusalem Road.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Town meeting torpedoes subsidized sewer hookups

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

As it stands now, about 200 homeowners in North Cohasset will have to pay privately to hook up to the sewer without the benefit of taxpayer subsidy or state grants.

Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions (CEES), a grassroots group vehemently opposed to the town's sewer plan, rallied enough support at Saturday's town meeting to defeat two warrant articles — or items of business — which would have provided financial help for the affected homeowners.

The sewer debate took place during the first session of town meeting which drew upwards of 250 citizens.



Not all the business before town meeting was accomplished Saturday, so town meeting continued

TOWN MEETING PAGE 5

Advisors adapt to new budget role

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

For decades the advisory committee has served as the town's budget experts. Municipal departments have traditionally submitted annual budget proposals to the advisory committee for inspection, advice, modifications and finally a recommendation that best served the community. But with the implementation of the town manager form of government, that has all changed.

Town Manager Mark Haddad is now in charge of all municipal budgets, as well as the town's operating budget. The advisory committee now gets a town budget that

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COMMUNITY

Turn clocks ahead midnight Saturday



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To the lighthouse

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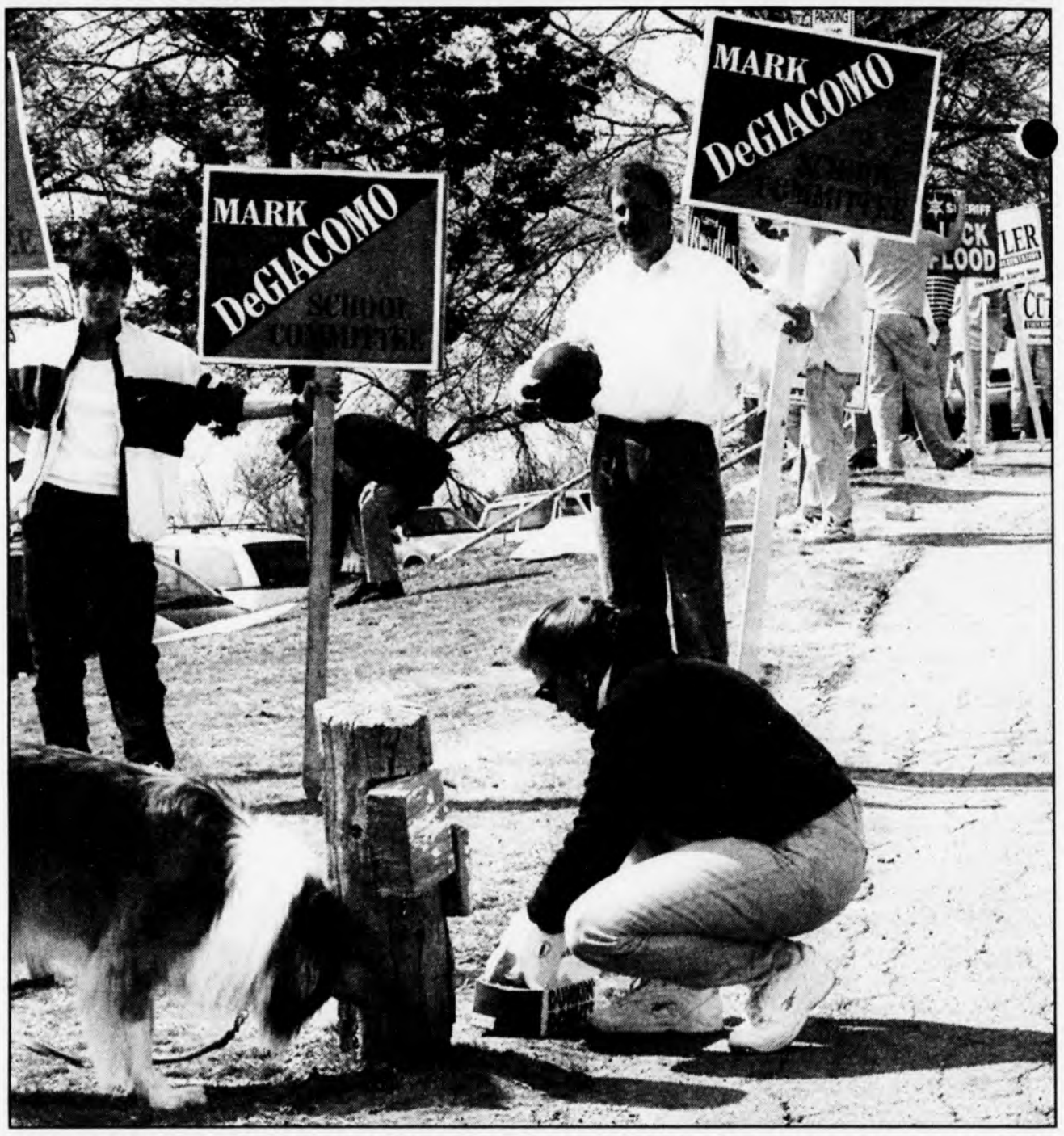
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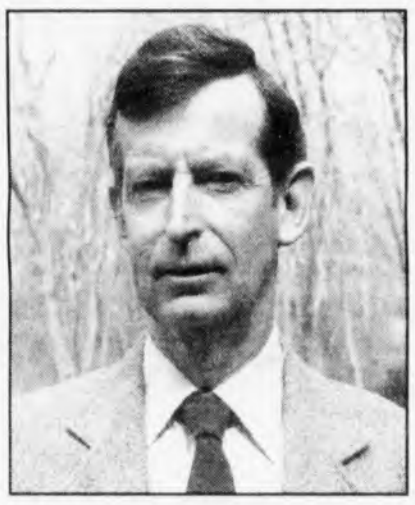
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WINDOWS INTO COHASSET

Meeting House was once site of town meeting

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The First Parish could claim the right to be called the most famous building in Cohasset because scenes in the movie "The Witches of Eastwick" were filmed there. The Meeting House is among 94 buildings on the Cohasset Historical Society's Heritage Tour. But the authors of the new Heritage Trail guide had more than film credits in mind when they pointed out the Town of Cohasset owned the church until 1824.

A few words spoken at town meeting Saturday did sound unlike things that should be said in church. But a church is precisely where the town's first decisions were debated. When the voters poured over the $18.5 million budget this weekend and argued the questions of "punishment" and "fairness" implicit in sewers and fire hydrants, they faithfully followed the forms of parish government that once appropriated $2,187 to build the Meeting House. The form of the session, down to the creakiest of its traditions, dates back to the parish meetings held inside the Meeting House. Literally, the "church was the town" until the early nineteenth century, according to John Hartshorne. Even today, after the state and church separated, the signs of the past are as big as the numerals on the bell tower clock. Perhaps no other building in Cohasset embodies so much town history as the white church on the Town Common.

Hartshorne is a member of the church's maintenance committee, and he knows the structure "from the top of the steeple down." But in an interview Wednesday, he pointed out a few features of the Meeting House that recall the once close connection between the parish and the management of the town. For instance, the clock on the bell tower is owned and maintained by the town. It was a gift from the church.

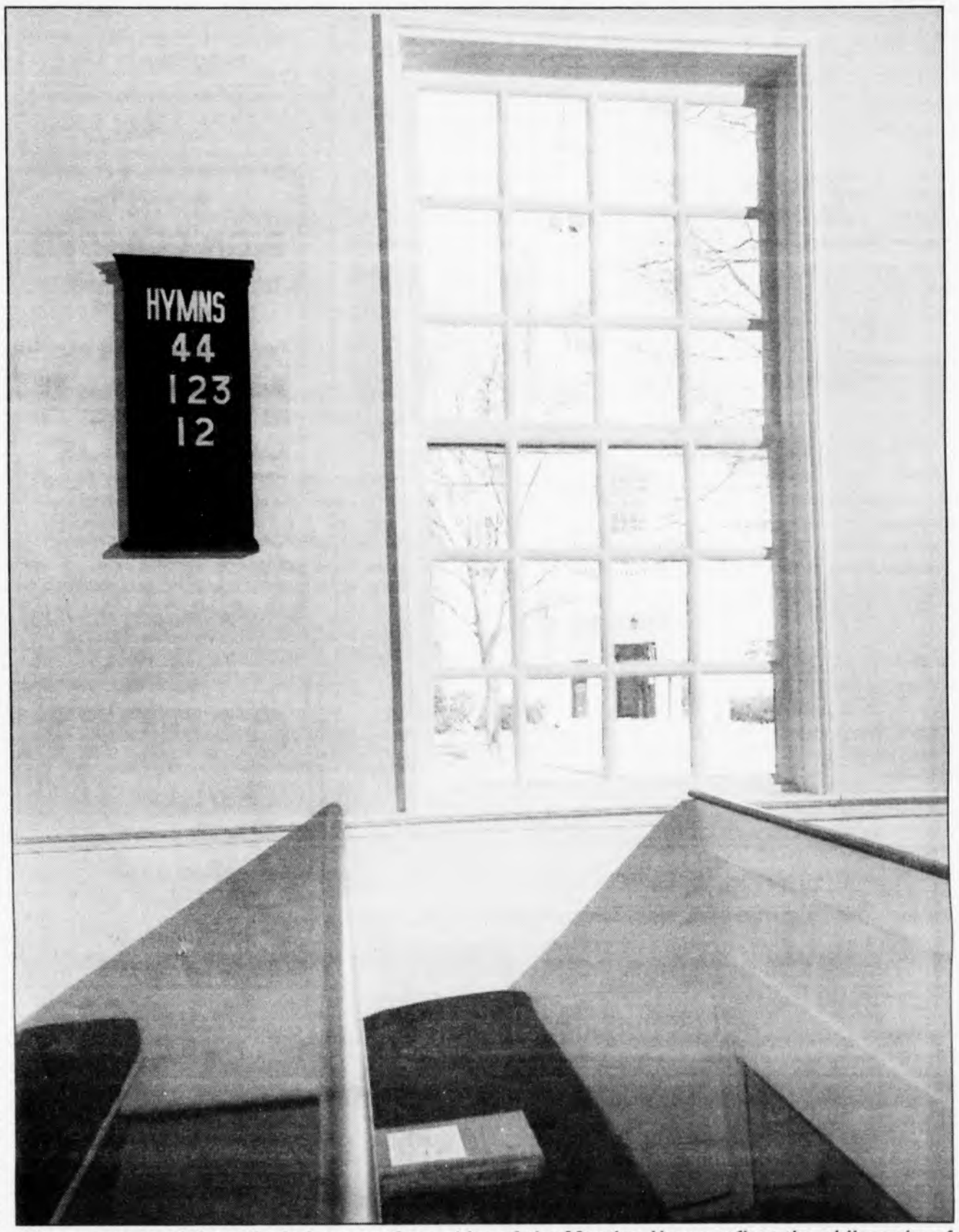
"It's part of the interesting history of the church," he said. "The clock was a very important thing in the life of the town." Hartshorne said it was installed in 1864 in an era when people did not have wrist watches and clocks were expensive luxuries. The church clock became the only convenient and reliable way to tell time. Moreover, pranksters could not tamper with the clock as easily as with the church bell. Boys liked to ring the "1000 weight" bell at the wrong times. (The effort to stop them spawned legislation.) The bell tower, with its rough hewn interior ladder, was not part of the original 1747 Meeting House. It was raised in 1799 along with the steeple.

Hartshorne also said the original parish meetings eventually evolved into the town government meeting. Originally, only parishioners could vote at them. Once again, the signs of the past are evident in today's custom. For instance, parishioners "seldom use the term church," he said.

"It's always called the Meeting House." Hartshorne said overall the architecture is meant to reflect the spirit of the Unitarian Church. As a former minister Edward Trivett Atkinson put it, the windows and the openness of the room symbolized the "openness of the philosophy of the Unitarian Church." It was important, Hartshorne said, to see people inside can look out and people outside can look in.

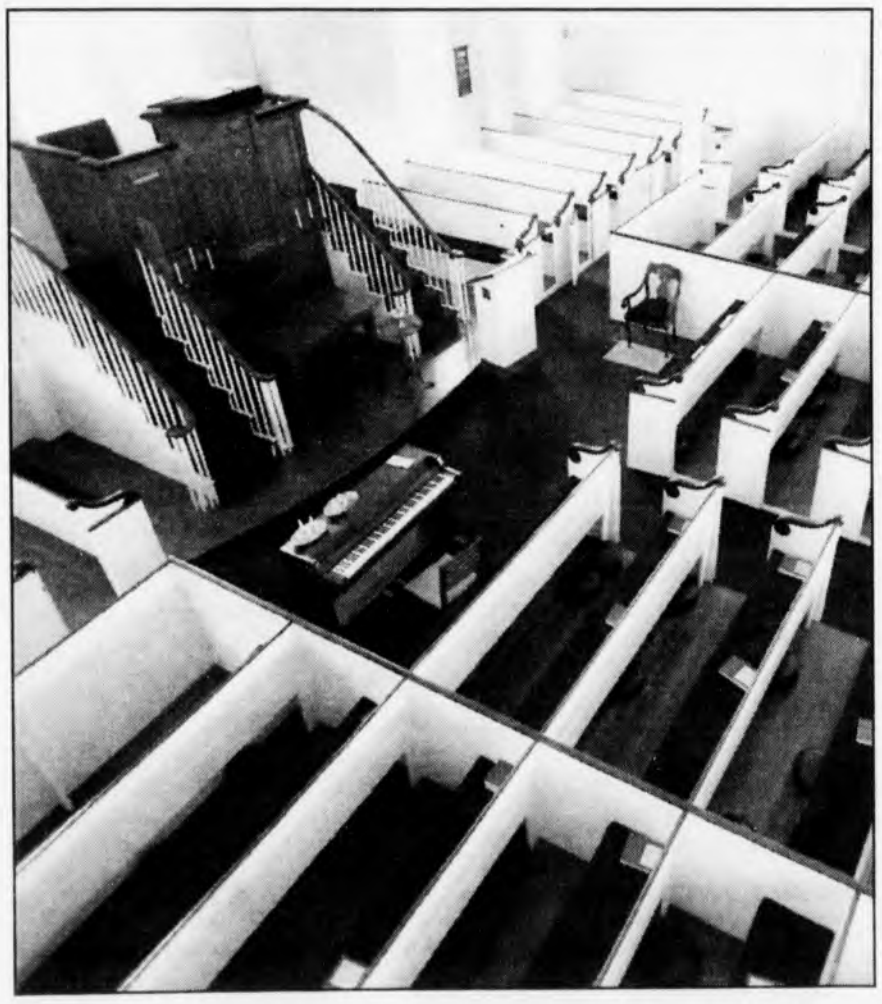
"There are no stained glass windows. There is no thought of exclusion," he said. Tall windows encase three sides of the Meeting House. Rev. Atkinson

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The openness of the tall windows on three sides of the Meeting House reflect the philosophy of the church. Here, the Second Congregational Church is visible across the common.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman



The pews, which were once deeded to parishioners, still have doors that can be shut and locked with brass latches.

Heritage Trail Guide available

It was time for a new Heritage Trail Guide from the Cohasset Historical Society. As Thomas Gruber put it, so much time has gone by since the original 1970 guide was published, even some of the natives forgot why some of the oldest houses in Cohasset bore plaques with the letters *HT*. Moreover, Gruber said most of the new residents never had an opportunity to find out what the plaques mean. To compound the problem, the old guide was not readily available.

The mystery about the plaques and the numbers is a mystery no more. The new guides are ready, and they are free, Gruber said. They can be picked up at four locations in the village (Flemings, Cards & Shards, Pilgrim Co-Operative Bank and the Hingham Institution for Savings.) Copies are also on hand on Route 3A at Buttonwood Books and Toys and Noble's.

Gruber said the society thought it time "to refocus on that part of our heritage" represented by historic buildings. The authenticity of the 94 in the guide has been verified. The panel also made some corrections to the previous book and one major change. The old version listed the house names after the current owner. The new book names the house after the first owner or a person of historic interest.

Gruber said the society tried to add at least one item of interest about each entry, while keeping the book brief. He said each copy also contains an offer to join the society. They are looking for new members, he said.



The First Parish Meeting House was once the site of town meeting where parish government was conducted.

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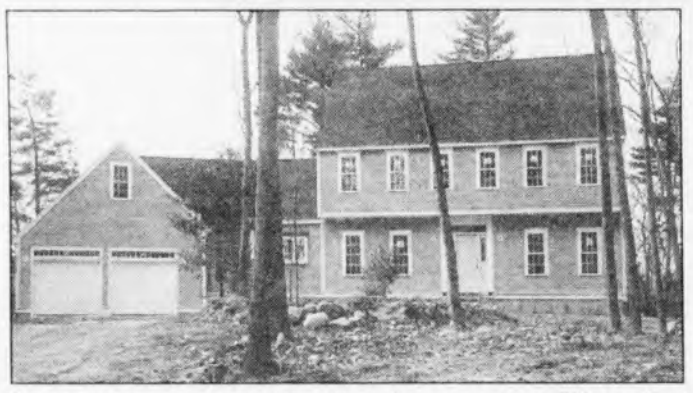
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also brought in the low pulpit, actually a "lectern" which the minister uses during the service. He was the first to stop climbing the long staircase to the original pulpit. The original, under a white wood canopy, offers a vista almost eye level with the gallery. It is made of carved pine. Inside it, the bench is upholstered with red velvet cushions. An 1893 Bible, a gift of the Ladies Charitable Society, rests on the lectern. It is banked by staircases on both sides and long curved balustrades.

Hartshorne said the pews were once deeded to parishioners. They still have doors that can be shut and locked with brass latches. The floors inside are hardwood, but the worshippers are supplied with round red cushions. Other details of the Colonial era are the wood buttons on the arms of the pew. Like the pulpit, the benches, with scroll-like arms, show "very nice joinery and carpentry." Other features are the Morel Organ in the gallery, the ceiling medallion and the white fluted columns.

Barbara Bliss, the chairwoman of the parish committee, said the Meeting House was built in 1747. It replaced an earlier 1711 Meeting House nearby. Though First Parish has postponed commemorating the building's 250th year, she hoped people would be aware the tradition and the heritage are something to celebrate.

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Town meeting torpedoes subsidized sewer hookups

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into a second session Monday evening.

After Saturday's session, Lisa Bumstead, 111 Nichols Road, spokeswoman for CEES, said defeat was the only way to force the town to rebid the North Cohasset project which came in more than 40 percent or $2.7 million over estimates.

"We're not trying to punish anyone," she said. "The point was to rebid."

But it's not clear if those phases of the project will be rebid.

After town meeting, Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild said phases three and four are now dead until further notice because there is no appropriation and that homeowners in those phases will have to contract privately for their own sewer hookups.

"Contracts three and four" are the two final parts of the now $9 million North Cohasset sewer project, which will connect about 260 homes to the treatment plant in Hull. Phase one lays pipe throughout the district and phase two hooks up the homes along Straits Pond to the sewer main. Straits Pond is designated by the state as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern and therefore is a priority to be sewered, commissioners said.

Hook ups for homes in phases three and four were only included in the project because the town could obtain favorable state financing for the homeowners.

Because town meeting did not approve appropriating the additional $2.7 million needed for those phases, it is not clear if they can be rebid without the money.

The project was initially bid in October. Those bids were thrown out because they were too high. The project was rebid in December when the bids came in about $1 million less although still about 41 percent over engineer's estimates. (Based on those estimates, last year town meeting appropriated $6.6 million for the North Cohasset project).

Bumstead, the CEES spokeswoman, said the group would like the entire project rebid and lumped in with central Cohasset to get economies of scale. She also said the Little Harbor area should be included in the sewer plan. CEES is comprised of residents who were placed into the town's priority districts around Lily Pond, Little Harbor, Jerusalem Road, Atlantic Avenue and Nichols Road to fulfill the terms of a legal agreement with the state requiring the town to solve its wastewater management problems.

(CEES is fighting forced septic systems inspections and possible upgrades, and won a reprieve at town meeting approving $45,000 to study Little Harbor — which puts off the septic management plan).

Town counsel said there is an escape clause in the contracts for phases one and two of the North Cohasset project allowing the town to back out. The only liability the town faces is the costs incurred by the contractor to that point, Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said. So selectmen have the option of not going through with the contracts for phases one and two, although the bids for those phases have been awarded.

It is not clear if rebidding the project will bring the price down.

Hingham is currently sewering 140 homes near the Weir River in a $4.5 million project that includes a pump station, which Cohasset will share in and contributed $500,000 toward, and capacity in the Hull treatment plant. Seventy of the homes will have pressure systems similar to those planned for North Cohasset. Pressure systems are used where gravity systems are not practical. They are more expensive than gravity systems because they require installation of a pump and tank but are more economical in ledge areas because they require far less blasting.

Bids for the Hingham project were opened last week and were 30 percent over estimates. The town had agreed to pay 50 percent of the project and Hingham Sewer Commissioner John Brandt said it hasn't been decided if users will absorb the overage.

Selectman Merle Brown told town meeting that projects can be bid subject to future appropriation, but Guild didn't think that's an option.

"Who's going to bid on that?" Guild asked in a telephone interview. "As a practical matter, contractors see two bids with no award and talk of cancellation of part of the second bid. And then we ask them to make a speculative bid."

Town meeting's action left many homeowners stunned.

After article 17 was defeated (it would have set the stage for an override to split the cost overrun with all taxpayers), James Lagrotteria, 104 Howe Road, implored town meeting not to deny him access to state grants by also defeating article 18.

"You have no right to deny me the opportunity to take advantage of state funds to spend my own money to hook up," he said.

Article 17 would have appropriated the additional funds contingent on the passage of a $1.3 million override April 4 so half the cost would have been spread among all taxpayers. If the override failed, the affected homeowners would have had to pay for the entire cost of the project through betterments. Article 18 was included in the warrant in case article 17 failed. If article 18 had passed, the town would have appropriated the money but the affected homeowners would have paid for their sewer hookups through betterments with no impact on the tax rate. In either case, homeowners would have received highly favorable financing through 50 percent state equivalency grants, sewer commissioners said.

Steven Magnell, 58 Howe Road, also tried to persuade town meeting to help those in phases three and four.

"I think it's a travesty," he said about the defeat of the articles.

Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Road, lives in phase two and urged voters to defeat the articles and let homeowners take care of their own hookups, which she believes will be cheaper.

She claimed the town is being held hostage by greedy contractors.

"Let us hookup on our own," Plante said.

Article 17 was defeated by a vote of 89 to 141. Although a majority backed article 18 — with a vote of 141-103 — it failed to win the 161 votes necessary for adoption. Borrowing articles require a 2/3 vote.

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Town meeting says no parkland for T right-of-way

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

A proposal to use the Greenbush right-of-way as leverage in the town's dealings with the MBTA fell a few votes shy of getting the required two-thirds needed for passage at Monday's session of town meeting.

The plan was to designate the right-of-way as parkland. That way the T would have to get a two-thirds vote of the Legislature before it could take it back for the railroad, Michael Dick of the mitigation committee said.

The T plans to restore train service on the Greenbush line of the Old Colony Railroad. The train will travel through Cohasset on its way to and from Greenbush which is part of Scituate.

The mitigation committee is charged with negotiating with the T to mitigate the adverse effects of the train such as noise, vibration and safety issues.

"The T's response to our needs has been lacking," Dick said. "This would give our town a little leverage that others have not."

Cohasset owns the right-of-way, which is currently designated as open space. By changing the designation to parkland, it would make it harder for the T to take it by eminent domain.

"Under the state constitution, they could not take it without a two-thirds vote of the Legislature," Dick said.

He explained that the town could be "happy for the T to take the land if they'd done right by us, but if they'd done wrong by us then we'd go to the legislative committee to address our needs."

But Dan Evans, speaking for the advisory committee, recommended against the proposal describing it as "legal shenanigans."

"While we are sympathetic that the T needs watching," he said, "this asks us to make a park out of something we know won't be a park."

Selectman Diane Sullivan, who sits on the mitigation committee, said the proposal may help the town with future negotiations.

"It may or may not work, it may or may not boomerang," she said.

Nancy Butler, 56 Margin St., questioned if the action was legal.

Town meeting voted 83-54 for the proposal but 90 votes were needed for the two-third majority required.

'Healthy' voter turnout expected Saturday

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In the main events, two selectmen and two new school board members will be elected Saturday when the voters cast their ballots. Merle Brown is the only incumbent in the two races. He is seeking a new three year term on the board of selectmen. Two former selectmen are in the field against him. Martha Gjesteby and Rocco Laugelle hope to regain office on the board. The lone political newcomer in the selectmen's race is William Ross. Thomas Callahan, a member of the Conservation Commission, rounds out the field of five. He mounted an unsuccessful bid for the selectmen's seat in last year's election.

In the race for two school board seats, one will be left out. Mark DeGiacomo, the zoning board chairman, is the only candidate with town board experience. Hugh Morgan is in his second campaign. He ran unsuccessfully for school committee last year. Patricia Martin is the newcomer in that race.

Eight races will be uncontested. Political newcomer Stephen Bobo of 292 Jerusalem Road wins a seat on the health board because his opponent Michael Spirito reportedly has said he has dropped out of the race. Douglas said it was too late to take his name off the ballot. It had already been printed when Spirito notified her. As mentioned, Miller is expected to take the assessor's election in a write-in campaign. She was long interested in running but did not want to face the previous incumbent Ross Rosano. He is a friend, and she liked the job he did. She said she was busy with family and did not notice no one was running for the post until after the deadline.

Miller said she did not exactly view herself as a political newcomer although this election will be her first.

"I don't want to go into politics," she said. "I don't look at this as a political position." Miller said she hoped to use her experience as an appraiser to "fine-tune" assessments in Cohasset. She said appraisals are done by computers using mathematical modeling but sometimes contain errors. She said she could help the assessor's office detect errors and otherwise explain assessments to the public. Miller owns Miller's Appraisals in Cohasset. She is a Massachusetts state-certified residential appraiser and currently handles properties in Hingham, Hull and Scituate, primarily. She has also worked on the 1980's revaluation of Back Bay and Beacon Hill property for the City of Boston through Property Systems.

Incumbents get free return trips in only three races. Robert Sturdy goes back to the planning board. Robert Kasameyer stays on as water commissioner, and Richard Barrow keeps his post on the recreation commission. Incumbent sewer commissioner Henry Rattenbury battles Patrick Plante for that seat. Finally, two political newcomers, Jamie Williams and Carol Riley, face off in a run for a two-year unexpired term for library trustee.

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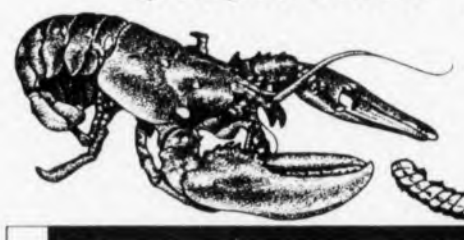
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'Pay per Throw' disposal proposal trashed

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset residents will continue to be able to buy any kind of trash bags they want.

The proposed "Pay per Throw" trash disposal system didn't survive Monday's session of the annual town meeting.

The theory behind the program — which is used successfully in some other towns including Halifax — is that people will recycle more to keep from having to use more special bags which would cost a dollar apiece to dispose of their trash.

Selectman Merle Brown said "Pay per Throw" would save the town money because with more recycling, there would be less sent to SEMASS, the waste to energy plant in Rochester, where Cohasset's trash goes after it leaves the RTF. The town pays $80 a ton to send its trash to SEMASS.

He said people who use less trash would pay less. Currently all residents pay $65 for a sticker to use the RTF regardless of how much household trash they throw away every week.

"I support the goal, but this is not the appropriate way to achieve it. It's discriminatory."
– MARTIN CORRY, PLEASANT STREET

Martin Corry, 81 Pleasant St., said he thought the program was unfair.

"I support the goal, but this is not the appropriate way to achieve it," he said. "It's discriminatory."

Corry said families with children would end up paying much more under the proposed system.

Ron Massa, 140 N. Main St., led the charge against the program.

He said the average resident would end up paying $100-$150 a year with "Pay per Throw" — two to three times what they are paying now.



Alex Koines, 380 Atlantic Ave., said there is an awful lot going into the bin at the RTF that could be recycled.

"This is something we can live with if you choose to recycle and are diligent. I urge you to vote yes," he said.

But with a vote of 54-72, town meeting turned down "Pay per Throw."

Locke guest at drug and alcohol meeting

The Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee said that Norfolk County District Attorney Jeffrey Locke will be the guest speaker at its April 8 meeting.

The meeting will be held in the A.V. Studio at the Cohasset High School at 7:30 p.m. Parents, students, and members of the community are urged to attend.

Topics to be discussed by the district attorney will be: party host responsibility; memorandum of agreement between the schools, the police department and the district attorney's office; prom night; procedures for first-time juvenile offenders; CDART (Community Drug Action Response Team).

The program will end with a question and answer period.

Osgood School celebration slated

A photo exhibit for the Osgood School will be held from June 5-7, Harborfest Weekend. Do you have photos of your children at Osgood? Photos of other generations at Osgood? Photos of yourself or friends taken there?

These snapshots will help tell the story of Osgood over the last 70 years. They can be funny, serious, playful and all of them will be historical (of students, teachers, parents and staff)! Please check your photo albums (or those shoe boxes) for what you might contribute (color or black and white). Color photocopies are also welcome.

Also displayed will be an Osgood Family Tree. If there are family members who have attended Osgood for three generations (i.e., grandfather, father, daughter), please submit photos as a group.

Submit photos at the drop off box (office) at Joseph Osgood School. Large envelopes will be supplied for you, along with a simple form to be filled out, so that photos may be returned to you.

The deadline is Friday, May 15.

For more information about the photo exhibit, call Derry Schwantner at 383-2529 or Margot Cheel at 383-9184. For more information about the family tree, call Rose Collins at 383-0760.

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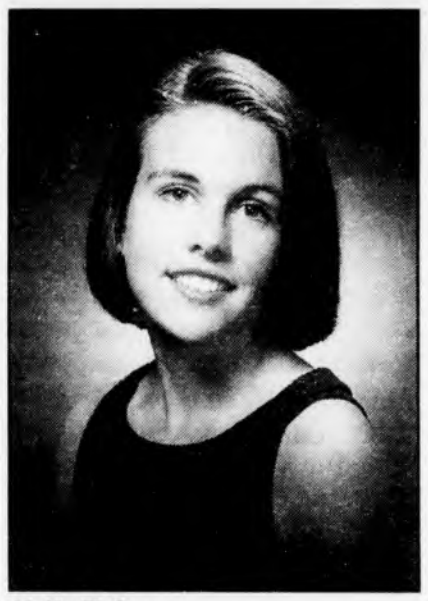
SALLYANN CHATTERTON 383-0560

BC HIGH HONOR ROLL

Boston College High School has named students who have made the second term honor roll, and once again there are Cohasset students to be proud of: John R. Crowley-Ruck who made high honors; Jason S. McCaffrey who made honors; Benjamin T. Smoot who made high honors; and Robert C. Morgan who made honors. Congratulations to all of you!

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

Kelly Tufts, a student at Cohasset Junior/Senior High School, recently took part in the Presidential Classroom Scholars Program in Washington, D.C. Kelly joined 400 high school juniors and seniors from 38 states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Qatar. The students spent a week meeting with government leaders and learning about the democratic process firsthand. Highlights for the week included seminars led by U.S. Rep. Tom Davis, CIA Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence Winston P. Wiley, Daily News Columnist Steven V. Roberts, a private tour of the White House, and a performance by the Capitol Steps Comedy troupe. Participants also attended appointments with the offices of their senators and representatives on Capitol Hill, and a seminar on the Floor of the House of Representatives. While Kelly was there she was chosen to place the wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and that was an honor that she will never



Kelly Tufts

forget! Imagine what a thrill that would be! Kelly, you are an inspiration to all, and we are very proud of you!

AMHERST SPORTS STANDOUT

Word from the Amherst College Sports Department will delight you; their men's and women's indoor track team competed at the ECAC Championships in their final races before Nationals at Brandeis University. The women claimed an 11th place finish, and Cohasset's own Michelle Boyle closed out her career with a school-record 2671 score in the pentathlon for seventh place after setting personal bests in her final three events! Michelle is a co-captain for the team! Good going!

'TALKING ABOUT DIVORCE'

Lynne Layman, Margie Steele and Pat Carleton, LICSW, of the Cohasset Social Service League, have put together a free program, "Talking About Divorce," that will take place Wednesday, April 8, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Unitarian Church Parish House, 23 North Main St., Cohasset. Leading the discussion will be Judy Osborne, LMFT, LMHC, the author of Stepfamilies' "The Restructuring Process" and director of Stepfamilies Associates in Brookline. Admission is free. Pre-registration is suggested. To register, or for more information, call 383-0771

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

J. Robert Buckley has been accepted at Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vt., for fall of 1998. He is a student at Cohasset High School where he was co-captain of the ski team and a state finalist. He is the son of Lynne and Gerard Buckley of Cohasset.

SENIOR SHOW IS BACK

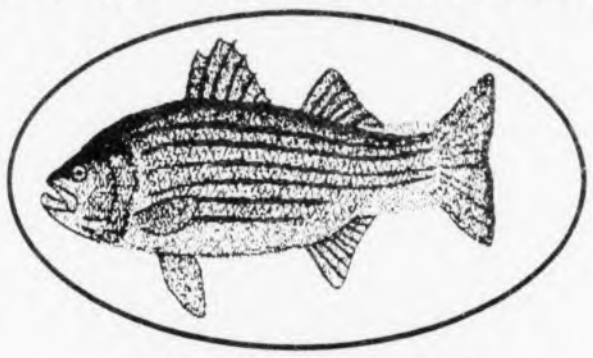
The "Senior Show" starring the "Class of 1998" is making a comeback this year! This spring show is a tradition for seniors at CHS and they are ready to entertain you with their music, dances and comedy. The sole performance will be Friday night, April 3, 8 p.m., at Cohasset High School. Admission is $5 and tickets may be purchased at CHS or at the door. Go and see these stars shine! These shows are always wonderful, amusing and memorable! You are guaranteed a good time, so plan on being there!

OUTSTANDING SWIMMER

Christina Daniels, a member of the Weymouth Waves swim team, won the Hi-Point Award for her age group at the Southeastern Mass Swim League Championships held in Nantucket, March 7. She accomplished this by placing first both in the 25-meter butterfly and 50-meter breast stroke, and second in the 100-meter freestyle. Her relay team placed third. Christina is in the fifth grade at Deer Hill, and we certainly congratulate her and know that we will be hearing

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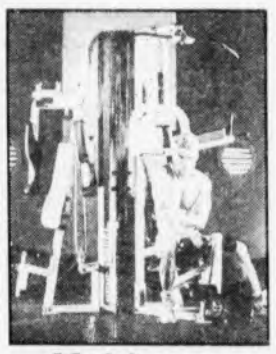
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Sallyann Chatterton

As Easter approaches, many of us plan on seeing relatives and friends who haven't been around in a while. There are Easter "feasts," and if you are serving a crowd, you probably present them buffet style. Most of us serve the traditional ham with all the fixin's — not only does everyone like it, but it makes a beautiful centerpiece! I usually have another main dish or two to compliment the ham; chicken breasts supreme can be made ahead and frozen, and it is outstanding! Here it is —

CHICKEN BREASTS SUPREME

1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2-1/2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon paprika
12 half chicken breasts, skinned
1/4 cup butter or margarine
2 teaspoons cornstarch
1-1/2 cups half-and half or light cream
1/4 cup dry sherry
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 cup shredded Swiss Cheese
1/2 cup chopped parsley for garnish

Up to one week before serving: On waxed paper, combine flour, salt and paprika; use to coat chicken. In large skillet, in hot butter, lightly brown chicken breasts on both sides.

Add 1/4 cup water and simmer, covered 30 minutes or until almost tender; arrange chicken in freezer and ovenproof 13" by 9" by 2" baking dish. Mix cornstarch with 1/4 cup half-and-half; stir into drippings in skillet. Cook, stirring, over low heat. Gradually stir in remaining half-and-half, sherry, lemon peel and lemon juice; cook, stirring, until thickened; pour over chicken. Freezer-wrap and freeze. On serving day: Remove from freezer, and thaw about four hours or until almost defrosted.

About 50 minutes before serving: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Heat, covered, 35 minutes or until sauce is bubbly hot. Uncover; sprinkle with cheese; bake until cheese melts and bubbles a bit. Garnish with chopped parsley.

This dish serves 12, hope you enjoy it!

— **Sallyann**

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more about her great swimming in the future!

GRANTED TENURE AT GETTYSBURG

Dr. Koren A. Holland was among seven faculty members recently granted tenure by the Board of Trustees at Gettysburg College, based on her accomplishments in the areas of teaching, research and governance. Dr. Holland began at Gettysburg in 1992 after completing a National Institute of Health post-doctoral research fellowship at the Johns Hopkins University. She is currently a member of the biochemistry and molecular biology program steering committee. She earned her bachelors degree from Skidmore College and her doctorate from the University of Maryland at College Park. Koren A. Holland is a native of Cohasset and currently resides in Thurmont, Md. She is the daughter of Valerie A. Lipsett of Cohasset.

DEAN'S LIST AT UMASS

Dean of Students, Jo-Anne Vanin, has announced the names of students who qualified for the dean's list for the 1998 spring semester at UMass/Amherst, and two Cohasset residents "made the grade" — we salute Brian D. Duffy of 29 Hillside Dr. and Ryan S. McWilliams of 194 Lamberts Lane! Great job, gents!

PLEASE VOTE ON SATURDAY

Finally, don't forget to VOTE! That's the way to have your say in our town government, and your vote counts! Hats off to all of the candidates, your care and concern for our town means a lot! As they say, may the best man/woman win!

Don't forget to call with your newsy items!

— **Sallyann**
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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Time to say 'thanks'

Interspersed with all the town meeting business on Saturday were several "resolutions" that are worthy of note.

Town meeting took the time to thank some special volunteers who have served the town well.

Following Saturday's election — Selectman Michael Sullivan, School Committee members Ralph Kidder and Maureen Jerz, Health Board member Tom Cook and Assessor Ross Rosano will all get a well deserved break.

Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Kidder, Mrs. Jerz, Mr. Cook and Mr. Rosano — for whatever reasons — all decided not to seek reelection this spring.

While we may not have always agreed with their decisions, we've never questioned their dedication and sincerity when it comes to trying to do the best for Cohasset.

If a town can be judged by its volunteerism — then Cohasset can count itself lucky to have citizens like these who willingly give innumerable hours of their time week in and week out to tackle the often difficult, frustrating and exhausting task of governing.

These volunteers have asked nothing in return but the satisfaction of doing the job.

We all owe them a debt of gratitude and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Some old and new faces will be campaigning hard at the polls at town hall on Saturday.

We don't think anyone would argue that the need for talented, hardworking citizens to serve in local government is greater than ever.

Those elected Saturday will be leading Cohasset into the 21st century.

Please take the time to vote. It will send the positive message that you care about Cohasset's future.

— Mary Ford
Editor



Jenkins, get over there; you've got a live one!

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LETTERS

CEES must follow through on better sewer funding plan

To the Editor:

At town meeting last Saturday, the Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions (CEES) achieved their goal of convincing voters to turn down Articles 17 and 18, which would have provided $2.7 million additional funds needed to complete the North Cohasset sewer project. The opportunity to accept the construction bids, at current market prices on Contracts 3 and 4 of the project, is gone. The opportunity to receive the level of state funding now being offered is also gone. CEES has deprived the town of these opportunities.

CEES have gained influence on a hot issue in town, but with it comes the responsibility to make good on their lofty promises. Reorganizing the scope of sewer work to be bid, finding new construction bids that cost less, and convincing the state to shell out a higher level of financial assistance are noble ideals, but achieving them is a gargantuan task, with unpleasantly high risks for a negative outcome.

For 30-plus years, Cohasset has been working on the sewering issue, and each time it changes its mind, withdraws an old plan and submits a new plan, the state responds with less and less help. State funding is not uniformly available from year to year. Right now, the Big Dig is threatening to divert away much of the money that would have been available to help finish the North Cohasset job, had Article 17 or 18 passed.

The town has spent years sorting through the complexities of the Second Amended Final Judgment for Agreement (hence the words, "Second" and "Amended"). For CEES to tamper with this fragile negotiation between Cohasset and the state by delaying the sewer projects, yet again, seems reckless. In the short time that CEES have been in action, have they researched fully the (lack of) options that Cohasset has to comply? Do they see that over time, what few options the town does have keep getting more costly? I respect CEES' desire for a unified, comprehensive wastewater management plan, but I'm not convinced that it is achievable on their terms.

Now, CEES must prove that their efforts will help the town to solve the sewering problems, instead of making them worse.

Olivia M. Baldwin
54 Hillside Drive

Angered by Marina vote

To the Board of Selectmen:

I am sending this letter to express my dismay at the turn of events at the selectmen's meeting of March 23.

At the last minute, to bring up an important and certainly controversial subject, potentially effecting a major project without seeking opinions form people impacted or from various committees involved with the harbor is both suspicious and cowardly, all at the same time.

Why do the selectmen bother to have so many committees if they only consult them when it serves their interest? Why aren't the residents of Parker Avenue asked how this may affect them? To allow 50 additional ships and their attendant traffic will have a far greater impact than Cohasset Colonials did when they were in operation. Anyone who complained that the proposed Lobster Lab would use too many spaces in the Hagerty lot should be opposed to this proposed swap. Where are, say, 45 cars (a little less than half the proposed number of ships) going to park? The marina lot won't hold them all. Residents who own ships certainly have the right to park in the Hagerty lot, but where does that leave the residents who don't own a ship yet still equally have the right to use the lot? Why isn't the Board concerned about this? Certain members made a big issue of this when they were so set against the Lobster Lab. How disingenuous. What is the reason for this sudden decisions? I think it would be amusing to hear the justification for this.

To discuss and vote on a matter of this importance

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ELECTION GUIDE



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(Write-In)

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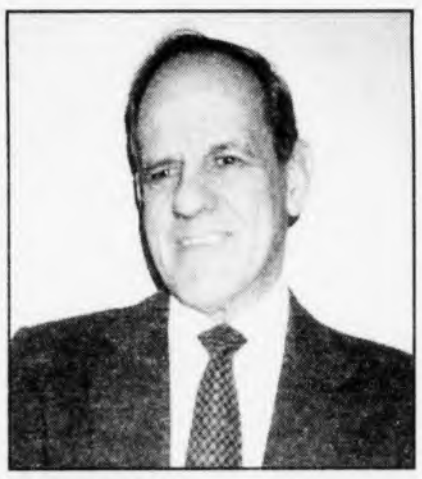
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Selectmen

Name: Merle S. Brown
Address: 546 Beechwood St.
Age: 65
Family: Wife, Joan; daughter, Mary and son, Jeffrey.
Education: Degree in mechanical engineering - Northeastern University.
Occupation: Retired.
Years in town: Born in Cohasset.
Civic/municipal experience: Conservation commission (11 years, four as chairman); selectman (six years, two as chairman).
Reason for seeking office: I am running for reelection to the Board of Selectmen so I may continue to work for the citizens of Cohasset. If all boards and committees worked together, I believe all town operations would be more efficient and better understood. The school committee and selectmen must work together to be aware of each other's concerns. The sewer commissioners, the board of health, and the selectmen must find a solution and the best way to handle our solid waste disposal problems. We need to develop a master plan of the entire town on where to sewer and where septic systems will work. The selectmen need to join with surrounding towns to have better services while, together, save money. My last six years as a selectman, and many years in other capacities, has given me much insight while maintaining a common sense approach to the needs of town.


Merle S. Brown

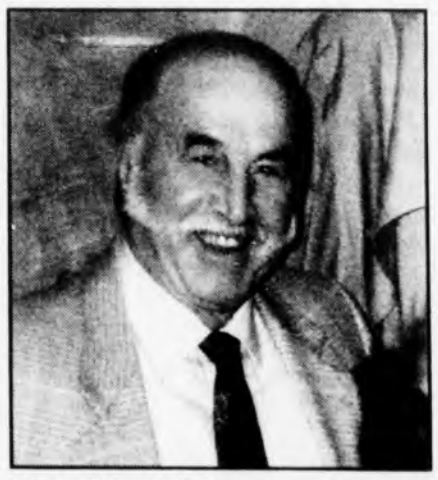
Name: Thomas J. Callahan
Address: 35 Hillside Drive
Age: 39
Family: Wife, Alison; daughter Katie, 8; son, Peter, 5.
Education: BA Boston University, 1980; JD Albany Law School, 1984.
Occupation: Attorney and mediator, self-employed.
Years in town: 12.
Civic/municipal experience: Member, conservation commission, 1989-present (two terms as chairman); member, Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.
Reason for seeking office: I am seeking the office of selectman because I believe we need new leadership and new vision in the areas of the budget, town planning and sewer policy. I advocate the creation of a financial master plan and zoning/development master plan. I advocate the imposition of the same fiscal discipline we all employ in our personal and business lives. I also advocate embarking on a permanent, town-wide wastewater plan to bring about the fundamental fairness talked about so much last year. It has been a distinct honor and privilege to serve the town as a conservation commissioner and I would welcome the opportunity to continue that service as a selectman.


Thomas J. Callahan

Name: Martha Gjesteby
Address: 81 Old Pasture Road
Age: 68
Family: Husband, Arne; and four children, Erik, Ralf, Ingrid and Nils - all Cohasset High graduates.
Education: BS chemistry, Simmons College.
Occupation: Former researcher Harvard Medical School and Dana Farber Center. Present clerk of family business.
Years in town: Since 1961.
Civic/municipal experience: Selectman (nine years, one as chairman); school committee (six years); planning board (two years); capital budget committee (five years); tri-town commission: Metropolitan Planning Council; Old Colony Railroad Mitigation Committee, Cohasset Historical Society; Joint Regional Transportation Committee; Governor's Local Advisory Council; second vice president Mass. Selectman's Assoc.; Community Garden Club.
Reason for seeking office: I have been involved in Cohasset affairs for more than 30 years. During this time, I have gained knowledge and experience on ways to do the town's business, keep the town affordable for all citizens and fund the best public education we can provide. Now, I have the time to be a full-time selectman again and would like to lead Cohasset to the 21st century setting goals, along with strategic planing for the town. I ask you to consider my candidacy for one of your two votes on April 4.


Martha Gjesteby

Name: Rocco F. Laugelle
Address: 38 Smith Place
Age: 69
Family: Wife and four children, 10 grandchildren.
Education: Cohasset schools.
Occupation: Retired.
Years in town: 69.
Civic/municipal experience: Water commissioner (12 years), sewer commissioner (10 years), Norfolk County Advisory (13 years), Selectman (15 years).
Reason for seeking office: I am concerned about the schools, taxes, sewer and water. I feel I have the time to dedicate myself to these issues.


Rocco F. Laugelle

ELECTION GUIDE

School Committee

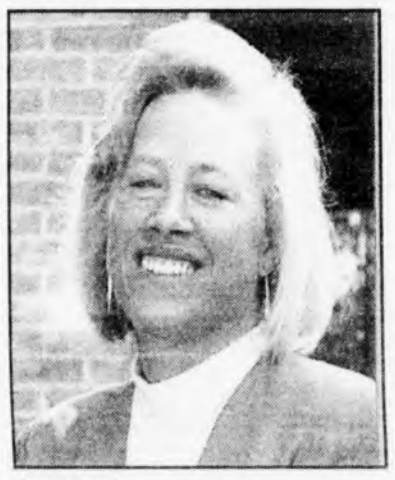
Name: Mark G. DeGiacomo
Address: 14 Holly Lane
Age: 41
Family: Married to Lynne (Callahan); two children. Jim, 11, (fifth-grader at Deer Hill) and Sam, 8, (second-grader at Osgood)
Education: Cohasset High (1974), BA Boston College (1978), Suffolk University Law School (1981).
Occupation: Attorney at the law firm of Roche, Carens & DeGiacomo, P.C.
Years in town: Lifelong resident of Cohasset.
Civic/municipal experience: member of the Cohasset Zoning Board of Appeals for 14 years, currently chairman; director, vice president and player agent for Cohasset Little League; coach of over a dozen Cohasset Little League and youth basketball teams; Sunday school teacher.


Mark G. DeGiacomo

Reason for seeking office: As a lifelong resident of Cohasset, I have always believed in the importance of volunteering time and energy to the town. While I have enjoyed my time on the Zoning Board, I would now like to turn my efforts toward ensuring that our children receive the best possible education in our public schools. I believe our schools are at an important crossroad. Over the next year, we will be selecting a new superintendent, opening a new school. Negotiating a new teachers' contract, conducting the initial round of state mandated tests and deciding what action should be taken in connection with the soon to be released facilities audit.

I would like to put my knowledge of the town and its people, my existing working relationship with the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager, and my educational and professional background to work for our schools and our children.

Name: Pat Martin
Address: 169 Linden Drive
Age: 38
Family: Husband, Dan; son, Dan, Jr., first-grade; daughter Carly, 5; and 20-month-old son Harrison.
Education: Bachelor's in psychology, University Of Rhode Island; Masters in administration, policy and planning, Rutgers University; Certified substance abuse prevention specialist, awarded by the New Jersey Governor's Council on Drug Abuse and Alcoholism.
Occupation: Presently full-time mother. Formerly Head of Martin & Assoc., a consulting firm specializing in needs assessment, strategic planning, program development, grant writing and fund-raising.
Years in town: 1.
Civic/municipal experience: Member of Mercer County FEMA Board; member of both the Mercer County and Somerset County (NJ) Youth Services Commissions; Executive board member of the New Jersey Char-


Pat Martin

ter of the National Assoc. of Social Workers; Executive director Princeton Council of Community Services; Campaign advisor on demographics, emerging trends and human service needs; private consultant to 13 towns in central NJ on issues ranging from problem identification to process development; member of the New Jersey Federation of Woman's Clubs, fund-raising chair of Montgomery United Methodist Women.
Reason for seeking office: Many of the issues confronting our schools such as enhanced facility maintenance, desired curriculum additions and necessary material updates could be addressed with financial resources. Yet, we cannot continually tap the tax base. My skills in grant writing, program development and fund-raising can assist Cohasset by identifying and generating new areas of funding outside the tax base. Having worked as a consultant for 12 school systems over the last 15 years, I can also offer valuable information on what I have seen work for other towns with similar concerns. While it may be easy to point out the challenges that are confronting our schools, I have the experience necessary to effectively and efficiently address them and offer proven solutions. My background as a facilitator and community organizer, can also benefit the town in offering a process of cooperation by which all parties interested can feel heard and involved in the system.

Name: Hugh J. Morgan
Age: 53
Address: 24 Bow St.
Family: Two sons, Derek and Chris.
Education: Cohasset High School.
Occupation: Retired supervisor revenue collections MBTA; currently Cohasset schools bus driver.
Years in town: 50.
Civic/municipal experience: US Navy, Vietnam era veteran; St. Anthony's Church; Cohasset Little League; George H. Mealy Post #118 American Legion; Cohasset Elder Affairs volunteer.
Reason for seeking office: I am seeking the office of school committee for many reasons.


Hugh J. Morgan

Namely, every child should have an equal opportunity for a quality education; maintenance of school buildings; transportation; and most importantly, a school budget that gives us maximum mileage out of each taxpayer's dollar.

As we embark into the 21st century, so do the schools. We need our school libraries updated, a playground for our new elementary school, a much-needed maintenance program for all our schools; and fair transportation for all. We must look to the state for additional funding for projects and special needs education.

If elected, I promise to work with the other committee members, town boards and taxpayers to have a first-rate school system and a budget under control.

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Sewer Commission

Name: Patrick A. Plante
Address: 798 Jerusalem Road
Age: 64
Family: Wife, Maria; children, Patrick Jr., Paul, Anna, Jacqueline, Jennifer and Peter.
Education: BS Northeastern University; Associate Degree, Wentworth Institute; 60 semester hours, graduate studies Northeastern University and Fitchburg State College.
Occupation: Retired Cohasset High School teacher, licensed construction supervisor, project manager.
Years in town: 40.
Civic/municipal experience: Cohasset Planning Board (9 years); Cohasset Lightkeepers Board of Directors (6 years); Cohasset Housing for Elderly Committee (3 years); Cohasset Osgood School Re-Use Committee; South Shore Assoc. For Retarded Citizens Committee (6 years).


Patrick A. Plante

Reason for seeking office: I decided to run for the office of sewer commissioner when I realized that the North Cohasset bids were so high that the sewer commission was coming back to town meeting to ask for a $2.7 million additional appropriation.

Nine million dollars to sewer 262 homes in North Cohasset is too much money! No one could satisfactorily answer questions as to how and why this occurred, and I felt that the Cohasset taxpayers deserved better than to just "go ahead and get the job done at any cost."

This attitude is not acceptable, especially since we are on the brink of sending out bids for the $13 million plus Central/Hillside project.

The sewer commission has to be accountable to the taxpayers. I feel that my experience makes me qualified to assist the sewer commission in reviewing the contracts. As a board member I would be responsible for establishing and updating a master plan, incorporating all environmentally sensitive areas in Cohasset, including Lily Pond, Little Harbor and Cohasset Harbor.

Name: Henry A. Rattenbury
Address: 1 Briarwood Lane
Age: 61
Family: Wife, Yvette; four sons.
Education: Archbishop Williams HS (1954); attended Newman Prep. School an Northeastern Univ. School of Civil Engineering.
Occupation: Mailman, real estate manager.
Civic/municipal experience: Eight years on the sewer commission; member of the Private Ways Study Committee.


Henry A. Rattenbury

Reason for seeking office: Ever since I served on the first Citizens Sewer Advisory Committee back in 1969, I have been interested in working to resolve Cohasset's wastewater problems. In the mid-1980s, I also served on the second Citizens Sewer Advisory Committee when we recommended the Ward Plan. In 1988, the town approved this and the state approved it, too, but then the state ran out of funding.

Subsequently, I have served three terms on the Sewer Commission while the present sewer program has evolved. I have worked hard on this and we are just about "over the goal line." I am asking the voters of Cohasset to please give me their votes so I can finish the job!

Candidates Corner

Cutler campaign hosts coffee hours

The following coffee hours for state representative candidate Josh Cutler have been scheduled for the month of April:

Sunday, April 5, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Kathy Bogdan, 136 Samoset Ave., Hull.

Sunday, April 5, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Gerry and Donna Scampoli, 6 Bayberry Rd., Hingham.

Thursday, April 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Mark and Joanne Burns, 72 Packard Ave., Hull.

Saturday, April 18, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Peter and Rita Frazier, 9 Hampton Circle, Hull.

Thursday, April 30, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Mike and Malee Nuesse, Hull.

Campaign volunteers meet at the campaign office at 110 North St. in Hingham Square at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of every month and have been busy planning a number of other events this spring. If you would like to get involved, call Ann Marie Farrell at 740-0220.

Bradley announces coffee hour

Assistant District Attorney and State Representative candidate Garrett Bradley will hold a coffee from 4-6 p.m., Sunday, April 5 at the home of Susan Roy-Rapoza on 126 Main St. in Hingham.

Bradley is planning a series of coffees to talk with residents of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset about issues such as the education of our children, reducing the burden of taxes and water rates on working families and seniors, and preventing crime in our neighborhoods.

For more information on the coffees or the Garrett Bradley campaign, please call 741-9998.

ELECTION GUIDE

Library Trustees

Name: Carol A. Riley
Address: 483 Jerusalem Road
Age: 53
Family: Husband, Bob; sons, Mike, 21, Brian, 19.
Education: BA English, Calif. State University, Los Angeles.
Occupation: Homemaker/volunteer. Former director of TV/radio publicity, J. Walter Thompson Co., NY.
Years in town: 21
Civic/municipal experience: Friends of the Library (board of directors, 3 years); volunteer at front desk of library (3 years); executive board of Cohasset Social Service League (5 years); executive board of PSO (5 years); recruiting blood donors (14 years); hockey boosters (treasurer, 5 years).
Reason for seeking office: My goals for the library are to expand the physical facilities of the building to include handicap


Carol A. Riley

ease of access; work with the trustees and director for better space utilization; better display of topical reading materials; ease of internet/computer use; better communication with patrons of the library as to wants/needs; increase size of collection, including audio and video; and, publicize amenities and new acquisitions to Cohasset resi-

Name: Jamie G. Williams
Address: 60 Surry Drive
Age: 42
Family: Husband, Bob; sons David, 4 and Colby, 1-1/2.
Education: BA UMass Amherst; Suffolk University.
Occupation: Homemaker. Formerly, associate director, new products and services; maintenance supervisor and customer service representative at NYNEX.
Years in town: Six.
Civic/municipal experience: Motivational speaker, business and professional women's clubs; member South Shore Community Center; United Way Corporate Fundraiser; National Bone Marrow Donor program, volunteer.
Reason for seeking office: It's time for a revival. Our library is an under-utilized resource that deserves to share in Cohasset's spirit of renewal and growth. A new mix of innovation, enthusiasm and clear planning is needed.

My aim is: growing patronage to a library more responsive to community needs; a community more aware of library resources; supporting library staff with necessary training and development


Jamie Williams

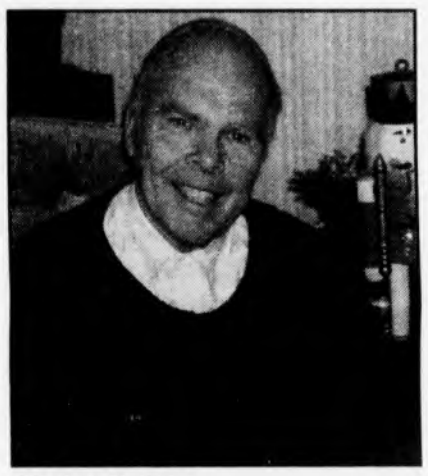
in current technologies and resource modalities; continue attention to the pending space utilization report; emphasizing efficient use of existing space and examination of available options as expansion is required to meet growth.

I believe my 11 years as a professional manager combined with my energy and fresh outlook would compliment the many years of experience the existing board already represents. Together we can meet this challenge.

We in Cohasset should expect nothing less than a well-developed and thriving library for young and old alike.

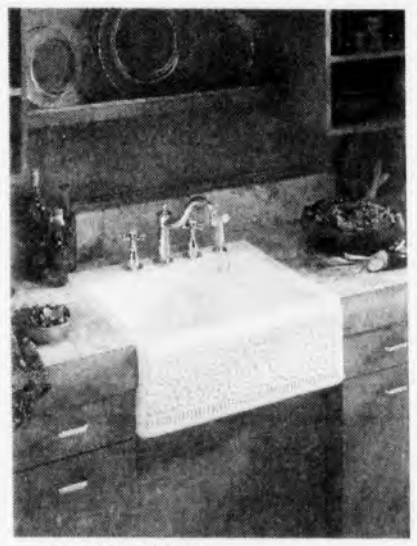
Health Board

Name: Stephen N. Bobo
Address: 292 Jerusalem Road
Age: 69
Family: Wife, Vivien; son, Stephen and daughter, Kristine.
Education: US Naval Academy.
Occupation: Retired mechanical engineer.
Years in town: 33.
Civic/municipal experience: Board of directors, Community Center; Board of directors, Lightkeepers.
Reason for seeking office: To help pay the town back for providing such a beautiful and healthy place to live for 33 years. I perceive the board of health job as mostly technical and, because of my background, very interesting. I've spent my life developing inspection procedures; a mechanical engineer who knows inspection technology, its econom-


Stephen N. Bobo

ics and its politics. The scope of the town's health problems are defined by inspections and tests. Landfills, sewers, septic systems and also clean water, are all part of the same system of land resource management. To attack this problem piecemeal is to invite expense and litigation that we can't afford. Failure of any part of the system will result in an unhealthy, possibly toxic environment for our town and its inhabitants. We are running out of time to solve these difficult problems. We must structure a unified plan for the whole town which addresses its health needs.

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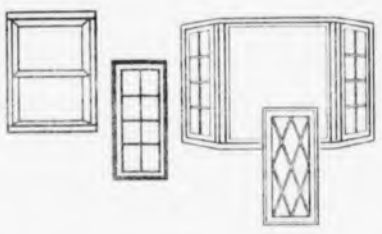
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LETTERS

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Abutter is angered by Marina vote

when it was not on the posted agenda was, at best, a violation of the Open Meeting law, and at worst, yet another example of limiting public input when it serves the board's purpose. I would hope that the board will reconsider its vote and extend the same courtesies to the people effected by this decision that they have to other issues of far less importance. In the meantime, it is my intention to file a complaint with the secretary of state concerning this apparent violation of the Open Meeting law.

Russell Bonetti
20 Parker Ave.

Mr. Bonetti provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter of publication.

No more boats in Bailey's Creek

To the Editor:

In all of this sudden brouhaha over dredging in Bailey's Creek, there's been no mention of safety—the safety of Cohasset's children.

Baileys' Creek empties into Cohasset Harbor between Government Island and Bassings Beach. At low tide, the distance is no more than about 25 yards. It's here that the kids of Cohasset swim back and forth to Bassings. To allow another 50 boats up in Bailey's Creek would further jeopardize their safety. Bailey's Creek is not the place to put a lot more boats.

Robert M. Davenport
Black Horse Lane

Bancroft Hall fees are reduced

To the Editor:

The non-profit Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation announces a further reduction of fees for Cohasset residents for private functions: $100 Mondays through Thursdays except holidays, and $200 Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, effective Jan. 1, 1998. Fees for non-residents remain at $300 and $500.

More than half the bookings are at no charge to non-profit organizations. Fees for private functions have to be charged, in addition to revenues from the second floor apartments, in order to offset the operating costs and provide reasonable set-asides for long-term expenditures such as roof replacement, exterior painting etc.

Bancroft Hall is heavily used and requires considerable maintenance and custodial work, but our patrons have been remarkably respectful of the premises, for which we thank them. Many bookings are made far in advance; to avoid disappointment it is well to reserve early by calling 383-1433.

R. Murray Campbell, President
C.L.C., P.O. Box 514

Coastal Coalition opposes Greenbush with or without tunnel

Members of the Coastal Coalition of the South Shore agreed not to support any settlement with the MBTA that would result in a rail tunnel under Hingham Square. The coalition has fought against the Greenbush project since 1994. The anti-train group has received a groundswell of support on the South Shore for publicizing major facts about the train.

"We oppose Greenbush, whether they design a tunnel or decide to run it at-grade," said Nancy Buckley, co-founder and spokesperson for the coalition.

The MBTA recently increased the projected cost of at-grade construction to $285 million.

Forty members of the Coastal Coalition rallied outside Gov. Cellucci's Hingham fund-raiser on Sunday, March 8. Members challenged Cellucci's current support of the project, given that back in 1990, he campaigned in Hingham and admitted that the train would have serious impacts on Hingham and that alternatives could be developed.

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Height variance still needed for second tank

Town Meeting

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The water commission will still need a height variance before it can build the town's second water tank either on Scituate Hill or next to the existing tank on Bear Hill.

Town meeting Saturday gave commissioners the flexibility to spend up to $200,000 more for the $1.4 million second tank but refused to pass a zoning by-law amendment allowing tanks up to 72 feet high on town-owned land or in a district zoned for light industry.

The town limits structures to 35 feet without a variance. Depending on the site, the tank would be about 60 feet tall

Commissioners hoped to get a clear direction from town meeting to move forward with a specific site. That didn't happen and without the zoning by-law change, commissioners may have to opt for Scituate Hill because of neighborhood opposition to the Bear Hill location.

Last year, commissioners withdrew a request for a variance to site the tank at Bear Hill when it appeared the zoning board was leaning toward denying it.

Water Commission Chairman Robert Kasameyer said both locations are adequate from an engineering standpoint. The tanks would both meet insurance standards recommended for fire capacity levels and each has certain regional advantages.

But he stressed that timing is important. The town owns the Bear Hill site but to construct a tank on Scituate Hill would require negotiations with the property's owner or a land taking by eminent domain. Both options would delay the project for at least another year.

Kasameyer said water commissioners had an appraiser look at impacts of a second tank on Bear Hill and learned that there would be no impact on residential values.

However, abutters to the proposed tank have vehemently opposed having a second tank constructed in their neighborhood.

Kasameyer explained that the cost of putting the tank on Scituate Hill, which is on the former Webb-Norfolk Conveyor property off Route 3A across from Atlantic Bagel, is "site dependent."

"We prefer the site on the highest point of land, but that is also preferred by the developer," Kasameyer said.

The owner of the property is now working on a residential subdivision development proposal.

Glenn Pratt of King Street argued against the zoning change.

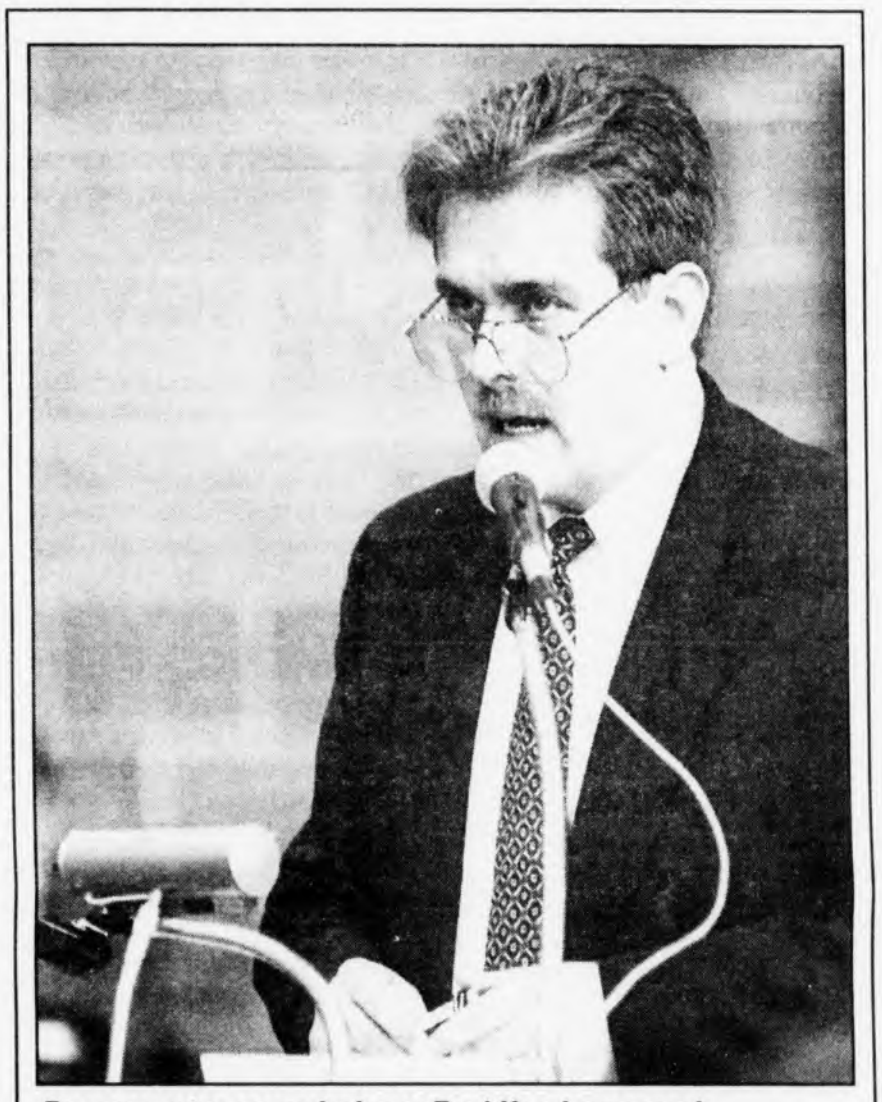
"It would allow the water commission to by-pass our regulatory proceedings," he said.

Dan Prisble, 60 Jerusalem Road, said he'd like to save the money and backed putting the tank on Bear Hill.

But zoning board chairman Mark DeGiacomo, 15 Holly Lane, likened the amendment to "spot zoning."

"That is wrong," he said. "I'd like to save $200,000, too. But not in order to bulldoze a project through so 30 people have a municipal tank farm in their backyard."

The second tank is needed to increase fire-flow capacity town wide and to enable a tank to be taken off line for periodic cleaning.



Former water commissioner Fred Koed proposed reinstating the hydrant fee at town meeting on Saturday. For story see page 16.

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Advisory committee adapts to new budget role

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is a finished document rather than a draft proposal.

"Before, we got the budgets and the town accountant went over it to see if the figures were correct," Whitley said. "Then we would go over each budget and if we didn't understand something, we would have that department head in and quiz him about the items in question. Now, we get the budget completed by Mark Haddad and it is his vision of how the town should operate as a business, and his views on how the town should function."

The advisory committee has not transferred all of its powers to the town manager. The committee still examines the budget, makes recommendations to town meeting and advises on fund transfers from key accounts like the reserve fund. Advisory committee Chairman Roger Whitley said the new budget process has created a few unexpected challenges.

"The biggest problem I've found is that a lot of department heads talk to Mark, but not all the information from those discussions gets to us," Whitley said. "We still make our recommendations to town meeting. Many times in the past, we have had no recommendations because we did not get relevant information on time. This year, that problem was worse because during town meeting we were hearing information we had never heard before."

Despite the difficulties, Whitley said the entire transition of the budget process from the advisory committee and selectmen to Haddad has gone "surprisingly well." Whitley said that he viewed the problems as "first year jitters," because this is the first budget done under the town manager mandate.

Haddad now interviews department heads about their budgets so he can formulate an overall operating budget. Haddad then submits his completed budget to the advisory committee for its input and to answer any questions.

Once the advisory committee gets the budget, it examines the document just as methodically as in past years. Haddad meets with the committee two or three times to discuss costs, answer questions and try to agree on a budget that both can support.

"We had more than 50 items we questioned, and he explained them to us," Whitley said. "If we still had questions, we went back to department heads and asked them if they could live with the recommendations. They all agreed to try, although some added that they may need to return at some point for reserve fund transfers."

Haddad said he is pleased with the way the new budget process is working. He pointed out that there are some benefits for the advisory committee with the new system.

"I develop the budget, submit it to the advisory committee and selectmen, and work with them to develop a consensus," Haddad said. "The completed budget is a better overall presentation for them because they get a completed budget, rather than receiving each department's budget in a piecemeal fashion. It streamlines the process and makes it more efficient."

Haddad added that the advisory committee is still deeply involved in the budget process, and continues to make recommendations to town meeting. Haddad also tries to find common goals with the committee that will ultimately benefit the town.

Haddad said the new process also benefits municipal departments because Haddad examines the budgets individually with each department head, giving them a good opportunity to discuss their needs and goals.

"This is the first year we've done this and it went fabulously," Haddad said.

Hydrant fees to stay in tax base

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The budget was temporarily thrown out of balance Saturday when town meeting decided to pay $106,000 for "hydrant rental fees" out of the general fund.

Town Manager Mark Haddad, with selectmen's approval, had decided the water department, which is running a surplus, could afford to absorb the hydrant fees starting in fiscal year 1999, which begins July 1.

But water commissioners said any surplus should be used to repair and maintain the distribution system. They said they would have to raise rates to make up for the loss of revenue which would result in a "hidden tax," costing the typical homeowner $50 more per year.

Former water commissioner Fred Koed, 92 Pleasant St., said it was an issue of fairness.

Hydrant money is not only used to repair hydrants but to maintain fire-flow capacity in town and is calculated on a per-hydrant basis.

Koed said assessing the town for hydrant fees is the fairest way for the water department to recoup its costs for providing the necessary infrastructure for fire protection.

"When a fire truck connects, it is the highest demand ever," he said. "The system must be overbuilt to accommodate fire flows. The water department must recover these costs."

He explained that by having the hydrant fees in the general fund, the cost for fire capacity is based on assessed valuation of the property to be protected and is spread among all taxpayers. But by transferring the cost to the water department means only water users would pay for fire protection, he said.



Water Commission Chairman Robert Kasameyer said Webb-Norfolk off Route 3A uses no water because it is shut down but it still has a high value associated with it because of the facilities up there. The town must still provide fire service, he said.

He explained under the "new way" of paying through the water rates, Webb-Norfolk would pay nothing for fire protection because it's not using any water. Under the "old way," Webb-Norfolk pays through its real estate taxes.

Saying that's the way government works, Haddad, who as town manager prepares the budget, did not argue against the budget amendment on town meeting floor.

"The process worked and I think it's great," he said.

Haddad said the extra money to pay for the hydrant fees will come from the stabilization fund and free cash.

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Cohasset High School spring sports schedule

BASEBALL (VARSITY & JV)

April
1 at Norton
3 E. Bridgewater
6 Carver
7 BYE
9 Abington
13 at Norwell
14 Rockland
16 at Hanover
21 S.S. VoTech
23 at S.S. VoTech
27 at Hull
28 Norton
30 at E. Bridgewater

May
4 at Carver
5 at BYE
7 at Abington
11 Norwell
12 at Rockland
14 Hanover
18 Hull

VARSITY SOFTBALL

April
1 Norton
3 at E. Bridgewater
6 at Carver
7 BYE
9 at Abington
13 Norwell
14 at Rockland
16 Hanover
27 Hull
28 at Norton
30 E. Bridgewater

May
4 Carver
5 BYE
7 Abington
11 at Norwell
12 Rockland
14 at Hanover
18 at Hull

TRACK

April
2 Norton
6 at E. Bridgewater
9 at Carver
13 BYE
16 Abington
27 Norwell

May
1 at Rockland
2 at Carver
(Freshmen & Sophomores)
4 Hanover
7 Hull
(Mr. Davis' Dedication)
9 State Coaches
11-12 All Leagues
16 State Relays
23 S.S. Principals
30 State Class

June
6 State Finals
13 N.E. Finals

SAILING
TO BE ANNOUNCED

GOLF

March
30-31 Qualifying

April
2-6-7-9 Qualifying
14 at Rockland
16 Hanover
27 at Norton
28 Norwell
30 Abington

May
4 Carver
5 at E. Bridgewater
7 Rockland
11 at Hanover
12 Norton
14 at Norwell
18 at Abington
19 at Carver
21 E. Bridgewater

GIRLS TENNIS

April
1 Norton
3 at E. Bridgewater
6 at Carver
9 at Abington
13 Norwell
14 at Rockland
16 Hanover
28 at Norton
30 E. Bridgewater

May
4 Carver
7 Abington
11 at Norwell
12 Rockland
14 at Hanover

BOYS TENNIS

April
1 at Norton
6 Carver
9 Abington
13 at Norwell
14 Rockland
16 at Hanover
28 Norton

May
4 at Carver
7 at Abington
11 Norwell
12 at Rockland
14 Hanover

BOYS LACROSSE

March
24 Concord
26 at B.C.
28 Beverly Jamboree
30 Brewster Academy
31 at Marshfield

April
3 Norwell
9 at Falmouth
14 Hingham
20 at Xaverian
22 Masco (at Harvard)
23 Peabody
27 at Norwell
28 Duxbury

May
1 Sandwich
4 at New Bedford
8 at Duxbury
12 Falmouth
15 Barnstable
18 at Hingham
20 at Sandwich



Ronan Buick works his way around a Brewster Academy defender in early season lacrosse action at Cohasset High School.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

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EXTRA POINTS David Wolcott

A final biting satire on Mike Tyson and the WWF

Sorry about the headline, folks. There is a new rule in journalism that an oral reference must accompany any story that involves Mike Tyson.

Really, it's the tooth. I swear.

But anyway, Tyson and his new best friends were at the FleetCenter over the weekend for the spectacle that was Wrestlemania XIV. Since I'm a confirmed wrestling fan and probably will never go to a Super Bowl or a World Series game, I figured this might just be my only chance to cover a world-wide sporting event live and in-person. So I jumped at it.

Say what you will about professional wrestling, but right now the sport is white hot. Both the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) and World Championship Wrestling (WCW) are selling out box offices wherever they appear and their respective Monday night live shows draw as many as 4 million viewers each week.

Wrestlemania XIV was no different as almost 20,000 people of all ages, shapes and sizes converged upon the FleetCenter to see whether Tyson, banished for the time being from the boxing ring, had what it takes to make it in the world of wrestling.

For anyone who paid $65 for a seat at the event or $34.95 on pay-per-view to see Tyson work some magic, well, you got royally rooked.

But look on the bright side. At least his match lasted longer than the McNeely fight.

For this evening Tyson was appointed the "special enforcer" referee a the match between the reigning WWF champ Shawn Michaels and his #1 contender, "Stone Cold" Steve Austin.

Tyson, known to his friends as "The Baddest Man on the Planet", had all the personality and life of an oil painting standing at ringside watching Austin battle the disgraced boxer's Degeneration X stablemate for the WWF title.

Everything was going along just ducky in the main event when the referee (darn the luck) got squished between Michaels and a corner turnbuckle, leaving the two grapplers fighting it out without an official.

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Mike Tyson, in between Shawn Michaels (left) and WWF champion "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, was in Boston over the weekend to serve as the special enforcer referee for their title match at Wrestlemania XIV.

Young Skippers get ready to hit the field

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Who says you have to be below the Mason-Dixon Line to experience spring training? The Cohasset High baseball team has been enjoying the past week's unseasonably warm weather. Previously confined to the claustrophobic confines of the school's gyms, the rejuvenated ball team burst outside last week with enthusiasm characteristic of baseball in the spring. Under the leadership of coach Bob Knurek, the Skippers are taking aim at the state tournament.

Coach K is in his first year at the helm, after the departure of coach Ron Ford, now the coach of varsity golf. Knurek has hired Sean Donovan as the junior varsity coach. Donovan pitched and played basketball at North Quincy High School and at UMass/Dartmouth and has been an excellent addition to the program. Together, Knurek and Donovan have divided a roster of 22 players into a JV squad and a parent club.

Having graduated three seniors from last year's edition, Cohasset will now have just one senior. Of the 14 players likely to see a fair amount of varsity action, eight are juniors and five are sophomores. Those dynamics would lead some to believe that the Skippers are a year away, but, with 13 years of varsity divided among the juniors, insiders predict that the Boys in Blue should be hitting their stride this year.

Senior captain Pat Hurley, in his fourth varsity season, will start at first base for CHS. Coming off two seasons, football and basketball, in which he also held down the captain position, Hurley should provide excellent leadership for his teammates.

Greg Taylor, a junior, is also in his fourth year on varsity. A pitcher and shortstop who will also see time in center, Taylor is coming off last year's injury-riddled season; a shoulder injury prevented him from throwing even one pitch. Healthier this year, Greg will bat both first and third in the batting order.

Big Al Schwerin will tend the hot corner and probably bat second. With an authoritative, line drive-producing stroke, Al rarely fans and can lay down a bunt when needed. His reliable glove has more than a year of varsity experience at third.

Starting in center for the Skippers will be Ben "Yoda" Ketchum. Yoda's strong arm will also earn him some time on the rubber this year, as he will be the Skippers' second or third starter. Yoda will probably also hit in the third spot this season.

Mike Rossi, the South Section's champion 152-1bs. wrestler, will be limited in playing time this season due to a bum shoulder on his throwing arm. Although this keeps him from throwing for a few weeks, Rossi's bat should come in handy.

In his first varsity season. Denis Rooney will patrol right field for the Skippers. Possessing a cannon arm and a potent bat, Rooney will probably hit somewhere in the middle of the order. Right field is his and the big righty will guard it with Buhner-like intensity.

Jim O'Sullivan, whose on-field performance will no doubt be hindered by his admirably slavish devotion to his word processor, will pitch, play second and probably see some time in the outfield. O'Sullivan will bat in the fifth, sixth or seventh spot for most of the season.

While Rossi rehabs his shoulder, Sean Parkinson will be the starting catcher on varsity. Intense and equipped with a strong throwing arm, Parkinson consistently improves behind the dish from game to game.

Ryan Story, also in his first year on the parent club, will snag some time at first base. The tallest of the Skippers, Story has a live arm and a potentially explosive bat. The big guy will see time in both varsity and JV.

Junior Jared Ford will spend most of his time on JV, but the second baseman will probably be called up to the varsity by the end of the season.

Sophomore Sean Conte saw some innings in the varsity outfield last year and will start in left this season. With a good arm and excellent outfield instincts, Conte could make a big impression this season.

Classmate Joe Pergola is in his third season as a starting pitcher on varsity. If he can keep his arm healthy, Pergola will be Cohasset's number one starter this year and hit in the top or middle of the order.

Like Conte, Chris Pratt also tallied some innings in the outfield in '97. Pratt will probably see time on varsity as both an outfielder and a second baseman this year; the sophomore will swing between JV and varsity.

Danny Mulligan is another versatile Skipper. Mulli will play on both squads this year as well, and play at second, third or behind the plate. With a good arm from the backstop position Mulligan will throw out his share of would-be base thiefs this year.

Southpaw Greg O'Keefe will be a spot reliever in the rotation and could even start if coach Knurek's pitching staff encounters arm troubles like they did last year. O'Keefe will play on both junior varsity and the parent club.

Add to this roster of upperclassmen a strong group of freshmen, and the Cohasset High baseball program is loaded. With three tough games to start the season with, the Boys in Blue have to get to work right away. If the pitching talent can stay healthy and the bats speak up this year, the Skippers may be able to take advantage of their head start on spring and carry that momentum all the way to the state tournament.

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A final biting satire on Mike Tyson and the WWF

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I guess the other 20-or-so referees on hand this evening were busy in the back as after Austin hit his signature move (the Stone Cold Stunner) Tyson woke up out of his deep trance to double-cross Michaels and counted the pin.

Tyson then topped off the night with a one punch knock-out of Michaels after the former champion protested the decision a little too much and a little too loudly.

Like I said, if you were interested in this event just for an appearance of Mike Tyson, you got what you deserved. If you took part for three hours of good, solid sports entertainment, you made a good call.

Wrestlemania XIV had a little bit of something for everyone from the high-flying and acrobatic (Taka Michinoku over El Aguila), to the hardcore (Cactus Jack and Chainsaw Charlie over the New Age Outlaws) to the provocative (you haven't lived until you've seen WWF manager Sunny live on a 30-foot high screen).

As for personal highlights there were many, including a nice 20 second conversation I had in an elevator with special guest timekeeper Gennifer Flowers and four of the biggest bodyguards that I have ever seen.

By the way, Genn said she had a wonderful time in Boston and wishes everyone a Happy Easter.

One celebrity who didn't have quite as nice an evening was baseball great Pete Rose, who ended up leaving the FleetCenter on a stretcher after being on the business end of a piledriver from a wrestler who goes by the name of Kane.

Rose, introduced to a loud ovation from the Boston fans, repaid their kindness by calling Red Sox Nation a bunch of losers and some other equally derogatory names before being dropped unceremoniously on his noggin.

Give Pete credit, though, he's got the toughest head of hair in captivity. Even after the piledriver there wasn't a single hair out of place. That's professionalism.

Some may call the whole scenario with Rose a work, but I call it poetic justice. Somebody had to pay for the sins committed in the 1975 World Series. Maybe it should have been Ed Armbrister or Larry Barnett who should have paid this price, but Rose was just as sweet.

Cohasset High School spring sports

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GIRLS LACROSSE

March		
31	at	Sandwich
April		
2	at	Algonquin
7		Westwood
9	at	N. Bedford
28		Waltham
30		Hingham
May		
5		Algonquin
7	at	Westwood
12		Duxbury
14	at	Walpole
21	at	Newton South
26		Barnstable
27		Martha's Vineyard

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Spring ham shoot is April 5

The Scituate Rod and Gun Club announces its annual Spring Ham Shoot, to be held from noon to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, April 5. In the event of inclement weather, the shoot will be held Sunday, April 19.

The ham shoot features games of skill and chance focusing on shooting sports. Canned hams are awarded as prizes.

Featured games include:

- skeet — where the object is to hit a fast-moving clay target.
- swinging target — where the most number of shotgun pellets inside a swinging circle wins.
- hanging targets — where the pellet closest to the center wins.
- traditional, muzzleloading rifles — hit an exploding bullseye to win.
- Lucky 22s — highest score with five shots wins (this game is a favorite with young children).
- archery for the children — everyone wins at least a candy bar.

This is an opportunity for area residents to enjoy a day of clean, family fun at the gun club and, maybe, take home the Easter ham.

The Scituate Rod and Gun Club is located on the West side of Route 3A in North Scituate between Henry Turner Bailey Road and Booth Hill Road, opposite mile marker 38. Call (781) 545-1510.

Little League parade is May 2

The Cohasset Youth Baseball Association will hold their annual Opening Day parade on Saturday, May 2.

Tentative schedule is as follows:

- 7:45 to 8:15- Marchers assemble in the parking lot of The Red Lion Inn.
- 8:15 to 8:45- March up Main Street to North Main on their way to Barnes Field.
- 8:45 to 10 a.m.- Start with a schedule of events that will include Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray throwing out the ceremonial first ball and the opening day games.

More than 350 people in all are expected to take part in the event. The parade itself will include representation from the police and fire departments, an antique fire engine as well as the Deer Hill School Marching Band.

Special guests will be included to help celebrate the 45th anniversary of the league.

Relay for Life meeting

The American Cancer Society will be hosting a Relay For Life information session on Monday, April 6 at the CHS cafeteria starting at 6:30 p.m.

Residents who may be interested in participating in this year's event are welcome to attend. Information regarding team recruitment, luminaria, entertainment and the celebration of cancer survivorship will be available.

The meeting is open to all. For details, call the American Cancer Society at (508) 584-9600.

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Register for spring recreation fun

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept mail-in and drop-in registrations for spring recreation programs for children aged four to 10. Programs are scheduled to commence during the week of May 4, continuing for six weeks through June 12.

The following programs will be offered:

Monday: Arts & Crafts Girls, ages four and five; Sports and Games, grades K through first.

Tuesday: Arts & Crafts Boys, ages four and five; Sports and Games, ages seven through 10.

Wednesday: T-ball, Grades K through first; Arts & Crafts Coed, ages 7 through 10.

Thursday: Sports and Games, ages four and five; Arts & Crafts Boys, Grades K through first.

Friday: T-ball, ages four and five; Arts & Crafts Girls, Grades K through first.

Sports and Games will include outdoor instruction and play in soccer, basketball and kickball.

All programs will meet at the Joseph Osgood School from 3-5 p.m.

Some programs will have to be postponed should inclement weather dictate and you may call the recreation office at 383-4109 after 1 p.m., if you are in doubt of the program status. Children at Osgood and Deer Hill will be advised and sent home should the program not meet. We will make every reasonable effort to make up days lost to poor weather.

Children may bring snacks/drinks to programs and all children smut be picked up either prior to or promptly at the concluding program time of 5 p.m. Late pick-up is subject to additional fee charges, based upon time tardy.

The Joseph Osgood children may stay after school to participate once parental permission is given on the registration form.

The fee schedule is as follows:

Five-day program: 1 child, $92—2nd child, $42—3rd child, $37

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Three-day program: 1 child, $62—2nd child, $32—3rd child, $27

Two-day program: 1 child, $47—2nd child, $27—3rd child, $22

One-day program: 1 child, $27—2nd child, $17—3rd child, $7

Forms will be coming home via school in early April or are available now at the recreation office. Applications are due by April 30. Some programs will be limited in size so register early.

Call the recreation department at 383-4109 for further information.



Kate Stone, the #1 singles player at CHS, keeps her eyes on the ball as she prepares for the spring tennis season.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Recreation accepting applications for summer employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for Playground Program Counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Applicants must be 18 years of age by July 1, 1998. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 29 through August 14 plus a one-day orientation during late June.

CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the preschool 3 fi- to five-year-old half-day program and the five- to 12-yhear-old, full day programs.

Should you be interested in applying, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (781) 383-4109 for an application or further information.

Register to race By-The-Sea

The Cohasset Rotary Club would like to announce that the 22nd Annual 10K Road Race and Walk By-The-Sea will be held on Sunday, April 5.

This year's race is under the direction of Tom Gruber and Roy Fitzsimmons and the proceeds will go to a number of local and international projects that the Rotary supports. Over 800 runners are expected to participate in the race.

The race, sponsored by the USATF-NE, will start at 1 p.m. from Cohasset Common. There will be free refreshments for all registered runners.

The fun walk will start at 10 a.m. from Sandy Beach.

Applications are available at Curtis Liquors, Good Sport, Noble's Camera Shop (Cohasset store) or from the Cohasset Rotary at P.O. Box 36, Cohasset, MA. 02025.

The deadline for pre-registration is April 1. Pre-registration is $12 and it will be $15 on the day of the race.

For race questions please call Austin Lyne at (781) 383-6550. If you would like to join or address the membership of the Rotary, please sense a note to President, Cohasset Rotary Clubm P.O. Box 35, Cohasset, MA 02025.

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Middle school students recognized in awards assembly

The Cohasset Middle School held an Awards Assembly Friday, Feb. 13, in the auditorium. This included all seventh- and eighth-grade students and certainly recognized several of our students for academic excellence and outstanding effort. Each teacher chose a student for academic excellence and one for outstanding effort in each of their classes. The students received an award with their pictures on it which were made on the computer.

The philosophy of the Cohasset Middle School is to recognize students for their successes and ensure success for all students. We were pleased to see that several students were rewarded for their success at this assembly.

The awards for grade seven and eight are listed below:

Awards — Grades 7 and 8
Cohasset Middle School
Grade 7
Academic Excellence

Mathematics — Miss Beatson
Period 1 — Julie Shea
Period 2 — Ann Barber
Period 5 — Betsy Reynolds
Period 6 — Meaghan Rizzotti

English — Mrs. Schleiff
Period 1 — Alexis Bugley
Period 2 — Allison Moje
Period 5 — Anna Jane Murphy
Period 6 — Sarah Hassen

Cultural Geography — Mr. Kelly
Period 1 — Nichole Needle
Period 2 — Sarah Hassen
Period 5 — Julie Shea
Period 6 — David Crowley

Science — Mr. Cisneros
David Crowley-Buck
Sarah Hassen
Laura Genello
Allison Moje

Health — Mrs. Duffy
Period 3 — Rachel McElroy
Period 4 — Laura Genello
Period 7 — Allison Moje
Period 8 — Anna Murphy

Most Effort

Period 1 — Martha Henderson
Period 2 — Jared Krupczak
Period 5 — Alexis Bugley
Period 6 — Caroline Carr

Period 1 — Holly Dinsmore
Period 2 — Julie Shea
Period 5 — Meaghan Rizzotti
Period 6 — Curt Kahn

Period 1 — Laura Genello
Period 2 — Christine Sadler
Period 5 — Ben Nash
Period 6 — Emily Dean

Alexis Bugley
Jared Krupczak
Terry Curry
Ross Lieb-Lappen

Period 3 — John Dwyer
Period 4 — Rodd Lieb-Lappen
Period 7 — David Ingber
Period 8 — Mark Chapman

Grade 7
Academic Excellence

Reading — Ms. Marois
Period 3 — David Crowley-Buck
Period 4 — Scott Farber
Period 7 —Betsy Reynolds
Period 8 — Rachel McElroy

French 7 — Mr. Fortin
Sarah Hassen

Spanish — Mr. Fortin
Period 4 — Alison Moje
Period 7 — Ross Lieb-Lappen

Spanish — Ms. Barry
Period 3 — Kim Ulmer

Physical Education — Mr. Ford
Period 3 — Arianna Dedes
Period 4 — Ian Kidder
Period 7 — David Crowley-Buck
Period 8 — Greg O'Connell

Music — Ms. LaJoie and Mr. Marks
Period 3 — Martha Henderson
Period 4 — Kimberly Ulmer
Period 7 — Mark Chapman
Period 8 — Ross Lieb-Lappen

Most Effort

Julie Shea
Maura O'Brien
Jenna Fegreus
Jared Krupczak

Jenna Fegreus

Holly Dinsmore
Rachel McElroy

Trey Curry

Yasmine Afshar
Lindsey Grossman
Heather Periano
Katie Portanova

Meaghan Rizzotti
Jenna Fegreus
Lindsey Grossman
David Ingber

Grade 8
Academic Excellence

Mathematics — Mrs. Devin
Period 1 — Ross Lieb-Lappen
Period 2 — Beth Smoot
Period 5 — Paul Previte
Period 6 — Samantha Mortland

English — Ms. Wood
Period 1 — Beth Smoot
Period 2 — Chris Carr
Period 5 — Steve Mikkanen
Period 6 — Liza Parker

Cultural Geography — Mr. Newkirk
Period 1 — Emma Gardner
Period 2 — Liza Parker
Period 5 — Matt Ogrodnik
Period 6 — Beth Smoot

Science — Mr. Jones
Period 1 — Peter Maitland
Period 2 — Loren Heywood
Period 5 — K.C. Camacho
Period 6 — Conor Avery

Latin — Mr. O'Neil
Loren Heywood

French — Mr. Fortin
Meredith Bates

Spanish — Ms. Barry
Period 4- Amanda Watts

Best Effort

Kate Grimm
K.C. Camacho
Kate Flynn
Greg Donovan

Kyle Webber
Robin Murphy
Peter Maitland
David Bouchard

Allison Scott
Chris Caron
Bobby Protulis
John Hussey

Jake Morgan
Joel Carpenter
Meredith Bates
Courtney Anton

Alex Schmidt

Danny Kinchla

Jeff Garber

Period 7 — K.C. Camacho

Period 8 — Caitlin Flint

Music — Ms. LaJoie and Mr. Marks
Period 3 — Joel Carpenter
Period 4 — Bobby Protulis
Period 7 — Chris Carr
Period 8 — Meredith Bates

Art — Dr. Packard
Period 3 — Jeff Garber
Period 4 — Kimberly Camacho
Period 7- Jackie Goines
Period 8 — Robin Murphy

Physical Education — Mr. Ford
Period 3 — Joe Niessink
Period 4 — Kevin Chang
Period 7 — Peter Maitland
Period 8 — Kelly Stone

Health — Mrs. Duffy
Period 3 — Beth Smoot
Period 4 — Meredith Bates
Period 7 — Amanda Watts
Period 8 — K. C. Camacho

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Jessica Stevermer
Loren Heywood
Courtney Anton

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Samantha Mortland
Rachel Quigley
Liam Martin

Connor Avery
Nick Bolster
Jeff Garber
Kate Grimm

Kerry Long
Steve Mikkanen
David DeVito
Maggie O'Neil

The Spelling Bee sponsored by the Quincy Patriot Ledger was also held. The contestants in the spelling bee were selected from the winners of the individual class spelling bee contests given in Ms. Wood's and Mrs. Schleiff's classes.

Contestants from grade seven were David Ingber, Meredith Bixby, Robert Hickey, Brian Bilton, Michael Casey, Michael Casey, Annie Barber, Evan Pestone, Martha Henderson, Emily Dean and Ian Kidder. The students from grade eight were Cara Foley, Stephen Murray, Loren Heywood, Mike McMillen, Daniel Kinchla, Kate Grimm, Mark Lehmann, Joe Niessink, Skylar Ralston and Greg Canzater.

The winner of the spelling bee in a very exciting and challenging contest was seventh-grader David Ingber and the runner-up was eighth-grader Mike McMillen. Congratulations to all who participated and thanks to Mrs. Schleiff for her work in organizing this contest.





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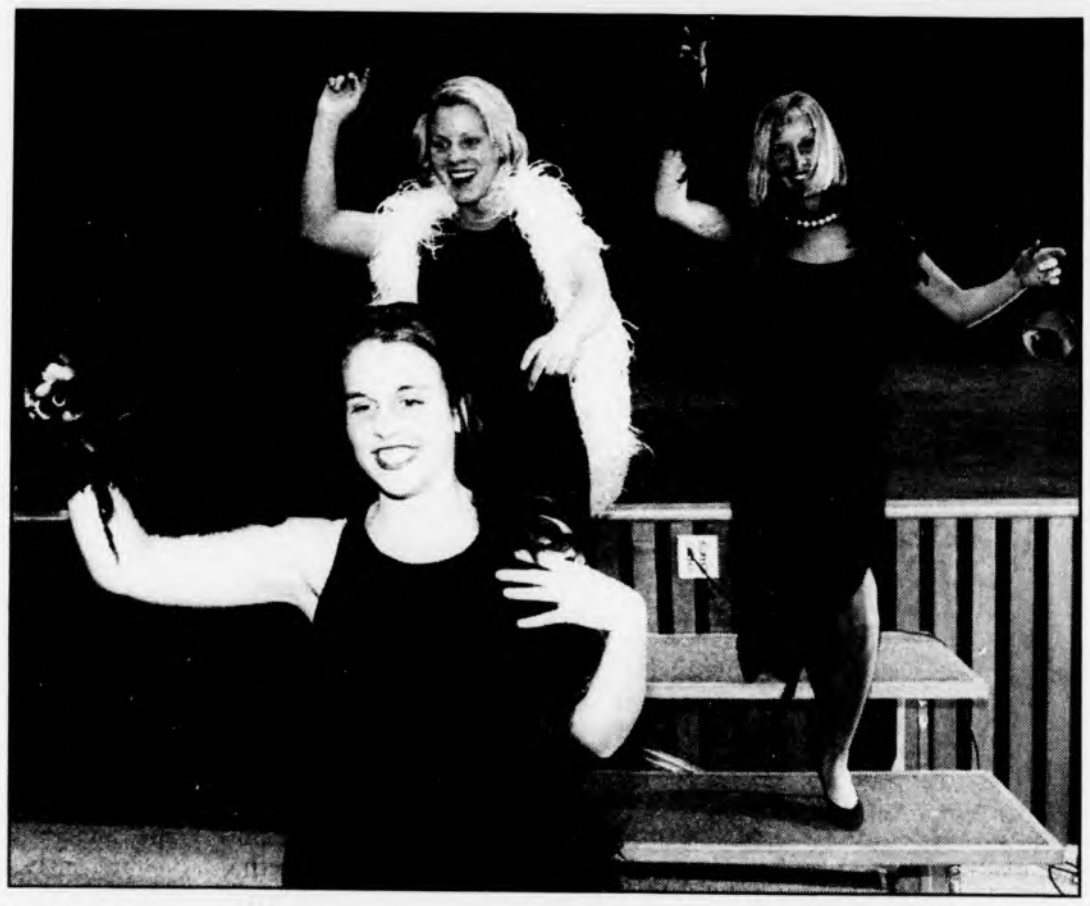
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Don't miss Senior Show '1998'

Making a comeback after a two-year reprieve is the "Senior Show," starring several seniors from the "Class of 1998." This spring show is a tradition at Cohasset High School and is under the direction of Ron Emmons with choreography by Margaret Barlow.

The seniors will entertain you with their talents in music, dance and comedy. The stars for the evening are Alia Afshar, Rob Buckley, Katie Buckley, Derek Bugley, Whitney Cook, Nate Cotter, Lauren Dooley, Janson Dupre, Jane Flaherty, Josh Flanagan, Sue Gill, Amanda Gontarz, Lindy Holway, Colin Kilroy, Ali Kinchla, Pat Leahy, Tom Leahy, Sarah McDonald, Kristen Reynolds, Andrew Ross, Kelly Tufts and Kyle Whitely.

The one performance is Friday, April 3, 8 p.m., at Cohasset High School. Admission is $5 per person and tickets may be purchased at CHS or at the door. A fun night for all!



Kelly Tufts, followed by Sue Gill and Lauren Dooley bring the house down with 'I Will Survive' during rehearsals for Senior Show '98.



Look forward to hearing Jantzan Dupre pound out the beats at the Senior Show on Friday.

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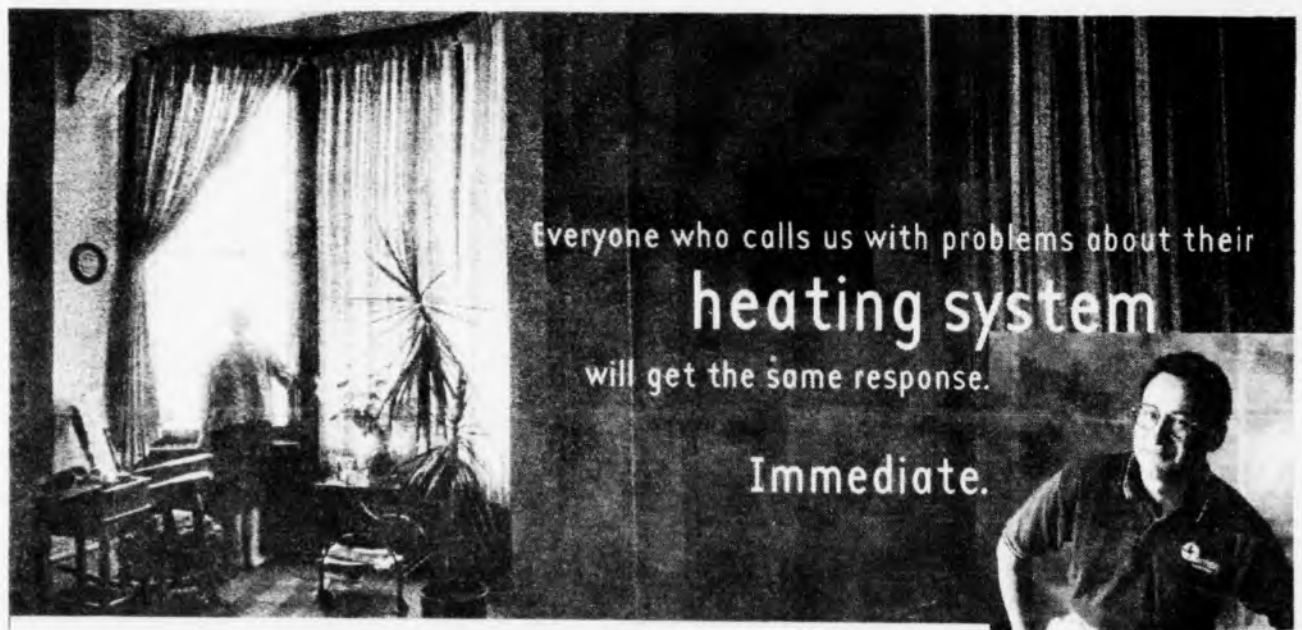
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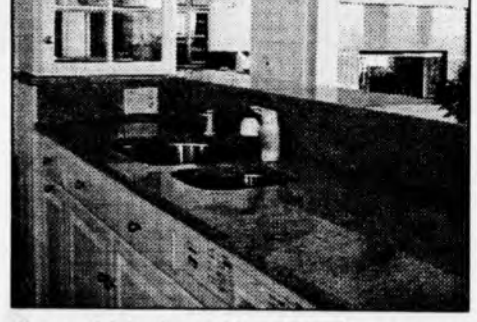
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Eagle Scout candidate clears path for award

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Clearing the trails and pathways at the Thayer-Whitney Woods in Cohasset has helped Eagle Scout Scott MacPherson reach an important crossroads that he has been striving for since the fifth grade.

"It's a great accomplishment. Ever since my first year, I've wanted to be an Eagle Scout," said MacPherson, a Cohasset resident. "I went to somebody's Eagle court and I decided that I wanted to be up there some day."

MacPherson, 18, will be "up there" when he receives his Eagle Scout award in recognition of nine years of dedicated service to the community next month. His project involved clearing and widening 12 miles of biking and hiking trails, creating and installing new trail markers and building 10 bird houses throughout the reservation.

"He did a terrific job," said Al Yalenezian, superintendent of South Shore and Cape Cod management of the trustees of reservations. "It's been very beneficial."

MacPherson, who often walks his dog through the public forest, noticed the overgrown trails needed a little sprucing up. He asked Yalenezian if he could lend a hand with a comprehensive clean-up effort.

"It's a beautiful place," MacPherson said. "I'm hoping more people can use it now."

Yalenezian said that with so many large land trust projects on its plate, the trustees' small parks maintenance crew gladly accepts help from local volunteers on these types of projects.

"It's easy for things like trail maintenance to get left out," he said.

MacPherson led a team of scouts equipped with clippers and rakes through the forest for five weekends last winter. While it was easier to clean up the dead leaves at that time of year, MacPherson and his crew did not get to see the fruits of their labor until springtime, when the trees and flowers bloomed.

"It was definitely needed and you can definitely tell a lot of work was done," said MacPherson, who finished the job with the help of 15 fellow scouts last March. "But it's a job that's not finished. It needs to be continually updated."

Yalenezian said the improvements MacPherson's project made will certainly draw more visitors to the park. More than 10,000 people walk through Thayer Whitney Woods each year.

"It makes it much more appealing when the forest is managed and the paths are clean. It's much more inviting," he said.

A senior at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, MacPherson will be the 76th boy scout from Troop 4 Hingham — where began his scouting career — to rise through the ranks to Eagle Scout. His father, Russell, is an Eagle Scout from the same troop, which has been in existence for more than 70 years.

"Scouts has been a tremendous help in my life. It's shaped the person I am," Scott MacPherson said.

Attaining the rank of Eagle Scout means accepting challenges and responsibilities others may not consider to provide service, he said.

"A lot of people don't understand what it is to be an Eagle Scout. You are a marked man," he said. "You are looked on by your peers and community members as somebody who is going to set an example and act as a leader."

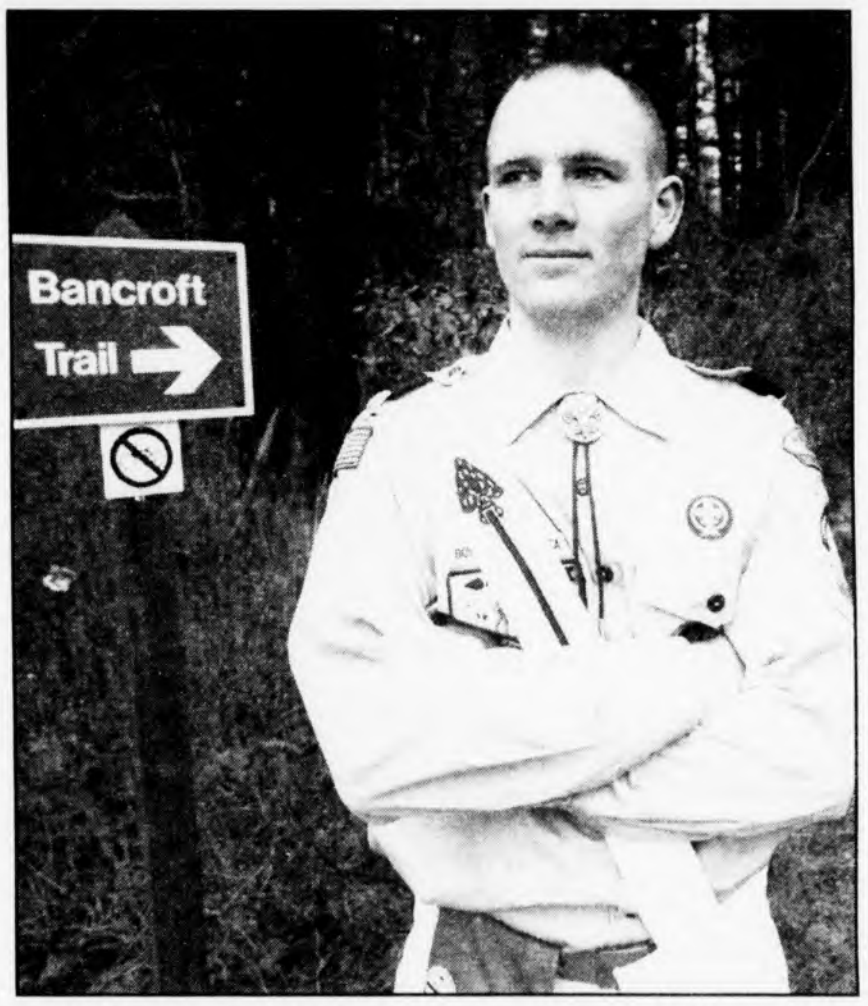
A tri-varsity athlete at school since freshman year, MacPherson said he owes his success on the lacrosse field, the ski trails and cross country running trails to scouting.

"It helped me become a leader on the playing fields," he said. "I also learned dedication — what it takes to get the job done."

In addition to school sports and scouting, MacPherson races with the Waterville Valley Ski Team on weekends and has begun taking flying lessons toward his single engine pilot's license. He plans to attend college and ski next year.

Currently an assistant scout master, MacPherson hopes to continue playing an active role in boy scouts — perhaps some day as a scout master.

"I want to return to scouting what it's given me," he said.



Scott MacPherson cleared paths in Thayer Whitney woods for his Eagle Scout project.

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"My work celebrates the diversity of nature through close-ups and landscapes," explains Quincy artist Christine Lashley, whose watercolors are featured in South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery through the end of April.

"While nature is the biggest influence on my work, human pressures on nature are a close second," she says. "Much of my art is created in close proximity to manmade structures or in urban settings. I have painted a tranquil pond next to a factory and an impressive stand of trees at the edge of a hospital's parking lot."

Lashley, a South Sore Art Center artist, received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Washington University. She also studied in Paris, France at La Sorbonne, Academie de la Grande Chaumiere, and Parsons Art Institute.

Her works have appeared in a number of juried exhibits and hang in private and corproate collections throughout the United States and abroad. In addition to exhibiting in Hingham, Marblehead, Norwell and Manchester, VT this year, her art appears in the March '98 issue of American Artist Magazine.

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery is free and open to the general public. Gallery hours are 9-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 to noon, Saturday. South Shore Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Drive, Hingham.

For information, call (781) 749-7565, ext. 16.

Talking about divorce: a discussion

The Social Service League of Cohasset is sponsoring a free program, "Talking About Divorce," from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, April 8 at the Unitarian Church Parish House, 23 Main St., Cohasset. Leading the discussion will be Judy Osborne, LMFT, LMHC, the author of "Stepfamilies—The Restructuring Process," and director of Stepfamilies Associates in Brookline.

Divorce is not a single legal event, but a psychological chain of relocation, shifting relationships and other changes. It's difficult to parent and to find ways to be your adult self, too. Many issues arise: how to cope with custody and visitation; moving from being an intimate couple to a parenting couple; dealing with anger, guilt, forgiveness; how to establish continued respectful communication; what to do about larger family connections and family events; dating and remarriage, etc. A warm and engaging speaker, Judy Osborne has been invited back by the SSL to discuss the above issues after her October talk on step-parenting was so well received. Admission is free. Pre-registration is suggested. To register or for information, call 383-0771. The Social Service League of Cohasset is a nonprofit agency serving Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Norwell and Scituate.

Recreation department annual Easter egg hunt

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold the 21st annual Easter egg hunt for children 3 through 11 years old Saturday, April 4, noon, at Deer Hill School Field.

This year there is again the distinct possibility that the Easter bunny and helpers will be on hand. There also will be live animals at this year's hunt, as well as other attractions. Children will be divided into three separate chronological groups:

Group 1, ages 3 and 4 (with parent); Group 2, ages 5 to 7 and group 3, ages 8 to 11.

Please enter around your designated area sign before noon. Bring a small paper bag or container for your candy.

Individually-wrapped chocolate eggs will be scattered about the designated areas. In each group some of the eggs will be wrapped with masking tape that will have a number on the tape. Should you find one of the numbered eggs, hold on to it as you will receive a prize from the Easter Bunny.

This year's program sponsors are Cohasset Rotary Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9146, American Legion Post 118, the Cohasset Police Association, & the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce. Rain date will be Saturday, April 11, noon, at Deer Hill School Field.

Schoolhouse Rock auditions

Hull Performing Arts announces auditions for "Schoolhouse Rock Live!" book by Scott Ferguson, George Keating and Kyle Hall; music and lyrics by Lunn Ahrens, Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg, Kathy Mandry, George Newall and Tom Yohe. The show will be directed by Lindsay Clinton. Auditions will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 21 at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samosest Ave., Hull. Please bring a prepared piece of music (doesn't have to be from the show). Call (781) 925-2406 for directions and other information.

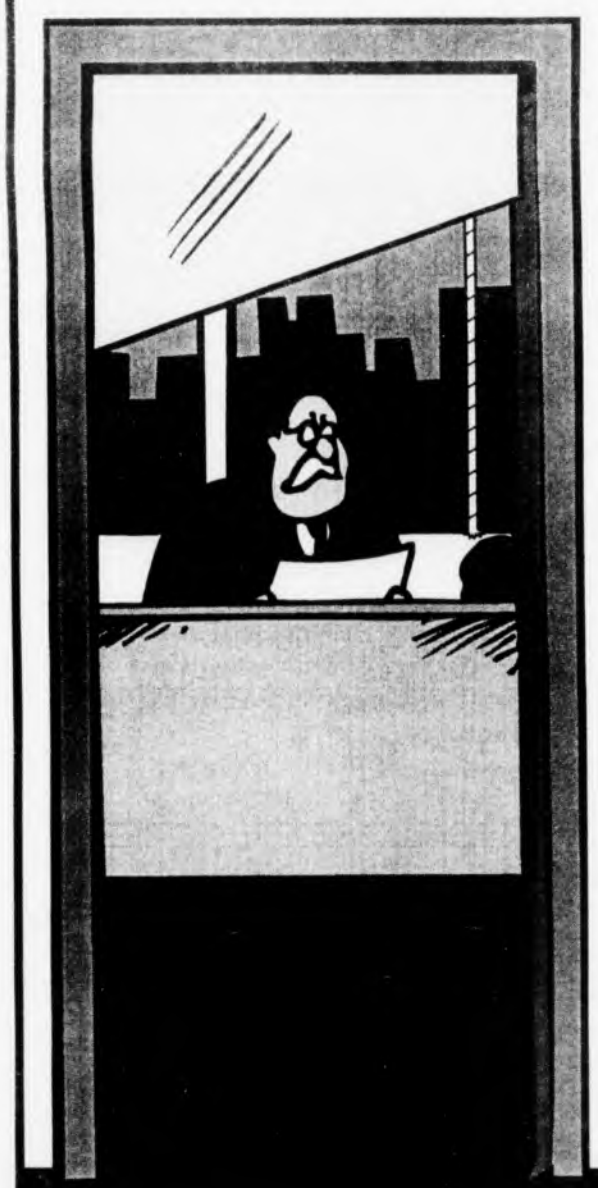
Social Service League offers scholarship

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for a $2,000 scholarship being offered to any Cohasset resident furthering his or her education in the medical or social work fields. Application forms are available from the Social Service League office, 16 Highland Ave., weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. or in the Cohasset High School guidance office. Applications must be returned by April 9, 1998. For more information, please call 383-0771.

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Seventh Annual Appalachia Yard Sale—April 4

As the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project gears up for its eleventh trip to help upgrade the homes of poor families in Appalachia, they eagerly approach their next fund-raiser: the Seventh Annual ASP Yard Sale. With 84 teenagers, 30 adult and 12 potential college students, the group has reached an all-time high of 126 volunteers who will be traveling to West Virginia from June 27 through July 5.

The yard sale will take place on Voting Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 4 at the Second Congregational Church, right next door to the polling location (Town Hall). Items—no clothing, please—may be donated by bringing them to the church from Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3, just prior to the sale. Pick up of heavier items can be arranged by calling us at 383-0345, faxing 383-7005 or E-mailing scc@dreamcom.net. And don't forget to come by and purchase those special treasures you simply must have—and at such a good price!

ASP volunteers are also around to take stock of your orders. Buying a share of stock in Cohasset ASP, at the cost of $20, is a special way to support a specific volunteer as well as the project itself. For each share purchased, further benefits also come your way. Contact the church to buy a share or request a list of the 126 volunteers. Also, watch for us behind the scenes at Cohasset Rotary Club's annual Road Race by the Sea.Constance



Pauline and Mary Keating of Cohasset, volunteers at South Shore Hospital, participated in the seventh annual Hospice of the South Shore Mall Walk recently at the Hanover Mall. The walk raised more than $111,000 to help Hospice provide care and comfort to terminally ill patients and their families.

"Sounds That Heal" seminar

John Loupos will teach a seminar on the "Six Healing Sounds: Sounds That Heal" from 12:30-2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 4. These sounds, with their accompanying simple postures, can be sued to re-attune the body's energies and are remarkably effective in addressing emotional upset, brain fag, physical burnout and more. They are easy to learn and safe enough to be practiced by anyone. Cost is $30. For information, call (781) 383-6822.

Vacation week activities

April Vacation Camp for three- to five-year-olds. "Spring Fling" with Mary Brennock, 9 a.m. to noon, April 21-24. Children will enjoy a morning of crafts, songs, games, science, stories and more. Bring a snack, limited space. $72 for members and $74 for nonmembers.

April Vacation Camp for first- through third-graders. Join us for a spring celebration of colorful creations and other fun activities. Camp offered in collaboration with South Shore Art Center. Activities include clay, drawing, painting, printmaking and collage. At SSCC, children will cook, bowl, do gymnastics, sports and computer activities. Bring snack and lunch. From 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21 through Friday, April 24. Limited enrollment. Full payment by April 14. $160 for members and $175 for nonmembers. (Includes $25 nonrefundable registration fee.) Call 383-ARTS.

April Vacation Gymnastics Camp for Girls with Ruthann. Brush up on old skills or learn new ones. Rotation on vaults, bars, beam, floor, bowling, dance. All levels. Must pre-register and bring snack. For ages six- to 13-years-old. From 12-4 p.m., April 22-23. Limited. Sing up. $56.

Chess with Jim MacClellan. An introduction to chess using the algebraic system notation. A lesson each week and games played each week. For grades third through sixth, from 3:15-4:15 p.m., Friday, April 17. Runs five weeks. $35 for members and $40 for nonmembers.

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To all persons interested in the estate of Robert S. Pape late of Cohasset, in the County of Norfolk

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final account(s) of Fleet National Bank (formerly known as Shawmut Bank, N.A.) as Executor has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before the **twenty-seventh day of May, 1998** the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds of each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this twenty-fifth day of March, 1998.

THOMAS PATRICK HUGHES
Register of Probate

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MARK W. HADDAD
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Robert A. Goyette

Robert A. Goyette, age 59, of Cohasset, died March 12 at home after a battle with cancer.

Mr. Goyette started his career with the Cohasset Police Department in 1962. He worked as a detective, court prosecutor, juvenile officer and narcotics officer and in 1972 became the youngest man to serve Ayer's chief of police. He was the director of the Drug Intelligence Unit in the attorney general's office.

Prior to retiring due to illness in 1981, he worked as a police chief in Yarmouth, Maine, and Southboro.

He was founder and director of the Cohasset Police Athletic League.

Mr. Goyette was graduated from Northeastern University.

He leaves his wife, Doris G. (Hall) Goyette.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 16 at St. Anthony's Church. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St.

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Police Log

Tuesday, March 17

2:14 a.m., noise complaint, Windy Hill Rd.

7:33 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

8:32 a.m., MV stop, Common.

8:36 a.m., suspicious auto, Forest Ave.

6:04 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

6:40 p.m., well being check, Jerusalem Rd.

6:56 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

8:13 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Arrested: Healey, Jamie M. 699 Nantasket Ave., Hull. DOB: 4/6/69. Charges: Default warrant.

9:37 p.m., MV stop, King St.

9:45 p.m., warrant arrest, Elm St.

Arrested: Grundy, Peter E.. 60 Elm St. #4, Cohasset. DOB: 9/26/33. Charges: Straight warrant.

11:36 p.m., fire (misc), Surry Dr.

11:19 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Wednesday, March 18

12:35 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

12:51 a.m., MV violations, CJC Hwy.

12:58 a.m., suspicious (other), King St.

2:12 a.m., suspicious auto, Beach St.

7:07 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:29 a.m., medical aid, Hull St.

8:35 a.m., disturbance gathering, Sohier St.

10:01 a.m., MV violations, Cushing Rd.

11:03 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

11:12 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

11:16 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

12:39 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

12:54 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

1:05 p.m., parking violation, Pond St.

1:17 p.m., MV stop, N. Main. St.

1:30 p.m., suspicious (other), Jerusalem Rd.

2:23 p.m., disturbance, Beechwood St.

3:06 p.m., transport, CJC Hwy.

3:31 p.m., transport, Beechwood St.

5:18 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Cohasset Imports. Arrested: Lyons, John G. 257 East Squantum St., N. Quincy. DOB: 1/30/59. Charges: default warrant, operating after revocation of registration, operating unlicensed, operating an uninsured MV.

5:54 p.m., abandoned auto, town parking lot.

7:10 p.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy.

10:15 p.m., MV stop, Blockbuster parking lot.

10:27 p.m., MV stop, behind Blockbuster.

Thursday, March 19

5:51 a.m., MV stop, N. Main/Woodside.

7:26 a.m., disturbance gathering, Sohier St.

8:59 a.m., well being check, Forest Ave.

9:07 a.m., property (lost), Cohasset News.

11:54 a.m., medical aid, Clay Spring Rd.

11:57 a.m., fire investigation, Kendall Village.

3:20 p.m., medical aid, Brewster Rd.

8:40 p.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.

Friday, March 20

12:13 a.m., suspicious (other), N. Main St.

4:51 a.m., medical aid, Hammond Ave.

5:12 a.m., medical aid, Margin St.

7:07 a.m., disturbance general, Sohier St.

8:17 a.m., medical aid, Windsor Rd.

9:28 a.m., serve restraining order, S. Main St.

10:09 a.m., assist motorist, S. Main St.

10:25 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

10:38 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

10:57 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

12:29 p.m., assist motorist, CJC Hwy.

2:00 p.m., MV violations, CJC Hwy.

2:25 p.m., larceny, N. Main St.

2:26 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

2:37 p.m., animal complaint, HQ.

2:40 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

2:52 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

3:34 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

3:43 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:02 p.m., MV violations, Jerusalem Rd.

9:25 p.m., disabled auto, Atlantic Ave.

Saturday, March 21

12:04 a.m., medical aid, Rust Way.

12:05 a.m., animal complaint, Hull St.

12:29 a.m., general services, Sohier St.

1:00 a.m., assist other PD, Doane St.

1:15 a.m., MV stop, King St.

7:29 a.m., open door/window, Border St.

8:26 a.m., officer wanted, Sankey Rd.

10:24 a.m., threats (bodily harm), Surry Dr.

10:44 a.m., officer wanted, Elm St.

12:21 p.m., fire, investigation, Old Pasture Rd.

3:23 p.m., general services, Elm St.

4:56 p.m., general services, HQ.

5:32 p.m., open door/window, Fairoaks Ln.

5:56 p.m., MV violations, Fairoaks Ln.

9:55 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

Sunday, March 22

1:44 a.m., general services, all over town.

4:00 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

9:16 a.m., MV accident, Pond St.

11:56 a.m., parking violation, Locust Rd.

12:20 p.m., assist other agency, Lamberts Ln.

4:08 p.m., assist citizen, S. Main St.

9:04 p.m., info, general, various locations.

Monday, March 23

3:08 a.m., medical aid, Mill Lane.

3:45 a.m., suspicious auto, S. Main St.

6:20 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

4:07 p.m., suspicious auto, Lamberts Lane.

4:48 p.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Road.

4:57 p.m., suspicious (other), Joy Place.

5:55 p.m., open door/window, Ripley Road.

5:56 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Majestic Auto.

8:56 p.m., general services, King St.

Tuesday, March 24

1:44 a.m., officer wanted, Forest Ave.

2:24 a.m., disabled auto, Sohier St.

6:13 a.m., suicide, Margin St.

10:34 a.m., disturbance general, Beechwood St.

11:22 a.m., MV stop, King St.

11:35 a.m., medical aid, S. Main St.

12:40 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

12:52 p.m., MV stop, King St.

12:56 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

1:31 p.m., MV stop, Square.

1:39 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

3:10 p.m., suspicious (other), Forest Ave.

4:22 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

4:56 p.m., MV stop, 3A North.

5:26 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy by Curtis Liquor.

5:33 p.m., MV stop, Lower King by 3A.

6:11p.m., MV violations, S. Main St. by Library.

7:49 p.m., noise complaint, Area of 120 Doane St.

10:54 p.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A/Mary Lou's.

11:05 p.m., suspicious auto, Howe Rd.

11:21 p.m., MV stop, Rt. 3A/Sohier St.

Wednesday, March 25

12:00 a.m., annoying phone calls.

1:38 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.

8:16 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

10:08 a.m., general services, Doane St.

10:15 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

11:06 a.m., officer wanted, Fernway.

12:28 p.m., MV stop, Sandy Beach.

12:44 p.m., MV stop, King St.

12:57 p.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy.

1:44 p.m., suspicious (other), Hull St.

2:15 p.m., assist citizen, Elm St.

6:26 p.m., suspicious person, Lothrop Ln.

10:14 p.m., noise complaint, S. Main St.

11:04 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

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MBTA doesn't think train will exacerbate flooding

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The federal government has come up with the first phase of funding for the James Brook flood control project. Now that the project is official, it could have a collateral impact on the train that is coming to town. Without doubt, the James Brook situation has proved to be a sticking point in the negotiations between the town and the MBTA. If the T expects to build a track right next to the flood plain,, they will be looking at sections of the Greenbush rail restoration underwater. According to Domenic Tutela, the town's engineer-consultant, water washed out sections of the right of way during the October 1996 storm.. But the T says the federal government's maps do not show the flooding Tutela has seen. They have stuck to their policy of using flood maps supplied by the federal government, even if the town says from experience the maps are wrong.

It rained hard in Cohasset Feb. 25 this year. That Wednesday was the second day and night of rain in a row. Though it did not come down hard and long enough to match the flooding of October 1996, the village streets by the Post Office were submerged. Thomas Gruber took pictures.

Gruber is the Greenbush Mitigation Committee Chairman. That night, he showed the pictures to the engineers from the MBTA. They were at a meeting with the Mitigation Committee formed to deal with the impact the arrival of the train will have on Cohasset. The T wants to put a train track through Cohasset along a right of way that has gone underwater in severe storms. For almost a year, town officials have expressed doubts about the impact the train, the Greenbush restoration, will have on the town's efforts to fix the flooding.

Robert Egan, the T's engineer, looked at Gruber's pictures briefly. A few minutes later he repeated the theme he has sounded since talks between the T and the town began. Egan is not convinced the train will make Cohasset's flooding woes any worse than they are already. He also implied the burden of proof fell on the town, not on the T.

"The ball is basically in the town's court," Egan said. He said the T based its predictions on flood maps supplied by the federal government's emergency management agency. If the maps are wrong, the T is not prepared to make adjustments.

"We're in no position to change the FEMA document," Egan said.

But Gruber and the rest of the committee and former selectman Peter Pratt did not give up. After more than an hour of talking with Egan and with engineers from the T's consulting firm Sverdrup, Gruber's panel wrung an agreement out of the T. If the town's engineer Domenic Tutela would survey all the culverts in the area from the center of the town down to the James Brook and provide a map, the T would do the calculations that would prove the train would not have an impact on Cohasset's flooding.

Or not prove it.

The deal was written up in a mission statement at the end of the meeting. The statement was the brainstorm of selectwoman Nan Roth. She previously observed the T and the tow[illegible] away from past meeting[illegible] ing different things." Ro[illegible] gested putting the outcomes of meetings on paper might dispel some of the misunderstandings.

In a way, it worked. Though the T did not come across with its side of the bargain, there is no longer any misunderstanding. Gruber sees a wider pattern in the T's failure to crunch the numbers. A year after they started talks with the town, the T has set a pattern of breaking promises.

"They say they're going to do one thing. Then they go someplace else," Gruber said. His committee is keeping a list. But a year into their mission, they are beginning to realize they are in a tug of war with the T over Greenbush. Their top priority, the James Brook flood plain, has been one of the sticking points. But the truth is, the T has failed to resolve a single issue the town has brought up. Three examples tell the story.

On James Brook: Tutela came up with his end of the bargain and hand-delivered the results to Sverdrup six days after the meeting. The T promised to have the calculations ready in two weeks. Last week, Gruber got a letter without the calculations. The T now is suggesting a face-to-face meeting to "explain something."

On the North Main Street Dropoff: Egan told the panel at the close of the Feb. 25 meeting he had good news about one thorny issue. The T had dropped its idea about a pedestrian dropoff along North Main Street because town officials considered the dropoff unsafe. Egan said the town had been sent a letter with the T's decision. But Gruber said the letter actually did not say anything of the sort.

"It was so full of caveats and legal language. All they did was raise liability issues. It doesn't say anything about the dropoff issue." He confronted Pam Wolfe, the T's community liason. She promised a better letter would be on the way. But it has never arrived.

On the Private Way Closings: The T told the Mitigation Committee it was ready to wind up the issues about private ways. But then Egan said the T would talk to "individual" homeowners, not deal with people as a group. Since the T lacks the legal authority to contact residents until the environmental impact report is state-approved, the matter is on hold.

Gruber said part of the town's dilemma was the character of the project. The train will make a difference for the whole town in some ways, but it will also have a special impact on people who live close by the tracks. Some of those issues may disturb only one homeowner. But resolving them is still part of the Mitigation Committee's charge. They still will try to strike the best deal for the town.

"The committee is very dedicated," he said.

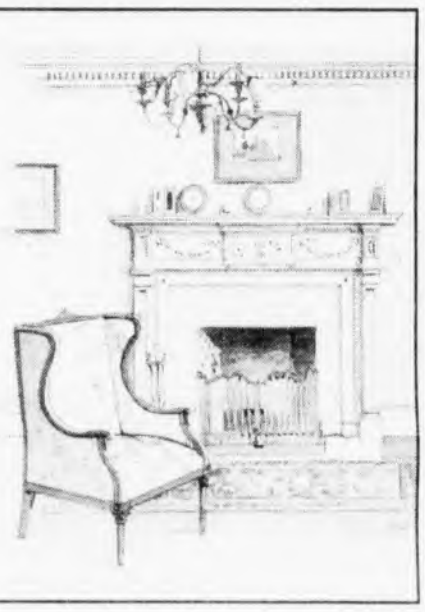
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DeGiacomo, Martin win school seats

Brown, Callahan top selectmen's race

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The only prediction Robert V. Davenport would offer as the polls closed Saturday evening was who the top vote-getter would be.

The political watchdog and former health board member, who rarely misses a selectman's meeting, was right. Mark G. DeGiacomo — lawyer, Little League coach and long-time member of the Zoning Board of Appeals — walked away with 1,719 votes and a spot on the school committee which included a three-way race for two open seats. His nearest rival for sheer number of votes was Robert Kasameyer, 17 Pond St., who ran unopposed for reelection to the water commission and got 1,607 votes.

But the other races were up in the air as far as Davenport and most who local election watchers were concerned.

When Town Moderator George Marlette read the results to a crowd of about 75 who had gathered at town hall — simultaneous gasps of relief and sighs of disappointment reverberated throughout the auditorium.

As the dust settled, the town opted for a brand-new selectman, Tom Callahan, who serves on the conservation commission, and gave incumbent Merle Brown another term.

Just slightly more than 200 votes separated the top four selectman candidates, who also included former selectmen Martha Gjesteby and Rocco Laugelle. William Ross, 16

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Red Lion gets unofficial OK

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The Red Lion Inn's new construction team squeezed a "conditional" approval April 1 from the planning board. But the unofficial OK probably will be "moot" by the board's upcoming April 15 meeting, Planning Board Chairman Al Moore said Wednesday. He said the board drafted a "conditional approval" letter but did not send it yet.

"There's no mystery that we're going to approve it," said Moore. "But we're not going to roll over and play dead either." He said the planning board would not back off the usual requirements to get the high-profile project going.

Construction manager Tish Gardner, of Shawmut Construction, won the concession after she stressed the urgency of the construction season schedule. Before she would give the order to begin demolition of part of the structure, which does not require a permit, she wanted a guarantee the planning board would not block the new construction. Moore said Wednesday he doubted the project was at any risk. Since the inn and restaurant was "an existing use," the construction crews could get to work on much of the project without planning board approval. But earlier Gardner cited other developers who ripped down existing structures only to learn later they could not build up again. She stood firm on her demand to see "something in writing" from the board.

"We do need to get some stuff going," she said.

Over the objections of planning board member Robert Sturdy, they negotiated the unofficial OK, pending the delivery of stamped architectural drawings and exterior elevations. Sturdy abstained from the "conditional" vote but did

RED LION PAGE 6



The lead runners in Cohasset's Roadrace by the Sea head through the center of town. For story and more photos, see page 17.

Staff photo/Bill Wadsworth

Harbor committee hears marina's expansion plans

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

A local businessman says his marina operation will sink unless the town supports realigning the federal anchorage area so he is able to move his docks about 40 feet into Bailey's Creek.

Paul Trendowicz — who owns Cohasset Harbor Marina off Parker Avenue — took his case to the harbor committee last week to seek support for his proposal which he says will ultimately benefit the town.

But hanging in the balance is the town's $1.34 million harbor dredging project slated to begin in September.

The harbor committee — which

MARINA EXPANSION PAGE 14

Several sewer options on table

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Town meeting is over and the dust has settled on the North Cohasset sewer project. Town officials are now stuck with the aftermath of the decision by voters not to approve an additional $2.7 million for the project because of higher than expected bids.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he would meet with sewer commissioners at Monday night's selectmen's meeting to discuss the town's next step for the North Cohasset project.

"This is still very much up in the air," Haddad said. "Contract one has been approved, the bids have been awarded, and the pipe will be laid. But other than that, everything else will be on the table during Monday's discussion. There is enough money for

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Tax breakdown in bills

Thanks to Concerned Cohasset taxpayers, property owners will get a clearer picture of where their tax dollars are going.

Town meeting approved an amendment to the general by-laws that requires the treasurer-collector enclose with each real estate bill an explanation of the breakdown of the total tax rate for the town.

The explanation will include the total rate of education, public safety and general government costs including all employee benefit and debt costs.

Although the majority of advisory committee said it was unnecessary to enact a by-law to accomplish this, Lenora Jenkins, 198 Jerusalem Road, successfully argued the by-law was necessary to ensure the breakdown is included.

Alex Koines, 380 Atlantic Ave., a member of the taxpayer group and who also sits on the advisory committee, backed Jenkins.

"An informed taxpayer is a better taxpayer and better citizen," he said.

$100K approved to pull up moorings

Town meeting last week approved appropriating $100,000 for the removal and reinstallation of the moorings in Cohasset Harbor. The money will be used to pay a contractor to pull up moorings when the harbor dredging project gets underway in September and put them back after the job is finished.

The money will be borrowed but the debt service will be offset by paying it back through the town's waterways account funded by boat exise taxes, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Water contract extension ok'ed

Town meeting last week unanimously approved authorizing the water commissioners to award a contract this fiscal year with a special clause allowing them to extend the contract beyond the three-year term. For the past three years, management of the water department has been contracted out to Cohasset Water Services, a private company.

Water commissioner John McNabb explained this allows water commissioners the option of extending the contract for operation and maintenance of the facilities for one or more additional terms because it might be advantageous to stay with current contracted services.

The water commission has released a new request for proposal with responses due back April 20. The current three-year contract cannot be extended because there was no prior town meeting vote like this, McNabb said.

"This gives us the option when the contract is signed by either Cohasset Water Services or whoever the successful bidder is to allow (the contract) to continue for another three-year term," he said.

Cohasset Water Services is the private contractor currently managing the water department.

Recall petition is defeated

A citizens' petition calling for special legislation to allow Cohasset to hold recall elections failed at town meeting.

William B. Smith, 400 Atlantic Ave., argued that elected officials should be held responsible.

"It's important voters retain the right to make a mid-course correction," he said.

Smith tried to assure town meeting that the power to recall would not be abused. He noted that Hull has had a recall provision since 1980 and has only used it once.

But Dan Evans of the advisory board said the regular electoral process is effective and the town would be held hostage and forced to go to considerable expense to hold special elections under the proposed law.

"This has a negative tone to it, it's unhealthy," Evans said.

Cedar lanes remain private ways

With a vote of 30-103, town meeting turned down an article to ask Norfolk County to prepare plans so Cedar Acres Lane and Cedar Acres Drive could be accepted as public ways. The article also asked for $10,000 for the town manager to spend on the plans if the county said no to the request.

The issue of private versus public ways has been festering in town for some time. Selectmen appointed a private ways committee about two years ago to tackle the job of prioritizing the town's private ways so the town could start accepting the ones needing the least work as public ways.

Laura Doherty, 36 Cedar Acres Lane, is tired of waiting.



The sponsor of the article said she and her husband, John, pay the same taxes as other residents but don't get the same services. She said the street is plowed but hasn't been paved in 25 years.

She urged town meeting to approve the request out of a sense of fairness.

But Ross Rosano, 21 Rocky Lane, chairman of the private ways committee, said the town should wait until a town plan is developed.

He said it will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring all the town's 79 private ways up to standard. Rosano said the state provides only $2,000 in additional Chapter 90 highways funds for each mile of public ways.

Planning board member Robert Sturdy warned that public ways can come with a different kind of price.

He said that dead-end streets can become through-ways and provide frontage for purposes of a subdivision.

"Maybe we should consider changing the town standard for what it does on private ways without going around making every private way a public way," he said.

The town has spent about $22,000 out of the $50,000 town meeting set aside last year to repair private ways.

Joseph McElroy, 59 Windy Hill Road, said he was disappointed with the slow progress on the private ways plan and wanted assurances that the money town meeting put aside would be spent on upkeep of private ways as promised. He also urged that subsequent town meetings be provided with an update on private ways.

"It's easy to put this on the back burner," he said.

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Sat. 11	——	——	5:49	12:03	9.8	6:05
Sun. 12	12:18	10.0	6:27	12:40	9.8	6:41
Mon. 13	12:53	10.1	7:05	1:18	9.7	7:18
Tues. 14	1:28	10.1	7:43	1:55	9.5	7:56
Wed. 15	2:05	10.1	8:23	2:35	9.3	8:35
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Election Results



	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
SELECTMEN			
(Two) For three years			
Merle S. Brown	585	575	1,160
Thomas J. Callahan	543	468	1,011
Martha K. Gjesteby	511	443	954
Rocco F. Laugelle	428	566	994
William G. Ross	35	39	74
Write-ins	8	3	11
SCHOOL COMMITTEE			
(Two) For three years			
Mark G. DeGiacomo	873	846	1,719
Patricia C. Martin	698	543	1,241
Hugh J. Morgan	402	515	917
Write-ins	19	11	30
TRUSTEE PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY			
(Three) For three years			
June S. Hubbard	802	729	1,531
Sarah R. Pease	802	704	1,506
Barbara M. Power	798	757	1,555
Write-ins	9	3	12
TRUSTEE PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY			
(One) For two years			
Carol A. Riley	594	556	1,150
Jamie G. Williams	340	339	679
Write-ins	3	3	6
ASSESSOR			
(One) For three years			
Elsa Miller	148	135	283
Write-ins	200	225	425

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
BOARD OF HEALTH			
(One) For three years			
Stephen N. Bobo	827	711	1,538
Michael J. Spirito	251	302	553
Write-ins	2	2	4
PLANNING BOARD			
(One) For five years			
Robert H. Sturdy	738	679	1,407
Write-ins	9	9	18
RECREATION COMMISSION			
(One) For five years			
Richard P. Barrow	786	787	1,573
Write-ins	2	5	7
SEWER COMMISSIONER			
(One) For three years			
Henry A. Rattenbury	564	612	1,146
Patrick A. Plante	575	484	1,059
Write-ins		1	1
WATER COMMISSIONER			
(One) For three years			
Robert E. Kasameyer	842	765	1,607
Write-ins	2	6	18
BALLOT QUESTION*			
Yes	431	300	731
No	523	560	1,083

** Ballot question was moot because of town meeting vote.*

Brown, Callahan top selectmen's race

Continued from page 1

Church St., came in a distant fifth with 74 votes.

Forty-four percent of the town's 5,400 voters went to the polls.

Newcomer Patricia Martin, 169 Linden Drive, whose expertise includes grant writing and fund-raising, held back tears when she heard she'd won a seat on the school committee.

Martin said although she was helped by a growing minority in town consisting of those who have lived in Cohasset less than five years, she was gratified her support was more broad-based.

"I'm glad to see people willing to take a chance on me because of my background. I'm thrilled and ready to get in there and work," she said.

Hugh Morgan, 24 Bow St., a school bus driver, was very discouraged with losing a second consecutive bid for a school committee seat.

"I'm glad to see people willing to take a chance on me because of my background. I'm thrilled and ready to get in there and work."

PAT MARTIN, SCHOOL COMMITTEE

"It's all done. The people have spoken," he said.

DeGiacomo, 17 Holly Lane, said he was looking forward to his new role.

"I'll be the rookie," he said. "I want to listen. I've got some things to learn and want to continue the task of providing the best education possible for our children."

The hottest race was for sewer commission, as a vocal citizens' group tried but failed to unseat incumbent Henry Rattenbury, 17 Briarwood Lane. Only 17 votes separated Rattenbury and Patrick Plante, 798 Jerusalem Road. Plante was backed by Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions (CEES) which is opposed to the current sewer plan.

"It was a close race. Pat worked very hard," said Rattenbury, a local letter carrier.

Regarding the controversy surrounding the cost of the $9 million north Cohasset sewer project, Rattenbury said it was time to go back and look at the situation to see what can be done to solve the problem.

Callahan, the new selectman, was almost speechless when he heard the results.

"It was a lot of hard work at the end," he said about the campaign. "I'm glad my message seemed to reach a lot of people."

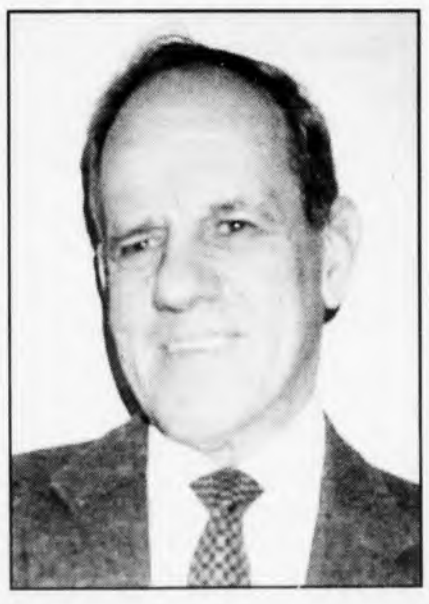
Before the results were ready, Brown, the incumbent selectman, sat quietly on the sidelines.

He said it was a hard campaign with four well-known people running for selectman.

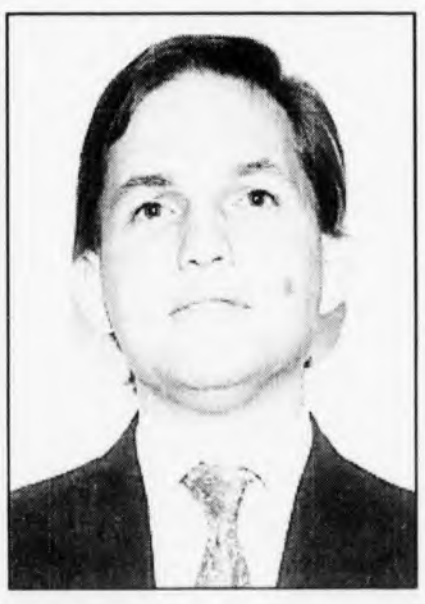
One person in the hall was clearly delighted — not necessarily with the election results — but with the way the overall election went. The town's new optical scanning voting machines passed the test with flying colors. With votes tallied and checked by just after 7 p.m. (the polls closed at 6 p.m.), the long hours spent going over voting cards in past years seemed like a distant memory.

Town Clerk Marion Douglas hasn't looked back since replacing the old punch-card machines last year.

"I love it!" she said about the new system.



Brown



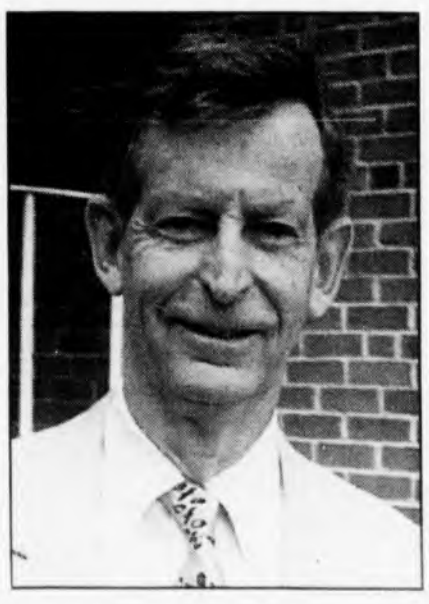
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Septic systems carry a heavy stigma

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

It is no longer possible to discuss septic systems in Massachusetts without encountering some of the hysteria created by Title V regulations. Title V forces home sellers to have extensive septic system inspections and repair or replace broken components within two years. Stories of expensive septic repairs have taken on almost mythic qualities. Everyone seems to have heard about a failed system somewhere that cost more than $80,000 to repair.

But amid all the hysteria is an unexpected truth: under the right circumstances, septic systems are an environmentally sound alternative to sewers and a lot cheaper than quarterly sewer assessments. A well-maintained septic system can cost less than $100 per year, whereas sewer assessments can cost hundreds of dollars per quarter.

Environmental experts, health professionals, even sewer commissioners agree septic systems are safe and cheap on property with the right kinds of soils and landscape. Another advantage to septic systems is that water filtered through a leaching field is returned to the ground, preserving the watershed. Some communities have had problems with groundwater pipes out of sewer pipes into MWRA sewers, draining groundwater away from the local watershed and into Boston Harbor.

"On-site wastewater systems work well if you have the right kind of soil — a sandy, porous loam that drains well — with the right kind of microbial population living in the soil to detoxify the sewage," said health board member Kevin Ulmer.

And that's where the problems for septic tanks in Cohasset begin. Septic systems function best in absorbent soils that are not close to ground water flows. But Cohasset is mostly rocky terrain and ledge sitting close to groundwater. Even the town's name betrays its adversity to well-functioning septic systems; the word Cohasset is derived from the Native American word, "Konnohasset," which means "long rocky place."

Ulmer points to the recent case of four homes in the Newtonville area that had what he refers to as "cesspools sitting on ledge." Sludge from the cesspools was percolating to the surface, creating a clear public health risk.

Ulmer points out that septic systems must be maintained properly. Pouring paint thinner down a drain into a septic system is a fast way to destroy its components and contaminate soils.

Another problem area for septic systems is Little Harbor, the subject of a study to determine if septic systems are contaminating the ocean floor with nitrogen, a common nutrient that can cause algae beds to grow out of control. Septic systems do not filter out nitrogen, and it's possible that every septic system in the Little Harbor area is functioning perfectly. Yet those systems will have to be replaced, possibly with sewer pipes, if septic systems are the source of nitrogen contamination in Little Harbor.

It is this very rocky seacoast feature of the terrain that makes Cohasset a great choice for a

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Title V changed way septic systems are looked at

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beautiful home and a potentially poor choice for a septic system. And if its impossible to talk about septic systems without talking about Title V, it's equally impossible to talk about Title V without talking about its impact on real estate.

Gail Bell is a past president of the Plymouth County Board of Realtors. She said Title V has forced real estate agents into becoming septic experts and engineers. Bell said Title V is expensive for homeowners, delays sales closings, and sometimes proves a hardship to home-sellers on fixed incomes who can't complete the sale of their home without coming up with $20,000 that they don't have for a septic system repair.

"People from the city or Midwest where sewers are the norm absolutely fear septic systems," Bell said. "Title V has had a tremendous impact on the South Shore. We're muddling through and at least everyone understands the process and timeline."

Despite fears and a lack of knowledge, Bell said homes with septic system still sell as long as the on-site system is in good condition.

"All home-buyers care about is having a good wastewater disposal system that's not too expensive," Bell said. "Sewer can be very expensive in some cases."

Perhaps the most unlikely advocate for septic systems is Sewer Commissioner Ted Guild. Guild installed a new septic system at his home in 1988 and has been quite happy with its performance.

"Septic is a lot cheaper than sewer," Guild said. "If you've got a gravity system, it costs about $180 every two years to pump the tank, and that's it for cost. Sewer ain't cheap, and the things that make septic expensive in Cohasset, like ledge and blasting, are the same things that make sewer expensive. Everyone talks about $70,000 septic repairs, but the average cost in Cohasset has been $20,000."

In contrast to the average septic cost, the price to sewer North Cohasset is $35,000 per person. The actual cost to homeowners is lower because the town has approved 50-50 funding for part of the project and low-interest state loans are available to homeowners to connect to the system, Guild said.

Septic systems can work well and efficiently if you've got the right location, Guild said. The problem in Cohasset is that there are few suitable locations for on-site systems.

"Cohasset's just not the greatest place in the world for septic systems," Ulmer said.

Several sewer options are on the table

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contract two. We will discuss going back out to bid, scrapping the project, holding a special town meeting and anything else that comes up."

The sewer commission is planning to meet tonight to discuss recommendations for Monday night's meeting with selectmen.

"Contract one has been awarded and is proceeding, and although the funds are there for contract two, the town has to decide how to proceed," Guild said. "Contract two has to be done, and contracts three and four will be done because we have to comply with the Second Amended Final Agreement for Judgment. Contracts three and four need funding, and we think we can get people to support it once they understand it won't impact the tax base."

It is possible to obtain state funding to help residents pay lower interest rates on loans for sewer connections, Guild said. The town would not have to pay any of those costs.

Guild said there are two ways the town can proceed with another request to fund the $2.7 million for contracts three and four: voters can support a plan to pay 50 percent of the fee to hook into the main through the tax base, or voters can approve the project with homeowners paying the full connection fee.

"After the town meeting vote last Saturday, I'm certain you'll never get the town to fund 50 percent of the $2.7 million and as far as I'm concerned, it's a dead issue," Guild said. "I'm sure a group of people in North Cohasset would like to receive 50 percent funding through the tax base, but they will have to be more vocal and submit their own article."

Guild said that at the very least, everyone in the North Cohasset project is guaranteed 50 percent funding through the tax base for the sewer main. And residents around Strait's Pond may receive 50 percent funding for sewer connections through contract two. But all other homes in the North Cohasset project may have to pay the full cost to connect to the main, at an average price of $15,000 per home.

"The sewer commissioners may submit an article at least getting low interest state funding to complete the project," Guild said.

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Red Lion Inn gets conditional approval

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not go on the record against it. He said earlier he backs the restoration which could bring the luster back to the village and ultimately set the standard for other projects. The 1704 inn is said to be one of the most significant historic buildings in town. Sturdy previously said much hinges on the project's success for the whole town. But he has also been the most critical voice on the panel during months of haggling over incomplete drawings and sketches. Earlier he said the project cannot win approval until the plan documents meet the requirements. Last week, with time running out, he acknowledged the "conditional" rubber stamp might be a necessity at this juncture.

Wednesday, work on the project had not yet started. The restoration of the South Main Street hotel was supposed to begin this spring, but problems with the plan and the design tied up the building permit. Though not controversial with the neighbors or the general public, the incomplete state of the plan drawings has rankled town officials. Moreover, while the construction season slipped by, time all but ran out for the planning board to finish its review.

> ***"There's no mystery that we're going to approve it."***
>
> **PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN AL MOORE.**

The review deadline exists to protect property owners, so the board acts promptly on an application for a site plan. Technically, the board has until April 15 to render a final decision. But with the deadline looming, Gardner informed the board the delivery of the final drawings could be as much as six to eight weeks away.

Wednesday, Moore said the picture had changed, and now it looked likely the missing drawings would be delivered by April 15. He said he expected the board would take the final vote then.

The board still holds the option to rule against the plan to restore the building. Moore said the board would not rubber stamp any of the plans until it was satisfied it had satisfactory answers to its questions. But Moore said the new Red Lion team made good progress in a couple of weeks.

After weeks of haggling over the incomplete state of the drawings with owner Gerd Ordelheide and architect, Ordelheide fired the architect and brought in Gardner and a new architect Peter Niemintz of Boston. Gardner April 1 expressed confidence about the project, though she acknowledged one setback. The design review board earlier questioned the height of the new roof and indicated a variance will be needed. The existing roof is flat, but a peaked roof, which the planning board urged Ordelheide to build, will put the height of the Red Lion Inn above the limitation.

"Right now, we're going with a flat roof," she said. Gardner also provided a display of the building materials mounted on a card. The new Red Lion Inn will have wood siding. (The aluminum siding will be ripped off.) It will be painted taupe with white trim and forest green doors. But the sign will stay red. About 3,800 square feet of the existing structure is being torn down. The new addition measures 7,000 square feet. The whole project adds about 3,500 square feet to the Red Lion footprint, expanding it to about 12,000 square feet.

Office complex for Rt. 3A before planning board

The regret over zoning along Route 3A came up April 2 when Paul Barry brought his plan for a small office complex and auto repair before the planning board. The complex is slated for a site on Route 3A now occupied by a golf driving range. Planning board Chairman Al Moore said earlier the new buildings probably signaled an improvement for the stretch of road near the Hingham line. But he and other members of the board also said the site review meant an opportunity to help Route 3A's sagging image.

"People are constantly calling me up and telling me how bad Route 3A looks," Moore said. He suggested the engineer could move the buildings back by five or 10 feet to pick up more green space. He also said he hoped the "stone hall" for the detention pond would not be visible from the road.

Also, planning board member Robert Sturdy asked for extra screening around the auto repair building. Sturdy also said he wished the two small office building could be combined into one larger structure. Route 3A "already has lots of little buildings," he said.

"It makes it look junky," Sturdy said.

Engineer Steven Gioiosa of SITEC went along with Moore's idea. He said one of the buildings could be pushed farther away from the road. But Sturdy's hope to consolidate the buildings was dashed when Barry said he went with three small buildings because he wanted to keep open the option of selling to three different buyers. He said he already had reached a verbal agreement to sell the auto repair to William Cavanaro, the owner of Cohasset Collision. Cavanaro also attended the session and said he was willing to adopt the board's suggestions about screening and about a facade for the building. It will probably be a steel building, Barry said.

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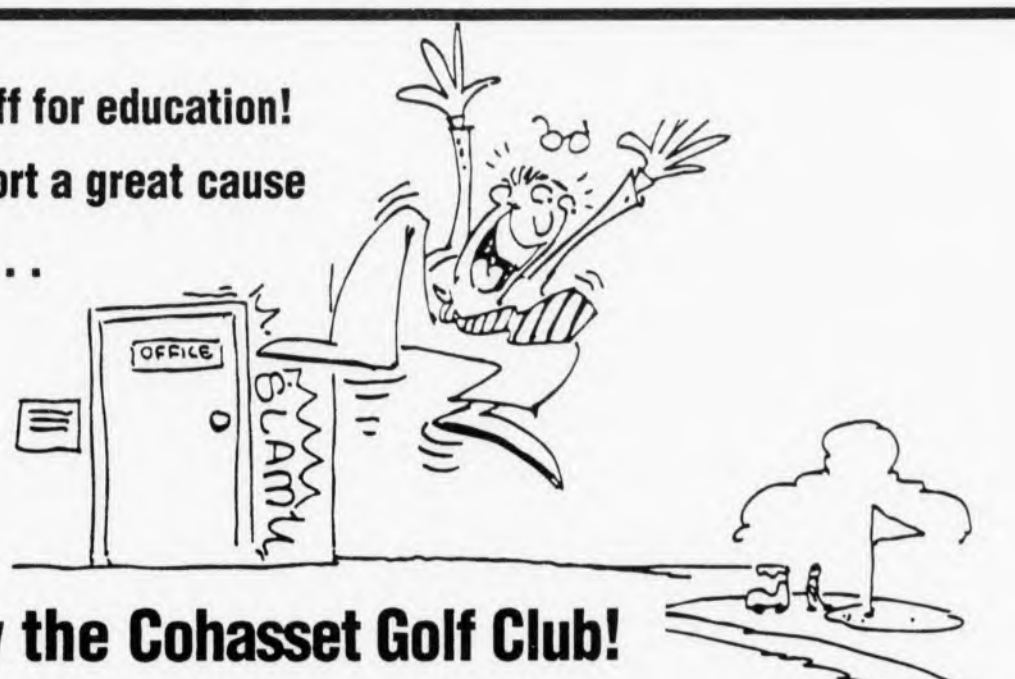
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Had a nice note from Polly Doggett recently; at a homemaking meeting at the Mormon Church in Hingham, she presented a demonstration on keeping your man healthy and happy with heart-smart cooking. The scene was set with flowers and candle light as Polly proceeded to prepare two healthful dinners using baked scrod in one and stir-fry wheat in the other. She chose dishes with low-fat, low-salt and plenty of color. Even experienced cooks were surprised at how appealing the fish was, while others had never tried her combo of whipped potatoes and carrots. Fish sprayed with lemon juice "makes all the difference," Polly explained, and don't forget a topping of Ritz crackers and melted butter. The LDS Church has long encouraged its members to keep on hand a supply of whole wheat berry. And, after the second demo, many women were pleased that they now knew how to use their whole wheat. Polly told them to steam a cup or so of whole wheat much like rice, then she has it on hand for various uses. Sometimes she serves it for breakfast, other times she prepares a stir-fry dish with sautéed veggies (she can make it Italian with some ketchup, Soy sauce for Chinese flavor or corn chips and Taco sauce to make it Mexican). The more veggies, the better, she says! Cut-up cooked meats or poultry are also nice, but not necessary. When Polly's 19-year-old-son, Dana, was serving a mission for the LDS Church in Central America, he wrote home that his mother's stir-fry cooking had prepared him for enjoying the foods down there. Polly says, "These dishes are nutritious and delicious. If you'd like me to share more of my 'secrets,' don't hesitate to call at 383-1847."

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Things sure are buzzing on Highland Avenue! Why, you ask? Well, the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset is again planning to present its family variety show and fund-raiser, Congo Capers. The cast of church parishioners, led by JoJo Fichtner, director and choreographer, and Bob Leavitt, musical director, have been preparing since early February for this fun and popular event. The two-hour Congo Capers program presents song and dance numbers from some favorite musicals such as "Cats,", "Les Miserables," "Chicago," "Sunset Boulevard," "City of Angels," and many more. Tickets for assigned seats are $7 at the door and are also available in advance from cast members or at the church office. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to benefit the Second Congregational Church organ fund and other local charitable efforts. When does this take place, you ask? Friday and Saturday, May 8 and 9, at 8 p.m. It will be at the Cohasset Junior/Senior High School auditorium. Do yourselves a huge favor and make plans now! Tickets go fast, and the show is the talk of the town for weeks after its over! In fact, the last show was so good, people wanted it to appear on the stage at the South Shore Music Circus!

HEARD FROM HUSTONS

Guess who we heard from last week? Gail and Bud Huston! They were Cohasset residents for years, and now live in Peachtree City, Ga. Anyway, they are planning a memorial service for Gail's great-aunt Marion at the end of April, and they will be up here for it. They hope to arrive around April 23. For all of their friends, it will be such a delight to see them, we cannot wait!

FEOLA SAYS HELLO

Speaking of names out of the past, former Police Chief Randy Feola called Clark from his home in Florida last week. Does it seem possible that he has been retired from the CPD for 18 years? Anyway, he reports that all is well down there, and wishes to be remembered to his pals! Now, HE is a LEGEND!

ASP HAS TWO SPACES LEFT

The Appalachia Service Project has only two more spaces available to go on their project in Virginia this year! They already have 124 volunteers, and are looking for two more adults over 25. They are also starting a waiting list in case there are some who cannot make the trip — if you are interested, please call Gary Ritts or Pam DeLorenzo!

PLANNING AHEAD

Have any news? Remember, your news is our news, so kindly give me a buzz! Oh, here is a note you might want to remember — I type my column the Thursday night before it comes to print — in other words, I am a week ahead. So, plan to let me know any dated items a week before you would like to see them in print! Thanks!

OSGOOD BIRTHDAY COMMITTEE

The Osgood Birthday Celebration Committee needs you! Or, more correctly, your picture. As reported before, they are going to have a tent full of pictures celebrating all of the students who graduated from there. Rose Collins is even planning a family tree (for those who had more than one graduate from Osgood). Time is running out, as planning it all is crucial. If you have pictures (any you can find), put your name and date on the back, then drop it off at the Osgood School.

— **Sallyann**
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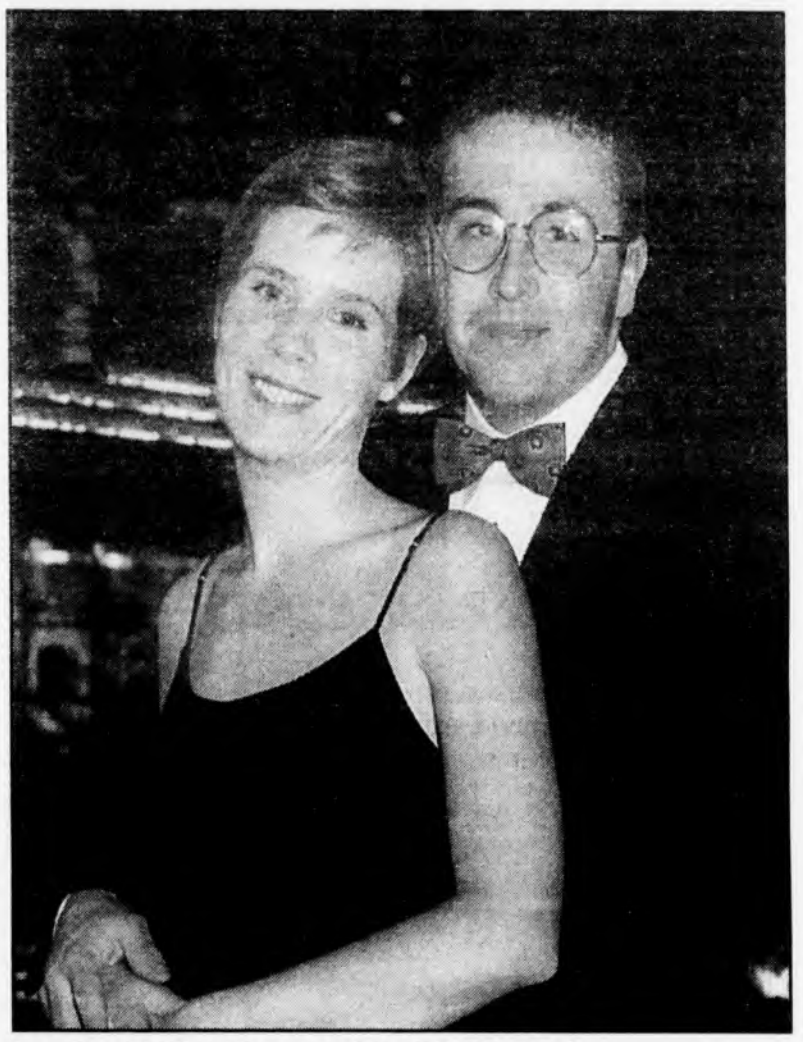
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Woodbury/ Stanford



Jennifer M. Woodbury and Paul F. Stanford

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Woodbury of Queensbury, NY announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Marie, to Paul Francis Stanford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stanford of Cohasset.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Queensbury H.S. and a 1992 graduate of Hartwick College, where she earned a BA in political science. She is an investment assistant at ADVEST INC. in Boston.

Her fiancé is a 1988 graduate of Xaverian Brothers High School and is a senior candidate at U. Mass School of Management.

A September 1998 wedding is planned.

Schoolhouse Rock auditions

Hull Performing Arts announces auditions for "Schoolhouse Rock Live!" book by Scott Ferguson, George Keating and Kyle Hall; music and lyrics by Lunn Ahrens, Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg, Kathy Mandry, George Newall and Tom Yohe. The show will be directed by Lindsay Clinton. Auditions will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 21 at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samosest Ave., Hull. Please bring a prepared piece of music (doesn't have to be from the show). Call (781) 925-2406 for directions and other information.

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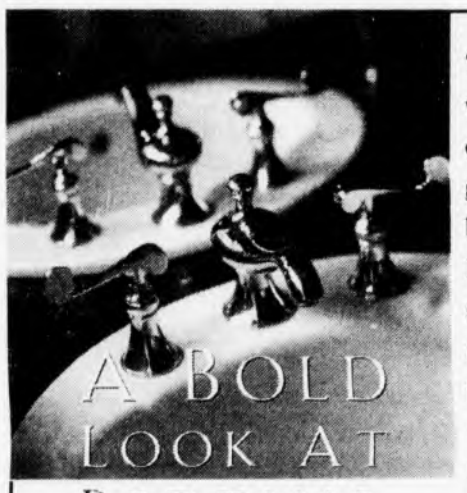
Social Service League offers scholarship

The Social Service League of Cohasset is accepting applications for a $2,000 scholarship being offered to any Cohasset resident furthering his or her education in the medical or social work fields. Application forms are available from the Social Service League office, 16 Highland Ave., weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. or in the Cohasset High School Guidance Office. Applications must be returned by April 30. For more information, please call 383-0771.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Responsible pet owners

It's spring, season of new life. It can also be the season of death and disease among animals, both wild and domestic.

Every three to five years rabies runs rampant among wildlife and there's relatively little scientists can do to prevent it. This year seems to be one of those peak years. Already, state public health officials are saying confirmed cases are up 40 to 50 percent over last year's rate. So far, Cohasset's animal world is leading a charmed life. According to Dr. Joseph Godzik of the health department, there have been no reported cases and no animals have been sent for testing. That charmed life could end soon — Scituate has had two confirmed cases of rabid raccoon and the three confirmed cases, two skunks and a raccoon, have been reported in Hingham.

The woods are also full of throwaway cats and their feral offspring.. The statistics are overwhelming. Each one of them is vulnerable to rabies and a host of other diseases like feline leukemia, feline AIDS and distemper, diseases they can spread to any household pet they encounter.

There may be little that can be done to curb epidemics among skunks, raccoons, coyotes and feral cats, but there's plenty that can be done to protect humans and their companion animals. The critical first step is being a responsible pet owner.

Spay or neuter your pet as soon as it is old enough. Many people resist that step, saying they want Fifi or Fluffy to produce one litter so their child can see the miracle of birth. That "miracle" is offset by the fact 150,000 cats and dogs are turned over to shelters, pounds and veterinarians in Massachusetts each year. Of those, about 20 percent of the dogs and 50 percent of the kittens and cats will be destroyed for the "crime" of being unwanted or inconvenient.

The world does not need your pet to reproduce in order for someone to find a pet of their own. The shelters are full to overflowing with cats or dogs. Finding them permanent homes is the real miracle.

Vaccinate your pet. Veterinarians can protect your pet against rabies, distemper, feline leukemia, feline AIDS — a whole host of communicable diseases.

Train and restrain your dogs. You may think Rex is the sweetest little woofums ever born. Your neighbors don't want him romping in the rose bed, chasing the chickens or leaving little packages on the lawn. Dogs should be kept behind closed doors, in a fenced enclosure or on a leash. It's that simple. No one should have to tolerate a dog that bites, fights or destroys property. Cats, too, are best protected from disease, injury and premature if they are kept indoors.

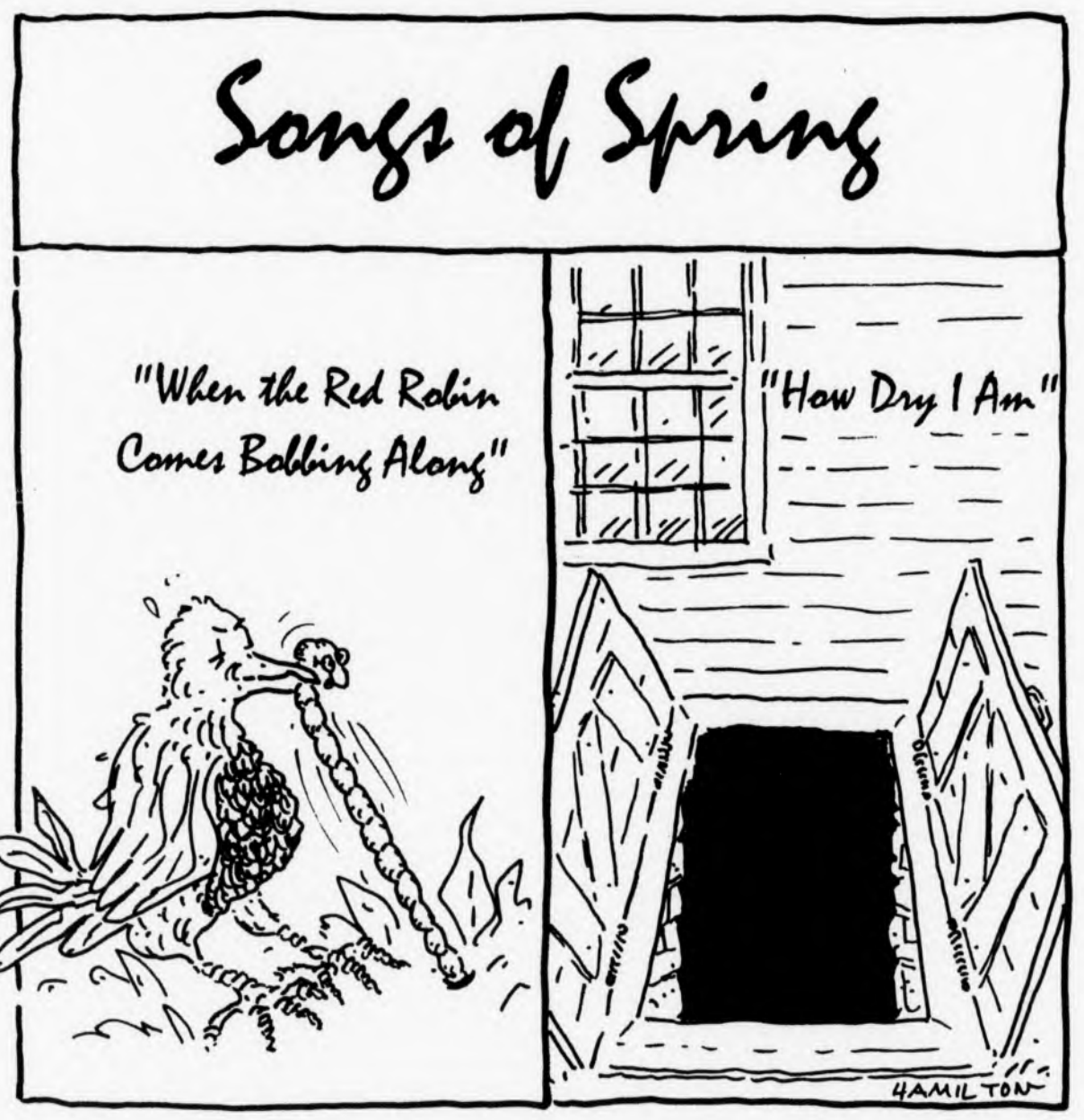
Don't want skunks and raccoons rooting in your yard and spreading disease? Then don't feed your pets outdoors. Keep your garbage and compost pile securely covered.

Teach your children well. No matter how cute and friendly a dog, cat or raccoon may seem, children need to know they cannot approach or touch an animal they do not know. Stranger danger doesn't just apply to the guy in the car — If it comes with teeth or claws, count on it attacking when least expected.

Finally, support the work of groups like Scituate's animal shelter or Pookie's Pals, an organization that rescues feral cats. Their work depends on the kindness of strangers. Both groups are in constant need of money, pet food and old towels and blankets.

The New England Wildlife Center, 19 Fort Hill St., will hold a low-cost rabies clinic for South Shore cats and dogs Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cats should be in carriers, dogs on leashes. The vaccinations are $10 per pet.

For more information or directions, call the center at 749-1248.



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LETTERS

Winning can still be a success

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Citizen's for Equitable Environmental Solutions and all voters of Cohasset I would like to thank Patrick Plante for running for a seat on the sewer commission. Pat's expertise, honesty, energy and sense of humor were recognized and appreciated by all those who backed his efforts.

Although his work toward this election did not achieve the level of success he had hoped, his campaign itself was a tremendous success. Due to Pat Plante's efforts, much information about "Cohasset's Sewer Follies" has become public. No longer can the existing sewer commission continue to pursue an agenda and fiscal management policy, which are in conflict with the majority of citizens it has been elected to represent. Even individual citizens, who usually remain on political sidelines, felt compelled to join his efforts. Mr. Plante is an example of a "class act" and should be congratulated on conducting such an honest and forthright campaign.

Lisa Bumstead
Nichols Road

Gjesteby appreciates support

To the Editor:

Congratulations to he winners on Sunday's election.

I wish to thank my wonderful election committee for their tireless work in my behalf for the Cohasset Selectman's race. Also I wish to thank the voters who supported me.

The Mariner deserves a big thanks for its series with questions and the non partisan approach which allowed valuable insights into each candidate. It was a lot with work writing the answers. It's the voters we would serve and they needed to know our ideas.

It was unfortunate that another very local paper used yellow journalism which played a role on the local level on this election.

Martha K. Gjesteby
81 Old Pasture Road

Music Parents' Association appreciates support

To the Editor:

The Deer Hill Music Parents' Association wishes to express its appreciation to this year's Deer Hill School band sponsors. A special thank you to the following businesses and organizations:

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So, when you see a Cohasset Firefighter, Cohasset Police Officer or a veteran, or you make a deposit at Bank of Boston, see Ron Goodwin around town, or stop by Papa Gino's and Victoria's for your favorite pizza, don't forget to thank all of these generous and thoughtful people.

Established in 1994, the Deer Hill Music Parents' Association has a membership of more than 100 members and provides support to the band and chorus directors and programs of the Deer Hill School.

Jane E. Henderson
Deer Hill Music Parents' Assoc.
Fair Oaks Lane

Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

Anna Abbruzzese honored as Citizen of the Year

Special reception at Kimball's by the Sea



State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray shares anecdotes about when Abbruzzese was a child. Both women grew up in Cohasset.



Anna Abbruzzese with past Citizens of the Year, the Rev. Gary Ritts and Dr. Robert Sceery. (Other prior recipients T. Gerard Keating and Joseph Buckley were not able to attend Sunday's reception).



Three generations of Abbruzzeses enjoy Sunday's Cohasset Mariner Citizen of the Year festivities at Kimball's by the Sea.



Cohasset Mariner editor Mary Ford acted as emcee for the happy occasion.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman



State Sen. Robert Hedlund presents Abbruzzese with a proclamation from the state senate.



Mike and Anna Abbruzzese were joined by upwards of 100 at the Citizen of the Year reception.

Sunrise opens its doors in Cohasset









At top, landscape workers prepare the grounds for the opening gala at Sunrise last week. Above, Executive director Mary Pennie, at the front entrance, welcomes visitors to Sunrise Assisted Living. At right, staffers Lucille Sorrentino and Carol Dignan chat by the fire in the parlor.

The weathervane is one of the many fine architectural details that make Sunrise unique.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset opens

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

There was standing room only as hundreds of people attended the special grand opening celebration of Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset last Thursday evening.

Garlands of fresh flowers adorned the railing of the sweeping staircase which is the centerpiece of the Victorian-style mansion soon to be home to dozens of senior citizens.

Mary Pennie, executive director, told the crowd that five people had moved in already.

"It's already starting to feel like a family," she said.

One of the new residents played "My Wild Irish Rose" on the keyboard while another danced to the music the first day they'd moved in, Pennie said.

"It reminded us the building is brick and mortar but what we have here is people," she said.

Sunrise which operates 66 assisted living communities in 13 states — including nine in Massachusetts — prides itself on personal care in a non-institutional, home-like setting.

While the Cohasset facility is huge from the outside, inside the community rooms, such as the parlor and recreation room, are quite small and homelike.

The turreted 62-unit Victorian manor on the west side of Route 3A near Stop & Shop, comes complete with port cochere, concierge and resident dog and cat.

On a tour Saturday, "Silkie" the cat, was making himself at home in the recreation center. About ten new residents including some on the third floor in Sunrise's "Reminiscence" neighborhood for those afflicted with Alzheimer's have moved in so far. One-third of the units are already spoken for.

Assisted-living facilities are for the frail elderly who need assistance with day-to-day personal care such as bathing and dressing, and medication reminders. They do not provide skilled around-the-clock nursing care like nursing homes do.

Sunrise offers a range of apartments from small studios to two-room suites which come with refrigerators and a kitchen sink. Rents average from about $2,700 to $3,500 a month. New residents also pay a one-time community fee averaging $6,000 which is used to maintain the facility and rooms which are remodeled every three years including painting and new wall-to-wall carpeting.

Outside each room is a brass plaque for the resident's name and a "memory box" which can contain photos and personal memorabilia to familiarize staff, fellow residents and visitors with the individual.

All the rooms are wired for cable. Sunrise is equipped with a beauty salon, hydra-tub, a big-screen TV in the recreation room, and Internet library.

Brian C. Swinton, executive vice president of sales and marketing, said Sunrise founder Paul Klaassen brought the idea of Sunrise with him from Holland.

"He wanted to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a fine home the rest of their days," Swinton said.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris welcomed the Sunrise community to Cohasset.

"It is a beautiful facility," she said.

McMorris explained that Cohasset has a significant number of older citizens.

"Sunrise will play an important role in fulfilling their needs," she said.

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, was also on hand.

She congratulated the staff and particularly praised the food for the grand opening.

"I'd like to be able to stop in for lunch," she said.

Sunrise Assisted Living is based in Fairfax, Virginia. The company went public in June 1996 and trades for on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol SNRZ. Nationally, assisted living is a $20 billion industry.

According to industry experts, as much as 60 percent of those who have reached the age of 85 need help with daily living activities. The 85-plus age group is expected to double from 3.1 to 7 million people in the next 20 years.

For more information about Sunrise or to arrange a tour, please call 383-6300.



The central foyer at Sunrise is beautifully decorated.

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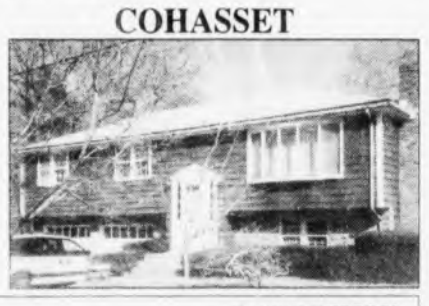
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Harbor committee hears marina's expansion plans

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planned to vote on the matter last night after the Mariner went to press — is also concerned about safety issues if the marina expands to accommodate 100 boats, about double what it has now.

And further complicating the issue is a brewing controversy over ownership of the creek bottom. Trendowicz claims he can prove he actually owns to the middle of Bailey's Creek a narrow channel that runs between Government Island, the Hagerty and Trendowicz properties and Bassings Beach.

Trendowicz told selectmen two weeks ago that he can get the federal anchorage area in the vicinity of his marina removed if need be - a warning that sent ripples through town and packed the meeting room last Thursday with a standing-room only crowd.

Peter Pratt — a former selectman who continues to shepherd the dredging project through a tangled web of permitting by two dozen state and federal agencies — called the ownership matter "a red herring."

"The issue of ownership of the bottom is highly complex relating to Colonial rights," he said. "It is immaterial to any discussion about the federal line which was established by the US Congress in 1939."

Pratt said under the US Constitution, a federal easement over navigable waters would supersede all other rights.

If the town supports Trendowicz's request for the 40-foot realignment of the federal area — which would be dredged at Trendowicz's expense — he would be willing to deed the remaining anchorage area to Cohasset.

"My only recourse is to come here and talk about deauthorizing the channel so my marina can exist," Trendowicz said.

He said he faces fines of up to $25,000 a day if his boats and slips drift into the federal anchorage area.

Trendowicz said it would be a hardship for him to exist behind the federal anchorage line because he would lose half his boats due to lack of room. It had not been a problem before because dredging was not an issue.

"But dredging has been highlighted so much we have to keep behind the anchorage line," he said.

The matter is being raised now because about a month ago Trendowicz learned his request to dredge the inter-tidal zone on the shore side of the marina was turned down by the state waterways division for environmental reasons. The rejection apparently took Trendowicz by surprise because last year he had received approval from the Cohasset Conservation Commission to move ahead with the project.

He plans to about double the size of the existing marina to accommodate a total of about 100 slips. The resulting additional congestion, especially at the mouth of the creek, is also a big worry, Harbor Committee chairman John Bertolami said. Children swim across the creek to get to Bassings Beach and the sailing club sails there. Some of the town moorings are in Bailey's Creek so an increase in harbor traffic is also a concern. At its narrowest point, the creek is about 150 feet across.

But Trendowicz said 80 percent of his existing slips are taken by Cohasset residents. He said because the town is in dire need of more slips, his marina can help fill that need. There are about 300 names on the waiting list for town moorings.

In a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers to Trendowicz, Dubon Montoya, project manager, said the town and DEP would have to seek action from Congress to exclude the 40 foot expansion of the marina from the dredging project although final action is not necessary prior to the project moving ahead.

But Pratt warned any tinkering with the dredging project — which was authorized by an act of Congress and is being paid for with federal money — was dangerous.

"Massachusetts' day in the sun is coming to an end," said Pratt, who said the Boston central artery project - known as the "Big Dig" — is costing 590 million in federal dollars.

He said the federal government is under no obligation to fund the dredging project if all or even part of it is delayed.

"That is discretionary money and it can be taken away," he said.

Pratt said he sympathized with Trendowicz's plight but urged him to hold off a year.

"I say to Paul Trendowicz, I sympathize with you. You have purchased one of the most controversial pieces of marine real estate in New England," Pratt said. "Let's revisit this when the barge leaves the harbor. Then we can work together to solve these complex problems."

Trendowicz purchased the 2.6 acre harbor-front property several years ago. Its prior owner, William Figueiredo, was unable to resolve ownership disputes with the town before he died. Trendowicz said the town never took the creek bottom by eminent domain. Robert Alvarez, a marine engineer representing Trendowicz, said the dredging project is being done on the premise the town owns the property. Federal money cannot be expended for private dredging projects.

"It's messy," Alvarez said.

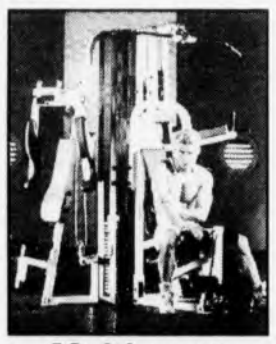
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Town meeting puts out welcome mat for B&Bs



By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Town meeting voters opened the door last week for "bed & breakfast homes" in town.

The zoning by-law change — approved by the requisite 2/3 vote— will permit homeowners to use up to two bedrooms in their houses to operate small bed and breakfast inns without zoning board approval.

Dorothy Keville, 2 Stockbridge St., the sponsor of the article — which is an item of business before town meeting — withdrew her application for special permit for a B&B last year when the zoning board leaned toward denying it. (Under the state zoning act, if the board denied her application, she would have had to wait two years to reapply).

The process propelled her to take the matter to town meeting.

Although Keville was unable to attend the continued session of town meeting Monday, March 30 — Dean Rizzo, vice president of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, spoke on her behalf.

"We have an excellent zoning board which provides a mechanism for thought to see if something is reasonable and in the overall town's best interest."

ROBERT STURDY, SPEAKING AGAINST THE ARTICLE.

He said the process was a lengthy and costly one for Keville who hired a lawyer to assist her. Rizzo said under the by-law change, larger B&Bs — with three or more bedrooms — would still be required to have a special permit.

A sticking point with the zoning board last year was Keville's parking situation. Cars exiting her driveway must back out, Rizzo said. He said requiring a turnaround for small B&Bs was too strict a guideline.

A majority of selectmen backed the article.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said small B&Bs should be encouraged because they would benefit homeowners and the town by providing added rooms in town for people to rent.

Selectman Michael Sullivan presented the minority view saying the by-law change would permit businesses in residential zones.

"It would take away the checks and balances individuals have for businesses in the neighborhood," he said. "(Under the current system) neighbors in opposition have the opportunity to speak through a public body."

Saying the current process is too arduous for small B&Bs, the advisory committee backed the article.

The planning board was split 3-2 in favor of it.

But planner Robert Sturdy argued against it at town meeting.

He said the current zoning by-laws provide a safety valve.

"We have an excellent zoning board which provides a mechanism for thought to see if something is reasonable and in the overall town's best interest," Sturdy said.

The article passed with a vote of 102-42 which was more than the 95 votes needed for the 2/3 majority required to change the zoning by-law.

Osgood School celebration

A photo exhibit for the Osgood School will be held from June 5-7, Harborfest Weekend. Do you have photos of your children at Osgood? Photos of other generations at Osgood? Photos of yourself or friends taken there?

These snapshots will help tell the story of Osgood over the last 70 years. They can be funny, serious, playful and all of them will be historical (of students, teachers, parents and staff)! Please check your photo albums (or those shoe boxes) for what you might contribute (color or black and white). Color photocopies are also welcome.

Also displayed will be an Osgood Family Tree. If there are family members who have attended Osgood for three generations (i.e., grandfather, father, daughter), please submit photos as a group.

Submit photos at the drop off box (office) at Joseph Osgood School. Large envelopes will be supplied for you, along with a simple form to be filled out, so that photos may be returned to you.

The deadline is Friday, May 15.

For more information about the photo exhibit, call Derry Schwantner at 383-2529 or Margot Cheel at 383-9184. For more information about the family tree, call Rose Collins at 383-0760.



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Zoning board expected to decide CHL cases

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The zoning board of appeals is expected to render decisions tonight on two separate zoning bylaw violations by the owners of the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill. CHL appealed two cease and desist orders from Building Inspector Robert Egan for a permit violation and for dumping refuse in an area of the landfill not permitted for landfilling.

"I expect we will be reviewing our draft decisions and expect we will vote on both matters and file our decision the following day," said zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo.

The zoning board of appeals is expected to uphold an order by Egan forcing CHL to remove 7,800 square-feet of refuse it placed in an area of the landfill not permitted for dumping. On Jan. 29, Egan issued a cease and desist order against CHL for placing the refuse in the unapproved section, Area IV-B, and ordered the removal of all refuse.

Paul Barry, one of the owners of the landfill, admitted placing the refuse in Area IV-B, but said it was put there accidentally, and that the material had been properly capped in 1989 when landfilling ceased in that section of the property.

CHL appealed Egan's decision, saying it could not remove the refuse without approval from DEP and the health board because of possible environmental damage.

On Jan. 12, Egan ordered CHL to shut down because former landfill owner James Tyeryar did not file a special permit issued by the zoning board with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. The special permit to operate a landfill was issued by the zoning board in 1976, but Tyeryar never filed it with the county, nor did Barry after he bought the facility.

Egan ruled that CHL is in violation of the town's 1986 Water Resource District Bylaw, which prohibits any landfill from operating in the district unless it was in lawful operation before enactment of the law.

John K. McNabb Jr., vice president of the anti-landfill group SAFE (Stop Any Further Expansion), said the landfill cannot claim grandfathered status in the water protection district. McNabb said CHL could only claim grandfathered status if it was a legal structure, which it is not. But it is a use, which cannot claim that status. McNabb said Town Counsel Paul DeRensis uncovered a similar case where a quarry classified as a use did not file a special permit on time and was found in violation of the town's bylaws by a court.

"The ZBA, backed by town counsel, is expected to affirm the building inspector's decision," McNabb said. "After the ZBA upholds the decision, the town can go to court and seek an injunction to shut down CHL."

McNabb has also the building inspector's decision not to fine CHL for failing to remove the refuse in Area IV-B. McNabb will argue before the zoning board tonight that CHL should be fined $100 a day for every day the illegal refuse stays in Area IV-B. The material was placed in Area IV-B in 1989, and McNabb said the fine should be retroactive to that year, which would place its cost at close to $300,000.

"The fine is not customary and it is pushing the envelope, but SAFE would be remiss if it didn't request the fine," McNabb said. He added that CHL is expected to appeal to Norfolk Superior Court any decisions by the zoning board to uphold the building inspector's orders.

SAFE setback at planning board

John McNabb, a spokesman for Stop Any Further Expansion, suffered a setback in his quest to see fines imposed on the Cohasset Heights Landfill. McNabb asked the planning board April 2 to back the $292,000 fine he wants the building inspector to charge the landfill. But the board said the issue hinged on enforcement and was the responsibility of the zoning board. McNabb is appealing the building inspector's decision to leave the fine off the order to remove the waste. The landfill management has admitted it dumped up to 2,000 tons of waste in the wrong section of the landfill, in violation of the zoning laws.

RTF closed on Easter

The Cohasset Recycling Transfer Facility will be closed on Sunday, April 12 in observance of the Easter Holiday. It will be open to the public on Monday April 13.

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Top left,second place finisher Mel Gonsalves heads for the finish line to the roar of the crowd. To the right, Charlestown native Tommy Lynch makes his way towards the finish line of the 22nd annual Cohasset Roadrace-By-The-Sea held this past weekend. Lynch would win the race in a time just over 30 minutes. Above, Molly McGowan, along with children Blair and Shannon, give the runners some encouraging words as they pass by their location.

Staff photos/Bill Wadsworth

Good weather draws nearly 1,000 runners By-The-Sea

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

As the weather goes, so goes the Cohasset Road Race By The Sea. And last Sunday, the weather wasn't bad at all.

A large field of 945 runners answered the starting gun in the 22nd annual 10K (6.2 miles) event under partly sunny skies and cool conditions.

Race director Roy Fitzsimmons said 100 runners registered on Saturday and 335 filled out entries on race day. But he believes the cold wind may have led many more potential entrants from skipping this year's race.

"The weather is the factor," said Fitzsimmons. "If it had been sunny and in the 60s, we would have had another 100, maybe 200 runners.

"It was kind of cool and I think that dissuaded some from coming."

The Cohasset race lived up to its billing once again as one of the premier running events on the South Shore. Starting on North Main St. in Cohasset Village, the course turns onto Atlantic Ave., before heading to the rolling hills of Jerusalem Road. Runners then push uphill at Forest Ave. and follow the rolling route back to North Main St. and the finish line in front of town hall.

Charlestown's Tom Lynch bucked the strong headwinds on Jerusalem Road, enroute to first place in 32 minutes, 53 seconds. Randolph's Mel Gonsalves finished second (33:05), followed by Dorchester's Peter Gallimore in third (33:41). Master's winner Bob Chasen of Weymouth took fourth overall in 33:50.

Plymouth's Mary Lynn-Currier was an easy winner in the women's field, traversing the scenic route in 34:24. Somerville's Melissa Mendel of Somerville took second (37:10) with Medfield's Sarah Nixon claiming the third slot (39:08).

Fitzsimmons applauded the Cohasset Rotary Club, the race's main sponsor,

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Skippers get better of Crusaders for first win

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

It took two games and a week's worth of frustration, but the Cohasset High baseball team finally started clicking on all cylinders.

With a hotly-contested 2-1 victory over the Carver Crusaders, the Skippers upped their record to 1-2. Battling injuries that have beleaguered its pitching staff, the team now appears poised to make their run.

"We played tremendous baseball," coach Bob Knurek said, in reference to the Carver win. "We played to our potential for the first time all season. We finally showed a glimmer of how tough we can be to beat if we play with consistency."

Following a loss to Norton and another to East Bridgewater, Cohasset hosted Carver Monday.

With last year's ace Joe Pergola kept from the mound by a sore arm, and junior captain Greg Taylor a few days away from his first pitching start in two years, Knurek sent Sean Parkinson to the hill.

Parkinson is the team's starting catcher and its fifth- or sixth-string pitcher. However, on this day he looked like Cy Young.

Swapping sides of the plate with four-year battery-mate Jim O'Sullivan, Parkinson used a combination of fastballs, change-ups and curveballs to baffle the Carver offense. In addition, he was backed by an errorless defense, which featured several spectacular plays.

In the third inning Pete Minnar, start-

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Recreation department sponsors after-school activities

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept mail-in and drop-in registrations for spring recreation programs for children age 4 to 10. Programs are scheduled to commence during the week of May 4, continuing for six weeks through June 12. (No Monday programs May 25, make up June 15.)

Monday, ages 4 and 5, Arts and Crafts for girls, at Osgood, 3 to 5 p.m.

Monday, grades K and 1, *Sports and Games, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, ages 4 and 5, Arts and Crafts for boys, Osgood, 3 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, ages 7 to 10, *Sports and Games, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

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Friday, ages 4 and 5, T-ball, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Friday, grades K and 1, Arts and Crafts for girls, Osgood, 3 to 5 p.m.

*Sports and Games will include outdoor instruction and play in soccer, basketball and kickball.

Some programs will have to be postponed should inclement weather dictate and you may call the recreation office at 383-4109, after 1 p.m., if you are in doubt of program status.

Children at Osgood and Deer Hill will be advised and sent home should the program not meet. We will make every reasonable effort to make up days lost to poor weather.

Children may bring snacks/drinks to programs and all children must be picked up either prior to, or promptly at the concluding program time of 5 p.m. Late pickup is subject to additional fee charges, based upon time tardy. The Joseph Osgood children may stay after school to participate once parental permission is given.

Checks and forms may be either dropped off at the recreation office or mailed to Cohasset Recreation Department, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Little League parade is May 2

The Cohasset Youth Baseball Association will hold their annual Opening Day parade on Saturday, May 2.

Tentative schedule is as follows:

•7:45 to 8:15- Marchers assemble in the parking lot of The Red Lion Inn.

•8:15 to 8:45- March up Main Street to North Main on their way to Barnes Field.

•8:45 to 10 a.m.- Start with a schedule of events that will include Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray throwing out the ceremonial first ball and the opening day games.

More than 350 people in all are expected to take part in the event. The parade itself will include representation from the police and fire departments, an antique fire engine as well as the Deer Hill School Marching Band.

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Skippers get better of Crusaders for first win

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ing in his first varsity game, made a diving catch, coming in hard from right field and narrowly missing a collision with a back-pedaling Pergola.

Senior captain Pat Hurley made a similarly acrobatic catch in the fourth. Sprinting back from his position at first base, Hurley was able to snag a pop-up and hang on to the ball when his body hit the ground.

Al Schwerin played flawless third base, making four tough plays and throwing bullets across the diamond to Hurley.

Up the middle, Taylor and Pergola were solid and they were backed by an outfield of Minnar, Ben Ketchum in center and Denis Rooney in left. When given the chance, the outfielders made the plays, particularly Ketchum on numerous fly balls to center. The Crusaders only collected three hits in seven innings.

The Skippers also had luck on their side. When Parkinson tired in the fifth, donned his catcher's equipment and O'Sullivan toed the slab. With men on second and third and one out, Carver's clean-up hitter flied to centerfield. Ketchum made the play, the runners tagged, one scoring and one moving to third.

Ketchum threw the ball in to the infield and play was ready to resume when Hurley and Schwerin alerted their pitcher that a runner may have left early. Calling for an official appeal on the runner leaving second, O'Sullivan faked a throw to second as the Carver runner broke for him.

As Schwerin called for the ball, Carver's baserunner knew his number was up and Parkinson tagged him to make it official. The play was huge not only because it was the third out, but also because it snuffed a late game rally for the Crusaders.

In the seventh, Carver threatened, when their lead-off batter ripped a straight knuckleball into left field. But two consecutive outs finished off the game and gave Cohasset their first win of the season.

Although their bats remained relatively quiet, the Skippers did collect four hits, just enough to get the job done. Hurley showed excellent timing at the plate and picked up two hits, and Taylor led off the game with a single.

It was Ketchum's two-run single with no outs in the first, however, that provided the game-winning RBI's. Hitting is Cohasset's main weakness right now, as they exhibited outstanding pitching and tight defense against Carver.

The Skippers have regained their confidence with a team that many picked to win the league this year. If rain doesn't force a postponement of a home game against Abington Thursday, then Taylor will get the ball for his first start back since his shoulder injury.

Sports Briefs

April vacation baseball camp

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for an April vacation baseball camp for youngsters ages 8 through 12 years old at the recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

The South Shore Baseball Club will operate the program which will focus on all aspects of the game including pitching, catching, defense, base-running and hitting. The camp will be held at Miliken Field, Cohasset from Tuesday, April 21, to Friday, April 24, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The South Shore Baseball Club, located in Holbrook, operates a year-round baseball instructional facility and has had the summer baseball camp for Cohasset Recreation for seven years. The eighth annual baseball camp is planned for the week of June 22.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 383-4109, as soon as possible, as the program will be limited in size, and participants will be enrolled on a first-call basis. The fee for camp will be $60.

Recreation accepting applications for summer employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for Playground Program Counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Applicants must be 18 years of age by July 1, 1998. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 29 through August 14 plus a one-day orientation during late June.

CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the pre-school 3 fi- to five-year-old half-day program and the five- to 12-yhear-old, full day programs.

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Young CHS lacrosse squad gets offensive early

Take a good look at the CHS girls' lacrosse team. You're going to be seeing them around the school for a while.

SPORTS WRAP-UP

Of the 15 ladies came out for the team this spring there was only one senior (defenseman **Ali Kinchla**) and one junior (center **Meaghan Connolly**) in the group, leaving first-year coach **Nicole Mladenoff** with a sophomore dominated squad to work with.

"They're young, but there really is some skill on this team," said Mladenoff, a Scituate native who picked up the game while at St. Michael's College. "It's obvious that a lot of these girls have gone to the camps and learned how to play the game. I looking for this team to have a strong year."

The team has had some success early in the season, losing a close one to division rival Sandwich 7-6, but coming back to do away with Algonquin 15-3 in a non-league game.

Connolly and attack player **Kaitlyn Donovan** (five goals each) have led the scoring so far, followed closely by attack wing **Jennifer Chastain** with four goals and tri-captain **Jackie Kahn** with two goals..

On the defensive side of the story, Kinchla and **Caitlyn Stansell** have anchored the defense in front of **Claire Sceery**, who made 11 saves in the opening games. **Caitlyn O'Neil, Carolyn Cameron, Maggie O'Conner, Kate Bosworth, Grace Gardner and Ashley Koed** have also been strong in front of the net.

"Claire has done an awesome job for us," said Mladenoff. "Overall the offense is ahead of the defense right now, but that will even out as the year goes along. It's just a matter of the players getting used to one another and feeling more comfortable in their positions."

"Offense is not going to be a major problem for us this year," she added. "We've got some great scorers on the team."

Mark May 15 on your calendar. There will be a lacrosse jamboree at Alumni Field with fun for everyone, featuring games for both varsity teams.

There will be a food court offered and CHS lacrosse alumni will be recognized at the event. There will also be clinics between the games.



The CHS lacrosse team, under the direction of first-year coach Nicole Mladenoff, has started the year off with a 1-1 record.

Leading the way this season will be the senior duo of pitcher **Kelly Tufts** and shortstop **Lauren Dooley**.

"Kelly is solid and now she has a world of experience on the mound," said Gill about the ace of his pitching staff. "The more she gets out there the better of a player she is going to be."

Having only played two games and suffered through a pre-season weather pattern not helpful to training, Gill said it was tough to make a judgment on how far his team was going to go this season.

But that's not to say there haven't been some positive sparkles.

Even though they put 12 runs on the board in their win over East Bridgewater, Gill said the thing that impressed him the most was the defense and pitching of that game.

"The pitching and defense has been better than you might expect at this time of the season," said Gill. "We've got something to build upon."

But for the second year in a row there are not many players along for the rebuilding ride. With Cohasset being the smallest school in the area the talent pool seems to get more shallow each year.

With the popularity of the new lacrosse program at the school, ladies at Cohasset now have a choice between softball, baseball, track, sailing and tennis if they want to play a spring sport.

With all the choices, said Gill, some of the teams are going to suffer.

"Cohasset is just too small of a high school to be able to be competitive in all of the sports," said Gill. "We didn't cut anybody who came out for the team. Everyone who wanted to play softball is here."

Since only 11 players came out, there is no varsity or JV team. A team at the middle school will begin play later in the spring.

Even if things do get a little rough later in the year, Gill said his team will be able to take it.

"We've really got a great group of kids," he said. "They don't care who they are going out there against. They just want to be get out on the field and compete."

Starting behind the plate will be freshman **Sarah Kidder**, who will also see time at other positions on the field.

Junior Kellie Straughn looks strong at first base. **Danielle Kupsc**, Dooley, and **Meaghan Waal** round out the infield.

Seeing time in the outfield will be **Katherine Ronan, Meredith Ronan, Stephanie Cook, Meaghan Cox** and **Jennifer Meehan.**

Lady Skippers break out at 1-1

There may not be many of them in uniform, but CHS softball coach **Mike Gill** says that opponents will not find a pushover in the Lady Skippers this season.

Only 11 players came out for the team this season but Gill said the squad already looks to be improved from last year's 5-15 team.



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for its contribution to the race and the work it does for the town in general. "They do so much good for this town and a lot of it is behind the scenes," he said.

Fitzsimmons, who founded the race, said the many volunteers assess every year's event to determine what areas can be improved for the following year.

"We hope everybody has a fun day," Fitzsimmons said. "It seems to get better and better every year. We make sure we accommodate the runners."

Local runners fared well once again with Mary Ernst (46:43) taking fifth in the 40-49 division, Jacqueline Dormitzer claiming fifth in 50-59 (65:27) and Bob Callahan running to a fifth-place finish in the Men's 50-59 group (41:08).

Bob and Jake Morgan took first- and fifth-place, respectively, in the Men 14-17 division. They finished in 39:28 and 48:35. Ross Lappen won the Under-14 title (49:20) as Cohasset runners claimed three of the top-five spots. Andrew O'Keeffe finished fourth (54:02) and Paul Cotter was fifth (56:00).

The Cohasset threesome of Lindsay Grossman (59:30), Meaghan Rizzotti (65:41) and Anna Murphy (65:46) swept the second thru fifth slots in the Girls Under-14 category.

Next year's race will be held on the last Sunday in March instead of the traditional first Sunday in April because of the Easter holiday.



Frannie Noble, Remy Daigler Lucy Noble and Sydney Frazier pass out water to the runners.

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Baseball

Cohasset 2 Carver 1- **Ben Ketchum** knocked in both runs with a double

Softball

Cohasset 12 East Bridgewater 4

Norton 12 Cohasset 3

Girls Lacrosse

Sandwich 7 Cohasset 6

Cohasset 15 Algonquin 3- **Sarah Motley** scored four goals in the win.

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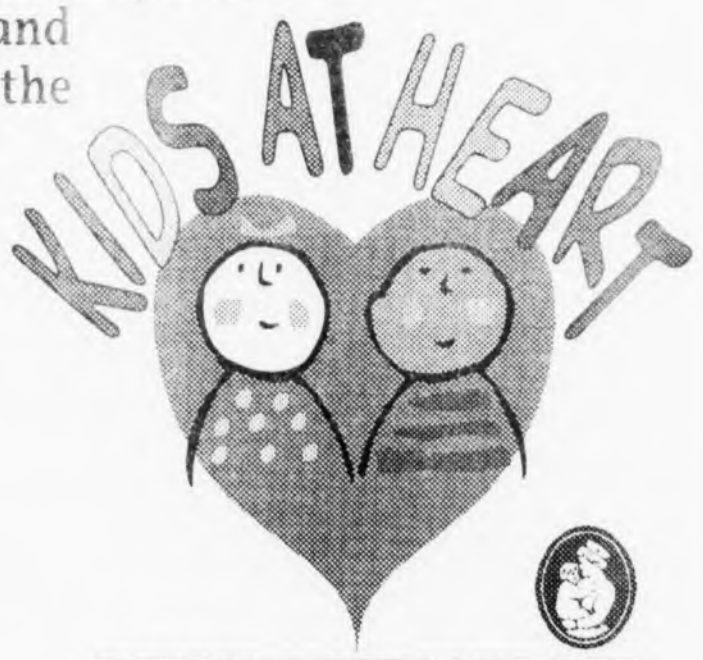
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New student state tests get mixed reviews

Testing starts May 4

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Schools superintendent Stephen Hart and Cohasset High principal Curtis Collins had sorry news and happy news April 2 about the new state tests. Though both told an accurate story, Collins tackled the bright side of things while his superintendent dealt with the downside. The principal sounded largely upbeat, as he revealed plans for academic rallies and cookie breaks during the marathon three-week session. In contrast, Hart said he is "frustrated" the tests may label students who underachieve. He said Massachusetts should have tried harder to avoid mistakes other states have made with the new "high-stakes" tests.

Cohasset students are expected to drop below their past performances when they tackle the new state achievement tests, Hart said. Some may even be labeled "failures," even though these tests technically will not stop anyone from receiving a diploma. (The tests do not become the "high-stakes" test until the year 2003.) Nonetheless, he wished the state education department would opt to learn from past errors rather than accept the mistakes as unavoidable.

The new state tests pose a dilemma for educators, such as Hart and Collins. Both told the school board April 2 they favor tests to evaluate achievement in the classroom. But Hart also questioned the method of scoring the state has adopted. It assumes more than half the students who take the test will score in the bottom three levels. He said students who win acceptance at competitive four-year colleges probably cannot be "equated with someone who didn't have basic skills," though some are likely to score at the low rank. Ultimately, educators would have to decide what the new tests "really mean."

Meantime, the tests start May 4. The school district has scheduled two preparation nights for the parents at Deer Hill April 13 and at the high school April 15. The parents will be asked to help their children get to bed on time and get to school on time. They will also be urged to see the youngsters eat breakfast.

The tests are physically grueling. They will take 11 hours and will be spread over 15 days. Then Cohasset fourth, eighth and tenth graders face a battery of questions about math, science, English, technology and foreign languages. School will have a different atmosphere over the three test weeks, said principal Curtis Collins. He said the teachers will "ease off" the regular homework assignments during the test.

"This is going to affect the entire school for three weeks," he said. The principal said in the long run the tests would make instruction and student achievement better. Meantime, the exam amounted to a test of the teachers and the curriculum. He said the "gaps" in a student's education would show up more, under the new testing strategy. Schools would score high if they developed programs to link education from kindergarten to tenth grade.

> ***"The tests are not to be feared. This is the first time out of the barrel."***
>
> — PRINCIPAL CURTIS COLLINS

"The tests are not to be feared," Collins said. "This is the first time out of the barrel."

Cohasset students won South Shore bragging rights when the state test scores were announced last fall. But the same students may see lower than usual results next November when the new state tests scores are released. Hart said he did not expect the students would turn in the same kind of performance after they grapple with the new state achievements. On the old tests, students in the district ranked in the 81st percentile last time, meaning they did better than 81 percent of the other students on the test. Collins said they managed the feat even though the "culture" downplayed the importance of the state tests which do not count towards the student's grades. He said the students knew these tests do not count either. He said the teachers face a challenge keeping the youngsters motivated to perform.

Sample Questions (Provided by the State Department of Education)

Use the map below to complete the question

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Grade 8 - Science Multiple-Choice Question

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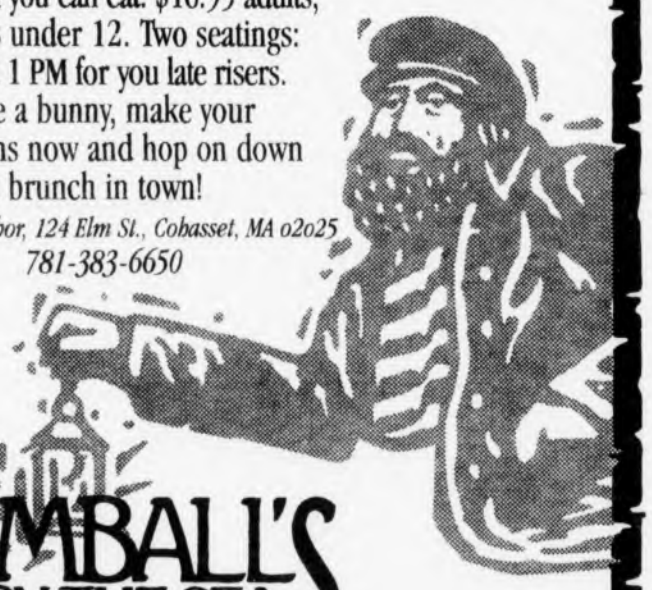
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KIMBALL'S BY-THE-SEA

School board mulls policy on teacher tuition

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

A controversy over paying for teachers' education spilled over at a school board meeting April 2. Under the current union contract, the school district repays educators for their tuition in a master's degree program. The repayment hinges on the superintendent's OK only. But the school board decides if the teachers can enroll in the master's program, and some committee members are questioning if the graduate education deal always means a good deal for the community.

At stake is not just the tuition benefits. When teachers earn a master's degree, they command higher salaries. The so-called "step increase" impacts the payroll, driving the costs of education higher. Now the board is looking closely at the types of master's programs teachers are considering, with an eye to ruling out a duplication of skills.

The questions came up when the board reviewed applications from two Osgood School teachers. Both have applied to a program that teaches educators how to use the arts to teach the regular curriculum. The board members said they preferred to see teachers at the same school develop a variety of skills. Eyeing the "big picture," the school board debated the merits of approving master's programs for teachers on a piecemeal basis.

School board member Ralph Kidder said he favored investing in teachers. But he was "troubled" to see two teachers going after the same specialized degree program. Kidder said the circumstances made him wonder if the school district was getting a benefit equal to the expenses.

"There needs to be a tradeoff," he said. "It needs to be clear we are getting our investment back." He said training one teacher in the special skill could add to the school's learning culture. He doubted it would be necessary to train two of them.

"It only takes one person in the building to make up some demonstration lessons," he said. He did not take issue with the value of the courses, however.

School board member Joseph McElroy said he would prefer to see the teacher's make a commitment to the district in return for the tuition money. Drawing on his military experience, McElroy said individuals there signed up for "an extra hitch" of three to six years when they accepted education benefits. He said since the current teacher contract does not include such a provision, he would like to discuss the option in the upcoming negotiations. Meantime, he said the board might set a deadline such as June 30 for master's program applications and then review all of them at once.

The board tabled the question pending talks with legal counsel.

Plans for new handbook get underway

School board member Joseph McElroy announced April 2 a new rule book for the school district is on the way. The panel picked to write the new policy manual holds its first session April 13. They will seek public comment, he said. Because most policies will deal with the middle school and the high school, McElroy suggested the new rules go on the web site, so parents can dial up, see what the policy is and offer changes as needed.

Eyeing an August 1 deadline, he expects to have a draft of the new manual prepared before schools superintendent Stephen Hart steps down.

The schools need new rules, according to a recent audit report. It found fault with the district because the policy handbook was too old.

April vacation week activities planned

April Vacation Camp for three- to five-year-olds. "Spring Fling" with Mary Brennock, 9 a.m. to noon, April 21-24. Children will enjoy a morning of crafts, songs, games, science, stories and more. Bring a snack, limited space. $72 for members and $74 for nonmembers.

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Forum on school testing

Massachusetts Comprehensive Assesment System (MCAS): Two forums will be held to discuss the upcoming MCAS tests to be administered to grades 4,8, and 10 in May. The first forum will be held on Monday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in the Deer Hill cafeteria to discuss the grade 4 testing. The second forum will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Cohasset High School (parents of current sixth graders are welcome to attend).

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We think it is important to constantly improve our newspaper to reflect the ever-evolving information needs of you our readers. We would like you to help us evaluate our coverage and suggest what you want to see in your Cohasset Mariner. Your input is important to us. We appreciate your efforts to help us serve you better.

1. What is your primary source of local news

Newspapers: *list in order*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Television

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Radio

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. How important is the following to you:

	Not Interested			*Very Interested*
Town Government news	1	2	3	4
Education news & features	1	2	3	4
Profiles of people	1	2	3	4
Housing/development stories	1	2	3	4
Real estate news	1	2	3	4
Senior citizen news	1	2	3	4
In-depth issue stories	1	2	3	4
Arts and Entertainment	1	2	3	4
Police logs	1	2	3	4
Movie Reviews	1	2	3	4
Sports	1	2	3	4
Local editorials	1	2	3	4
Letters to the editor	1	2	3	4
Editorial cartoon	1	2	3	4
Religious news	1	2	3	4
Wedding and engagements	1	2	3	4
Obituaries	1	2	3	4
Business news	1	2	3	4
Health news	1	2	3	4
Where to eat?	1	2	3	4
Environment	1	2	3	4
Transportation	1	2	3	4
News from surrounding communities	1	2	3	4
Which ones? _____				
Events calendar	1	2	3	4
From which towns? _____				

3. South Look is important to me for:

	Least important			*Most important*
Arts & Entertainment news	1	2	3	4
Real Estate news & feature	1	2	3	4
Classifieds	1	2	3	4
Real Estate advertising	1	2	3	4
Automotive advertising	1	2	3	4
Restaurant advertising	1	2	3	4

4. How do you rate the following publications?

	Least useful			*Most useful*
MPG's South of Boston	1	2	3	4
Boston Globe's South Weekly	1	2	3	4
Patriot Ledger's Real Estate guide	1	2	3	4

5. I would like to see more color photographs in the paper.

True False

I would like to see an improved design.

True False

6. How could we improve the paper? What would you like to see included?

_____

7. What are some of the things you enjoy most about the Cohasset Mariner?

_____

8. What are some of the local issues that concern you?

_____

9. Please list any good story ideas you may have for us.

_____

10. Which stores do you frequent in each of the following categories?

Local retail stores _____
Major chain outlets _____
Shopping malls _____
New car _____
Used car _____
Fashion _____
Convenience/grocery _____
Health and beauty spas _____
Florists/nurseries _____
Healthcare _____
Entertainment _____
Children's needs _____
Dining _____
Outdoor recreation _____
Travel _____
Home furnishing _____
Real estate _____
Financial/banking _____
Electronics _____
Appliances _____
Specialty gift shops _____
Gourmet food and wine shops _____
I normally go to what town to shop? _____

11. When reading advertisements, I notice the following in order of importance *(please rank).*

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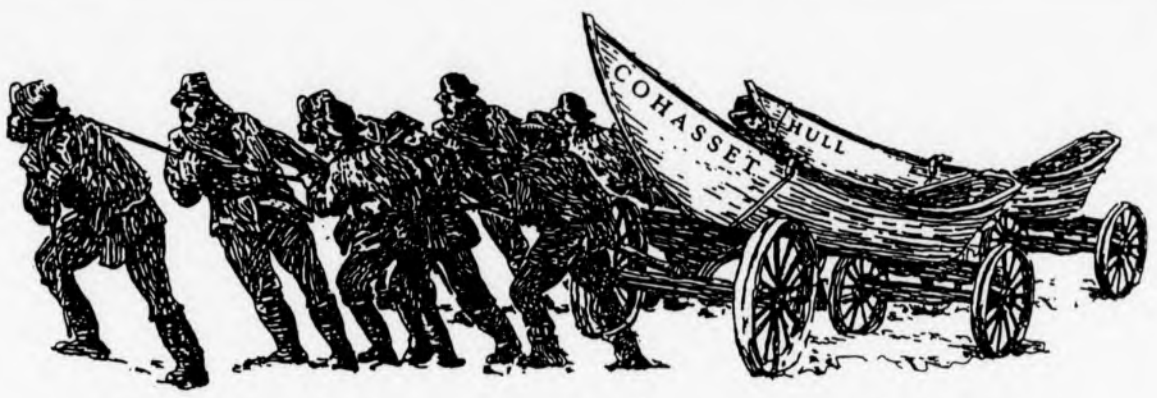
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ExCel lecture is April 25

CYC and the Sailing Club present the third annual ExCeL lecture Saturday, April 25, at 8 p.m. at Walton Rogers Hall, St. Stephen's Church.

Lory Newmyer and Ed McCabe of the Hull Lifesaving Museum will share insights and anecdotes about the turn-of-the-century lifesavers of Hull and Cohasset and what can be learned from them today. An entertaining slide show and lecture will incorporate evocative historical images from the museum's collection juxtaposed with photographs from the youth rowing and job-training programs.

Ed McCabe is the museum's co-founder and Maritime Program Director and is a lifetime rower with an in-depth knowledge about Boston Harbor heritage and lore. Lory Newmyer is the museum's executive director who is also an avid open-water rower and aficionado of the region's proud lifesaving heritage.

All proceeds will benefit the ExCeL Alternate School Program at Cohasset High School. The ExCeL (Experimental Center for Learning) program is an interdisciplinary accredited program for students in grades 10 to 12 offering unique marine experimental activities and traditional coursework in science, social studies and English. Students may enroll in the program for one, two or three years. Course work includes field studies and lab work in fundamental principles of oceanography, physical science, navigation, aquatic environmental science and nautical science. Outdoor activities include learning to crew and care for a traditional pulling boat. Students also learn the fundamentals of boat building by working on current wooden boat projects.

This is the third year that the Cohasset Yacht Club has presented an illustrated slide cruising lecture open to the public to benefit the ExCeL program. This year, the club welcomes the participation of the Sailing Club. Advance reservations may be made by telephone before April 20 by calling Jim Hamilton at 383-9834 for reserved tickets, $8 for adults and $4 for students under 18. Unreserved tickets at the door will cost $10 for adults and $5 for students under 18. Refreshments will be served.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets April 29

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore meeting Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m., will focus on how psychiatric care and services can assist both the Alzheimer patient and the family caregiver. Roberta Guez, LICSW, program director of Quincy Heights, the psychiatric division of Quincy Hospital, will describe the dementia assessment services that are available for those seeking a thorough diagnostic workup when Alzheimer's disease is suspected. The Cognitive Disorders Clinic staff at Quincy Heights includes a range of professionals with inpatient and outpatient care. Ms. Guez, who has many years of experience in geriatric services, will also explain how the patient's assessment can enhance the caregiver's role in coping with daily management of the patient. An open discussion of caring for an Alzheimer patient will follow the presentation.

This meeting is open to anyone interested in learning more about Alzheimer's disease. It will be held at Thaxter Community Hall, 30 Thaxter St., Hingham.

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Registration for the new preschool story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library story hour is underway. Story hours will take place on Thursdays at 1 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. through April 16 and 17. Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3 1/2 to participate. To register, call the children's librarian at 383-1348.

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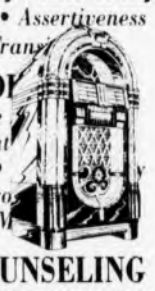
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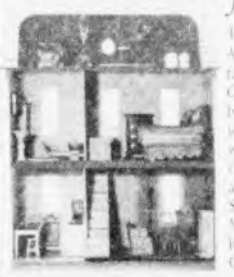
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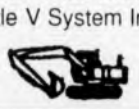


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OBITUARIES

Thomas F. Murphy

Thomas F. Murphy, 72, of Cohasset, a former professional baseball player, died Tuesday, March 24, at home.

Mr. Murphy played first base for minor league affiliates of the Boston Red Sox and Boston Braves.

He went on to work as a lead sales representative for the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. in the 1960s and 1970s.

He was born in Cambridge and was a graduate of Somerville High School and Boston University.

He leaves his wife, Ruth Dorion Murphy; a son, Michael T. Murphy of Hingham; three daughters, Susan Thornton of Ohio, Sarah Rennie of Hingham and Elizabeth Adomkaitis of Duxbury; a brother, Joseph Murphy of Medford; two sisters, Rose Montgomery of Stoneham and Marion Murphy of Woburn; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter. Mr. Murphy was also brother of the late James, Frank, Edward, Arthur and John Murphy.

A funeral service was held at the Bigelow Chapel at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge. Interment was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Anthony DiNicola

Anthony DiNicola, 78, of Hingham, and previously of Cohasset, died March 28, in Weinsier, FL. Anthony was a retired machinist of Proctor and Gamble, in Quincy.

Anthony was the husband of the late Elizabeth (Ishom), and leaves daughter Diane Amonte of Hingham, and grandchildren Michael Amonte of Jamaica Plain, and Andrea Amonte of Hingham. He also leaves several nieces and nephews.

Anthony died suddenly while vacationing with his niece in Weinsier, FL.

He was a Navy Veteran of World War II, he was also associated with several local chapters of the Experimental Aircraft Association, and Plymouth Aero Clubs. Tony fully restored a vintage Fairchild 24 in his earlier years and had maintained a Cessna 182 in which he traveled to and from the Caribbean, Florida and the midwest. Tony also enjoyed working on model trains.

He was born in Quincy and moved to Cohasset in the late '40's where he lived for 45 years before moving to Hingham.

A funeral mass was held at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset Friday, April 3. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery also in Cohasset. Donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation, 180 Rustcraft Road, Dedham, MA 02026, or to St. Paul's Building Fund, 1476 North Street Hingham, MA 02043.

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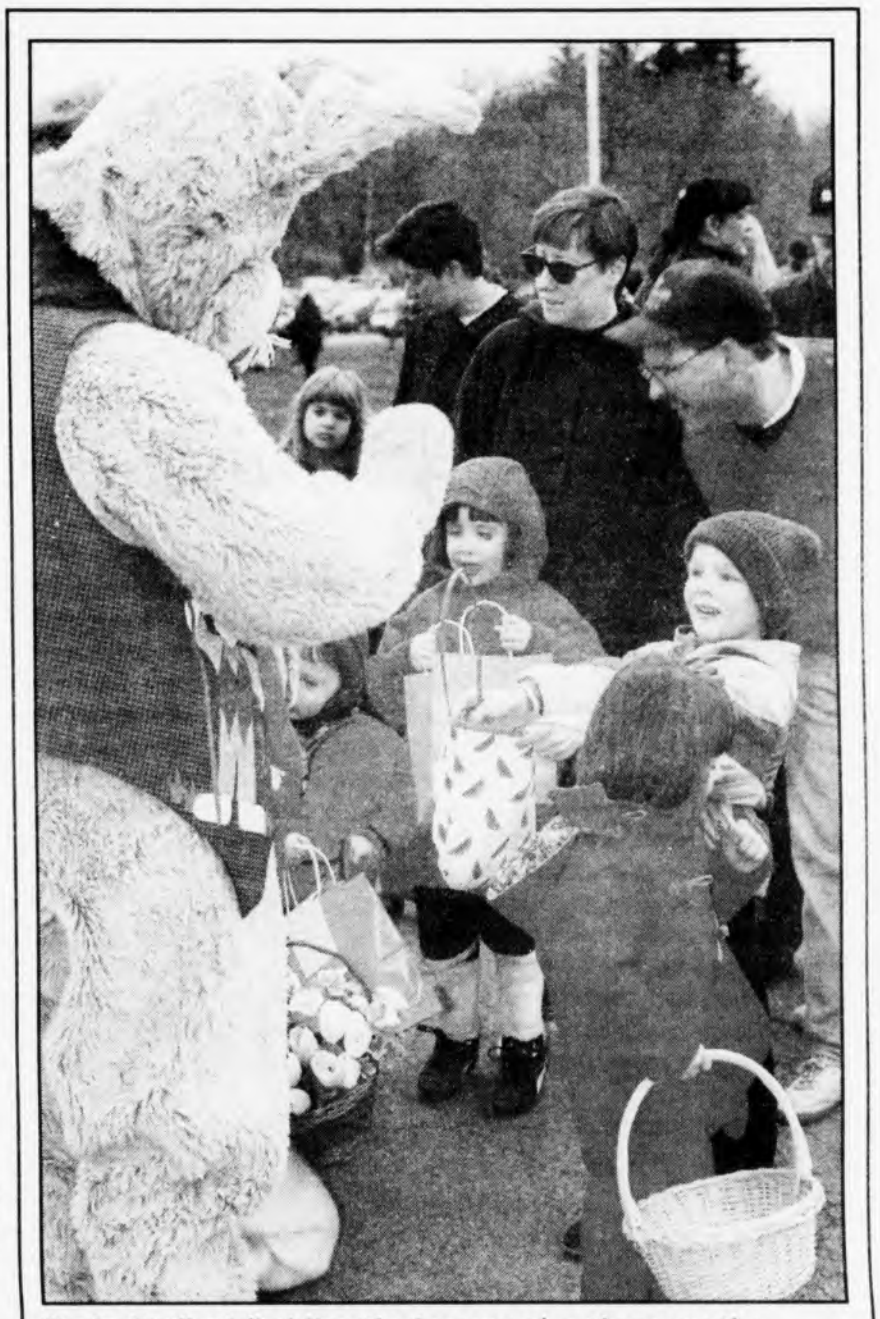
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Worship Easter morning, Sunday, April 12, will be at 8 and 10 a.m. with the full choir and choristers. Both services, Eucharist with sermon, will be in the church.

Prior to Easter, there will be worship in the church on Maundy Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. This Eucharist commemorates the last supper and the importance of community for the church's life together in Christ. Following the Eucharist will be a simple meal of foods typical of Jesus' place and time — breads, cheese, olives, nuts, fruits, and milk and honey!

A 24-hour Prayer Watch will begin Maundy Thursday at 3 p.m. Parishioners sign up for an hour throughout the day to be in church to read, pray, just to be quiet or meditate. It recalls the words of Psalm 130: "My soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning." It is a powerful experience of prayer each minute throughout the day bringing the church into Good Friday.

Good Friday worship begins at noon April 10 with an hour of quiet. The Prayer Book liturgy begins at 1 p.m. A service for children takes place at 2:30 p.m. and ends the traditional three hours of worship while Jesus was on the cross. A number of parishioners will participate in the 20-mile Good Friday walk raising money to assist economically poor areas of the South, particularly in rural Mississippi.



Kevin Stafford (holding the bag open) makes sure the Easter bunny doesn't leave him out during the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the recreation department on Saturday.

Fred Robertson photo

Volunteers sought for Search Committee

The search for a new superintendent for the Cohasset Public Schools has begun in earnest, with an anticipated selection of our new CEO scheduled for mid-June. If you are interested in serving as an at-large member of the Superintendent Search Committee, submit a nomination to the superintendent's office no later than April 20, with your name, address, telephone number and a brief statement why you are interested in serving and what contribution you will make to the process.

The school committee is looking for a superintendent who is a proven educational leader and who has an advanced degree, a minimum of 10 years in education, experience as a classroom teacher as well as a manager well-versed in school finance or business management and who has demonstrated success in the following areas:

- long-range strategic planning
- developing high expectations and performance standards and holding administrators, teachers, staff and students accountable for their achievement
- managing the operations of a school system or comparable business
- developing budgets within the fiscal realities of the town
- developing and implementing curriculum, with emphasis on the requirements of the Education Reform Act of 1993
- team building, enthusiastic leadership and excellent communication skills
- establishing and managing a productive, collaborative professional relationship with the school committee, staff, students, parents and the wider community.

The deadline for submitting completed applications is April 17. Working with a consultant from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, we will select semi-finalists by early May. The Superintendent Search Committee, consisting of administrators, teachers, students, parents, other residents and a former school committee member, will interview the semi-finalists from May 4 to 7. This group will rank order the candidates and the school committee will then select the finalists. After candidate visits to Cohasset and school committee visits to the current workplaces of the finalists, the school committee will interview finalists from June 8 to 11, with selection to follow. All meetings of the Search Committee and interviews by the school committee will be open to the public, although public participation will be strictly limited to observation.

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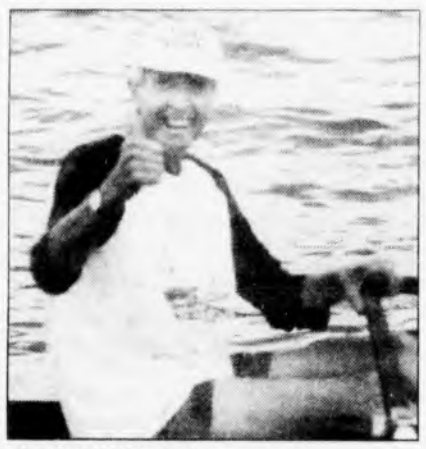
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Hubbard remembered in memorial fund drive

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the Hull Lifesaving Museum, Inc. is launching its first capital fund drive, in memory of its former board president, Jack Hubbard of Cohasset, who died last summer while rowing off Minot's Light. The fund-raiser co-chaired by Francine Townsend, of Hull, and John Larkin Thompson, of Scituate, will complete the restoration of the museum's 1889 Point Allerton U.S. Life Saving Station and further improve its South Shore Boathouse, located at Pemberton Point. The campaign's Honorary Chair is Mr. Hubbard's widow, June Hubbard.

At the time of his death, in June 1997, Hubbard was helping to sustain an exciting renaissance at the museum. The Hubbards, avid naturalists, rowers and local activists, were active in the museum from its earliest days, participating in the first phase of reclamation in the early '80's, which protected the buildings from demolition and restored many of their outstanding historical features. Hubbard was involved, as well, in the planning of Phase 2 of the restoration, based upon valuable research by architectural historical Wick York of Mystic Seaport Museum and Building Conservation Associations, of Dedham.



Jack Hubbard

Joshua James, the most celebrated lifesaver in American history, was the Keeper of the Point Allerton U.S. Life Saving Station. He and his crew were among the most active and capable surfmen in the country—with the astonishing record of never losing a life during hundreds of rescues from shipwrecks in Boston Harbor. The museum is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and holds a collection that includes the Point Allerton Station, the surfboat "Nantasket," historic photographs and letters and the vintage gear that the surfmen of the station used as illustrious, turn of the century "Storm Warriors."

In addition to preserving the artifacts of the U.S. Life Saving Service and Massachusetts Humane Society, the museum also perpetuates the skills, ethic and character traits of the region's lifesavers through its renowned Maritime Program, a national model for experiential education programs. The Maritime Program operates out of two museum boathouses, one in the National Park in the Charlestown Navy Yard and the other at Pemberton Point. The program uses the rowing metaphor of "pulling together" to transcend barriers of age, gender, language, culture, class and race in rigorous, year-round education, recreation and job-skills programs. Over 350 metropolitan area youngsters and adults benefit annually from the Maritime Program's initiatives in the living classroom of Boston Harbor.



Leaders of the Jack Hubbard Memorial Fund Drive at the Hull Lifesaving Museum, Inc., from left are: John Hartshorne of Cohasset, John Larkin Thompson of Scituate, June Hubbard of Cohasset, Ed McCabe of Hull, Lory Newmyer of Hull and Francine Townsend of Hull.

Basing activities in its, "To Preserve and Perpetuate the Maritime Heritage and Lifesaving Tradition of Hull, Boston Harbor and the Surrounding Region," the museum's programs and exhibits reflect an enduring sense of social responsibility and commitment to the future, as well as to the past. Seeking to continue Hubbard's work and honor him in full measure, the goal of the Jack Hubbard Memorial Fund is to raise $75,000 by June 9, 1998, the first anniversary of his death. If you would like to participate, please contact the museum at (781) 925-5433.

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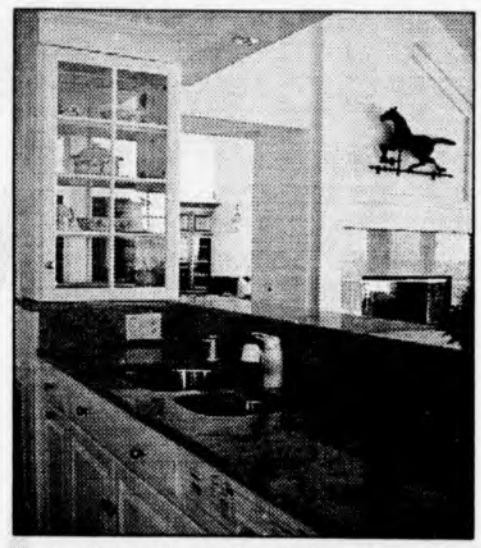
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Zoning board orders CHL shut down for good

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

It looks like the Cohasset Heights Limited, the privately owned landfill, could be shut down permanently.

The zoning board of appeals has upheld two cease and desist orders issued against the company by building inspector Robert Egan, effectively ordering the owners of the dump to shut it down for good.

The decision caps off what may have been the worst week ever for the owners of the landfill, Paul and John Barry. In the last seven days, Land Court Chief Justice Peter Kilborn upheld the town's Water Resource District boundary line, rejecting CHL's assertion that the line was arbitrarily drawn to block the landfill's Area V expansion.

The zoning board delivered its unanimous decision last Thursday, April 9, in the middle of a long night of unrelated hearings. The two court decisions came after the zoning board delivered its decisions. Paul Barry sat quietly in the hearing room dressed in a dark blue laborer's uniform and baseball cap as the zoning board read the two decisions.

Barry had little to say after the meeting.

"The actions of the building inspector will decide where it goes next," Barry said. When asked, Barry said he would probably appeal the latest decisions.

Egan said he would consult with town counsel and most likely re-issue the cease and desist order.

"I think this is the beginning of where the courts get involved," Egan said. "This is out of the town's hands. I'm certainly not going to lie down in front of any trucks."

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he is awaiting word from town counsel advising the town on how to proceed to make sure CHL shuts down operations.

In a telephone interview yesterday, Paul Barry confirmed that CHL was still in operation, but he conceded that things did not look good with the zoning board

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Osgood first-graders Lauren Mack, Kristen Fiore, Jenny Cahill and Caroline Saltonstall pal around during recess. For more photos, see page 12.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Marina growth plans sunk

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen will not support changing the federal anchorage area in Bailey's Creek to allow a private marina to expand.

They backed the harbor committee's recommendation by denying Cohasset Harbor Marina's request to move the federal line about 40 feet which would have enabled the marina to continue operating without encroaching into the federal area.

The denial followed assurances from the Army Corps of Engineers — who met with the town manager, harbormaster and marina owner last week — that support to move the federal line would not hold up the dredging project as feared.

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Town may get into the sewer supply business

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

For the time being, the only sewering that will go ahead in north Cohasset will be laying several miles of mains in the street.

Although the contract had been awarded, this week selectmen decided not to go ahead with "phase 2" which would connect the homes in the Straits Pond area up to the sewer main.

The town had an escape clause in the contract but will still have to pay the contractor about $9,000 in costs he had incurred so far.

The new plan is to examine using about $1.4 million remaining of the $6.6 million initially appropriated for the entire north Cohasset project to buy the grinder pumps, valves and tanks needed for the about 270 homes in phases 2, 3 & 4. Then the town would turn over the equipment to each homeowner's private contractor for installation.

The state would still require an engineer to supervise installation, the equipment would remain town property and the town would still have an easement on each property, sewer commissioner Gary Vanderweil explained.

Because North Cohasset homes require pressure connections — not the traditional gravity hookups — the state looks at the connection as part of the treatment process and therefore allows low interest loans which

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Rift between boards widens over Newtonville

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The health board has threatened to sue the sewer commission if it doesn't hook-up four Newtonville homes to the sewer system as soon as possible. The four homes are the same ones that the health board declared public health emergencies last fall. Human feces and other organic waste has been percolating up through soil on the four properties because of failing septic systems. These are also the same four homes approved by town meeting for funding to hook into the town's sewer system.

The owner of one of the homes, David Burnham, came to the health board Tuesday night because fecal material from other systems is draining to his yard. The same material is also seeping into a nearby wetland and draining to the harbor, said health board member Kevin Ulmer. The four homes have old systems that, in some cases, are

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COHASSET WEEK

BOSTON TIDES
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

April 1997	High AM	- Hgt.	Low AM	High- PM	Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 16	2:43	10.0	9:04	3:16	9.1	9:17
Fri.17	3:25	9.8	9:49	4:01	8.9	10:03
Sat. 18	4:11	9.7	10:37	4:51	8.8	10:54
Sun. 19	5:02	9.6	11:31	5:45	8.8	11:50
Mon. 20	5:59	9.7	——	6:43	9.0	12:27
Tues. 21	6:59	9.8	12:50	7:41	9.4	1:26
Wed. 22	8:01	10.2	1:50	8:38	10.0	2:23
Thurs. 23	9:00	10.6	2:50	9:33	10.7	3:19

Tides at all ports from Annisquam to Wellfleet are within 10 minutes of the above.

For the record

The Mariner incorrectly reported the number votes cast in the sewer commission race last week. The Mariner should have said Henry Rattenbury received 1,176 votes and Patrick Plante received 1,059 making a difference of 117 votes.

School committee meetings televised

School committee meetings have been televised live on Cable Channel 22 since March 19, Supt. Stephen Hart said.

The meetings are held in the new A/V studio at Cohasset High School.

This week's meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Thursday).

Selectmen were concerned Monday that school committee meetings were not being televised.

Selectman Tom Callahan said he thought all town board meetings should be televised from time to time.

Ambulance billing update

The fire department billed for 28 ambulance transports last month for a total of $10,353.76. The town actually collected $12,053.81 last month in ambulance bills some of which are from prior months and fiscal years. So far this fiscal year, which ends June 30, the town has collected $85,312.22 out of a possible $98,683.15.

McMorris is new chairman

Selectmen unanimously elected Ronnie McMorris as the board's new chairwoman. Nan Roth will serve as vice chairwoman. Both selectmen Merle Brown and Tom Callahan thanked their supporters in this year's town election.

"I appreciate all the hard work and I'm glad to be back," Brown said.

Committee volunteers are sought

Selectmen would like anyone interested on serving on the Housing Partnership Committee to contact the selectmen's office at 383-4105.

Harbormaster gets top marks

John Bertolami, chairman of the Cohasset Harbor Committee, wrote to selectmen praising Harbormaster John "Moose" Winters.

Bertolami said Winters on his own initiative obtained a grant for the purchase of a patrol/pump out boat saving the town $30,000 to $40,000. The town receives between $6,000 to $8,000 a year towards the salary from the grant for the boat operator.

He also said the thoroughness shown by Winters in his dealings with all the agencies in getting the dredging project through also deserves recognition.

Snow removal account in the black

There is an unexpected balance of $11,825.18 in the town's snow removal account, DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield said this week. Due to an accounting error, selectmen had been previously notified there was a deficit in the account.

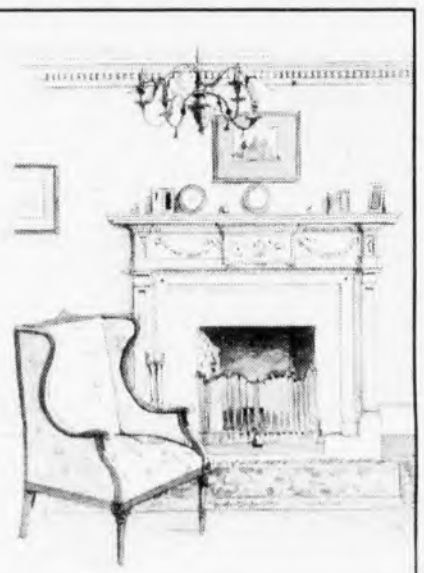
Telephone number changes at town hall

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Recreation Department	383-4109
Town Accountant	383-4110
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Downside of Straits Pond

Midges wreak havoc on idyllic setting

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The "first midge of the season" traveled inside Anson Whealler's Jerusalem Road home Tuesday night. The mosquito-like insect survived about 14 days after spray day when the combined forces of the Hull and Cohasset conservation commissions zapped Straits Pond with a pesticide called Abate ISG.

"The spray does a pretty good job," Whealler said as he plucked the insect off his dog's coat. "But they come in cycles, and some of the midges always get through. There are just so many of them."

Midges are the downside to life along Straits Pond. But much else about living alongside the body of water between Hull and Cohasset is "really great," according to Whealler. The pond, officially an area of environmental concern, teems with fish and eels. Canada geese, mallards, and all sorts of birds share the waterways with canoes. Monday, life along Straits Pond looked scenic and peaceful. A woman swung a lawnmower expertly over some short green grass near the Atlantic Ocean end. Further toward Hull, a swan claimed a shady spot by the bull rushes out of the water.

Whealler saw the swan under his window later that night. It keeps a nest "down by the Greek Church," he said.

Swans, ducks and fish are signs the pond is not dead after eight to 10 years of choking on an algae mass. But it is not healthy either. Whealler, who has seen it from the air, pointed out the color looks different from the sky.

"Straits Pond is a very different color than the ocean," he said. "It's more of a gray-brown than a blue green," he said. "It looks not too appealing."

Recently, Cohasset and Hull, which both border Straits Pond, took steps to cure the color of the water, the midges and the pollution. All can be traced to the discharge from failed cesspools and septic systems in the watershed.

Hull, according to its town manager Phil Lemnios, paid about $1 million to link 35 or 40 homes near the pond to a sewer pump. The project will end the deposits of nitrates from the septic discharge in the pond. Meanwhile, Cohasset has invested about $6 million so far in the North Cohasset sewer project that finally got a go-ahead. The first phase of the project will lay pipes and mains throughout the area. Within two years, about 136 houses along Jerusalem Road will have to hook up. The septage will be piped into the treatment plant in Hull.

Lemnios said the agreement on a sewer plan between the two communities meant both were making an investment in the area. Last week, the clean up advanced on two other fronts. First, Hull installed a second electric gate at the west corner of the pond to help flush the water in Straits Pond. It gets stagnant and heats up, due to the algae blooms, especially in the summer. And more houses on the Hull side of the pond hooked up to the sewer. Pipes and mains were installed there last fall, according to Norman Rogers, facilities manager at the Hull Sewer Department.



Straits Pond from the Cohasset side.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Rogers said conditions in Straits Pond have been slipping for many years, due to the pollution from failed septic systems. He could remember days when youngsters used the pond for hockey practice. But four years ago, when he conducted dye tests on some septic systems near the water, he "just about got the dye in the system and it ran right out into the pond." Rogers said six of eight homes directly on the pond in Hull had now hooked into the sewer system. Two more of the 33 homes in the sewer district expect to complete the hook up next week. Within the next two months, all 33 would be connected, he estimated.

Rogers also said the flushing at the gate by the west corner, the only waterway to the pond, also helped solve the pollution problems. Cohasset helped finance the electric gate to regulate the water volume. Twice a month, the new moon and full moon rake in high tides and brought cold salt water to Straits Pond. The flushing helps get rid of the sewage in the pond.

The pond, which covers about 72 acres, holds about 10 million cubic feet of water, mostly from rainfall.

Dr. Joseph Godzik, the Cohasset health agent, said the clean up will take a number of years. Hooking up sewers to the 136 homes along the Jerusalem Road side of the pond will make a start. But all the homes with failed septic systems in the Straits Pond watershed deposit pollution in the water.

"When they swarm, they could cover your face, get into the eyes, the nostrils and the mouth."

DR. JOSEPH GODZIK, HEALTH AGENT

"You have to remember there are nutrients and other products in the ground water now slowly moving toward the pond. It would take years for a complete clean up. It's not going to be instantaneous," he said.

As for insects, Godzik said midges do not pose a danger from disease but said they can cause irritations.

"When they swarm, they could cover your face, get into the eyes, the nostrils and the mouth," he said.

Overwhelmed by midges

Health board member Kevin Ulmer said the board waded into the Straits Pond issue mainly because of the midges. He called the insects an "environmental problem" more than a health concern. Going up the food chain, nitrates from septage feed algae and other types of blooms that ultimately feed midges.

The next bug in the food chain is the spider, according to Whealler.

"You get a lot of spiders," he said. Though the spiders eat the midges, even they cannot handle the swarms.

"Even their webs get overwhelmed with midges," he said. "You see the webs clogged with midges which isn't particularly attractive."

Whealler about five years ago designed an experiment to estimate the midge population. Since bright lights attract the bugs, he built a three-by-five box. Open on one side, the box held two fluorescent lights inside. The other side of the box, which was covered with plastic, acted like a big strip of fly paper after it was sprayed with "sticky stuff." The bugs went to the light and stuck to the other side of the box.

In one night, in one location, Whealler trapped approximately 69,000 midges.

The midges are called chironomid midges. They look exactly like mosquitoes, except for the antenna. The midge antenna looks "feathery," according to Whealler. Also unlike mosquitoes, midges do not bite. But they do swarm. If they get in the house, he has had to "suck" them off his ceiling with a vacuum cleaner hose. Outside the house, they also can cause irritations.

"If you work outside or paint your house, a huge swarm of midges can really make a mess in wet paint. They really are a nuisance. They just get into everything."

Whealler said the midges posed a problem in the spring and summer months but not in winter. Winters bring pleasures of watching skaters since the pond does freeze. (Straits Pond has fairly low levels of salt water, according to the health agent. He called the water "brackish" but said he source of the salt is probably the Weir River Estuary. He doubted much of the saline water came from the ocean.)

History of Straits Pond

Whealler said the winter of 1992 was particularly good along Straits Pond. The pond froze over "on a real still night" so the ice was not at all bumpy.

"It was like somebody took a Zamboni out there," he said.

Straits Pond was originally formed by rock from a volcanic explosion, according to Rogers. He read about the volcano which scientists estimate has been dead for about 100 million years. It was located near West Roxbury and its eruptions formed Boston Harbor and all the beaches south of Boston from Pemberton to Atlantic Hill in Hull. The rock, called volcanic turf, can be seen in Black Rock. It has 12 layers of alternating deposits, six layers of lava and six of conglomerate volcanic turf.

Rogers said he also found maps to show Straits Pond once opened into the ocean at the Hull and Cohasset line. The water turned brackish after a road built there separated it from the Atlantic. He also found a reference that said Straits Pond sometimes was called the Sea of Galilee.

But David Wadsworth of the Cohasset Historical Society cast doubt Straits Pond ever emptied into the sea. He found nothing in the records that showed it was ever open to the sea.

"In severe storms like the Blizzard of 1978, Straits Pond gets flooded directly from the ocean. The water comes over Black Rock Beach," he said. In the Great Blizzard, he saw waves break over the road and carry wreckage into the pond. Wadsworth said he did not know of any paintings made of Straits Pond. The pond once supported a grist mill on the west end, but the mill "went out of existence by 1800."

The pond area also reportedly played a role in World War II, according to letters sent to the Conservation Commission. A section of the land by Straits Pond was used for Victory Gardens. It was located along Jerusalem Road near Windy Hill. The area became the focus of a 1994 controversy. Neighbors complained because people dumped litter in the garden plot and needed a clean up.

Water rate relief slated for north Cohasset

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

There's good news for Hingham, North Cohasset and Hull Massachusetts-American Water Company (MAWC) customers, whose rates are among the highest in the nation.

Acting Gov. Paul Cellucci signed a bill last week which will benefit communities which have already built new water treatment plants in compliance with new federal drinking water standards.

MAWC is one of those, which spells some rate relief for its customers, whose bills have risen by 154 percent since 1993 in order to pay for the $40 million treatment plant.

The bill creates a state revolving fund (SFR) which provides financial assistance for the construction of drinking water projects. A compromise to resolve differences between separate versions of legislation passed by the Senate and House of Representatives was drafted by a conference committee consisting of Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, two other Senate members and three members of the House.

A number of legislators, including Hedlund, asked that the SRF include companies such as MAWC, which are privately owned, as "grandfathered" projects. These are ones which were completed before the revolving fund program was implemented.

"Why should customers be penalized with high rates because a water problem was corrected in accordance with federal law before this program was available?" Hedlund asked.

The senator worked with House Ways and Means Chairman Paul Haley, D-Weymouth, for the adoption of more extensive guidelines and a larger appropriation which would allow MAWC and other companies in similar positions to be included in the program. The bill signed into law by Cellucci now includes that provision.

"Once the conference committee had finished its work, Gov. Cellucci assured me this important matter of fairness would receive his quick attention," said Hedlund. "I'm relieved this final hurdle has been cleared."

Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, agreed, saying, "I'm absolutely thrilled. It's an important decision for citizens in the three towns. It makes sense."

In terms of other legislative actions he's participated in to date, Hedlund said this particular one has been the most time-consuming.

"It has required more work, effort and luck than anything I've worked on to date, and it's rewarding that it has gone through its final step," he said.

MAWC customers pay the highest water rates on the South Shore. The average rate payer is charged $713 annually for water service. In contrast, the average combined water and sewer bill in neighboring communities serviced by the MWRA is $626 annually.

Residents complained in late 1996 when their bills rose by an average of 154 percent over the same period the year before. This resulted from a Department of Public Utilities ruling that allowed MAWC to increase the average water bill by $422 per household — $341 to cover the capital costs related to the plant's construction and $81 for increased operating costs.

The new plant became operational in April, 1996, and the rate increase was approved in June of the same year.

With the signing of the SRF bill comes $8 million in state-appropriated funds for the next 10 years to provide assistance for customers across the Commonwealth who [illegible] paying for projects which have already been completed.

The new law is designed to capitalize on a recently enacted federal program which makes grant monies available to the states for providing assistance to water suppliers complying with the Federal Clean Water Act.

Combined with a matching state contribution of 20 percent, the program is designed to help cushion water rate hikes by reducing the cost of borrowing capital to build water projects.

"The intent of the legislation is that all of the subsidy is to be passed on to rate payers in the form of savings on their water bills," Hedlund emphasized.

James Perry, president of MAWC, said, "This gives us an opportunity to perhaps reduce customer rates to whatever extent we're able."

In fact, the water company made preliminary contacts with the Department of Environmental Protection about the details of the proposal even before Cellucci signed it into law.

"Once everything is nailed down and we fully understand what needs to be done, we will move forward," he said.

Once the water company has applied for the subsidy, the technical aspects of its rate-savings plan will be submitted to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (formerly the Department of Public Utilities) for approval.

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Zoning board orders CHL shut down for good

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decisions and the two court decisions.

"I'll meet with my brother and Tony (CHL attorney Anton Moehrke) on Friday and discuss what to do," Barry said.

Moehrke had received the decisions just yesterday and could not comment decisively on any of the matters.

"At the moment, I'm reviewing the decisions," he said. "At this moment, it would appear that CHL has existing operating rights under the present plan approval, and the vertical expansion is obviously subject to the resolution of the overfill. Beyond that, it would be premature for me to comment."

John K. McNabb Jr., vice president of the anti-landfill group SAFE (Stop Any Further Expansion) and SAFE president Kevin O'Donnell reacted jubilantly to the zoning board's decision.

"This is the endgame," O'Donnell said. "It's a banner day for the town."

O'Donnell said he expected CHL to stay open even after Egan re-issued the cease and desist. That would give the town the opportunity to go to court and seek a court order shutting down CHL.

"CHL will comply with any court orders," O'Donnell said. "They can appeal but it is routine for the court to keep the cease and desist order in place during appeals, which would keep them closed. Of course, they can always ask the court for alternatives."

McNabb said he fully expected CHL to appeal everything.

He discovered the two alleged violations that ultimately resulted in the zoning board's decision to uphold the building inspector's ruling to shut down CHL. Both decisions were on appeals from CHL asking the zoning board to overturn Egan's decisions.

McNabb discovered the first of the two alleged violations last November when he found 7,800 square feet of landfill material in a section of the property not approved for dumping. In its decision, the zoning board upheld Egan's decision to have CHL remove material in compliance with all state Department of Environmental Protection and health board regulations and approvals.

The second alleged violation was uncovered by McNabb in January when he discovered that CHL had never filed its special permit to operate a landfill in Cohasset with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. State law requires permits to be filed with the registry before becoming effective. Egan shut down CHL permanently on a technicality related to not filing the permit.

Part of the landfill sits in the town's Water Resource District, created in 1988. Landfills are prohibited from the district except for facilities that were in legal operation before enactment of the district. Egan ruled that CHL's failure to file the permit meant it wasn't in lawful operation prior to the creation of the water district and could not claim special pre-existing use status. The zoning board upheld Egan's decision, effectively shutting down the landfill for good.

The decision by the land court upholding the Water Protection Boundary bolsters the town's case to shut down the landfill. CHL claimed the water district was created for the singular purpose of shutting down the landfill, but the court denied its claim.

The Norfolk Superior Court decision effectively denies CHL's proposed 27.5-acre expansion. The board of health denied the expansion in 1996 because of what it perceived as potential public health hazards. CHL appealed the board's decision to Norfolk Superior Court, but Judge Borenstein upheld the town's decision.

And two weeks ago, the courts rejected CHL's claims that the town violated its civil rights, according to McNabb.

"CHL is not an individual so it doesn't have any civil rights," McNabb said.

While the Barrys consider their next move, McNabb and O'Donnell plan to continue to try to make sure CHL stays closed.

"Now it's up to the board of health to issue its own cease and desist order and begin hearings to rescind CHL's site assignment," McNabb said.

The health board had planned to discuss CHL last night (Wednesday), but delayed the hearing to gather more information.

New school construction on schedule, officials say

Tucked behind the Deer Hill School, away from traffic and passersby, the building of Cohasset's new elementary school happened out of the public eye. Now with less than five months left until September, the school building committee is making efforts to get the word out. The building is still expected to open in time for the first day of school this September, although the schedule is tight. The exterior shell of the new school is now practically finished, and the rest of the project so far stayed within the budget.

Robert Spoffard of the building committee briefed the school board April 2 about the school opening date and about one glitch that surfaced over plans to air condition the school. He said by July 15 the construction manager Simon Tempest will know if work crews can meet the first day of school deadline. Meantime, the building committee has started work on a contingency plan, in case the building is not ready for the children.

He will go before the selectmen April 27 with a progress report. Meanwhile, he had mixed news about the plan to air condition the whole school. The only contractor allowed to bid on the job offered a price $125,000 over the money the town meeting voted. Spoffard said the building panel decided to award part of the job only. He said the new plan called for the contractor to put in the infrastructure and the pipes to make the building ready for air-conditioning. But without the compressors and air conditioning units, only air circulation would be provided.

Spoffard said the building committee was limited to one bidder because the air conditioning phase of the project had been put out to bid and a bid was accepted. Once that happened, the town was obligated to deal with the winning bidder only on air conditioning. Put another way, the town meeting's later decision to pay the money to cool the whole building was viewed as an expansion of the original job.

Spoffard said he asked for an independent opinion of the new bid and was told it was in line with actual costs. He said the building committee did not have enough money in the contingency fund to come up with the extra $125,000. The contingency fund stands around $70,000 currently, counting only money not earmarked for other items.

Originally, the building committee expected to ask for only $88,000 to air condition a portion of the building. No one expected the voters to opt for a bigger project. The voters did so after hearing arguments it would be cheaper to install the air conditioning initially, rather than try to put it in later. They also heard the state would reimburse over 60 percent of the costs for the air conditioning.

Spoffard said the state reimbursement was still an option, if another town meeting voted to inject the extra $125,000 into the budget.

— **Margo Sullivan**

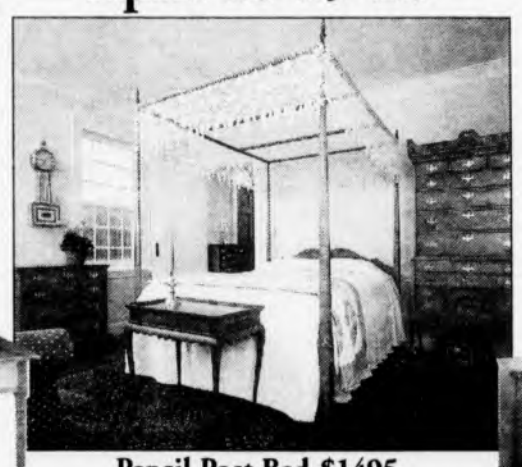
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Greenbush consultant to come on board

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

A consultant is about to be hired to measure things people cannot see. The "future shock" expert will project air quality, noise and vibrations in Cohasset after the Greenbush train comes to town. Thomas Gruber, the Chairman of the committee formed to negotiate with the MBTA over Greenbush, confirmed Wednesday his panel is ready to announce the contract award. Gruber meets today with Town Manager Mark Haddad for a pre-award conference. The consultant will be named afterwards.

Town meeting appropriated $15,000 from surplus revenue to pay for a consultant for the mitigation committee.

Gruber and the rest of the Greenbush Mitigation Committee last week mulled over the air, noise and vibration issues. Before their upcoming negotiations with the T, the panel wanted to be certain they understood how best to protect the public. They particularly worry about the people who live closest to the right of way where the tracks will be laid. They are bringing on the consultant to help deal with the science and engineering. Both can be complicated.

For instance, Gruber said the T's estimates of vibration sounded flawed. The T made an estimate for the entire town after testing only one spot of ground in the Osgood School parking lot. It is sand and gravel. According to Gruber, the one spot did not reflect a true picture of the geology which is mostly ledge, not sand.

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Gruber said by testing only the Osgood parking lot, the T effectively minimized the vibration the train will bring. Simply put, the train will make the ground shake harder when it travels over tracks built on rock. Greenbush will run over rock when it goes through the village just beyond the Strawberry Parfait at Pleasant Street. The worst section of track comes near the Hingham line around the Glastonbury Abbey. Conversely, the area around Osgood will muffle the pounding because sand and gravel absorb energy.

"We should go back to the T and tell them. You picked the most benign spot in the whole town. We think you made a lousy choice," Gruber said. He also offered some doubts about the reliability of the rest of the T's conclusions.

"Somehow I'd like to know more about how we can protect ourselves," said Gruber. The committee also made a list of other questions for the expert. Some were theoretical and dealt with the quality of choices the T was offering the town.

"Is the T giving us a full palette of choices?" Gruber queried. As selectwoman Diane Sullivan put it, the committee will ask the consultant one basic question—"Are we missing anything?" After much discussion of the theoretical questions, the panel turned to specifics. They decided to add the following questions to the consultant's assignment.

- The T has stated it will install rubber vibration mats under the tracks and up to 75 feet away from each side of the tracks to protect homeowners from vibrations. The committee wants to know if the mats should be installed even farther away from the tracks. Homes built on ledge are expected to get the brunt of the shockwaves, and the 75 foot border seemed too short to offer protection.
- The T might have underestimated the area that will be rocked when the train blows the horns and whistles. According to former selectman Peter Pratt who sat in for the Greenbush meeting, the town paid for a report which calculated the "sonic cone" around the train when the whistles blast. Pratt said the cone looked "much wider than the T previously disclosed." He questioned the impact on the historic section of town in particular..

Gruber said the consultant will sit in during upcoming negotiations with the T. The commitment is to assist the committee at three meetings with the T.

Currently, the T and the committee have reached another impasse over the James Brook flood control project. State Rep. Joseph Sullivan, D-Braintree, sent the T a letter on Cohasset's behalf. In the letter, Sullivan asked the T to "enlighten" him about the status of the James Brook issue.

Osgood School celebration

A photo exhibit for the Osgood School will be held from June 5-7, Harborfest Weekend. Do you have photos of your children at Osgood? Photos of other generations at Osgood? Photos of yourself or friends taken there? Color photocopies are also welcome. If there are family members who have attended Osgood for three generations (i.e., grandfather, father, daughter), please submit photos as a group for the Osgood family tree.

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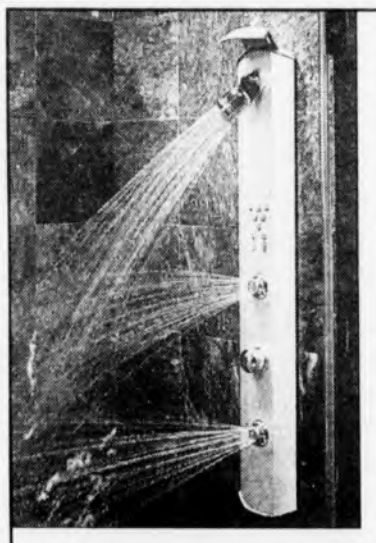


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Lamberts Lane turnaround is topic

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TOMMY

Happy birthday greetings go to Tommy Coburn, his big day is April 18th, and we know it will be a wonderful one!

SILVER KEY AWARD

Richard Harrington, of Cedarledge Village, Cohasset, a senior at The Roxbury Latin School, was awarded a Silver Key in the 48th Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards. Only 324 Silver Keys were awarded out of the 2,855 entries submitted in this annual statewide competition for young artists in grades seven through 12. The program recognizes the outstanding achievement of young artists and encourages them to pursue further studies in the visual arts. Congratulations, Richard!

BRANDNEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Have you noticed that our Chief of Police is wearing a bigger smile than usual these days? There sure is a reason! He and Jackie are grandparents!! Their granddaughter's name is Kassandra Jacquelyn Dobson; Kassandra's mom and dad are Diane and Troy Dobson of 5 Truman Ave. in Plymouth. Kassandra was born on January 22, at 7:57 a.m., and weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces. Besides Brian, Jackie, Diane and Troy to love her, she has Kathleen Noonan (her maternal grandmother) and David and Jackie Dobson (her paternal grandparents). That's a lot of love! We wish all of you the best, and cannot wait to see that little bundle of joy "around town".

DEAN'S LIST AT BU

Three Cohasset residents have recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester. Students recognized for this honor include: Jemilah Y. Afshar, Christian N. Ford and Andrea E. Mercurio. proud of all of you, keep up the good work!

HONORS AT BATES

Another scholar to tell you about—Nicholas B. Terry was named to the dean's list at Bates College as a result of his scholastic standing during the first semester of the 1997-98 academic year. Nicholas, a senior history major, is the son of David and Suzanne Terry. He spent his junior year studying in France. He is a 1994 graduate of Cohasset High School. Hats off to you!

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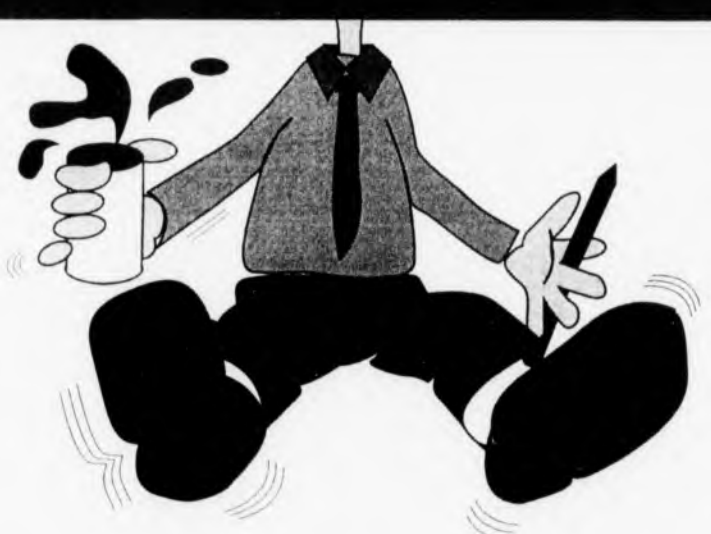
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ExCel lecture is April 25

CYC and the Sailing Club present the third annual ExCeL lecture Saturday, April 25, at 8 p.m. at Walton Rogers Hall, St. Stephen's Church.

Lory Newmyer and Ed McCabe of the Hull Lifesaving Museum will share insights and anecdotes about the turn-of-the-century lifesavers of Hull and Cohasset and what can be learned from them today. An entertaining slide show and lecture will incorporate evocative historical images from the museum's collection juxtaposed with photographs from the youth rowing and job-training programs.

All proceeds will benefit the ExCeL Alternate School Program at Cohasset High School. The ExCeL (Experimental Center for Learning) program is an interdisciplinary accredited program for students in grades 10 to 12 offering unique marine experimental activities and traditional coursework in science, social studies and English. Students may enroll in the program for one, two or three years. Course work includes field studies and lab work in fundamental principles of oceanography, physical science, navigation, aquatic environmental science and nautical science. Outdoor activities include learning to crew and care for a traditional pulling boat. Students also learn the fundamentals of boat building by working on current wooden boat projects.

This is the third year that the Cohasset Yacht Club has presented an illustrated slide cruising lecture open to the public to benefit the ExCeL program. This year, the club welcomes the participation of the Sailing Club. Advance reservations may be made by telephone before April 20 by calling Jim Hamilton at 383-9834 for reserved tickets, $8 for adults and $4 for students under 18. Unreserved tickets at the door will cost $10 for adults and $5 for students under 18. Refreshments will be served.

MAY I PRESENT



Sallyann Chatterton

When we were seeking recipes years ago, Jean (MacDonald) Doble and I often compared recipes—both of our dads (Roy MacDonald and Fred Troy) loved to sample our dishes, then claim them as their own! This recipe is one that they both claimed as their own, and to this day, Jean and I aren't sure which one presented it to us! All we know is that it is yummy, and that we always double the batch as all who try it love it! So, save that Easter ham bone, and read on—

PUREE OF PEA SOUP

1 cup quick cooking dried split peas
2 tablespoons bacon fat
1 onion minced 1 clove garlic, minced
1 small bay leaf
1 carrot, minced
1/4 teaspoon sage
1 1/2 quarts soup stock (or canned chicken broth)
1 ham bone
1/2 teaspoon sugar
cooked ham
2 dashes Tabasco sauce
salt, pepper

Put fat, onion, garlic, carrot, bay leaf and sage in pot; sauté until onion turns yellow, add peas and stock. Add bone and bring to a boil, simmer two hours. Remove bone and force soup through strainer; add ham and seasonings. You will love it!!

With your soup, try this bread recipe that I found recently (sorry, I cannot give proper credit—I don't remember where I found it).

ZESTY CHEESE BREAD

1 10-ounce can Pillsbury Refrigerated All Ready Pizza Crust
1 4.5-ounce can Old El Paso Chopped Green Chilies, drained
1/2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese cup shredded hot pepper Monterey Jack cheese
1/4 tsp. garlic powder

Move oven rack to highest position. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Spray cookie sheet with non-stick cooking spray. Place unrolled sough on cookie sheet. Starting at center, press out dough with hands to 14-by-five inch rectangle. Sprinkle chilies, cheeses over dough to within 1/2 inch of long sides. Bring long sides up over cheese; pinch along center to seal. Then pinch ends to seal. Sprinkle with garlic powder. Bake 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 15 minutes. Slice; serve warm. Serves 10.

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The cynics among us probably won't agree — but government can work, albeit slowly..

Last week Acting Governor Paul Cellucci signed a bill which will ultimately benefit residents in Hingham, Hull and north Cohasset who have been saddled with a huge water rate hike since September 1996.

North Cohasset is served by Massachusetts-American Water Company, a private company that upgraded its treatment plant in Hingham in order to comply with the rigid water quality standards mandated by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1993.

The cost of the $40 million plant was passed on to Mass-American customers who saw an average annual increase of $422 per household — $341 of that for capital costs of constructing the new plant and $81 for increased operating costs.

Water bills in Hingham, Hull and north Cohasset are twice the average of those in neighboring towns.

At first it looked as though federal legislation under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 came too late for north Cohasset. In August, 1996, a Drinking Water Revolving Fund, to be administered through the states, was established to help water suppliers constructing plants to comply with the new federal standards. Unfortunately the law did not include language for completed projects.

About the same time, burgeoning water bills started arriving in mailboxes outraging many citizens who called and wrote our local legislators. A large group even staged a protest march on the Statehouse.

As the ripples of discontent spread throughout town — the cries of the people were head loudly and clearly on Beacon Hill.

There state Sen. Robert Hedlund, state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray and some town representatives met with then Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci, who promised to help find an answer for our strapped communities.

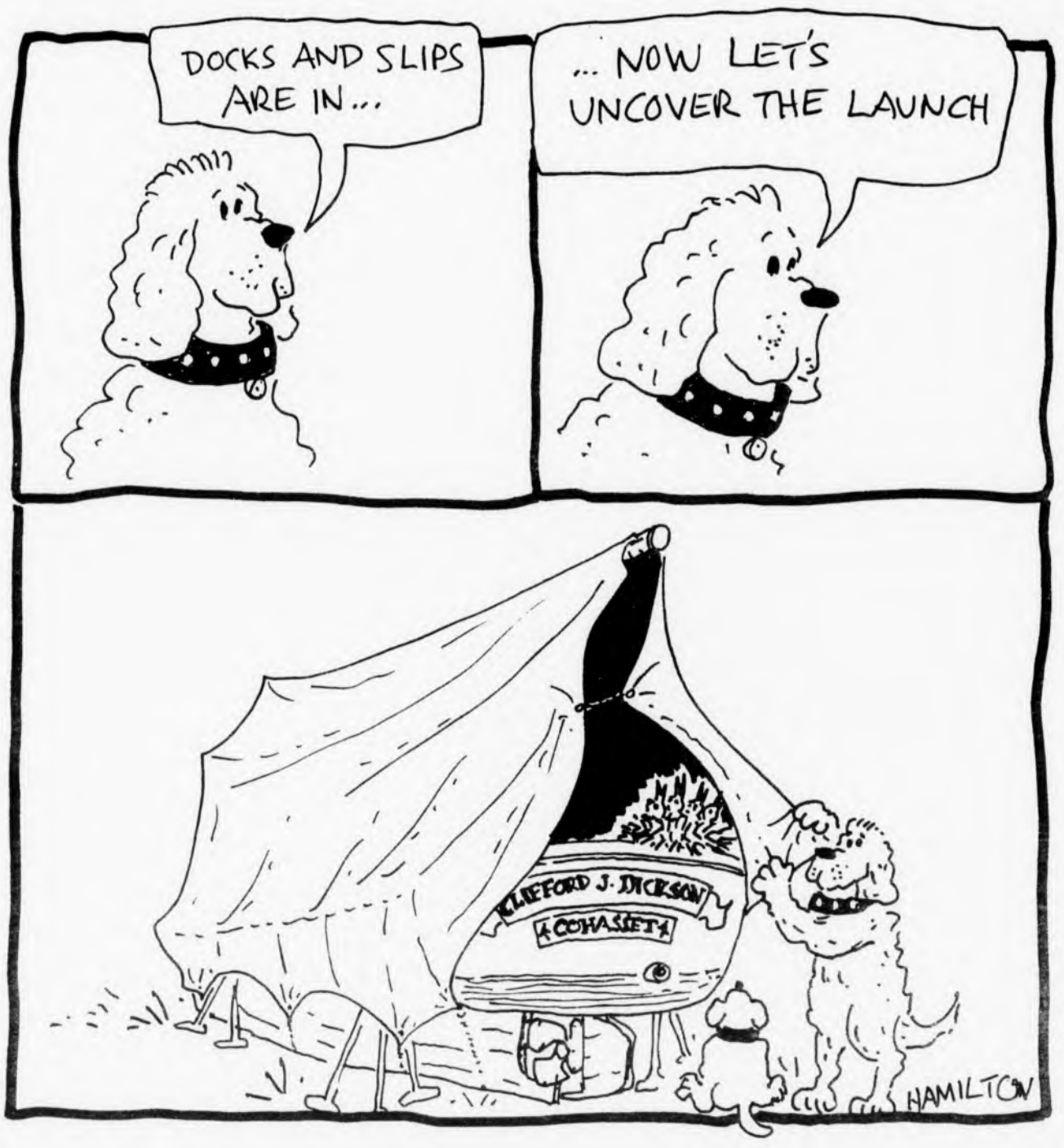
What followed was nearly 16 months of "legislative back-'n-forth" where a bill — having the state pick up where the federal government left off by allowing "grandfathered" projects like Mass-American's — shepherded through by Sen. Hedlund traveled from committee to committee finally landing on the governor's desk on April 9.

"The groundwork for water rate relief has finally been laid," Sen. Hedlund said. "Although it will be several months before all the details are worked out, the water customers of Hingham, Hull and north Cohasset won't be staring at a mirage any longer.

"Relief is on its way."

Thanks to those angry citizens who made their voices heard and to our legislators who listened — Mass-American customers can now be grateful not only for cleaner water but for fairer bills.

— Mary Ford
Editor



LETTERS

Distasteful water tank sludge

To the Editor:

Our drinking water sits on a bed of sludge several feet thick in the bottom of the tank on Bear Hill; sludge that should have been cleaned out years ago but can't be done without prejudicing fire protection until a second tank is operational. Whenever the sludge is disturbed, some of it enters our drinking water. It may not be dangerous to our health, but it sure is distasteful.

Thanks to the campaign to locate the intended second tank on Scituate Hill (on land not owned by the town) instead of near the existing tank on town land on Bear Hill, and the refusal of the Zoning Hoard of Appeals to grant a height variance for the Bear Hill location, we had already been condemned before the March town meeting to another year of drinking water that sits on sludge.

The foolish vote at town meeting on Saturday, March 28 further delays the ability of the Water Commission to take effective action, and thus we are all held hostage indefinitely to the distasteful sludge.

Taking land by eminent domain can be a lengthy process. Delays cost money; the cost of nearly everything is increasing, not decreasing, with time. A Scituate Hill location may be reclassified as residential, if a potential developer has his way, and thus require a height variance that we have no assurance that the ZBA will grant. Not only will a Scituate Hill location increase the cost by at least $200,000 and delay our relief from sludge, but it may get the town embroiled in yet another legal mess.

It's been argued that the hydraulics of the Scituate Hill site are significantly better, but I've enough experience with hydraulic engineering to conclude otherwise. And it was disingenuous to suggest that the $200,000 could be saved by a cheaper tank on Scituate Hill than the tank proposed for Bear Hill; either location should use the same type and quality of tank.

The only argument against Bear Hill that has any merit is the objections of some of the abutters. Yet a new tank can be screened so as to be unobtrusive. It probably would be more visible from my house than from house lots immediately abutting the town land, but I'd prefer the sludge matter resolved earlier and the tank acquired at less cost by using Bear Hill. Some of us have to live near schools, police and fire stations, water treatment plants, etc. So what is so unbearable about a water tank, and why shouldn't a height variance be granted for the benefit of the community as a whole? The ZBA should have been less concerned with protection of its turf and more concerned with the community's needs.

Delays hold us all hostage to sludge-tainted water, as well as further adding to our tax burden.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

CANDIDATES CORNER

Hedlund re-election campaign kickoff

The committee to re-elect state Senator Bob Hedlund will host a "KICK-OFF" fund-raiser at the Weymouth Elks Lodge, Washington Street, on Thursday, April 23 from 7-10 p.m.

Helping to "KICKOFF" the 1998 campaign will be special guest, former Patriots star and current WBZ football analyst, Steve Deossie.

Music will be provided by "Turn Ta Bill" and a buffet meal will be served. Tickets for the event cost $15 and will be available at the door.

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Some hard facts about drugs and alcohol

District Attorney Locke is guest at D&A meeting

By Stacey K. Powers
CORRESPONDENT

"There are drugs in New England — don't let anyone fool you." Norfolk County District Attorney Jeffrey Locke told members of the community at the April 8 meeting of the Drug and Alcohol Committee.

According to Locke, heroin - once considered a "dirty" drug of the 60s and 70s - has evolved into a social drug that has created a new community of addicts due in part to its current purity and its accessibility as a drug that can be snorted. Hence, the past six years have seen an alarming increase in heroin in the metro Boston area where dealers are making a larger profit from selling heroin versus cocaine, he said.

Marijuana can be a stepping stone to other drugs, Locke said.

He said there is an "alarming number of students who have admitted to using marijuana" through school surveys. He also pointed out that "there are very few cocaine and heroin uses who didn't start out using marijuana first."

Through a new advisory board, Locke's office also works with local police and reviews cases where it is often necessary for the district attorney's office and the local police to work as a team by sending in undercover agents to help solve larger drug problems in small communities. Police chiefs serve as advisory board members and he pointed out that Cohasset's own Brian Noonan was the first chief of police to be appointed to the task force advisory board.

"Drug use among juveniles is now starting around age 12," Locke said. "Between 1992 and 1996, we saw a 400% increase in marijuana-related drug cases brought to the district court for juveniles. This is a problem in Norfolk county we have to address."

In 1996, a juvenile court department was created separate from the district court - an indication of the "very focused, very concentrated commitment to juvenile crime that will send out the message to kids that this is serious and you are accountable," Locke said. One courthouse will be located at a yet to be determined location in Quincy and one in Dedham.

DIVERSION PROGRAM

Within the court structure, a diversion program was created that allows first time offenders under the age of 17 who have either been accused of disturbing the peace, minor in possession of alcohol or a small amount of drugs, to divert out of court. This would allow the minor to avoid a record and skip the juvenile process in the courtroom. The diversion program also affords the court an opportunity to examine the life of the minor in a clinical setting by interviewing the child and the parents as well as looking at various aspects of their school life.

If a diversion program is agreed upon, a formal contract is then drawn up between the court, the minor and the minor's parents that, among other things, imposes a curfew, participation in a drug and alcohol program, homework sessions and addressing the criminal issue. Mandatory community service is also imposed serving to teach the child that the offense he or she has committed is an offense against the community in which they live and as a result, the service performed is treated as a public statement of apology.

"As of the end of February we have had 48 juvenile diversion cases. 43 have managed to stay in the program and five have violated their contract for various reasons but the one heard most often is that it was too hard."

Locke also said that "parents often thank us for help in dealing with a problem child" and that "we are reaching first time offenders before they become caught up in a significant repeat offender pattern."

Locke's office has also created what he calls a "Memo of Understanding"(MOU) between schools, the police, court personnel and his office that works in two ways to combat juvenile crime. First, it creates a protocol for how the district deals with school issues related to serious violence, drug possession and possession of weapons. In these incidents, the school immediately involves the police, the police immediately investigate and the district attorney's office prioritizes to speed the case through the system. The school is treated as a victim and counseled on how to handle the student following release. Second, it establishes a regular dialogue, or roundtable between the school personnel in charge of discipline and the assistant district attorney in charge of prosecuting the case.

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— DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEFFREY LOCKE

"Historically, these types of cases have been solved without meaningful treatment of the problem because all of the people involved were not aware of the full context of the situation in the child's life," Locke said. Currently, Cohasset is in discussions about getting involved with the MOU, along with seven other local communities which are working on signing agreements.

Regarding alcohol use among teenagers, Locke noted that "every community in Norfolk County is grappling with a teen alcohol problem" and that in regards to handling it, there may not be any one right approach. His office has established a safe prom lecture series that talks with kids about the dangers of drinking and driving, a hot topic around the fast approaching prom and graduation season.

"In 1996, 7,738 kids died between the ages of 16 and 20 in alcohol-related vehicular homicides - the single largest age group for alcohol-related deaths. Not one of them thought it was going to happen to them," he said.

Last year, Locke said the lecture series reached around 2,000 students and the greatest message they tried to get across was that "the campus you don't want to find yourself on after graduation is the MCI/Norfolk campus." According to Locke, there is no tougher audience to reach than the 16-18 year olds, whom he tells "you don't want to go to the parents of your best friend to say sorry for killing their son or daughter."

BINGE DRINKING

Binge drinking is also another problem among teenagers.

"It's not uncommon to find kids with two,- two-and-one-half gallon jugs of hard liquor not just beer," said Chief Noonan.

"There are more pressures such as homework and sports and other pressures facing teens today than there were years ago," commented Locke. "Kids want to drink with the same intense, driven way they do everything else and we need to tell them to relax and slow down."

Cohasset High School Principal Curtis Collins commented that he has grown cynical about the teenage drinking problem noting that "in my 20 years as a high school administrator, teenage alcohol consumption has become culturally accepted and this creates enormous problems."

Asked by one citizen how to break down parental denial of this problem, Locke responded that "there are many ways including roundtable concept of people dealing with the problem and in some communities it works to lock kids up to confront the reality of the situation and sending a message to parents that this type of behavior won't be tolerated instead of just taking them home."

One mother suggested that perhaps parents need to be educated at the same time that their kids are to change the parental attitudes.

Concerned citizen Karen Hettstrom said that she sees a "pack mentality" of kids grouping against one or two others.

"They are trying to be social, which is so important at this age, but how can they interact without participating? Kids are drowning alone and we must come together as a community and stop isolating kids but it must start with parents backing up their kids." She also noted that there were not many parents attending the meeting. "That says that parents are not supporting their kids."

More than 400 invitations to the meeting were sent out resulting in a turn out of about 50 people.

Work on teen garage to get underway Saturday

By Lisa Campenella
CORRESPONDENT

The first step to a new teen center at the DPW garage begins Saturday when volunteers will begin gutting the building.

Led by Cohasset High School junior Tony Bramblett, volunteers are needed Saturday, Sunday and Monday to "bring heavy tools" and help get the garage ready for renovations into the teen center.

"Rob the shed," Bramblett said Tuesday night during the Youth Resources Committee meeting when he gave an update about the progress of the proposal initiated last fall.

Design plans are in the process, Bramblett said and are still open for debate. What has been decided is that the space will be made available for a teen area and what is definitely needed is framing for an office, two bathrooms, a staging area and a snack bar.

Bramblett said further activities and plans will be decided in the future by volunteers and high school students. What is needed this weekend is the tearing down of existing office space and bathrooms, ripping out old insulation and old electrical wires. "It needs to be stripped down to just the walls and the ceiling," he said.

He has suggested the space be used for teens to watch movies on a projection television, listen to live bands performed by peers and have a snack bar to help bring funds into the center to begin its trip to self-sufficiency.

"Our goal is to have all our activities and programs to be self-sufficient."

— JACK WORLEY, RECREATION DIRECTOR.

"Our goal is to have all our activities and programs to be self-sufficient," Recreation Director and Youth Resources Chairman Jack Worley said.

Several issues were discussed including the fate of the current Teen Center housed in the Independence Building, liability and costs for both sites and who will have access to the new center.

According to committee member Rose Collins, who is also president of the current Teen Center board, rumors flew around town that the current center would close its doors immediately. However, until the so-called "Garage" is complete, the Independence Hall site will remain open to the youths who currently participate in activities.

What will take place regarding the current center is that come July 1, when the new fiscal year begins, the Teen Center board and the Teen Center financial accounts will dissolve and be incorporated under the Youth Resources committee.

Attending the meeting, Selectman Ronnie McMorris, questioned the old center's finances and insurance costs and who would be paying the bills for the non-profit organization begun about three-years ago.

Teen Center board member Betsy Connolly said the Teen Center's liability insurance is paid up until July 1 and a few miscellaneous bills, such as electric and cable, remain unpaid.

Collins said because the Youth Resources committee is now the central governing body for youth activities within town, all funds from fund-raising activities will go into the same pot for all activities and will eliminate any confusion around town as to which organization people are donating money to.

"When people see me coming they go the other way," Collins said, noting her numerous fundraising activities for the many groups in town becomes confusing to residents.

Since funds will be handled by a central committee rather than two or three different ones, all bills will be paid on an as-needed basis, including the remaining bills for Independence Hall, Collins said.

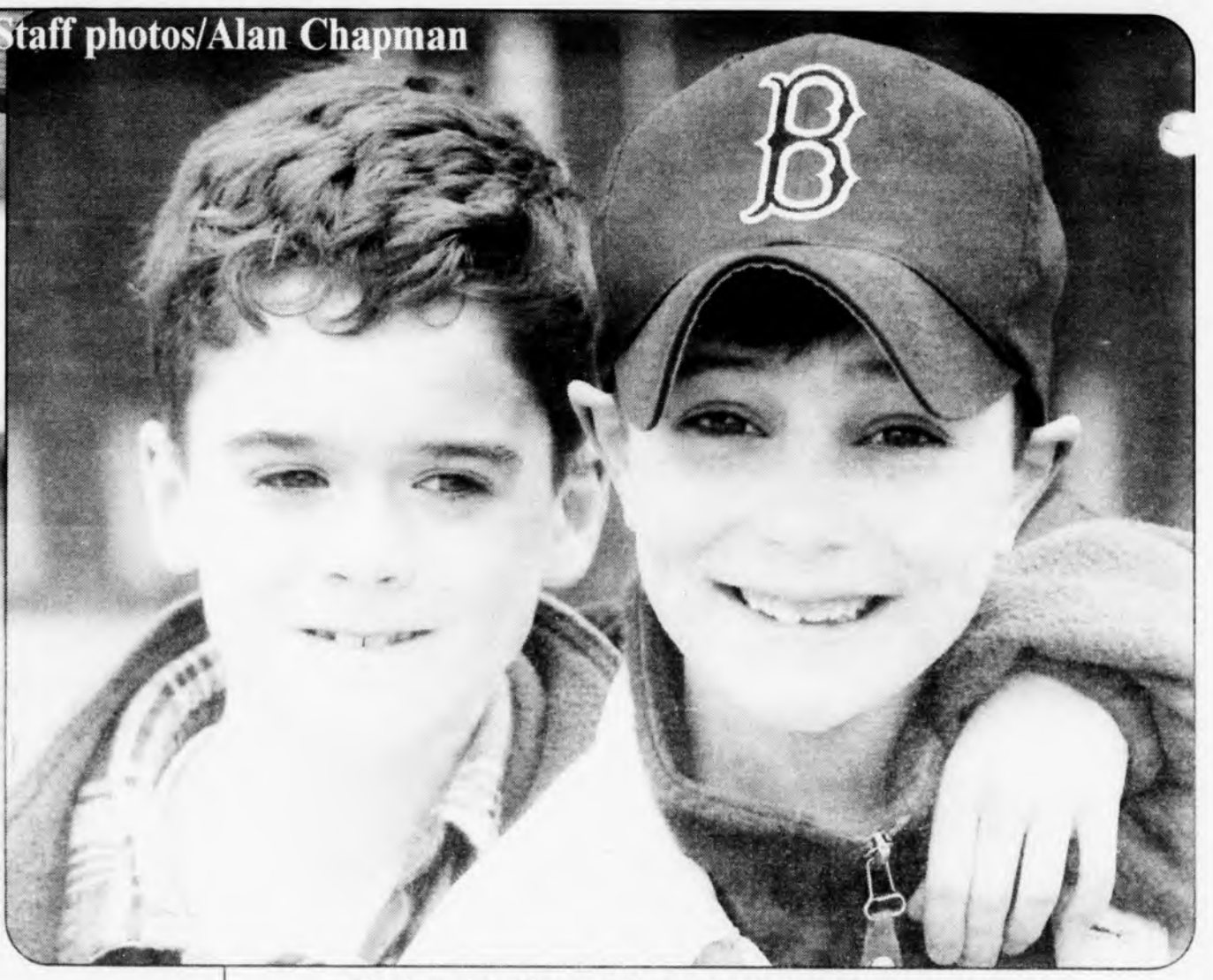
McMorris also pointed out, due to liability issues, the committee would need to have town supervisors chaperoning events at the new "Garage" because it would be a town-run facility unlike the Teen Center. Currently, the Teen Center's activities are supervised by volunteers. The town has earmarked $15,000 to fund a part-time, year-round youth resources coordinator to supervise activities at the "Garage," which will take care of supervisory issues, members said.

A lingering question remains as to what age groups will have use of the garage. The current Teen Center predominantly services seventh- and eighth-graders, but the idea for the Garage is intended to give high school-aged teens a space to "hang-out." However, activities will be planned for the younger teens and it will remain to be seen if the older children and the younger children will be able to handle themselves appropriately and together.

"It's really run by the kids and what transpires is up to them," Collins said, adding she, as a parent has misgivings about the younger children mingling with the older ones but has faith the teens can make it work.

Hanging around at Osgood recess

Staff photos/Alan Chapman



Third-graders Timmy Toomey and Robert Brady pal around.



Michelle Madge hangs out during recess at the Osgood School.



Molly Gallagher and Amanda Thompson from a totem pole with their dolls.



Ryan Ingram watches her third-grade classmates from a perch at the playground.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Defining limits for kids

The Cohassett PSO presents "Setting Firm Limits - Dealing with Attitude", with Barbara Capaldo, M.Ed. Capaldo from the Insight Education Center for parents and teachers.

Could you use a little advice about successfully disciplining and defining limits for your children? Need some advice to deal constructively with the "attitude"? Then, come join us for a lively, interactive session presenting ideas applicable to children of all ages. Ms. Capaldo is a counselor, trainer, and consultant in the areas of parenting, child behavior and classroom management. She is the founder and Executive Director of Insight Education Center in Hanover. Bring your questions and gain some insight. Share your own experiences. Hear what other parents are doing. Let's learn together!

This session will be held Tuesday, April 28 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Cohasset High School cafeteria.

Post-prom party

The first annual Post-Prom All-Night Party will be held at Cohasset High School on June 3. The Prom will be held at the Marriott Long Warf in Boston. After after the Prom the students will return to CHS for a night of FUN. A Disc Jockey, a casino, and a breakfast are some of the events that are being planned.

An inclusive, chemical free All-Night Party for seniors has been very successful in many neighboring towns, including Hingham, Scituate, Hanover, and Marshfield. Local police and organizations strongly support the idea in these towns as the All-Night affair takes what may be a worrisome night and turns it into a safe sand fun experience for prom-goers.

The ticket price will be $30 per attendee. Student tickets will not cover the entire expenses for the evening. We need your donations to make this event a success.

Please help support this great event and send your donation to: Cohasset Post Prom Party, 16 Woodland Drive, Cohasset, MA 02025.

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Health Board Notes

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PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE BICENTENNIAL

On Tuesday April 7 the US Public Health Service (PHS) held a bicentennial service at the Constitution Wharf in Boston which Joe Godzik, your health officer, and Steve Bobo, newly elected member, attended. The service was to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the US PHS.

The service traces its roots back to a 1798 act of congress which established a prepaid hospital service for merchant seamen. That law led to the creation of the Marine Hospital Service forerunner of the PHS. David Sacher, Surgeon General, wearing the public health service uniform, a naval uniform with the PHS logo, spoke about the mission and accomplishments of the PHS.

The ceremony was attended by numerous health officials throughout New England; dedicated officials who labor under a widely misperceived notion of the duties and responsibilities of health boards. A survey, handout at the meeting showed that the public somehow links public health to hot button political issues like universal health care, Medicaid, and social security.

In reality, the PHS and its local counterparts have an extremely broad spectrum of grass roots responsibilities from health education to domestic violence to food and nutrition and environmental oversight and many other concerns affecting the overall health of citizens.

GRANTS

While schmoozing with the officials at the PHS ceremony, there was time to talk to several state officials about grants for Cohasset issues. Specifically, there are two state grant requests for which proposals are in preparation.

The first is called Communities Linked by Water which will seek to broaden the currently voted and funded study of Little Harbor to the entire Cohasset watershed. If approved for State funding, this will give us considerably better information about any health threats from leachates and wastewater flows within the town.

The second is a 'Planning for Growth' grant program for which we planning to write a grant request to look into incentives for facilitating wastewater treatment in Cohasset.

LOANS

The Board of Health office at Town hall has a handout which explains the state's loan program for septic system upgrades. The state has made arrangements with banks to provide low interest loans up to $25,000 depending on eligibility, for septic system repairs.

A newsletter created by a volunteer staff issued periodically by the Board of Health.

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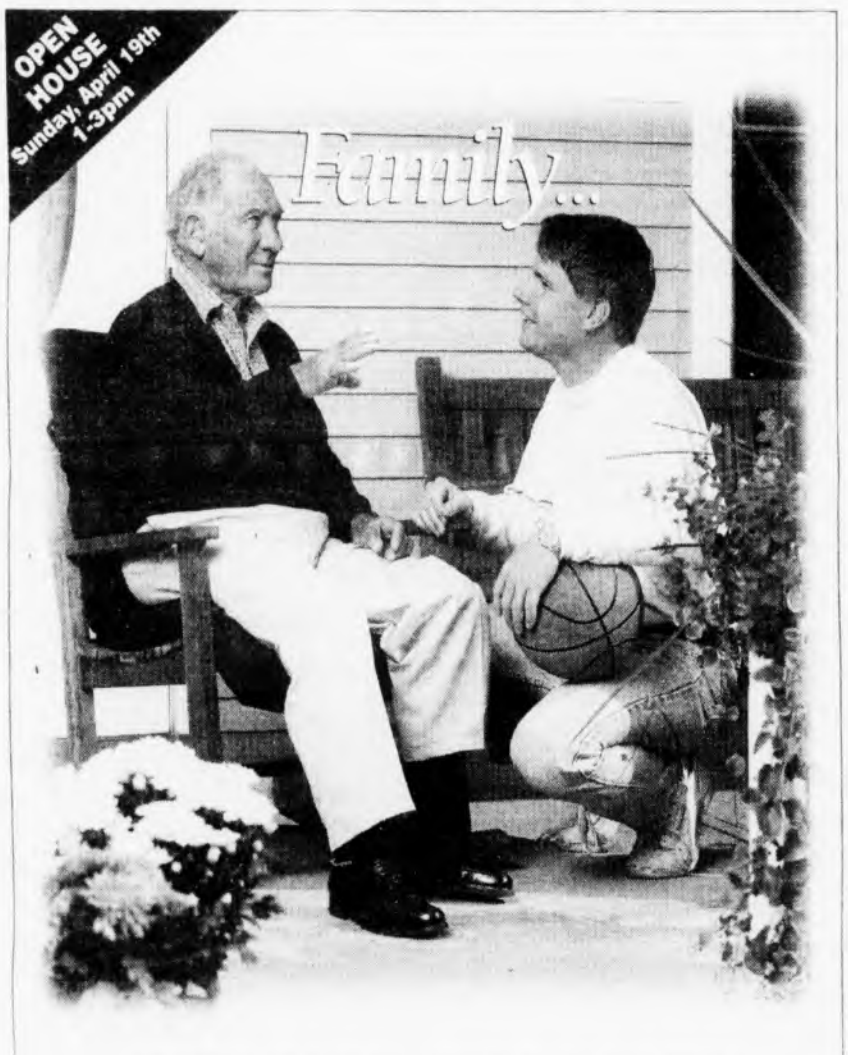
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The CHS ski team recently celebrated what was a stellar year for the squad. In the front row is team mascot Malcolm Stansell. Second row: Susan Dane, Lydia Guild, Rob Buckley, Jackie Kahn, Magie O'Connor, Josh Flanagan, Clara Sceery, and Caitlin Stansell. Third row: Bob Stansell (coach), Jeff Scribner, Tom Leahy, Peter Minnar, Nick Parisi, and coach Jack Dane. Fourth row: Stefan Vanderwiel and Greg O'Keefe.

Stansell and Buckley captain impressive ski season

Participants from the Cohasset High School Varsity Ski Team recently competed yet another successful season in the Mass Bay Ski League East. Even though El Nino hindered snowfall, Blue Hills Ski Area managed to keep their slopes open for the competitions. However, it did take an extended amount of time to prepare the trails with manmade snow. The team waited patiently and then rallied to make it to Blue Hills as much as possible.

The Mass Bay Ski League East consists of 12 schools including Waltham, Fontbonne, Xaverian, Newton North, Newton South, Easton, Milton, Dover-Sherbourne, Wellesley, Westwood, Brookline and Cohasset. This league is then divided into small school and large school divisions, Cohasset falling in the small school category. Overall, the boys' team finished in fifth place for the season, while the girls came in fourth position.

With a team of 16 competitors, many of these students were first-time racers. These included seniors Tom Leahy, Andrew Ross, and sophomores Andrew McAullife, Greg O'Keefe, Stephan Vanderweil, Pete Minnar, and freshmen Jeff Scribner and Nick Parisi. Valiant efforts were also contributed by John Kasemyer, Mark Kupsc, Aaron Sawchuk, as well as James and Justin "double trouble" Drybanski.

Although middle school competitors were not allowed to compete in official races, eighth graders David Krueger and Connor Avery also trained with the team. By placing high enough, points could be attained after each race.

Racers Josh Flanagan, Greg O'Keefe, Rob Buckley and Andrew McAullife got points for the boys' team. On the girls' team, Clara Sceery, Maggie O'Connor, Jackie Kahn, Caitlin Stansell, Susan Dane and Lydia Guild acquired points as well.

Six of these competitors also went on to compete in the Bay State Games, which were held at Jiminy Peak in western Massachusetts.

Senior J. Robert Buckley, along with sophomore Caitlin Stansell, lead the teams as captains. These two racers qualified for the Mt. Dew Finals which were held on April 4. Both finished with silver medals at Black Mountain Ski Area in NH.

At Blue Hills, Rob finished 10th in the small school league and Caitlin came in first. As a result, they both qualified for the State Championships which were held at Berkshire East, in Claremont, MA.

At this event, with around 150 participants, Rob ended up finishing 96th in the GS, and 101st place for the slalom. Caitlin finished 31st in the GS and 36th in the slalom. These two students will be traveling to Mt. Hood, Ore., to train during the summer season as well.

Overall, the team ended with a successful season and look forward to the future in racing.

Marathon tradition continues for Cohasset runner

102nd Boston Marathon is this Monday

By David McKee
STAFF WRITER

Ladies and gentlemen, start your sneakers!

At noon on Monday, thousands of runners, including many from the South Shore, will take off from the starting line in Hopkinton for the running of the 102nd Boston Marathon, the world's preeminent 26.2 mile road race.

A good portion of the runners, both official entrants and unregistered 'bandit' runners, will complete the race in downtown Boston later that afternoon.

Along the way, these runners will pass several hundred thousands fans who have lined the scenic 26.2 mile course that winds through Wellesley, Newton and eventually Boston.

However, many of those who trained for the last six months in preparation for the race, won't go the distance.

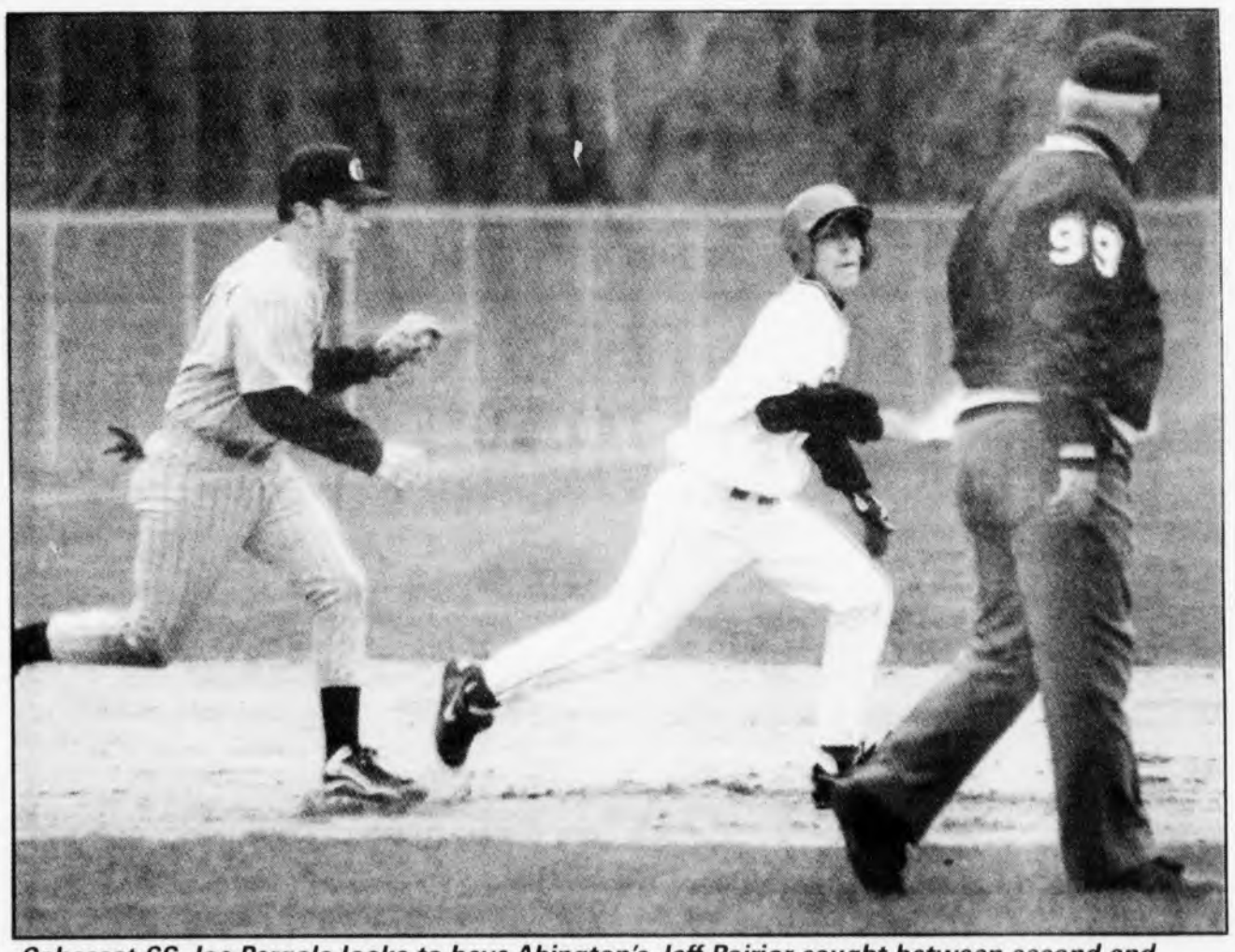
But no matter what happens, the pageantry and history of the Boston Marathon will make Monday's race something special.

For Cohasset's Richard Kennedy, Boston is not really a race. It's more like a beloved family tradition that's been passed from one generation to the next.

Kennedy has run in the race for 13 of the last 14 years. The one marathon he did was in the mid-80s was for an acceptable reason. He was in the hospital for the birth of his son Tyler.

"I can still remember being five-years-old and my parents taking me and my seven brothers and sisters into Coolidge Corner to see the Boston Marathon," said

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Cohasset SS Joe Pergola looks to have Abington's Jeff Poirior caught between second and third in a recent victory for the Skippers.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Batmen head into vacation at 3-3

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Despite inconsistent play which has at times been costly, the Cohasset Skippers varsity baseball team has quietly compiled a 3-3 record in the South Shore League.

Sandwiched between two key wins, Cohasset dropped an ugly one to Norwell. However, the team ended last week with a coasting 10-4 win over Abington and stunned Rockland Tuesday with a 9-7 victory.

With aces Greg Taylor and Joe Pergola unable to pitch an inning, Coach Bob Knurek has been forced to nearly exhaust his options for hurlers. However, the Skippers are two wins ahead of where league experts had predicted them, so it's hard for anyone to complain.

Following their important win over Carver Tuesday last week, Cohasset hosted the Abington Green Wave Thursday. Behind the masterful hurling of Ben Ketchum, the Skippers played perhaps their best all-around game of the year. Taylor exploded with a three-for-four day at the plate and senior captain Pat Hurley continued his phenomenal season at the bat, stroking the ball at an even .500 over the first six games.

Al Schwerin was a wall at third and Sean Parkinson, Cohasset's rapidly improving backstop, delivered a solid game behind the dish.

The Norwell game was a different story. Little seemed to go right for the visiting Skippers as Ketchum, pitching only four days after his seven inning gem against Abington, didn't have his best stuff.

Hurley did his best in relief, showing a gorgeous pick-off move to third base, which nabbed an overeager base-runner, but the Skippers couldn't stay close and fell 12-2 to the Clippers.

Cohasset utilityman Dan Mulligan made his varsity debut in right field and made a good showing. Superb fielding by Norwell and timely, rarely well-struck hits, were the order of the day for the home team.

After the loss to Norwell, a game which the Skippers had counted on having in their tournament quest, the Boys in Blue attacked Rockland with vigor. Hopping all over the Bulldogs' number-two starter, Cohasset posted nine runs in six turns at bat.

Jim O'Sullivan took the mound for the full seven and let his teammates do the work with their gloves. With Parkinson behind the plate calling a beautiful game, the Bulldogs couldn't solve a blend of fastballs, knucklers, curves and changes.

Rockland seemed to come alive briefly in the fifth, tallying five runs and tying the game at seven but often appeared as if they were going through the motions the rest of the game. Again, Schwerin was often brilliant at third and Taylor was reliable at short, while Chris Pratt made his first infield start and second base and showed savvy there.

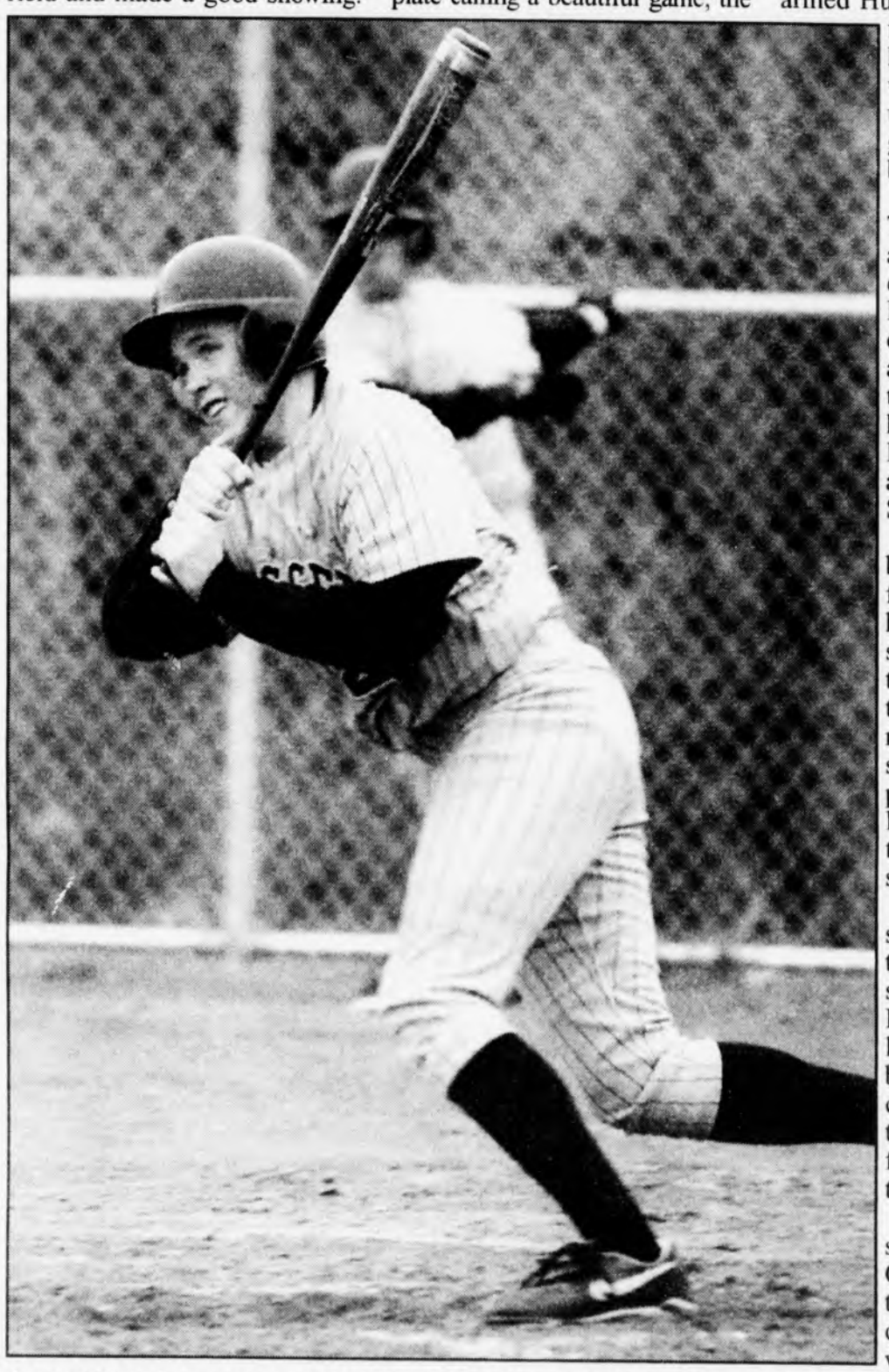
With a shore arm, Pergola played first base, while the similarly sore-armed Hurley trotted out to left field. Cohasset's staff has been put through the wringer, biding time until Taylor and/or Pergola can return and begin to eat up innings.

The bats talked again Tuesday, as Ketchum and Pergola both had big days at the plate. Pistol Pete Minnar, this Thursday's starting pitcher against Hanover, singled two runners with a base hit, and designated hitter Mike Rossi was once again in the midst of a Skipper rally.

Inconsistency has been a problem over the first six games, but Cohasset has begun to show glimpses of its potential. With Hurley batting .500 and Taylor already having collected seven extra base hits, run production is becoming less of a problem. It's time for the Skippers to start fine tuning.

"I think our team showed a lot of character today," Coach Knurek said in reference to the Rockland game. "Rockland came back at us, but we hung on. In crunch time, we made the plays. Our bats have finally come alive over the last few games."

While the pitching staff may be dragging, Cohasset has April vacation approaching, with only two games that week. If the team can pick up a pair of wins over the break and use the rest of the week to nurse itself back to health, the home stretch could be a fun one.



Intrepid Mariner correspondent Jim O'Sullivan lets loose with a vicious rip of a swing that was bound to have produced some sort of hit. With recent wins over both Rockland and Abington the CHS baseball squad has evened its mark at 3-3 going into the April vacation week.

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Marathon tradition continues for Cohasset runner

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Kennedy, who's now 38-years-old a physical therapist with four offices in the Boston area. "I've been in love with the Boston Marathon ever since."

Kennedy, who describes himself as a "voracious runner" since back in high school at North Quincy, has run the Marine Corp Marathon and the Las Vegas Marathon among other events but nothing can compare to Boston in his heart.

"I try to run two each year, but no matter what happens one of the races will always be Boston," said Kennedy. "There's something special about it."

Kennedy, who runs somewhere in the neighborhood of a three hour marathon, said he should be running about 50-60 miles each week building up to the race but the demands of his business and making time for the family make 20-30 miles of roadwork more of a realistic figure.

"There are some nights I get out of the office about 11 p.m., but I've been dreaming of getting out for a run for at least the last three hours," explained Kennedy. "It's how I relieve my stress."

Each year that he runs Boston, Kennedy brings along family and friends to cheer him on.

"This is the one complaint that I have," said Kennedy with a laugh. "After Heartbreak Hill (about 21 miles into the race) I must see at least 50 people that I know each year.

"I don't want to see people that far into the race, when I'm usually drooling, sweaty, staggering and having a hard enough time just trying to catch my breath," he explained. "I want everyone to get a seat early in the course, when I look like a stallion."

MARATHON RUNNER RICHARD KENENDY

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A number of other runners from Cohasset will be joining Kennedy at the marathon. The list includes John Cavanaro, William Cavanaro, Mark Chase, Don DeMichelle, Chris Haggerty, John Kornet, Francis Wallingford and Gregory Wallingford.

Marshfield's Mary Kate Shea, 36, is running in her third Boston Marathon. Her best time is 3:38. She is a member of the Marshfield Road Runners Club and will be running on Monday with several of the club members.

"The Boston Marathon is a unique event because of the intense crowd," she said. "There's a constant roar and it really inspires you as you move through the course."

However, Shea is more of a running purist and thinks the Boston Marathon has become a little too commercial over the last few years.

"The hype can be a little much," she said. "At heart, it's a race and I think some people have lost that along the way."

Shea has been running 40-60 miles per week in preparation for Monday's race. She has also adjusted her diet in preparation for the big day.

"My goal is to run 3:45 and qualify for next year," she said. "And my training has gone really well. I feel pretty good heading into the race and I'm hoping the weather will be mild. But you never really know until you get out there."

But there are some area runners who are Boston Marathon rookies.

Mark and Donna Richardson of Norwell are running in their first-ever marathon. The married couple has high hopes for the big race.

"We just want to finish," laughed Donna, who is 48. Her husband is 40. "That is our big goal."

Donna has been running for over 20 years but has never entered a marathon. Her husband is also a long-time runner but this year they decided to run the Boston Marathon together.

"I tried to get into the race two years ago by entering the lottery but this is the first year for us," she said. "We both have been training really hard and there's extra incentive for me because my husband is younger than me."

Donna said their two children, Allie, 7, and Tyler, 5, will be among those cheering for them on Monday.

"We have a bunch of people going to the race and we're hoping we don't let them down," she said. "We've been running 30-40 miles per week for the last few months and have done some long runs of 18 and 20 miles recently, so I feel ready."

Pace will be the key, according to Richardson.

"No matter what happens, we're both going to enjoy the day and not go out too fast," she said. "It's going to be a long race and we want to pace ourselves."

(David Wolcott contributed to this story)

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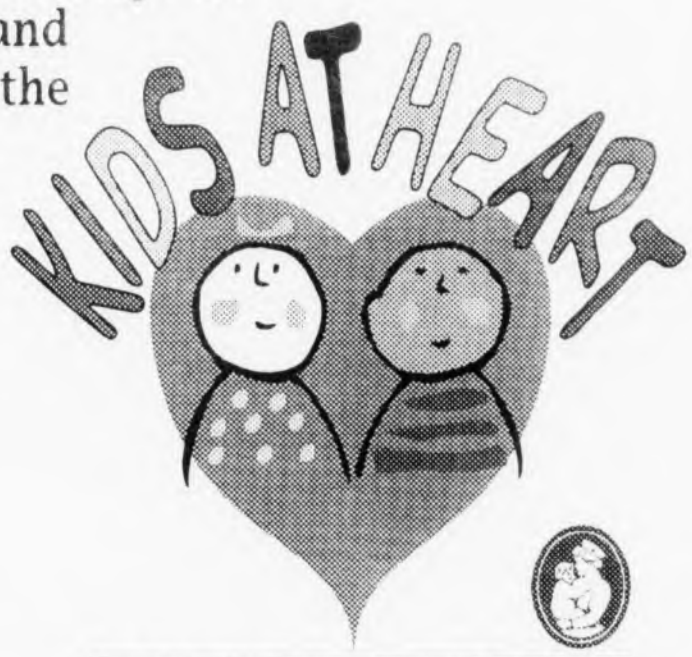
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FISH STORY

BY MARK TRASK

Trout have local fishermen on the run

With an excited group of junior high kids in tow, Steve Hurley led the way into the backyard of the school where the big green truck idled. Excited shouts and questions filled the cool spring air as Hurley swung up onto the back of the truck, wielding a silver and white net. Moments later a net-full of wriggling trout was hoisted into view and there was bedlam. A short time later only the occasional whiz of a car disturbed the serenity of a well-known pond as hundreds of trout were methodically lowered to the surface of the pond and freed. The first stocking was under way. A few short weeks and one heat wave later all the area stockings have been completed and anglers dot the banks of every pond and stream.

First word trickled in with a half dozen kids picking up crawlers and Power Bait and spinners and spoons. Harry said well I guess it's time to give it a try as he pinned on his new license and he was off with a smorgasbord of bait and lures. The time sailed by as I kept busy, preparing the thousands of items with which we stock the shop. A new rod rack was installed, more cases, rearranging reels to create more room for more gear. The afternoon sun was low when Harry returned, and his smile gave him away before he even shut off the engine. We met at the back of the pickup and leaned over to look into the five-gallon bucket strapped to the inside. Wow I breathed, you get one of these every year!

Sure enough, Harry's fish tipped the scale close to 2-1/4 pounds and we both smiled as his picture went up on the wall. Barry went out talking to himself and his mealworms when he saw it. What did he catch it on he hollered. In a second he was back in the store plucking a copper Thomas "Canduit" spoon from the wall and he was off. Next day Barry stopped in early and growled when asked about his luck. Went over to Norris he explained. I could see them rising all over the place. Think I could catch one of those @*&#$@!!. Later that afternoon he had his limit in a bucket and was excitedly planning the next trip.

All over Massachusetts the familiar green tank trucks are following time-honored traditions of stocking. First in February larger ponds and lakes around the state receive hefty loads of trout and brooder salmon. In a warm winter like this past one, many ponds remained open and ice fishing was but a dream. Now into April additional stockings of the ponds and brooks and streams takes place. Most years brooks and streams are running to overflowing with spring snow melt and sometime stocking is delayed until rampaging brooks return to their docile banks. This year the brooks were quite well-behaved and as a result all stocking has been completed. According to Cami, who ably holds down the fort at the Fisheries and Wildlife's Bourne office, all ponds have received at least three stockings and local brooks have been stocked once and crews will continue to stock trout through the first of May.

Locally stocking takes place in Hingham, Weymouth, Norwell, Cohasset, Scituate and Marshfield. Weir River and Plymouth River receive fish in Hingham, Whitman's Pond in Weymouth, Second and Third Herring Brooks in Norwell, Bound Brook in Cohasset and Scituate and Tack Factory Pond also in Scituate. Marshfield receives stocking in the tributaries of the South River above the Veteran's Park.

What to use is a common question for the new angler coming through the door. Live baits are natural food for trout and many take nightcrawlers or smaller garden worms or meal worms. Others prefer to use small shiners which also seem to attract early pickerel and perch that are in shallow stringing their eggs in the weeds near shore. Salmon eggs are a traditional trout bait and many are using the popular and successful Power Baits in a variety of colors. Other spincasters like to use minuscule swimmers like Rapalas and Rebels, spinners such as Roostertails, Mepps and Panther Martins and spoons. Gene regularly loads a half dozen LilTiger spoons into his tackle box and does well with them. Others like larger copper spoons, Al's Goldfish, Thomas', Kastmasters, Cleo's, SuperDuper's from Luhr Jensen and more.

Flyfishermen have been seeking Dark Cahill, and Hendrickson patterns for early hatches. Nymphs and dry flies are producing good action.

For anglers eager to tangle with stripers, Dick Turner reports that smaller fish are in the Mt. Hope Bay of Fall River and as far east as Wareham. He suspects the first will be caught this week on favorable tides at the Canal Herring Run. Early surveys seem to indicate a better than average year for the herring. There goes Mike, supersonic down Route 3! Other sightings of small bass have occurred as far north as the commuter boat landing in Hingham.

Get those boats ready! It looks like this will be an earlier than usual season. Check over your gear and get necessary parts and repairs done soon. Don't forget to spool up with fresh line before you tangle with the big one.

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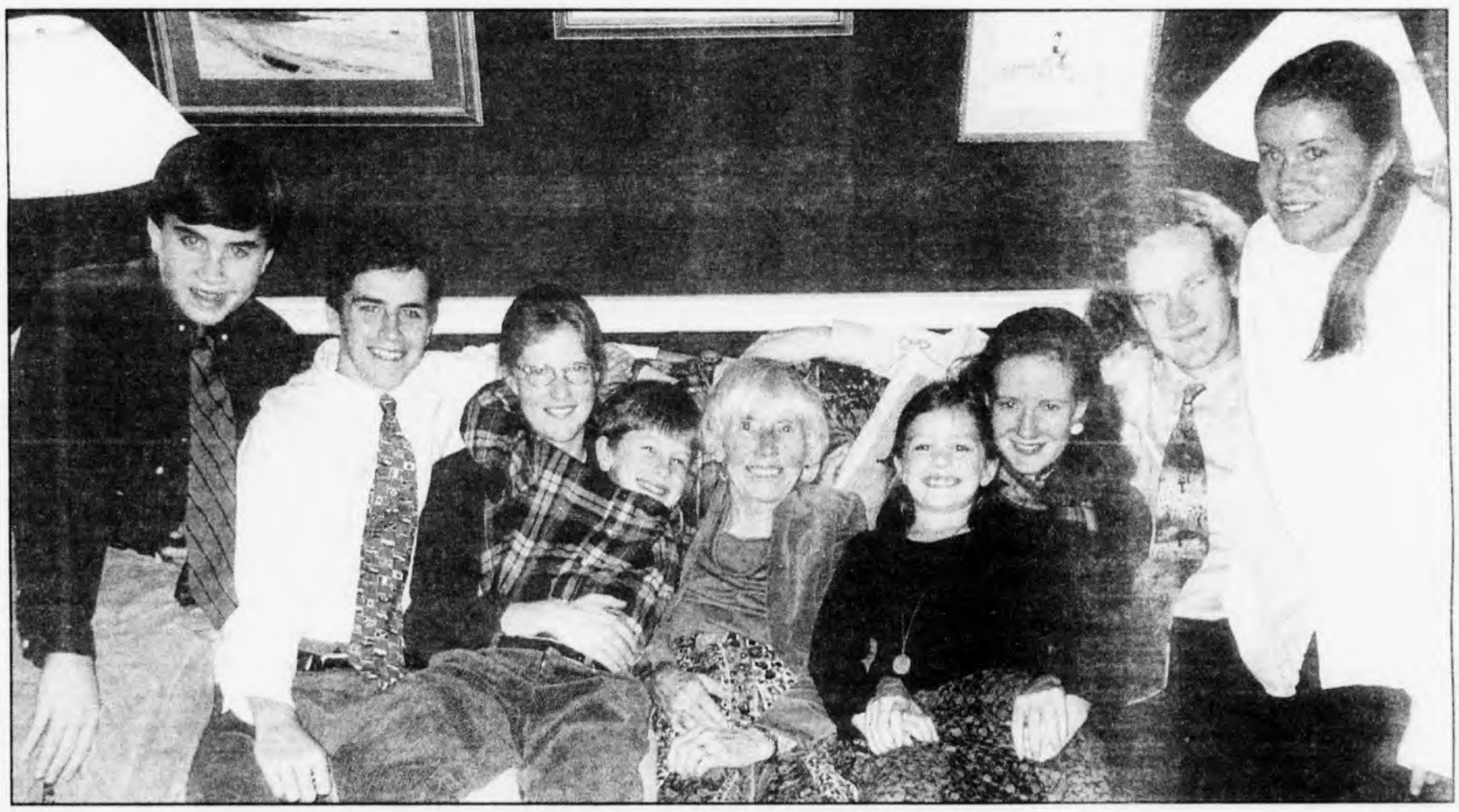
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1. What is your primary source of local news

Newspapers: *list in order*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Television

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Radio

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. How important is the following to you:

	Not Interested			*Very Interested*
Town Government news	1	2	3	4
Education news & features	1	2	3	4
Profiles of people	1	2	3	4
Housing/development stories	1	2	3	4
Real estate news	1	2	3	4
Senior citizen news	1	2	3	4
In-depth issue stories	1	2	3	4
Arts and Entertainment	1	2	3	4
Police logs	1	2	3	4
Movie Reviews	1	2	3	4
Sports	1	2	3	4
Local editorials	1	2	3	4
Letters to the editor	1	2	3	4
Editorial cartoon	1	2	3	4
Religious news	1	2	3	4
Wedding and engagements	1	2	3	4
Obituaries	1	2	3	4
Business news	1	2	3	4
Health news	1	2	3	4
Where to eat?	1	2	3	4
Environment	1	2	3	4
Transportation	1	2	3	4
News from surrounding communities	1	2	3	4
Which ones? _____				
Events calendar	1	2	3	4
From which towns? _____				

3. South Look is important to me for:

	Least important			*Most important*
Arts & Entertainment news	1	2	3	4
Real Estate news & feature	1	2	3	4
Classifieds	1	2	3	4
Real Estate advertising	1	2	3	4
Automotive advertising	1	2	3	4
Restaurant advertising	1	2	3	4

4. How do you rate the following publications?

	Least useful			*Most useful*
MPG's South of Boston	1	2	3	4
Boston Globe's South Weekly	1	2	3	4
Patriot Ledger's Real Estate guide	1	2	3	4

5. I would like to see more color photographs in the paper.

True False

I would like to see an improved design.

True False

6. How could we improve the paper? What would you like to see included?

_____

7. What are some of the things you enjoy most about the Cohasset Mariner?

_____

8. What are some of the local issues that concern you?

_____

9. Please list any good story ideas you may have for us.

_____

10. Which stores do you frequent in each of the following categories?

Local retail stores _____
Major chain outlets _____
Shopping malls _____
New car _____
Used car _____
Fashion _____
Convenience/grocery _____
Health and beauty spas _____
Florists/nurseries _____
Healthcare _____
Entertainment _____
Children's needs _____
Dining _____
Outdoor recreation _____
Travel _____
Home furnishing _____
Real estate _____
Financial/banking _____
Electronics _____
Appliances _____
Specialty gift shops _____
Gourmet food and wine shops _____
I normally go to what town to shop? _____

11. When reading advertisements, I notice the following in order of importance *(please rank).*

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OBITUARIES

Helen P. Horak

Helen P. Horak, 87, died of ovarian cancer at the Mediplex of Weymouth on April 1.

Born in Stoughton, Mrs. Horak was raised in Boston, graduated from Boston Public Schools and Fisher Junior Business College. She was a long-time resident of Milton before moving to Cohasset in 1987.

Active in numerous community and church organizations, Mrs. Horak was a past president of the Milton Women's Club; Worthy Matron of the Guy A. Ham Chapter, Order of Eastern Star; and a founding organizer of the Milton Animal League.

Besides a fondness for gardening, Mrs. Horak has a passionate interest in music. She taught piano and sang for many years in the choir of St. Michael's Church in Milton and the Choral Arts Society of the South Shore.

Mother of the late Richard A. Horak of Scituate, she leaves her husband of 64 years, Joseph A. Horak of Cohaaset; two sons, Kenneth L. of Humarock and Walter R. Of Scituate; two granddaughters; many godchildren, cousins and close friends.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Milton Women's Club, PO Box 41, Milton 02186; or to the St. Michael's Garden Fund, 112 Randolph Ave., Milton, 02186.

William R. Walsh

William R. Walsh, 72, a landscaper for Holly Hill Farm, died April 6 at home after a brief illness.

Mr. Walsh was born in Everett and attended Malden Schools. He lived in Malden before moving to Cohasset 40 years ago.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a member of the George H. Mealy Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Husband of the late Thelma J. (MacDonald) Walsh, he is survived by a son, William R. Jr. of Yarmouth, Maine; a daughter, Kathleen W. Oliver of Cohasset; and two brothers, Richard W. Of Weymouth and Robert of Melrose.

Donations may be made to Hospice of South Shore, 100 Bay State Drive, Braintree 02184.

Elizabeth Sinopoli

A funeral blessing for Elizabeth (Banko) Sinopli, 73, was celebrated Friday at St. Anthony's Church. Burial was at Woodside Cemetery.

Mrs. Sinopoli, a retired employee of the Cohasset School system, died April 6 at South Shore Hospital.

She was born and educated in Roscoe, Penn. An avid reader, she spent many hours at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

She was the wife of the late Vincent F. Sinopoli and is survived by three sons, Thomas V. Of Tauton, Nichoals A. Of Cohasset and Stephen D. Of Weymouth; two daughters, Sharon E. Fortune of Foxboro and Barbara A. O'Brien of Whitman; a brother, Joseph Banko of Penn.; and a sister, Suzanne Hanson of Arizona.

Donations may be made to Paul Pratt Memorial Library, children's area, 106 S. Main St., Cohasset 02025

Robert J. Hall

Robert J. Hall, 79, a founder of the Cohasset Little League and a former high school, college and semi-pro hockey player, died of cancer April 11 in Deaconess Hospital in Boston, after a brief illness.

Mr. Hall worked 40 years in the Boston Globe distribution center, the last 10 years part time, before retiring in 1983.

Mr. Hall played varsity hockey at Rindge Technical School and at Boston University. He was a member of the Rindge team that had an undefeated season in 1938. He also played semi-professional hockey in the Boston area.

Mr. Hall was born in Boston and lived in Cohasset for 50 years. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of the George Mealy American Legion Post and a former vice commander of the Cohasset Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

Mr. Hall is survived by his wife, Alice (Bailey); three sons, Robert J. Jr. of Cohasset, Daniel L. Of Jamaica Plain and John M. of New York; three daughters, Patricia O'Keefe of North Weymouth, Jane Osgood of Braintree and Margaret Hall of Vermont; a sister; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was also the father of the late Thomas E. Hall.

Donations may be made to the St. Anthony Parish Center building fund, 129 S. Main St., Cohasset 02025.

POLICE LOG

Monday, March 30

12:25 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
12:30 a.m., MV stop, Square.
6:06 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
6:22 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:01 a.m., medical aid, Red Gate Lane.
7:07 a.m., assist citizen, Summer St.
7:10 a.m., general services, Forest Ave.
7:37 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
8:29 a.m., medical aid, Norman Todd Ln.
9:08 a.m., transport, Sohier St.
11:04 a.m., vandalism, CJC Hwy.
12:25 p.m., Mv stop, CJC Hwy.
12:40 p.m., station coverage, School St.
12:45 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:51 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
4:07 p.m., medical aid, Miliken Field.
5:32 p.m., assist citizen, Ripley Rd.
7:30 p.m., suspicious (other), Hull St. by Clark Dr.
8:025 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St. by Riverside Dr.
9:35 p.m., suspicious (other), Hull St.
10:47 p.m., MV stop, Common area.
11:07 p.m., assist citizen, Pond St.

Tuesday, March 31

2:17 a.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.
7:16 a.m., medical aid, Red Gate Lane.
7:52 a.m., animal complaint, area of 15 Old Coach Rd.
7:54 a.m., animal complaint, area of 300 N. Main St.
7:55 a.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.
8:55 a.m., public service other, Pond St.
9:40 a.m., assist motorist, Atlantic Ave.

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Sealed bids will be accepted at the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025 **until 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 7, 1998,** at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bid forms and a copy of the Assessors' Map depicting the property are available at the Office of the Town Manager. Bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "TOWN OWNED LAND BID", along with the Map and Plot number of the lot clearly written on the envelope. A surety in the amount of ten (10%) percent of the bid price must accompany the bid.

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"The state did not reject this approach out of hand," Vanderweil said.

Individual homeowners' betterments would vary with the length of pipe, tank and pump needed depending on the circumstances at each site.

It is not clear where the town would store the equipment and what type of inventory control would be required. The components would have to be shielded from the weather.

Selectmen are grappling with how to sewer north Cohasset without the extra $2.7 million needed. The town appropriated $6.6 million last year for the project and subsequently passed a Prop. 2-1/2 override to spread half or $3.3 million of the cost among all taxpayers. But in December bids came in about 40 percent higher than expected. Phases 1, 2, 3, & 4 were bid separately in the hope of attracting smaller contractors and therefore more bidders. Last month, town meeting rejected appropriating the additional funds even though the town could recoup all of the money through betterments paid by the homeowners.

Selectmen and sewer commissioners have not ruled out going back to town meeting to ask for the money. If purchasing the equipment and letting private contractors install it is not feasible then selectmen said they will consider putting phases 2, 3, and 4 out to bid again but this time as a single contract. Fall town meeting would be asked to appropriate any additional funds to be paid in full by betterments charged to the users.

Selectman Diane Sullivan, who lives in phase 2 and has been an advocate of both the central and north Cohasset projects, said buying the equipment is not the way to go.

"It may be a viable alternative but it comes with a whole different set of problems for the homeowner," she said pointing to high on-site costs for construction.

But Bob Sturdy, 270 Jerusalem Road, said while town meeting supported the project it did not give the town a "blank check."

"Look at ways of accomplishing the task for fewer dollars," he said.

Sturdy said if homeowners hire their own contractors they can negotiate to get the lowest price.

But Selectman Nan Roth worried some homeowners are not in the financial position to pay for the installation up front. If the town contracts for the project, homeowners can repay the town through betterments assessed over 20 years.

Whatever happens, once the sewer main which will take about 500 days to install is in the ground, homeowners must hook up within about two years. The main is being subsidized with state money and the state is not in a position to build "dry mains," sewer commissioners said.

The town is under a court order to solve its sewer woes. The north Cohasset project which hooks up that part of town via a sewer main to the Hull treatment plant is part of an agreement with the state approved at town meeting about two years ago.

Rift between boards widens over Newtonville

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nothing more than cesspools draining right to wetlands and percolating up into the homeowners' yards.

Ulmer said the sewer commission has been aware of the problem for a long time, but has taken no action.

"We thought we had an agreement with the sewer commission to do these homes judiciously," Ulmer said. "But with these homes connecting to the Central Cohasset project, it will be fall before the project even goes to bid. Out of frustration, the board of health has issued an order to the sewer commission to hook up these homes or we will sue them."

The health board also ordered the four home to place their wastewater systems on "tight tanks," sealed tanks that serve as temporary wastewater systems. But tight tanks are imperfect and temporary Ulmer said. He pointed to the time the community center's tight tank overflowed, sending a stream of human feces spilling out into the streets of the Village.

Dan Coughlin of Tutela Engineering was surprised by the health board's latest decision.

"Newtonville was never part of the Central Cohasset equation until town meeting," Coughlin said. "There have to be plans and specifications which have to be approved by the state, the conservation commission, the board of health, and the town manager. It just can't be done overnight, but the health board has always been somewhat ignorant of construction factors."

But Ulmer said the health emergency was an overriding factor.

"We decided that the health risk was enough and want the sewer commission to hook them in at the end of the system now," Ulmer said.

Ulmer pointed out that the problem with the four homes has been around for a long time, but the sewer commission has refused to take action. He said the sewer commission required homeowners to submit to extensive testing, leaving people afraid that they would be forced to comply with Title V if they allowed inspections. Finally, Coughlin inspected the homes. He agreed that there is a health problem with those homes. But he pointed out that the health board was dealing with the problem in the short-term by requiring tight tanks, and the sewer commission planned to do the long-term sewering.

But Ulmer said it has been a long and frustrating process that continues to drag on with no sign of resolution.

"Ted refused to even look at the homes at first and fought against requests to let Dan Coughlin go out and take a look," Ulmer said. "Ted pooh-poohed it and said there was no health emergency at all. Ted only agreed to let these homes into the system after selectman Michael Sullivan browbeat him into doing it at a selectmen's meeting."

Ulmer said there are two locations where the sewer commission could connect the two homes: at the end of Elm Court or at the end of Stockbridge Street.

"These homes aren't miles from the nearest pipe," Ulmer said. "They're right near the terminus of the system."

Coughlin said the sewer commission actually would be using the Elm Court terminus for the four Newtonville homes. But that wouldn't change the realities of a time table restricted by the need for public bids and proper designs and approvals.

Ulmer said the health board feels it has no choice but to threaten the sewer commission with a lawsuit.

"We would go through with the suit only if they delay the hookups again," Ulmer said. "Town meeting approved these homes and it is up to the sewer commission as to when they will do it, but they are taking their sweet time about it."

Cohasset Harbor Marina growth plans sunk

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Paul Trendowicz of Beach Street who owns the marina off Parker Avenue wanted to add about 50 more slips to his boat docks.

The harbor committee was not only concerned with the $1.34 million federally-funded dredging project slated to begin in September but with the loss of town moorings and safety issues surrounding the increased traffic from more boats in Bailey's Creek. The creek runs between Goverment Island, the Hagerty and Trendowicz properties and Bassings Beach.

Parker Avenue neighbors wrote to selectmen this week objecting to the impact increased traffic and parking from the proposed expansion would have on their narrow street.

While selectmen asked Trendowicz to come back with his request after the harbor is dredged — his lawyer warned that the marina cannot wait.

Donald Connors, representing the marina, stopped short of threatening court action but said "you leave Cohasset Harbor Marina with no options, we must act. We have got to operate a business.

"We cannot just sit by and wait for sometime in the future, we have to do something."

Trendowicz said it would be a hardship for him to exist behind the federal anchorage line because he would lose half his boats due to lack of room. It had not been a problem before because dredging was not an issue. He faces fines of about $25,000 a day if his boats and slips drift into the federal anchorage area.

The matter is being raised now because about a month ago, Trendowicz learned his request to dredge the inter-tidal zone on the shore side of the marina was turned down by the state for environmental reasons. Those plans had been approved by the Cohasset Conservation Commission. Now he has no choice but to expand into the creek.

Trendowicz, who bought the 2.6 acre former Figueiredo property about four years ago, claims he owns the creek bottom and can get the federal anchorage area removed which would throw a wrench into the town's dredging plans. The dredging project is being done on the premise the town owns the property, his engineer said. Federal money cannot be used for private dredging projects.

But former selectman Peter Pratt, who has continued to help shepherd the dredging project through a myriad of permitting agencies, said a federal easement over navigable waters would supersede all other rights.

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'Doctor of dynamic' ends decade in community TV

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

After 10-1/2 years working in Scituate and Cohasset community television, Bob Belliveau has decided to hang up his TV camera and microphone for a new opportunity.

Belliveau, the program director for Scituate Community Television and former program director for Cohasset, steps down from his post at Media One on April 23.

"It hasn't been dull," Belliveau said of his more than 10 years working in community television. "I wanted to make community television feel like a good neighbor and I think I've done that. Now it's time for me to move ahead."

A longtime Weymouth resident, Belliveau has taken a position as Executive Vice President of Marketing and Communications with Quality Management Systems Inc. in Mansfield. The CEO of the international management consulting firm — one of his classmates from his master's program in management at Cambridge College — convinced Belliveau to join the company, he said.

Both communities will feel his absence — at Cohasset's town elections and town meetings, at Scituate's Selectmen meetings and special events, in the studio and around town.

Former talk show personality Wigmore Pierson hosted 'Pierson to Person' for 10 years on cable with Belliveau's help.

"Without Bob's technical expertise, knowledge and enthusiasm, 'Pierson to Person' would not have lasted five months," Pierson said. "He was the guy I relied on behind the scenes. He's a ubiquitous person — everywhere at the same time. We had a terrific run together."

Pierson, whose show went off the air last year, said Belliveau's departure marks "the passing of an era" for community television.

"I believe it is a tremendous loss for both Cohasset and Scituate in terms of what community television could be," he said. "(Media One) will never recapture the same enthusiasm for local programming as it had under Bob's leadership."

Belliveau heralds the "Pierson to Person" show as the "Cadillac" of the many endeavors he undertook at Media One. Belliveau and Pierson took the show inside the Plymouth County House of Correction and the John F. Kennedy Museum and were able to attract guests like then-Gov. William Weld and then-Senate President William Bulger.

"We did it with class. We did it with style. It was always fair and it was always objective," Belliveau said of the 10 years of broadcasts the pair produced. "I'm very proud of the work we did together. We were a team that worked."

Pierson described Belliveau as a "proverbial white tornado" while working in Scituate and Cohasset community TV.

"He was moving and communicating at break-neck speed. He was always doing five things at once and he was able to get all of them done," Pierson said.

During his career, Belliveau has made a point of being visible and accessible in town.

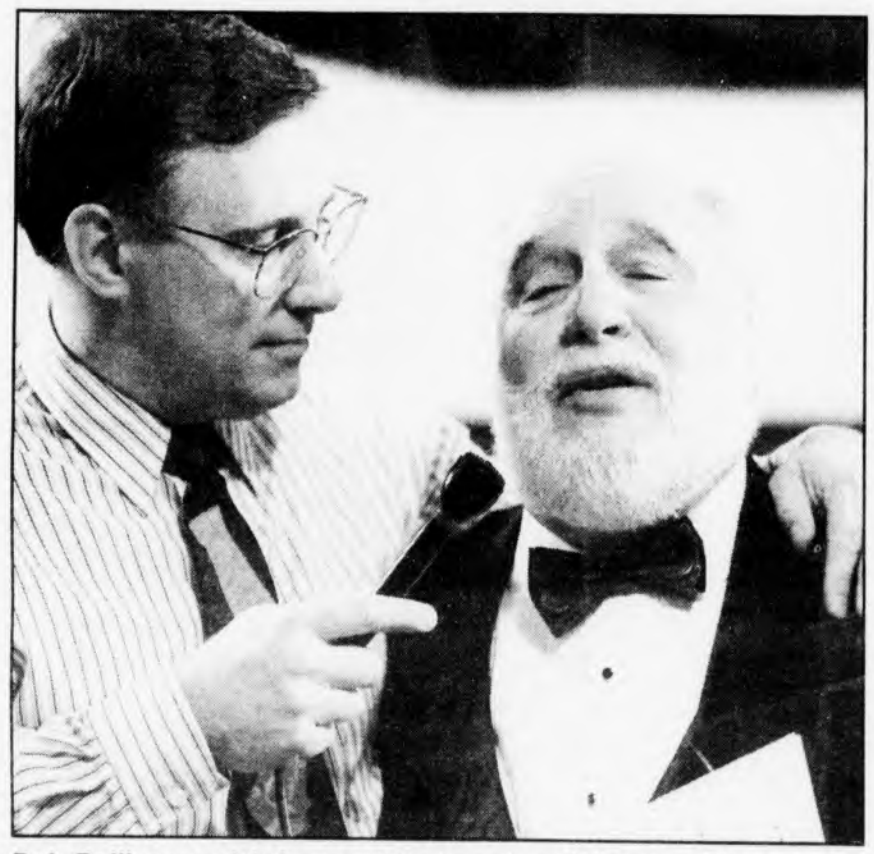
"Whenever someone comes in, I put down what I'm doing and say 'Hi, I'm Bob Belliveau, the doctor of dynamic,'" Belliveau said.

Among the highlights of his decade-long career at Media One Belliveau counts many accomplishments, including the live broadcast of Cohasset's town meeting two years ago from the South Shore Music Circus tent, wiring Scituate town hall for broadcast and outfitting a 13-foot-long truck as a mobile production van equipped with instant replay. He has also shepherded more than 200 volunteers through an education in comm[illegible] television at the North Scitu[illegible] dio.

Producing quality programming for 4,000 Cohasset homes and 6,800 Scituate homes has always been a serious responsibility to Belliveau. He said he could not have done it without the help of the many volunteers who give of their time each week — especially Peter Whitfield and George Bearce, whom Belliveau called his right hand men.

Shows like "Pierson to Person" and "Townie Talk" — a show focused on telling the unofficial history of Scituate through some of the community's better known "townies" — have made Belliveau's job enjoyable for him, he said.

"It means a lot to me that we're producing television that means something," he said.



Bob Belliveau with former talkshow host Wigmore Pierson at Pierson's farewell show last summer.

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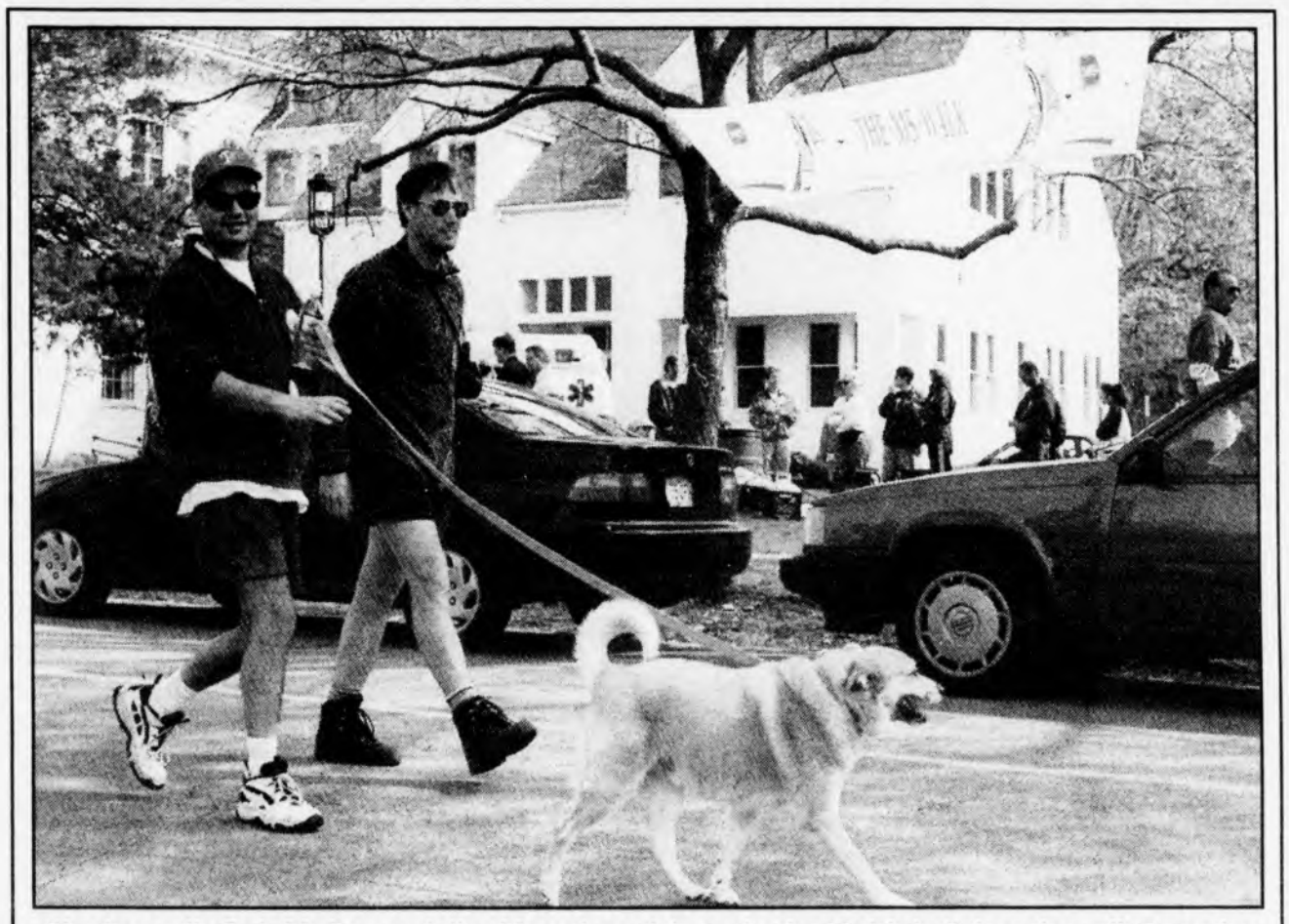
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Charity walk: Bob McGee and Jim Marvel participate in the Multiple Sclerosis walk Saturday through Cohasset. Photo/Fred Robertson

CHL sues town to overturn order

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The owners of the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill filed a lawsuit against the town in land court on April 14 to overturn an order by Building Inspector Robert Egan to permanently shut down the facility.

The action comes less than one week after the zoning board of appeals upheld Egan's decision to shut down CHL because of a permit violation. The ZBA also upheld an order by Egan ordering CHL to remove 7,800 square feet that had been dumped in a section of the landfill not approved for dumping. CHL is also suing to overturn the order to remove the illegal waste.

The zoning board is also named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

CHL was still open when The Mariner went to press on Wednesday.

The eight-page lawsuit asks the court to overturn Egan's decisions and to declare that the ZBA exceeded its authority by upholding those conditions and by ordering CHL to remove the overfill or face fines. In the lawsuit, CHL-attorney Anton Moehrke writes that the town cannot uphold the special permit because Cohasset once used the permit as the basis for a lawsuit against CHL.

"Because the town previously brought a successful suit to have

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Train's fate questioned by local legislators

But MBTA officials deny rumors train is dead

By Adrianne Appel
STATEHOUSE REPORTER

Two area legislators claim the Greenbush commuter rail line project isn't just stalled — but drawing its final breaths.

"My feeling is, after talking with top transportation officials, that we probably will not see that train," said Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, a vocal opponent to the restoration of the Greenbush line.

Spokesmen for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), however, called the claim a rumor and said the MBTA only needs to win environmental permission before moving full-speed ahead on the line that would connect Weymouth, Hingham, Cohasset, and Scituate to Boston.

"The Secretary of Transportation has made a clear commitment to Greenbush," said Joe Pesaturo, spokesman for the MBTA. Standing in the way of the project is environmental permission from Trudy Coxe, secretary of environmental affairs and the Army Corps of Engineers which must grant a permit because construction will involve filling in more than five acres of wetlands under federal jurisdiction.

The fact that the MBTA is planning another commuter line, between Boston and New Bedford, does not take any resources or commitment away from the Greenbush project, Pesaturo said. The latest plan is to not run the New Bedford train along the Old Colony Rail line, he said.

> ***"My feeling is, after talking with top transportation officials, that we probably will not see that train."***
> STATE REP. MARY JEANETTE MURRAY, R-COHASSET

Another MBTA official who asked not to be named said he received seven phone calls Tuesday about the viability of Greenbush. He questioned who was starting rumors that the Greenbush project is dead.

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Resident at magazine helm

Montgomery: at home on hot seat

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Imagine taking over as publisher of Boston Magazine in January, only to find the magazine at the center of a media hornet's nest. Timothy Montgomery, who grew up in Weymouth, found himself in just that spot starting last week. Yet the new publisher did not look singed from the proverbial initiation by fire.

"Welcome to Boston Magazine — the home of controversy," he said.

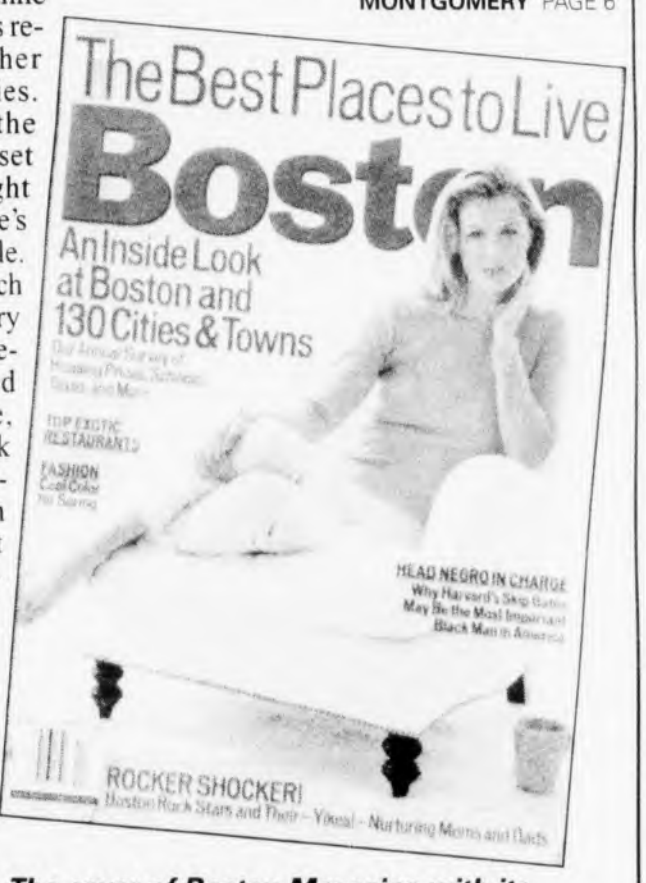
Timothy John Montgomery graduated in 1965 from Weymouth High, where he was vice president of his class. Now a Cohasset resident, he became the man at the center of the action last week after the NBC "Today Show" covered heated reaction to an attention-grabbing headline in Boston's April issue.

That headline, which the new publisher deems "regrettable," announced a story about Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates. Late last week, the furor was still building. Gates, the head of the Afro-American studies department, belatedly came out against the headline in an interview with the Harvard Crimson. Then Bell Atlantic executives issued a statement they were closely watching the magazine's response to the criticism and might withdraw their advertisements.

Montgomery spoke frankly about the verbal fireworks that followed the headline and the magazine's recent run of other provocative stories. He defended the Gates story and set the record straight about the magazine's position on the title. The headline, which echoes a derogatory phrase used to describe a privileged plantation slave, definitely took some people's attention away from a solid story about a significant person, he said.

"I regret that," he said. But the decision to go with the once-derogatory term was not meant to be racist. The same phrase is now "widely used by black intellectuals" and writers to slam the white establishment's practice of "picking one black as a spokesman for the race," in the words of editor Craig Unger. Montgomery also noted the contemporary meaning of the head-

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The cover of Boston Magazine with its headline sparking controversy.



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Joseph and Kerri Conley walk by grass being re-seeded on the town common, which has been attacked by grubs (beetle larvae) plaguing the South Shore. The tree and park department said pesticides have been applied and affected areas are being loomed and seeded.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Spring cleaning at water department

As the spring 1998 construction period has begun, C.W.S. wants to inform the residents of Cohasset as to the schedule of projects this year:

- Cleaning and lining on Pleasant Street April 10 - May 4.
- Cleaning and lining on Atlantic Avenue May 4-26.
- Cleaning and lining on Jerusalem Road May 26 - July 15.

C.W.S. would like to remind residents of Cohasset that temporary discoloration in the construction areas can happen off and on during the cleaning and lining process. The discoloration is only temporary and the water is safe to drink.

Streets to be resurfaced

The following streets are scheduled to be resurfaced (weather permitting), according to DPW Supt. Harold W. Litchfield. Residents should expect some delays when traveling these roads: Hammond Avenue, Joy Place, Elm Court, Border Street Pier and Hugh Strain Road.

Brush deadline extended

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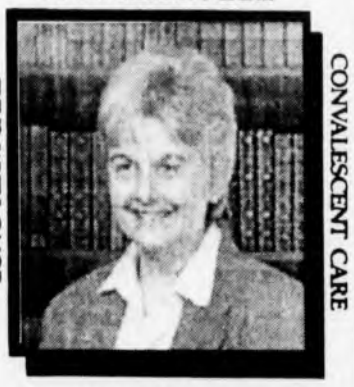
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WINDOWS INTO COHASSET

From shipping family home to gourmet pizza house

Village Colonial has a rich history

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

It served as the delicatessen in the movie "The Witches of Eastwick." But the Samuel Bates House at 35-39 South Main St. has a local legend brighter than its film credits. Built in 1811, the house epitomizes the changing character of the village. Now a "mixed use" building with offices in the basement, storefronts on the street level and an apartment upstairs, the building originally provided a handsome home for a member of a leading Cohasset family. Samuel Bates III was a grandson of the Bates shipping magnate. Bates became a selectman, town clerk and treasurer. His brother Newcomb Bates, a Colonel in the militia, built the house next door where Cards and Shards is located. Their father Samuel Bates, Jr. built another Heritage Trail house at 63 Highland Ave. Samuel, Jr. drowned near Brush Island in 1803 after a shipwreck. The family was out of the maritime business shortly after, though Bates relatives took over the shipping line later. The Bates built the Ship's Chandlery now standing on Elm Street almost directly across from the house. (The chandlery was sawed in half in the 1950's and moved from its original location on the wharf. For a while, the ghost of Samuel's relative John Bates was said to haunt the upstairs office, though his spirit is said to have since left.)



The Samuel Bates House on South Main Street in the village will soon house a gourmet pizzeria on one side. The other side is still for rent.

Tuesday, the view from the south side of the house puts a frame around the village Maritime Museum. With the tree in the front yard beginning to blossom and spread shade over the grass, the Bates House looked comfortably anchored in Cohasset regardless of the changes it has survived.

> ***"If you look at the stores downtown, they were primarily built as homes."***
> — NOEL RIPLEY, HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The first floor has been used for businesses for at least 17 years, according to Karen Kirkendall of Coastal Countryside Properties. Kirkendall remembered a bookstore, a bakery, a fabric shop and a gift shop in the space at various times. The commercial space inside the building is now vacant, but a gourmet pizzeria is expected to open soon in the space Zinnia's Cafe left. The other store front is still for rent. The property is owned by the London Company.

In its glory days, the house was originally a home, according to Noel Ripley, the chairman of the Historical Commission. Originally, only "Mom and Pop" establishments operated in the village because most of the commerce in the town's early days was carried out at the harbor.

"If you look at the stores downtown, they were primarily built as homes," Ripley said. "They had everything from a Chinese laundry to a bowling alley, and it was all down at the harbor." Though the Cohasset Savings Bank occupied the house around 1853 when the bank first started, the house became a private home again later. According to David Wadsworth of the Historical Society, the Bates House was "probably one of the last houses in the village used entirely as a residence."

Or almost entirely. During the 1950's Edith Grassie and her two children, Isabelle and Albert, lived there. But Grassie, the owner of Cohasset Taxi, also ran a livery business out of her living room. Wadsworth drove a cab for her. He said Grassie used to come along for the ride, sitting in the front seat. Most of the time, they picked up people at the train or took other "regulars" shopping.

"She knew most everybody," he said. "Most of the customers were regulars." When they were not out on calls, Grassie and Wadsworth used to sit in her living room. She watched soap operas in the afternoon while she waited for the customers to telephone. Grassie kept two "big Dodge sedans" in the taxi parking spaces. It was located almost exactly where the crosswalk is marked now.

Wadsworth said the store fronts were added after she left the Bates House, although businesses did operate on the first floor earlier, probably by the late 1800's. He doubted the house was originally built with a store on the first level. Edward Everett Ellms also lived in the house. He was a farmer. The first Heritage Trail Houses book named the house after him, though he was not the original owner.

Though the Historical Society has no record of the architect, Wadsworth believes the original building probably was built following a "plan book." He said the Colonials in Cohasset look so similar the builders probably followed commercially-produced designs.

"Most of the houses were fairly plain. They weren't high style. The decorative work was probably added later.

"It's a nice late Colonial house of the federal era," he said.



The staircase is one of the features that make the Colonial Bates house reminiscent of the residence it once was.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman



The front door of the Samuel Bates House on South Main Street.

Greenbush train's fate questioned by local legislators

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"Nothing has changed," and the project is moving forward, he said.

Murray said the MBTA is looking for a way to dump the project because it has dragged on for more than a dozen years. Now it is competing for capital funds with the Big Dig.

"It's dragged on too long," she said.

People close to the Weld-Cellucci administration have told her that the project is dead, Murray said.

"That's what I'm hearing. Nothing official," she said.

"It's been kept on life support. It's been kept alive out of political reasons," said Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth.

A major reason former Gov. William Weld backed the plan was to give a "nod to the South Shore Chamber [of Commerce]," said Hedlund, a strong opponent of the rail line.

Hedlund said that, at a recent meeting in Hingham, Cellucci asked him for advice about "what to do about the train."

Hedlund told Cellucci he could do what is politically correct or he could do the right thing and kill the project.

"It was a weird exchange," Hedlund said.

The project also has been hit with vocal opposition from many of the communities the train would serve. Environmental questions have been raised about the impact of diesel rail on the coastal area through which the train would run.

But Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, said Murray's information "doesn't make any sense.

"It's the regurgitation of old news that no one should be excited about," Hynes said. He has heard nothing but unwavering commitment from MBTA officials about the project.

Hynes agreed with MBTA officials that the New Bedford line will not compete with Greenbush.

"I would say that the New Bedford project is more fragile than Greenbush," he said. It is not as far along as Greenbush and is not as much of a priority."

Further, he said the House Committee on Transportation recently included language in the upcoming transportation bond bill that would protect Greenbush from encroachment by the New Bedford line.

The original plan for the New Bedford line was for it to connect up to the Middleboro line which along with the Old Colony Kingston line goes onto one track in Braintree. The track is already too congested with trains running along the Old Colony line, Hynes said. Greenbush trains will also share those tracks when its trains start running.

The language in the transportation bond bill, which is months away from being approved by the full legislature, recommends that the New Bedford line run through Stoughton, not Middleboro. This would completely avoid the Old Colony line. The New Bedford trains would originate in Back Bay Station, not South Station like the Old Colony lines.

Hynes is optimistic that, despite some vocal opposition, the project will prevail, he said.

If the project wins approval, it will move into the design phase by spring 1999, Pesaturo said. Construction would begin in the summer and be completed by the summer 2001, he said.

But, "we're not going to start rail service unless all those questions have been answered," Pesaturo said. "We're a 100 percent committed to moving forward once we have all those permits."

The project's current cost estimate is $285 million, up from $215 million. The costs have increased due to the project's delay and mitigation activity in most of the towns the train will run through.

"Each community is interested in mitigation for noise and vibration," Pesaturo said.

"We'd like to avoid litigation," he said.

The legislature has authorized about $50 million so far toward the project. The MBTA will have to return to the legislature for more funds after the project receives environmental permission to go forward, Pesaturo said.

A spokesman in the office of Sen. Mark Montigny, D-New Bedford, said the legislature authorized $136 million toward the New Bedford line in the 1996 transportation bond bill.

New Bedford badly needs and wants a rail line, he said.

"If Greenbush doesn't want it, we'll take it," he said.

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Neighbors protest Sheldon Road boathouse proposal

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The area around Atlantic Avenue and Sheldon Road is something out of an old seaman's dream. It is a sea-loving neighborhood that contains many stately homes and boathouses. But, according to some residents of the neighborhood, a new boathouse proposed by a Sheldon Road resident is far too big for the area and possibly even illegal.

The zoning board heard a request by Stephen Bobo, 11 Sheldon Road, on an appeal of a petition to build a new boathouse on his property. Building Inspector Robert Egan originally rejected the request because Bobo's house is on a non-conforming lot — the required lot size for the area is 60,000 square feet — but Bobo's property is only 40,000 square feet. The zoning board took the matter under advisement at a meeting two weeks ago.

Several abutters opposed the project.

"We're faced with a situation where an individual is trying to build a truly massive structure," said Sam Wakeman of 255 Atlantic Ave. "I truly believe the applicant and his father will build steel boats. I heard the senior Bobo (health board member Stephen Bobo) talk of building steel boats. This is a quiet neighborhood."

Attorney Richard Henderson represented Wakeman before the zoning board. Henderson said the bottom line was that the lot is non-conforming.

"This is a 40,000 square-foot lot in a 60,000 square-foot lot zone," Henderson said. "You're being asked to take what was vacant land and to expand the lot by combining the two pieces."

> ***"There is no plan at this time, nor will there ever be, to build a steel boat. The only boats we ever sold were our personal boats after many years of use. There has never been any profit motive in any of this. It's a hobby."***
>
> — VIVIAN BOBO

Bobo currently has a plastic greenhouse-like structure that he uses to store, build and repair boats. Bobo wants to replace the greenhouse with a 24-foot-high, 40-foot by 22-foot boathouse. Bobo said the new boathouse would be built with Victorian-style architecture that is more in character with the neighborhood.

Bobo's attorney, Charles Humphreys, said Bobo's property was originally made up of two connected, but legally separate lots. Bobo applied for a building permit last June for a different structure. That permit was approved. Then when Bobo stated his intention to build the boathouse, Egan told him it would be better to combine the two lots into one large lot. Bobo followed Egan's advice. Then when Bobo combined the lots and applied for a new building permit, Egan rejected the project.

"Mr. Egan informed my client that where this was an accessory use, the lots should be adjoined," Humphreys said. "My client disadvantaged himself by following that advice and then the building inspector rejected the request."

Accessory uses, such as boathouses and garages, are allowed on conforming lots as a matter of right. But at 40,000 square feet, Bobo's combined lots fall far short of the 60,000 square foot minimum for a conforming lot. But Humphreys argued that the new boathouse would not be an expansion of a non-conforming use, and should be allowed as a matter of right.

Others disagreed.

Jerome O'Callahan, formerly of Hingham and now at 12 Sheldon Road, said he was told by a Realtor that the greenhouse was a temporary structure that would be removed eventually.

"We were told it was going to be torn down, then expanded, and now it's going to be a structure bigger than my house," O'Callahan said. "There is a commercial operation there that you have to look at."

Several other residents accused Bobo of using the structure as a commercial operation to build and then sell boats.

"I think there's a business going on there," said planning board member Bill Good of 66 Atlantic Ave. "This is a detriment to the safety of the residents and an affront to the neighborhood. They're using power tools at all times of the day. I think the best indication of future performance is past performance, and this should not be allowed."

Bobo's mother, Vivian Bobo, spoke in favor of the proposal. She also denied accusations that her family built boats for profit or intended to build steel boats.

"We've always had a very good relationship with the neighbors and I'm very surprised by all of this," she said. "There is no plan at this time, nor will there ever be, to build a steel boat. The only boats we ever sold were our personal boats after many years of use. There has never been any profit motive in any of this. It's a hobby."

Humphreys added that the proposed boathouse wasn't that large and was dwarfed by a nearby barn on a neighbor's property.

"The most important thing this does is move all outdoor activities inside," Humphreys said. "By confining these activities in the boathouse, we will be making an improvement."



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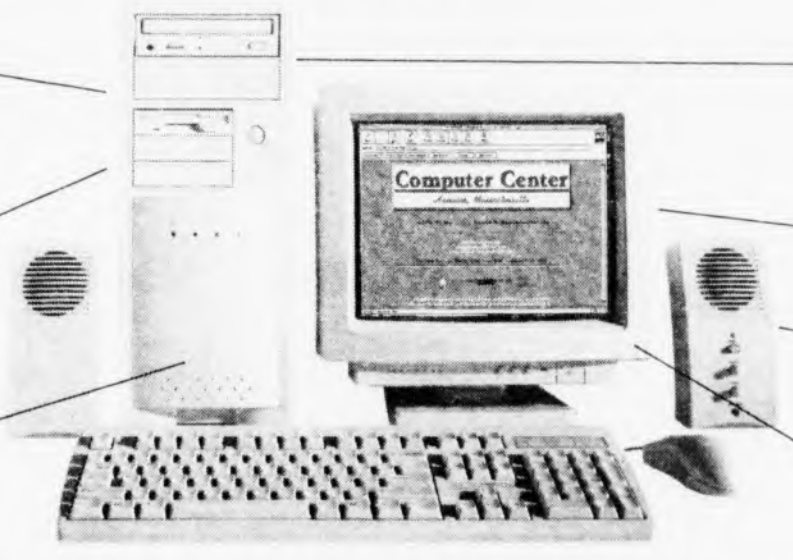
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Montgomery: at home on hot seat

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line was explained in the story, and the professor was consulted about the title in advance.

"Gates knew about the headline and had no problem with it," he said, though the professor apparently later changed his mind. The publisher also contradicted reports the management has not issued an apology but only expressed "regret." The editor already has said he was sorry the headline caused "any pain," according to Montgomery.

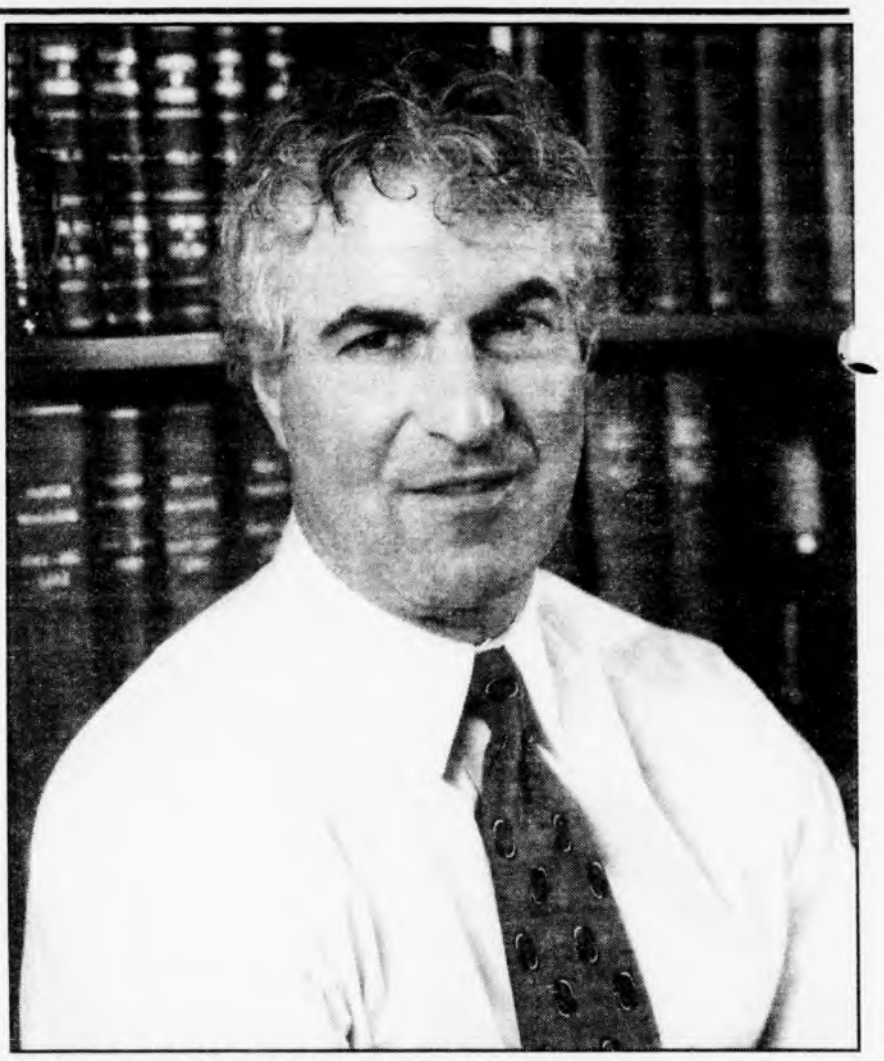
"The fact of the matter is, we have apologized," he said. "It may seem like dancing on the head of a pin making a distinction between regret and apology. But a first-class important piece of journalism is being lost in the debate over a headline. Boston Magazine has stepped out in an important way in discussing issues of race which are important to this community."

Montgomery agreed Boston Magazine has continued to go after controversial subjects, while other magazines have turned exclusively to the tourism market. Though the magazine covers the city restaurant and entertainment beats, a sample of recent stories has also provided food for thought for pundits and Pulitzer Prize winners. Since January when he took over as the publisher, Boston Magazine has been everywhere.

"There has been a fair amount of publicity around the magazine since I've been here. We have had a couple of controversial stories," he said, citing an article about the "new" Irish and another attention-grabbing headline "Dead Kennedys." That story followed the Dec. 31, 1997 accidental death of Michael Kennedy, a former Cohasset resident and the son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Montgomery defended the Boston Magazine brand of journalism and said the headlines were not chosen to be "cynical" but because they fit the story.

This is Montgomery's first experience with print media. For the past 12 years, he worked in radio, primarily as an owner of a group of stations sold last year before he became director of broadcast operations for the Phoenix Media Communications Group in Boston. He got the opportunity at Boston Magazine after the owners decided they wanted someone with a broadcasting background.



Cohasset resident Tim Montgomery

"I was skeptical at first," he said. But he liked the emphasis on energy and promotions. Running a magazine is much like running a radio station, he said. It's a collaboration, he said.

Montgomery got his start in broadcasting in college when he landed a summer job as an NBC page at the Rockerfeller Center studios in New York City. He worked for the "Tonight Show with Johnny Carson" for two summers on a variety of assignments and made up his mind then he wanted to do something in radio or TV.

As for Carson, Montgomery found him "a bit aloof." The star "nodded" to him when Montgomery brought him his shirts before the show. Otherwise, he particularly remembered guest appearances by then Democratic party presidential candidate Hubert Humphrey and the late actress Sharon Tate. He could not say why Humphrey made an impression. Tate stuck in his mind because she became a victim of the Manson gang soon after her Tonight Show appearance.

Montgomery lived in the East Village while he worked at NBC and sampled the variety of people drawn to New York City in the late 1960s. For instance, the tenant in the apartment one floor below was Louis Abolofia. Though never a star of Carson's luminance, Abolofia may have been the most famous character in the East Village. He ran for president in the 1968 campaign as the nude candidate. His slogan — "I have nothing to hide" — was emblazoned on the side of the East Fourth Street apartment building along with a giant picture of the candidate holding a guitar.

"Here I was in the epicenter of the hippie world, and I had to walk out of that apartment building in a suit to go to work every day at NBC," he laughed. "It was a wild, wacky place."

After graduation from Bowdoin College, Montgomery did a stint as a Vista volunteer. Then he landed a job at new WBCN radio in Boston.

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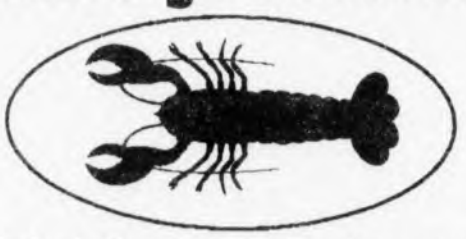
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Best vacation: Four-wheel driving with our jeep over the dunes and fishing with the kids on Martha's Vineyard.

Best day of your life: The day I married my husband and we began our life together.

Biggest worry: That there are not enough hours in the day to do what I want to do.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite TV show: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

Favorite movie: "Man from Snowy River."

Favorite book: My children's baby books.

Favorite junk food: Pizza.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Denting the Sunrise bus the day of the open house!

Person you'd most like to meet: Jesus.

Pet peeve: Disorganization.

Garden Club meets April 28

The monthly meeting of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset will be held on Tuesday, April 28 at Walton Rodgers Hall at St. Stephen's Church. The President's Tea will be held at 12:00 noon and the meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. The club will be hosting Garden Club presidents from the south shore district.

Joseph Hudak, author and nationally recognized landscape architect, will present a program on adaptable, needled evergreens for garden and civic uses in sun and semi-shade.

BUSINESS NOTES

The Shoe Market arrives in Cohasset

The Shoe Market, a new retail store, opened April 13, at 380 Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) in Cohasset. The Shoe Market will offer substantial savings on brand name footwear by offering a unique blend of first quality and current season's merchandise, as well as discontinued styles and irregulars. Inventories will emphasize complete size and width offerings.

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The Shoe Market occupies 5,400 square feet at the former Appleseeds Clothing Company in the Super Stop & Shop Plaza.

Executive elected to St. Elizabeth's board

St. Elizabeth's Medical Center of Boston's board of directors has elected Matthew E. Galligan of Cohasset, managing director and head of Fleet National Bank's real estate investment banking unit, to its membership.

Before joining Fleet, Galligan was managing director and co-head of BankBoston's real estate capital markets area, where he was responsible for syndication and placement of mortgage products.

He held a variety of positions with Chase Manhattan Bank beginning in 1986, including vice president and team leader of real estate and manager of Chase's global training program.

With a bachelor's degree in economics and accounting from the College of the Holy Cross, Galligan holds a master's in business administration from New York University.

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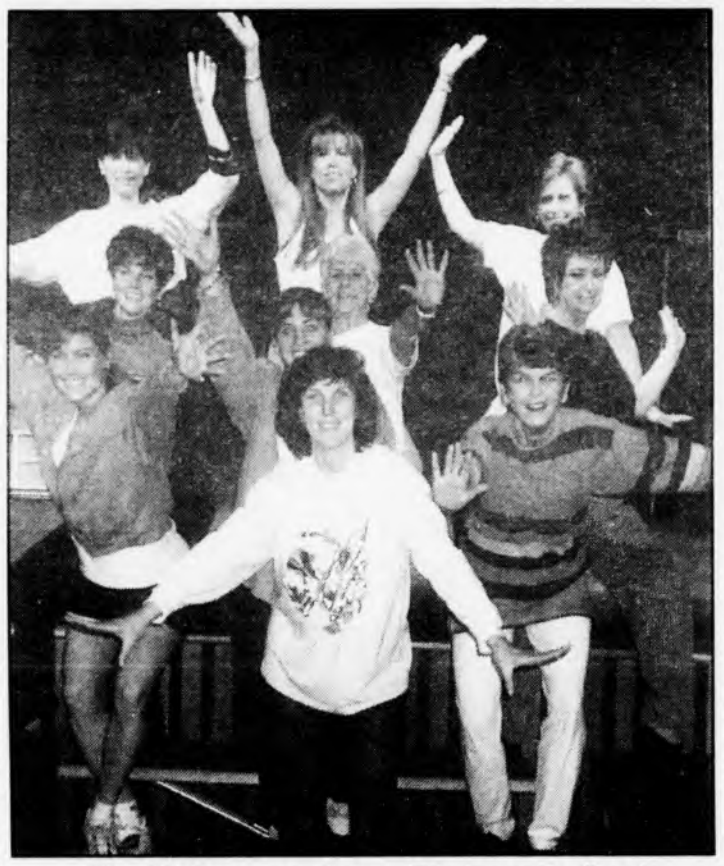
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ANNUAL DECORATOR SHOW

Another event not to be missed is the Junior League of Boston's 27th annual Decorator Show House open now through May 22! This year it is being held in a Charlestown Navy Yard 1830s Greek Revival Mansion, at an old Sea Captain's home! You will recognize one of the decorators' names, Robin (McCarthy) Pelissier — she is the daughter of Jim and Pat of Bancroft Road. Robin operates "Robin's Nest" out of her home in Hingham, and has re-done the kitchen in a pre-World War II look. Her ideas are always unique, and have great appeal — as does the whole house from what we hear! The McCarthys must be so proud of Robin and her efforts, we surely are!

A TRUE GENTLEMAN

It was a sad time in Cohasset last week, with the passing of Bob Hall — he was one of the "Originals" — a true gentleman, a wonderful father and a man devoted to the youth of our town. Mr. Hall represented everything good in a person, and every life he touched was made better for it! Our hearts go out to the Hall family, as do our thoughts and prayers!

COMMUNITY HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

The Social Service League and the Cohasset Board of Health have news for you — they are sponsoring a Community Health Awareness Day Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church Hall, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset. There will also be free health screenings.

ELDER AFFAIRS MAY TRIPS

Cohasset Elder Affairs has announced the trips planned for May, and it will make you glad that you are an Elder! On May 6, the Butterfly Museum in Westford; May 13 is a trip to the Arnold Arboretum (all walking); on May 19, a wonderful place of beautiful things; May 20, Rhododendron at Heritage Plantation; and May 27 Chanticleers. All of the above sound great, don't they?

UNIQUE SPRING BREAK

Charles Endris, the son of Steve and Ellen Endris of Black Rock Road, is participating in Hamilton College's sixth annual alternative spring break program.. This program provides students with the opportunity to engage in volunteer work during the first week of their spring break, and Charles is at one of six sites (either the Tennessee Trails in Nashville, New Bern, N.C., Centro Campesino Farmworkers Center in Florida City, Richmond, Jacksonville, Florida, or Kentucky). The goal of the program is to increase participants' awareness of social issues while generating an interest in community service work. A senior majoring in geology at Hamilton, Endris is a graduate of Cohasset High School.

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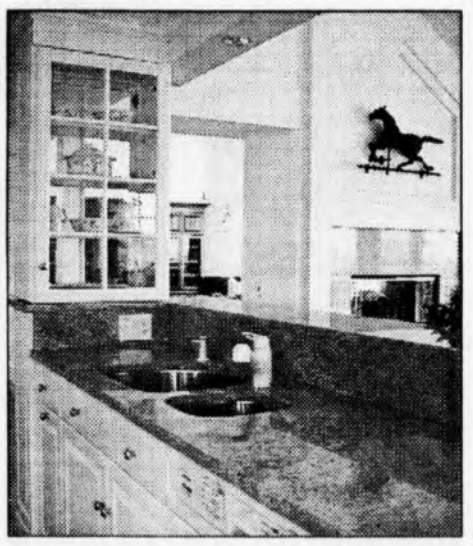
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DAR honors good citizen award recipients

On Sunday, April 19, the Col. Thomas Lothrop/Old Colony chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a tea to honor this year's recipients of the DAR Good Citizen Award. This award is given annually to members of the senior class of accredited high schools. This program is on the National Association of Secondary School Principals list of contests and activities. The students are selected by the faculty and voted on by the members of the senior class. They must have the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

The students honored this year are Alia Afsher, of Cohasset High School, Wendy Ciovacco, of Hingham High School and Stephen Masrell of Rockland High School.

Alia Afshar, daughter of Nader and Connie Afshar of Cohasset, has been active in school as a peer counselor, member of the National Honor Society and Volunteer Action Group. She traveled to Appalachia with the ASP and to Belize. She will be majoring in International Relations at George Washington University next year.

Wendy Ciovacco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ciovacco of Hingham is a member of the National Honor Society and has played field hockey and softball. She helps at the Hull Food Pantry. She will be attending Harvard University next year and plans to become a doctor.

Stephen Masrell, son of David and Cathy Masrell of Rockland, is a member of the National Honor Society and helped form the Rockland Student Alliance to improve understanding between students. He is also a student trustee at the South Shore Natural Science Center and serves as a counselor at their summer day camp. He will be pursuing a career in Government at Providence College.

Also, receiving the award from Hull High School is Deborah Fleck. Debbie is president of her class, a member of the National Honor Society and on the Student Council. She is a peer tutor. She is also captain of the field hockey and softball teams.

The students were presented with certificates and pins from the DAR. They will also be receiving citations from the State House.



The DAR honored Alia Afshar, who has been active in school as a peer counselor, member of the National Honor Society, Volunteer Action Group and the Appalachia Service Project. Alia is shown here with state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray.

AROUND TOWN

ART CENTER EXHIBITION

The South Shore Art Center announces its latest exhibition "Under One Roof: Prints from Experimental Etching Studio/EES Arts. The opening reception will be held May 8 from 6 to 8 p.m., and will run through June 14. Be sure to go in and "take a peek."

RED LION INN PLANS

Hats off to Gerd Ordelheide and his wonderful-sounding plans for the Red Lion Inn! His plans for making the building into a "first class country inn and restaurant" sound oh-so-good! Hopefully it will go off without a hitch; what a great thing it would be for all of the town, especially the center! We sure wish you the best of luck with your efforts! Cannot wait —

SIGNS OF SPRING

Finally, isn't it grand to note all of the signs of spring around town? The South Shore Music Circus has its schedule out (be sure to pick one up if you haven't seen it yet, everyone is raving about it being the best season yet), the Little League Field is abuzz with bats and balls and players all over, the spring flowers are in bloom, and families are spotted walking all over town! Yeah!

Spring also brings tons of news, so don't forget to report yours so that we may all enjoy it — share the pride!

— Sallyann
383-0560

Recent Pinewood Derby results

Pack 38 Cub Scouts held their Annual Pinewood Derby Race at the Deer Hill School in March. The winners—first, second and third place— qualified to compete in Cranberry Harbor's District Pinewood Derby.

Pack 38 winners are:

Tiger Cubs: 1) Ryan Daly, 2) Andrew Liberty, 3) Wesley Ulmer.

Wolf: 1) Peter Sanchez, 2) Greg Gallagher, 3) Devon Bell.

Bear: 1) Brent Daly, 2) Brian McHelland, 3) Robert Hertig.

Webelo II: 1) Adam Heracz, 2) William Carbonne, 3) Andrew Jerz.

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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

The Garage

If any of you are discouraged about tomorrow, just stop by the old DPW garage in the town parking lot.

Something is going on there, that is both young and exciting.

A handful of teenagers with vision to see beyond the cinder-block walls and oil stained floors are hard at work building a dream. They see a place to call their own. A place that can be transformed with their own hard work into something really special.

Anyone whoever built a tree house or fort when they were kids knows the exhilarating feeling of pure creation.

To the seasoned eye, the old garage is an eyesore looking for a wrecking ball.

But to a group of Cohasset teens, it's a structure with a future.

'The youth gets together his materials to build a bridge to the moon, or, perchance, a palace or temple on the earth, and, at length, the middle-aged man concludes to build a woodshed with them."

— HENRY DAVID THOREAU

They "robbed the shed," as junior Tony Bramblett said, and brought their tools to the garage where they hammered and nailed for hours over the weekend.

Plans are to construct rest rooms, a snack bar and office area on one side and eventually turn the other side into a hall where dances can be held.

Months ago Tony and classmate Jami Butman brought the idea of transforming the old garage into a teen center to selectmen. Their idea set the stage for the youth resources committee, created by selectmen to take a look at the big picture of coordinating youth activities in town under a single umbrella.

While Tony and Amy and their friends initially didn't want a lot too many adults getting in the way — the YRC, which includes teenagers among its members, has turned out to be a real positive. Jack Worley, who for more than two decades has been at the helm of the town's recreation department, is serving as a most capable advisor.

It's too soon to tell if the garage will indeed attract the numbers and interest to keep it viable. The existing teen center at the Independence Building has struggled and its predecessor at Depot Court couldn't really make a go of it.

But we think with the right combination of youthful enthusiasm and adult guidance, the garage has got a real chance.

The teens could use some help with electrical work and light carpentry. They've raised about $4,000 so far through donations, dances and a benefit dinner.

So if there are any old tree house lovers out there with expertise or money to contribute, please contact Mr. Worley at 383-4109.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS

Egg hunt support appreciated

To the Editor:

The Cohasset Recreation Commission held its 21st annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4, and would like to thank the following organizations and individuals who made it possible: for their continued financial support we thank the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, Cohasset Police Association, Rotary Club of Cohasset, George H. Mealy — American Legion Post, Stephen Wigmore, Cdr. and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9146 of Cohasset, Ralph Peroncello, Cdr.

For logistical support gratitude is extended to the DPW, tree and park crew, Peter Laugelle, Herb Marsh and Bobby Piepenbrick; Cohasset Fire Department, Chief Roger Lincoln; Cohasset Police Department, Chief Brian Noonan; and the Cohasset School Department. Our gratitude is extended to Mr. Glenn Pratt for his efforts and transportation of the Easter bunnies aboard the Cohasett fire truck. For donations, thanks go to Shaw's Supermarket of Cohasset, Mary Mahoney at Mary Lou's Coffee Shops, Mr. Robert V. Davenport and Mr. Richard P. Barrow, Chairman, Recreation Commission, and the Sunrise Assisted Living Center.

For their hard work conducting the Easter egg hunt our most sincere gratitude go to: Ted Carroll, Phyllis McComas, Izzie Salvador, Danny Salvador, Jessica MacDonald, Eric Worley, Amelia Barrow, Michael Bleakey, members of the Cohasset Youth Resources and Cohasset Teen Center.

A very special thanks to Cal Farrell and Sheila Barrow. For their continued efforts, interest and support of this event, sincere gratitude goes to Jean and Manny Salvador.

— Jack Worley
Recreation director

'Thanks for the memories'

To the Editor:

Robert Belliveau's departure from Media One at the end of April, Cohasset and Scituate will lose a friend and a most vigorous supporter of citizen involvement in local television programming.

Bob arrived at American Cablesystems in January 1988, as "Pierson to Person" was beginning its early programming in Cohasset. In addition to program director, he assumed responsibilities as executive producer of the "Pierson to Person" show. With Bob's encouragement we went "live" every Thursday night in late 1988.

Bob's dedication, commitment and enthusiasm in Cohasset and Scituate have been contagious.

His departure will leave a void in local TV programming, which will be hard to fill. We, the public in Cohasset and Scituate, will miss the extensive quality coverage of town affairs which Bob and his volunteers made happen.

To Bob Belliveau: a fond farewell and Godspeed, dear friend, as you move on to new and exciting professional challenges. Thanks for the memories.

Wigmore A. Pierson
123 Atlantic Ave.

Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

Changes to area opposed

Feelings overflow for memorial fountain

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Public history and family history veer near a collision course this week over a stone fountain at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Beach Street.

The fountain, teeming with pansies, has doubled as a memorial to two Cohasset men since the World War II era. Rosamond Blake, a direct descendent of one of them, remembers often riding her bicycle by the fountain. The memorial, overflowing with flowers planted by the Cohasset Garden Club, was part of her childhood map. But Blake, who now resides in Granville, Ohio, never suspected the fountain once provided water for horses and was also a small part of her family history.

Recently, she found out her great-grandmother donated the stone fountain to the town as a trough for horses. She made the gift in memory of her husband, Henry Miles Knowles, because he loved horses. Knowles died in 1903. Blake now wants to pursue an idea to restore the fountain with running water. That would mean removing the flowers and the name plaque honoring Perry Higginson Johnson.

But a relative of the veteran who perished in World War II did not relish the idea of moving the memorial to Johnson. And the chairman of the historical commission, Noel Ripley, said he feared many people would be upset about a change. Ripley said he saw nothing wrong with keeping the memorial to both men.

"It's always been flowers there," Ripley said. His board is expected to settle the matter, although Ripley said Wednesday he had not received a copy of the letter Blake wrote to Town Manager Mark Haddad. The Town Manager said he forwarded the letter to the Historical Commission. The next steps, if there are any, will come from them.

In a telephone interview Monday Blake said she did not want to offend the Garden Club or the Johnson family. But she still sounded excited to discover a bit of buried family history.

The fountain, teeming with pansies, has doubled as a memorial to two Cohasset men since the World War II era.

"It's great," she said. Blake said the water originally flowed through a bronze pineapple in the center of the trough. She has explained the history of the fountain in a letter to Haddad.

"Water sprayed out of small holes on the surface of the pineapple," she wrote in her April 3 letter. The bronze pineapple was sacrificed to the World War II effort and melted down. The water was turned off, and eventually the town mounted a memorial to war veteran Perry Higginson Johnson in the fountain. All the while, Blake's grandmother Leslie Knowles Blake privately wished the water would someday flow through the fountain again. But she never spoke out about it because she did not want to "offend" the Johnson family.

Blake suggested the fountain could work again, provided the plates under the ground did not break during an excavation. She is also willing to test the waters of controversy, though her mother was initially against the idea. Mini Blake Holmes now lives in Weymouth.

"She had more or less accepted the fact it would be tactless to take issue with a memorial to Mr. Johnson," Blake said. But Holmes thought the Johnson memorial might now be moved to another spot, near the fountain at the corner of Beach Street. She doubted people related to Johnson still lived in Cohasset.

But Susan McVeigh of Atlantic Avenue said she is a relative. Moreover, one of Johnson's sisters and a brother are still living. McVeigh said she didn't remember it ever being a fountain and would be sorry to see a change. She said no one would notice the war memorial if it were moved to the Beach Street spot. She preferred to see things stay as they are.

"I've certainly gotten used to it being there," she said. "It always was there. Our garden club really has taken care of it for a number of years. I would hate to think that would stop."

Another Cohasset Garden Club member, Mitzi Railsback of Atlantic Avenue, is one of several who have tended the flowers in the Knowles fountain. She predicted a change would bring "quite a lot of problems." Railsback said having a memorial to two men did not seem confusing. The water trough honored Knowles, and the war memorial was for Johnson. The flowers are for the community, and "an awful lot of people enjoy them." Ironically, she also said it was actually the Knowles family that started planting flowers in the fountain.

"They got old. They needed help, and the Cohasset Garden Club took it over." Railsback said some relatives of Johnson through the Higginson family are among the club members who have tended the flowers in the fountain.

"I never knew any of the Blakes to take care of the fountain," she said. According to Railsback, the water connection must have been taken out years ago and might be expensive to re-install. No water runs there now, although she often has wished for some.

"Since I've been lugging water in buckets from my house and I'm down by the bridge, I often wished there *was* water there," she said.



There's a move afoot to restore the fountain at Beach Street and Atlantic Avenue so it has running water once again.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Lamberts Lane sparks fly at school board meeting

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

School board member Kathy Ofsthun took some heat April 9 from a group of Lamberts Lane parents. The quarrel started after she voiced opposition to a motion from board member Joseph McElroy. He has championed the effort to get a school bus stop built on the private way. He offered the motion to keep the effort alive. (Selectmen asked Town Manager Mark Haddad at their April 6 meeting to look into using the access road of the country club for the school bus to back into to turnaround).

Ofsthun did not immediately support the motion, though she did vote for an amended motion school board Chairman Richard Shea later proposed. Shea's motion to reaffirm the board's "strong commitment to work out a solution by the 1998-1999 school year" passed unanimously. But initially, she said she definitely favored taking a new look at school bus service on Lamberts Lane provided a bus turnaround could be built. But she balked at making any other commitments.

"It's outside of our responsibility to try to get a turnaround built for them," she said. Her comments drew an angry reaction from parent Lawrence Aherne of 188 Lamberts Lane.

"You're not doing the people a service," he said. "You're pushing us back." Aherne said McElroy's motion marked the first time any town board had established a timetable for settling the dilemma of Lamberts Lane.

The Lamberts Lane residents have repeatedly seen their drive to get a school bus stop mired in bureaucracy. While the planning board has followed a determination Lamberts Lane is a public street, other boards have continued to view it as a private way. Under state laws, the town is reportedly allowed to maintain private ways but not undertake new construction on them. Lamberts Lane needs substantial grading improvements to allow a bus to travel it safely. Narrow, undulating, and occasionally rising at steep angles, the driver's vision of oncoming cars is periodically blocked. Moreover, it is a dead end with not enough room to turn the bus around.

Apart from the road conditions, the parents have also faced an obstacle from the school department. Schools superintendent Stephen Hart has been reluctant to provide bus service on Lamberts Lane due to cost. He said adding the service adds another 10 minutes to the bus schedule and could ultimately mean adding another bus.

Newly elected school board member Mark DeGiacomo went on the record to put safety above cost considerations.

"With all due respect, that is not a safe street for children. I know we all feel that way obviously." Ofsthun agreed the conditions for drivers and pedestrians posed a safety hazard.

Community Health Awareness Day

The Social Service League and the Cohasset Board of Health will present Community Health Awareness Day Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church Hall, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

Free health screenings offered during the day include: Blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, cataract and glaucoma, lung capacity and hearing testing.

There will also be a new screening this year for osteoporosis, or bone mineral density screening, for those men and women who are at risk for osteoporosis. Guidelines set up by the National Osteoporosis Foundation will be followed and the testing will be free to those who qualify. The cost of $35 per test is being covered by donations from the Cohasset Rotary Club and Pilgrim Cooperative Bank of Cohasset.

A representative from the American Cancer Society will be on hand with the skin saver machine and samples of skin protection cremes and lotions, as well as an informative video on skin cancer.

Pharmacists from Walgreens and CVS will be available to discuss both prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs as well as interactions with other medications and alcohol.

The Norwell VNA will have nurses available for health consultations and a nurse practitioner will be teaching self-breast exam. Literature will be offered by the American Cancer Society regarding breast exam techniques and mammography screening.

The Mobile Diagnostics, Inc. mammography van will be in Cohasset Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the town hall parking lot. Appointments are necessary and can be made the day of the health fair or by calling the Social Service League office at 383-0771 or 383-0821 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Healthful snacks and refreshments will be provided by Stop and Shop, Dunkin Donuts and the Atlantic Bagel Co.

All residents of Cohasset are invited to take part in the Community Health Awareness Day.

Consultant: parish center plan would improve drainage

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Plans by St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church to build a 10,500-square-foot parish center have had some abutters worried that such a building would exacerbate serious flooding problems in the area. But a report by a consultant to the zoning board has indicated that the project's drainage plan could actually decrease flooding in the area.

John Modzelewski of Civil Designs Inc., presented his report to the zoning board at its April 15 meeting. Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo said board members are preparing a decision and will vote on the matter at a May 1 meeting scheduled for 7 a.m.

"The report answered neighbors' questions on not only the effects the building would have on the area, but also on overall drainage patterns," DeGiacomo said.

Church officials say the parish center is needed to accommodate increased membership at St. Anthony's. The plan would add eight classrooms, an office, additional storage space and an outside gazebo to the back of the church. However, the parish center would increase the lot coverage from 34 percent to 40 percent. The church is in a residential zone, which has a maximum allowable lot coverage of 30 percent. Zoning board members agreed that the church is a unique use in that zone.

DeGiacomo said that although the board has not yet voted on the center, he expects it will be approved as long as engineers for the project follow guidelines recommended by Modzelewski.

"John Modzelewski recommended changes to the plan to eliminate any drainage problems that could occur because of the building," DeGiacomo said. "The church's plan was not horribly flawed to begin with, and John's changes were not major."

DeGiacomo said Modzelewski's main recommendations were minor modifications to the parish's drainage plans. Modzelewski recommended that the parish add a drainage system to direct water off or around the foundation.

"We asked the applicant if they had any problems with John's recommendations, but they said they didn't," DeGiacomo said.

Modzelewski's report stated that the church's drainage plan would increase water runoff from rainstorms, but the excess water would be directed away from abutters' homes and into a nearby wetland.

CHL sues town to overturn order forcing landfill closure

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the special permit declared valid, it is barred from re-litigating the validity of the permit under the doctrine of res judicator," Moehrke states in the lawsuit.

Moehrke did not return telephone calls to comment on the case.

John K. McNabb Jr., vice president of the anti-landfill group, SAFE (Stop Any Further Expansion), said he doesn't see anything new in this latest lawsuit by CHL.

"The truth is, when Moehrke says the town sued CHL and declared the permit valid, he's lying," McNabb said. "CHL brought that suit against the town. Res judicator only works to prevent the plaintiff from bringing suit on a matter that should have been covered in a previous suit. This is the only possible wedge Moehrke has, and he's just grasping at straws."

McNabb said he believes CHL is bringing the suit just to delay the closure of the landfill. SAFE members believe the town can get an injunction forcing CHL to shut down because it is in violation of the building inspector's order. But McNabb said CHL may be gambling that the courts will allow the landfill to stay open until this latest lawsuit is resolved. McNabb said land court cases take at least one to two years to resolve. He pointed to CHL's suit challenging the Water Resource District, which CHL filed in 1994 but was only resolved last week.

McNabb believes CHL's grand strategy is to try and stay open until 2001 when the state plans to lift the current moratorium on general refuse land filling.

"Their overall strategy has got to be to stay alive until 2001," McNabb said. "Once the state lifts the moratorium on general refuse permits, CHL could potentially reopen its Area V application. If they can stay on-line long enough, we could be talking about an Area VI."

The state has declared a need for more capacity for general refuse landfills in 2001. McNabb pointed out that the state always prefers to utilize existing landfills rather than allow new ones to open.

"I think we're in a race to 2001," McNabb said. "They're alive for now, even though we've officially shut them down."

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis acknowledged that he has received a copy of the suit and he is currently reviewing it before recommending any action from the town.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he will await DeRensis' decision before making a move.

CHL has been under siege in recent weeks from the ZBA, the building inspector and the courts. The Land Court upheld the town's Water Resource District boundary line last week, rejecting CHL's claims that the line was arbitrarily drawn to block the landfill's Area V expansion. Also last week, the Norfolk Superior Court upheld the health board's denial of CHL's proposed Area V expansion.

McNabb discovered the two violations that led to the latest lawsuit.

The first of the two alleged violations was discovered by McNabb last November when he found 7,800 square feet of material in a section of the landfill not approved for dumping. The second alleged violation was uncovered by McNabb in January when he discovered that CHL had never filed its special permit to operate a landfill in Cohasset with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. State law requires permits to be filed with the registry before becoming effective. Egan shut down CHL permanently on a technicality related to not filing the permit.

Part of the landfill sits in the town's Water Resource District, created in 1988. Landfills are prohibited from the district except for facilities that were in legal operation before enactment of the district. Egan ruled that CHL's failure to file the permit meant it wasn't in lawful operation prior to the creation of the water district and could not claim special pre-existing use status. The zoning board upheld Egan's decision, effectively shutting down the landfill for good.

The Norfolk Superior Court decision effectively denies CHL's proposed 27.5-acre Area V expansion. Because CHL is in violation of several of its permits, it also cannot go forward with its proposed vertical expansion.

McNabb plans to appear before the health board next month to ask its members to rescind CHL's site assignments. McNabb added that revoking the site assignment would force CHL to shut down forever.

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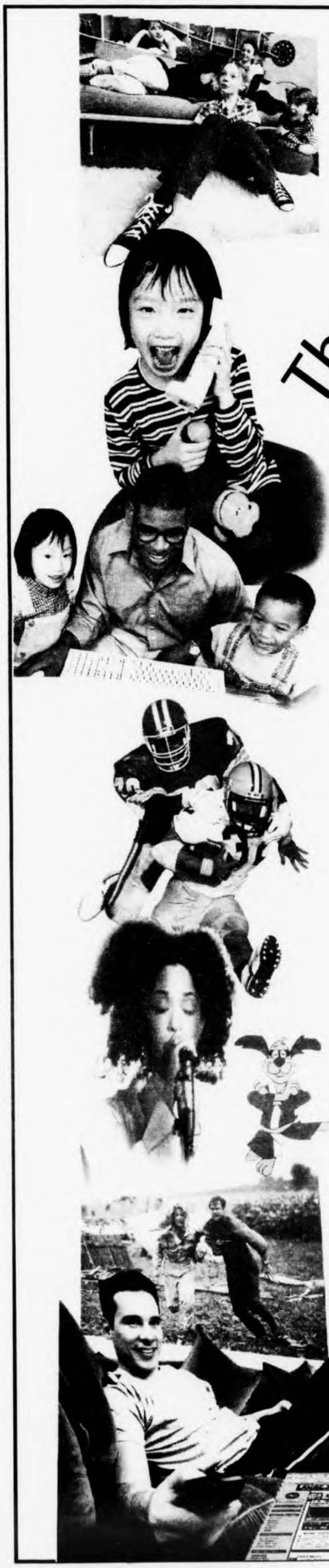
Richard Shea became the new school committee chairman April 9 when the new board met for the first time since the April 4 elections. He replaced former chairwoman Maureen Jerz. She did not seek reelection when her term expired. Kathy Ofsthun is the new vice-chairwoman. Joseph McElroy was elected secretary.

Teachers get go-ahead for master's program

The school board April 9 backed off its earlier reluctance to approve the enrollment of two Osgood School teachers in the same master's degree program. Instead, the panel approved the requests of four teachers at the same school to start the graduate education program.

Though the school committee has no say in tuition reimbursements for teachers, they do decide whether the teachers can enter a master's degree program. Ultimately, the degree means a bigger salary, and the salaries impact the operating budget. Former school board member Ralph Kidder at his final school board meeting April 2 challenged the superintendent's recommendation favoring the enrollment. Kidder said the school department was supposed to get "a return" on the investment in teachers. He questioned why four educators from the same school should go into the same graduate program. Kidder said one teacher in the program should be able to share information with colleagues.

April 9 none of the school committee members spoke against Hart's recommendation. But school board member Joseph McElroy said he hoped the question about how the teachers were giving back to the system would come up again. He said it should be part of upcoming contract negotiations.



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Water commission to pursue second water tank again

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The Water Commission didn't get everything it wanted from town meeting. Voters did approve an additional $200,000 to pursue a site for a second water tank on Scituate Hill. But town meeting voters did not approve a request by the commissioners to change town bylaws to allow water tanks in residential zones to be exempt from normal height restrictions as a matter of right.

The water commissioners will take the money and consider their next move when they meet on April 30. Water Commissioner John K. McNabb Jr. said he plans to suggest that the water commissioners submit both the Bear Hill and Scituate Hill proposals to the zoning board of appeals (ZBA) for a special permit.

The water commission had submitted the Bear Hill proposal to the ZBA previously, but withdrew the request at the last minute because of indications that the special permit would be denied. McNabb said that even though the commission has an extra $200,000 for Scituate Hill, it still favors Bear Hill.

"Bear Hill is still our first choice because the town owns the land and we don't want to spend the extra money if we don't have to," McNabb said. "If Bear Hill were approved next month, we could build that tank by Labor Day."

The town is planning to erect a new water tank somewhere, and last year allocated $1.4 million for the project. The tank is needed to improve water pressure in town and to increase the amount of water available for fighting fires. Water commissioners had planned to follow the recommendation of town engineer Tutela Engineering and build the tank on town-owned land on Bear Hill.

But residents who live within view of Bear Hill and the existing tank fiercely oppose a second tank in their line of sight. Opponents of the Bear Hill site claim Scituate Hill would be a far better location for a new water tower. Bear Hill is 158 feet high and would require a 62-foot-high tank to achieve adequate water pressure. But the highest elevation on Scituate Hill is 14 feet higher than Bear Hill at 172 feet. This higher elevation would require a shorter tank to achieve the same water pressure as Bear Hill.

McNabb said that placing the same tank on the highest elevation of Scituate Hill would cost an additional $38,000 without land acquisition costs. But the land on Scituate Hill is privately owned. Local resident Glenn Pratt and developer Wayne Sawchuk said they believed the town could obtain a parcel on Scituate Hill at no cost if it struck a deal with the owner of the land.

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DEVELOPER, NOEL COLLINS

However, the land on Bear Hill is slated for development by Mario Susi and Sons and developer Noel Collins. The water commission has been working with Collins and Susi to try and buy land for the tank for $1. However, both the water commission and the developers want to locate their projects at the top of the hill. There are other problems, as well. Collins and Susi want to place a residential development on Scituate Hill. But the land is zoned industrial, and residential development is not allowed. Collins and Susi would have to get either a variance or a change in bylaws to build a residential development.

McNabb has said previously that he thinks the water commissioners would support a zoning change if it meant the town could get an appropriate parcel of free land on Scituate Hill for a water tank. But town meeting would have to make the final decision on whether to re-zone the land.

McNabb said he thinks the deal with Collins and Susi is dead because both sides want the same parcel of land. Collins offered the water commission a parcel of land about 250-feet behind the peak and at a lower elevation. But that site would cost an additional $371,000 to engineer without any land costs. McNabb said the $200,000 should be more than enough to seize a couple of acres of land at the top of the hill by eminent domain.

"The water commission is empowered by the legislature to initiate an eminent domain action without town meeting approval," McNabb said. "It's just a matter of identifying what we want to take, drawing up a set of plans, voting it in and it's done. But I want to emphasize that we haven't discussed that option yet, and Bear Hill remains our first choice."

McNabb said the water commission will also have to explore whether it can get ZBA approval to build a water tank on land it does not yet own.

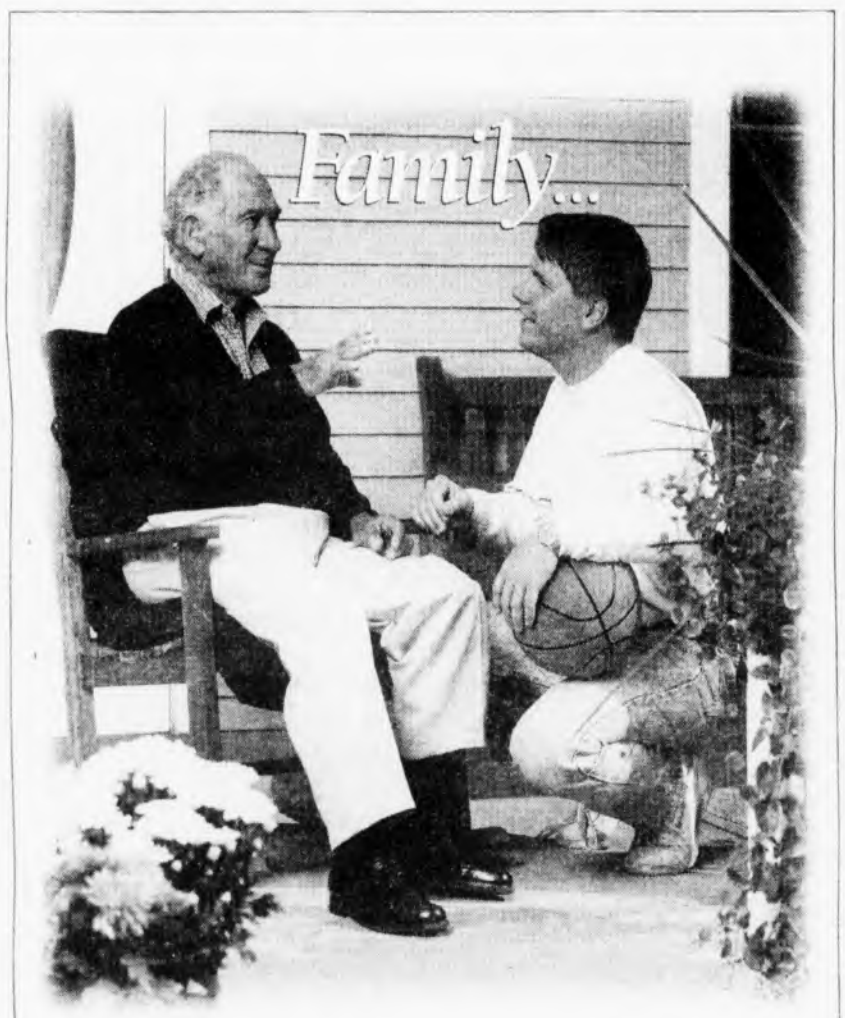
Collins said he thought there was still time for the water commissioners to hammer out an agreement for a mutually agreeable site for a tank on Scituate Hill with a land cost to the town of only $1.

"The water department has seriously underestimated the value of this land," Collins said. "They have allocated only a fraction of the funds they need to take this land. We have already rejected offers that are twice the amount the water department has allocated."

Meanwhile, Collins and Susi are continuing with their plans to develop the land. Collins said he is planning to meet with the Cohasset and Hull sewer departments to discuss ways to hook a development into the sewer system. If the town will not allow the developers to rezone the land for residential development, then they plan to develop an industrial park, Collins said.

Collins pointed out that there is no need for the water tank to be placed at the top of the hill. Collins walked the site with water commissioners and is sure the two parties can come to an amicable agreement.

"I am hopeful that there is still some common ground for an agreement for the tank," Collins said. "This water commission has to take into account that they could receive the land for $1, and it doesn't make sense to steam-roll this project through."



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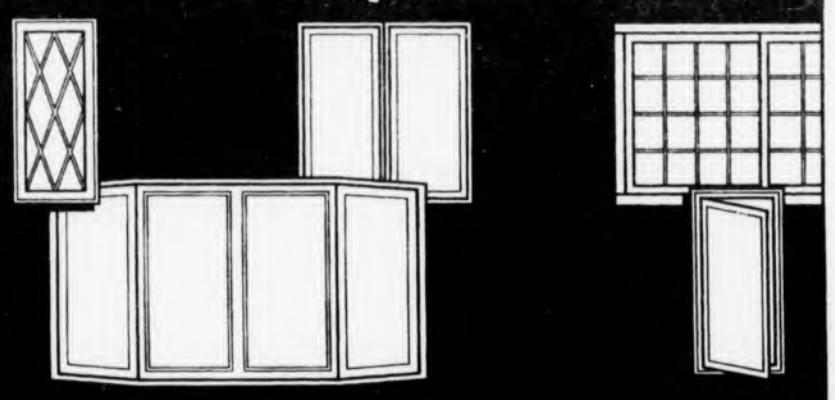
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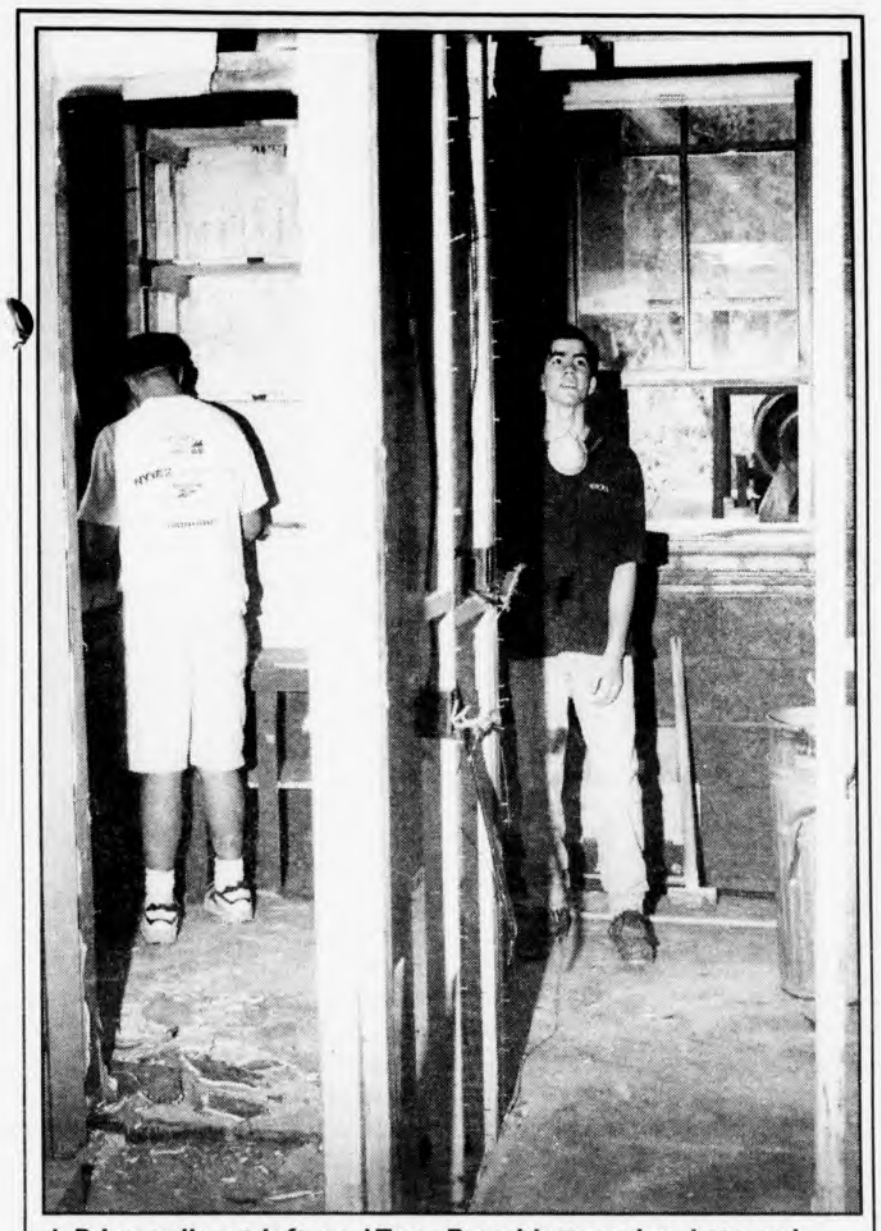
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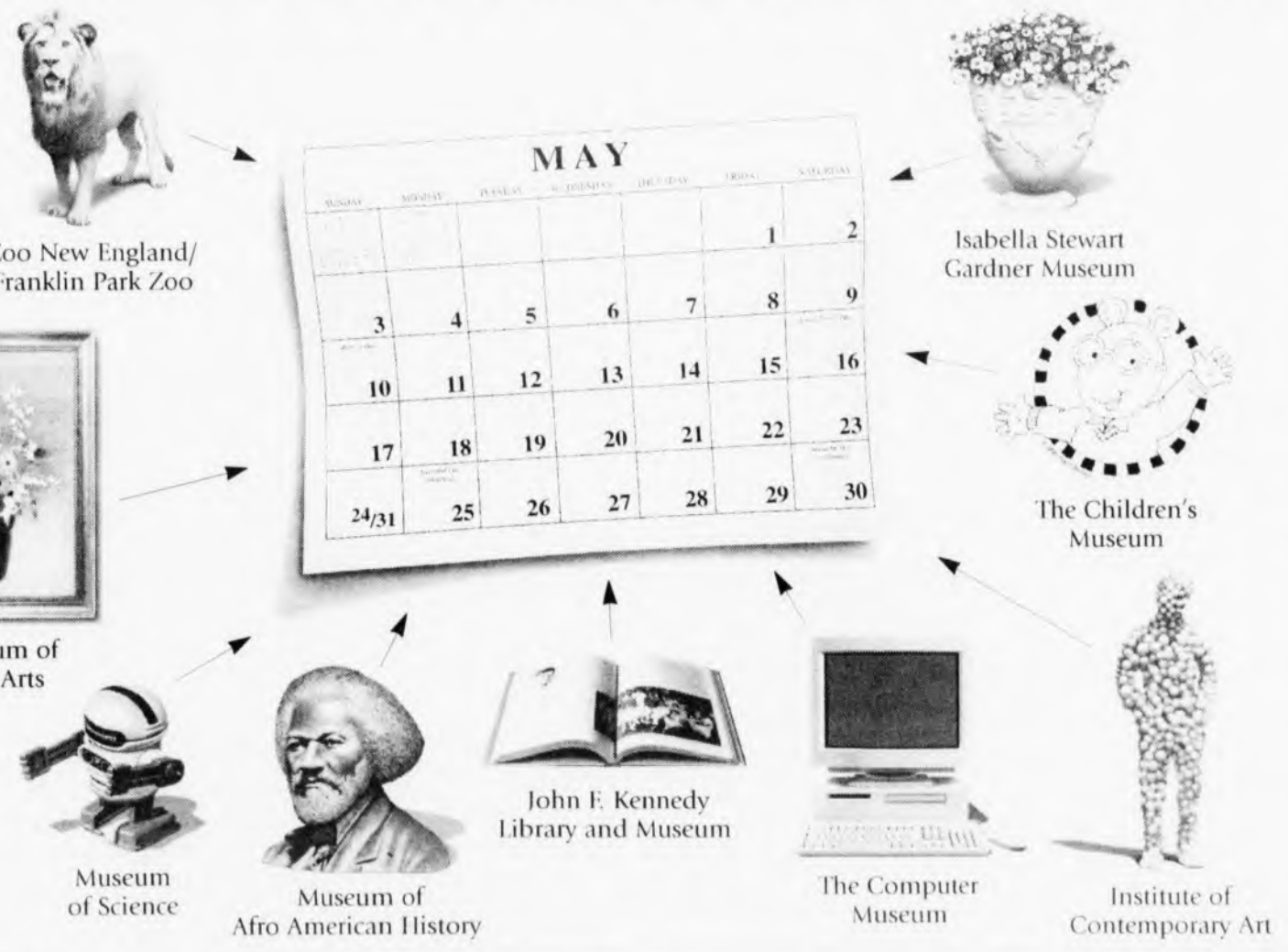
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Proponent plans to revive proposal for subdivision

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Two years after the planning board deemed his project "not in the best interests of the town," a Weymouth school teacher is expected to try to revive a controversial subdivision.

Steven Corey of 16 Keating Circle in Weymouth wants to build 28 new houses on the former Curtis Estate off Jerusalem Road. He is scheduled to come before the planning board May 6.

Corey could not be reached for comment before the Mariner went to press Wednesday. His lawyer Charles Humphries and his civil engineer Robert E. Hannigan Associates did not return telephone calls.

The development faces obstacles primarily due to the lack of sewer service in the area. Sewer commission chairman Ted Guild repeated Wednesday his board has not changed its position against additional development in the environmentally sensitive area. The commissioners voted not to expand service in north Cohasset to accommodate new developments.

"The sewer commission has voted to reserve any additional capacity for existing homes. central Cohasset is a different story, but we're not making capacity available in north Cohassset," he said.

In 1996, the Jerusalem Road Limited Partnership got some support from Hull officials for a Cohasset sewer expansion. Hull has already agreed to a deal to treat wastewater from some homes in north Cohasset and the Hull sewer plant probably has the capacity to take on more. But Guild said they did not have similar luck this time.

"They went to Hull a few months ago," he said. "The Hull people told them they would have to arrange it through the Cohasset sewer commission."

Planning board Chairman Al Moore said he would not be surprised if the sewer issue ultimately gets thrashed out in court. He expects sewers there someday. At that time, the land could be developed. But there are more problems with the plan than just the lack of a sewer tie in, he pointed out. The topography is basically ledge and drainage is a problem. During the severe storms over the past three years, Rattlesnake Run virtually turned into a river.

"We want to make sure anything built on the site is not going to be under water in a storm," Moore said and pointed out other safety issues. The road into the subdivision looked too steep in the original plan. It was rimmed by "20 foot cliffs on each side dropping into the road," he said. A land swap with one of the abutters might solve the problem of the steep angle. Nonetheless, the road was still too long for a subdivision.

Moore said the rules about subdivision roads differ from regular streets. Town streets typically connect at least two places. But subdivision roads normally are the only way in and out of a densely populated area. A road too long poses a hazard for fire and emergency workers.

Nonetheless, he suggested the plan might eventually pass muster with the board if the project were scaled down, roughly in half. As it stands, the 28 house lots in the plan look like too many. But 12 or 15 might work. He also said the planning board took public comments into consideration. The public has turned out in large numbers against developing Curtis Estate in the past.

Moore did not yet know if the plan from the Jerusalem Road Limited Partnership differed from the preliminary site plan Corey submitted in March 1996. It was turned down then but in an unusual way.

Moore said the 1996 review took an unusual turn because the applicant presented a "preliminary site plan." Though such plans exist on paper, he never saw one submitted as "an actual application." However, as he learned later, the board's review of a preliminary plan changed the ground rules the board had to follow later when Corey came back with a "definitive plan." Basically, the planning board had to act on the review within 90 days after the plan was filed with the Town Clerk. Otherwise, it would get an automatic OK.

The planning board never before dealt with a 90-day deadline in his recollection. The time frame is usually different.

"Ordinarily, we have all the time in the world," Moore said. "The clock doesn't start ticking until we close the public hearing." Nonetheless, the 1996 planning board did find out about the deadline for its decision before 90 days ran out. When the applicant realized the plan would be rejected, he withdrew it "without prejudice." Withdrawal meant the partnership could try again and would not have to come back with a plan that answered every objection the board spelled out in the reason for denial.

"It means they can come back and fight another day," he said. Moore will keep an open mind about the new plan though he has doubts the problems can be solved.

"It's a tough site. You get a sixth sense after sitting on the planning board awhile as to what's going to fly and what isn't." He found some problems with the subdivision that loom as "deal busters."

Moore said the planning board originally voted against the preliminary site plan for several reasons. First, the plan lacked a sewer hookup. Moreover, the road into the subdivision was too long and too steep.

"Those are not insignificant reasons for denial," he said. The sewer problem was also cited by abutter Joseph McElroy. He backed the commissioners' decision to reserve additional capacity for homes already standing.

McElroy, a school board member, was previously chairman of the committee on the Curtis Estate. The panel attempted to honor the wishes of George E. Curtis, the Brockton businessman who left the estate in a trust to benefit "needy and disabled women." McElroy said he was disappointed when the Attorney General's office rejected a proposal to build an Alzheimer's treatment center on the 55-acre property. Ultimately, the trust was broken in court. The 50 acres now owned by the partnership lie off Jerusalem Road in the area between Windy Hill Road and Black Rock Road opposite Straits Pond.

Three's a crowd?

Selectmen have a quorum at school board meeting

An open meeting law violation normally means serious business with the Norfolk County District Attorney's office. But the legal technicalities took on a comic dimension April 9 when three selectmen, in an apparently unintentional slip, turned up at the school board meeting.

Selectmen Chairwoman Ronnie McMorris and selectmen Merle Brown and Thomas Callahan arrived separately. Nonetheless, they made a quorum at 8:07 p.m. when the last arrival, Brown, turned up. He sat by himself at a considerable distance from his colleagues. McMorris, Callahan and Town Manager Mark Haddad sat together.

Haddad previously has challenged the view the selectmen must post a meeting notice 48 hours in advance when a majority of their board attends another board's meeting. Haddad said earlier as long as the selectmen did not deliberate, he saw no violation of the open meetings law.

Brown said Tuesday he knew McMorris would be at the meeting. But he did not expect Callahan to show up.

"I knew Ronnie was going," he said. "She was going to be in on the Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations." McMorris is the new selectmen Chairwoman. Brown said she is getting "more involved" with the other boards. He did not know why Callahan was there but speculated it might be because he is a newly elected selectmen.

Callahan did not return calls to the Mariner before press time. However, he did attend several school board meetings during the campaign season. April 9 he left before the meeting ended.

-By Margo Sullivan

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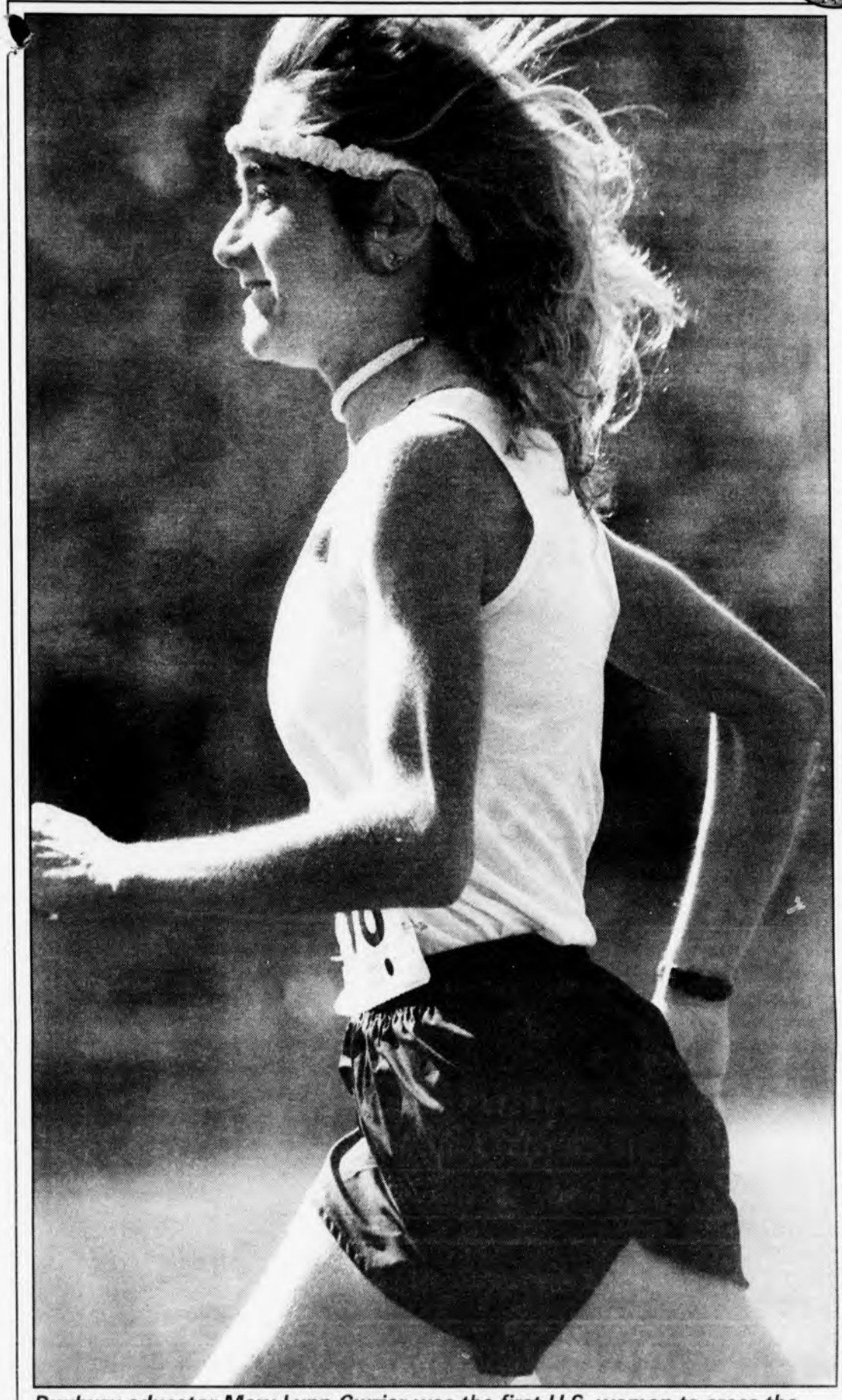
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SPORTS

COHASSET MARINER



Duxbury educator Mary-Lynn Currier was the first U.S. woman to cross the finish line Monday afternoon in the 102nd running of the Boston Marathon. Currier, who came in 11th overall in the women's division, had a personal best time of 2:35:18. She is pictured winning "The Run for the Ribbon", a 10K race held just two weeks ago in Kingston.

Staff photo/Doug McFadd

Currier states her case to run with the elite

Cohasset race winner is top U.S. woman at Boston Marathon

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

If you ran in races over the past month around Cohasset and Kingston you can say that you knew former Duxbury teacher's aide Mary-Lynn Currier before she hit the big time.

What the St. Francis Xavier of Hyannis school teacher did Monday was use the Boston Marathon as her coming out party to the rest of the running world and in the process stake her claim as one of the elite runners in this country.

Currier, 34, was the first American woman to cross the finish line Monday afternoon at the Boston Marathon while pulling in a personal best time of 2:35:18 in the 102nd running of the most elite race of its kind in the world.

You are still more than likely to catch Currier around the halls of Duxbury High School. She works as a substitute teacher in the after-school program and will also be instructing a computer class at DHS over summer break.

One day after her monumental accomplishment when most of us would still be seeking extensive medical attention, Currier sounded none the worse for wear.

"I'm a little overwhelmed by the attention I've been getting but physically I feel fine. The conditions were great for a marathon" said Currier from her Plymouth home Tuesday afternoon. "I don't think it's really hit me yet. All I really wanted to do was qualify for the upcoming Olympic trials" for the 2000 Games in Sydney, Australia.

"I had no idea that I would end up feeling as good as I did. I felt strong out there and I just kept going with that," she continued. "The fans were great. The girls at Wellesley College were out there yelling their support. I was so emotional that I started to cry right there."

To that end, her time puts her in as the 2nd ranked runner in woman marathoner at present in the nation, only 20 seconds behind the leader.

Although it was Colorado's Libbie Hickman who got most of the publicity before and during the race, Currier would be the one on top at the end of the grueling 26.2 mile endurance contest.

"She (Hickman) passed me around the hills in Newton and Wellesley, but I kept her in my sights and just ran my own race," Currier explained. "Around Heartbreak Hill she started slowing down some and that's when I sat back and reeled her in. That's when I knew that nobody was going to catch me. I never looked back."

This was Currier's fourth time running Boston (including a 13th place in 1994), she's run close to 40 marathon races in all and placed 18th overall at the 1996 Olympic trials but that was still not enough get her an "elite runner" status with the Boston Athletic Association for her hometown marathon.

The elite runners generally are put up the night before at a Boston area hotel among other amenities and are placed closer to the starting line in Hopkington, giving them a much better opportunity to get off to a good start.

Such was not the case for Currier who started the race back in the pack, a good fifty yards from the start line and losing as much as 20 seconds after the shotgun start before she even crossed the starting area.

"The elite runners do have it easier the morning of the race and get some special treatment," said Currier, who was up at dawn race day and on her way into Boston by 6:30 a.m. when most of the other top runners were eating their Wheaties, reading the morning newspaper or still fast asleep in their hotel room.

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Davis Track dedication set for May 7

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

A varsity track meet against Hull on Thursday, May 7 will have a little more meaning than your average South Shore League match-up.

On that day the Skippers will help dedicate the running track at Alumni Field in the name of former Cohasset educator and athletic coach Charlie Davis.

The dedication ceremonies will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the high school and should be something to remember, said Cohasset athletic director Clark Chatterton.

"We've invited just about every faculty member in Cohasset from the 60s, 70s, and 80s to the event," said Chatterton. "We are expecting that this is going to be a real nice time for all involved."

Davis, formerly of Marshfield, was a respected Math teacher and track coach from when he came to Cohasset High School in 1961. He coached through the 1970s and consistently fielded some of the top track teams on the South Shore.

After retiring from the coaching ranks he continued to be a leader at the school, eventually taking over as chairman of the Math department at CHS.

Davis died unexpectedly in 1985 from a blood clot in his leg that surfaced after an injury.

CHS principal Curtis Collins and Chatterton both worked alongside Davis at the high school. They spoke about their departed friend shortly after the school committee voted to bestow this honor on Davis last December.

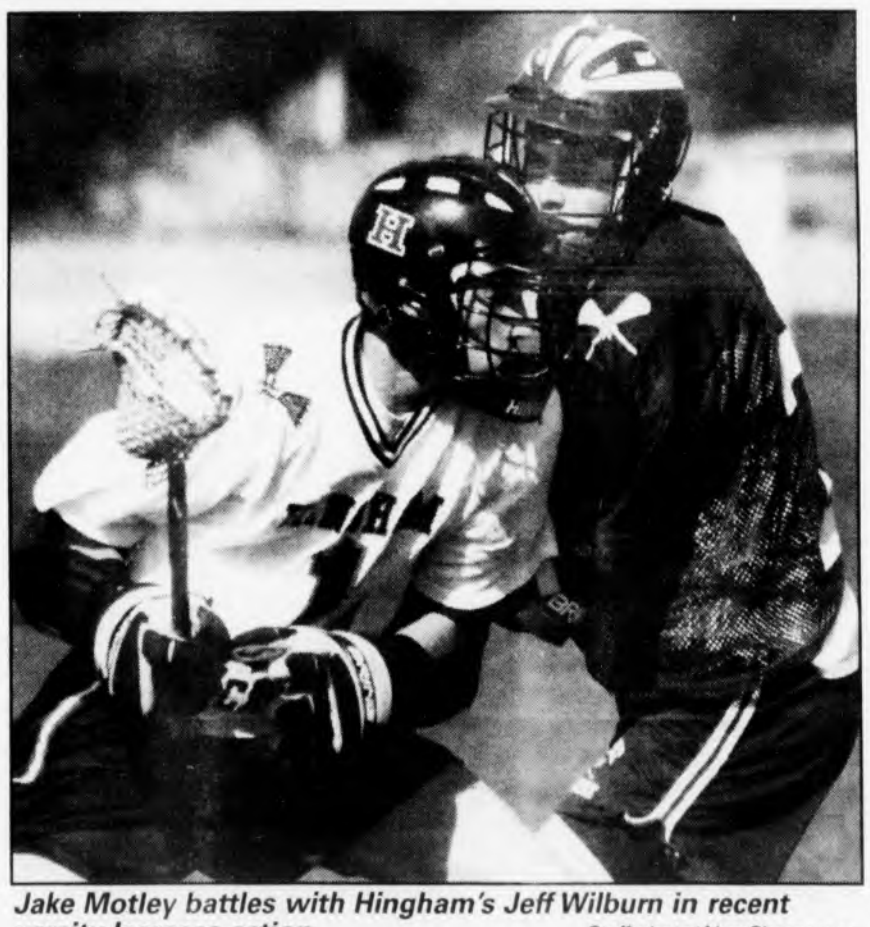
"Charlie was just a great guy and a marvelous teacher in the classroom," remembered Collins. "He had a great sense of humor, but those kids learned in his classroom. You couldn't ask for a better teacher."

"He was beloved and at all times a true gentleman," added Chatterton. "Charlie was a man of great integrity who did a great deal of good for Cohasset High School.

"There are a lot of people still here at CHS who worked side-by-side with Charlie who are extremely happy to see that we have decided to honor his memory in this fashion.

"It's very deserving."

For more information on the dedication ceremonies, contact Cohasset High School at 383-6100, or the CHS athletic department at 383-6103.



Jake Motley battles with Hingham's Jeff Wilburn in recent varsity lacrosse action.

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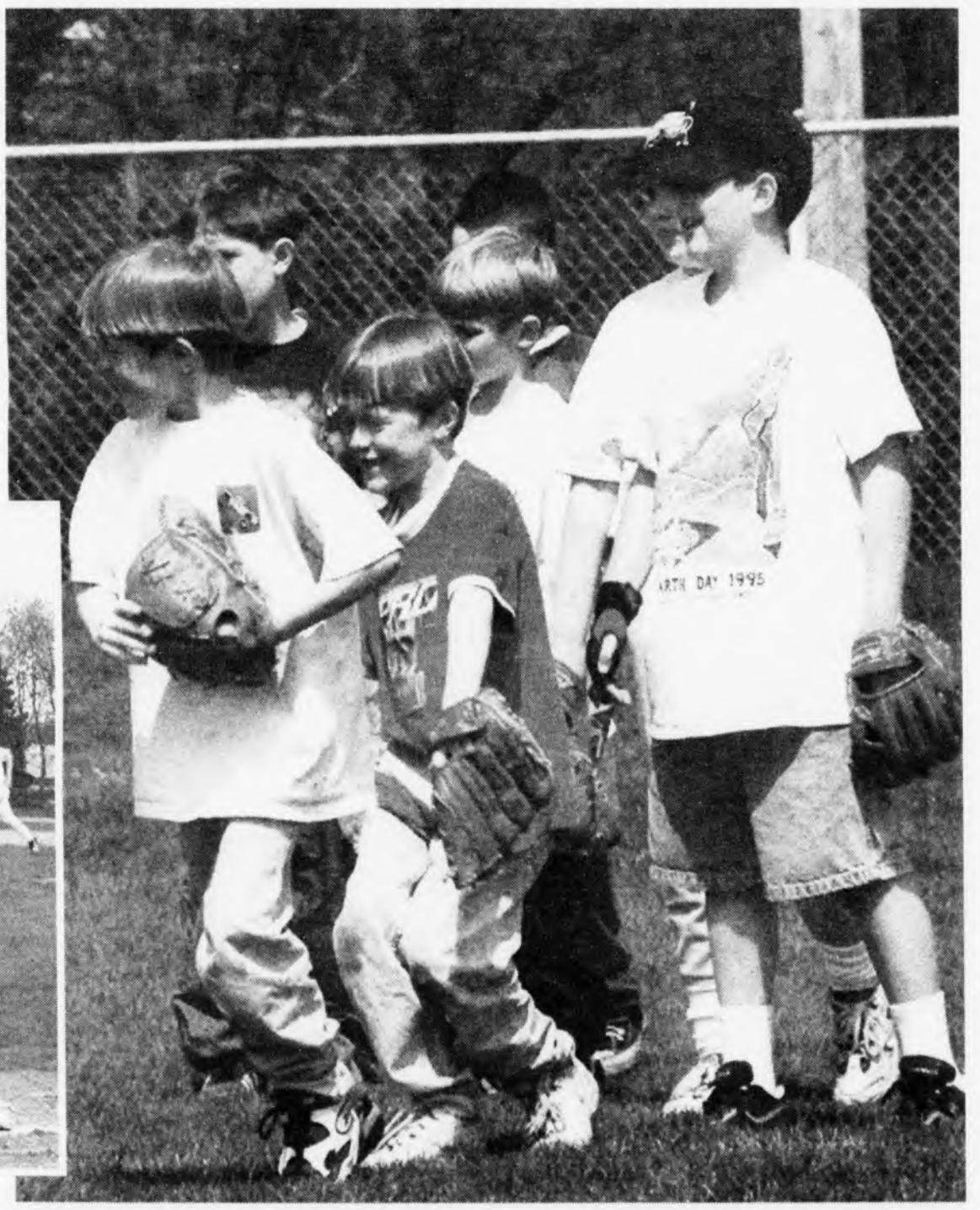


Above - It's a swing and a miss as catcher Kevin Roach awaits the arrival of the baseball.

Left - South Shore Baseball Club instructor Terry Cole leads a ground ball drill.

Right - Ryan Connors (dark shirt in the middle) gets ready for his chance at the ground ball drill. The school vacation baseball camp was sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Department as well as The South Shore Baseball Club of Holbrook.

Staff photos/Fred Robertson





Above - D.J. Silva rounds third base while heading for home.

Both Cohasset junior lacrosse clubs open with wins

For the first time, the Cohasset youth lacrosse program is fielding two teams in one season, and both 12-and-under squads opened the season with wins on April 19.

The Cohasset White squad, literally cut in half by vacation, went to Marshfield with just 14 players, three of them normally part of the Cohasset Blue team. Despite facing a Marshfield team with more than twice as many players, Cohasset controlled the tempo of the game.

Robby Carpenter scored two first half goals and Mike Ernst added a third-quarter tally to give Cohasset a 3-0 lead entering the fourth quarter. Marshfield rallied with two goals and had the chance to tie the game on a tired Cohasset team, but Nick Murphy came up with the last two of his 12 saves to snuff the rally and give Cohasset the game.

"You could single out virtually all of our players for doing well in this game," said Coach Chuck Jaffe. "With so few kids on the team, they all dug deep, played smart and did what necessary to win. It wasn't a pretty game, but we'll take it."

The coaches immediately rushed home from Marshfield for a game between Cohasset Blue and Falmouth. Paul Digan's first-half hat trick powered Cohasset to a 6-3 lead at the break. Michael Devine scored twice and added one of his two assists in the second half to help Cohasset build a lead and hold off a late Falmouth rally to win 12-8.

D.J. Silvia—who practiced with the team for the first time just a week before the game—scored two goals and added an assist. Nick Murphy scored twice, Andrew O'Keefe , Ryan Tufts and Chris Barber had single tallies with Digan and Dewayne Morris also adding assists.

Timothy Pilczak snuffed 11 Falmouth shots in his first game in the goal, and also sparked several Cohasset fast breaks with quick outlet passes after his saves.

"This was a very good win against a team that had good stick skills," said Jaffe. "The best part of our game was that everyone got involved and carried the action. Obviously, the credit goes to the guys who scored, but I was pleased that, literally, every one of our midfielders and attack had legitimate scoring chances. That bodes well for the rest of the season."

Cohasset plays in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, the nations' largest junior lacrosse program. Its season runs until mid-June. Both the Blue and White squads play again on Sunday, April 26 at home. The Blue squad faces off against Scituate at 11:30, to be followed at 1 with the White team playing Duxbury.

CHS aces swing perfectly into April vacation

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Some prime time talent , solid depth and a smart little bit of bribery can take you a long way these days.

In fact, it has the CHS girls' tennis team on top of the South Shore League with a perfect 4-0 record to start the season.

"So far, so good," said head coach Sarah Meehan, breathing a sigh of relief after the Lady Skippers got by division rival Hanover 4-1 without the services of their #1 and #3 singles players, Kate and Kelly Stone.

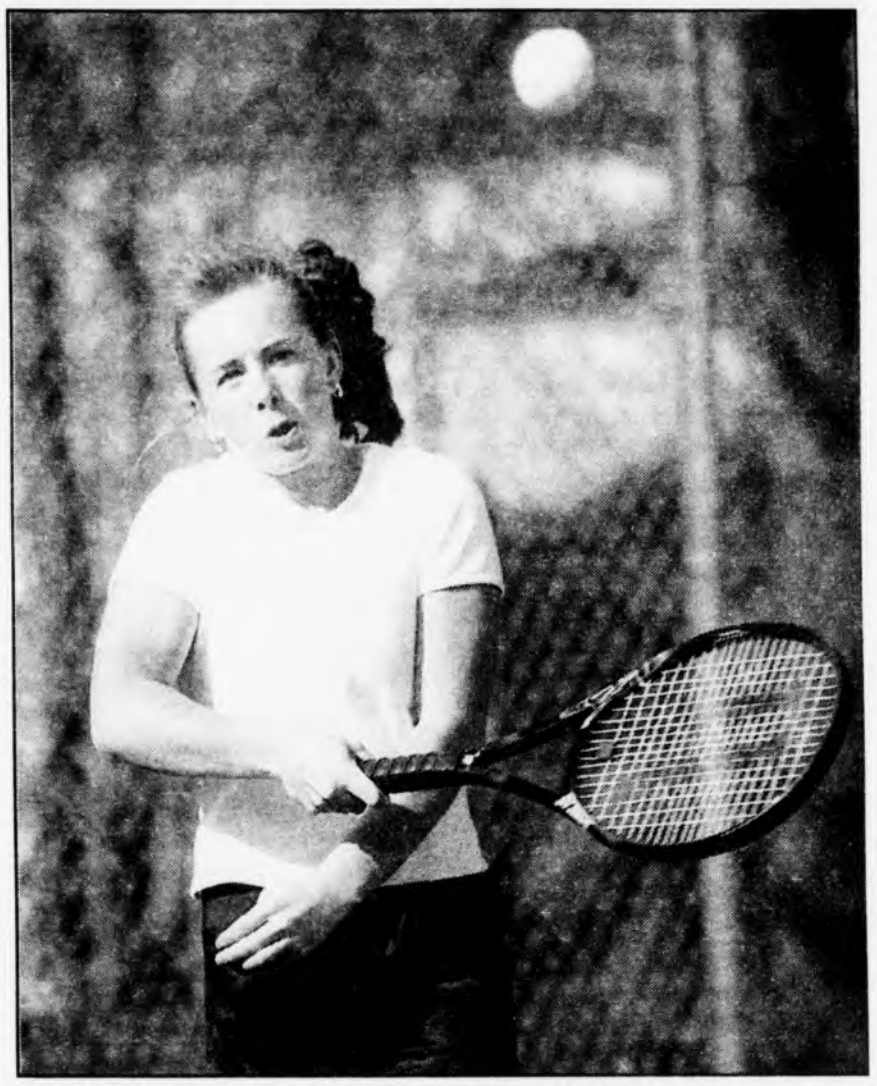
After finishing in second place to Scituate in league play for the last two seasons, all the experts have guaranteed that there would not be a three-peat for the Sailors. They would be correct as Scituate has moved out of the SSL, leaving it wide open for anyone to claim.

Since somebody's always got to be the best, Meehan said it might as well be her girls.

"We've never been able to win the league title and I think that this year is as good as any to change that," said Meehan, who is entering her seventh year as head coach. "This could be our year. The title is out there up for grabs and if anyone is going to take it, it might as well be us."

After compiling an impressive 14-2 record last season (both losses to Scituate), Cohasset's hopes don't seem to be so far fetched.

Meehan has learned to use a little bit of psychology in her coaching by dangling a carrot in front of her team. This year it's a night out at a local restaurant on her if they with the SSL title.



Caitlin Flint returns a serve for the Lady Skippers tennis team. The squad is off to a quick 4-0 start to the season.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

"We've been going pretty go so far, but I still sweat out every point no matter who we are playing ," admitted Meehan.

"We are little smaller of a group (12 players) than we have been in the past, but that's not really a bad thing. Everyone has a role on the team and all the players know that even if they aren't in the starting line-up they still are an important part of the team. Everybody plays a part."

Playing one of the bigger parts on the team is sophomore Kate Stone, who has returned for her second season as the top singles player for the Lady Skippers.

"I've known her since she was 12-years-old and every time you give her a challenge she rises to it," said Meehan of her young tennis star. "She is just an exceptional player and an even better young lady."

At the second spot is junior tri-captain Katie Brister, who Meehan said would be "the number on player on any other team in the league. She's that good."

"Katie has really stepped forward this year," added Meehan. "She came through for us against Hanover, taking Kate's place for that match."

Continuing the Stone family's tennis excellence is third singles player, Kelly Stone.

Only an eighth grader, Meehan has already targeted Stone for greatness.

"There's not much of a doubt that she is going to be a top singles player. It's just a matter of time," said Meehan. "She's got it all. A great head for the game, a beautiful stroke and a tremendous will to win. Kelly is just a tremendous competitor"

When the Stone sisters were away for last week's Hanover match, Cohasset showed their strong depth as sophomore Jessie Zerendowd and freshman Ary Afshar, who had never played in a varsity singles match before, stepped in and filled the bill in the win.

Looking at the doubles scene, Meehan boldly predicted that her number one team of eighth grader Kaitlyn Flint and KC Camacho would go undefeated this season.

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CHS GIRLS TENNIS COACH SARAH MEEHAN

"I just don't think that there is another team in the league that can touch them right now," she said. "Kaitlyn is just as good an all-around athlete as you are ever going to see and KC is a tremendous player."

Most recently at the second doubles spot has been tri-captain Jessica Stevens and Zarendowd, when she's not filling in on the singles scene.

"They've become as solid a second team as you could ask for," said Meehan. "Both of them are very strong players and they communicate very well on the court."

The third captain, Sarah MacDonald, as well as lacrosse transfer Katie Devine and Marcina Boone will also see some action for the Skippers this season.

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BY MARK TRASK

The flowers hang thick and buttery on every forsythia in creation. A green haze of ready-to-burst leaves adorns every tree. Lines whiz over smooth millpond water and gurgling streams as the season of dreams is upon us. For an angler that dream may be catching an elusive record fish, one that has surpassed all others.

Jim Tribble of Scituate celebrated his brand new fishing license by tangling with such a fish in the Russell Mill Stream of Plymouth. Jim is new in the ranks of licensed anglers at 15 but has years of experience with rod in hand. His fish may be a record for the year but Hemingway wouldn't give it a second glance.

Each year the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (freshwater) and Division of Marine Fisheries (saltwater) provide awards for prize-winning fish of many species. Twenty-one categories of freshwater fish are included in the program. The Saltwater Fishing Derby has 24 gamefish it makes awards for.

Freshwater fish in the award program (and the minimum award size) include brook trout — 2 lbs.; brood salmon — 10 lbs.; brown trout — 6 lbs.; bullhead — 1 lb., 12 oz.; carp — 15 lbs.; chain pickerel — 4 lbs., 8 oz.; channel catfish — 6 lbs.; crappie/calico —2 lbs.; lake trout — 7 lbs.; landlocked salmon — 5 lbs.; largemouth bass — 7 lbs., 8 oz.; northern pike — 15 lbs.; rainbow trout — 4 lbs.; shad — 7 lbs.; smallmouth bass — 4 lbs., 8 oz.; sunfish — 1 lb.; tiger muskie — 10 lbs.; walleye — 5 lbs.; white catfish — 4 lbs.; white perch — 1 lb., 8 oz.; yellow perch — 1 lb., 8 oz.

Jim weighed in with a yellow perch. Its 14" length and 10" girth tipped the scale at 1 lb., 10 oz. He is now qualified for a bronze pin commemorating his catch. Should that end up being the largest yellow perch caught in the state, he gets a gold pin. Congrats Jim!

The Saltwater Derby is larger with awards being made in men's, women's and junior's divisions. Winners in each division receive Paul Revere Bowls, symbolic of the Governor's Cup.

While some of the species in the derby may sound exotic, there are many familiar fish that we have had the opportunity of catching. The list of saltwater fish (and the minimum entry size listed in pounds) includes bluefish (10), blue marlin (250), bluefin tuna (300), blue shark (150), bonito (7), cod (25), cusk (20), false albacore (10), fluke (5), haddock (8), halibut (50), mackerel (2), mako shark (100), pollock (20), scup (2), sea bass (3), striped bass (30), swordfish (150), tautog (8), weakfish (10), white marlin (60), winter flounder (2), wolffish (20), yellowfin tuna (50).

Pete reports an acquaintance of his got into the schoolies for a 20-plus count. The biggest? Eighteen inches Pete gestured. Andy Collins took first-fish honors in the shadow of the bridge over the Weir River on George Washington Boulevard. Nils Sceery enticed his first of the year from Cohasset Harbor. Flies took a half dozen in the North River at the Union St. Bridge.

Catch one that's hard to carry!

Currier states her case to run with the elite

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"It wasn't the best way to begin a day that you're supposed to be running in a marathon," she said with a laugh. "In my heart I believe I belonged up there with the elite runners."

Currier has dealt with bigger obstacles than the BAA with just as much success. An asthmatic, she recently had to take more than four months off from any training after a bout with chronic Lyme disease.

"That really knocked me for a loop," said Currier. "When I did get back to training, I had to make sure that I only did what my body was going to be able to take. I had to step back and give my body the time it needed to properly heal."

"She (Hickman) passed me around the hills in Newton and Wellesley, but I kept her in my sights and just ran my own race," Currier explained. "Around Heartbreak Hill she started slowing down some and that's when I sat back and reeled her in. That's when I knew that nobody was going to catch me. I never looked back."

MARY-LYNN CURRIER

Now back as a picture of perfect health, Currier said she's running better than she ever has.

"I'm smarter now about my training," she admitted. "I'm 34-years-old but I'm still out there setting personal records and running with the top runners in the world."

One of those personal records she talked about was set at the Cohasset By-The-Sea race less than one month ago and Currier continued her winning ways just two weeks ago when she won Sacred Heart's "Run for the Ribbon" in Kingston outright as the first person, man or woman, to cross the finish line.

Officials from the Pittsburgh Marathon have already contacted her for their race next month. It would be a chance for a larger paycheck than the $2,600 she picked up Monday, but Currier said it's not going to happen. She needs more time than a couple off weeks to recover from Boston.

Currier said the next big goal for her is the trials for the 2000 Summer Olympic Games and to shave about five minutes off her Boston time on her way to getting there.

But, according to Currier, the only way she's going to get there is with a little help from her friends.

"The only way that I can see getting to the next level is by totally dedicating myself to the cause, which would mean giving up my job and training full-time for the Olympic trials," said Currier.

Physically, Currier has no doubts she could accomplish her goal. Financially, it's not going to happen without some sponsors.

The Power Bar company has given its support to Currier, for which she is extremely grateful, but more help is needed for her to properly train for the trials.

"It's a fact of life that you need to totally dedicate yourself to something like this in order to get to the Olympic level," said Currier. "You need to do it for a living."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Summer playground information

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Programs will include:

•Pre-school 3-years-old to 5 1/2 in a half-day program to be held Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children must be born between1/1/93 to 3/1/95 to qualify.

•5- to 12-year-old full day program are also available. Five- to 7-year-olds will be at the Osgood School while the 8- to 12-year-old programs will be held at the Deer Hill School.

Registrations are Monday, June 15 to Thursday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to noon and then from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. as well as on Tuesday evening, June 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Fees are as follows: full day 5- to 12-year-olds is $150 for first child ($275 for non-residents). The half day 3- to 5-year-olds are $125 for the first child.

Each additional child is $25 (residents only).

There is a mandatory $35 non-refundable activity fee as well which is separate from the regular program and must be paid at registration which will cover most special events as well as a T-shirt.

A separate check for the activity fee will be needed.

Limited enrollment has been set for each program and non-residents are taken on a space available basis.

All children must be toilet trained.

Recreation department sponsors after-school activities

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept mail-in and drop-in registrations for spring recreation programs for children age 4 to 10. Programs are scheduled to commence during the week of May 4, continuing for six weeks through June 12. (No Monday programs May 25, make up June 15.)

Monday, ages 4 and 5, Arts and Crafts for girls, at Osgood, 3 to 5 p.m.

Monday, grades K and 1, *Sports and Games, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

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Tuesday, ages 7 to 10, *Sports and Games, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, grades K and 1, T-ball, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, ages 7 to 10, Arts and Crafts coed, Osgood, 3 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, ages 4 and 5, *Sports and Games, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, grades K and 1, Arts and Crafts for boys, Osgood, 3 to 5 p.m.

Friday, ages 4 and 5, T-ball, Osgood Field, 3 to 5 p.m.

Friday, grades K and 1, Arts and Crafts for girls, Osgood, 3 to 5 p.m.

*Sports and Games will include outdoor instruction and play in soccer, basketball and kickball.

Some programs will have to be postponed should inclement weather dictate and you may call the recreation office at 383-4109, after 1 p.m., if you are in doubt of program status.

Children at Osgood and Deer Hill will be advised and sent home should the program not meet. We will make every reasonable effort to make up days lost to poor weather.

Children may bring snacks/drinks to programs and all children must be picked up either prior to, or promptly at the concluding program time of 5 p.m. Late pickup is subject to additional fee charges, based upon time tardy. The Joseph Osgood children may stay after school to participate once parental permission is given.

Checks and forms may be either dropped off at the recreation office or mailed to Cohasset Recreation Department, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025.

Little League parade is May 2

The Cohasset Youth Baseball Association will hold their annual Opening Day parade on Saturday, May 2.

Tentative schedule is as follows:

•7:45 to 8:15- Marchers assemble in the parking lot of The Red Lion Inn.

•8:15 to 8:45- March up Main Street to North Main on their way to Barnes Field.

•8:45 to 10 a.m.- Start with a schedule of events that will include Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray throwing out the ceremonial first ball and the opening day games.

More than 350 people in all are expected to take part in the event. The parade itself will include representation from the police and fire departments, an antique fire engine as well as the Deer Hill School Marching Band.

Special guests will be included to help celebrate the 45th anniversary of the league.

Teen Center Paint Ball Trip

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a Teen Center sponsored Paint Ball trip for grades seven through nine from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Friday, May 1.

The Randolph Paint Ball Facility will host the group for a two-hour private rental. The $30 charge includes two hours of paint ball and round-trip transportation by bus from Cohasset Town Hall.

The bus will leave Cohasset Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. sharp and return to Cohasset between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Further information including details of the facility are available at the Recreation office upon registration.

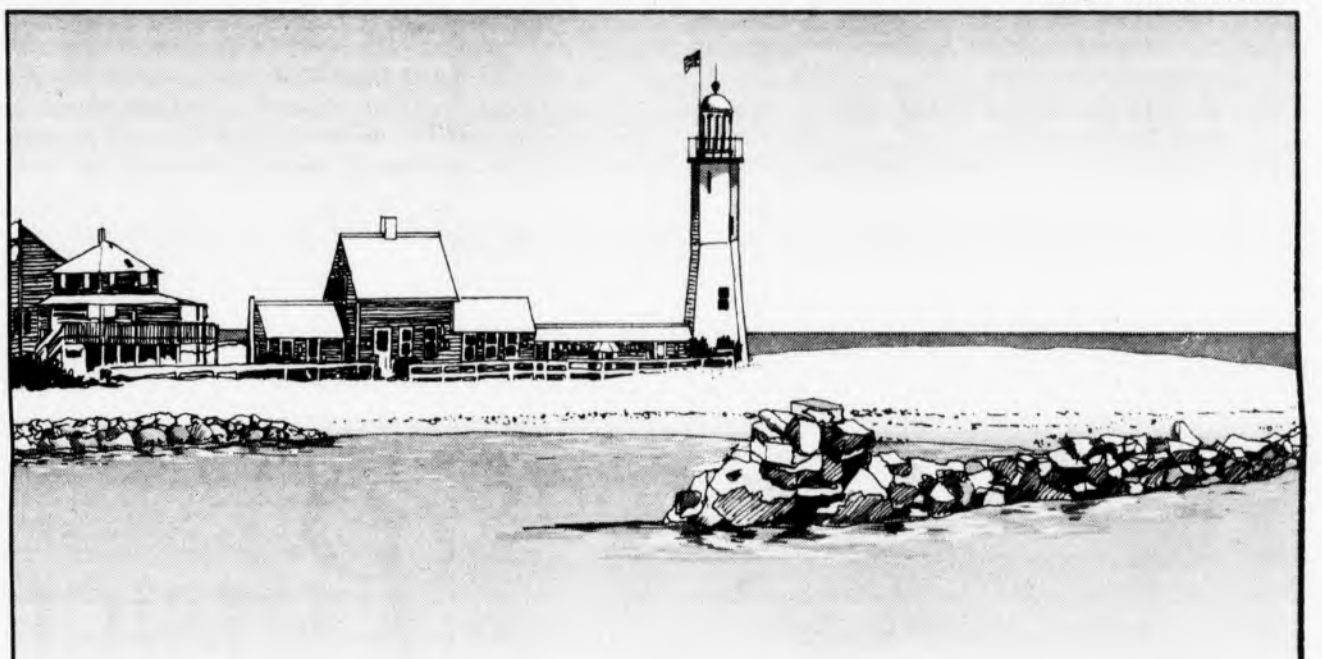
To register, parents must fill out an application/waiver at the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall, as soon as possible, a minimum of 20 participants is required by Tuesday, April 28.

Participants may purchase additional paint should they wish and the rental of the facility is restricted to our group only.



Runners make their way down the scenic North Main Street recently during the annual Cohasset-By-The-Sea race.

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For Your Health

Sudden hearing loss

Immediate treatment increases recovery chance

By Esther Csapo Rastegari, RN, EdM
CORRESPONDENT

You wake up in the morning and right way you know something is different.

Yesterday was just a regular day. You went to bed as usual last night, but this morning you don't feel right. Perhaps you are nauseous or dizzy. You may have tinnitus, a ringing in your ears. But as you listen for the morning sounds to which you are accustomed, it dawns on you — you can't hear out of one ear.

How could that be? About 4,000 people develop sudden hearing loss (SHL) each year in the United States, with 15,000 new cases reported annually worldwide. Sufferers are most commonly in their late 40s. About one third awaken with the hearing loss. Most individuals suffer the hearing loss in one ear, with about four percent having both (bilateral) ears involved.

How does this happen, and what can you do about it?

Sudden hearing loss is usually defined as a loss of hearing, usually of sensorineural (sensory plus neurological) origin of more than 30dB (decibels) in three connected frequencies (pitch) in less than three days.

What does this mean? To understand this, it helps to be familiar with how we perceive sound. As with our other senses, the main work takes place in the brain, not in the ear. Sound is basically the vibration of air. The loudness is measured in decibels (dB), while the pitch is measured in Hertz (Hz). We can think of sound as a wavy line moving between two straight lines, or like a train moving on a railroad track. The train represents the distance between the tracks. The wider the train, the louder the sound, the greater its amplitude. This is measured in dBs.

The pitch is related to the speed of the vibration (its fre



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quency), how close together the train cars are to one another. A long car seems to move slowly before our eyes, while short cars move quickly. The long car would have a low pitch, while the short cars, moving with greater frequency, would have a high pitch. When we lose hearing, it can be in terms of pitch (some low sounds we could hear, but not higher-pitched ones), and/or in terms of its loudness.

Hearing loss is broken down into two main categories: conductive and sensorineural. Conductive hearing loss refers to a problem in the way sound is transferred from the environment through the outer ear (the part we see attached to our heads) into the middle and inner parts of the ear. A buildup of earwax is the most common cause of hearing loss related to the outer ear. Once the wax is removed, hearing returns. Fluid due to an ear infection and a ruptured eardrum are other common conditions affecting hearing. If a structure inside the ear has been permanently damaged, hearing is less likely to be restored.

Nerve deafness

Sudden hearing loss is usually of sensorineural origin, and is sometimes referred to as nerve deafness. For the brain to perceive sound, the nerves in the ear must transmit the message from the inner ear to the brain. If these nerves are damaged, hearing cannot take place.

Not all sensorineural hearing loss is sudden. Exposure to loud noises or music can affect the inner ear and lead to hearing loss. As we age, there can be deterioration of the structures of the inner ear, leading to partial or complete deafness. SHL has been associated with medical conditions such as multiple sclerosis, leukemia, sickle cell disease, syphilis, infections both bacterial and viral, mumps and certain medications (usually reserved for life-threatening situations). It is important to rule out these potential causes, so that they can be treated properly. For the majority of cases, however, the cause is unknown or idiopathic.

The majority of individuals with SHL are healthy, with no known medical condition. There are four theories of what causes these cases of idiopathic sudden hearing loss: viruses, vascular problems, auto-immunity and breaks of the membrane of the inner ear. Different treatments have been developed, based on the believed cause. Treatments based on the vascular theory try to improve the circulation of blood to the ear, believing that this was in some way compromised, leading to the loss in hearing. Such treatments may involve the use of intravenous contrast dyes, or a gaseous mixture known as carbogen.

Since some studies have shown the blood of sufferers to be thicker, more viscous, than usual, some treatments have focused on the use of anticoagulants, or blood thinners. The auto-immune theory is based on research showing that the inner ear has its own immune system and is able to produce its own antibodies. Steroids have been used for some patients, but have been mainly successful for those with a moderate, mid-frequency hearing loss. All in all, no one treatment is clearly superior, or effective in most cases.

Get immediate help

Who has the best chance for recovery after suffering from sudden hearing loss? Those who seek help right away have a much better prognosis than those who avoid medical treatment, waiting for the problem to resolve on its own. What clouds this issue is that about 65 percent do recover spontaneously, although not all recover fully. Overall, about one third recover completely, one third recover some hearing, and one third show no improvement at all.

Prompt medical care is important to first address any underlying medical condition. Timely, accurate diagnosis can mean the difference between regaining one's hearing fully, or not at all. It does not, however, guarantee successful recovery. But not seeking care means lowering one's chances for reversing the hearing loss.

It is important to address the other problems that may occur at the same time as the loss in hearing. About 70 percent of individuals report tinnitus. This can be a mild ringing in the ear or an extremely loud roaring that doesn't stop. About 50 percent of those with SHL also complain of vertigo, or a dizziness, a sense of spinning. This can be so strong as to make movement difficult. The mere act of standing up and trying to walk to the bathroom can seem unbearable without holding on to someone. Many complain of a constant background noise, like static that makes concentration on other tasks difficult. Tinnitus can occur by itself, or can accompany hearing loss. About 36 million American suffer from some degree of tinnitus. If you suffer from tinnitus, you should be evaluated by an otolaryngologist (a physician specializing in problems of the ear, nose and throat), to diagnose and treat any underlying medical condition bringing on the tinnitus.

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Obituaries

Sir Ian MacGregor

Sir Ian MacGregor of Bermuda and Scotland died Monday, April 13, while visiting friends in Somerset, England. He was 85.

Born in Kinlochleven, Scotland, Sir Ian earned degrees in engineering from Glasgow University and the University of Strathclyde, Scotland. He came to the United States during World War II as part of a team procuring heavy armaments for the British Government. He settled in the United States with his wife, Sibyl (Spencer) who died in 1996. They lived in Cohasset intermittently during the '90s.

Sir Ian became chief executive of Amax in 1966, a position he held until his retirement in 1979. His contributions to France resulted in his being decorated by the French Government with the order of Chevalier of the Legion d'Honneur in 1972. He returned to England at the request of then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to run the British Steel Corporation and then the National Coal Board. MacGregor successfully reorganized both industries into efficient, profit-making nationalized companies. Mrs. Thatcher said upon hearing of his death, "He brought a breath of fresh air to British industry ...".

In 1986 Sir Ian was knighted by Queen Elizabeth for his service to the United Kingdom. He was a partner at the New York City investment banking firm of McFarland, Dewey and Co. He was inducted into Fortune Magazine's Business Hall of Fame. He continued various business pursuits, traveling around the world until his death last week.

Sir Ian leaves his daughter, Elizabeth MacGregor Bates, and granddaughters, Melissa and Meredith of Cohasset, and his son, Ian Charles Spencer MacGregor and grandchildren Lesley, Ian Kinloch II and James of Lake Forest, III. Memorial services will be held in London and New York City.



Sir Ian MacGregor

Police Log

Monday, March 30

12:25 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
12:30 a.m., MV stop, Square.
6:06 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
6:22 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
7:01 a.m., medical aid, Red Gate Lane.
7:07 a.m., assist citizen, Summer St.
7:10 a.m., general services, Forest Ave.
7:37 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
8:29 a.m., medical aid, Norman Todd Ln.
9:08 a.m., transport, Sohier St.
11:04 a.m., vandalism, CJC Hwy.
12:25 p.m., Mv stop, CJC Hwy.
12:40 p.m., station coverage, School St.
12:45 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
12:51 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
4:07 p.m., medical aid, Miliken Field.
5:32 p.m., assist citizen, Ripley Rd.
7:30 p.m., suspicious (other), Hull St. by Clark Dr.
8:025 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St. by Riverside Dr.
9:35 p.m., suspicious (other), Hull St.
10:47 p.m., MV stop, Common area.
11:07 p.m., assist citizen, Pond St.

Tuesday, March 31

2:17 a.m., officer wanted, Jerusalem Rd.
7:16 a.m., medical aid, Red Gate Lane.
7:52 a.m., animal complaint, area of 15 Old Coach Rd.
7:54 a.m., animal complaint, area of 300 N. Main St.
7:55 a.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Rd.
8:55 a.m., public service other, Pond St.
9:40 a.m., assist motorist, Atlantic Ave.
11:04 a.m., fire, investigation, area of 48 Stockbridge St.
11:06 a.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Conway's.
12:54 p.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Hingham.
1:08 p.m., medical aid, Pond St.
1:34 p.m., larceny, Pratt Ct.
2:37 p.m., parking violation, Summer St. across 84.
2:51 p.m., MV stop, CJC by Sohier St.
3:30 p.m., MV stop, CJC by Pond.
3:37 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Cohasset Plaza.
3:55 p.m., larceny, Wood Way.
4:33 p.m., fire, outside, railroad bed by the old hwy. Barn.
4:51 p.m., fire (misc), Cushing Rd.
5:30 p.m., general services, Highland Ave.
6:40 p.m., missing person, Summer St.
8:34 p.m., fire (misc), West Gate Ln.

Wednesday, April 1

12:53 a.m., suspicious (other), Pond St.
8:45 a.m, warrant arrest, Rt. 3A. Arrested: Early, John, 143 S. Main St., Cohasset. DOB: 4/19/59. Default warrant.
11:35 a.m., assist motorist, N. Main St.
7:13 p.m., animal complaint, Beechwood St.
8:26 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.
11:04 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Pond St.
11:19 p.m., fire, investigation, Beechwood St.

Thursday, April 2

5:47 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
5:54 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
6:08 a.m., MV stop, Mendel Rd.
6:39 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
11:55 a.m., MV violations, town lot.
12:40 p.m., animal complaint, Pleasant St.
2:43 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.
5:56 p.m., suspicious person, Beechwood St.
6:10 p.m., fire, investigation, Elm St.
11:14 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.
11:19 p.m., MV stop, Square.
11:28 p.m., MV stop, Depot Ct.

Friday, April 3

12:31 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
1:18 a.m., general services, King St.
7:18 a.m., general services, S. Main St.
8:07 a.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Rd.
9:55 a.m., fire, outside, King St.
1:48 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.
1:55 p.m., property (lost), Shaw's Plaza.
2:10 p.m., vandalism, N. Main St.
2:12 p.m., assist motorist, Rt. 3A/Sohier St.
4:20 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.
6:56 p.m., transport, 3A town line to line.

Saturday, April 4

12:57 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
1:21 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy.
9:55 a.m., parking violation, Jerusalem Rd. by Windy Hill.
1:03 p.m., suspicious person, Parking Way.
6:27 p.m., suspicious (other), Forest Ave.
7:06 p.m., property (lost), in Cohasset.
7:55 p.m., MV stop, King St.
8:50 p.m., annoying phone calls, N. Main St.
9:02 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.
9:22 p.m., assist other PD, CJC Hwy.
10:47 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.
11:51 p.m., general services, Atlantic Ave.

Sunday, April 5

12:30 a.m., MV stop, Hull St.
12:41 a.m., MV stop, Heather Dr.
1:00 a.m., MV accident, Cushing Rd.
1:25 a.m., medical aid, Beechwood St.
4:33 a.m., missing person, Fairoaks Ln.
11:09 a.m., MV violations, Elm St.
1:48 p.m., fire, investigation, Highland Ave.
2:07 p.m., assist motorist, Forest Ave.
3:28 p.m., MV accident, CJC Way south of Stop &Shop.
4:24 p.m., animal complaint, Joy Pl.
4:26 p.m., stalking , Highland Ave.
5:45 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
6:40 p.m., MV stop, Square.
8:25 p.m., fire, investigation, CJC Hwy.
9:28 p.m., MV stop, King St.

Monday, April 6

2:03 a.m., medical aid, Red Gate Lane.
6:40 a.m., fire, investigation, Highland Ave.
8:22 a.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
1:41 p.m., suspicious (other), Wolfpit.
4:01 p.m., medical aid, Smith Place.
5:20 p.m., suspicious auto, Cushing Road.
6:00 p.m., medical aid, Ann Vinal Road.
&:12 p.m., suspicious auto, S. Main St.

Tuesday, April 7

1:19 a.m., transport, Mobil Mart.
8:37 a.m., MV stop, Pleasant St.
9:44 a.m., MV violations, Church St.
10:04 a.m., medical aid, Surfside Road.
12:03 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.
12:12 p.m., MV stop, N. Main by Forest Ave.
12:20 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.
12:29 p.m., parking violation, area of 50 Jerusalem Road.
1:20 p.m., suspicious auto, The Square.
1:22 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.
1:56 p.m., MV violations, Church St.
5:55 p.m., animal complaint, Howes Lane.
7:14 p.m., property (lost), Border St.
8:38 p.m., medical aid, T St.
8:45 p.m., suspicious (other), area of 347 S. Main St.
9:00 p.m., suspicious (other), Sohier St.

Wednesday, April 8

6:53 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
7:07 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.
7:14 a.m., general services, Elm St.
7:31 a.m., MV stop, Mendel Road.
8:54 a.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Road.
9:33 a.m., assist other agency, Church St.
10:23 a.m., MV stop, Sohier by Deer Hill School.
10:42 a.m., medical aid, Nichols Road.
1:20 p.m. fire, brush, King St.
5:10 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood/Rt. 3A.

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Notice of License Application
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Waterways Application Number
W98-8773

Notification Date: May 1, 1998

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Author/illustrator Dean Morrissey gives a drawing workshop to third-graders at the Osgood School.



Third-grader Billy Griffin Shows off his artwork produced during the workshop.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman

Preschool screening slated

A special needs preschool screening for three- and four-year-old children will be held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m., Thursday, April 30. The screening will take place at the Joseph Osgood School by appointment only. The goal is to identify at an early stage, those children who may be experiencing developmental delays and may need further assessment. Please call the Student Services Office at 383-6104 to schedule an appointment.

Cohasset hosts post-prom party

The first annual Post-Prom All-Night Party will be held at Cohasset High School on June 3. The Prom will be held at the Marriott Long Warf in Boston. After after the Prom the students will return to CHS for a night of FUN. A Disc Jockey, a casino, and a breakfast are some of the events that are being planned.

An inclusive, chemical free All-Night Party for seniors has been very successful in many neighboring towns, including Hingham, Scituate, Hanover, and Marshfield. Local police and organizations strongly support the idea in these towns as the All-Night affair takes what may be a worrisome night and turns it into a safe sand fun experience for prom-goers.

The ticket price will be $30 per attendee. Student tickets will not cover the entire expenses for the evening. We need your donations to make this event a success.

Please help support this great event and send your donation to: Cohasset Post Prom Party, 16 Woodland Drive, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Also if you would like to volunteer to help on the committee. Please contact: Diane Dooley at 383-6448 or Margaret Tufts at 383-6985.

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The Cohassett PSO presents "Setting Firm Limits - Dealing with Attitude", with Barbara Capaldo, M.Ed. Capaldo from the Insight Education Center for parents and teachers.

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Cohasseters really dig local garden clubs

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

For years, Barbara Dillon has gladly dirtied her hands to help plant flowers at the Lightkeeper's House on Government Island as a member of the Community Garden Club of Cohasset.

"It's a great organization for community projects but it's also social," said Dillon. "Everybody enjoys it."

Indeed, close to 300 people are involved in the three garden clubs in town — the Community Garden Club, the Cohasset Garden Club and the Amateur Garden Club.

But more than a love of gardening and flowers entices Cohasset residents young and old to join these garden clubs.

"Cohasset is well known for having a lot of people who care about the town," said Mary Hartshorne, president of the Cohasset Garden Club. "There are so many volunteers in town working to make Cohasset a nice place to be and the garden clubs are part of that."

The Community Garden Club, which was founded by Polly Logan in 1959, boasts the largest membership — more than 200 horticultural enthusiasts.

To accommodate the large crowd, the club's monthly meetings are held in church halls, said president Vivian Bobo.

The club's major beautification projects include the Virginia Knowles Garden in Cohasset Village between the Wilson House and the Cohasset Maritime Museum and the Knowles Watering Trough at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Beach Street, where plantings are done four times a year.

The Cohasset Garden Club, although it has a smaller membership, has been flourishing since 1925. The club has 53 active members and about 20 summer and honorary members who work "to provide physical and financial support for civic and environmental projects" on a local and national level, Hartshorne said.

The club focuses its efforts on beautifying the Historical Society House on Summer Street and the Constitution Garden behind the South Shore Community Center.

Members of garden clubs join with the hope of blossoming into good gardeners — even if they've never picked up a gardening spade, Hartshorne said.

"They're all interested in having a nice garden at their house. Everybody's working on it," she said. "That's what's fun about gardens; they're not a permanent thing. They can always be nicer."

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts offers educational workshops and garden tours which the town's garden club members attend to improve their skills.

"I learned everything I know about horticulture through the garden club. It's a wonderful learning place," said Bobo, who has been a member of the Community Garden Club for about 30 years.

The fruits of the garden clubs' labor can be viewed at the Lightkeeper's House — a collaboration of the three clubs' beautification efforts.

That garden will be featured this summer in a week-long tour of exceptional gardens in Massachusetts. Public and private gardens from Scituate and Cohasset will be included in the Massachusetts Gardens on Tour 1998 on July 18 and 19.



Gardens at the Lightkeepers Residence on Government Island are maintained by members of the town's garden clubs.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Another garden club in town, the Amateur Garden Club, also helps to beautify the town. Its members could not be reached for comment by press time.

Gardening pair featured in Art in Bloom

Through the Cohasset Garden Club, members Joan Shockman and Brenda Urmson are participating in this year's Museum of Fine Arts' "Art in Bloom" exhibit in Boston, which opens next week.

Shockman and Urmson are designing a flower arrangement to accompany a 19th-century Norwegian impressionist painting by Edvard Munch called "Summer Night's Dream."

"There are a lot of dark greens and browns. It's going to be a hard one to work with," said Shockman, a 12-year member of the garden club who's participating in the exhibit for the third time.

The exhibit includes the work of 72 representatives from New England garden clubs displayed next to selected masterpieces from the museum's collection.

"It's all in how different people interpret what they are complementing. It's really fun to see all the other arrangements," Shockman said.

"Art in Bloom" opens April 27 and runs through April 30.

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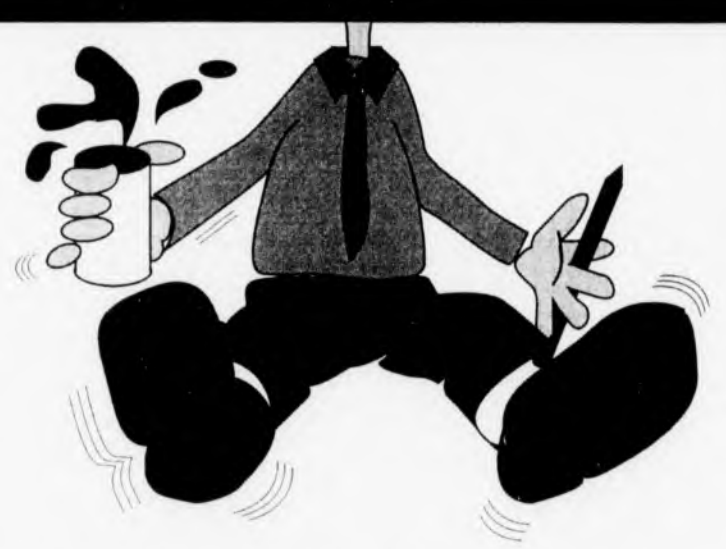
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As power battle wages between boards

Special town meeting on sewer in pipeline

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen did not slam the door this week on the sewer commission's request that they call a special town meeting for the north Cohasset sewer project.

That is despite a turf war between the sewer commission and selectmen over who has the authority to award construction contracts..

Selectmen will invite sewer commissioners to their meeting May 5 to have them explain their reasoning for wanting a special town meeting to revisit the now $9.9 million sewer project to provide sewer service to about 277 homes in the north Cohasset area including those around Straits Pond.

> ***"We feel the people who are going to be serviced, should decide how it's going to be handled."***
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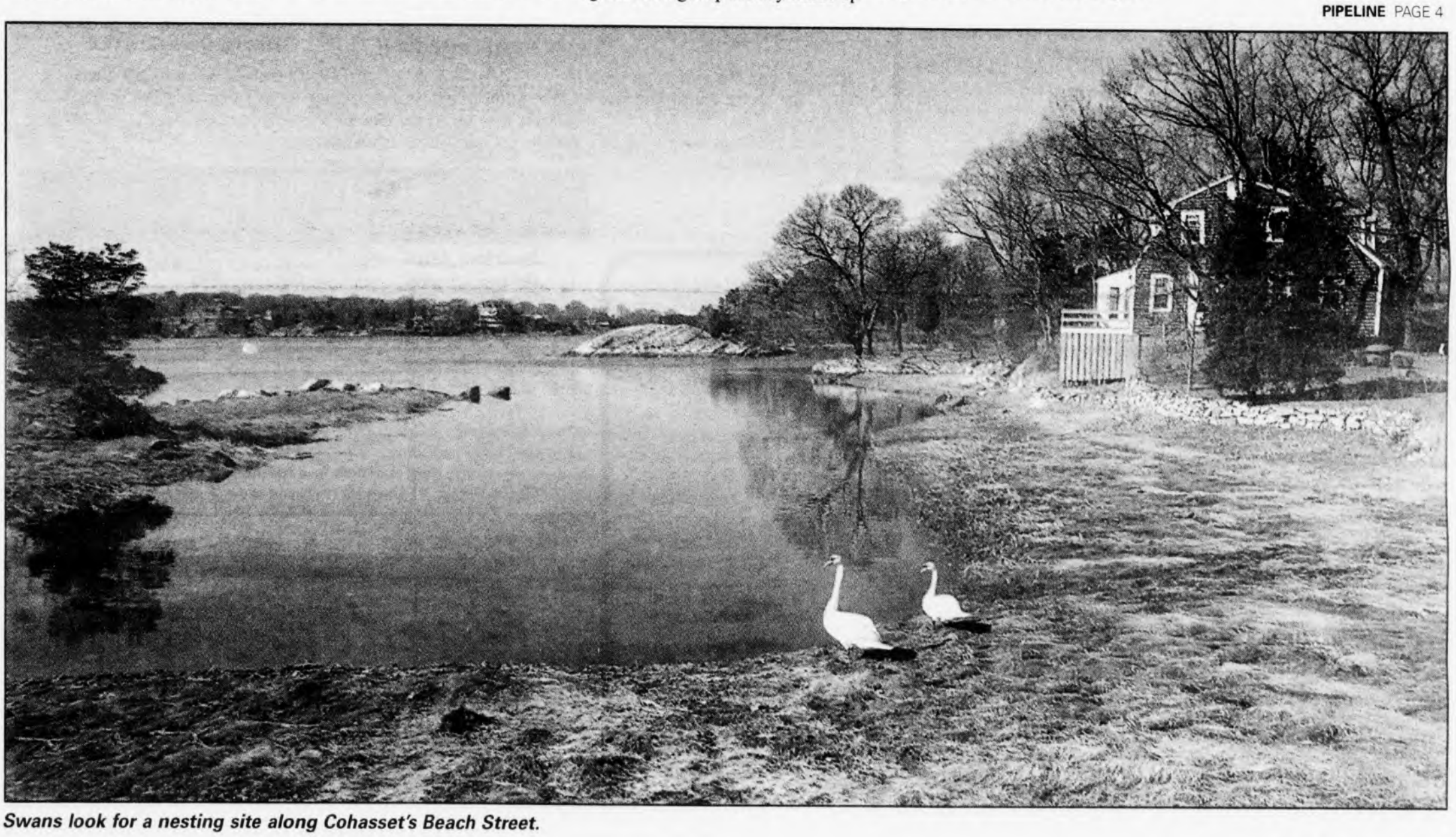
Saying she was concerned about the $3,000 cost to conduct a special town meeting, Lisa Bumstead, 111 Nichols Road, who is spokeswoman for Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions (CEES), asked selectmen why they would bother "going through the motions." CEES is a grassroots group mostly made up of homeowners in the Little Harbor area whose successful lobbying effort helped defeat the sewer funding plan at the annual town meeting.

But selectmen said they wanted to see what the sewer commissioners — who did not attend Monday's meeting — had to say.

"We need to hear their reasoning and understand the request (for a special town meeting). If there is a substantive reason, we need to hear it," Selectman Nan Roth said.

If selectmen, who have the authority to call a special town meeting, do not call for one — sewer commissioners hope north Cohasset residents will collect the requisite 200 signatures to force a special town meeting on the issue. Selectmen have to call a special town meeting within 45 days once the signatures are re-

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Swans look for a nesting site along Cohasset's Beach Street.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Deer Hill principal seeks the top spot

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Deer Hill School principal Paul Callahan has applied for a new job as the Cohasset school superintendent. He was among 42 candidates who got their applications in before the April 17 deadline. Callahan was the only "insider" to go after the $90,000-$105,000 post which will be empty this summer. The current schools superintendent Stephen Hart is retiring. He will step down in August.

Callahan confirmed Wednesday he is seeking the top school post but did not want to make a statement. But school board Chairman Rick Shea said he is pleased to see the quality and the number of people in the pool of candidates. He said the board expected only about 30 or 35 applications based on a prediction from the search committee's consultant. Shea also said most of

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Gillette executive buys the Kennedy house

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

An executive vice-president at the Gillette Company has reportedly signed an agreement to buy the late Michael Kennedy's house at 181 Atlantic Ave. Robert G. King of 17 Common Street in Scituate is out of town and did not return calls to the Mariner. But a source close to the Kennedy family confirmed the closing is expected by the end of May. The source did not comment on the selling price. Kennedy's house was listed for $2.3 million.

The report ends speculation the house was to be sold to movie star and Kennedy relative by marriage Arnold Schwarzenegger. Kennedy was the first cousin of Schwarzenegger's wife Maria Shriver, TV journalist and daughter of Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Earlier this month, rumors the new owner was a Scituate executive surfaced. He was believed to be a top executive at Gillette.

King is the executive vice-president for the North Atlantic group, according to company spokesman Eric Kraus. He is a Massachusetts native and a long time resident of the South Shore but has also lived in Mexico and in South America. King's house in Scituate has recently been put on the market. (See this week's

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COHASSET'S WEEK

Mariner article criticized

Selectman Merle Brown publicly criticized the Cohasset Mariner for a story last week about three selectmen turning up at the school committee meeting. Brown said article created controversy where none existed and said the Mariner should apologize.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said it was a coincidence that three selectmen, who constitute a quorum, appeared at the school committee meeting. Town Manager Mark Haddad was also there to discuss the teacher contracts.

Selectman Nan Roth suggested selectmen get a definitive ruling on whether they have to separately post a selectmen's meeting when they attend the meeting of another board.

"We need to understand once and for all whether a quorum can attend a meeting of another board," she said.

Aerial photos obtained

Town Manager Mark Haddad pointed out two aerial photos of Cohasset hanging in the selectmen's office to the board Monday night. The photos are a gift from the Army Corps of Engineers, Haddad said. He explained the Army Corps discovered the photographs after its recent move from Waltham to Concord and gave them to the town.

Selectmen said they were a nice addition to the office.

Callahan steps down from ConCom

Newly elected Selectman Tom Callahan has officially stepped down from the conservation commission, selectmen said this week.

School project on schedule

Rob Spoffard of the school building committee told selectmen this week that the new school should open on schedule.

"But if we can't (open on time in September), we would open school in Osgood and go from there," he said.

Spoffard said the roof is on the school, the studs are in and the walls are going up.

He said teachers have walked through the building.

"It's impressive, it really is," Spoffard said.

Selectman Ronnie McMorris said she chaperoned a group of sixth-graders who were doing a project on electricity and walked through the building and found it very light inside with great windows.

School playground proposal

The school project will cover site work for the school playground but money for a playground structure will be raised privately.

Adrianne McCarthy of the school building committee said fund-raising will be conducted soon to raise money for a new play park which can be built in phases. She said the first phase will cost about $12,000 out of a total of about $43,000 for the three phases. Volunteers would have to assemble the playground, she said.

New skin for storage shed

The frame of old Hagerty cutting room is now up by the new DPW garage on Cedar Street. Town Manager Mark Haddad said $7,500 of the $11,000 not expended in the snow plowing account last winter can be used to put a "new skin" on the structure which will match the siding of the DPW garage. The building will be used to store plows and sander bodies.

It could also possibly be used to store the components for the north Cohasset sewer project, he said. (See related story, page one).

Lamberts Lane school bus service

Selectmen are waiting to hear from the school committee if the school department will provide school bus service on Lamberts Lane.

If service is provided, selectmen want to know if a mini-bus or regular school bus will be used. That would dictate the size of turnaround needed, selectmen said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said a Lamberts Lane resident offered to do the work to provide a turnaround. He said talks with president of the Cohasset Country Club about using club property as a turnaround are going well.

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Sat. 2	4:29	10.5	10:53	5:15	9.4	11:12
Sun. 3	5:29	9.9	11:51	6:15	9.1	——
Mon. 4	6:31	9.5	12:13	7:16	9.0	12:51
Tues. 5	7:33	9.2	1:15	8:13	9.1	1:50
Wed. 6	8:31	9.1	2:15	9:04	9.3	2:43
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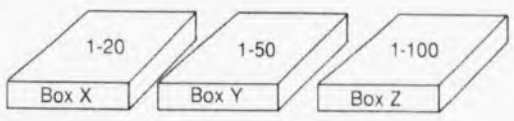


The state tests start next week for fourth, eighth and tenth graders. Since the advance word on them has been so gloomy, Mariner reporter Margo Sullivan decided it might be a good time for a little humor. In the absence of a better-known review to help crack the tests, we offer this whimsical guide based on sample questions for fourth-graders. (OK, the eighth grade test looked too tough for the reporter.)

Please do note the comments are based on sample questions only, and since the answers were not provided, your guess is as good as ours. (Maybe better.)

Question 1. The tiles in the boxes.
Box X has 20 tiles numbered 1 to 20.
Box Y has 50 tiles numbered 1 to 50.
Box Z has 100 tiles numbered 1 to 100.

Mark is going to choose a numbered tile from one of the boxes without looking into the box. From which box would he have the BEST chance of choosing a tile numbered 15?



A) Box X
B) Box Y
C) Box Z
D) It doesn't matter which box.

Mariner Reporter's Answer: Mark's big mistake in our opinion is trying to pick tile number 15 *without* looking into the boxes. Pawing at it blind means he's got a ***fat chance*** of pulling the number 15 tile in any of the boxes. But remember, this question asks about his BEST chance. Given the limits of the experiment, we'd go with Box X. Since it has the fewest tiles of the three boxes and it does have a number 15 inside, it will be his BEST shot. Our answer is a) Box X.

For whiz kids who have already learned probability theory, our BEST guess says he has a 1 in 20 shot of coming up with tile 15 in Box X but only a 1 in 50 shot of grabbing number 15 in Box Y. Worse, he'd be looking at 1 in 100 odds of scarfing number 15 out of Box Z.

How we solved it.

Step 1. We looked at the question type first.

According to Ruth Fennessey, the curriculum director at the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools, the test has three types of questions:

- Type 1 = Multiple-choice;
- Type 2 = Short questions;
- Type 3 = Open-response questions

This question was a **multiple-choice**. They count for 50 percent of the score which sounds like a lot to us. So nailing down as many of these can only help. But some of the short open-response types look like the multiple-choice as we'll see later. The two types are not mixed in the same section of the test, according to Rick Atkins, an education specialist at the state Department of Education. Still, it's important to start each question fresh and take a minute to make sure you know what you're doing. Don't get distracted.

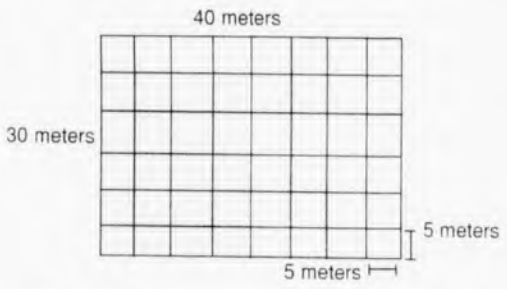
Step 2. We drew a picture or a map to help understand the question.

Some students think drawing maps and sketches is a crutch. But you don't get extra credit for getting the answer right without drawing. So you might as well indulge even when there are already pictures on the test. In this case, the test shows pictures of three boxes alongside this question, but there is still an opportunity here to draw something. For starters, exactly what are these ***tiles*** and how did they get numbers on them. We racked our brains and figured the tile is probably something like a Scrabble game tile, except these tiles have numbers instead of letters. So we drew one and made sure we knew what the question is talking about.

Step 3. We took our sweet time.

Once again, there's no extra credit for making short work of the test. Going slowly and checking your answers will pay off in a better test score.

Question 2. The city is building a small park downtown. The park is 40 meters long and 30 meters wide.



There will be a rectangular garden in the park 25 meters long by 20 meters wide. The rest of the park will be paved.

A) Decide where to put the garden area. Shade the garden area on the park grid shown above.

B) What is the area of the garden space in the park? Explain or show how you found your answer.

C) What is the area of the paved space in the park? Explain or show how you found your answer.

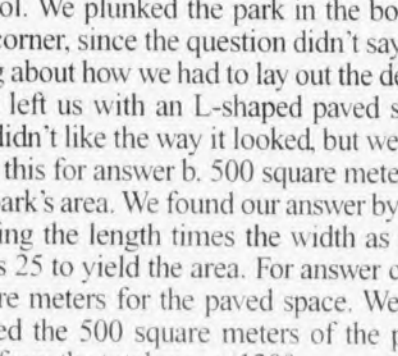
Mariner Reporter's Answer: Writing news stories is beginning to look easy compared to this test. Double-Whew! **METERS????**. We didn't learn the metric system when the Mariner reporter was in school. We plunked the park in the bottom-left corner, since the question didn't say anything about how we had to lay out the design. That left us with an L-shaped paved space. We didn't like the way it looked, but we went with this for answer b. 500 square meters for the park's area. We found our answer by multiplying the length times the width as in 20 times 25 to yield the area. For answer c. 700 square meters for the paved space. We subtracted the 500 square meters of the park's area from the total space (1200 square meters or 40 times 30.)

How we solved it.

Step 1. We looked at the question type first. (Yup, same thing as before.)

This was a type 2 question that looked like a multiple-choice. It was also a double-whammy type 2 because this one asked us for **Both** the answer and an explanation of how we arrived at the answer.

Step 2. We drew a picture or a map to help understand the question. (Yup, same thing as before.)



They had a drawing already. But once again, we did an extra drawing to help us try out our answer.

Step 3. We took our sweet time. (Yup, same thing as before.)

Once again, there's no extra credit for making short work of the test. Going slowly and checking your answers will pay off in a better test score. We checked our answer by figuring the areas separately and comparing them to the total. Since the whole space was 40 by 30, the total area of the park plus the paved space had to equal 1,200 square meters. It couldn't be bigger. It also couldn't be smaller. To get the L-shaped area, the Mariner reporter, kind of a dum-dum in math, split the section in two strips. One was five meters long by 40 meters wide and came to 200 square meters in area. The other piece was 20 meters long by 25 square. Its area measured 500 square meters. (Wow, same as the park.) Then we added 500 + 200 and got 700 square meters. This was the same answer we got when we subtracted the park's 500 square meters from the total 1,200 square meters. (Talk about going around in a circle.)

*Step 4. About the **meters** thing.*

We usually deal with feet and not meters. But the question said meters. The Mariner reporter dealt with this irritation by pretending the question asked for the area in feet. Since all the sides were given in meters and it wasn't necessary to transfer some of them into feet or inches, we just used what we knew about measuring area (which isn't much) and did the best we could. The only catch is we had to remember to write meters, not feet, when we put the answer down.

Question 3. Corey worked these problems.

2+8 = 10	6+6 = 12	10+4 = 14
12+2 = 14	8+4 =12	2 +6 =8

When Corey finished, he said:

"I think the sum of ANY two numbers is always an even number."



A) Is Corey correct? Explain the reason for your answer using pictures, numbers, or words.

Maya looked at Corey's work. She thought a bit and said:

"I think the sum of any two ODD numbers is always an odd number."

B) Is Maya correct? Explain the reason for your answer using pictures, numbers, or words.

Mariner Reporter's Answer: At last! A question that was easy for the Mariner reporter who has found in Corey and Maya two kindred spirits just as silly in math as she. Our answer is: Corey is wrong. We added 1 + 2 and got 3 which is an odd number. Maya is wrong. We added 1 + 1 and got an even number 2.

How we solved it.

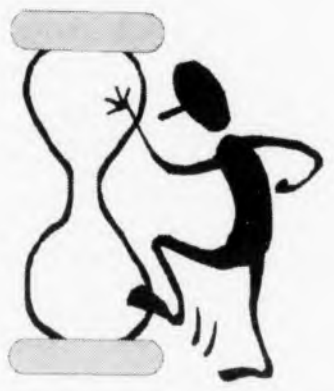
Step 1. We looked at the question type first. (Yup, same thing as before.)

This was another type 2 question that looked like a multiple-choice. Unlike the first type 2 question we saw, this one asked us for **Both** the answer and an explanation of how we arrived at the answer. It was also a **2-part question**. After we dispatched Corey, we had to deal with Maya.

Step 2. We drew a picture to help understand the question. (Yup, same thing as before.)

We just added up some different numbers.

Step 3. We took our sweet time. (Yup, same thing as before.)



Once again, there's no extra credit for making short work of the test. Going slowly and checking your answers will pay off in a better test score. Starting with Corey, true, all the numbers he added up were even numbers, and their sums were even numbers. But then he forgot about odd numbers and went too far by saying the sum of **ANY two numbers** would be an even number. We added up two odd numbers 1 + 1 and got another even number 2 for their sum. Corey was still looking good at that point. But we didn't stop there. We picked one odd and one even number to add up to show he was wrong.

Once we solved Corey's part of the problem, we really also had the answer to Maya's part. One thing we didn't do is go overboard. The sum of any two odd numbers is always an even number. Maybe we should have put that rule down for extra credit. But we at the Mariner play it safe.

We did call the state Department of Education to ask whether we would lose points for not going all out with the answer. According to Atkins, we detected a problem that exists on a lot of sample questions but will not happen on the real test. Atkins said each of the open-ended questions is graded on a scale from 1 to 4 according to a "scoring rubric." The sample test questions are really the ones that were flawed so the educators could not come up with a solid way to score the answer. On the real test, students will not have to guess about how complete their answers should be, Atkins said. The scoring is explained on the test.

Step 4. We ignored the specifics about the children in the question.

My first name is not Corey or Maya. So it is pretty easy for me to say the Corey and Maya on the test made mistakes. I also don't have any friends named Corey or Maya. I can't even think of somebody I don't like by those names. This turns out to be good. This means I can be totally objective and just answer the test question. But if my name happened to be Corey, I might be unhappy to say he was not correct. So, if a name on the test is the same as my own name or someone I know, I just cross it out and pretend the test says Mr. Smith. Just remember to put the right name back when you write in your answer.

Finally, good luck on the test. If you get a good score, our hats are off to you. If not, you can always be a reporter. It's really fun.

Special town meeting on sewer in pipeline

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ceived and authorized by the town clerk.

In a telephone interview last Saturday before he left on vacation. Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild said the people of north Cohasset should get another chance to decide how to approach the project.

"We owe it to the people of north Cohasset," he said. "We feel the people who are going to be serviced should decide how it's going to be handled."

The controversial and complicated sewer project took on another twist this week after Guild said Town Manager Mark Haddad did not have the authority to terminate a portion on the contract. (While the notice of award had been given, the actual contract was not issued and signed. However, the town will have to pay the contractor about $9,000 to get out of the contract).

Guild said he conferred with a friend who is a former town counsel and reviewed the warrant articles authorizing the project and article establishing the town manager form of government and determined that the sewer commission has the sole authority to bid and issue the contracts.

He said the sewer commission is an independently elected board. The only say selectmen have is in the nature of the bond issue, which means how the money is borrowed by the treasurer, Guild explained.

But Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said while sewer commissioners had had that authority, it is clear the Town Manager Act, enacted last year, invests that power in the town manager.

Selectmen then reaffirmed to Haddad Monday that he should terminate what is known as Contract 2.

Reached by telephone Tuesday, sewer commissioner Gary Vanderweil said the sewer commission did not agree with town counsel's view on who has the authority to issue and terminate contracts. He said the sewer commission would let the contractor know the contract is not terminated.

"We are not convinced they can terminate the contract," Vanderweil said. "They can write a letter to attempt to terminate it but I'm not sure the contractor will accept it.

"We will write our own letter accepting the contract."

Vanderweil stressed that Contract 2 had to be "kept alive" in order to let a special town meeting ultimately decide how financing the sewer project should be handled.

"We want the people of north Cohasset and the town to decide with full information before them," Vanderweil said.

He said if selectmen elect not to call a special town meeting and not enough citizens sign a petition to call one, then the sewer commission would terminate Contract 2 and would proceed with the option of buying the components.

The project, which was bid twice, ended up coming in $2.7 million over estimates. This was despite being divided into four contracts to attract smaller contractors and therefore, more bidders. Due to the cost, contracts 2, 3 and 4, which would hook up the individual homes in north Cohasset to the sewer main are on hold. However, Contract 1, which will lay the main in the streets, has been issued and will go forward, Haddad said.

(Town meeting in 1997 appropriated $6.6 million for the project contingent on a Proposition 2 1/2 override to spread half the cost or $3.3 million among all taxpayers with the balance being picked up by the users. The override subsequently passed at the ballot box).

With a vote of 141-103 in favor, the request to appropriate the additional money to fund the overage failed to obtain the two-thirds majority (161 votes) required at the March 28 town meeting. A two-thirds vote was necessary because the town would have had to borrow the money which would be paid back entirely through betterments assessed to the homeowner.

Over objections from the sewer commission, selectmen voted April 13 to terminate Contract 2, which would have hooked up the homes around the environmentally sensitive Straits Pond to the sewer main. Contracts 3 and 4 would connect the remaining homes in north Cohasset to the sewer main which runs to the treatment plant in Hull.

At their April 13 meeting, selectmen said they planned to either rebid contracts 2, 3 and 4 as a unit or use the remaining $1.4 million of the $6.6 million initially appropriated for the entire north Cohasset project to buy the components (valves, tanks and grinder pumps) for the hookups. Then the town would turn over the equipment to each homeowner's private contractor for installation. This option, which is backed by CEES, would only be considered if the state agreed to allow the highly favorable financing promised for the complete connections on just the equipment instead, selectmen said.

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Something old, something new

Harborfest celebrates Osgood, parts way with Art Festival

By Lisa Campenella
CORRESPONDENT

There seems to be an unofficial theme running through this year's Harforfest celebration slated for the weekend of June 5-7.

For the first time in several years, the Harborfest will be held without the cooperation of the South Shore Arts Center. Also, during the festival, hopefully hundreds of alumni of the nearly closed Joseph Osgood Elementary School will gather to celebrate the 70th birthday of the school as well as its imminent closing.

Seemingly this year's Harborfest is about saying goodbye to some old friends while making new ones.

The separation from the South Shore Arts Center's annual Arts Festival is an amicable one, according to one Harborfest organizer Jim Laggrotteria.

"We always envisioned Harborfest as a town celebration," Lagrotteria said. "A place to go and meet your neighbor."

Although the union with the Arts Festival was a successful one, drawing thousands of people to the event, Lagrotteria said the huge festival began to draw away from the Harborfest's "principles" of being a hometown gathering run by Cohasset residents for Cohasset residents.

"It was nothing against the S.S. Arts Center," Lagrotteria said. "It was against our principles in a sense to bring in all those vendors."

The Arts Festival, he said, is the Arts CenterÕs major fundraiser drawing a lot of fair goers and vendors but the original intention of the Harforfest began to erode. He said he appreciates all the support the Arts Center has given and wishes it success for the Arts Festival, slated for later in June.

With the absence of the Arts Festival, Lagrotteria said he is unsure of how large the turnout will be but believes the town will come out in droves to support the event. One attraction that has the potential to bring nearly everyone in town to the Harborfest is the celebration commemorating 70 years of the Osgood School and its eventual closing.

Rose Collins, one of the members of the Osgood Birthday Celebration Committee, said the school's commemoration has "mushroomed" from being a school event into a town-wide celebration of the beloved school.

On the second day of the Harborfest, following the Rotary Club's pancake breakfast with proceeds going to the new teen center, several tents will house a history of the Osgood school. Particulars include a wall of photographs from alumni of the Osgood School, a wall of art work from students of all ages, a "Family Tree" of generations of Cohasset families attending the school and organizers hope hundreds of Osgood alumni going back to the first years of the school.

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> JIM LAGROTTERIA, HARBORFEST ORGANIZER

"It's very exciting," Collins said. She said several teachers and students from the school's early days will be there and she encourages anyone who has attended the school to come to the tent and share their memories of happy days at the Osgood.

"I *love* the Osgood," Collins sincerely said, expressing the commonly held view of the elementary school: "It's such a warm and wonderful place."

Collins encourages anyone who has generations of family who attended the school to contact her at the school or at home (383-0760) to be part of the OsgoodÕs Family Tree. Although her opinion may be biased, she has been a second grade teacher at the school for nearly 20 years, Collins said the school is one of the most loved institutions in town. Even though a new Osgood school is being built behind the Deer Hill Elementary School, Collins said the qualities and attributes that have made the Osgood what it is will be brought to the new school.

"People tell me, 'oh Rose the Osgood's closing...but the positive happy feelings, the love, will go to the new school.' "

Aside from the Osgood event, the Harborfest has included many of the town's organizations including the Rotary Club, the American Legion, the Council on Aging and nearly every age group of student in town.

One of the most popular events, the baseball/softball fast pitch contest will again run through the event.

Also, there will be music all weekend long at the center stage on the common boasting local amateur bands and paid professionals performing a broad range of styles including rock 'n' roll, Big Band and Jazz.

"We try to tickle everyone's fancy," Lagrotteria said.

Friday night's highlight is the "Illuminaria" when townspeople light candles around the pond and sing hymns. "It's beautiful," Lagrotteria said.

Sunday's events do not begin until about 1:30 p.m. when the Blessing of the Fleet takes place. The blessing is performed by a representative of all the clergy in town accompanied by the sounds of a marching band and is followed by what Lagrotteria calls a "Norman Rockwell" town parade.

"There are fire trucks, police cars, floats, horses and people pushing their children in carriages," he said. "It's your typical hometown parade."

Events begin Friday, June 5, about 3 p.m. and rap up Sunday about dusk offering plenty of food, entertainment and wares for sale by local businesses. In it's 8th year, the Harborfest is sure to have something for everyone.

"Just come, it's a great time," Lagrotteria said. "You'll wish you hadn't missed the last seven years."

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Town waits for advice on dump shutdown

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Town officials are awaiting a decision from Town Counsel Paul DeRensis advising them whether to enforce a shut-down order by Building Inspector Robert Egan ordering the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill to close down permanently. As of late Tuesday evening, Egan was still awaiting a ruling from town counsel advising him on how to proceed. Town Manager Mark Haddad confirmed that town counsel was still investigating all possibilities.

Earlier this month, the zoning board of appeals (ZBA) upheld an order by Egan ordering the landfill to shut down permanently because of a permit violation. John K. McNabb Jr., vice president of the anti-landfill group, SAFE (Stop Any Further Expansion), expected CHL to defy the shut down order and said the town could then seek a court order forcing the owners of the landfill to comply. CHL has remained open even after the ZBA upheld the shut down order.

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McNabb said the landfill should be forced to stay closed during the lawsuit, but attorneys for CHL said it should remain open. The courts will make the final decision.

"My sense is the town will take some action," McNabb said. "Whether that's an injunction or criminal action, I don't know. Town counsel could decide to do nothing, but I doubt it."

McNabb has also submitted a request to Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe asking her to shut down the landfill because he believes it is at its maximum allowable height of 190-feet. McNabb said he has not measured the landfill, but the last height reading was 178-feet last M[illegible]. According to McNabb, rep[illegible]s by CHL detailing how much material it has accepted since last May prove the landfill has to be well over its maximum height to have legally placed so much new material in the facility.

However, the health board discovered last month that CHL had placed as much as 100,000 tons of material on the slopes of the landfill in violation of DEP regulations. DEP regulates the angle of the slope of the sides of the landfill to ensure that the material stays in place. McNabb said overfilling the slopes creates the danger of a landslide because the angle becomes too steep. Overfilling the landfill could also potentially ruptur[illegible] its liner, allowing hazardo[illegible] material to leak out of the facility.

Egan has also ordered CHL to remove 7,800 square feet of material it placed in a section of the facility not authorized for landfilling.

CHL attorney Anton Moehrke said the owners of the landfill are trying to work with environmental authorities regarding the extra material in the landfill.

"We are continuing to attempt to mediate the question of the overfill through DEP and the state Office of Dispute Resolution," Moehrke said. "The town, and SAFE and anyone with an interest in this is invited to participate in that process."

Moehrke added that although a number of recent decisions had gone against CHL, the owners of the landfill would continue to exercise their legal right to appeal.

McNabb discovered the overfill last November when he found 7,800 square feet of material in a section of the landfill not approved for dumping. The permit violation was discovered by McNabb in January when he found that CHL had never filed its special permit to operate a landfill in Cohasset with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. State law requires permits to be filed with the registry before becoming effective. Egan shut down CHL permanently on a technicality related to not filing the permit.

Part of the landfill sits in the town's Water Resource District, created in 1988. Landfills are prohibited from the district except for facilities that were in legal operation before the creation of the district. Egan ruled that CHL's failure to file the permit meant it wasn't in lawful operation prior to the creation of the water district and could not claim special pre-existing use status. The zoning board upheld Egan's decision, technically shutting down the landfill for good.

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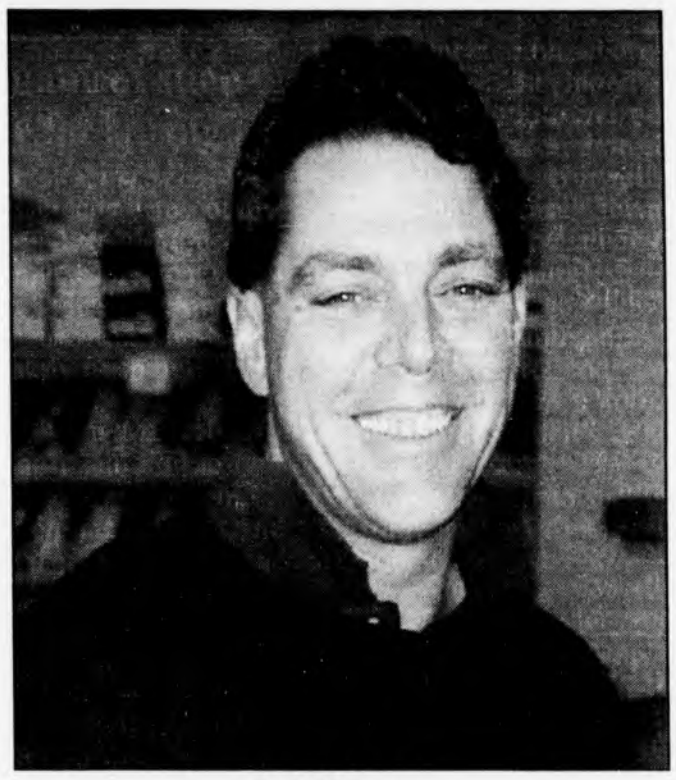
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Thousands of paperbacks are offered at 25 cents, and hardcover books are 50 cents. On Sunday, all leftover books will be offered at $1 per grocery bagful. Bring bags.

The annual book sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Cohasset Library, with proceeds used to improve library services. A major gift of the Friends to the Library each year are family passes to the New England Aquarium, the Museum of Science, Children's Museum, Computer Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, JFKennedy Library, USS Constitution Museum, and Plimoth Plantation. To reserve a pass, call the library at 383-1348.

'Mad Hatters Tea Party' at Paul Pratt Library

The Friends of the Cohasset Library will serve tea at "The Mad Hatters Tea Party" Thursday, May 7, from 4 to 5:15 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Library. All school children in grades pre-K through third grade are invited. Characters from the Cohasset Dramatic Club's current production of "Alice in Wonderland" will be on hand to greet guests, present scenes and introduce Lewis Carroll's wonderful story.

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TRACK DEDICATION MAY 7

On May 7, at alumni field, there will be the track dedication. As you have read, it will be dedicated to an former teacher and friend to all; Charles Davis. His children are flying in from everywhere for the event, as are former friends and fellow teachers and friends. The festivities will begin at 3:30 p.m.; after the dedication will be a reception in the CHS cafeteria, complete with refreshments. One note — Charlie would be so proud! How he loved his students, co-workers, friends and CHS!

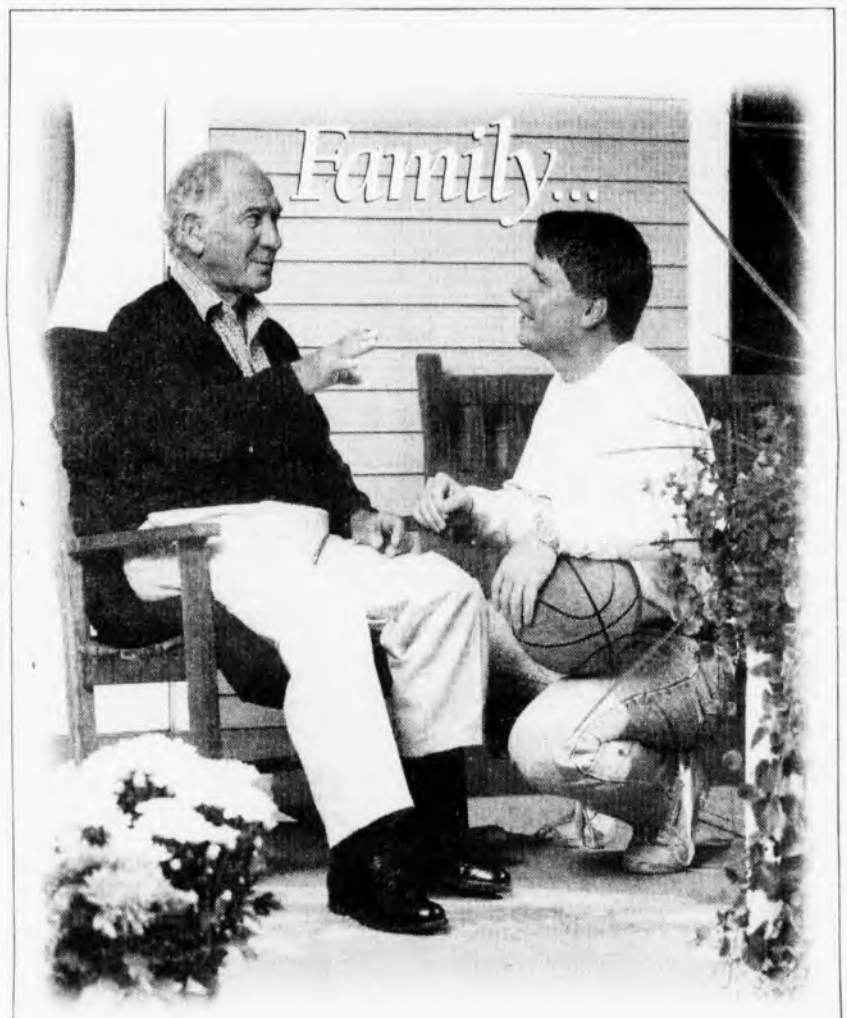
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Treasurer/collector Joe Buckley got a special present for his 75th birthday: his very own town hall parking space. The homemade sign was later replaced by an official one from the highway department.

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mark the third production of "Congo Capers," since it first hit the stage in 1993. In addition to presenting an evening of fun family entertainment, the show was originally created by Second Congregational Church members to help bring the people together and develop new friendships among parishioners. Cast members span several generations from the youngest in their early 20s to the more veteran performers in their 80s. According to director/choreographer Joanne Fitchner, "The whole group really clicks and has a lot of fun. Our audience will find the humor and merriment contagious. We want to give people something to remember, and talk about, until next time." Tickets are going fast, get yours today!

Next week, we will tell you about mid-month activities!

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Noble and Greenough School recently announced the winter athletic award recipients, and there was a Cohasset star in the group! A standing ovation goes to Scott Mac Pherson (a senior) who was awarded the James H. Bride Ski Bowl for enthusiasm, spirit and sportsmanship in skiing. Scott was also voted to the ISL All Star League!

HONORS AT TABOR

Ryan L. Staszko, a senior at Tabor Academy, has been named to the honors list at Tabor Academy for the first semester of 1997-98. In addition, at recent Prize Day ceremonies, Ryan was recognized for academic excellence in modern Russian history. Ryan is the son of Mr. Donald Staszko and Dr. Barbara O'Pray of Cohasset.

Also, Tabor Academy announces that Cameron O. Nugent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Nugent of Cohasset, and a freshman, has been named to the commended student list for the first semester. Congratulations, Cameron!

That's the news for this week, don't forget to give me a buzz with all of your latest happenings!

— **Sallyann**
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MAY I PRESENT

Sallyann Chatterton

This week is dedicated to the man of your dreams — a wonderful steak recipe, that you will use again and again! It can be used for company, as you won't have to spend all of your time in the kitchen cooking, tasting and seasoning. This is an "old-time recipe, one that you will use again and again! Serve it on your best platter, with a baked potato and a fresh vegetable, and you are all set to enjoy!

SAL'S BAKED STEAK

1 (3" thick) sirloin
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/tsp. ground fresh pepper
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup catsup
3 tablespoons Worcestershire
fi cup butter, melted
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 large Bermuda onion, sliced

Place steak in a pan and brown on one side (Pan broil or pan sear). Season with salt and pepper. Turn over and season dry side with salt, pepper and garlic. Spread with combined catsup, Worcestershire sauce, melted butter and lemon juice. Top with onion slices. Bake, uncovered, in a 13x9x2 broiler pan at 350 degrees using a meat thermometer for desired doneness (about 45 minutes required for a medium done steak).

Hope that you enjoy this splendid steak!

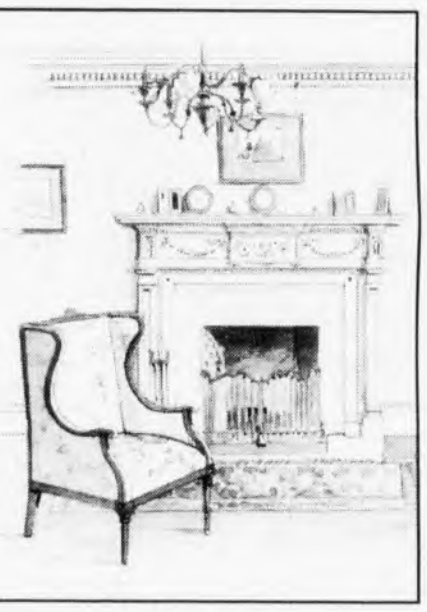
— **Sallyann**

P.S. If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, or a request for a recipe you might want to try, give me a call or drop me a note and I will do my best!

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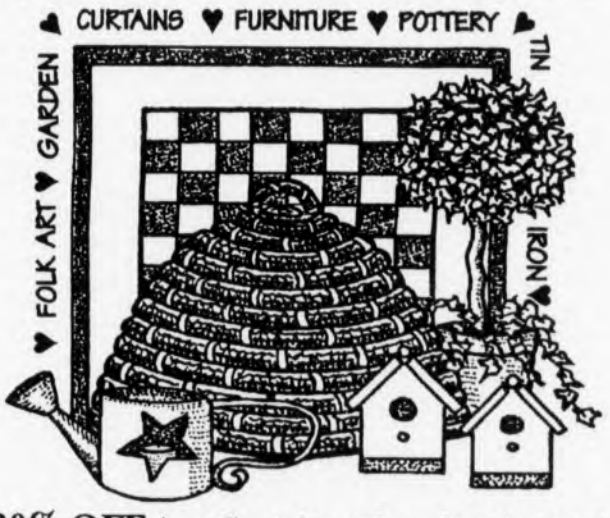


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EDITORIALS & OPINIONS

Fairness for north Cohasset

To those of us who dream about a simpler time with easier solutions — the north Cohasset sewer project is our worst nightmare.

It has all the makings of a good novel including a power struggle, strong-willed characters, conspiracy theorists and militant citizens but with a plot so complicated that no publisher would ever consider it.

But buried amid all the controversy, finger-pointing, information and misinformation is a project that desperately needs to be done. It is undeniable that providing sewer service for the vast majority of homes in north Cohasset is the best way to clean up the environment and maintain property values in that part of town.

So what's the problem?

The project to sewer the 277 homes was approved and paid for last year. However, the plan went awry when the bids started coming in. The first bid round was tossed out. The second group was substantially less but still 40 percent over estimates.

Ever since the sewer commissioners started talking about needing $2.7 million more to complete the project, some said the town is being gauged by greedy contractors and others accused the sewer commission of gross incompetence.

There's no question that town meeting last month was confused.

For openers, voters had to understand the difference between 50/50 state equivalency grant financing and 50/50 town/user shared funding. That, coupled with a barrage of conflicting information from a concerned citizens group and the sewer commission, helped further cloud the issue.

So it's no wonder that Article 18 failed even though all it would have done was to appropriate the money to be paid back entirely by users through betterments assessed over 20 years. Article 18 would have also allowed the homeowners to take advantage of highly favorable state financing.

(It's important to point out that Article 18 received a favorable 141-103 vote but not the 161 votes or 2/3 majority required because it was a borrowing article).

Since town meeting, another proposal has surfaced. Under this scenario the town would spend the remaining money in the initial appropriation to buy the grinder pumps, tanks and valves needed to complete the connections from the sewer main to each user's house. The town would then stockpile the equipment and turn it over to the homeowner's private contractor for installation.

In light of the latest option under consideration, we think a special town meeting is the only fair way to allow the town and especially those residents in north Cohasset to fully air this issue.

Is the components-only option feasible? If it is, does it open a whole new set of headaches for the homeowner and the town which would maintain the inventory?

Also at a special town meeting, the north Cohasset sewer project would not have to compete with dozens of other items of business ranging from water tank proposals to the acceptance of private ways.

We have another suggestion. If other towns' projects and sewer contractors are going to be used as examples to bolster arguments, let's ask their representatives to appear in person to explain. The numbers — especially those being tossed around for the Hingham project — are being manipulated by both sides of the sewer issue to support their arguments.

The Hingham Journal is one of our sister newspapers and we can assure you the Weir River sewer project in Hingham is every bit as complicated as Cohasset's. And like their Cohasset counterparts near Straits Pond, homes with failing septic systems in the Weir River Watershed have been causing pollution.

The sewering of these districts will put an end to that environmental problem.



LETTERS

Report read with dismay

To the Editor:

I read, with interest and dismay, the April 23 Mariner report by David Tibbetts about my old neighborhood. I grew up in Cohasset and lived on Sheldon Road beside Stephen and Vivian Bobo for nearly a quarter of a century. Their children grew up next to ours. We shared a property line marked only by a small bush and a flower bed. Not once in all those years did we have an argument. During that time, Steve designed and built a boat there, without incident, that was successfully launched with neighborhood help, and sailed by Steve for some years.

I wish, for the sake of the whole neighborhood, that everyone could share the respect for the honesty and integrity of the Bobo family that my family learned living next door.

Edward C. Bursk Jr.
Mt. Auburn St.
Apt. 107

In defense of midges

Everything Margo Sullivan had to say about the midges on Straits Pond is true. Still, I feel oddly compelled to come, well, if not to their defense, at least then to a place of advocacy for their, albeit temporary, existence. Personally, I hate vacuuming midges off the ceiling, which is what happens if I neglect to shut the door behind me quickly enough on a summer evening. Yet these midges are so ... so ... so nondescript. By comparison, the buzzing of mosquitoes is enough to strike terror in warmbloods; even in their repugnance mosquitoes at least can titillate, not unlike a B-grade slasher movie. Midges, though, have a banality about them. They don't buzz. They don't bite. They just swarm. And left unvacuumed, they will by morning have fallen unceremoniously, quite dead to the floor below.

However, there is one redeeming feature to these swarming yawns. Not only do they provide food for spiders, as reported by Ms. Sullivan, but they also serve as a staple, and as an apparent source of entertainment, for the swallows inhabiting the pondside. Each year I take great delight in watching the swallows swooping and swishing joyfully through their mid-flight feasts. If birds can be said to display pleasure in repast these swallows are aviary gourmets. And they do seem to enjoy the hunt ... not content merely to fly through a midge cloud with their beaks wide open, Straits Pond swallows are true aerialists, displaying all the panache of Tom Cruise in Top Gun.

I can't say that I'll miss the midges once the Straits Pond cleanup has had its full effect. But I know that I'll miss the endless hours of entertainment provided by the predator swallows, and I do indeed wonder what impact the extinction of local midges will have on swallows as the next tier in the food chain (not that I'll miss the spiders either).

John Loupos
King Street

Keeping the record straight

To the Editor:

Just to keep the record straight, the Cohasset Garden Club originally designed and continues to maintain the Virginia Knowles Garden surrounding the Historical Society buildings in Cohasset Village. The Cohasset Garden Club also plants and maintains the Knowles Watering Trough. The Community Garden Club focuses its efforts on plantings at Lothrop House on Summer Street and on the Constitution Garden behind the Community Center.

Credit was attributed the other way around in your April 23 issue.

Mary C. Hartshorne
Border St.

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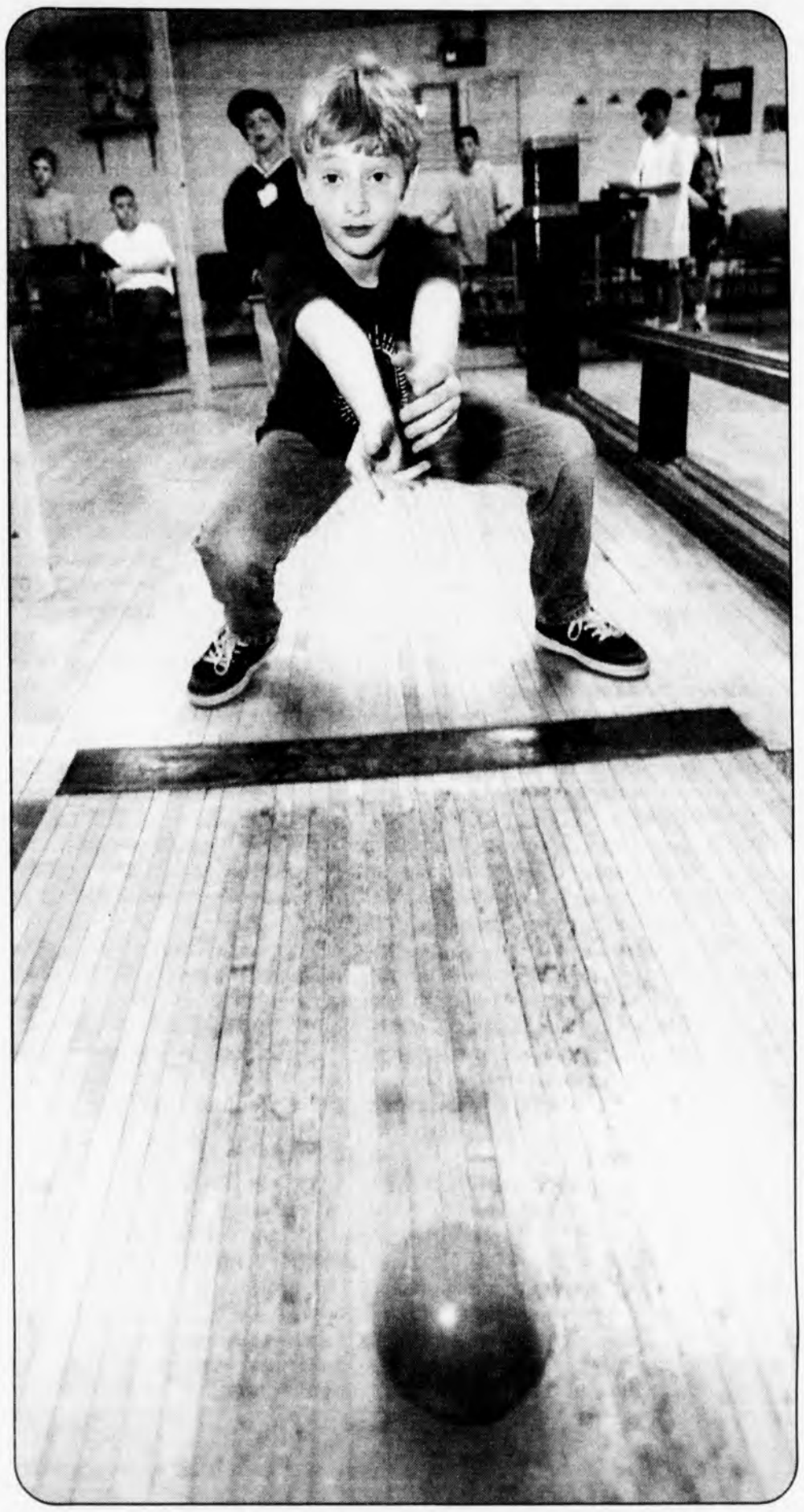
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Rob St. John bowls at the South Shore Community Center during vacation camp last week.

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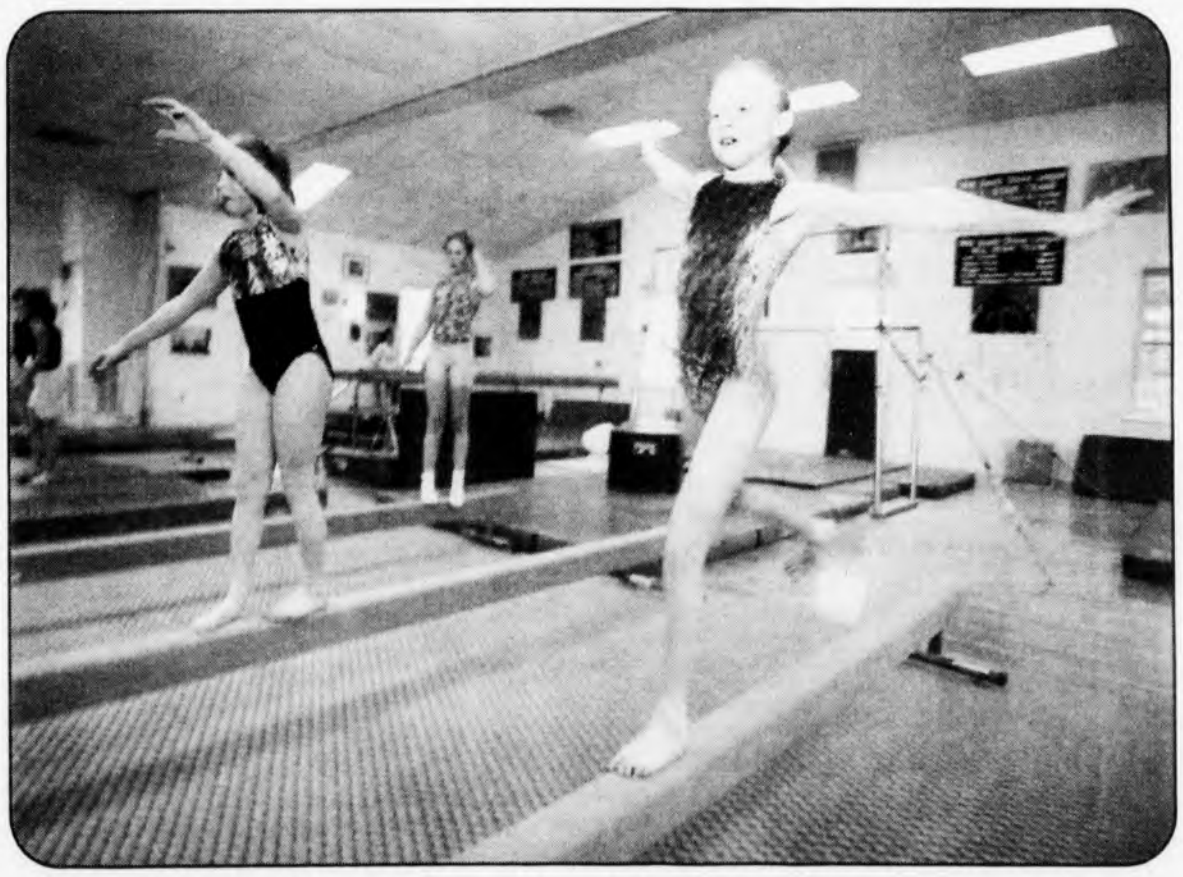
Michaela Valente, right, waits her turn on the computer, while Samantha Snow, left, finishes a came at school vacation camp at the community center last week.



Jean Thomae works on a program at computer camp.



Nick Cambi and Chris Hackley keep a close eye on bowlers as they keep score. Chris' broken arm kept him from competing.



Alison Krupczak, right, practices her leaps on the balance beam during a workout at the community center. Kelsey Bell practices on the beam at left.

Living with a septic and drainage nightmare

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

David and Frances Burnham love their home in the Newtonville section of Cohasset. They love everything about their property except for the 30-feet-in-diameter puddle of raw sewage rotting on their lawn, and the torrent of water that rushes through their property after every rain storm. The Burnham's are living with a public health emergency that is so severe, it would sicken most people.

The board of health has declared the Burnham's property and three adjacent properties public health hazards because of the exposed sewage. The board of health has ordered the Burnhams and the other three homeowners to shift their wastewater systems from septic to tight tanks, sealed septic tanks, until they are connected to the sewer. The health board is scheduled to discuss the implementation of the tight tanks at the four homes at a meeting tonight in town hall.

Problems with bad septic systems, raw sewage and poor drainage are not new issues for homeowners in Newtonville. The Burnham's have been living with the problem for many years, but the problem has become intolerable in recent days. Most of the flooding and sewage on the Burnham's property is coming from other people's property because the Burnham's live near the bottom of a bowl-shaped landscape. The problem is also dangerous to the health and safety of the public. The Burnham's are upset that the town will not help them fix a problem that is a public health hazard which is not their fault, but a factor of the landscape and outside factors. She added that most people don't realize how hazardous the situation is.

"Everyone is poorly informed, and people don't understand just what a public health emergency is," she said. "The town closes the beaches when the fecal coliform (excrement) count reaches 230 parts per million (ppm), but in 1995 the count on our property was 20,000 ppm, and just last January it was 6,400 ppm."

The ground underneath the four homes is rocky ledge that is poorly suited for the septic systems and old cesspools the current homeowners are using. The Burnhams installed a new septic system years ago, but it failed after only four years. Other man-made problems contributed to the sewage problems. Frances Burnham said she discovered an eight-inch sewer pipe extending 15 feet under her property from a neighbor's property. The pipe was removed, but soil has become gray and useless.

And the problems with drainage are just as severe. The Burnham's property is located on top of a groundwater confluence that causes geysers of water to erupt through their lawn after rain or when water levels are extremely high. The Burnhams say the poor drainage is eroding the foundation of their home.

The Burnham's received some relief for their septic problems from town meeting. While the Burnham's are scheduled to be connected to the expanded central Cohasset sewer plant, that event is at least one year from completion.

The situation is so bad that the health board has ordered the sewer commission to connect the homes to the sewer system within 30 days or face a lawsuit. The sewer commission has rejected the health board's order. Town Manager Mark Haddad has obtained a ruling from Town Counsel Paul DeRensis stating that the health board does not have the authority to order the sewer commission to sewer the four homes within 30 days.

The Burnham's asked selectmen for help paying for expensive drainage improvements to their property to slow the erosion of their foundation and create a more livable situation. A lawyer for the Burnham's, Robert A. Fasanella, presented their case to selectmen on April 27.

"The Burnhams, whose residence is located at the bottom of a ravine created by the surrounding hills, have suffered extreme flooding problems, which have been exacerbated by the flow of raw sewage onto their property from nearby, failing septic systems," Fasanella wrote in a letter to selectmen dated March 25.

Fasanella pointed out that the Burnham's experience the kind of flooding on their property during average rain storms that is usually restricted to the kind of damage produced by 100-year-storms. Fasanella showed selectmen photos of the Burnham's front yard completely submerged under water after rain storm in February.

"The enclosed photos do not represent a recent flooding problem, but rather a graphic portrait of the long-standing, chronic flooding problems which affect the entire Newtonville neighborhood and inner Cohasset Harbor area," Fasanella said. "The serious nature of the flooding poses a danger for vehicular travel as well as a danger for the transmittal of raw sewage and fecal viruses from failing septic systems in the neighborhood."

Despite their pleas for public assistance, selectmen declined to help the Burnham's pay for their drainage problems because their home is on a private way. The Burnham's had proposed two schemes: one would have alleviated flooding for five homes at a cost of $35,000 by placing three new catch basins on Newtonville Street to direct water into a wetland adjacent to Atlantic Ave. The second plan would have alleviated flooding on all of Newtonville Road by constructing five catch basin and connecting into an existing drainage system on Atlantic Ave. at a cost of $70,000.

The Burnham's told selectmen they had tried to do as much as they could on their own, even enlisting the aid of neighbors. The Burnham's had asked selectmen to split the repair cost with homeowners on Newtonville Road.

"Neighbors have refused to cooperate and in fact have built things to direct water toward our property," Frances Burnham told selectmen, referring to an abutter who built a berm that has worsened flooding on her property.

But DeRensis advised selectmen against helping the Burnham's because they live on a private way. DeRensis said paying for drainage improvements on a private way would set a precedent for other private streets in the future.

Fasanella disagreed, saying the Burnham's property was too severe to serve as a precedent for other private ways.

DeRensis also advised selectmen to avoid the proposal because the drainage project is too expensive.

"The budget is extremely tight," said selectman Nan Roth.

Selectmen did say that residents on Newtonville Road can connect into the Atlantic Ave. drainage system at their own cost.

Frances Burnham let out a frustrated laugh during a telephone interview as she tried to cope with uncooperative abutters and a town that refused to get involved in solving a public health emergency.

"This is a community project," she said. "It's beyond us."

David Burnham questioned the selectmen's reluctance to help out with the problem.

"This is what community government is supposed to be all about," he said.

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Health board considers tight tanks for Newtonville

The health board has ordered four homes on Newtonville Road — numbers 26, 26A, 30, and 36 — to go onto tight tanks to alleviate health problems from failed septic systems. Tight tanks are sealed containers for sewage wastewater that are used in place of failed septic systems. The health board is requiring the four homes to go onto tight tanks because raw sewage is percolating up through the ground because of failed septic systems.

But tight tanks are only a temporary solution to the problem in Newtonville. The sewer department plans to connect the four homes to the central Cohasset sewer project, but those connections will take at least one year. In the meantime, the health board feels the health problem is so severe that the four homes have to be placed on tight tanks. The health board plans to discuss the Newtonville situation at its meeting tonight in town hall.

There are still problems with tight tanks. The units, which can be underground or above, must have a minimum capacity of 2,000 gallons said Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik. But an average family of four can produce 150 gallons of sewage in a single day. The tank must be pumped before it is full, which can be quite expensive considering how fast the tank fills up.

The state Department of Environmental Protection must also review the plans for the tight tanks, which must comply with Title V regulations. But the entire review can take as long as three months.

The entire financial burden for tight tanks, from installation to pumping, is upon the homeowner; they pay for everything. As Frances Burnham of 30 Newtonville Road said, "It's punitive to place us on tight tanks."

Burnham pointed out that the sewer commissioners used extra sewer capacity allowed by the state to immediately hook in the community center, St. Anthony's Church and other municipal buildings to the existing sewer system. Yet sewer commissioners have refused to allow the four homes in Newtonville to hook in immediately using the additional state capacity. Health board member Kevin Ulmer has stated previously that the sewer commission has refused to acknowledge the seriousness of the health risks in the Newtonville area.

Deer Hill principal seeks the top spot

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the 42 candidates are currently school superintendents.

"This is good news for Cohasset," Shea said. He hopes the new superintendent can be named by mid-June. The search committee, which is still forming, meets for the first time tonight. They will tackle interviews with about 10 semi-finalists after consultant, Jim Hardy of the state school committees' association, screens the applications.

Shea also said one of the candidates has requested confidentiality. Since this person is likely to be named a semi-finalist, the school board will probably conduct some of the interviews in executive session, he said. The board originally intended to hold these interviews in public, though the audience would not be able to ask questions. Shea said he preferred to honor the confidentiality request rather than lose strong candidates for the position. But the entire process will go public once the finalists are named. Shea expects about five people to make the final cut. Their identities should be known around May 18.

The new superintendent is expected to have a proven track record with a minimum of 10 years experience in education. The school board decided the new school chief should also be able to:

- Lead the staff in teaching the curriculum;
- Understand the Education Reform Act;
- Raise test scores;
- Encourage the staff to continue professional studies;
- Build good relations with the school board and the community;
- Achieve the school district's goals within the budget the town can afford.

The new superintendent is supposed to start work August 3.

Gillette exec. buys the Kennedy house

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edition of South Look for a picture and a story.) The asking price for the 13-room Cape Colonial is $675,000. The house was built in 1783 by a Revolutionary War captain William Vinal.

The $2.3 million asking price for the Kennedy house raised some eyebrows because the figure roughly doubled the home's assessed value. According to Deborah Krupczak in the Cohasset Assessor's Office, the house's value was put at a little over one million dollars. Mary Ann Devine of Dwyer and Mullin Real Estate in Cohasset was the King's broker.

Michael Kennedy was killed in Aspen, Colo. in a Dec. 31 skiing accident. He was the son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

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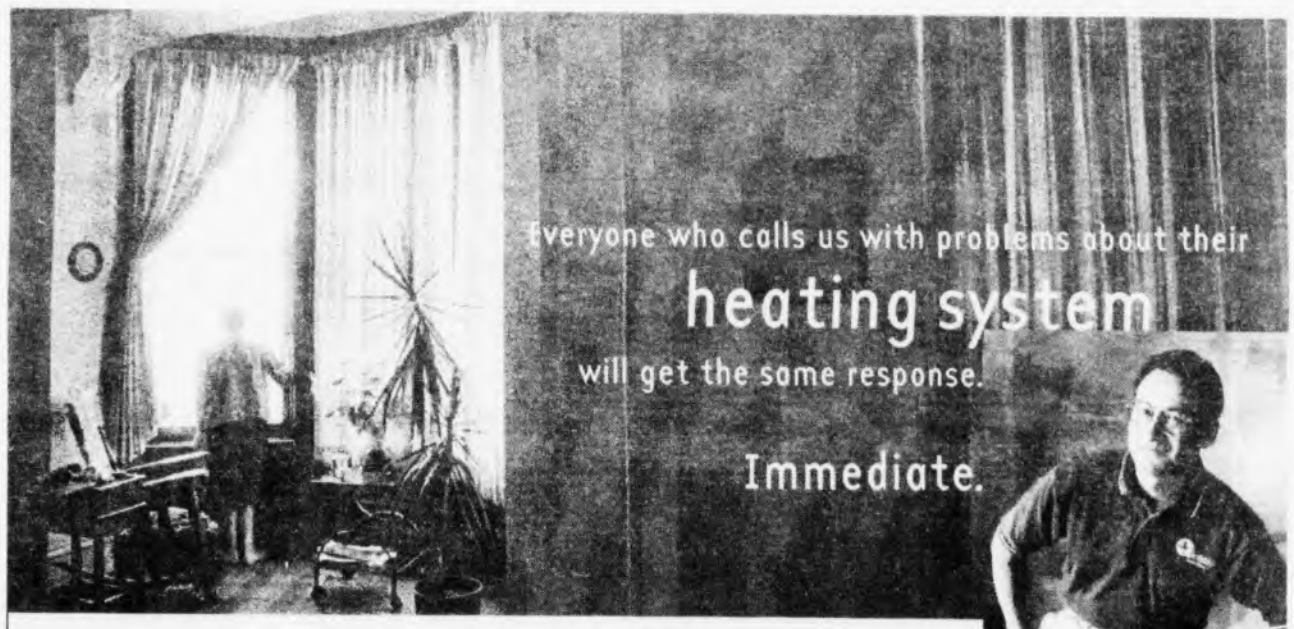
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Train mitigation panel may switch tracks

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Town officials could be ready to change the strategy they adopted a year ago to negotiate with the MBTA over the Greenbush train. An offer of help from Sen. William Delahunt's office prompted a discussion about an about-face. The offer coincided with yet another unresponsive letter from the T. Once again, they denied the train will increase Cohasset's flooding problems.

Greenbush is the third prong of the Old Colony restoration, and the project has posed more problems and provoked more anti-train reactions than the other branches. Plans call for building the tracks close to private homes, historic districts, vernal pools and other environmentally sensitive areas. Though nearby communities have confronted the T with lawsuits and public outcry, the Cohasset selectmen voted last August to steer a middle course and deal with the T.

But over the past year, the T has repeatedly brushed aside the evidence the train tracks will be under water in places if the engineers build it on the right of way as planned. Last week, another T letter repeated the same theme sounded for the last year. The train will not make Cohasset's flooding problems worse.

Roughly translated, this means the T will not compensate Cohasset for building the train in the flood plain. The message is one selectwoman Diane Sullivan called troubling.

She is also a member of the panel formed to literally "mitigate" the train's impact on the community. Pointing to the letter from T project manager Robert Egan, Sullivan said the T's claims undermine the town's hopes for controlling flooding around the James Brook.

Armed with that reply from the T, Sullivan and the panel took stock of their predicament. She and several other committee members considered looking to bigger guns than town and state officials to deal with the T. Primarily, the panel is hoping elected representatives will show them how the federal government agencies working with the town on the James Brook flood control project can be coordinated with the T. Sullivan said the committee would also have to keep working hard to produce "solid professional information" that proves the T is wrong.

The arms of the federal government already involved in Greenbush are the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency, according to mitigation committee chairman Thomas Gruber. But Gruber wanted to ask Delahunt's aide to find out if other federal agencies might also be involved.

In addition to Delahunt's office, the panel expects to continue working with state Rep. Joseph Sullivan, D-Braintree and other state officials.

The James Brook has been the top priority of the Mitigation Committee partly because the federal government, through the emergency management agency, has now come up with funding for a flood control project. But the project construction work will be in jeopardy if the T builds the track in the right of way by the flood plain.

In other developments, the committee voted to send a member of the Conservation Commission to a meeting between Egan and the state Department of Environmental Management. DEM has asked the T about the flood plain "structures." The board called the meeting an opportunity to introduce more accurate numbers on the heights water has reached during severe storms. Although FEMA has asked the town for new numbers and consultant Paul Shea has compiled them, the T has previously indicated it plans to use the old FEMA maps. As Sullivan put it, the T does not care if the train has to plow through water.

The panel also moved forward with hiring a consultant to review the train's impact on air quality, noise and vibrations in Cohasset. Tech Environmental of Waltham has won the contract, and Peter Goldberg is the consultant. Cohasset will pay $11,800 for his advice.

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Obituaries

Carlton S. Pratt

Carlton Stuart Pratt, 81, of Cohasset, a retired employee of Boston Edison Co. and a Navy veteran of World War II, died Monday at home.

Mr. Pratt worked for Boston Edison at the Edgar Station in Quincy's Fore River shipyard for 44 years. He retired at age 62. He was a life member of Local 369 Utility Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

He was born in Montgomery Village, Vt., and graduated from Vermont Academy. He lived in Quincy before moving to Cohasset in 1950.

Mr. Pratt was past master of the Konohassett Lodge and a member of the Euclid Association of Masons and the Order of Eastern Star Dorothy Bradford Chapter 135.

He was a long-time member of the Second Congregational Church and had served on the board of deacons and as a trustee.

He volunteered for Meals on Wheels and as a driver for FISH, an organization that gives people rides to the hospital.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Ruth F. (Fleming) Pratt; two sons, Stuart C. Pratt of Montgomery Village and Jeffrey C. Pratt of Cohasset; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Second Congregational Church. Burial will be in Woodside Cemetery.

There are no visiting hours.

Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St.

Donations may be made to Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, 02025.

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Cohasset Batmen start to heat up

For one heady weekend, the Cohasset Skippers held a regular season record over .500, the first time they had achieved this in 10 years. According to Cohasset High athletic director Clark Chatterton, 1988 was the last time the Skippers had more wins than losses before the tournament started. The 1996 squad had to win their final three games to earn a tourney berth, and then upped their overall record to 11-10 in the first game of the tournament, but never broke .500 during the regular season.

After dropping a game to the Hanover Indians, Cohasset swept South Shore Vo-Tech in a two-game series. In the first game, Ben Ketchum held the visitors scoreless for three innings and Cohasset posted a season-high 19 runs. Ketchum was masterful, but Coach Knurek decided to give his arm a rest and called in sophomore Greg O'Keefe. O'Keefe also took control, retiring five of the nine batters he faced on strikeouts. The offensive boost came from the entire team, but particularly from Greg Taylor and Mike Rossi, who both tripled and doubled; Denis Rooney, who smoked a triple; and Sean Conte, who also doubled. After scoring seven runs in the first, the home team coasted and the game was called after 4-1/2 innings, enough to get it in the books.

The second Vo-Tech game, although still a victory, was slightly less enjoyable. Jim O'Sullivan was not on top of his game. Backed by spotty fielding, he allowed eight runs, yielding a three-run headstart to the hosting Vo-Tech squad. On the strength of a Joe Pergola two-run double and Rossi's three hit, five RBI performance, Cohasset totaled 15 runs and escaped with a 15-8 victory. In the first, Rossi, who has been doing an outstanding job at second base, made an acrobatic diving catch in shallow right field. Ketchum made a spectacular play in the fifth inning, diving to make the catch in center, then firing to Rossi, who relayed it to Pergola to double up the runner off first.

Against Hull this Monday, the Skippers waited six innings too long to get in gear. Ketchum took the mound again and held the Pirates to one hit over three innings before things fell apart in the fourth. Under a shower of errors, Hull poured seven runs across before Parkinson could drop his catcher's equipment and relieve Ketchum, putting out the fire a few batters later. When Parkinson struggled in the fifth, Pete Minnar was called upon and pitched admirably for 1-2/3 innings, but the visiting Skippers trailed 11-0 heading into the seventh.

With two outs and no one on base, Schwerin walked and took second on Pat Hurley's single, then moved to third when Taylor singled to load the bases. An O'Sullivan single back through the box drove in two and Pergola reached on an error. Rossi walked, juicing the sacks again and O'Sullivan scored when a pick-off throw glanced off his leg into left field. Ketchum walked and Rooney collected a bases-loaded base on balls, driving home Pergola. Rossi scored when Minnar got a free pass, giving the comeback kids six runs. A Schwerin single brought Ketchum in and Hurley singled home Rooney, but the magic would end there and Cohasset went home with an 11-8 loss.

On Tuesday, the Boys in Blue had the opposite problem, hosting Norton, they started fast and barely limped to the finish line. Hurley reached on a fielder's choice and Rooney and Ketchum singled and Schwerin drove home Hurley with a fielder's choice. Conte's

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Greg Taylor ropes a basehit for the CHS Batmen during their game against Abington.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Davis Track dedication on May 7

The running track at Alumni Field will be dedicated to former Cohasset High School track coach and teacher Charlie Davis on Thursday, May 7 in ceremonies beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Numerous friends and colleagues will be on hand to honor Davis, who taught at CHS from 1961 into the 1980s before he died unexpectedly in 1985.

During that time Davis was also a very successful track coach at the school.

For more information, call CHS at 383-6100.

Little League parade is May 2

The Cohasset Youth Baseball Association will hold their annual Opening Day parade on Saturday, May 2.

Tentative schedule is as follows:

•7:45 to 8:15- Marchers assemble in the parking lot of The Red Lion Inn.

•8:15 to 8:45- March up Main Street to North Main on their way to Barnes Field.

•8:45 to 10 a.m.- Start with a schedule of events that will include Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray throwing out the ceremonial first ball and the opening day games.

More than 350 people in all are expected to take part in the event. The parade itself will include representation from the police and fire departments, an antique fire engine as well as the Deer Hill School Marching Band.

Special guests will be included to help celebrate the 45th anniversary of the league.

FISHING STORY



BY MARK TRASK

Let's scream and shout for trout

His car swung south on Route 3A into the traffic, behind a big green truck that was dripping water all over the road. After a few hundred yards he realized he was following a state stocking truck and his heart began to beat fast. He had often heard about this and often caught some of the thousands of trout that had been stocked over the years, but this was it, right up close and personal.

A mile down the road the truck slowed to a crawl and swung off into a parking lot and stopped next to a wide pool in the meandering brook. Slowly the car rolled in behind and the driver squinted in the bright morning sun as he watched the operation unfold before him. The driver of the truck, a Massachusetts Fisheries and Wildlife worker dressed all in green, hopped out and strolled over to the edge of the parking lot, surveying the pool. Conditions were perfect. Recent rains had kept the water level up, enough so the falls to the right were running with a quiet rush of noise. The pool was quiet and reflective except for the occasional eddy escaping the upstream turmoil.

The troutman hopped aboard the body of the still running truck with a large net in hand and went right to work. He dipped great writhing netfuls of trout, wriggling and gleaming bright in the sun. Seconds later the fish were deposited in the pool. Some shot off into the deeper water. Others stayed nearby, as if stunned in their new environment. Over and over the stocking went on. Netful after netful of fish were emptied into the now swirling pool. All across the surface swirls could be seen as the trout zoomed from bank to bank, in a large new home, a far cry from their former home tanks. After a while the troutman stopped and prepared his truck to leave.. The stunned spectator rolled his car forward and through the window asked how many had been put in. About 500 replied the smiling man in green as he boarded the truck and once again headed south to another stocking destination.

Andy Walton of Hull and Scott Desmond of Scituate have been the beneficiaries of some of this year's fine stocking of trout. On separate trips to Spectacle Pond and another Cape pond they have had great luck, mostly using Berkley Power Bait. Andy limited with three fine rainbows, the largest a 1-lb., 2-oz. trout. Scott brought a fat 3-lb. rainbow in a day later. Nice fish!

Speaking of trout. There is a place, a small pond, that gets an annual stocking of 400 plus trout. The stocking takes place the day before the George Ward Memorial Derby at the Scituate rod and Gun Club. Rich would smile with a conspiratorial gleam as he reminded me that some of them are close to 5 pounds. Families with kids 12 and under should plan to make a day of it. The fishing is free. Trask Tackle provides free bait, bobbers and hooks. The club provides free refreshments. Over the years many Scituate and Cohasset youngsters have come face to face with their first fish at this fine event. Keep an eye out for more details as we draw closer to the end of May.

Bass and schoolies are flooding the local rivers and estuaries. Any keepers is the constant refrain now. Weir River, Cohasset Harbor, First Herring Brook, the North River and the South River have all given up early stripers. The keeper? Try the Canal according to state fishery guru Dick Turner. There is a large school from Wesport to the western approaches and they are surging into the Canal now on favorable tides.

Sailing club looking for one good boat

As the sailing season approaches, the Cohasset Sailing Club is looking to adopt a boat for use with their junior sailor training program this summer.

At present the organization has two boats for their youth sailing program and they are looking to a add a third to spread the work out more evenly among the vessels as well as to better serve the students. Budget constraints restrict the outright purchase of a launch this year, so they are turning to the community for help.

"It's not a situation where we are going to shut down the program if we don't get another boat, but another one on hand would be a great deal of help," said CSC representative Kevin O'Connor. "We've got more kids than ever interested in the program."

Specifications for the boat are that it be a 13- to 17-foot Whaler or similar craft with a 20- to 25-horsepower engine. If this description fits something sitting unused at the end of your driveway, the Cohasset Sailing Club wants to talk with you.

CSC's Junior Training Program has experienced a resurgence over the past few years with an increase in the number of participants and retention of a higher number of these sailors to the ages of 15- and 16-years-old.

"Chuck Peterson and his staff have been doing a great job with the program and keeping things interesting for the kids," explained O'Connor.

In addition to the number of participants, more sailors from the junior program are participating in regattas away from Cohasset Harbor. Another staff member will likely be added this year as well because of the growth of the program.

Preparations are already underway for the 1998 season at the Cohasset Sailing Club. Docks will be going into the water in early May and the sailing program is scheduled to begin the week of June 22. The board of directors has reviewed and approved facility and equipment upgrades and repairs for the upcoming season.

The CSC is a non-profit organization and can offer the combined benefit of a tax deduction and the satisfaction that you would be helping out a summer program. For more information please call Chuck Peterson ((383-6194), Kevin O'Connor (383-1290) or Peter Pescatore (383-2660).



John Kasameyer battles with Hingham's Kevin Coughlin during a recent lacrosse game.

Staff photo/Alan Chapman

Scoreboard

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Cohasset 15 South Shore Vo-Tech 8- **Jim O'Sullivan** had 11 K's to raise his record to 2-1.

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Cohasset Swim and Diving teams season opens

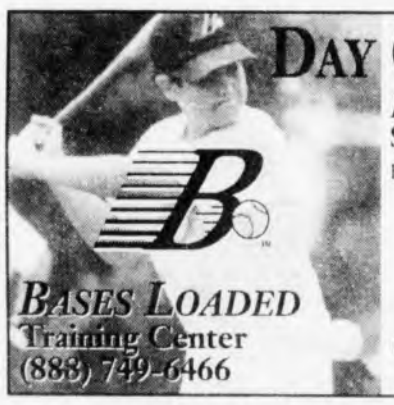
By Selma Ingber
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Swim and Diving teams are pleased to announce the opening of another great swim season. The season opens with the first practice on Wednesday, June 24 and ends with the Championships at Wheaton College on Saturday August 15.

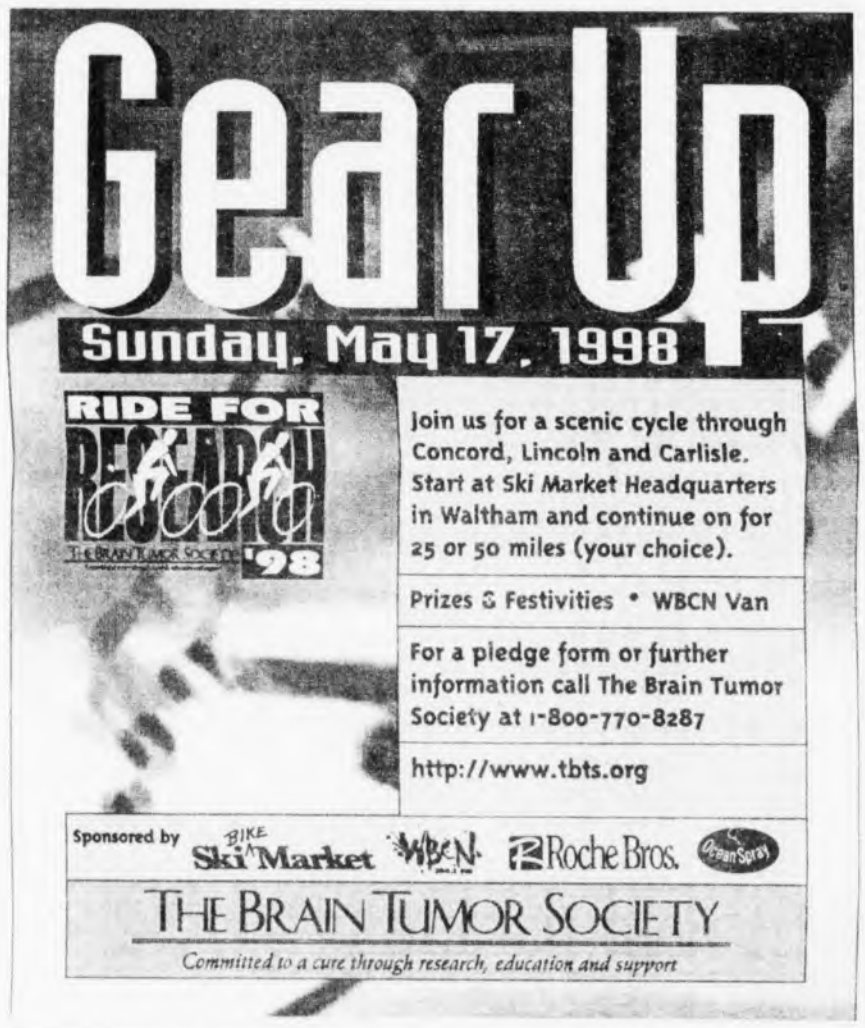
We are pleased to announce that Allison Hughes is returning to coach the Cohasset Swim Team and Dawn Meehan will return to the Diving Team. Sadly, the Cohasset Swim Team Board accepted Becky Golden's resignation as co-coach as she graduates from college and pursued more permanent positions. Becky tells us she will remain our "number one fan" and we thank her for her contributions to the team in past seasons.

The Swim Team will be hiring an assistant coach to work for Allison and are asking any one interested in the position to contact Irene Barry at 383-1605, Selma Ingber at 383-9590 or Diane Shipp at 383-9198.

Try outs for new members will take place on Monday, June 22 and Tuesday, June 23 at the town pool from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The team roster will be posted on Tuesday afternoon and parents are encouraged to check the roster and pick up a registration packet if their child joins the team. Try outs are for new members only. Returning members will be receiving their registration packets in mid-May and do not need to try out.


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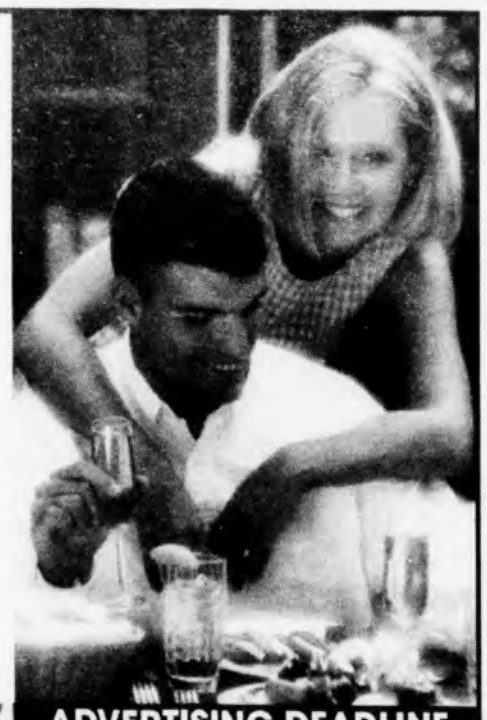
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Diary of a Boston Marathon 'bandit' runner

Running on empty!

By Lesley Mahoney
STAFF WRITER

OK. I admit it. I'm a bona fide "bandit."

But, despite my outcast status, I ambled — one Vaseline-covered foot in front of the other — the same 26.2 mile course, Heartbreak Hill(s) and all, as the 12,000 runners who actually managed to get their hands on those coveted "official" numbers.

Banish me for not planning ahead to raise money for cancer research (*procrastination is my middle name*). Sue me for not running another marathon in the 3 hours, 30 minutes (*are you serious?*) necessary to qualify for Boston's trek. I wanted to — honest.

What can I say? I was a marathon virgin. But I promise I'll plan ahead next time.

Yes, there will be a next year.

Because as they say, I've been bitten and bitten hard. With the marathon bug, that is.

After all was said and run, I managed to cross the finish line in 3 hours, 50 minutes despite my fears that I was destined to make my debut on the nightly news. I imagined Chet's and Natalie's words: "It's 11 p.m. and the runners are still coming in..."

Now that I've put those fears to rest, I can concentrate on next year.

And while I'm planning to do it the "official" way next year and actually earn one of those Mylar wraps (which, by the way, don't do a bit of good when a steady wind is blowing), there are a few perks to running at what some call the "back of the pack."

First of all, I actually had a chance to witness the elite break out of the gate. If that's not a humbling experience, I don't know what is. *Some day, like when Titanic director James Cameron checks his ego at the door, I'll be up there*, I thought.

Until then, I'll continue to pay homage to the running gods.

It's a good thing a marathon official warned me and my fellow "bandit" crew (Danielle and Brian, for the record): "I hope you're going to wait until the elite runners pass before you jump in." *Nah, we're anxious to find out first-hand what it feels like to get trampled by a pack of gazelles, I mean runners*, I felt like telling her.

Once we did jump in, much to my pleasant surprise, I found my stride and well, ran with it. But I can't take all the credit — I couldn't have done it without my comrades — marathon veterans, if you will. (We split up about mile 18 and they finished an impressive 3 hours, 30 minutes.) We were really cruising for a while.

From the beginning, we entertained ourselves and others (we only hoped) by belting out tunes. Singing while running is not all that difficult, I discovered.

"How ya doing?" Danielle and Brian would occasionally ask. "Great," I'd say, really meaning it.

Until about Mile 15. That's when I got an unpleasant surprise; the apple cinnamon Power Bar I ate eons earlier (8 a.m. to be more exact) came back to haunt me. There's nothing like a little indigestion to liven up a marathon.

It was at that point, I think, that I became non-verbal. Sorry, no more tunes.

After that, I let the crowd carry me. It's completely true what marathon runners say about the crowds and cheers. At times when I really needed it, and at times when I didn't, one spectator's scream or the steady chorus of several sent chills through me.

Brian even did a bit of cheering himself. For example, when he came across someone holding a sign declaring, "You can do it Mrs. Sullivan!" he promptly yelled out as he ran by, "You can do it Mrs. Sullivan!" It sort of threw the sign-holder for a loop but it made us laugh.

"High fives" are also very important. On Danielle's and Brian's advice, I gave as many as I could to the lines of outstretched hands along the course. It really did make a difference. Except, of course, when I high-fived the kid holding out an orange.

I have to dish out the most kudos to the crowd at Wellesley College, Boston College, and Kenmore Square — truly standouts when it comes to motivating runners.

Of course, my family was a welcome sight at Mile 17. Friends popped up between Mile 20 and 22. After years of watching my father run, I never realized how great it was to see those familiar faces.

Another thing I never realized is just how tricky it is to run and drink from Dixie cups filled with

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Cohasset Skippers start to heat up

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clutch single scored Rooney and Ketchum, making the score 3-1.

Hurley pitched a gutsy game, but his defense didn't make the big plays and he allowed two singles to lead off the fifth. In relief, O'Sullivan fared no better, and the Lancers took the lead 5-3. That would be all the visitors would need. Cohasset scraped together one more in the seventh when Taylor walked, O'Sullivan singled and Pergola's single hit home Taylor, but it was too little too late.

Now with a disappointing 5-6 record, Cohasset must win at least five of their last nine just to qualify for the tournament. An away game against East Bridgewater Thursday kicks off a three-game road trip and the Skippers would do well to post some wins during the next week if they hope to remain viable for the state tournament.

Diary of a Boston Marathon 'bandit' runner

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water at the same time. I started to catch on about half-way through the marathon. By next year, I'll have it down. I'll be the one drinking two, three cups at a time.

Speaking of drinking, that's the official spectator sport of the day. Whether it be on the sidelines outside of local watering holes or just on the, er, sidelines, the whiff of alcohol can be enough to get you drunk by association. By the time I hit the top of Heartbreak Hill, the crowd at Boston College was good and rowdy. Take it from me, a B.C. alum. Except this time, it was anything but Miller Time for a Belmont-Springs-gulping-me.

In any case, I made it to the very end. Somehow, I figured when I saw the sign "One mile to go," the rest of the race would be, uh, downhill. Not exactly. That last mile was brutal.

When I crossed that line, as I waited for my legs to turn into Jello, I spotted my father and made my way over to him. What I had not realized was that I had apparently crossed some gate I was not supposed to re-cross.

"Even to get some water?" I asked the marathon official in disbelief.

"Are you a 'bandit' or an official runner?" he shot back.

"*You've got to be kidding*," I thought. "*Look buddy, you don't want to see what happens if I don't get some water in this system pronto. I may just spontaneously decompose.*"

He must have read my mind because he let me through.

Faster than you can say shin splints, I gulped about 7,000 of those cups of water. Then, I headed home to recover. While trekking down stairs was tough, I didn't fare too poorly the days following the big race. I'm already planning next year's strategy.

Now, if only these blisters would hurry up and heal.

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Congratulations to the Cohasset Special Olympians who competed in the State Spring Games in Worcester last weekend. Jessica MacDonald won a gold medal and Brendan Mulcahy a bronze medal in candlepin bowling competition. They are members of the Strikers Bowling Team from the South Shore Community Center, coached by Marie Viola.

Jay Nothnagle won four gold medals in powerlifting with a benchpress of 170 lbs., deadlift of 290 lbs., combination of 460 lbs., and bestlift — total/body weight for ages 22 to 30. Jay trains at Fitness First Plus with coach Rick Larson of Marshfield.

Brook Miele, Rosemarie Kierce and Jay Nothnagle (as manager), competing on the Div. 3 BlueJays basketball team, won fourth place for the tournament. Their TILL team is coached by Mike Riordan of Braintree.

Congratulations to all these Special Olympians!

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Running the show

Cohasset native hopes Kennedy Center internship will lead to Broadway

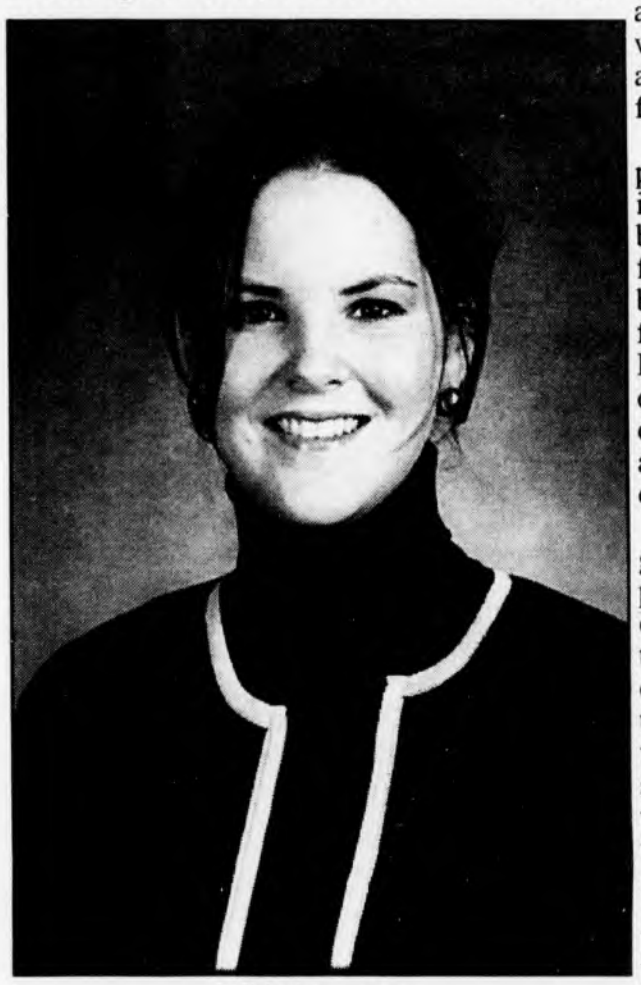
By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

In today's competitive job market, many college students are jump-starting their careers by pursuing job internships in their chosen fields before graduation.

To bolster her musical theatre education from the Catholic University of America, Cohasset native Elizabeth Deveney has been interning at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C., where she works in the Performing Arts Centers and Schools (PACES) Partners in Education Program.

"It's an exciting work environment," Deveney, 22, said in a telephone interview from D.C. "I'm honored and fortunate to work here. There are so many things going on and so many people to meet."

Selected from a pool of more than 600 applicants, Deveney serves as one of the center's 22 winter-spring interns, lending a hand with special events planning and attending weekly seminars and theatrical performances.



Liz Deveney

"The whole experience has been incredible. It bridges the gap from my academic background to my future career," said Deveney, who dreams of some day running a theater — especially on Broadway.

The PACES program aims to assist performing arts centers throughout the nation develop or expand educational partnerships with their local school systems, integrating arts into the classroom, she said.

"It's a way to enliven teaching," Darrell Ayers, senior program manager, said of the 7-year-old program which serves 36 states. "We use arts to teach art and to teach other curriculum areas as well."

Deveney has been evaluating the different teams participating in PACES, working with various communities to measure the program's success, and she helped plan the PACES annual meeting.

"It's exactly what I want. I get to see what arts administration is like before I graduate," Deveney said.

During her internship, Deveney has also had some other interesting opportunities, including attending seven performances at the center and helping Debbie Allen hold auditions.

"Liz has fit in very well with the organization here," Ayers said.

Located on 17 acres overlooking the Potomac River, the Kennedy Center has earned the reputation of being America's busiest arts facility, presenting more than 2,800 performances each year for audiences approaching 2 million.

Deveney, who graduates in May, has some local experience with theater program management. For the past several summers, Deveney has orchestrated the Cohasset Recreation Department's children's drama workshop. She will be returning to the workshop this summer and then plans to apply for theater jobs in Boston.



The John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. where Liz Deveney is serving as an intern.

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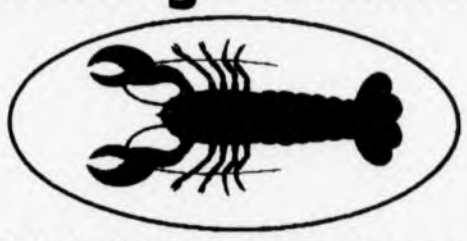
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Magical musical fairy tale on stage June 5-7

By Elizabeth Rachel Ingber
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The lives of fairy tale characters are intertwined in a magical story of hope, humor, faith, grief and love in the show, "Into the Woods." This delightful show is going to be performed June 5, 6 and 7 by "Cohasset Plays By The Sea," as their third major production. Director Ron Nicynski, music director Katie Buckley, choreographer Janet Campbell, and assistant music director Grace Gardner lead 22 talented cast members, who are all currently participating in a vigorous rehearsal schedule, in preparation for the upcoming show. Prior performances by this talented theater group include "Annie," performed in January of 1998, and "The Wizard of Oz," performed in January of 1997.

The score of "Into the Woods" is composed by Stephan Sondheim, and its script is written by James Lapine. It is a story, which mixes classical fairy tales, including "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Cinderella," and "Little Red Riding Hood," and sends the characters into the woods, a place symbolizing the confusion that the characters undergo as they "get the thing, which makes it worth the journeying." However, the usual events of the tales are altered, due to a baker and his wife, who are under a curse, which prevents them from having children. In order to lift the spell, they must go into the woods, and bring back four items which belong to the fairy tale characters, such as Jack's cow and Little Red Riding Hood's cape. Though the show uses fractured fairy tales, the themes could appeal to an adult audience as well as children. The characters evolve and grow as they face and solve their problems, learn from their mistakes, develop trust in each other, and work to keep hope and faith alive as they face many obstacles. "Into the Woods" provides viewers with fun, delight, hope and lessons that every person, young and old, can learn.

Watch for future articles regarding tickets for the actual show June 5, 6 and 7.

The cast includes: Narrator, Brian Krupczak; the baker, Ryan Story; the baker's wife, Meredith O'Hayre; Cinderella, Mareth Collins-Wooley; Jack, David Ingber; Jack's mother, Marisa Mellow; Little Red Riding Hood, Katie Roche; witch, Ali Kinchla; Rapunzel, Meredith Bates; stepmother, Grace Gardner; Florinda, Caroline Carr; Lucinda, Krista Nicynski; Cinderella's prince, Jim O'Sullivan; Rapunzel's prince, Bill Kearney; mysterious man, Alex Russell; wolf, Ryan Long; Granny, Sera Genovese; steward, Sean Conte; Cinderella's mother/Snow White, Elizabeth Ingber; Cinderella's father, Joseph Nicynski and Sleeping Beauty, Clara Sceery.

Editor's note —

Prior to the actual show, the cast members will participate in several fund-raisers. The first will be May 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hull Methodist Church in Hull Village. The cast will be performing excerpts from "Into the Woods," and it will be a very entertaining performance. If you are interested in the show, you should attend the fund-raiser to preview "Into the Woods." Five-dollar tickets will be sold in advance by calling 383-2240.

School Notebook

College night tonight at CHS

The Annual Coastline College Night, sponsored by Cohasset, Hingham, Scituate and Hull, will be held this year at Cohasset High School Thursday, April 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. Approximately 175 colleges will be represented by admission counselors to meet with parents and students and to answer questions anyone might have.

Cohasset hosts post-prom party

The first annual Post-Prom All-Night Party will be held at Cohasset High School on June 3. The Prom will be held at the Marriott Long Warf in Boston. After after the Prom the students will return to CHS for a night of FUN. A Disc Jockey, a casino, and a breakfast are some of the events that are being planned.

The ticket price will be $30 per attendee. Student tickets will not cover the entire expenses for the evening. Please help support this event and send your donation to: Cohasset Post Prom Party, 16 Woodland Drive, Cohasset.

Also if you would like to volunteer to help on the committee. Please contact: Diane Dooley at 383-6448 or Margaret Tufts at 383-6985.



Bring-A-Bike Day Trike-A-Thon

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Bring-A-Bike Day safety program will be held at the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset the morning of May 6. This program is to encourage safe riding behavior among young children and to raise money to fight childhood cancer.

Because bicycle accidents are a major problem with American children, Bring-A-Bike Day aims at making children aware of bike safety at an early age through the use of safety stories and special coloring sheets. By asking the children to show these safety messages to their parents, they are exposing these youngsters to good habits.

The storytelling and coloring periods will be followed by Bring-A-Bike Day Wednesday, May 6, when the children will put into practice the lessons learned.

Parents of children at the South Shore Community Center will seek pledges for St. Jude Hospital during this program. St. Jude Hospital is the leading center for the study of childhood cancer which, next to accidents, is the leading killer of children.

For more information on Bring-A-Bike Day May 6, call Janyce Brown at 383-9828 or Andrea Kinnealey at 383-2848.

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The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School and is currently attending U.Mass-Boston. She is a business analyst at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Inc. in Quincy.

Her fiancé is a graduate of East Coast Aerotechnical Institute of Bedford. He is a mechanic with Delta Airlines

A May 1998 wedding is planned.

Lofy engaged to Durkin

Mrs. Henry Lofy of Hubertus, Wisc., announces the engagement of her daughter, Jean P. Lofy, to Brian J. Durkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Durkin of Cohasset.

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Jean Lofy and Brian J. Durkin

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Merrill noted that proceeds from the shop provide the major funding for the Social League's counseling and support groups, New Friends programs, nursing services and "Keep Well Clinics" that include blood pressure screening, weight, blood sugar testing and nutritional education for Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate and Norwell.

"Items not to miss," she pointed out, "are Bermuda bags with bone handles, English china cups and a children's bowl and dish made in England, Alpine plate, men's shirts and summer jackets, children's smocked dresses and women's designer suits and dresses."

To volunteer or to seek information, call Andi Merrill at 383-0687.

Donate items to Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, May 2, is the first morning that the storage space at the old Norfolk Conveyor will be open for donations of household goods, antiques and no-longer-needed tools and toys. Bring your items from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Wallace St. John at 383-2552 for questions, to volunteer, or to arrange pick-up of your valuables. The sale to benefit Habitat for Humanity will be on the Town Green June 13.

Spring musical slated

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents their Spring Musical "Alice in Wonderland" at the Cohasset Town Hall on Highland Street in Cohasset.

Performances are as follows: Friday May 8, at 8:00 p.m., Saturday May 2 and 16 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Also Saturday May 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday May 3, 10 and 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are general admission $8, and can be purchases at Buttonwood Books in Cohaset, Front Street Book Store in Scituate, at the door or by phone at 781-545-6229.

'By the Sea' flower show

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will proudly present its flower show, "By the Sea," Friday, May 8, from 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The flower show will take place at the Lighthousekeeper's Cottage on Lighthouse Lane in Cohassset. The public is invited to attend. There will be a donation of $5 to benefit the East Garden at the Lighthousekeeper's Cottage.

Osgood School celebration

A photo exhibit for the Osgood School will be held from June 5-7, Harborfest Weekend. Do you have photos of your children at Osgood? Photos of other generations at Osgood? Photos of yourself or friends taken there? Color photocopies are also welcome. If there are family members who have attended Osgood for three generations (i.e., grandfather, father, daughter), please submit photos as a group for the Osgood family tree.

Submit photos at the drop off box (office) at Joseph Osgood School. Large envelopes will be supplied for you, along with a simple form to be filled out, so that photos may be returned to you. The deadline is Friday, May 15.

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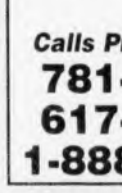
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POLICE LOG

Wednesday, April 8

5:10 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood/Rt. 3A.

Arrested: Vail, Kevin C., 200 Falls Blvd., Quincy. DOB: 7/21/49. Charges: operating after license or right to operate suspended, straight warrant, speeding.

5:39 p.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy.

9:19 p.m., transport, Rt. 3A/Knoll.

10:45 p.m., loitering, CJC Hwy.,

10:53 p.m., info, general, Little Harbor Road.

Thursday, April 9

12:27 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

12:41 a.m., MV stop, Red Fox Lane.

6:30 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:55 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

6:58 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.

7:41 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.

9:34 a.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

11:30 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

11:52 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St./Community Center.

1:39 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

4:19 p.m., suspicious (other), Border St.

6:46 p.m., suspicious auto, Ripley Road.

7:38 p.m., disabled auto, Margin St.

8:01 p.m., assist citizen, N. Main St.

8:39 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

9:31 p.m., suspicious (other), Pond St.

Friday, April 10

2:17 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

6:30 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.

8:29 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

8:39 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:52 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

9:00 a.m., parking violation,

Police arrest 11 in March

During March, Cohasset police made a 11 arrests including six for outstanding warrants, one for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, one for possession of a Class D drug with intent to distribute, one for violation of a 209A restraining order, and two for protective custody.

There was one breaking and entering at a residence reported.

Also last month, Cohasset police received a total of 661 calls of service, 129 of which were emergency 9-1-1- calls.

On March 16, DA Jeffrey Locke and Police Chief Brian Noonan met with residents of the elderly housing complex and discussed crimes that involve older citizens such as elderly abuse and scams.

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State mosquito report is troubling, officials say

In general, the 1997 mosquito problem in Cohasset could be classified as an "average nuisance." However, on the state level, the final report issued by the Eastern Equine Encephalitis Survey of the Massachusetts Department of Health noted that the number of mosquitoes detected harboring the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus totaled 25, well above 10, which was the median over the last 29 years.

The 1997 isolations were made from samples collected in Kingston, Halifax, Carver, Lakeville and New Bedford.

The report went on to say, "This number of EEE virus isolates and the fact that a human case of EEE occurred (in Plainville) will place Massachusetts at a moderate level of EEE risk beginning in the 1998 season." The Massachusetts Department of Public Health uses a scale for EEE risk as low, moderate, high and emergency.

The Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee strongly urges citizens to initiate surveys of the area surrounding each house. Particular attention should be paid to objects such as old tires, bird baths, toy pails, gutters, etc., and surface areas where stagnant water may collect.

It takes only a few days of such stagnation to permit hatching of adult mosquitoes from previously deposited eggs. Water in bird baths and wading pools should be changed at least once a week.

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If your area has a sizable expanse of stagnant water (e.g., a small pond) or even a depression in the ground which repeatedly retains small quantities of water for three days to a week, it is essential either to drain such areas or to apply a biological inhibitor, such as a preparation containing the bacterium Bacillus thuringiensis (BTi), which is harmless to humans and pets, but which prevents development of adult mosquitoes. These inhibitors are available as powders, "dunks," or sprays in most garden supply or hardware stores.

Since small children and the elderly constitute the two age groups most vulnerable to the impact of EEE virus, it is especially important that persons responsible for the well-being of these age groups be familiar with precautions that should be taken to prevent exposure to the disease.

Current information about mosquito control provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Audubon Society, and general medical media is available to Cohasset residents in a hang-pocket located in the entry area of town hall, the Paul Pratt Library and the Senior Center.

For further information, you may call the Cohasset Board of Health (383-4116), leaving your name and telephone number so that a member of the Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee (CMCC) can call you personally. You may also leave a message in the mailbox of the CMCC in town hall.

Cohasset's Week

Spring cleaning at water department

As the spring 1998 construction period has begun, C.W.S. wants to inform the residents of Cohasset as to the schedule of projects this year:

- Cleaning and lining on Pleasant Street April 10 - May 4.
- Cleaning and lining on Atlantic Avenue May 4-26.
- Cleaning and lining on Jerusalem Road May 26 - July 15.

C.W.S. would like to remind residents of Cohasset that temporary discoloration in the construction areas can happen off and on during the cleaning and lining process. The discoloration is only temporary and the water is safe to drink.

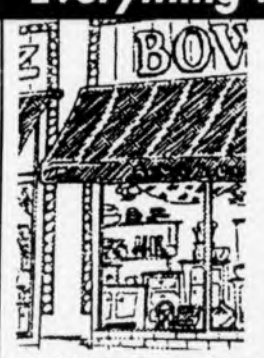
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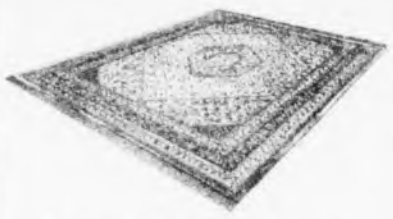
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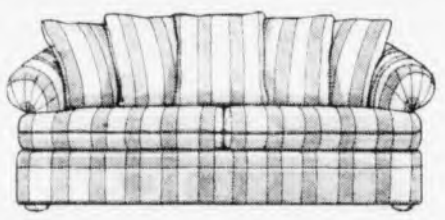
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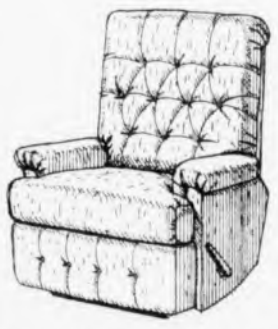
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Library eyes Osgood School

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The library trustees are eyeing the space at Osgood School, the selectmen learned Tuesday. The news came several months after the trustees appeared to give up on the idea of moving and has put the Osgood School search temporarily on hold.

The search for a buyer for the elementary school building was expected to move forward at the May 5 selectmen's meeting. The board was slated to take a final look at the official request for proposals from developers and contractors. In an interview last week Town Manager Mark Haddad anticipated few eleventh-hour problems. Two board members, selectman Merle Brown and selectmen Chairwoman Ronnie McMorris, were working closely with the committee formed to study the possibilities for the building.

The Osgood School is to be vacated when school ends this June. Next September, the elementary school students will be attending

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Hats off to Kuchinski



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Nancy Babine Kuchinski models one of the hats available at Lids, a shop at South Shore Plaza. Kuchinski, a Cohasset resident, is the company's president and chief operating officer.

Lids chief knows how to spot trends

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Think of it as a "tee-shirt for the head." The once un-chic baseball cap is coming out of the closet and claiming its rightful place on the fashion show runway. According to a Cohasset woman who sells Red Sox hats and many other varieties of toppers, casual headgear is "in."

Nancy Babine Kuchinski, the president and chief operating officer of Lids, said in an interview this week, hats make up "part of The Look."

Lids has a location in the Braintree Mall, but the company has gone nationwide. More than 200 Lids stores have been opened in 40 states since the company started up four years ago, selling mainly baseball caps. Its success has won local recognition for Kuchinski, 43. She was inducted March 28 into her high school Hall of Fame. She was graduated from Arlington Catholic in the Class of 1972. After college at Simmons and a climb up the corporate ladder at The Limited and Reebok, she is now into baseball hats.

Yup, these are basically the same kind of hats the real ballplayers once wore. Baseball caps—the comfortable, slightly goofy kind that looked better with a grass stain over the dome. The same old reliable kind the players crumpled up and stashed in their back pockets. Ever ready to be snapped out and clapped over the jersey when the National Anthem blasted through the stadium. They were clotted up with resin and maybe a little Vaseline under the visor then. Call them sloppy or even homely. The baseball cap brimmed with the symbolic meaning of the game. It was the prop when the count went to three and two. Touching it was part of the ritual, right after the finger twitch and the bubble gum.

Now it is called "the ultimate headwear," and it belongs to the Gen X and Gen Y fashion statement. The news could have Impos-

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Mark Skala
Managing Editor

Welcome mat out for haz-mat center

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset will house a permanent collection center for household hazardous wastes, the selectmen decided Tuesday. In a split vote, a majority of the board favored allowing the center to go up inside the Recycling Transfer Facility, to be used by residents of the town and 14 surrounding South Shore communities. Selectmen Merle Brown and Thomas Callahan and selectwoman Roseann McMorris came out for the center. Selectwoman Diane Sullivan voted against the deal which was contingent on an OK from town counsel and on assurances having the center will not increase the town's liability insurance payments. Selectwoman Nan Roth abstained.

Roth said she might vote for the center if she had more information.

The center was supported by member of the Recycling Committee Arthur Lehr. John McNabb also backed the proposal by the South Shore Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Board. McNabb said the center would make it more convenient for people to dispose of hazardous wastes properly. The South Shore communities cooperate on hazardous waste collection days now, allowing residents to dispose of wastes at another community's collection day. But this center would be a permanent facility.

The hazardous wastes to be collected are basically products people use around the house, according to chemist Carol Swete. She said the products collected would be antifreeze, cleaners, solvents, photography developing chemicals, paint and other types of hazardous wastes used to care for homes, cars and lawns. She said the center would not be advertised to the public but only to the health boards or public works officials in the communities. People out-

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Clarification on bus service sought

Town Manager Mark Haddad has written to the school committee to seek clarification and official action regarding Lamberts Lane and whether a school bus turnaround there is needed.

"Since Lamberts Lane is a private way, the town cannot expend funding to complete this project," Haddad said. "It has been brought to the town's attention that the residents of Lamberts Lane would be willing to fund the cost of construction if the town could act as a facilitator. Before this can take place, the country club need to be contacted about committing land to this project, and the size of the turnaround needs to be determined."

Haddad said selectmen cannot take action until the school committee determines whether it is going to provide bus service to Lamberts Lane.

BOSTON TIDES
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

May 1997	High AM	- Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	- Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 7	9:24	9.2	3:10	9:50	9.5	3:31
Fri. 8	10:12	9.3	3:58	10:31	9.8	4:14
Sat. 9	10:55	9.4	4:41	11:09	10.0	4:54
Sun. 10	11:35	9.5	5:21	11:46	10.2	5:32
Mon. 11	——	——	6:00	12:14	9.5	6:10
Tues. 12	12:22	10.3	6:39	12:53	9.5	6:49
Wed. 13	12:59	10.3	7:18	1:32	9.4	7:28
Thurs. 14	1:37	10.3	7:58	2:12	9.3	8:09

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Investment advisory committee

Robert M. Davenport of Black Horse Lane has resigned from the Investment Advisory Committee.

"My reason for resigning is that there seems to be no need for the committee," Davenport wrote in an April 27 letter to selectmen. "In the more than three years that the committee has existed, no one has ever called for it to meet.

"I recommend the committee be disestablished," he said.

Selectmen voted to dissolve the committee Monday night.

Upcoming meetings are noted

The following meetings were posted at town hall as of Monday, May 4:

Assessors, 6 p.m., May 14

Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., May 7 & May 21;

Drug & Alcohol Committee, 7:30 p.m., May 13;

Greenbush Mitigation Committee, 7:30 p.m., May 6;

Government Structure Committee, 8 p.m., May 20;

Harbor Committee, 7 p.m., May 7;

Health board, 7 p.m., May 12;

Historical commission, 7:30 p.m., May 11;

Library Trustees, 7:30 p.m., May 13;

Planning Board, 8 p.m., May 20;

School Committee, 7:30 p.m., May 7, AV room at the high school;

School Policy Development Committee, 7:30 p.m., May 11, middle school conference room;

Town History Committee, 7:30 p.m., May 14;

Traffic Study Committee, 7:30 p.m., May 28;

Sewer Commission, 6 p.m., May 20;

Water Commission, 7:30 p.m., May 7, 18 & 19;

Zoning Board, 8 p.m., May 19.

Streets to be resurfaced

The following streets are scheduled to be resurfaced (weather permitting), according to DPW Supt. Harold W. Litchfield. Residents should expect some delays when traveling these roads: Hammond Avenue, Joy Place, Elm Court, Border Street Pier and Hugh Strain Road.

Beach permits on sale soon

Your beach permits expire May 31. Beach stickers will be on sale at the town hall starting Wednesday, May 13, and will have the following schedule: Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beach stickers are $7 per vehicle, and $3 per vehicle for elders over 60. You will need vehicle registrations, or if not a Massachusetts registration, proof of residency (tax bill or rental lease). You are encouraged to purchase your sticker through the mail by providing a copy of your registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

Permits now being issued will expire May 31, 1999.

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Town Accountant	**383-4110**
Building Commissioner	**383-4112**
Board of Assessors	**383-4114**
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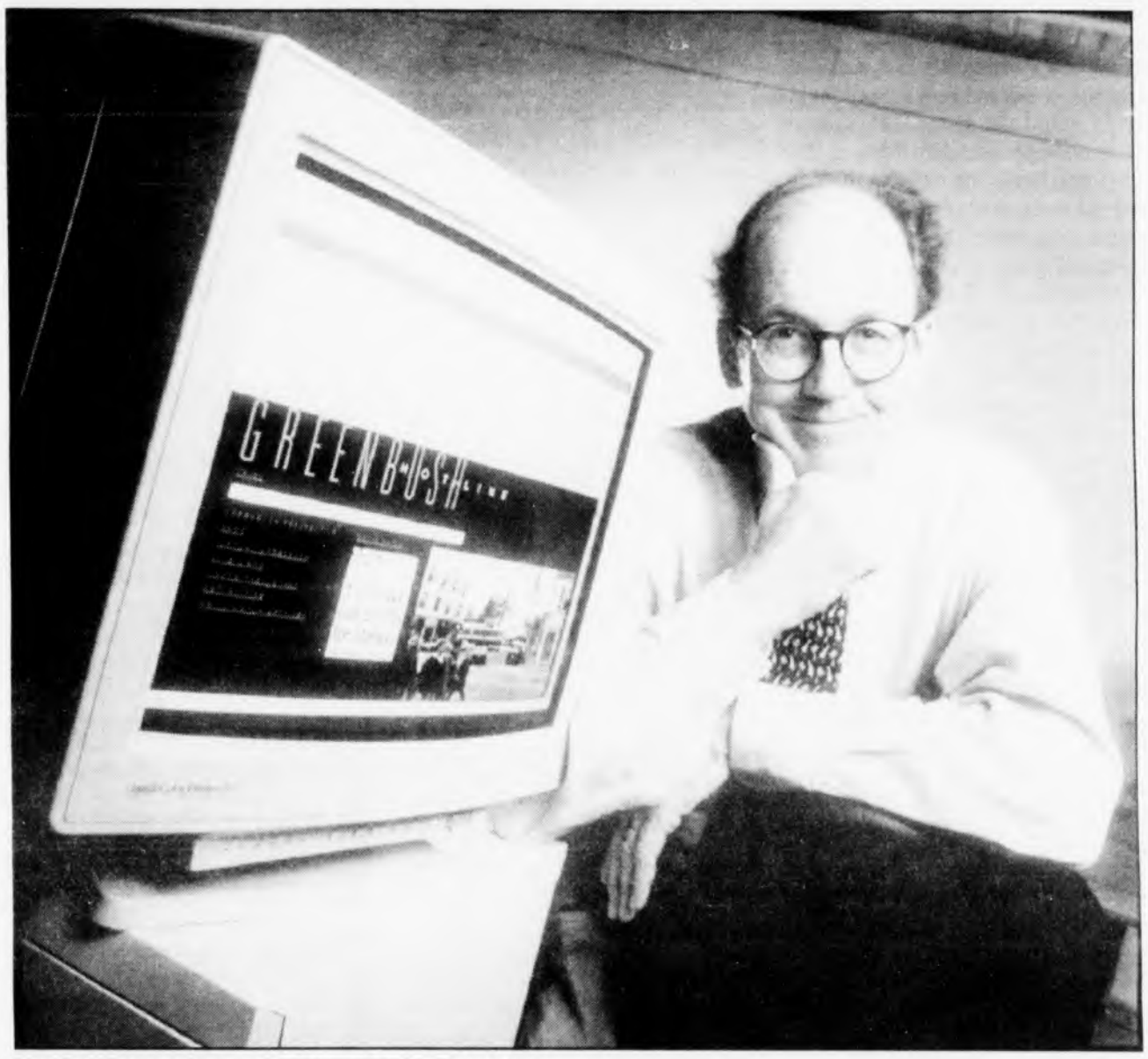
Virtual Greenbush

Train opponents launch new Web site

"However you look at it, 45 percent of the voters were in favor of the train—it's not as if the whole of Hingham is against it."

David Clinton,
TRAIN PROPONENT

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER



Mike Weymouth of Hingham designed the new Web site.

The Greenbush debate has arrived on the Internet. Michael Weymouth of Hingham, founder of Concerned Citizens Against the Train (CCAT), has designed **www.greenbushhotline.com**, an interactive Web site.

Hingham's Eric Pence helps maintain the site in general, while Alexander Macmillan, who is Greenbush coordinator for Hingham, covers the "Breaking News" section, which is a continuously updated file of news clippings.

The three men first discussed starting up a Web site three months ago. Explained Weymouth, "We were in agreement that the Internet is a great communicator and decided a Web site could be a conduit for opinion and provide a view of how the Greenbush segment of the Old Colony railroad line would affect the Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate communities."

While the site is decidedly anti-train, Weymouth hopes to attract people from both sides of the issue. In fact, there's a link called "Return Fire," where people who are hoping for the return of the Greenbush line can comment. Other places on the site also provide a voice to pro-train browsers.

But William Grimes of the pro-train group "Back on Track" believes that the site is preaching to the choir and that minds have been made up in the Greenbush communities for some time regarding the rail issue. In his view, the issue will be resolved in the courts.

Indeed, Grimes believes that a better name for the site would be the "Greenbush-NOT!-Line." The lack of an identifying name on the Web site to say what individual or group is hosting it, reminds Grimes of the anonymous anti-Greenbush flyers once left on cars in Hingham parking lots.

When the site is first called up, a montage of Greenbush-related news clippings appear. Click on to read the articles or click onto a variety of other categories.

"Where They Stand" has color headshots of residents, business leaders, politicians and community activists with their stated views about the train. The towns of Scituate and Cohasset have yet to be filled in, but Weymouth is hopeful that the residents and selectmen of the three towns will provide their statements, whether for the train or against it.

The "Op/Ed" section has editorials written by Weymouth and "Media Watch" is a continuously updated gathering of Greenbush-related news clippings.

"Maps" highlight the path of the railbed through the South Shore. Weymouth plans to place photographs of historic homes situated near the tracks and to dot the maps at the 43 Greenbush grade crossings.



The Greenbush Web site features a mock up of a commuter train coming through Hingham Square.

"Greenbush Perspective" offers reading material about the MBTA's interest in restoring rail service to the New Bedford area and how the Greenbush line might be a stepping stone to that project.

"Site Links" connects to a number of federal Environmental Protection Agency sites that provide information on issues such as diesel exhaust's affect on the environment. It also connects to the MBTA's official Web site "to try to provide a fair distribution of information from both sides," said Weymouth.

"Virtual Greenbush" provides a still photo of a true-to-scale train running through Hingham Square with Bowl & Board and St. Paul's Church in the background. For those who have a fast modem and the means to quickly download a video, a Quick Time movie of a whistling train passing through Hingham Square can also be accessed.

"To maintain accuracy, the train itself was filmed and recorded on the Old Colony line in South Weymouth, which is the kind of train that would come to Hingham," explained Weymouth.

Grimes also contends that the repeated whistling played on the Quick Time movie is longer than the one whistle used for closely-spaced crossings.

Another "Back on Track" member, secretary David Clinton, sounded almost weary after viewing the site. "We've studied this thing to death," said Clinton. "Study after study after study and then we go back and do it again. However you look at it, 45 percent of the voters were in favor of the train—it's not as if the whole of Hingham is against it."

But Macmillan argues for the site and its David and Goliath aspect.

"The little guy on either side can make his point of view available on the Web to anyone who will seek him out," he said.

Jerry Gulla, a senior software engineer at Sun Microsystems, Chelmsford, was asked by this newspaper to log on to the Quick Time movie and offer an outsider's unbiased opinion. In his estimation, the depiction of the train's movement and sound is "sort of a reasonable approximation for what you can expect — a train whizzing by and making all kinds of noise. It's sort of annoying."

Despite his current actions, by nature, Web site creator Weymouth doesn't see himself as a political person. He credits his work with Save the Children for giving him much of the impetus for this project.

It was during a Save the Children volunteer visit to a Nepal village that Weymouth and his wife, Peggy, learned that the leading cause of death for the world's population under five years of age is lung damage from cooking fire smoke.

"It's not that the information isn't there. All the government has to do is say, 'Build chimneys,' but they don't so the children have hacking coughs, and all that cooking fire smoke that offers them warmth stays trapped in their homes and lungs," he said.

It wasn't much of a stretch from there for Weymouth to correlate Greenbush's diesel fumes and their purported detrimental effect on the environment with a lack of information on the subject, and he began attending town meetings and doing his own research to understand the issue better.

Around that same time, Weymouth was reading Jonathan Harr's "A Civil Action," which chronicles a legal battle in Woburn about leukemia rates in that town. The story strengthened his view that the public needs to be informed of potential environmental hazards.

As far as building a tunnel under Hingham Square to reduce fumes as well as noise and traffic obstruction, construction of a garage on his property — which lies some 500 feet south of the rail bed and therefore that much further away from the water — caused Weymouth to doubt the soundness of such an idea.

"I am not an expert on these things, but if the tide is rising and falling in a sandy hole under my garage, I think there's an issue there," he said. "Dig 1 1/2 feet and it's a perfect beach."

Despite his concerns, Weymouth still says he welcomes diverse viewpoints.

"I'm not simply trying to preach to the converted on this site," he said. "A credible conduit for opinion welcomes the opinion of the opposition. It's only fair."

This raises the issue of accessibility. Nancy Buckley, founder of the grassroots organization "Coastal Coalition," was not able to access the site through her computer. While the Web may be the means of world communication in the future, it is not in every home yet.

Despite that limitation, state Sen. Robert Hedlund, R-Weymouth, said, "Any information is good information, right? But being one who is not too computer literate and well versed on the ways of the Internet, I think it is an informative site."

When asked if he believes the issue is no longer in need of community involvement, Hedlund answered, "Greenbush is still being discussed on a number of levels. Aside from the court case, there are some budgetary issues

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Library trustees eye Osgood School

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classes in a brand new school building behind the Deer Hill School. Schools superintendent Stephen Hart said previously he expects the new school to be ready by Sept. 1. Since there is a possibility the new structure will not be ready in time for the first day of school, the Osgood might figure in the school department's contingency plan. The question should be answered by mid-July, and the final decision about Osgood is supposed to go before the fall town meeting. Timing has been a consideration for fear the building will deteriorate if it is left vacant for a substantial period of time.

"My biggest fear is come October I'm going to have a building sitting there with no budget to maintain it," Haddad said Tuesday. He brokered a May 14 meeting between the Osgood School Reuse Committee and the library trustees to go over the options. The selectmen are still likely to see the final RFP at their May 18 meeting. Haddad and reuse board Chairman Chris Ford said the committee still leaned towards building some type of elderly housing for the elderly. But both said the housing and the library could be combined in the building. The other options were:

- Senior congregate housing, described as similar to assisted living;
- Multi-generational care which could include elderly housing and a children's day care center;
- Other community uses;
- Low and moderate income housing.

"Let us go through the process," said Haddad who wants the RFP advertised this month, if possible. "That still gives the library four or five months to come up with their proposal. It still gives the town meeting a chance to decide."

Library trustees Barbara Power and Patience Towle said they expected to have a proposal ready by the fall. Meanwhile, they put the selectmen on notice they will look beyond the neighborhood by the Paul Pratt Library to solve their space needs. Towle said the library, now crammed inside an 8,000 square foot building, wants to trade up to 15,000 square feet. The cost of rebuilding the Paul Pratt Library comes to about the same price (roughly $2.5 million) as building a library inside the Osgood would be. But the Osgood looked like the more attractive option of the two. Towle said state aid would be easier to get to build at the Osgood. Both trustees also said they preferred not to expand the existing building because there is no town-owned property nearby. Doubling the shelf space there and adding more parking would mean a land taking by eminent domain. Power implied being party to a land grab was not the way the library liked to operate.

"We're not the Turnpike Authority," she said. "This isn't our style."

Welcome mat out for haz-mat center

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side town would have to get a permission slip from their local officials to bring materials to the Cohasset center. They would have to pay about $40 for the disposal. They would also have to make an appointment with Swete in advance.

Swete said she or another chemist would supervise the disposal and take care of the administration. The benefit to Cohasset residents would be they could use the center for a reduced rate. Swete said the rate might be half the regular price and could be free, for at least a few residents every month depending on the volume.

Swete said the center would be three, 10 by eight double-walled steel buildings. They will be mounted on a cement platform and will be fireproof "and pretty-much tamper proof." Plans also call for building a security fence around the center.

She asked the board to allow the center so South Shore Regional Refuse could take advantage of a grant. The money earmarked for the project came from a DPW surplus and had to be used by the end of May.

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Town takes action against Cohasset Heights Landfill

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Building Inspector Robert Egan has filed a criminal complaint against the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill in Quincy District Court to shut down the facility permanently. Egan issued a shut down order against CHL in January because of a serious permit violation. CHL appealed the decision to the zoning board of appeals last month, but the ZBA upheld Egan's shut down order. Despite the order, CHL has refused to shut down and has filed a lawsuit against the town in land court seeking to overturn Egan's decision.

CHL attorney Anton Moehrke said previously that owners of the landfill will continue to appeal the decisions of the building inspector.

The criminal complaint comes at a time when the anti-landfill group, SAFE (Stop Any Further Expansion), is lobbying the health board to rescind CHL's site assignment because of the shut down order and numerous environmental violations. John K. McNabb Jr., vice president of SAFE, will present the group's case to the health board on Tuesday, May 12. Health board member Kevin Ulmer said he felt certain that there would be site assignment hearings, although he could not say when they might begin. Ulmer added it is also unclear at this time whether the health board would seek to modify CHL's site assignment or rescind it.

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said the criminal complaint is in response to CHL's refusal to obey the building inspector's orders and shut down the landfill.

"The law requires them to obey the building inspector's orders and close down, but they have not done that," DeRensis said. "That is a criminal wrong, and if you engage in a criminal action, then you should be charged as a criminal."

DeRensis said the purpose of the criminal complaint is to force CHL to comply with Egan's order and close the landfill. He added that he was also pursuing several other proposals to deal with CHL and was just waiting for Town Manager Mark Haddad to approve additional action.

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Town Counsel Paul DeRensis

But McNabb is worried that the criminal complaint is not an adequate response from the town. He is disappointed that the town didn't even try to get a court injunction forcing CHL to shut down immediately. McNabb fears that the criminal complaint could result in nothing more than a punitive fine that CHL could easily afford to pay

"It's just not good enough," McNabb said. "This is an appropriate action and it's nice, but it's not enough."

McNabb is disappointed that the health board has taken no action against CHL for dumping refuse in a section of the facility where landfilling is not allowed. Last November, McNabb found 7,800 square feet of material in a section of the landfill not approved for dumping, Area IV-B.

The health board has also discovered that CHL has illegally placed as much as 100,000 tons of material on the slopes of the landfill in violation of DEP regulations. DEP regulates the angle of the slope of the sides of the landfill to ensure that the material stays in place.

McNabb said the health board has known about the illegal fill in Area IV-B for six months, but taken no action. SAFE members want the health board to rescind CHL's site assignment, an action that would order the shut down of the landfill in addition to the Egan's order.

Ulmer said the health board is awaiting analyses from its consultant, Camp Dresser and McKee (CDM), of several issues relevant to site assignment hearings.

McNabb is skeptical of the health board's claim that it needs more information to schedule site assignment hearings. He said the health board has everything it needs to begin hearings immediately.

Ulmer countered that there are several pieces of information the health board still needs. CDM currently is examining records from the Department of Environmental Protection from the last 20 years tracking CHL's measurements of the landfill's contours. Once a month, DEP requires landfill owners to submit updated contour measurements and figures on the amount of material placed in the landfill in the previous 30 days.

Ulmer said the health board is creating an historical record showing exactly when CHL began overfilling the contours and how much excess material is in the landfill.

"At the hearing about the contours, it became very clear that the existing slopes contained huge amounts of excess material," Ulmer said. "We didn't even realize DEP tracked the contour measurements until we found out about the extra material."

Ulmer added that the health board wants to make sure it has a solid case against CHL before going any further. He said that Egan's shut down order and the ZBA's decision were both facing court challenges from CHL. Ulmer said it would not be wise for the health board to base its decision to hold hearings on the shut down orders from Egan and the ZBA. If those orders are overturned in court, then the health board's hearings could be declared invalid, Ulmer said.

DEP is also considering action against CHL. Ulmer said health board members are reluctant to rush forward until it is clear what DEP is going to do.

"The health board is coordinating with the town manager, town counsel and the building inspector," Ulmer said. "It is a complicated issue and no one has the full picture. We need clarification on what some of these other parties are doing because we don't have all the answers."

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Petition asks selectmen to stall sewer town meeting

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

A group of citizens in the Linden Drive area have petitioned the selectmen. They want the board to delay calling a special town meeting on the north Cohasset sewer project until a public informational meeting on the issue can be held.

They also want the contract which came in at $2.7 million over estimates rebid. Both requests will be considered at the May 18 board meeting, it was decided May 5. The selectmen tabled a discussion on the matter Tuesday night because the sewer commissioners were not able to attend the meeting.

Linden Drive and surrounding streets are part of the now $9.9 million north Cohasset sewer project which will ultimately hook about 277 homes up to a sewer main which will take the wastewater to the Hull treatment plant.

But the request to appropriate the additional money to fund the $2.7 overage failed to win the 2/3 majority required at town meeting. Margy Charles, 85 Linden Drive, who signed the petition, was among the ranks that supported the additional appropriation at town meeting.

"I am very interested in getting the funding," Charles said. "But we'd like to clear up all the confusion before going to a crazy town meeting like the last one."

This group is not affiliated with Concerned Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions (CEES) which wants to halt the current project and look at sewering the entire town.

"We are not a hostile group," said Catherine Davis, 52 Linden Drive. "We trust our officials but we need more information.

"Just as the president gives a state of the union — we need a state of the sewer," she said.

Davis said the group has no name and is just a collection of neighbors seeking answers and clarification on the sewer issue.

Due to the unexpectedly high cost, the only part of the north Cohasset project going forward at this time is the laying of the sewer main in the streets, known as Contract 1. Contracts 2, 3, & 4 which will hook the homes up to the sewer main are on hold.

Selectmen plan to either rebid Contracts 2, 3 & 4 or use the remaining money to buy the components which the town would then hand over to the individual homeowners' for installation. The "component option" surfaced after the annual town meeting and is one reason why sewer commissioners feel a special town meeting on the sewer is needed.

Selectmen said they might consider calling a special town meeting after they see if the sewer commissioners have a substantive reason for one. They planned to invite sewer commissioners to their meeting Tuesday but that was postponed until May 18 because two of the three commissioners were out of town. The commissioners have previously gone on the record to favor going ahead with the second phase of the project. It calls for hooking up homes around Straits Pond to the sewers.

But the selectmen want the second leg of the job, dubbed "contract 2," to be put out to bid again as part of a package with contract 3 and contract 4. They hoped they might get a more favorable price by bundling all three jobs.

So far, the dispute has resulted in a series of conflicting letters to the contractor Duncan Peterson. His company, D & C Construction Company, Inc. of Rockland won the competition for contract 2. But April 28 Town Manager Mark Haddad notified him the bid was rejected because the job was going to be postponed. The sewer commissioners then posted a second letter to Peterson saying the contract was still valid.

Tuesday, Haddad said he had a legal opinion on the matter. Town counsel ruled the Town Manager, not the sewer commission, had the authority to stop the job. Tuesday, the selectmen re-voted the contract 2 question but only to allow selectwoman Diane Sullivan to recuse herself. She lives in the contract 2 area and said it would be a conflict of interest for her to vote on a question that impacted homeowners there.

The second vote was 4-0-1 with Sullivan abstaining.

In a related matter, CEES is planning a symposium on the town's wastewater treatment plans at 7:30 p.m., May 27 in the high school auditorium. CEES hopes to secure sewers for the Little Harbor area which is currently not included in the north or central Cohasset sewer projects.



Lids chief knows how to spot trends

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sible Dream fans grinding their teeth two months before the all-star break. Moreover, it is a trend, not a fad, according to Kuchinski who built her career on learning to spot the pacesetters.

She started her career at Polaroid. After seven years there, she moved over to The Limited where she took charge of their subsidiary Mast Industries. The job took her around the world to tag the "hot" items people wanted. Later at Reebok, she became vice-president of manufacturing for apparel before taking charge of the Weebok children's products. The experience made her adept at zoning in on the products people want to buy. Casual hats rank at roughly the top of the chart, she said.

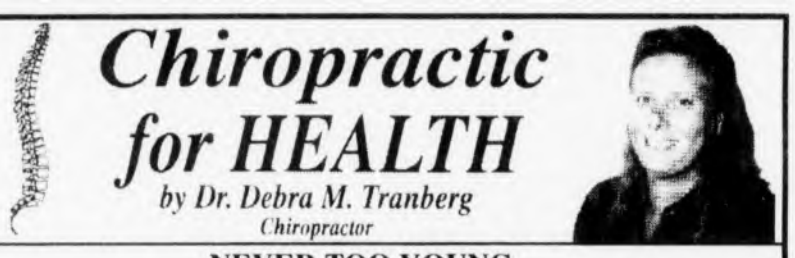
"The market is booming," she said. The "core consumer" buys on average 12 hats a year. That is almost one for every team in the American League, so these may not be the same people that watch baseball. But whoever they are, they are buying all kids of casual hats, not just baseball caps. Bucket hats also got hot this year. People are even buying visors. The business is so brisk it will not really matter if the home team does not clinch the pennant again this year. Kuchinski said Lids is going to have a good year, no matter how the Red Sox play.

"This is a year round business," she said. "The Red Sox might help sales in the Boston area. People love a winner, and they love their teams." But she also said the Lids' hats are Lids "exclusives." The design belongs to the company.

Lids was started by Ben Fischman and Doug Karp. Both have "families in the mall business" run by New England Development. They tried out the concept with a kiosk style operation in the Atrium Mall in Chestnut Hill. Two years later, Lids was growing with eight stores and venture capital money to seed more.

Kuchinski was recruited from her management post at Reebok to become the Lids president and chief operating officer. She sees the potential for 1,500 stores someday. She called the growth explosive and said the operation holds all the "keys to success—a great concept, the financial base to grow fast and an exploding customer base." Best of all, she enjoys the business.

"You want to do something that excites you," she said. "Whatever it is, you should follow your talent. You shouldn't be chasing the dollar. You should be following your dreams." Kuchinski lives in Cohasset with her husband Hank and three children.







PICTURE THIS



FRANCINE WINTERS

Name: Francine Winters

Occupation: Cohasset postmaster.

Goal: To be able to retire in Arizona.

Best vacation: A cruise to Bermuda.

Best day of your life: When my first child was born.

Biggest worry: The happiness of my daughters.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite TV show: "Home and Garden."

Favorite movie: "Funny Girl."

Favorite book: "Coma," by Robin Cook.

Favorite junk food: Potato chips.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Driving 72 miles out of my way to a meeting.

Person you'd most like to meet: Jacqueline Kennedy.

Pet peeve: Tail-gaters.

Consignment shop is ready for spring

No astute shopper will want to miss the eclectic array of antique china, silver, designer attire and unique summer jewelry at the new Cohasset Consignment Shop located at Shaw's Plaza (formerly Cushing Plaza), Route 3A.

Manager Andi Merrill announced that in addition to regular hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 12 noon to 4 p.m., Sunday, the shop will be open from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, April 30 for consigning and sales. Regular consigning hours are 10-11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Merrill noted that proceeds from the shop provide the major funding for the Social League's counseling and support groups, New Friends programs, nursing services and "Keep Well Clinics" that include blood pressure screening, weight, blood sugar testing and nutritional education for Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate and Norwell.

"Items not to miss," she pointed out, "are Bermuda bags with bone handles, English china cups and a children's bowl and dish made in England, Alpine plate, men's shirts and summer jackets, children's smocked dresses and women's designer suits and dresses."

To volunteer or to seek information, call Andi Merrill at 383-0687.

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Town-wide food drive is Saturday

Residents will have the opportunity to donate food to the Cohasset Food Pantry this Saturday, May 9, during the National Association of Letter Carriers' annual food drive.

Residents are encouraged to leave non-perishable food items by their mail boxes to be picked up by letter carriers when the day's mail is delivered.

According to Margie Steele, coordinator of the food pantry, located at the Second Congregational Church, any donation is welcome, although there is a particular need for cereal, laundry detergent, household goods, personal products, fruit juices, crackers and snacks for kids.

The food drive is operated in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, AFL-CIO, and the United Way.

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AROUND TOWN

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Gary Barrow of Cohasset recently demonstrated professional competency by successfully completing the Certified Arborist examinations administered through the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and the New England Chapter of the ISA. The purpose of this program is to improve the level of knowledge and standard of practice within the tree care profession. It is designed to assist the public in identifying those professionals in arboriculture who have demonstrated, through a professionally developed examination and education program, a thorough knowledge of tree care practice. The ISA program tests and certifies an individual's knowledge in the field of arboriculture. So, now you know whom to call with any problems or questions about the trees on your property, Gary really "knows his stuff!" Gary will take good care of your treasured trees — not only that; he is a real nice guy.

LOCAL ARTISTS SHINE

Here's something we can be proud of! Works by Susan DeMichele, JoAnne Chittick, Tom Lucas and Claffy Williams were selected by jury to be included in the Arts Around Boston '98 Exhibit at Bradford College in Haverhill.

Sixty-six artists from numerous towns in the Boston area were chosen for the group show, held at the Laura Knott Gallery (March 29-April 24). This annual exhibit, which is sponsored by Pleiades Publishing, Inc., is organized to showcase the variety and quality of art produced by area artists and to give viewers the opportunity to see works of both emerging and established artists; included in the show was a pastel ("Blue Snow") by Susan, JoAnne's watercolor "On the Fringe," an oil painting ("Europa and the Bull") by Tom, and "Moon Struck," a print by Claffy.

IT'S IN THE CARDS

Instructor Barbara Elliot leads a bridge class for Cohasset senior citizens at the community center.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

A WONDERFUL LADY

A beautiful Memorial Service was held April 25 for Marion C. Moulton, a wonderful lady whom many of you remember well — she was a long-standing member of our community and the Beechwood Congregational United Church of Christ. Many former residents were in town for the service; Bud and Gail Huston and their family, the Stuart Sargent family (remember John Sargent, the famous CHS basketball player who scored 1,000 points? He is now in his 40s, with a little all-star of his own!) — the list goes on, and they all had one thing in common, they loved seeing Cohasset again!

NEWS FROM ALASKA

Received a nice note from Maureen O'Leary recently, you'll never guess where she, and her sister Liz, are — Juneau, Alaska! And do they love it! Maureen is working for a non-profit group doing trail-work in Southeast Alaska. Her group teaches building, job skills, training, wilderness survival and coping skills. She loves trail-work, and thrives on being in touch with kids. Maureen is "addicted to the overwhelming beauty there, not to mention the fresh halibut, king crab, salmon, trout, shrimp and scallops."

She and Liz love seeing the eagles, seals, whales, bears, marmots, otters — they are everywhere! They both say hello to everyone, and send their love! So, if you are headed to Alaska, there are two built-in tour guides for you!

BOB GOYETTE WILL BE MISSED

Everyone (and we mean everyone) remembers Bob Goyette, who recently passed away after fighting the good fight against cancer! Bob was a wonderful man, full of compassion, loyalty and love. Bob adored his family, his friends and children of every age — he helped numerous people in his lifetime, and helped turn many lives around! He was a fine man, and those of us whose lives he touched were truly blessed! Bob's family has set up a scholarship in his name, to be issued annually to a Cohasset High graduate. It will be the Robert A. Goyette Scholarship, and whoever receives it will shine with pride! If you wish to contribute to this scholarship, send your donation to: Robert A. Goyette Scholarship Fund, c/o Pilgrim Co-Operative Bank, 48 South Main St., Cohasset, 02025. It is a meaningful way to keep a grand man's memory alive, and one that will always keep him with the youth of our town!

DEAN'S LIST AT PROVIDENCE

Two area residents have been named to the dean's list at Providence College for the fall 1997 semester. Named to that list were: Monique DeVoes, 32 Elm Court (majoring in sociology) and Danielle Capozzoli, 514 Route 3A (majoring

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in sociology). We congratulate both of you for all your efforts!

MEN'S HOOP AT HAMILTON

Junior center Pete Bishop was a member of the 1997-98 Hamilton College men's basketball team. The Continentals finished the season with a 17-10 record and advanced to the NCAA Division III East Section Semi-Finals (Sweet 16). Bishop played in all 27 games and averaged 2.2 points and 2.4 rebounds per game. His season high was nine points against Pomona-Pitzer. Good going, Pete!

BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES

A belated birthday wish to a super-duper gal — Vi Tuthill was 94 years young April 24, we surely hope her day was a wonderful one!

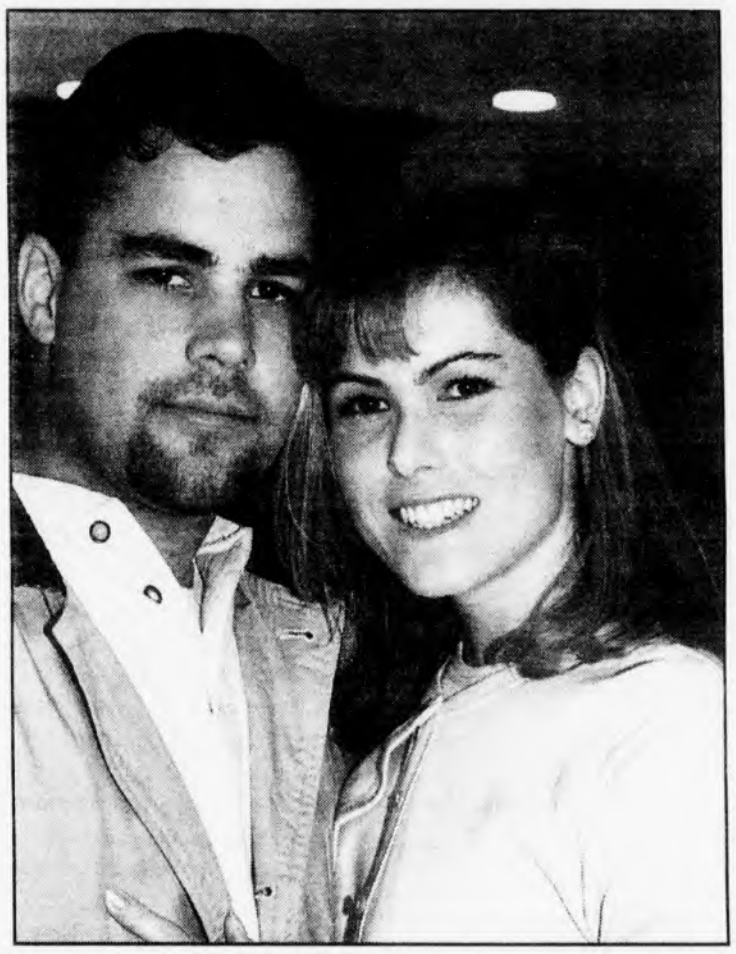
CURTAIN RISES ON CONGO CAPERS

Finally, don't forget that this is the big weekend — "Congo Capers" will be produced both Friday and Saturday (May 8 and 9), at 8 p.m. at CHS. The cost is $7. "Break a leg," everyone!

That's it for this week, let me know your news!

Sallyann Chatterton
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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Brooke Anderson and Joel Whitman

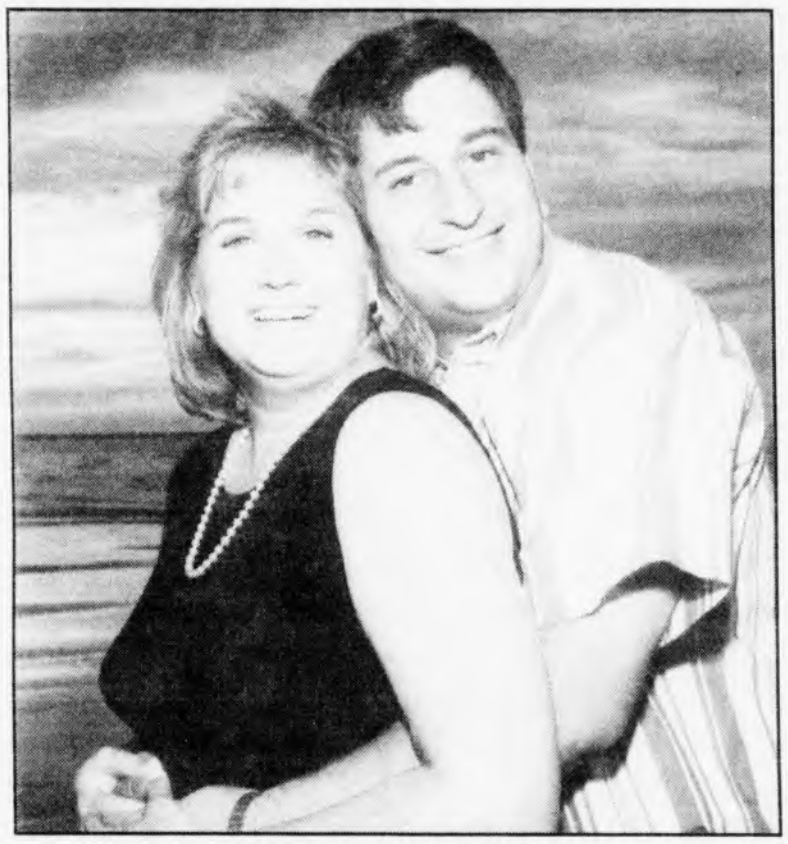
Whitman - Anderson engagement

Mary R. Anderson of Scituate and Robert C. Anderson of San Diego, Calif., announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Koehn Anderson, to Joel Gardner Whitman of Cohasset, son of Peter and Blanche Whitman of Cohasset.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Stonehill College and is employed at Coner Concepts Marketing in Braintree.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Franklin Institute of Technology. He is employed at Hewitts Cove Marina in Hingham.

A July 11 wedding is planned.



Gretchen Carney and Keith Shultz

Carney - Shultz engagement

Mr. And Mrs. Otis W. Carney of Marshfield announce the engagement of the daughter, Gretchen Rea Carney, to Brian Keith Shultz, the son of Mr. And Mrs. R. Lawrence Shultz of Cohasset.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Marshfield High School and Wheelock College. She is a teacher in Cohasset. Her fiance is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Bridgewater State College. He teaches behavior modification in Worcester.

A summer wedding is planned.

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EDITORIAL

Stamp out hunger

For most of us times are good. A look around our affluent town on a beautiful spring day and it's hard to believe that all is not well with the world.

Green lawns and flower beds frame our homes whose values continue to soar.

Our high school seniors are making their college decisions - many of whom are opting to further their education at expensive private institutions.

And in our driveways and garages sit high-priced sport utility vehicles which have become the transportation of choice for a lot of us.

It makes you wonder why Cohasset needs a food pantry, doesn't it?

But the hard facts are that about 25 local families are helped by the Cohasset Food Pantry every month.

Since its inception five years ago, more than 100 different families have found help at the food pantry.

And Cohasset is not unique. According to a recent Tufts University study, one in 11 or more than 1/2 million people in Massachusetts are at risk of being hungry.

Here's how we can help.

Our local letter carriers are taking part in a national food drive on Saturday in conjunction with the National Association of Letter Carriers. They will be collecting the non-perishable food items and groceries that you leave out by your mailbox.

All of the items will be donated to the Cohasset Food Pantry at the Second Congregational Church.

Food Pantry coordinator Margie Steele says the post office food drive helps supply the pantry for the entire summer.

She points out that unlike during the holiday season — needy families are not always on our minds as the summer season approaches.

"It's tremendous and keeps us supplied through to August," she says.

Mrs. Steele says while everything is appreciated, the pantry could use cereal, laundry detergent, household goods, personal products, fruit juices, crackers and snacks for kids.

Cohasset Postmaster Francine Winters says the post office is glad to help out.

"It's a worthwhile effort to help needy families and an excellent opportunity to strengthen the relationship we have with the community," she says.

If we all pitch in, collectively we can really make a difference.

Last year, letter carriers across the country picked up 73 million tons of food, the largest one-day collection in the nation's history.

It's a shame that anyone in our country or our town has to go to bed hungry.

So please "Help Stamp Out Hunger" by putting a few non-perishable food items or groceries out by your mailbox on Saturday.

— Mary Ford
Editor



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No special town meeting needed

This is in response to the April 30 Mariner editorial.

TO THE EDITOR:

If you think that writing about the North Cohasset sewer project is a nightmare, you should be living it!

For more than two years, I have attended every posted Sewer Commission meeting; whether it be their regularly scheduled meeting at 4, 6 p.m., 11:45 a.m. Saturday of a Memorial Day weekend, or the latest, 8 a.m. Saturday at the end of school spring vacation.

It is not easy to follow the agenda of this commission, but I can tell you without a doubt, the voters who raised their cards opposing Article 18 at the Annual Town Meeting, knew, unequivocally, what they were voting.

I take issue with your comment: "... it's no wonder that Article 18 failed, even though all it would have done was to appropriate the money to be paid back entirely by users."

This translates into spending $9.3 million to sewer 277 homes — which includes 84 Type A Simplex Grinder Pumps and two Type B Simplex Grinder Pumps. We are not building a sewer treatment plant! This is too much money for this project.

The Board of Selectmen recommended against this Article, as did the Advisory Board.

If Article 18 had passed and the $2.7 million increase was voted at the ballot the following week, the 277 homeowners in North Cohasset would have an additional cost of more than $10,000, bringing the total cost of this project to each of us at $35,000.

The Sewer Commission should not ask for a Special Town Meeting, but follow the mandate of the voters, and the vote of the Board of Selectmen taken April 13. Proceed with Contract I and rebid Contracts II, III and IV with the Central/Hillside in August.

Maria A. Plante
Jerusalem Road

Good news for water rate payers

TO THE EDITOR:

The Governor's recent approval of legislation to create a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund is cause for Massachusetts American Water Company customers to celebrate. Significant reduction in water bills will soon occur.

Shortly after taking office in 1995, I began looking for ways to help the residents of Hingham to offset the exorbitantly high water rates caused by the revised federal drinking water standards. While nobody was prepared for the 155 percent rate increase that accompanied the opening of Mass American's $40 million plant, every resident should take time to thank those who participated in the Hingham water rate protest at the State House. It was your many voices in protest that got the attention of the Governor and Legislative Leadership—you made sure I was heard when fighting to lower the cost of water in Hingham.

Fortunately, the language that I drafted to make sure that Hingham would be included in this program was adopted. Without the compelling State House testimony of selectman Iris Daigle and town administrator Charles Cristello, it would have been impossible for me to persuade my colleagues to include Hingham for relief under this program. Their time and efforts should be applauded by all customers of the Massachusetts American Water Company.

There are others to thank, like Representative Mary Jeannette Murray, who helped guide this proposal through the House. But not to be forgotten is Edward Teague of the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement and Mass American President Jim Perry who also deserve credit for their technical assistance and support.

We have been successful in our efforts. Many thanks to all.

Robert L. Hedlund
State Senator
Plymouth and Norfolk District

Deadlines

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933

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Kids and drugs:
The courage to lovingly confront

As parents when concerned about substance abuse, we need to explain our concerns and see how the child responds. Does the conversation get more open, or shut down?

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Adolescents, like 4-year-olds, really believe that they can make something true by wishing it were true. They can deny a teenage pregnancy long after their body screams at them with changes. They can convince themselves that one beer is not really drinking. They can reassure themselves that someone else's joint is not their drug use. Tell them your concern is not what the behavior is called, but what substance is entering their precious bodies.

While always keeping the conversation going, be prepared to go to the mat. We have the right to be wrong, especially with regard to worry about our kids. Most often, when parents are worried, it's for a good reason, even when their guesses are wrong. There are ways to get hard data, but it requires some confidence.

Our children live in our homes. We are responsible for everything in our homes including our child's room, possessions, closets and to some extent their bodies. With respect for their individuality and their age, we have a right to know what is in all of them. It's nice to announce that we are searching, but we don't need permission to do so, just courage.

"Please don't look there!" they may shriek. But we must. If we uncover a father's day gift and ruin a surprise, it's a small price to pay for doing what must be done to uncover a serious problem or reestablish a failing trust. If we uncover things that need explanations, we must ask for them. If they make no sense to us, we must share that. Why are there so many bank withdrawals? Why do they have this pipe in their desk drawer? Why are there so many missed homework assignments the last month? Hard, hard questions for us to ask, for our kids to answer. Resist answering these questions for them.

In fact, we can call on technology to help us. There are tests, that with great accuracy can answer some of the questions we have. Alcohol use will cause changes anyone can easily detect. The array of drugs available on the streets will produce a variety of behavioral responses from increased activity, (ICE, speed, amphetamines), heightened sensitivity, euphoria or hallucinations (LSD, mushrooms, mescaline) or a loss of inhibitions or a sedated or mellow effect (marijuana, sedatives or downers, alcohol). But sometimes we parents are the last to notice them, or to accept the true meaning of them. Blood and urine tests that can detect alcohol and all kinds of substances, are available at hospital emergency rooms when indicated, and a parent's worry is an indication. Breathalyzers are done by the police department and can also detect alcohol in the system. Most drugs will be present in the urine for more than 24 hours, and cannabis (marijuana) can be present for up to four weeks for chronic users.

Over-the-counter kits for testing hair are available at drug stores and will detect the presence of more than 20 substances in a person's body for up to 90 days. While this can be useful to a parent, doing such a test without the child's knowledge contributes to the breakdown of communication. It's better to let the child know that this option exists, and you may use it at any time, and that their cooperation isn't essential for the testing, since all you need is a snip of hair.

It takes a lot of courage for a parent of a child who is not seriously impaired to ask for a toxicity screen from their pediatrician or medical facility, but it is an option, and most doctors will appreciate your concern and honor your wish, even if they don't think it's clinically indicated. What helps is to tell your child ahead of time that it is happening, and that, even though they may swear that they haven't ever even been offered drugs, you need it for your own peace of mind. If you suspect the child is concerned about testing positive, you might say you'll give a grace period of two to three weeks so they can clean out their system. Sometimes, the lingering possibility of random tests and subsequent detection is enough to help a child ward off peer pressure to experiment with substances. Sometimes a child will let himself test positively to communicate how difficult it is for him to stay drug free. A positive test is an opportunity to initiate some individual or family counseling, some new limits, some changes in peer groups or activities that have been contributing in some way to drug use. Your credibility is only enhanced if you actually do have a toxicity or drug screen at some point, if you said that you will.

Drug use prevention is not as easy as the prevention of German measles or mumps. For those troubles, a regular schedule of immunizations will protect your child nicely. Substance abuse requires ongoing vigilance, and the courage to have conversations with your child about things you wish just didn't exist in their world. Changes in grades, friends, behavior, interests etc. have causes, and if you continue an ongoing conversation with your kids about their world, you may have a good idea why they are happening. The absence of any explanation that makes sense to you warrants further investigation. It is not our kids whom we indict when we explore the possibility of their drug use, but our society that allows drug abuse by children to be such a rampant problem in our community.

Finally, take the conversation a step farther. Talk to other parents. Gather around you fellow parents and talk about the problem of drug use in our community. Share your thoughts on summer curfews, supervision of parties, worrisome events. See if there is any agreement on rules and limits in your homes.

It is in the quiet silence of closed doors and closed mouths that an epidemic like drugs can grow and spread. Conversation can kill it. Start talking .

Lillian Helen Adler is a nurse and mother of teenagers.

Dismayed over testing of special needs students

Despite many objections by professionals, in the next several weeks special needs children will be subjected to a series of tests that can only result in their total frustration. As a special education teacher with more than 17 years of experience, I have never encountered a situation as cruel and as potentially damaging as the hours of testing to which these children are being subjected.

MY VIEW

LAURA RICKESTON DOHERTY

In order to enter a 766 program, these children have already been tested separately by both a teacher and by a school psychologist. A meeting must have been held with their parents and other concerned staff members. Then, the parents are presented with an educational plan for their child which, if approved, is signed by them and implemented.

The students who are sent to my class function at least two to four grade levels below that expected for their chronological age. And yet, they are being subjected to taking on level tests. This means, that a 12-year-old who only recently learned the alphabet and reads at a beginning first-grade level is being required to take a fifth-grade test.

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Many of my colleagues and I have expressed our dismay at this situation but have been told that no one is exempt. It is difficult to understand this, since any educational plan I have ever developed has contained exemptions and/or modifications for each subject according to individual needs. These plans are previewed and signed by the student's parents. They are, I have been told, legal documents and must be followed.

Fourth-grade special needs students are most affected because they are required to undergo not only the Stanford Achievement Tests, but also the new M.C.A.S. Test. This represents at least 15 hours of testing on a level at which they cannot possibly succeed.

During one session, one student asked his teacher why she was torturing him. In another class, two students cried.

And, the students aren't the only ones frustrated. Because special education students are often assigned to classes according to seat availability rather than level of learning, their teachers often teach as many as two to four grades. This results in having to administer as many different tests and creates a very distracting environment. Not exactly an ideal testing situation.

The loss of teaching time is another major objection. At-risk learners need every minute available to them if they are to succeed in school.

One of the arguments by proponents of these tests is civil rights requirements. There is not a teacher I know who would not agree with equal rights for all. But these rights are upheld in each and every educational plan. And, if provisions have been made for a student to be tested at his functioning level, their right to learn is being violated when so much class time is spent on tests which are as many as four levels too high.

HEALTH NOTES

Groundwater plumes are common

As a homeowner, you own some things on your property you may not know about. One of these is a groundwater plume. There's at least one plume on every piece of property in Cohasset.

Groundwater plumes come in all sizes and descriptions and serve a variety of purposes. They carry rainwater from roof gutters, they carry, and purify, septic wastes. A spring is just the surface manifestation of a groundwater plume.

Water is carried in plumes in a different manner from the way it is carried in a river or brook. First, it's slower, much slower, sometimes inches per day, also, the water in the plume doesn't mix with naturally occurring water (usually rainwater) in the water table. The extent of plumes can be mapped as is now being done with the toxic plume emanating from a Nike site on Cape Cod. There, the plume is shown on the surface by orange oil drums which are moved every day.

Important to a homeowner is the plume from the leaching field in the septic system. It radiates from the system in the general direction of the slope of the land. In a properly operating septic system the plume contains clear fresh water spoiled only by contaminants leaching down from the soil surface. If contaminants like gasoline or motor oil are flushed through the septic system, the biomat which aerates and transforms the septic wastes is destroyed, the septic system can no longer process the wastewater from a home, and the plume is contaminated. If the septic system is not operating properly, the plume can contain harmful viruses and pathogens like hepatitis and e-coli.

The Cohasset Heights landfill

The Cohasset Heights landfill has been a controversy in town for years. It is universally seen as a detriment to Cohasset although it has been reported that the DEP would declare that the landfill is one of the best-run in the state. The problem is that in the exchange of invective and emotion, the facts tend to get diffused. The major question is whether, in the future, leachate from the landfill will pollute our water supply. The question is whether any of the plume flows south from the divide toward the lower wetland, the source of water for Brass Kettle Brook, headwaters for Lily Pond. It's clear, that most of it is on the north side of the water surface divide which flows to Hingham's great swamp, and eventually to the Weir River. The problem is compounded by the fact that the Mass. Highway Department has a salt storage on 3A the plume from which is near the CHL plume and carrying salt to the same general area.

Maps from dozens of studies of the landfill show monitoring points all over, and judgments about them by unbiased experts tend to indicate that the threat is remote, distant and minimal. For a threat to our water supply, that, of course, isn't good enough. So we should continue to gather information until the question of risk to our water and what can be done about it is answered. If the threat exists, all agree, we should close the landfill.

The Board of Health will discuss in its May 12 meeting whether to accept the plan to remove some illegally placed fill. A consensus of knowledgeable experts say this doesn't make sense, since it is capped and lined as in the rest of the landfill.

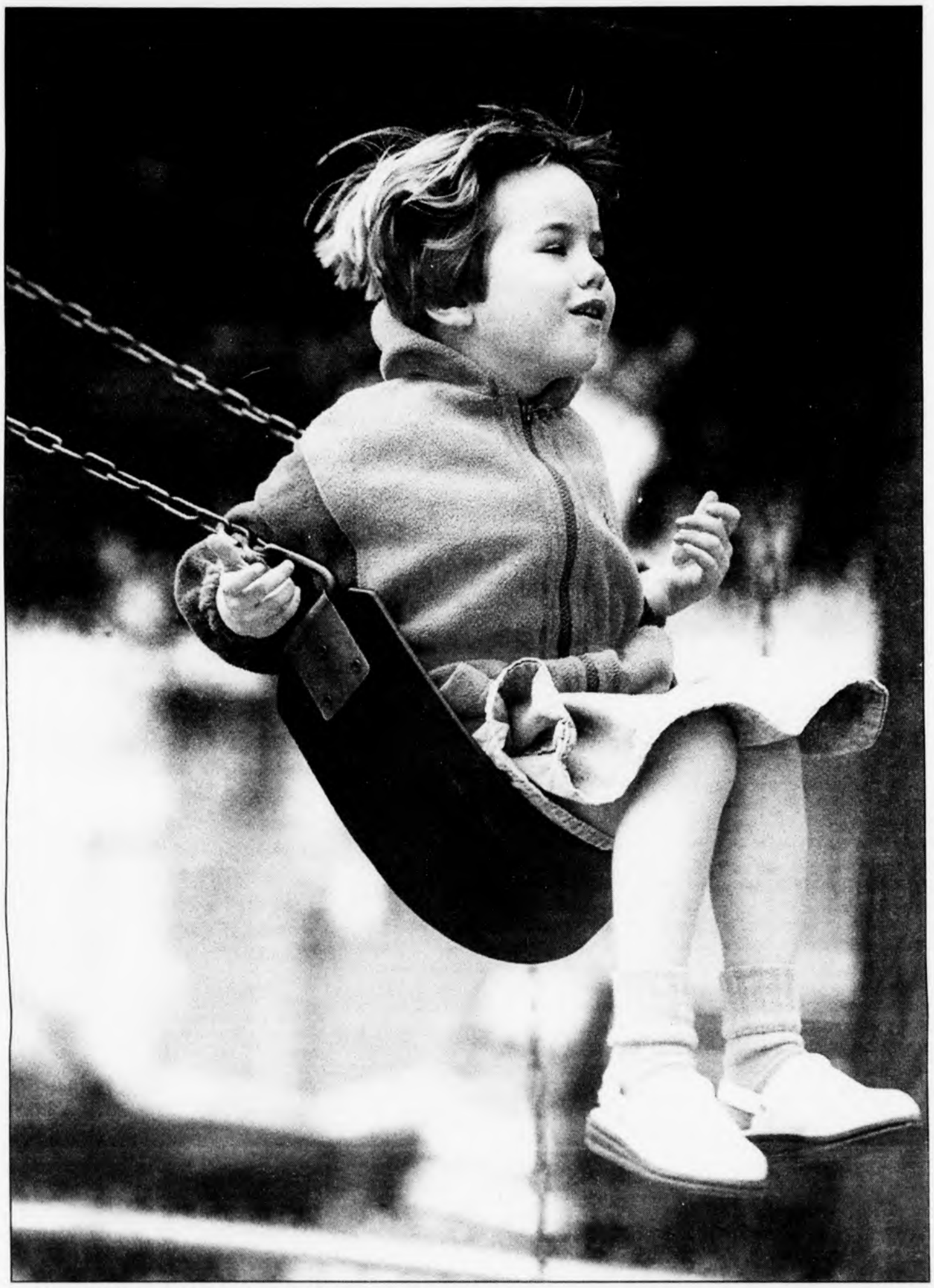
It appears that regardless of any decision, the CHL will continue its defense of its right to operate until it is proved unequivocally that Lily Pond is threatened. Until that happens, the town has to decide whether it wants a well-managed landfill in town or to continue to litigate until the courts resolve the problem.

Grant status

A part of the grant being requested from the state DEP by the Board of Health will cover a study prepared and monitored by John McNabb, water commissioner, to take measurements to assess potential threats to the water supply from CHL and other sources of potential pollution.

A newsletter created by a volunteer staff issued periodically by the Board of Health.

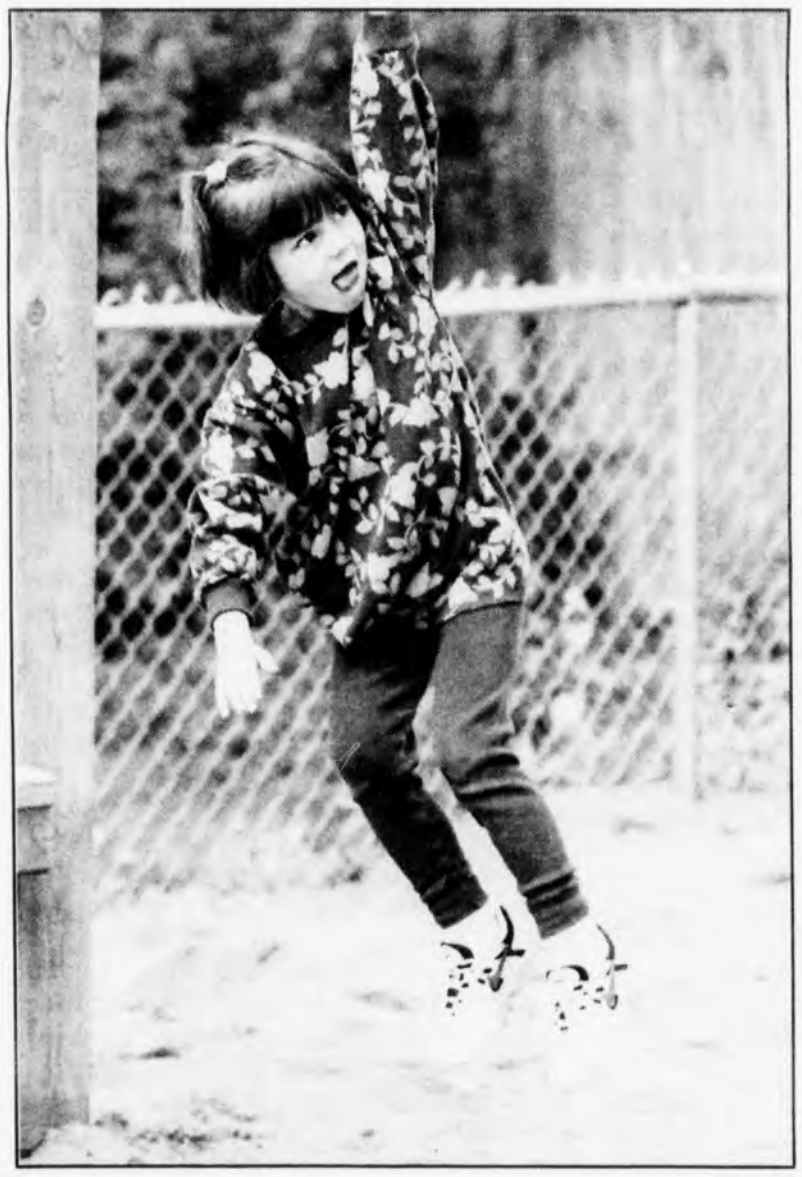
Preschool playtime



Bridgett Cahill flies high on swing at SSCC pre-school



Alyson Jacobs peers through the playhouse window at the community center.



Sarah Brown hangs in there while making her way across the monkey bars.



Jack Carrier scoots around playground at South Shore Community Center pre-school

Photos by Alan Chapman

Shared sewer, drainage costs irk long-time resident

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

David and Frances Burnham are on a campaign to get the town to help them with devastating drainage problems at their Newtonville Road home. The Burnham's front yard frequently sits under a temporary lake after every rainstorm. The board of health has declared the Burnham's property and three adjacent properties public health hazards because of raw sewage bubbling up through the ground from failed septic systems. And while the town has included the Newtonville homes in the Central Cohasset sewer project, it has declined to help the Burnham's with their drainage problems. The Burnham's feel that the town is not being fair.

But there is another side to this story. Professor John Zotos, 66, a resident of Old Coach Lane, read about the Burnham's plight in last week's Mariner and became angrier and angrier as he read the article. Zotos was incensed that the Burnham's want to use public taxes to fix their private property problems. Zotos was especially angry because he spent $30,000 of his own money in 1990 fixing a failed septic problem on his property. The town never offered him a penny and he knew that it was up to him to pay for the repairs.

Zotos is a retired Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering, and in love with Cohasset. But Zotos has grown tired of residents and residents' groups asking the town to share in their sewer costs. Now, with residents looking for town funding for drainage problems and septic failures on private properties, Zotos believes someone has to say," enough."

"The people near Strait's Pond want the town to pay for their sewer and hook-ups," Zotos said. "Here they are crucifying us at town meeting with their 50-50 funding schemes, but why should we as taxpayers give in to the people at Strait's Pond. When they bought their property, they knew they had septic systems."

Zotos said he knew when he bought his house in the early 1960s that he would have to replace the septic system. And in 1965, that's just what he had to do. Ten years later, Zotos had to replace the leaching field again. And then in 1990 he had to replace the entire front yard and install a new system that complied with Title V regulations. Zotos said he has spent about $40,000 repairing his septic problems since he bought the house.

"All that money came out of my pockets," Zotos said. "I didn't have $30,000 in 1990 and I had to take out a second mortgage the house. No one from the town said 'Here John, here's some money to help you'."

Zotos said he's not stingy and with a $5,500 per year tax bill, he's certainly paying his fair share of the tax bill. Zotos said he sent several children through the Cohasset school system and he is proud that his tax money can educate a new generation of young people.

"I benefited from the town, which educated my children, and I believe I still have a responsibility to maintain strong schools," Zotos said. "But we also need to provide for our elderly. I'm in a wheelchair and I just love the Tuesday luncheons. We have an excellent council on aging."

Many elderly residents in town are on fixed incomes and can't afford to pay higher tax rates for other people's sewer problems, Zotos said.

Zotos said the town can't pay for everything, and feels that it's time for residents with septic, sewer and drainage problems to get used to the idea of paying for the problems on their private property.

"I don't think the first 50-50 project should have been passed," Zotos said. "But a house is sacred and the responsibility of the citizen who owns it. It's not up to the town to accept this obligation of paying the sewer bills of other people."

Zotos is also angered by people complaining about their sewer and drainage costs yet failing to acknowledge the windfall they've received from soaring property values in town.

"I fell in love with the town the first time I came here to go to the Music Circus and saw the rocky beaches," Zotos said. "If people can't afford to live here and pay for their problems with their property, that's too bad. We need a population of various incomes, but we can't pay for private drainage and sewage problems."

Board wants sewer now for Newtonville

Town Counsel Paul DeRensis may have ruled that the board of health cannot force the sewer commission to connect four homes on Newtonville Road to the sewer system. And the sewer commission may be insistent that it will determine when those four homes will be connected. But none of that will stop the health board from trying to get the sewer commission to connect those four homes to sewer pipes immediately.

Last January the health board declared the four homes public health emergencies because raw sewage was percolating up through the ground from failed septic systems. Town meeting agreed to let the four homes connect into the Central Cohasset project, but that could take more than a year. Meanwhile, the public health emergency remains. The health board may force homeowners to install tight tanks, sealed sewage collection tanks that require frequent pumping, until the sewer problems are resolved.

Health board member Kevin Ulmer said it could take months to receive approval from DEP to install tight tanks on the four properties. He insisted that the sewer commission could connect those four homes to the existing system right now rather than waiting for the completion of the Central Cohasset project.

"The sewer commission already has the capacity allocated for these homes out of the extra capacity granted by the state," Ulmer said. "Those homes could be connected immediately. It just doesn't make sense to delay connecting four homes with imminent health emergencies."

Ulmer said the health board has invited the sewer commission to its next meeting. If the sewer commissioners attend, the owners of the Newtonville Road homes will also be invited to attend. If the sewer commissioners decide not to attend, the health board members plan to attend the next sewer commission meeting.

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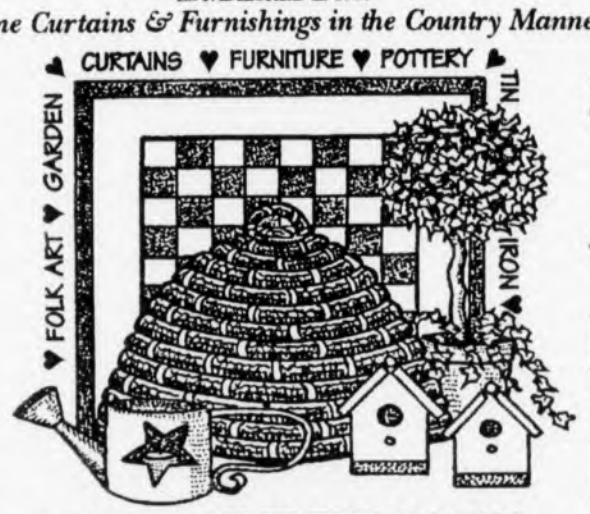
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Cohasset's Peter Roy buys Chart House

New England 'classics' to top menu

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The ink could be on the deed to the Chart House restaurant on Border Street within the week, according to the lawyer for Peter Roy. Roy, who is in Toronto on a business trip, is buying the harborside property for $1.85 million. But the deal was contingent on the successful transfer of food, beverage and Sunday and entertainment licenses. The selectmen May 5 voted to approve the licenses. They must go on to the state for a final OK, however.

Tuesday, Lewis Jackson, vice president of development for the Chart House restaurants, said he expected the transaction to move ahead. Jackson confirmed the price and said the property was under contract.

Erick Stenfors of Hull, currently Roy's private chef, has been named the new manager. A graduate of the Culinary Institute, Stenfors, 26, said the food at Atlantica will be based on "New England classics" but with a newer presentation with lighter, healthier ingredients and seasoning. For instance, in the main dining room, the "more complex food preparations," emphasizing seafood, would be served. Prices would run around $15-$30. In the bar where light meals will be available, Stenfors said oysters on the half shell and shrimp cocktails will be on the menu.

Tuesday, lawyer Charles Humphreys offered a few details about the new establishment to be called Atlantica. Initially, the spot will be open only for dinner, though Roy plans to build up to a lunch menu later. The new restaurant will have "a nautical seacoast theme" though he promised the style would not be reminiscent of a seaside shack. The outside of the restaurant will be improved, but the general layout will probably not change. Humphreys said every seat in the dining room has a view of the harbor, and the new owner did not want to tamper with the seating. He also said the restaurant would keep the John Smith function room and also have another room with a bar for light "affairs." The establishment would probably be open sometime in August, though construction work will take some time.

"The building still needs a substantial amount of work," he said, citing structural problems, a leaking roof and an "antiquated" air conditioning system. The total seating capacity at the restaurant is 610. To keep it profitable, Humphreys said the restaurant would depend on holding functions, such as weddings.

"Peter's very enthusiastic about it," he said. "He looks at it as a business. But he also looks at it as a very important property he can add to the town. Cohasset needs a good restaurant." Roy also owns Kimballs By the Sea. He is executive vice-president of Intercontinental Development Corp. in Hingham.

KEEPING WATCH



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Matthew Froio watches through the gate at the 'big' kids playing at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School.

Train opponents launch new Web site

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that the MBTA still has to address internally, and I believe that politically it hasn't been resolved given the feedback I've gotten from Cellucci at times. I don't think it's resolute in his mind that this is something the state should be doing."

Until the matter *is* resolved, Weymouth, will keep the site updated with news, site links, and statements from those for the train and against it in the hopes that everyone involved in the Greenbush project can have access to the three communities' views about the train, as well as the latest information available on the subject.



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Superintendent search narrowed to 11 candidates

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Eleven candidates survived the first cut in the search for a new schools superintendent. Deer Hill School principal Paul Callahan is one of them. The names of the others, all outsiders, will not be announced because one demanded confidentiality.

The new school chief will replace Stephen Hart. He is retiring this August, and the search committee formed to find his replacement has moved ahead on a fast track. The committee held its first meeting April 30. It elected then to keep the names of 10 semi-finalists a secret.

STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Callahan's name had been made public earlier.

The board acted on advice of their consultant James Hardy of the state association of school committees. Hardy reported three of the candidates requested confidentiality, though only one stated positively he would withdraw his name from consideration if the search committee went public with their names. He urged the board to keep the names secret and the interviews behind closed doors or risk losing "a third of your pool of candidates."

In all, 42 candidates applied for the post which will pay between $90,000-$105,000 annually. Hardy was hired to screen the applications and come up with a list of 10. Callahan, the only insider in the group, was guaranteed of an interview under rules the school board established to encourage people already in the Cohasset school district to apply for the top post. At least three of the other semi-finalists currently hold the top posts in other school districts, according to statements Hardy made April 30. But none of the other 10 semi-finalists will be named and no more details about them provided.

Though seven semi-finalists did not ask for confidentiality, Hardy said the board should be consistent since claims might later be raised about unfairness, although Callahan's name had already been put out.

The school board is expected to name between three and five finalists for the post at their May 21 meeting, search committee Chairwoman Maureen Jerz said Tuesday. The names of the candidates will be announced then, and the rest of the interviews will be held in public.

Besides Jerz, the other members of the search committee are school administrators Curtis Collins and Marilee Cantelmo, teachers Fran Cronin and Genevieve Brown, parents Jane Pescatore and Michael Hurley, student Jamie Butman and at-large citizens Roger Whitley and Midge

Recreation center plan may be scaled down

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Scituate may build a recreation complex in the near future, but it might not be as grandiose as planners had envisioned.

The estimated $10 million, 100,000-square-foot facility that the Citizens' Recreation Center Action Group (CRAG) wanted to build on Route 3A will likely be scaled back to a $6 million to $8 million, 50,000 to 80,000-square-foot plan, said CRAG founder Ralph Crossen.

"It's more modest than the dream version," he said.

CRAG's original plan included a regulation size indoor swimming pool, "aqua-leisure" center with hot tubs, water falls and slides, and an indoor hockey rink on a 20-acre parcel of town-owned land known as the Ellis Estate on Country.

Those components will still be the focus of the project, although their size may have to be reduced, Crossen said.

"I'm hoping they're successful. It would be a great asset to the area," said Joe McElroy, a school committee member who has been following Scituate's progress with the project closely.

McElroy had been involved with a proposal — which is on hold —to enclose the Cohasset Swim Center off Sohier Street and make it a year-round facility.

"There's no question in my mind that there's a need for a pool and I strongly believe that the Scituate, Cohasset, Norwell, Hull area can support a year-round pool," he said.

CRAG hopes to include in the plan a gymnasium, a health club, a day care center, offices for the town's recreation department and possibly an indoor soccer/lacrosse facility. Athletic fields for baseball, soccer and football surrounding the complex are also part of the proposal.

CRAG proposes to pay for the construction and operation of the recreation center at no cost to Scituate taxpayers through user fees.

Consultants Ken Ballard and Jeff King of Ballard, King and Associates in Aurora, Co. visited Scituate last month. They gathered as much information as possible about recreation needs in town and facilities in surrounding communities to measure the financial feasibility of building a recreation complex in Scituate.

The consultants have given CRAG the green light to hire an architect to draw up plans and specifications for the project but has not yet released its final analysis of the feasibility study. A draft of their findings is expected by Thursday, Crossen said.

The study consisted of two sections: the community's needs and what the community can afford, Crossen explained.

The first section determined that the community's needs for recreational facilities are exhaustive.

"This community has nothing," said Crossen. "There is no public pool for 20 miles and there are no adequate sports facilities for anything in the area. If we built everything we needed, there's no way we could have afforded it without adding more funds to the equation."

Crossen said the next phase of the project entails the consultants sitting down with the architect and designing the facility according to CRAG's budget. Once the plans are finished, CRAG will take its final proposal to town meeting, he said.

The recreation group, comprised of experts in the various fields associated with this type of project, has been working on the plan since January. CRAG formed to try to create alternatives for Scituate's youth who have very little in the form of recreation at their disposal.

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Dispute over open meeting law drags on

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

A tempest is still churning over the Mariner's April 23 story about three selectmen who turned up unexpectedly at the April 9 school committee meeting. Selectman Merle Brown demanded an apology from the newspaper at the board's April 27 meeting. At the May 5 meeting, it was selectman Thomas Callahan's turn to sound off. He was out of town on vacation and missed the previous meeting when Brown went on the air. Tuesday Callahan left no doubt he also wanted an apology. He deemed the story "divisive" and bashed the newspaper for raising a question about the open meetings law.

The item noted the three board members, Merle Brown, Ronnie McMorris and Thomas Callahan, made up a quorum of selectmen, although they apparently did not all expect to see each other at the meeting. Though boards can hold joint meetings, the public is supposed to get advance word about them through a posting. There was no advertisement a majority of the selectmen would be at the school board meeting April 9, and the selectmen were not on the agenda. The story noted Town Manager Mark Haddad previously said he did not think such a notice would be necessary.

Callahan made his comments after Haddad showed a letter from the Norfolk County District Attorney's office clarifying the rules about open meetings. The letter (requested by Mariner editor Mary Ford) agreed the two boards did not each have to post two separate meetings notices about a joint meeting. But the one notice must indicate both boards would be in attendance. Ford requested the D.A.'s opinion after Haddad said the question ought to be cleared up. The newspaper did not ask the D.A. to find the selectmen in violation of the open meetings law.

Tuesday, Haddad said he thought it would still be OK not to post the names of both boards as long as both boards were on the agenda and the agenda was posted under the meeting notice. That is the way he handled the joint meeting Tuesday between the selectmen and the Osgood School Reuse Committee.

"I just think it is absurd. The Mariner's position is ridiculous."
SELECTMAN TOM CALLAHAN

"This is a perfect example," he said. The board has now instructed him to send the D.A. another letter to find out what happens if the board sends a quorum to another board's meeting "accidentally." The selectmen want to know if one will have to leave the meeting or if they are free to gather "accidentally" at other board meetings. In the meantime, Callahan said he planned to continue going to meetings of other boards.

"I just think it is absurd. The Mariner's position is ridiculous," he said and vowed he was not going to "give up" his rights to go to board meetings because he is an elected official.

"Are we supposed to post it when we bring our kids to Little League?" he said. Under the open meetings law, the public is supposed to have 48 hours advance notice when a board holds a meeting. The purpose of the law is to allow the public to witness government proceedings and participate in them. It is also meant to prevent officials from conducting the public business in secret unless there are specific reasons why the meeting should be confidential. A majority of the board members, dubbed a "quorum," constitutes a meeting, but the law does not apply to social occasions unless the officials use the occasion as a pretext to discuss town business.

Brown, who was reached in a telephone interview after the April 9 session, said he attended the school board meeting to follow up on a campaign promise. Attempts to reach the two other board members did not succeed before the newspaper's deadline. McMorris did not return a telephone call to the Mariner. Callahan was out of town on vacation though he did return the call two days after the paper went to press.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their weekly meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Mondays.

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Mary A. Ahern

Mary Agnes (Dacey) Ahern, age 94, of Hingham, died April 23 at the Mayflower Nursing Home, Duxbury.

Born in Boston, she lived in Cohasset until 11 years ago, when she moved to Hingham.

She was graduated from St. Catherine's High School in Charlestown.

Mrs. Ahern was a homemaker.

She was a former communicant of St. Theresa's Church in West Roxbury and its Ladies Sodality.

Wife of the late Boston Police Capt. John D. Ahern. She leaves three sons, John J. Ahern of Beverly and Marco Island, Fla., Richard P. Ahern of Plymouth and Thomas J. Ahern of Duxbury and Woodstock, Vt.; 16 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. Mother of the late Francis X. Ahern.

A private service was arranged by the Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St.

Donations may be sent to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 101 First Ave., Waltham 02154.

GEMS of Hope yard sale

On Saturday, May 16, GEMS of Hope will hold its third annual yard sale from 9 a.m. to noon in the Cohasset Stop and Shop parking lot (rain date Sunday, May 17, 9 a.m. to noon). All proceeds benefit GEMS projects, including funding for the Mary Martha Learning Center in Hingham, the GEMS-funded school in Pici, Brazil, and microenterprise programs for women in Brazil and Columbia.

Past GEMS yard sales have featured beautiful home-decorating items, including paintings, rugs, furniture and garden ornaments, toys and sports equipment. Come, find that perfect treasure and support GEMS programs, all geared to help women become self-sufficient and build better lives for themselves and their children.

If you'd like to donate items for sale, call Cindy Kuppens at 383-6670.

COHASSET SPORTS

Red Sox star tops collectors card wish list

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Every hobby collector will tell you that right now the biggest things on the market are those cute and cuddly pieces of felt with those oh-so-perky names and the baseball player with the largest nasal region this side if Larry Bird.

A quick prediction- The first person who comes out with a Nomar Garciaparra Beanie Baby can write their own check to prosperity.

More than 20 trading card and memorabilia collectors from all around the area converged on the Independence Mall in Kingston over the weekend to show off their pride and joy and maybe make a good deal on rookie card or two.

One of the anchors at the show was Carl DiMaggio, owner and proprietor DiMaggio's Sports Cards and Memorabilia , which has had a location in the mall for the last 18 months.

More than Mo Vaughn or even Drew Bledsoe right now, DiMaggio said that serious collectors and kids alike are trying to scoop up as many of Garciaparra's cards that they can get their hands on.

Not just a short-time fad such as a "Super" Joe Charbeneau or any other one hit wonder you may see in any given year, the 1997 American League Rookie of the Year seems to possess the staying power to remain on top for an extended period of time.

"Right now Nomar is pretty much by himself at the top of list," said DiMaggio of the Red Sox sophomore sensation "He's the card that everyone wants to get their hand on. Every kid is chasing him right now."

Garciaparra's 1997 rookie card will run you about $35 at the moment, a solid investment said Steve Smith, the owner of Hyannis Sports Cards.

"Nomar's the man right now," said Smith. "He's hot and I don't see any reason why he won't stay there for a long time to come."

On the other end of the trading card spectrum right now seems to be Chicago White Sox slugger Frank Thomas.

"He was really hot a few years back but has cooled off considerably as of late," said DiMaggio. "The experts were talking about him as the next triple crown winner but he's not been able to pull it off."

Depending on the individual case, off the field actions can have a great impact on the marketing value of a player.

Chances are very good that you won't be able to put that down payment on the house with a Dave Meggett or a Curtis Martin rookie card. But on the other hand, not even a nasty contract dispute or a drunken driving trial has been able to put a dent into the marketability of Mo Vaughn.

"Even after all the problems that he's gone through as of late, the one thing you cannot deny is that the kids love Mo. I don't think that all of his problems have hurt him at all," said DiMaggio.

"Off the field problems can really have an effect on a player's memorabilia consumption very much. People will stay away from the product if a player becomes a problem."

"The thing that has hurt Vaughn more than anything has been the emergence of Nomar," he added. "Garciaparra came along and stole all of Mo's thunder."

Taking a peek in his crystal ball, DiMaggio said two players who will probably be in the most demand in

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STAFF PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Georgia and Steve Jacques traveled from Rhode Island last weekend to display their collectibles at the Independence Mall's sports cards and collectables showcase.

Get hooked on spring fishing

"If you promise to take your children fishing, consider it as important as buying food, paying your rent/mortgage, or a meeting with your boss. Look at it as an investment in yours family's health and security." (from the Parent's Guide to Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs).

THE FISH STORY



MARK TRASK

On slow days fishing and on slow says at the store, the mind tends to wander. The spring fog wafts across the damp parking lot as my mind goes back to earlier times, fishing with my brother. The world of the harbor was an exciting destination for kids like us who sought adventure on our beat-up bikes, fishing poles firmly tied to the crossbar. A peanut butter and apple jelly sandwich safely squashed in the storage bag under the seat, and a quarter for a quart of root beer at the Harbor Liquor store.

As we pedaled along the salty air would begin to fill our nostrils, as well as the faint aroma of dried in the sun mud flats and flowering trees that flourished in every yard on Elm Street. As we rounded the corner at the Cove Manny Mark's gas station and Hugo's Shack loomed into view. Not far behind them the great ship's ventilators that adorned the roof of Kimballs stood guard over the mouth of James Brook.

The road arced long to the left as we pumped past the fire station and along the open causeway by Lawrence Wharf. That was our first stop. Bikes lay askew on the ground as we clambered up the granite block and the cold refreshment of the water bubbler there. Onward past Hugo's, then Silvia's dilapidated pier. Three or four old salts would always be there, passing the time shaded under a bleached umbrella, looking out the channel of their youth. A rusty NO TRESSPASSING sign, nailed to the weather beaten boards by the street, added to the aura of adventure.

Next stop was the cavernous Mill Wharf Marine barn. The dock boy would grudgingly come in and bring out the cardboard tray stashed in the ancient General Electric cooler. Eyes wide we watched him counting out the worms, knowing at any moment he could suffer a ferocious pinch. Quickly, we'd count out meager paper route coins for a half dozen comatose sea worms, mount our trusty bikes and be on our way, over the bridge to Mecca, the Government Island pier.

So many youthful days spent... catching perch, pollock, a rare flounder, ugly sea robins, skates and crabs... scampering over barnacle clad ledges by the falls, gathering someone's cast off squidding line to use as a drop line... collecting periwinkles and mussels for bait, as the sea worms would only make it through the first hour... watching the older kids plunge from the bridge into the rapids... sail boats from the fledgling sailing club tracking to and fro through the crowded moorings... barrels of no-so-sweet redfish forked off the pier wall into the lobster boats below... great bushels of sapphire mackerel swung onto the pier by loud anglers... yes, we learned some new words from those guys swinging at their Schlitz.... and learning about a place to fish called Minot's Light.

Minot's Ledge and many of the other ledges in the area now hold schoolies and rat bass. Reports of mackerel past the H Bouy are coming in now. John Tedeschi took clams, sea worms and mackerel on

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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



Kate Stone

Don't let her sweet and innocent appearance fool you. Get Kate Stone out onto a tennis court and she's as cold-hearted and merciless as they come.

That's seems to be as good a reason as any to choose her as our Athlete of the Month.

Stone, only a sophomore, is in her second year as the top singles player on the Lady Skippers tennis team, who are perfect so far at 4-0.

Stone is perfect as well, going undefeated this season after compiling a 14-2 record last season.

"I've known her since she was 12-years-old and every time you give her a challenge she just rises to the occasion," said her coach Sarah Meehan. "She is just an exceptional player and an even better young lady."

Garciaparra tops card collectors wish list

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the next few years will come from the world of professional basketball-Kobe Bryant and Tim Duncan.

"Bryant is the one they are talking about as the 'next Michael Jordan', but I think that Duncan may be the one with the overall better tools," he said. "Those are the two guys you can be safe collecting in the next few years."

The collecting business, card trading specifically, has seen its ups and downs over the years. Recovering from the over-saturation that plagued the business in the late-80s, the hobby seems to be on the rise once again.

"There was a time there when it seemed that everyone and their brother had a piece of the business. That seems to have evened out over the years." said DiMaggio.

Besides there being major competition among the collectors, there was also some major battles going on within more than a handful of companies who are now in the trading card business. Where once Topps and Fleer were the unquestioned giants of the business, the industry pie is now being cut in more pieces than ever before.

"There's a lot out there to be had and the card companies corrected that by offering a nice product that although is a little more expensive is a little more limited in nature, which helps to hold the value of the card," DiMaggio explained. "The customer base might be a little bit smaller, but you don;t have as many people in the business who are just trying to make the quick buck."

During the height of the card wars it almost became a hobby exclusively for the older people are young kids were being priced out of the game. Although the days of the 50 cent pack are probably gone forever, the last year or two has seen a return to some more reasonable prices along the range of $1.50 for a quality pack of baseball cards.

"The kids are still into collecting cards as well as all the other forms of sports memorabilia," added DiMaggio.

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Brandon Albert gets ready to slide into home plate during the recent baseball camp held by the recreation department over spring vacation.

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his first trip. Came up with his first striper and a dozen cod to 24 inches. The herring runs are in full swing now according to Ted Abbadessa. The Back River is clogged with the silvery fish below the East Weymouth ladder. The Herring Brook off the Driftway is hot and cold depending on the tide. Schoolies are in all the favorite haunts according to excited reports coming in.

Shiners are prime bait right now for fresh water anglers tired of chasing trout and want to do battle with big bass. Calico bass or crappies as they are known on cable fishing shows are thick along the shore on hot sunny days. Perch are in their spring spawn. Slow trolled spinners will bring pickerel smashing to investigate.

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Cohasset Special Olympians compete in Worcester

Congratulations to the Cohasset Special Olympians who competed in the State Spring Games in Worcester last weekend. Jessica MacDonald won a gold medal and Brendan Mulcahy a bronze medal in candlepin bowling competition. They are members of the Strikers Bowling Team from the South Shore Community Center, coached by Marie Viola.

Jay Nothnagle won four gold medals in powerlifting with a bench-press of 170 lbs., deadlift of 290 lbs., combination of 460 lbs., and bestlift — total/body weight for ages 22 to 30. Jay trains at Fitness First Plus with coach Rick Larson of Marshfield.

Brook Miele, Rosemarie Kierce and Jay Nothnagle (as manager), competing on the Div. 3 BlueJays basketball team, won fourth place for the tournament. Their TILL team is coached by Mike Riordan of Braintree.

Congratulations to all these Special Olympians!

Mariner launches sports e-mail site

In an effort to be more in touch with area sports fans, the Mariner has established an e-mail site. The address to is: **mariner.sports@cnc.com**

The Mariner encourages youth coaches and organizers, high school coaches, players and parents (who have access to an e-mail system) to send us your sports information, stories and schedules at this address.

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American Cancer Society to sponsor 'Relay for Life'

The American Cancer Society's South Shore Unit will hold its Relay for Life on May 29 and 30 involving teams of walkers and runners who will round a track, 'round the clock, to raise funds for the fight against cancer.

According to Mary Jeanette Murray, event honorary chairman, the American Cancer Society hopes to raise $35,000 during the relay, through walkers collecting sponsorships from friends, family members, and co-workers. The relay will be held at Cohasset High School in Cohasset.

Each team will keep a representative on the track throughout the 24 hours, with members walking in half-hour shifts. Starting the "night-shift" will be a candlelight ceremony to remember loved ones who have fought cancer. Team members camp out around the track throughout the night. A pancake breakfast will take place on Saturday, May 30 beginning at 7 a.m. The breakfast is open to the public.

"I encourage anyone interested in joining the Relay for Life to call the American Cancer Society at (508) 584-9600," Murray said. "The relay will be a great way to renew our hope in the fight against cancer, while also doing something practical to support the American Cancer Society's research , education, and patient service programs."

The American Cancer Society is seeking people to form teams for the relay, and to join teams that need a few more members. To date, 17 teams have registered to participate. The planning committee is hoping to secure thirty teams this year. Teams can be families, friends, churches, organizations or companies.

Funds raised during the relay will support American Cancer Society cancer control programs, including a research initiative that has supported 28 Nobel Prize winners during its history. The society is continuing the world's largest population study and continues to examine factors that affect cancer risk.

The American Cancer Society is also a source for comprehensive information about cancer through its 1-800-ACS-2345 number, which operates from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays. Funds raised during the Relay for Life support this service, which also connects callers to services offered for patients and families.

Local services provided by the American Cancer Society to cancer patients include transportation to outpatient treatment by Road to Recovery volunteer drivers, support for women with breast cancer through the Reach to Recovery visitor program, and information on maintaining personal appearance during treatment through the Look Good.... Feel Better program.

to obtain information about the "Relay for Life" and tickets to the Pancake Breakfast, please call the American Cancer Society at (508) 584-9600 ext. 232.

Skippers try to keep tourney hopes alive

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

With a thin pitching staff and suddenly-quieted bats, the Cohasset Skippers have stumbled across the mid-season mark and limped out with a 5-8 record.

Requiring a .500 record of 10-10 just to qualify for the state tournament, the ball club finds itself painted in a corner, with no options but to start winning.

Last week, the Skippers dropped an away game to the East Bridgewater Vikings. Despite staying close for four innings and timely hits from Denis Rooney, Joe Pergola and Sean Conte, Cohasset could not hang on, and the home team pulled away.

Jim O'Sullivan hurled six innings and shouldered the loss.

Growing tired, he started to get knocked around in the fifth and by the end of the sixth, the contest was all but over.

A similar script was played out Monday against the Carver Crusaders. Having been stunned by the Skippers with a 2-1 loss in the season's third game, Carver was gunning for them when the Boys in Blue traveled south.

Sean Parkinson started the game with O'Sullivan at catcher but the two soon switched. Pat Hurley pitched well in relief of O'Sullivan, who took the loss.

Although their pitching has certainly been lackluster, Cohasset cannot fault just the depleted staff for its losses. Fielding has been irregular, at times downright heinous, and the bats have been relatively hushed for the last few games.

Mike Rossi, Greg Taylor, Rooney and Conte have all been stroking the ball, but the rest of the line-up needs to start swinging the bat like they were before April break.

Cohasset has failed to play a solid seven innings since the first South Shore Vo-Tech game, two weeks ago. Now, with room for only two more losses, is the time for the Skippers to show the South Shore League their mettle and make a run at a tourney berth.

Davis Track dedication is today

The running track at Alumni Field will be dedicated to former Cohasset High School track coach and teacher Charlie Davis today (May 7) in ceremonies beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Numerous friends and colleagues will be on hand to honor Davis, who taught at CHS from 1961 into the 1980s before he died unexpectedly in 1985.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Little League parade rescheduled for May 16

The annual Cohasset Little League parade that was rained out on May 2 has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 16.

The order of events for the day remains the same as all marchers are asked to assemble in the parking lot of the Red Lion Inn between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m.

The parade will march up Main Street to North Main Street on their way to Barnes Field.

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray will throw out the first ball

Lacrosse boosters jamboree

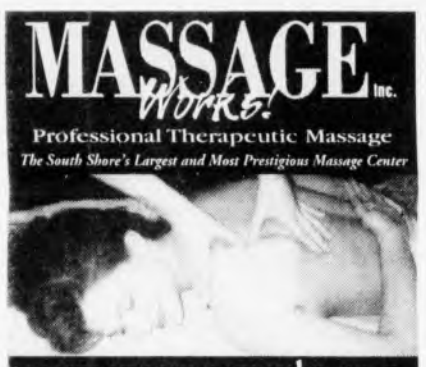
On Friday, May 15, the Cohasset Lacrosse boosters will host its first Annual Jamboree at Alumni Stadium.

Face off begins at 3 p.m. with the Middle School Athletes led by former varsity coach, Ken Ekberg.

Women's Lacrosse follows at 5 p.m. under the leadership of Nicole Mladenoff. They will face Walpole.

The evening caps off with the 1998 men's varsity team. Led by coach Mike Faluey, facing off against Barnstable at 7 p.m.

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Softball league is looking for some new teams

The Cohasset Men's Softball league is looking for a few good teams.

Games are played on Sunday afternoons from late-May to August at the Beechwood ballpark.

If interested, please contact Dave Scollans at 545-4197 or Joe Dooley at the Red Lion Inn at 383-1704.

Johnston represents U.S at Pan Am games

Sydney Johnston, 18, and senior at Milton Academy, represented the United States at the Youth Pan American Games in Monterey, Mexico over Easter vacation.

The Cohasset resident was the only Massachusetts delegate among the six team members from New York, Connecticut and California, she was the only U.S. contestant in her Juvenile B class with 47 competitors from Columbia, Ecudaor, Peru, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico. She competed with her 6 year old German Holstein "Linus" during the 5 day competition. Jumps ranged from 3'9" the first day to 4'3" over the course of the week.

Sydney won a ribbon every day of competition ending up 7th overall at the end of the 5 days of competition.

Johnston trains under the guidance of Massachusetts trainer Kathryn Fletcher of Grazing Fields Farm in Bourne. She was a medal winner at Madison Square Garden competition in November of this year and hopes to compete again this fall for her last opportunity as a Junior Competitor.

Johnston not only is a serious horsewoman, she is a serious scholar as well and will enter Middlebury College in January, 1999.

Summer playground information

The summer playground for the Cohasset Recreation Department will run from Monday, June 29 to Friday, August 14 under the direction of Martha Equi.

Programs will include:

•Pre-school 3-years-old to 5 1/2 in a half-day program to be held Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children must be born between1/1/93 to 3/1/95 to qualify.

•5- to 12-year-old full day program are also available. Five- to 7-year-olds will be at the Osgood School while the 8- to 12-year-old programs will be held at the Deer Hill School.

Registrations are Monday, June 15 to Thursday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to noon and then from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. as well as on Tuesday evening, June 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Fees are as follows: full day 5- to 12-year-olds is $150 for first child ($275 for non-residents). The half day 3- to 5-year-olds are $125 for the first child.

Each additional child is $25 (residents only).

There is a mandatory $35 non-refundable activity fee as well which is separate from the regular program and must be paid at registration which will cover most special events as well as a T-shirt.

A separate check for the activity fee will be needed.

Limited enrollment has been set for each program and non-residents are taken on a space available basis.

All children must be toilet trained.

Quincy Hospital announces 9th Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament

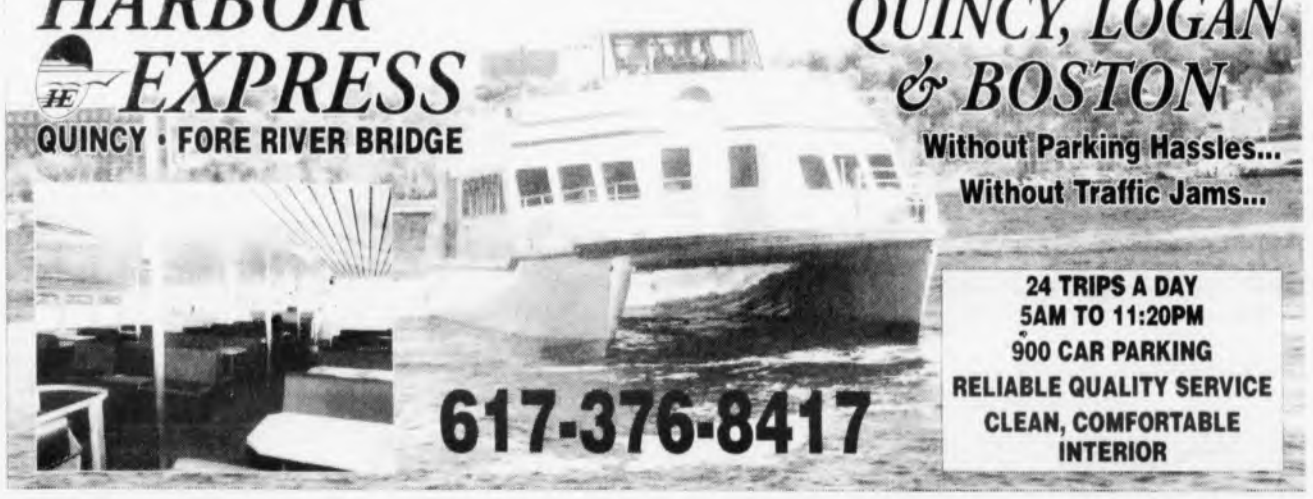
Quincy Hospital is holding its ninth annual golf and tennis tournament Monday, May 18, at the Cohasset Golf Club.

The tournament, organized by the Quincy Hospital Health & Education Foundation, enables area corporations, local physicians and hospital employees to show their support for quality healthcare at Quincy Hospital by coming together for an unforgettable day of networking, relaxation and friendly competition.

The Quincy Hospital Health & Education Foundation provides support for advanced medical technologies and services at Quincy Hospital. For more information about sponsorship opportunities and/or participation in the day's activities, call Jean Parker or Maryrose Mirick at (617) 397-5495.

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Competition makes college decisions tough

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The last colleges to report on their admissions decisions delivered the results two weeks ago, ending the suspense for many high school seniors waiting for an acceptance letter from the college of their choice. This year the competition was stiff at the "safety schools" as well as the selective schools.

"It seems to me it has been a very bizarre year," said Cohasset High senior Alia Afshar. She said many of her friends did not get into their "safety schools" where they felt sure they would be accepted. But the same students also got into some of the competitive schools where they doubted they stood a chance. The situation was different in nearby Hanover where students found few surprises either good or bad.

Lindy Holway, a senior at Cohasset High, did not go after an early decision but later wished she had. Most of the eight schools where she applied were supposed to report between April 1 and April 15. Though the first ones came in with the results a bit early, the wait still got nerve-wracking.

"The whole two months before, you're starting to get a little crazy," Holway said. "You're thinking about it all the time starting right after you sent them in."

Admissions officers at area schools said they chose the Class of 2002 from a large number of outstanding students. For instance, Harvard University Admissions Director Marlyn McGrath Lewis said getting into the nation's top-ranked college this year was as hard as ever. But the "real story" in 1998 concerned the impressive quality of the applications. About 2,073 seniors won letters of acceptance from the nation's oldest college, but Lewis said little separated them from the top 8,400 hopefuls. In all, 16,818 students tried for a place in the Harvard Class of 2002, not a record crop of applications, but close to the record. About 52 percent of the applications came from men, and the admissions numbers followed roughly the same pattern with fewer women making the grade.

"The top half was a tightly packed pool of excellence," she said. With so many students presenting virtually identical test scores and grades, the decision often came down to a review of exceptional talents. Students who excelled in athletics, music or politics ranked among the few who received a nod from Harvard. Still, the main consideration hinged on academics. The Admissions Director studied the difficulty of the student's high school courses and then asked how well the student could use the school's resources. She stressed it was hard to compare students who all presented strong records and downplayed the importance of the SAT scores. Nonetheless, Harvard uses the standardized tests. This year's freshmen class averaged scores in the 690-790 range on the math section and the 700-800 range on the verbal. Lewis said it was important to remember Harvard does not go by a "cutoff" score. Some students who turned in lower test scores still got in.

But local guidance counselors did not find this year unusual. Mary Babaian, guidance counselor at Cohasset High, said the whole picture did change several years ago when "more kids were catching on to using the common application." It is a form many colleges have agreed to accept; and since it only has to be filled out once, it made it easier for youngsters to send out more applications.

"Many top flight students applying to more top-flight schools," she said. But Babaian said Cohasset High students still handled the competition pretty successfully.

"I don't think our kids had that much of a difficulty," she said. "Naturally, there are disappointments." Babaian pointed to a year when no seniors landed a berth at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Only the year before, the prestigious Ivy League school took five Cohasset seniors. Some of them were not so good candidates as the seniors who lost out the next year.

Three Cohasset seniors applied to D.C. schools this year, Babaian said. The other "hot" schools were Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I., the University of Vermont and the University of New Hampshire.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

'Swing into Spring' at PSO book fair

As most of you know, the Spring Book Fair is scheduled for May 12 to 14. What you may not know is that all proceeds from the fair will go to help fund the playground at the New School.

Slide over to the Osgood Library Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Notices will be sent with your child's specified hour. If you have any questions, call 383-6117.

Summer arts at Derby

Registration is now open for the 10th year of "Summer Arts at Derby" at Derby Academy in Hingham. The comprehensive five-week program is open to ages 8 to 15 and offers more than 90 courses in drama, music, visual art, dance, writing, martial arts, sports, gymnastics, photography, animation and computer. Students create their own schedule and there is a daily free-choice period as well, where they can try new things. A newspaper is printed every day, and a full-scale musical is produced.

Courses are taught by professional artist/teachers, and the atmosphere is creative and supportive. The goal of "Summer Arts" is to allow students to explore a wide range of activities and to encourage their artistic talent. Through the arts they share a special summer of artistic achievement and acceptance and form lasting friendships.

Dates of the program are June 29 to July 31; hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuition for the five weeks is $1,075, and enrollment is limited. For brochures and applications, call Thalia McMillion, Director, Summer Arts at Derby at (781) 740-4766.

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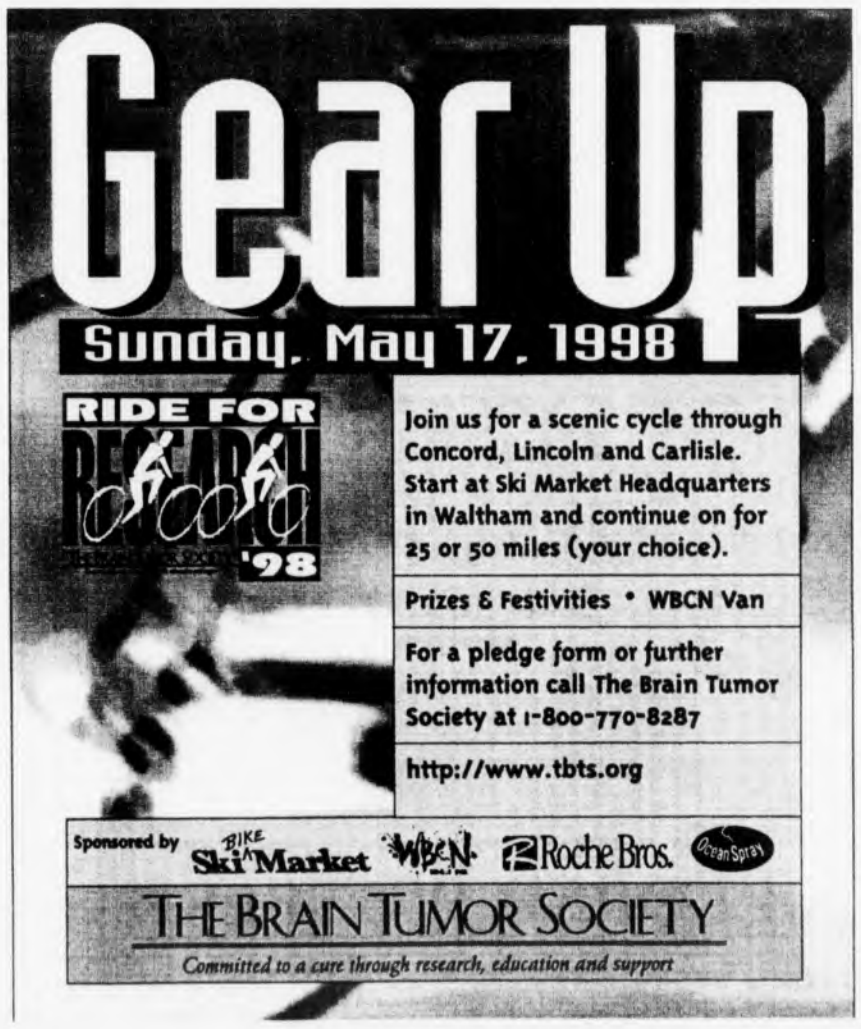


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Mezzo-soprano concert at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday concert series, St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., will present Evelyn Czaja, mezzo-soprano, and Elaine Kwon, pianist, in recital Sunday, May 17, at 3 p.m. Works to be performed include those of Bach, Schubert and a specially composed work for this preview performance of a Russian "Ave Maria," by Fredrick Guzasky. Czaja holds degrees from Rosary College and Northeastern Illinois University, and teaches at the People's Music School in Chicago. Dr. Kwon, currently on the faculty of Bridgewater State College, has won many awards of distinction in piano, trains in Korean Zen Sword, and was recently named one of Boston's Most Alluring Women by "Boston Magazine."

A free-will offering will be taken, and a reception will follow the program. For information, call (781) 383-1083.

Deer Hill art show

Deer Hill School will host a Gala Art Opening, Tuesday, May 12, at 7 p.m. This art show, entitled "Favorites 1998," represents the artwork of all Deer Hill students. Each student has chosen his/her favorite artwork of the year to be included in this exhibit. There will be refreshments and music. All are invited to attend. Admission is free.

In addition to this year's annual art show, Deer Hill will celebrate the grand unveiling of a permanent clay installation created by Deer Hill sixth-grade students.

Flower show at Lightkeeper's

The Community Garden Club of Cohasset will present its flower show, "By the Sea," Friday, May 8, from 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The flower show will take place at the Lightkeeper's Cottage on Lighthouse Lane in Cohasset. The public is invited to attend. There will be a donation of $5 to benefit the East Garden at the Lighthousekeeper's Cottage.

Hull Garden Club sale

The Hull Garden Club Annual Plant Sale will be held Friday, May 15 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the MDC parking lot on George Washington Boulevard next to the Town Sign. There will be various colors of geraniums and other annuals varieties from which to choose. For more information call 925-1728

Pops concert at CHS

The annual Pops Concert will take place in the Cohasset High School cafeteria Wednesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to come and enjoy an evening of fine vocal and instrumental music presented by the students of Cohasset High. Refreshments are included in the $5 cost of admission.

This event is sponsored by the Arts Boosters Club and all the proceeds are used to support the arts at Cohasset High School.

Art with a View at Cohasset estates

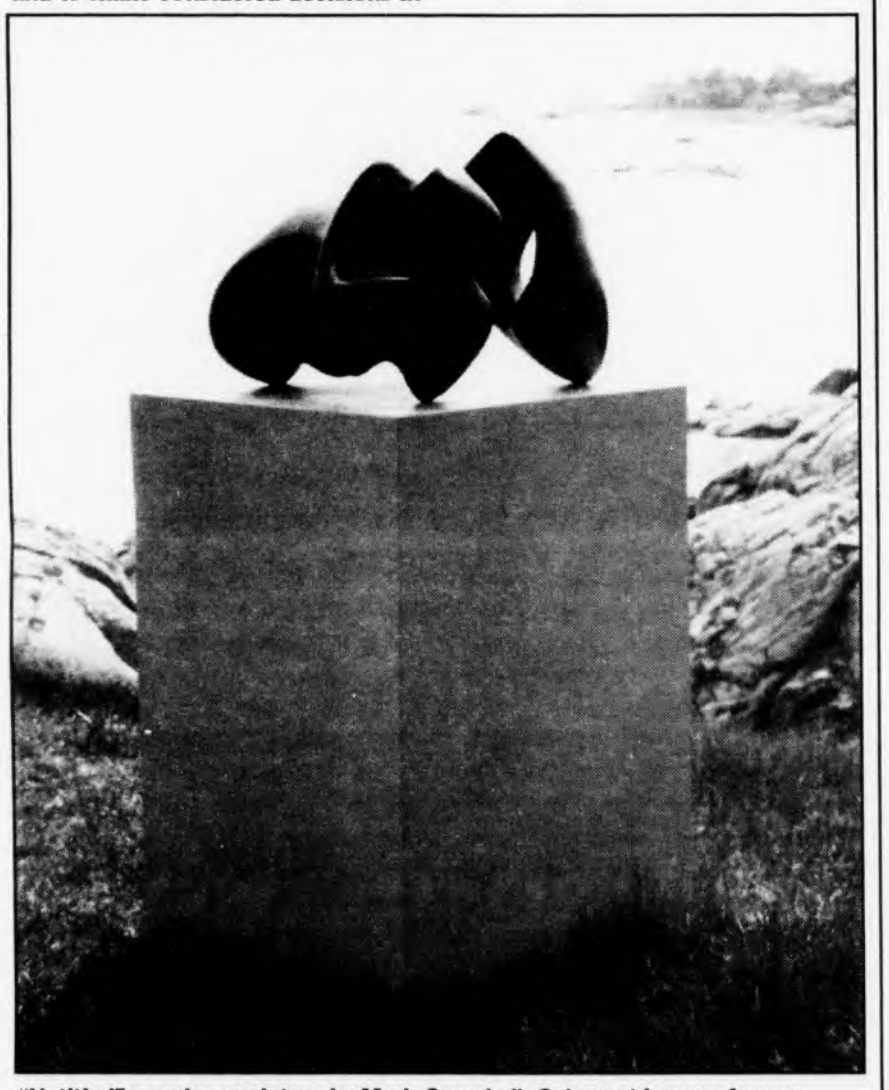
On Tuesday, May 19, the South Shore Art Center will present a garden tour combining magnificent ocean vistas with sculptural installations and plein air painting. Art with a View is an opportunity to share the inspiration of sculptors and painters on-site at nine secluded Cohasset estates, all with spectacular landscaping and water views.

The tour will begin at the Lightkeeper's Residence overlooking Cohasset Harbor, where refreshments will be served throughout the day and where tickets ordered in advance may be picked up. Shuttle vehicles will be available for those who prefer not to drive their own cars. A boutique offering garden topiaries, gift ensemble baskets and stationery will also be located at the Lightkeeper's Residence.

Art with a View will offer art lovers a rare chance to observe the creation of landscape paintings and to enjoy sculptures installed in private settings of great natural beauty. We have to agree with Henry David Thoreau, who wrote after visiting Cohasset in 1850, "Cohasset Rocks . . . the most perfect seashore that I had seen."

As a sequel, the South Shore Art Center will host a Fresh Paint Auction Saturday night, June 13, at the Cohasset gallery. This auction will enable collectors to revisit paintings created during "Art with a View" and to make considered decisions in an unhurried and festive atmosphere.

Call (781) 383-2787 for more information or to reserve tickets.

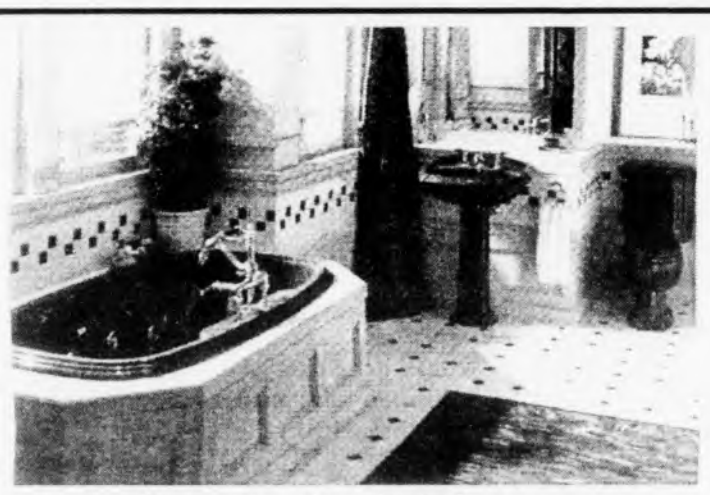


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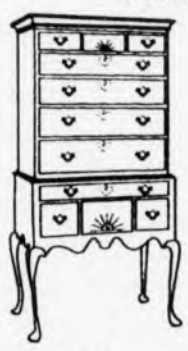


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Pediatric CPR — Childhood hazards are covered, creating a safe environment, basic rescue CPR and alleviating airway obstruction for infants and children. Program is being held Wednesday and Thursday, May 13 and 14, 7 to 10:30 p.m. The cost is $42 for members/$50 for non-members.

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Word, 7 to 9 p.m., call for start date; Word, 9 to 11 a.m., beg. Wednesday, May 13; and Windows, 7 to 9 p.m., beg. Wednesday, May 13.

Additional classes on Excel, Access, Windows, Word, Internet and Graphics can be scheduled with a minimum of three people. Keyboarding on request with a minimum of three people. Adult classes and keyboarding will be offered throughout the summer.

Conway's Cohasset office to hold benefit art auction

Jack Conway and Co.'s Cohasset real estate sales office, located at 861 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, will hold an art auction to benefit the South Shore Habitat for Humanity Saturday, May 9, beginning at 5 p.m.

The auction is being organized by Mary Lou Clark, an artist and Conway sales associate in the Cohasset office, and Liz Charlton, a Conway-Scituate agent who's active in Habitat for Humanity fund-raising efforts.

Prior to the five o'clock gavel, there'll be a preview of the works to be auctioned beginning at noon. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the office at (781) 383-1800.

Joshua James Day activities

Joshua James Day will be celebrated, Saturday, May 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hull Lifesaving Museum.

On this special day that honors the father of the Coast Guard and his crew mates, come to the Hull Lifesaving Museum , at 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull and learn about some of the most thrilling tales of our region's maritime past. Tours of the Station and its exhibits will go on all afternoon, and the Museum Shop will be open throughout the day. We also will present a slide-show about shipwrecks in the harbor and a Breeches Buoy Rescue Reenactment. Come and enjoy the grounds, special events, and unparalleled view of the harbor and Boston Light. Come celebrate our maritime heritage at your maritime museum. Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

The schedule of Joshua James Day activities is as follows: at 8:30 a.m. honoring local heroes, there will be a Graveside Thanksgiving; from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Quartermaster's Day cleanup of the Point Allerton Station will take place; from noon until 5 p.m. the Museum will have an Open House, so come get to know your regional treasure!; at 2 p.m. a slide presentation titled "Tales of Shipwrecks and Survivors" will be shown, and at 3 p.m. there is the Breeches Buoy Rescue Reenactment.

For more information about Joshua James Day, call the Hull Lifesaving Museum at 925-5433.

Fun trips for Cohasset seniors

A special trip to Swan Lake, Wednesday, May 13, at the Wang Centaur. Cost $39. Call 383-9112 for information.

Tuesday and Thursday lunch volunteers

Please come to a brief update on kitchen sanitation and safety issues with Jane Davis of the South Shore Elder Service's office from 10-11 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, at the Cohasset Senior Center.

A good time to meet each other and have a "coffee chat."

'Hope to see you there. RSVP at 383-9112.

A trip is planned to the "Garden in the Woods"

The 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., May 14 trip leaves from St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Pre-registration is not required for the trip. $9 per adult/seniors $8. Bring a brown bag lunch. The trip includes garden admission and guide. Register with the COA office, rain or shine.

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Jeremy Cundall gets a wild ride on the seesaw during playtime at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School.

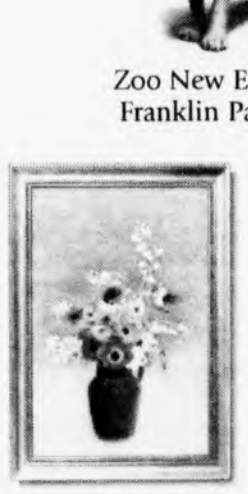
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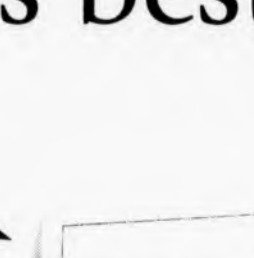


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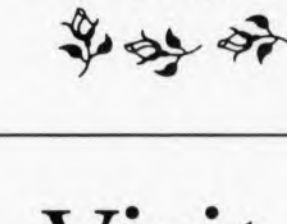


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By Bob Martin
FOR THE HARBORFEST COMMITTEE

Cohasset Harborfest events will be held the weekend of June 5, 6 and 7. Events will include the Luminaria, the Pancake Breakfast, Center Stage Entertainment, the Blessing of the Fleet and the Harborfest Parade. Other events may be added.

In December, Harborfest made a town-wide solicitation for funds for the 1998 celebration. We have received 137 checks totaling $3,321. This was a very gratifying response and we thank those who have responded. If you still have our return envelope with your "things to do," this would be a good time to fill it up and send it along.

We have also received a donation of $500 from the Cohasset Rotary, $900 from the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, $80 from Barry Waste Services Inc., and we have commitments of $300 from Sunrise Assisted Living and $250 from the Cohasset Yacht Club. We are still a little shy of our budget of $6,000.

The Joseph Osgood School will celebrate its 70th Anniversary during the Harborfest weekend. The Osgood participation emphasizes the focus of Harborfest as a Cohasset celebration. The Osgood exhibits will open in tents on the Common Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon.

We will dedicate the Luminaria Friday evening, June 5, to those Cohasset residents who have passed away during the past year. Relatives are encouraged to join us in the placing of the candles around the Common Pond. The Luminaria will be followed by a Concert of Sacred Choral Music at the Art Center, sponsored by The South Shore Art Center.

The Ice Cream Festival Friday and Saturday is directed toward kids, of all ages, and is a great opportunity to support the Cohasset Food Pantry with a donation of canned goods or items such as soap or other household products.

The Cohasset Rotary will conduct the Pancake Breakfast Saturday morning with the proceeds going to the Teen Center.

The Teen Center Speed Pitching will make an encore appearance Friday and Saturday. Volunteers to help out on this very labor intensive project will be greatly appreciated.

Center Stage Entertainment will again be under the very able direction of The Rev. Gary Ritts of the Second Congregational Church and will open at 2:15 p.m. Friday afternoon and again at 10 a.m. Saturday. The South Shore Men of Harmony will appear at 5 p.m. Saturday.

The Cohasset Yacht Club will sponsor The Blessing of The Fleet which, of course, features the Cohasset Clergy Association. Each participant will receive a memento of the occasion.

Anna Abbruzzese, the Mariner Cohasset Citizen of the Year, will have the place of honor as our Grand Marshall of the Harborfest Parade. We hope to have a Baby Carriage Corps (if the weather is not too hot) in the parade so that the Moms and Dads can show off their little darlings. The Satuit Band, the Hingham Militia and the South Shore Joeys will be marching in the parade.

And, of course, the ultimate Norman Rockwell touch, our Harborfest Band will delight those lining the parade route with its "Home Town Flavor." Many will remember The Rev. Ed Atkinson beaming from ear to ear as he led his band in its inaugural performance.

We would welcome your participation in the Harborfest parade with a float, a band or a marching unit. Prizes of $ 50, $150 and $75 will be awarded. Call 383-0787 to keep us informed of your plans or if you have any questions.

Finally, we can not afford a photographer, and therefore we will appreciate copies of any pictures you take. We want to publish some pictures on our WebPage (WWW.cohassetma.com).

Register for summer playground

Cohasset Recreation Department 1998 summer playground information program dates, Monday, June 29 through Friday, August 14, 1998. Playground director Martha Equi.

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5-7-year-old program: Joseph Osgood School

8-12-year-old program: Deer Hill School

REGISTRATIONS

9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-3 p.m., Monday, June 15 through Thursday, June 18; 5-7 p.m., Thursday, June 18.

COSTS

Full day 5-12-year-olds: $150 for first child ($275 non-resident)

Half day 3-5-year-olds: $125 for first child

$25 discount for each additional child (residents only)

ACTIVITY FEE

$35 mandatory, non-refundable activity fee separate from program fee to be paid at registration, which will cover most special events and a T-shirt. A separate check will be necessary.

Limited enrollment has been set for each program.

Non-residents are taken on a space available basis.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



Josh Cutler, who is running for state representative, visits with Agnes McCann, Frank Pozniak, and Paula Gibson at a recent campaign fundraiser at the American Legion Hall in Cohasset Harbor.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Cutler campaign hosts dinner-auction

Auction fans and those just looking for a fun night out should mark their calendars for Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m., when the Josh Cutler Campaign hosts a dinner-auction at the Red Parrot on Nantasket Avenue, Hull. A sampling of auction items includes an excursion cruise on Boston Bay, Red Sox box seats, sports memorabilia, restaurant gift certificates, a deep-sea fishing trip, an Apple digital camera, a personal computer, housecleaning services, signed prints by local artists and a variety of antiques and collectibles. John Russell, Hull town moderator, will be auctioneer. Fifteen dollars is the price of the buffet dinner. The Cutler Campaign will donate a portion of the proceeds to benefit six-year-old Kylie McCue of Hull, who is awaiting a heart transplant. Seating is limited. To reserve your ticket, call Kathie at 925-1223 or Suzanne at 749-3342.

Bradley campaign office open house

Assistant District Attorney and state representative candidate Garrett Bradley will hold an open house at his campaign office on May 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The campaign headquarters is located at 38 North St. in Hingham, down the street from Tosca Restaurant. All residents of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset are welcome to stop by, meet Bradley and talk about issues affecting the district.

For more information on the open house or the Garrett Bradley campaign, please call the campaign headquarters at 741-9998.

Cutler, Bradley TV debate

"On the Mark with Ilana Marks" will present an hour debate Wednesday, May 13, at 8 p.m. on channel 10, between Josh Cutler and Garrett Bradley, Democratic candidates for State Representative in Cohasset, Hingham and Hull.

You may call in and ask any questions of the candidates during the show. If you would prefer to send in questions or comments in advance, you can E-mail them to ILANAMARKS@AOL.COM.

These Wednesday night debates will give voters an opportunity to see and speak with candidates who are running for public office in the general elections.

"On the Mark" is repeated Tuesday nights on channel 3 in Cohasset.

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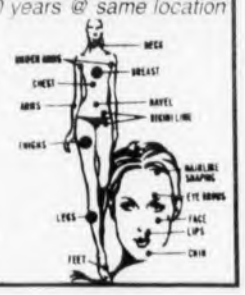
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POLICE LOG

Tuesday, April 21

12:33 a.m., suspicious auto, King St.

2:33 a.m., suspicious (other), Atlantic Ave.

2:45 a.m., suspicious (other), Jerusalem Road.

5:59 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:21 a.m., MV stop, Pond St.

7:32 a.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy.

Arrested: McCarthy, Leo J., 165 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Charges: Warrant.

8:50 a.m., investigation, Cedarledge Village

10:38 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

11:18 a.m., suspicious (other), Lady Diane (boat) at Government Island.

12:11 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave./Heather Dr.

1:03 p.m., assist other agency, Cohasset Jewelers.

2:25 p.m., medical aid, Cushing Road.

4:41 p.m., general services, Lily Pond Ln.

5:02 p.m., animal complaint, Wheelwright Park Rd.

5:21 p.m., MV stop, Pond St.

7:56 p.m., vandalism, gate end of Doane St.

9:11 p.m., suspicious auto, S. Main St.

10:25 p.m., suspicious (other), Fernway.

Wednesday, April 22

1:15 a.m., MV stop, Hull St. Arrested: Ruscansky, Sebastian, 34 Bay St. Hull. DOB: 11/11/70. Charges: warrants.

6:34 a.m., MV stop Pond St.

7:14 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:31 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St. Arrested: McNeil, Paul M., 275 N. Main St., Cohasset. Charges: WMS warrant.

10:47 a.m., MV stop, area of 170 S. Main St.

12:03 p.m., disturbance general, Elm St.

12:58 p.m., MV accident, 3A and Beechwood St.

2:43 p.m., medical aid, Mann Lot Road.

3:02 p.m., MV stop, 3A North.

3:38 p.m., suspicious person, Jerusalem Road.

3:32 p.m., assist other agency, ADA's office.

4:24 p.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Sohier St.

4:38 p.m., larceny, CJC Hwy.

4:47 p.m., MV violations, CJC Hwy.

5:56 p.m., MV stop, N. Main by Woodside.

Thursday, April 23

6:58 a.m., MV stop, Summer St.

7:15 a.m., MV stop, Elm St.

11:26 a.m.., MV stop, 3A SB by Cohasset Imports.

12:15 p.m., MV accident, Driftway at Kent Street.

12:34 p.m., medical aid, Kent St.

1:53 p.m., larceny, Norman Todd Road.

3:01 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Hingham line.

3:57 p.m., suspicious (other), N. Main St.

4:05 p.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.

5:25 p.m., suspicious (other), King St.

6:32 p.m., tree down, Jerusalem Road.

6:42 p.m., open door/window, Parker Ave.

10:09 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

10:31 p.m., notification, Jerusalem Road.

Friday, April 24

6:16 a.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.

8:00 a.m., disturbance family, Beechwood St.

12:21 p.m., MV stop, S. Main by Rectory.

1:33 p.m., suspicious (other), Pleasant St.

2:02 p.m., medical aid, Elm St.

2:41 p.m., animal complaint, Sohier St.

2:55 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

4:35 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy.

5:30 p.m., open door/window, Ripley Road.

8:53 p.m., fire, structure, S. Main St.

9:47 p.m., disturbance, S. Main St.

10:25 p.m., MV stop, Nichols Road.

Saturday, April 25

1:33 a.m., MV stop, 3A Beechwood St.

2:22 a.m., MV stop, 3A/Victoria's.

9:27 a.m., medical aid, Windsor Road.

1:56 p.m., medical aid, Meetinghouse Lane.

3:12 p.m., officer wanted, CJC Hwy.

3:13 p.m., fire, investigation, Jerusalem Road.

5:29 p.m., fire, outside, Doane St.

8:08 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Road.

8:53 p.m., suspicious (other), Church St.

10:27 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

10:35 p.m., disturbance gathering, S. Main St.

Sunday, April 26

12:43 a.m., assist other PD, CJC Hwy.

1:36 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. Arrested: Wilkinson, Herbert L., 52 Cranberry Lane, Pembroke. DOB: 7/6/52. Charges: Operating under the influence of liquor 2nd; Failure to stay within marked lanes.

8:19 a.m., medical aid, Clay Spring Road.

8:54 a.m., drug/narcotic violations, Old Coach Road.

12:53 p.m., vandalism, Summer St.

1:52 p.m., animal complaint, area of 32 Nichols Road.

2:13 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St.

4:35 p.m., fire, structure, King St.

5:00 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy.

8:35 p.m., open door/window, Highland Ave.

Monday, April 27

12:21 a.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy.

0:91 a.m., medical aid, Nichols Road.

3:12 p.m., vandalism, Elm St.

4:59 p.m., disturbance gathering, Pleasant St.

5:11 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

7:09 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St.

9:22 p.m., threats (other), S. Main St.

9:48 p.m., property (lost), CJC Hwy.

Tuesday, April 28

12:27 a.m., MV stop, Elm St.

5:51 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:00 a.m., MV stop, Mendel Road.

6:09 a.m., MV stop, Mendel Road.

6:46 a.m., general services, Oak St.

7:08 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave.

7:23 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St.,

Emergency cell phones available

Police Chief Brian Noonan said the police department has three cellular telephones which will be available soon to victims of domestic violence through the Domestic Violence Victim Assistance Cellular Phone Program.

The phones have been provided through Bell Atlantic Mobile and the state Executive Office of Public Safety at no cost to the town.

Noonan explained that the phones can be lent to victims of domestic violence who need them to feel more secure after an emergency restraining order has been issued.

The phones only dial 9-1-1 which reaches the state police in Framingham who will forward the call to Cohasset.

Noonan said for example, if a victim has one phone in the kitchen and none in the bedroom, she can use the cell phone in the bedroom to feel more secure.

He said the telephones will be available once a policy is put in place for their distribution.

"We are trying to jump on everything we can as far as domestic violence is concerned," Noonan said. "We want to use every tool made available to help combat it."

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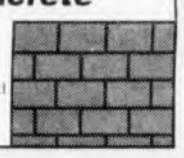
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Good deeds are focus of Temple's Mitzvah Day

By Alison Cohen
STAFF WRITER

It's not easy being God's chosen people. There's no sitting around feeling self-satisfied and self-important. The Almighty, it seems, firmly believes in delegating responsibility. Among the primary chores handed out on a daily basis is *tikkun olam*, or repairing the world.

That's because creation isn't foolproof. Accident, illness, aging, all take their tool on the living things that inhabit the world. The planet, too, suffers, whether from normal wear and tear or intentional harm. It's left to humans to take up the work of keeping everything in good repair. Fulfilling those duties is known as doing a *mitzvah*, or good deed.

Sounds like hard work, but Congregation Sha'Aray Shalom believes that many hands make for light work and merriment. On Sunday, May 3, the Hingham-based Reform Judaism congregation held its second annual Mitzvah Day.

At least 200 people showed up to tackle a whole host of chores. A team of 17 put their best feet forward and joined 40,000 other people in the annual Walk for Hunger. Others served lunch at Father Bill's Place, a shelter for homeless residents of the South Shore. In sum, they fed the hungry, helped their neighbors, showed respect for the elderly aided the sick and injured, took care of the environment, did acts of charity and promoted peace in their homes and the wider world.

Everyone who came expressed their own reasons for being there.

"I wanted to help," said 10-year-old Andrew Riedel of Hingham as he and his dad cleared a winter's worth of debris from the temple's gardens and prepared to plant flowers. "I'm doing this because I like to garden."

The warm temperatures and sunny day inspired lots of gardeners. Molly Ruben, 10, Thomas Guiney, 3 and Thomas's dad, Patrick, all of Hull, were digging holes for bulbs.

"I want to help make the temple a nicer place," Molly said. Thomas just giggled and said his bulb looked like a crab.

Hinghamite Bonnie Bycoff and her son, Lorne, 14, decided to attend the first aid and CPR course.

"I'm here because I'm doing a mitzvah," Lorne said. "It's good to learn how to save someone's life."

Mia Lieb-Lappen, 10, her brother, Ross, 13, and their mom, Helene Lieb, all of Cohasset, also took the first aid course. They learned the hard way how important it is to know how to take care of health emergencies. In a freak accident that happened two years ago, Ross's baited fish hook wound up in his sister's eye. Although they can laugh about the sight of the bait flapping around her eye now, it was a terrifying time then.

"It's important to know what to do if somebody is bleeding or choking," Ross said. "You'll probably have to use first aid some day."

Children spending their spring days stuck in a hospital will be the recipients of greeting cards made with crayon, markers, glitter glue, feathers, sequins and lots of love.

Carly Sakolove, 12, of Hingham found a picture of a sweet-faced golden retriever that she glued on her card and added the message "Look at these eyes . . . They're begging you to get well."

Many children in area hospitals will find hand-made cards from Marc Brown in the collection. The world-renowned children's author and illustrator decorated cards with pictures of his famous aardvark Arthur and Arthur's chums for distribution as well as helping children at the art table come up with their own designs.

Kate Levine, 12 , of Weymouth said she made greeting cards because she learned how much hospitalized children value those contacts with the outside world when her religious school class went to play games and brought gifts to Floating Hospital for Children.

"I made like three," she said. "I drew some names so I know who my cards are going to."

Justin Weintraub, 6, of Norwell was unstoppable. He wanted to do it all.

"First, I made plants and second I went to the Mary Martha Learning Center," Justin said, proudly showing of the tiny inchworm he found in the garden. "I sweeped up there."

Justin was with his uncle, Ben Weintraub of Scituate. The senior Weintraub said he and his son, Jesse, chose to help senior citizens with their handyman needs.

"Jesse and I helped a lady who had some spring projects that needed doing like installing screens and fixing leaky faucets," he said. "Her family all lives down in North Carolina."

The Weintraubs did more than just fix faucets. They took the time to get to know someone who was a little lonely and very proud of having lived long enough to become a great grandma.

Weintraub said he was part of a work crew of about 11 people who volunteered to help out wherever they were needed.

Rabbi Stephen Karol, his wife, Mary and their daughter Samantha, 12, all chose the Walk for Hunger as their Mitzvah Day project.

"It's something I always wa[illegible]d to do," Rabbi Karol explained. "We love to walk and it's a great caus[illegible]"

Karol hopes Mitzvah Day becomes an annual tradition at the temple.

"It lets people know the 'nice things' they do are actually rooted in our ethical tradition," he said. "It makes people aware that every little bit of the good things they do makes a difference. It's what you do that counts."

Joan Carr, director of religious education at the temple quickly added that every day is and should be mitzvah day.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg of the *mitzvot* that are done throughout the year and on a daily basis by the people of Sha'Aray Shalom," Carr said. "Most of them you never hear about."



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Thomas Guiney and Molly Ruven help dig holes for the new bushes going in at Congregation Sha'aray Shalom during Mitzvah Day at the Temple on Saturday.

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Home prices skyrocket as inventory drops

Million-dollar market soars

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The good times are rolling for property owners in Cohasset with average property values surging 15 percent over last year.

Currently, the median price of a home in Cohasset is $310,000 with newer four-bedroom homes going up in subdivisions in the $500,000 range. And the good times are just as good for homes selling for more than $1 million.

Chris Ford of Prudential Prime Properties/Hallmark 100 said his company has already closed on one sale, the "Bigelow Estate" on Blackhorse Lane, for $1.6 million. Ford added that he has three other sales pending for more than $1 million including the former home of Michael Kennedy on Atlantic Avenue, a large Victorian, where Little Harbor meets the ocean. That home listed for $2.3 million. Ford expects to close on seven or eight $1million-plus homes by the end of the year. Last year there was only one home sold in Cohasset for more than $1 million.

"Houses in the million dollar-plus range are purchased by people with great ability to do so," Ford said. "Many of them may be buying their dream houses. But one thing's for sure: million dollar prices on a regular basis is a new phenomenon."

Estimates are there are currently 100 to 150 homes in Cohasset worth more than $1 million.

Janice Crowley, a partner in Coastal Countryside Properties, also notes her office has several "deals in the works" for $1 million-plus and one under agreement for more than $1 million at 133 Nichols Road.

"Real estate prices are higher this year than last year," she said. "There

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Glen Davis, Kim Tagg, and Brian Davis unveil the stone inscribed with their father's name during the field dedication ceremony last Thursday.

Fond memories mark CHS track dedication

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

"When I think about Charlie Davis, it can't help but bring a smile to my face."

As those words from Cohasset High School principal Curtis Collins echoed around Alumni Field, his gathered friends and family would have really enjoyed using Davis' smile as their umbrella last Thursday in soggy ceremonies dedicating the running track at the high school in his name.

Davis was a well-respected Math teacher and track coach at the high school from 1961 until his death in 1985.

In those years he truly did leave his mark on Cohasset High School, making many friends along the way and having his influence "felt far beyond the classroom" according to the CHS Class of 1964, who dedicated their yearbook to him.

"You have become a true friend to every student," part of the inscription read. "A much admired and respected one."

In his time at the school he was called a master motivator both in the classroom and on the athletic field.

His teams, tagged by Collins as "Charlie Davis' Traveling Circus"

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School state tests get mixed reviews

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset High students attacked the monster battery of state tests last week. They found the monster much easier to beat than they expected. But they also learned attitude made a difference.

"I don't see what the big hype is about," said Matt Santoro, 16. "This test is not that hard. You got to be, like, I don't want to do this."

Santoro and seven other sophomores talked last Thursday about their experiences with the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System test. The 10th graders, along with the fourth- and eighth-graders, made a bit of history when they became the first group to be tested on the state's tough new exam. The experience left them unimpressed but full of questions about the test's purpose.

As Kate Stone, 16, put it, "Eighty percent of the state is supposed to fail. What is their intent in giving the test? We're a pretty well-educated school. An 'A' in Cohasset is really an 'A.'"

Stone said the test looked easy so far. Midway through the first week of the test schedule, they just finished the English and language arts sections. Math and science came this week.

"It will be interesting to see the math," said Stone. She was a little worried because she has not been in a math class the last four months because of the new

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Spring cleaning at water department

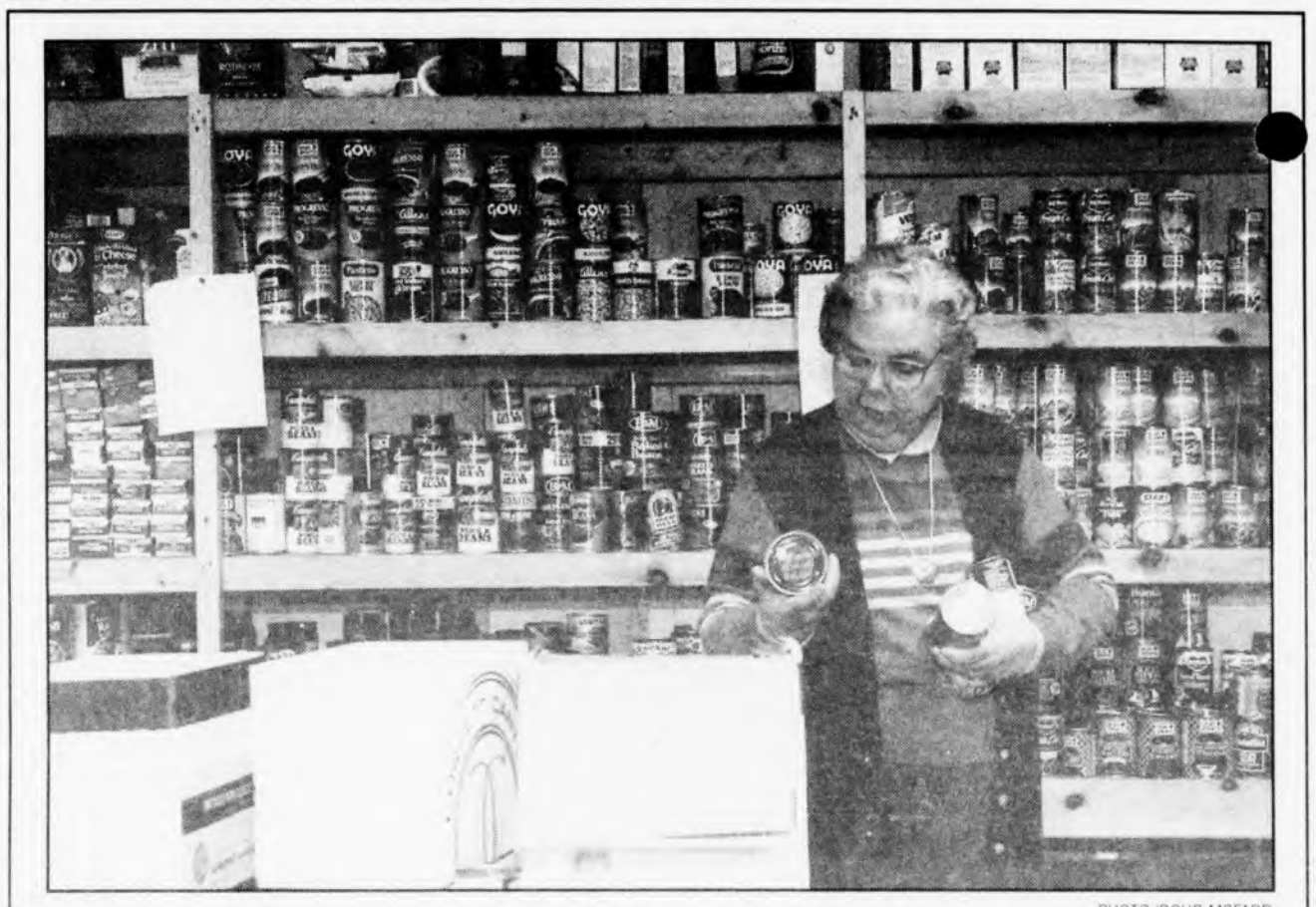
As the spring 1998 construction period has begun, C.W.S. wants to inform the residents of Cohasset as to the schedule of projects this year:

- Cleaning and lining on Atlantic Avenue May 4-26.
- Cleaning and lining on Jerusalem Road May 26 - July 15.

C.W.S. would like to remind residents of Cohasset that temporary discoloration in the construction areas can happen off and on during the cleaning and lining process. The discoloration is only temporary and the water is safe to drink.

Sewer symposium slated

On Wednesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m., in the Cohasset High School auditorium, CEES is sponsoring an informational meeting on various aspects of sewering. All Cohasset citizens are invited. The panel of speakers will include representatives of town boards including the Board of Health and Capital Budget Committee. In addition, attendees will hear from Sen. Robert Hedlund; DEP New England Region Water Pollution control manager David Ferris; hydrogeologist and BC Professor Peter Dillon; Camp, Dresser and McKee Sr. VP Tom Morgan, who is responsible for Hingham and Kingston sewer projects, as well as others. The goal of the meeting is the presentation of information, so all Cohasset citizens can gain a better understanding of the options available to Cohasset, CEES said.



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Jean Thompson stocks the Cohasset Food Pantry at the Second Congregational Church with some of the more than two tons of food collected by local letter carriers on Saturday. The annual drive is sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers and operated in conjunction with the US Postal Service, AFL-CIO and the United Way.

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Permits now being issued will expire May 31, 1999.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their weekly meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-9900 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Mondays.

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Recalling times gone by at the Osgood School

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Libby Pompeo has never hugged a building in her long life. But Pompeo and the rest of the Osgood School's very first second-grade class will start a tradition this June when they step forward for "a hugging of the school." The ceremony will be a highlight of the last day of school when the Osgood closes for good.

The Osgood School's last chapter is supposed to be written next month. But no one yet knows how or when the saga will end. The building is expected to be sold next fall when students, teachers and staff move to the new elementary school behind the Deer Hill. Now with so much construction work left to be done inside the new building, it appears the old school could be pressed into service again next September for just a few more weeks.

WINDOWS INTO COHASSET



The school department will make a decision about holding the first day of school at the new building perhaps as early as June. But whether or not the end for Osgood is prolonged, there is no doubt the last day of school at the Ripley Road building will come someday soon. Meanwhile, sentiment has been growing for the old school and the 75 years of a tradition in public education begun by its namesake the Rev. Joseph Osgood. Many are sad to see the end of school at the building.

"My heart is broken to see this go out," Pompeo said. She has many happy memories of school days and particularly recalled winning a wild flower contest. Her teacher Elinor Kennedy gave her "the dearest little book" as a prize.

"I knew the first cowslip, the first snowdrop, the first violet," Pompeo said because her house was in Fair Oaks near the woods. Her teacher recalled nature science was one of the areas she stressed with the children. Kennedy, now 96, was in her first year of teaching when the building opened as the Ripley Road School right after winter vacation in February 1926. The class went back to the old school, then known as the Osgood, to pick up their books and supplies. Then Kennedy led her young charges "on a very cold morning" up the street to the new school.

Kennedy said the Ripley Road School had room for two classes for each grade. Previously, one teacher had 42 children in the room.

"It was impossible to handle it all," she said. Kennedy has written a letter to the Mariner about the old days at the Osgood. She hopes she will make it to the closing day ceremony but wanted to make sure she put the story down "in black and white" in case she does not.

"I'm 96. Maybe I won't make June under the tent. But I wrote everything down and put it in black and white so it will be there," she said about the special Osgood celebration planned for Harborfest, June 5-7.

Kennedy was a favorite teacher even of students who did not like school. Henry Brennock, in the first kindergarten class in 1926, said he was not a very good student. But he liked all his teachers, particularly Kennedy. Brennock later worked at the school as a custodian, and he is not the only custodian who once went to school in the building. Kenny Sargent went to kindergarten at the Osgood in 1953. He is the custodian at the Osgood now.

Sargent said he also disliked school but had happy memories of the Osgood nonetheless. The best times came playing baseball in the gravel behind the school.

"The Little League just started in town, and all the sixth grade boys played," he said.

Arthur Lehr and Louis Simeone started school when the building opened in February 1926. They both had memories of the auditorium dubbed the Great Hall. Lehr said town meetings and Boy Scout ceremonies went on there. But the building itself did not impress him that much even though it was brand new. Like the other boys, he did not like going to school.

"The girls were more wrapped up in the school," he said. But Lehr, who became an engineer, now thinks the school building "a beautiful structure." He deemed the Osgood in "pretty good shape" even though the town has neglected it.

Simeone, who was in first grade in 1926, sounded much the same theme as Lehr.

"It's sad," he said. "It's like somebody kicked you out of your own house."

Perhaps the person who is the saddest of all is a descendant of the Rev. Joseph Osgood. His great-granddaughter was in the first pre-kindergarten class when the school opened in 1926. She called this week to ask what will happen to Osgood's portrait if the new school is named after someone else. Frances Maroni, now of Falls Church, Va., said she hopes the new school will also bear her ancestor's name. If it does or if another school is named after him, the portrait, by her grandaunt Louise Osgood Koopman, should stay in Cohasset, she said. The decision is up to the town. But she will be sorry if there is no longer an Osgood School in Cohasset. Maroni has read about his work in his diaries and letters as well as in the town history. Though many people have forgotten the story, Osgood's contribution to Cohasset has stood the test of time.



STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Osgood pupils leave at the end of the school day the same way they have for more than 76 years. The school will soon be replaced by a new school under construction off Sohier Street.

"So many new people don't have the slightest idea who Joseph Osgood was," she said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "He was quite a guy." Osgood was a graduate of the Harvard Divinity School, a friend of Henry David Thoreau and a state Representative. But he became best known as "the father of the Cohasset school system" where he served as a teacher, school committee chairman and school superintendent. Originally, he came to Cohasset originally as a minister and fell in love with the town. In his diary he described riding over the hill from Sohier to North Main Streets and looking at the Town Common.

"There's a place I could spend the rest of my life," he said. Osgood served as the Unitarian minister but he also was an unofficial chaplain to the Irish and Portuguese Catholics who settled in the town. But education was his passion. Ultimately, he replaced the one-room school houses in the town with a modern school system.

"The disorganization of the whole thing bothered him greatly," she said. "He would rent a horse-drawn vehicle and drive around to the one-room school house at Beechwood and at the Centre School. He was horrified at the quality of teaching. The big boys lorded it over the teachers. They were tough. Some days the big boys would go off fishing, and it wreaked havoc with their education." Osgood pushed himself to reform the schools even though he was in poor health and the work tired him out. He consolidated the one-room schools at the First Central School on Elm Street. (It was later named the Osgood School.) He also established a modern high school for both girls and boys.

"So many new people don't have the slightest idea who Joseph Osgood was. He was quite a guy."
Frances Maroni,
Osgood's great-granddaughter

The Ripley Road School was eventually named for Osgood after the old Osgood School (originally the First Central) was demolished. Interestingly, the school maintained a connection with the Unitarian Church. Former principal Kay Mulcahy, 90, said the church helped out and let her have two rooms for kindergarten in the Parish House. There was no money from the town for extra classrooms, she said.

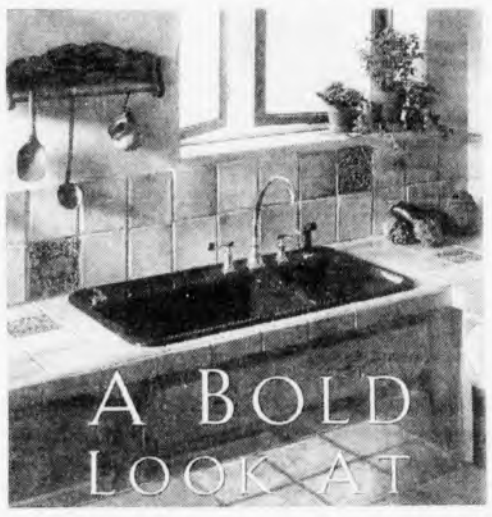
"We were blessed in that way," said Mulcahy who said all her years at Osgood were "pleasant experiences."



First-grade teacher Rene Previtt puts the finishing touches on the bulletin board in her classroom at Osgood.

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State tests get mixed reviews

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schedule and thought the layoff might hurt her score.

"English stays with you better," she said. Stone whipped through 12 multiple-choice questions on the English section in "a few minutes." Nonetheless, she and the other students reported problems understanding directions on the long composition. Chris Pratt, 16, found the question vague, and everyone ended up taking the wrong approach, according to Caitlin Stansell, 16.

"Everyone made up a story," she said. After the test, their teacher said they should have analyzed the paragraph. Bad directions and guesswork marked the first days of the test, all the students said.

"The whole thing isn't clear enough," said Jackie Kahn, 16, but she and Ben Peterson, 15, agreed the short questions turned out to be a lot easier than the long composition. Peterson said the short questions really did not seem challenging. For instance, one question excerpted lines from Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra* and asked the student to explain to answer questions about the passage. The answer was right in the passage, he said.

As Kate Stone, 16, put it, "Eighty percent of the state is supposed to fail. What is their intent in giving the test? We're a pretty well-educated school. An 'A' in Cohasset is really an 'A.'"

"It's not like we're using our own thoughts," he said. "It's not at all analytical."

The students' positive attitude was pretty much expected. Their principal was beaming. Curtis Collins said the youngsters put out a grand effort.

"We have a lot of competitive kids," he said. "A lot of our kids would take this on as a challenge." When the students heard they were "supposed" to fail, some said, "Oh, yeah?" But Collins was not ready to predict the scores would be high.

"This has been a tedious exercise," he said mainly because the writing section of exam was taking much more time than originally anticipated. This week the math section went faster, he said. Thursday, the test will be over in the fourth- and 10th grades. The eighth-grade will continue with the test next week. Collins also said the test has been "glitch" free except for some problems with the directions. One set of directions was supposed to be ignored. Another set appeared in the wrong part of the test book.

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Sun. 17	3:46	10.1	10:13	4:28	9.2	10:31
Mon. 18	4:38	10.0	11:05	5:21	9.4	11:27
Tues. 19	5:35	10.0	——	6:17	9.6	12:00
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Health board delays Cohasset Heights meeting

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The health board has delayed from May 12 until June 9 a meeting to discuss various violations by Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) at the request of attorneys for the owners of the landfill.

CHL-attorney John Beling said he needs time to respond to a request from the anti-landfill group SAFE (Stop Any Further Expansion) asking the health board to rescind the landfill's site assignment.

The meeting was originally scheduled to discuss what steps CHL-owner Paul Barry should take to remove 7,800-square-feet of material illegally placed in a section of CHL not approved for landfilling. SAFE was also on the agenda to lobby the health board to rescind CHL's site assignment to operate the landfill.

Beling said he wants to prepare a rebuttal to a document presented by SAFE detailing the reasons why the health board should rescind the site assignment.

"A cursory examination of this document shows that it is rife with factual errors, misleading statements, and erroneous conclusions of law," Beling wrote in a letter to the health board dated May 7. "If the board plans on considering this information, CHL would like the opportunity, at a minimum, to address each and every error in the document, which is no small task."

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SAFE vice president John K. McNabb Jr. said he agreed to the delay because he wants the health board to approve site assignment hearings immediately after his presentation.

"I want the health board to vote right then and there," McNabb said.

Meanwhile, Building Inspector Robert Egan has filed a criminal complaint against the CHL in Quincy District Court to shut down the facility permanently because of a permit violation. A hearing on the criminal complaint is scheduled for May 28 in Quincy District Court. CHL has defied the shut down order and remained open, filing a lawsuit against the town in land court seeking to overturn Egan's decision.

Water contracts to be awarded

On May 21, the water commission will announce the company that will operate and maintain the town's treatment plant for the next three years.

The Cohasset Water Company is the current operator. The water commission is empowered to renew contracts with existing providers, but a clerical error in the current agreement forced the commission to put the contract out for bids.

Three companies have responded to the request for proposals: The Cohasset Water Company, American Anglian Water Company, which is a Dedham Westwood company half-owned by the Mass. American Water Company, and U.S. Water, a national chain.

The water commission will meet on Tuesday, May 19, to prepare its final recommendations. On Wednesday, May 20, Town Manager Mark Haddad will open the sealed price bids. Haddad will compare the price bids to the water commission's recommendations, and the contract will be awarded on Thursday, May 21.

Water Commissioner John K. McNabb Jr. said the commission does not necessarily have to accept the lowest bid as long as it can offer valid reasons for accepting a more expensive proposal.

Hot Dogs on Memorial Day

Immediately following the Memorial Day parade on May 25, the Cohasset Lightkeepers again will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks etc. At no charge on the grounds of the Lightkeepers House. Everyone is welcome.

Streets to be resurfaced

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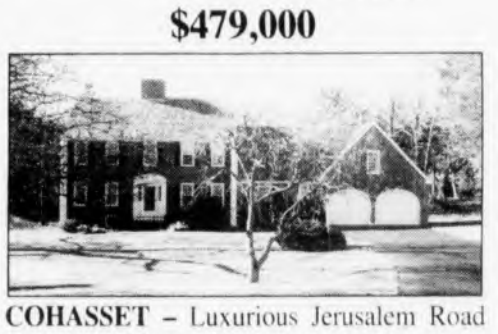
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Two public sewer forums are in the offing

Citizens group snubs sewer commission

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

A vocal citizens group is taking their case to the people at a public forum on the town sewer projects at 7:30 p.m., May 27 at the high school auditorium.

But noticeably absent from the invited panel of speakers — which includes representatives from the health board and capital budget committee — is the sewer commission.

"The town has heard a lot from the sewer commission and their viewpoint," said Nancy Herlin, a spokeswoman for Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions (CEES). "They can come as members of the audience like anyone else but they are not on the panel."

The goal of the meeting is to provide citizens with a better understanding of the options regarding sewering available to Cohasset, Herlin said.

The sewer commission has the same goal in mind at a public "state of the sewer" forum for north and central Cohasset, which it has planned for the following week at 7:30 p.m., June 4, at town hall.

The sewer commission meeting follows a request from a group of about 70 citizens in the Linden Drive area — who stressed they are not part of CEES — which petitioned selectmen last week to postpone holding a special town meeting on the sewer until a public informational meeting on the project could be held.

The sewer commission and CEES are clearly at odds.

In a four-page informational packet CEES sent to selectmen, CEES advocates selectmen take control of a master sewering plan and delegate its implementation to the sewer commission, an independently elected board.

Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild said the north and central Cohasset projects, which add about 1,100 homes to the sewer, cost in excess of $20 million. To sewer most of the remaining 55 percent of the households in town would cost $55-$60 million. Currently only 8 percent of the homes in town are on sewers.

"CEES acknowledges its recent successes have undermined the credibility of the sewer commission in the eyes of the state Attorney General's office, the Department of Environmental Protection and Cohasset citizens," CEES wrote.

Sewer commission chairman Ted Guild said the sewer commissioners, as individuals, have not decided yet if they will attend the CEES forum.

Herlin described the current sewer plan as "doing a puzzle without a box top," in other words, it's impossible to know how to proceed without knowing what the big picture looks like, she said.

CEES, which includes about 100 homeowners in the Little Harbor area, which includes Nichols Road and part of Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue, formed last year to object to being placed in a "septic management district" requiring septic system inspections and possible expensive system upgrades. The group succeeded in holding off implementation of the district until pollution in Little Harbor could be studied to see where the contamination is coming from and other options for wastewater treatment for the area could be examined.

Herlin said the group's focus has now gone beyond obtaining sewer for their neighborhood and back looking at a comprehensive wastewater management plan for the entire town.

She said the forum is intended to be purely informational.

"Until people have information, they can't draw appropriate judgments," Herlin said.

A frustrated Guild accused CEES organizers of "throwing a lot of statements against the wall in hopes that some with stick."

"Bear in mind that once the current projects are done, 45 percent of the households in town will be on sewers," he said.

Guild said the sewer commissioners are following what town meeting has authorized them to do. Townwide sewering could encourage more development. Guild said the town has consistently voted for orderly growth. If that should change, the commissioners will abide by future town meeting decisions, he said.

"If the town wants to extend the sewer beyond what's being done — obviously that can be done," he said. "But remember there is a very substantial price tag."

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He did not rule out the eventual sewering of the Little Harbor area. Homes there could be added to the north Cohasset district if there is more available capacity from Hull or to central Cohasset district if it is determined that the upgraded town treatment plant can handle more capacity.

In its press release CEES says state Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, will speak at the forum along with David Ferris of the DEP, hydrologist Peter Dillon and Tom Morgan of Camp, Dresser & McKee, the engineering firm handling the Hingham and Kingston sewer projects.

Hedlund said either he or his aid, Erik Klaussen, will attend. He stressed that his role is to assist the town with any issues relating to DEP and to help pursue funding but it is not to interfere with any decisions that lie with the townspeople of Cohasset.

"I can give some general thoughts but that doesn't qualify me to be able to influence anyone's votes at town meeting or anywhere else."

Hedlund said there are no other sources of sewer funding at the state level "other than the things in which the sewer commission has diligently researched" including the state revolving fund and the Title 5 betterment program.

The advisory committee is also listed as a panel member in a CEES press release but its chairman Roger Whitley state emphatically that the advisory board would not participate.

Any advisory committee members who participate do so only as citizens, he said.

"We have taken no stand on the issue," Whitley said.

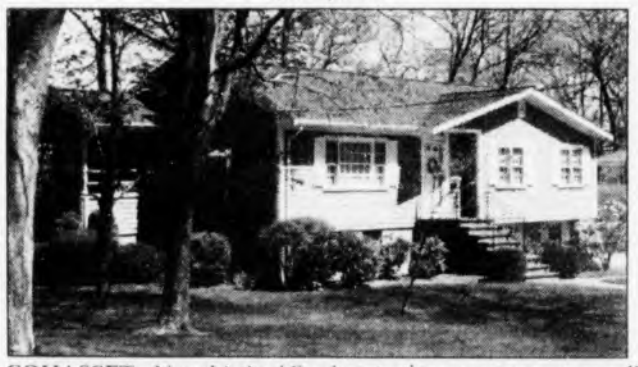
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No special town meeting in pipeline

Battle between boards goes up in smoke

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The turf war between selectmen and sewer commissioners over who has the authority to award construction contracts may now be irrelevant.

Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild said this week that the contractor D & C Construction Company, Inc. would not extend its pricing on a portion of the contract for the north Cohasset project, known as Contract 2.

While the notice of award had been given to the Rockland-based company, the contract was not issued and signed. However, the town will have to pay the contractor about $9,000 in costs he incurred.

Contract 2 needed to be kept alive in order to let a proposed special town meeting next month decide how financing the sewer project should be handled.

Now there is no point in calling a special town meeting, Guild said.

Selectmen and sewer commissioners got into an argument two weeks ago when they disagreed about terminating the contract. The dispute resulted in conflicting letters to the contractor.

The sewer project, which was bid twice, ended up coming in $2.7 million over estimates. This was despite being divided into four contracts to attract smaller contractors, and therefore more bidders.

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Due to the cost, contracts 2, 3, & 4 which will connect homes in the north Cohasset area to the sewer main are on hold. However, Contract 1, which will lay the sewer pipe in the streets, has been issued and is going forward.

Guild said the sewer commission will probably rebid all three contracts and see if town meeting will appropriate the money to be paid back entirely through betterments assessed to the homeowner. The other option is to use the remaining $1.4 million of the $6.6 million initially appropriated for the entire north Cohasset project to buy the components (valves, tanks and grinder pumps) for the hookups. Then the town would turn over the equipment to each homeowner's private contractor for installation. This option would only be considered if the state agreed to allow the highly favorable financing promised for the complete connections on just the components instead.

Guild said the sewer commission will conduct an informational meeting at 7:30 p.m., June 4 at town hall to discuss the pros and cons of the two options with north Cohasset residents.

Town Manager Act clarification sought

The sewer commission is seeking further clarification from town counsel on who has authority to issue contracts, specifically who has the decision-making function under the Town Manager Act, enacted last year.

In a letter to selectmen, Chairman Ted Guild said the Act states the sewer commission shall be "responsible for its facilities."

"We believe that this responsibility includes the responsibility and authority to select and to designate for award bidders on sewer projects," Guild wrote. "Otherwise, the sewer commissioners would be severely hampered in the discharge of their management responsibilities."

The question initially arose over who has the authority to terminate a contract. The sewer commissioners did not want part of the north Cohasset sewer project, known as Contract 2, terminated but selectmen did. See related story this page. The result was conflicting letters to the contractor. That point is now irrelevant because the contractor would not extend his pricing, Guild said.

But he stressed, going forward the sewer commissioners need this matter resolved.

Guild concedes the town manager has responsibility over the mechanical function of purchasing and the issuing of contracts such as the responsiveness of the bidders, adequacy and form of bid bonds, performance bonds and so on.

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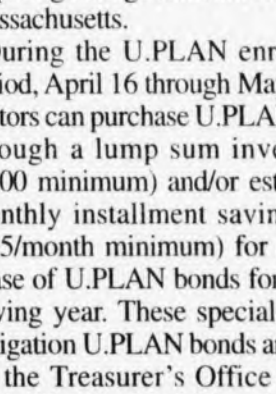


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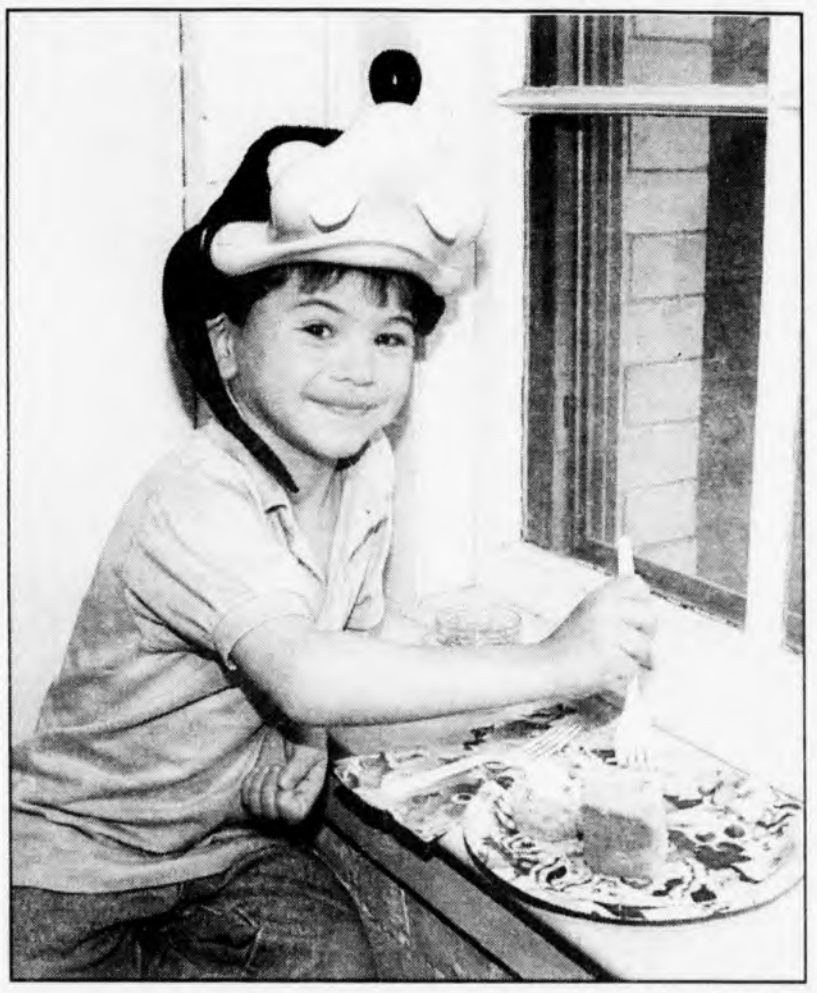
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TEA TIME



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Peter Herlin, 5, of Cohasset enjoys some cake at the Mad Hatters' Tea Party Thursday at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

HONORS AT THAYER

Thayer Academy has announced their Upper School Term 2 honor roll, and here are the Cohasset residents who worked hard to make the list — **Ashley H. Wilfand**, daughter of **Robert** and **Wendy Wilfand**, who made High Honors; there were three students on the honor roll — **Garrick J. Towle**, son of **Richard** and **Patience Towle, Brooke K. Baker**, daughter of **Stephen** and **Rosemary Baker;** and **Lauren M. Smith**, daughter of **William** and **Maureen Smith.**

Thayer Academy's Middle School's honors also had several locals to boast about: **Leigh-Anne Walsh** (effort), **Carly Kalus** (achievement and effort); **Dylan Lanzillotti** (effort); **Michael Ernst** (achievement and effort); and **Lindsay Feig** (effort).

RELAY FOR LIFE

Speaking of raising money for causes, hopefully you are getting your team together for the "Relay for Life," the team event to fight cancer! A team registration fee of $5/member is due by May 18, which is rapidly approaching! It really is a grand 24 hours, teams camp out in tents around the track, there are tons of food and camaraderie. Each team sends members to walk or run around the track for the full 24 hours; this year they will also have a pancake breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. May 30, free to relay participants (all others will be asked for a $3 donation). You can also sponsor a luminaria for a contribution of $5 or more to help light the night for runners — they go around the whole track and make an awesome sight! The name of your loved one will be placed on the light. Or, be a volunteer! Whatever you decide to do, "get ready, get set, go" — support this event!

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Goal: To perform to the best of my ability.

Best vacation: Canada with my family.

Best day of your life: Still looking forward to it.

Biggest worry: School grades.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite TV show: "Seinfeld."

Favorite movie: "The Shawshank Redemption."

Favorite book: "The Day After Tomorrow."

Favorite junk food: Cool Ranch Doritos.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Losing my backpack with two textbooks in it.

Person you'd most like to meet: John F. Kennedy.

Pet peeve: People who crack their knuckles.

Shrimp recipe gets rave reviews

MAY I PRESENT

SALLYANN CHATTERTON



All of the markets are featuring shrimp lately, it is a good buy and really good for you! The following recipe is one we tried just recently, and got rave reviews. Even if your stove doesn't fit your active lifestyle, you will love it, it is easily prepared and quick! Most importantly, it is attractive to present, so that you can use this as company fare.

CURRIED SHRIMP STIR FRY

1 cup peeled chopped tart apples
1/2 to 3/4 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup sliced celery
1/4 cup butter or margarine
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon curry powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
1-1/2 cups chicken broth
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 pound cooked shrimp, peeled and deveined
Hot cooked rice

In a large skillet or wok, stir-fry apple, onion and celery in butter for 10 minutes or until tender. Combine flour, curry powder, salt, ginger and pepper; add to apple mixture and mix well. Gradually stir in broth, milk and Worcestershire sauce. Bring to a boil; boil for 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Add shrimp and cook through. Serve over rice. Yields four servings.

Just purchase some of the wonderful fresh asparagus, steam it to desired doneness, put some nice fluffy hot rolls in a napkin-lined china bowl, and you will impress even the hardest critic!

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

No apology required

It's news when three selectmen turn up unannounced at a school committee meeting. That's why we reported it in our April 23 issue.

But we are at a loss to explain why the story caused such a fuss at the two subsequent selectmen's meetings.

By the way of background, Selectmen Chairwoman Ronnie McMorris was slated to be at the April 16 school committee meeting to participate in contract negotiations which were conducted in executive session.. But Selectmen Tom Callahan and Merle Brown apparently attended simply out of interest.

Three selectmen constitute a quorum which is considered a meeting under the state Open Meeting Law and therefore must be posted 48 hours in advance.

According to the District Attorney's office, joint posting is required when a quorum of one board attends another board's meeting. The posting is required regardless of whether any decisions are made or votes taken. (See related letter page 11.)

We'd like to make it clear that we are not against committees attending each other's meetings. Quite the contrary — we encourage more interaction among boards which would certainly help facilitate communication and create a better understanding about issues in town.

For example, if the health board and sewer commission regularly went to each other's meetings, then the "Newtonville nightmare" involving a state of emergency over failing septic systems might have been avoided.

We realize at the school committee meeting on April 16 — the first after the town election — the selectmen's quorum was unintentional. Therefore, we did not file a complaint with the District Attorney's office about the "joint" meeting not being posted as such.

But at the next selectmen's meeting, Mr. Brown lambasted the Mariner for the story which he described as creating controversy where none existed. Mr. Callahan was away that week but took his turn at the following meeting.

He deemed the story "divisive" and bashed the newspaper for raising a question about the Open Meeting Law. Both men want us to apologize.

"I just think it's absurd. The Mariner's position is ridiculous," Mr. Callahan said. He vowed he was not going to give up *his* rights to go to board meetings because he is an elected official and wondered if selectmen would have to post a meeting when they brought their kids to Little League.

Clearly, social occasions (unless they are used as a pretext to conduct town business) are not covered under the Open Meeting Law — but meetings of governmental bodies are.

We think open government and public's right to know are paramount.

The only thing we're sorry about is elected officials wasting valuable time disputing the intent of the Open Meeting Law which protects *your* rights.

Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Health notes missed the mark

TO THE EDITOR:

The "Health Notes" column from the Board of Health in last week's issue contained a number of serious factual errors about the Cohasset Heights Landfill (CHL) which need to be corrected.

It is not true, as they assert, that the threat to Lily Pond from CHL is "remote, distant and minimal." There is no question that surface water from CHL does in fact drain toward Lily Pond — even CHL has admitted that. The only two samples to date taken below Boulder Lane do show evidence of historical contamination traveling from CHL toward Lily Pond. Neither DEP nor the Board of Health have required CHL to conduct monitoring along the entire path of surface water flow downstream from CHL toward Lily Pond. If they haven't found evidence of contamination moving toward Lily Pond, it's only because they haven't looked for it (also, there is no such thing as an "unbiased" expert). The evidence does show that contaminants have traveled from CHL toward Lily Pond, and that this can occur every time it rains.

It is also untrue to claim that CHL is a "well managed" landfill. CHL has been improperly managing landfill gases and has inadequately managed erosion control. CHL has violated air quality violations, wetlands violations, water quality violations, earth removal regulations, zoning bylaws, state laws, state regulations and their site assignment from the Board of Health. The mismanagement has damaged more than 10 acres of wetlands, contaminated more than six acres of groundwater, and is regularly discharging large amounts of explosive methane gas underground.

CHL has also illegally dumped more than 2,000 tons of waste in Area IV-B, which does not have a site assignment and is located in the town water resource district, where all landfilling is prohibited. There is no proof that it is lined, as the Board of Health has claimed. For the Board of Health to say that "it doesn't make sense" to require CHL to remove this illegal waste, as the ZBA has required, makes a mockery of the Board of Health's legal authority. If the board is willing to turn a blind eye to this gross and flagrant violation by CHL, then why should any homeowner in Cohasset without the legal and financial resources of CHL feel that they need to comply with the board's regulations? They might as well rip them up.

Finally, while there clearly is a threat to Lily Pond from CHL, we don't need to show actual contamination of Lily Pond to be able to close CHL down. State law allows the Board of Health to rescind the CHL Site Assignment for less grievous problems. All the board has to show is that CHL is a "threat to public health, safety or the environment," which is quite easy. CHL's numerous violations of law and their proven damage to the air and water resources of the Town of Cohasset are, by themselves, sufficient legal grounds that not only allow the Board of Health, but compel the board — today — to shut CHL down.

John K. McNabb Jr.
P.O. Box 702

Cohasset Lobster Lab, Inc.

TO THE EDITOR:

Initially, the proposed Learning Laboratory for Marine Biology and Genetic Research, in the former Cohasset Colonials showroom, was sponsored by the non-profit Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation. However, it is now the project of a new non-profit organization, the Cohasset Lobster Lab. Inc., with Kevin Ulmer as president. A few board members are common to both organizations, but the organizations are completely separate.

The Board of Selectmen and the Cohasset Lobster Lab have reached agreement on a 10-year lease, essentially the same as proposed by the Lightkeepers 14 months ago.

Donations for the lab from townspeople and foundations have been kept in an escrow account, and are being turned over to the Cohasset Lobster Lab Inc.

R. Murray Campbell, President
Cohasset Lobster Lab, Inc.

'Appalachia miracle'

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks, Cohasset!

Just a note to thank all you supporters of the Cohasset Appalachia Service Project. Specifically, this comes to thank you for the pies and breads you've purchased; the subs, chili and salads you've consumed; and the yard sale treasures you've donated and bought (our recent sale raised a record $3,200) and stock options you've taken! Again, our most humble thanks — without you, the "Appalachia Miracle" would not have

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DA's office clarifies Open Meeting Law

On posting open meetings

DEAR MS. FORD:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 27, inquiring as to the views of this office with respect to posting meetings of more than one government body when those bodies are meeting together.

This office has dealt with the question several times in the past, most exhaustively perhaps in March of 1997 with respect to an inquiry from the Town of Wellesley. I am enclosing for your information a copy of the letter ruling that we sent the Town of Wellesley, which sets forth our view at some length.

If I might quibble, perhaps unnecessarily, about a phrase in your letter of April 27, your inquiry about a requirement that the "participating boards . . . post a joint meeting separately." It is not our view that a "separate" posting is necessarily required; a single posting will do if that one posting suffices to notify the public that both boards will be meeting.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Finally, since you have inquired about general policy and not alleged a specific violation, I have made no inquiries of any government body and have further made no assumptions that any violation has or has not occurred.

Robert C. Cosgrove

Assistant District Attorney

Ruling for town of Wellesley

Robert C. Cosgrove is a Norfolk County Assistant District Attorney. Here he is responding to a complaint about a violation of the Open Meeting Law in that town. The ruling may also pertain to Cohasset, he said.

March 7, 1997

DEAR GENTLEMEN:

I write to express the opinion of the District Attorney's Office with respect to Mr. Birch's complaint of Feb. 21, 1997, that Board of Assessors violated the open meeting law, G.L. c. 39, s. 23-B, by failing to post a notice of their meeting with the Selectman Feb. 4.

Based on the information provided by the parties, I find that assessors posted timely notice of a Feb. 4, 1997, meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the town hall, and that the selectmen posted timely notice of a Feb. 4, 1997, meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall. I further find that at some point, the assessors adjourned their a.m. meeting and voted to reconvene at 5 p.m., thereafter meeting until invited to join the selectman's meeting in an adjacent room of the same building.

The question raised is whether the selectmen's meeting was also a meeting of the assessors, and if so, whether separate notice was required. If the answer is in the affirmative, a second question is raised: did the posting of the 8:30 a.m. meeting suffice as notice of the later meeting with the selectmen?

Taking the questions in reverse order, it seems to me that whatever the 8:30 a.m. posting might have accomplished to ensure technical compliance with the law, it was unlikely as a practical matter to truly notify anyone as to the time, place, or even existence of, the meeting with the selectmen.

The first question is not a difficult one, as this office has answered it before, albeit not in response to a complaint concerning the town of Wellesley. We have in the past rejected the argument that there was no "deliberation . . . to make a decision" and therefore, [here] the assessors did not meet within the meaning of the law. This office is of the opinion that whether or not the assessors were attempting to arrive at a decision in their meeting with the selectmen, their views were being solicited relative to public policy, and a verbal exchange was taking place, both amongst themselves and the selectmen, that might well influence future decisions and policies. See District Attorney for the Plymouth District v. Board of Selectmen of Middleborough, 395 Mass. 629, 634 n.6 (1985) ("exchange of views" between board and its attorney constitutes a "meeting" within the meaning of the Open Meeting Law).

This office has adopted the view that "the congregation of public officials in almost any capacity is readily conceded to be a meeting." Note, The Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, An Historical Overview and Contemporary Analysis, 25 New Eng. L. Rev. 257, 262 (1990). Consistent with the view that the purpose of the law is to "eliminate much of the secrecy surrounding the deliberations and decisions on which public policy is based," Ghiglione v. School Committee of Southbridge, 376 Mass. 70, 72 (1978), we think that the better practice, in keeping with both the letter and the spirit of the law, is to adopt an expansive reading of the open meeting law and to err on the side of caution. Accordingly, we ask that future postings note the presence of both government bodies at the same meeting. Such a procedure has the virtues of informing the public that a second governmental body may be present and minimizing later attempts to reconstruct whether or not a particular incident constituted "deliberation" under the Open Meeting Law. We note that the Attorney General has adopted the same view, as have other District Attorneys' offices. See Harshbarger, Open Meeting Guidelines, p. 8 ("When quorums of two governmental bodies meet jointly, it is a meeting of each governmental body").

I acknowledge the reasonableness of town counsel's contrary view, particularly in the absence of an authoritative court decision. Given that (1) the meeting with the selectman was posted as a selectman's meeting, and was open to the public and press; (2) there is no authoritative court decision on this issue; (3) the town has expressed willingness, which this office appreciates, to post future such meetings as a meeting of both committees, this office declines to seek injunctive relief, and instead considers the matter resolved on the basis set forth above.

Robert C. Cosgrove

Assistant District Attorney

Christianity and capital punishment

Capital punishment and the Christian faith is the subject of an evening's discussion with Horace Seldon, founder of Community Change, Inc., an organization working for racial justice, Tuesday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church.

TALK OF THE TOWN

The debate on capital punishment has been very heated at the Statehouse and throughout Massachusetts in the past year and will be a subject of debate in the year ahead as well. The evening's discussion of capital punishment will present an opportunity to reflect on the issue particularly from the point of view of faith. All are welcome to come.

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Seldon is particularly suited to lead this discussion. A graduate of Andover Newton Theological Seminary, he is also a member of the Steering Committee of Massachusetts Citizens Against the Death Penalty. This organization last month presented Bernard Cardinal Law with the Herbert and Sara Ehrmann Award. In 1996, Seldon was given a Special Citation by the Boston Police Department. In 1994, he was presented with the Diversity Award from the American Association of University Women. He is president of the Association of Affirmative Action Professionals.

Seldon lectures at Boston College on the history and development of racism in the United States and at Andover Newton Theological School on mission, racism and society. By governor's appointment, Seldon serves on both the Advisory Board of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, and on the Advisory Board of the State Office of Affirmative Action.

The evening's discussion on capital punishment and the Christian faith will be held in the Parish House of Saint Stephen's Church. Admission is free. For more information, call the parish office at (781) 383-1083.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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been possible for more than 300 Cohasset volunteers, all told, in these past 11 years. (Keep us in your prayers and stay tuned for further opportunities!)

In the service of Love,

Gary and Judy Ritts, et al

Red Gate Lane

Health Fair support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR,

Social Service League of Cohasset and the Cohasset Board of Health would like to thank all who helped make our recent Community Health Awareness Day a success. We extend special thanks to the Rotary Club of Cohasset the Pilgrim Co-operative Bank for their generous donations which funded the Bone Mineral Density Screenings. The test was available for both men and women considered at risk for osteoporosis.

Our local Stop & Shop, Atlantic Bagel Co., and Dunkin' Donuts again provided us with wonderful snacks and drinks which helped make the day a very pleasant community event.

Thanks again to all who participated in and those who attended our Annual Health Fair.

Judy Fitzsimmons for

Social Service League of Cohasset

and Cohasset Board of Health

Good news about water rates

TO THE EDITOR:

The governor's recent approval of legislation to create a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund is cause for Massachusetts American Water Company customers to celebrate. Significant reduction in water bills will soon occur.

Shortly after taking office in 1995, I began looking for ways to help the residents of North Cohasset to offset the exorbitantly high water rates caused by the revised federal drinking water standards. While nobody was prepared for the 155 percent rate increase that accompanied the opening of Mass. American's $40 million plant, every resident should take time to thank people like Diane Sullivan and Maria Plant who helped organize the North Cohasset water rate protest at the Statehouse. It was your many voices in protest that got the attention of the governor and legislative leadership — you made sure I was heard when fighting to lower the cost of water in North Cohasset.

Fortunately, the language that I drafted to make sure that North Cohasset would be included in this program was adopted. Without the compelling Statehouse testimony of Selectman Merle Brown and Water Commissioner John McNabb it would have been impossible for me to persuade my colleagues to include North Cohasset for relief under this program. Their time and efforts should be applauded by all customers of the Massachusetts American Water Company.

There are others to thank, like Rep. Mary Jeannette Murray, who helped guide this proposal through the House. But not to be forgotten is Edward Teague of the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust and Mass. American president Jim Perry, who also deserve credit for their technical assistance and support.

We have been successful in our efforts. Many thanks to all.

Robert L. Hedlund

State Senator

Plymouth and Norfolk District

Ed's note: An incorrect version of this letter was printed last week.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Bruins Star to sign autographs

Assistant District Attorney and State Representative candidate Garrett Bradley is bringing a friend to the Third Plymouth District next week. Boston Bruins star Steve Heinz, a friend of Bradley's from their days at Boston College, will be signing autographs for children and hockey fans on Sunday, May 17 from noon to 3 p.m. at Bradley's campaign headquarters, 38 North St., Hingham, down the street from Tosca's Restaurant. Children who would like autographs are encouraged to bring their hockey sticks, pucks or other equipment for Heinz to sign.

For more information on the Steve Heinz event or the Bradley campaign, call the campaign at 741-9998.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Cutler campaign hosts dinner-auction

Auction fans and those just looking for a fun night out should mark their calendars for Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m., when the Josh Cutler Campaign hosts a dinner-auction at the Red Parrot on Nantasket Avenue, Hull. A sampling of auction items includes an excursion cruise on Boston Bay, Red Sox box seats, sports memorabilia, restaurant gift certificates, a deep-sea fishing trip, an Apple digital camera, a personal computer, housecleaning services, signed prints by local artists and a variety of antiques and collectibles. John Russell, Hull town moderator, will be auctioneer. Fifteen dollars is the price of the buffet dinner. The Cutler Campaign will donate a portion of the proceeds to benefit six-year-old Kylie McCue of Hull, who is awaiting a heart transplant. Seating is limited. To reserve your ticket, call Kathie at 925-1223 or Suzanne at 749-3342.

Home prices soar as inventory drops

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are several opinions on the increase, but we are seeing an increase of approximately 10 percent over last year."

It's a sellers' market out there and buyers have the money to purchase expensive homes because of the hot economy and the soaring stock market. But there has been an unexpected side-effect to these good times. There are fewer homes for sale in Cohasset than in previous years. Ford said that at any given time, there are usually 90 to 100 homes for sale in Cohasset. This year, there have been only 40 homes on the market at any given time.

Ford said Realtors aren't necessarily enjoying the full benefit of the increased home values because there are fewer homes for sales. Many buyers are also wary that home values are too high and are reluctant to close on deals.

Houses that are on the market aren't lasting, according to Crowley who notes homes that "are priced fairly are having a short marketing time."

Several other Realtors interviewed for this article declined to participate, but agreed that housing prices are up, million dollar sales are on the rise, and the local stock has declined.

Ford has become something of an historian on the subject of home sales for more than $1 million. He said home sales for more than $1 million tend to pique the public's interest and attract a lot of attention.

The first million-dollar sale in Cohasset occurred in 1985, when the "Cox Estate" on Cohasset Harbor sold to the Yankee Oil Company for $2.6 million. Yankee Oil sold the property to the Roy family in 1989 for $2.99 million.

Between 1988 and 1998, there were 10 homes sold for more than $1 million in Cohasset. The most expensive sale other then the "Cox Estate" came in 1996, when the house at 478 Jerusalem Road, which resembles a castle, was sold for $1.65 million.

According to a recent report on National Public Radio, what is happening in the Cohasset real estate market is taking place state-wide. Experts are saying home prices are up almost 12 percent over last year, with "average" homes selling for about $209,000.

Million dollar homes in Cohasset is a phenomenon that was unthinkable just 20 years ago. In 1971, a new four-bedroom colonial in Cohasset sold for about $70,000. Twelve years later in 1983, that same home was worth $178,000. But by 1987, that home's value had soared to more than $400,000.

Ford estimates that there are currently 100 to 150 homes in Cohasset worth more than $1 million. Nearly every one of these homes is an ocean-front property on Jerusalem Road, Atlantic Ave.nue and everything surrounding Little Harbor and both sides of the Gulf River.

Ford said home values in Cohasset have finally appreciated to the same values just prior to the stock market's sudden drop in 1987. After 1987, home values dropped dramatically because of the weak economy and a full-blown recession. A $400,000 four-bedroom colonial dropped in value to $318,000 by 1991 before stabilizing in value that same year.

Crowley said lots of factors dictate the increased pricing, from condition of the home to its location. "So it's difficult to make an 'across the board' statement," she explained.

Real estate is a supply and demand business, Crowley said, and while many homes are up in price, she too sees less inventory this year. "Our inventory, or the houses available and ready to sell, is more limited this year than it was last year. Corporate transfers are down and many people do not want to leave Cohasset once they move in. We have buyers in our buyer's pool that are ready to purchase homes but less homes have been available."

The higher values, she said, "do not offset the decreased sales volume. We have buyers available and our job is to bring buyers and sellers together."

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Homes values are rising faster than anticipated, resembling the price inflation that occurred in the two years prior to 1987. Ford said he doesn't know if this is an indication of a repeat of events between 1985 and 1987 when home values soared. Investors sometimes purchase expensive homes because houses tend to hold their value over long periods of time.

"You might see people putting their money into homes if the stock market starts tumbling," Ford said. "People with a lot of capital will also take out a mortgage for the tax benefits."

Which is not to say that Ford expects the stock market to tumble anytime soon. He said that home prices are not currently a lot higher than expectations based on historical projection. Ford said he would become concerned only if home prices jump dramatically, similar to what happened in 1986. But that hasn't happened yet. And until it does, the market will remain favorable to sellers by ushering in the age of the million dollar home in Cohasset.



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Relay for Life is May 29-30 at CHS track

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

They all have a story to tell.

Some like Eileen Corbett, 226 S. Main St., are cancer survivors.

Others like Ed Lappen, 241 Jerusalem Road, have lost a close friend or family member to the disease.

And still others like Justine Vanderlugt, 344 King St., are grateful no one in their family has cancer and want to help in any way they can.

They and dozens of other local residents will come together May 29-30 to help fight cancer through the second annual 24-hour Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society at the high school track.

Representatives from the Southeastern Mass. Regional Center of the American Cancer Society briefed team captains Monday on the round-the-clock Cohasset walk expected to raise $35,000.

So far 25 relay teams ranging from eight to 12 members have signed up. Each participant tries to obtain a minimum of $100 in pledges and pays a $5 registration fee which covers the cost of a T-shirt and pancake breakfast, explained Julie A. Carchedi, American Cancer Society regional executive director. Cancer survivors and students are exempt from the registration fee.

The event revolves around team members taking turns walking laps for 24 hours. Registration opens at 3 p.m., Friday, May 29. Opening ceremonies get underway at 7 p.m. followed by the survivors' "Victory Lap." The Luminaria Ceremony, during which hundreds of candles are lit in memory or in honor of those afflicted with cancer, takes place at 9 p.m. Minimum contribution per luminaria is $5.

At 7 a.m. Saturday, walkers are treated to a pancake breakfast which is also open to the public. Extra tickets are $3 each.

Relay laps continue until 2 p.m. when team awards and the closing ceremonies are slated.

"I am willing to do anything and everything to raise money to find a cure."

— Mary Jeanette Murray on the cancer walk

Teams camp out in tents around the track, enjoying a festive atmosphere created by food, music and camaraderie, Cardechi said.

Mary Jeanette Murray of Margin Street said there are few families that have not been touched by cancer and the terrible suffering that goes with it.

"I am willing to do anything and everything to raise money to find a cure," the state representative said.

The money raised supports the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, and service to patients and their families, Cardechi said.

Jody Doyle , 423 S. Main St. said she sponsored a walker last year and decided to go to the track see what it was all about. She was so moved by the Luminaria Ceremony that she is back this year as a full participant.

Hap Pompeo, 11 Ripley Road, said initially he thought it was going to be a somber event.

"But when I see all this enthusiasm, it sounds like fun," he said.

For information on how you can help by participating in or volunteering at the Relay for Life, call Carchedi at the ACS office at 508-584-9600 ext. 232.

Cohasset Travel in Shaw's Plaza off Route 3A is serving as a local information center where participants can pick up registration forms and team packets. Cohasset Travel also has pancake breakfast tickets and luminaria order forms.

GEMS of Hope yard sale

On Saturday, May 16, GEMS of Hope will hold its third annual yard sale from 9 a.m. to noon in the Cohasset Stop and Shop parking lot (rain date Sunday, May 17, 9 a.m. to noon). All proceeds benefit GEMS projects, including funding for the Mary Martha Learning Center in Hingham, the GEMS-funded school in Pici, Brazil, and microenterprise programs for women in Brazil and Columbia.

Past GEMS yard sales have featured beautiful home-decorating items, including paintings, rugs, furniture and garden ornaments, toys and sports equipment. Come, find that perfect treasure and support GEMS programs, all geared to help women become self-sufficient and build better lives for themselves and their children.

If you'd like to donate items for sale, call Cindy Kuppens at 383-6670.

Car wash for Appalachia

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is holding three car washes this spring to help raise funds for their 11th annual work project trip. The first one will be held in front of the Second Congregational Church (next to Town Hall) on Saturday, May 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The number of volunteers interested in the project continues to grow. Starting in 1988 with seven teenagers and two adults; this year, for ASP '98 there are 126 volunteers signed on, including 86 teenagers, 8 college students and 32 adults. It's called the Appalachia Miracle! Leaving via 4 coach buses on Saturday, June 27 and returning Sunday, July 5; we will be forming 18 work crews to work on homes in southwestern Virginia.

The two remaining car washes will be May 30 and June 6, also in front of the Second Congregational Church.

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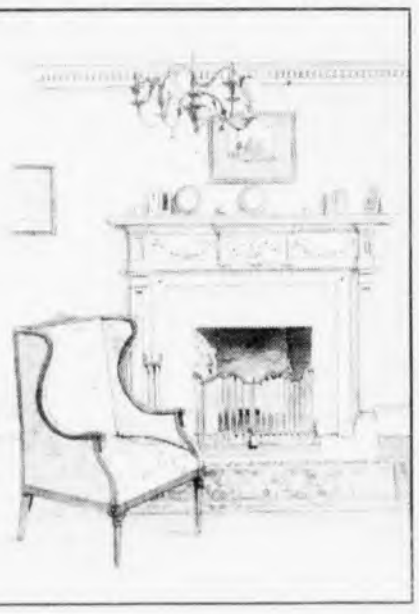
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'Secret' school chief search to go public

Finalists names to be released May 21

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The hunt for a new school superintendent has been narrowed to five candidates. But the finalists' names will not be aired until May 21 when the superintendent search, which has largely been conducted in secret so far, has to go public.

The search process has been "thorough and inclusive," according to school board member Kathy Ofsthun. Wednesday she predicted the committee's work would produce an "excellent" superintendent. But last week the secrecy appeared to shut the school committee out of the search process temporarily. At the regular meeting Thursday, the board debated the situation for an hour. School board member Mark DeGiacomo appeared stunned to learn the school committee was never supposed to get the names of all the semi-finalists, including the six who were ultimately dropped from consideration. Two other board members agreed with DeGiacomo. Ultimately, the majority on the board voted to request the names and resumes of the six semi-finalists who did not make the final cut. They also elected to hold a "no-names" discussion in open session to hear the reasons the search committee ruled out the six.

But this Monday, the school board reportedly met behind closed doors with the committee formed to spearhead the search for a new superintendent. That was its original plan before schools superintendent Stephen Hart indicated such a meeting might be an open meetings law violation.

"There is no reason under the open meetings law that would allow you to have an executive session," he said. According to Hart, as soon as the candidates finished a screening interview in closed session, the protection of a confidential proceeding was supposed to end. Hart said he would investigate how the board could legally proceed. Ofsthun said Hart concluded the closed-door meeting would be legal after a talk with search consultant James Hardy of the state association of school committees. He also indicated he would post a meeting notice, Ofsthun said.

"This is a school committee decision bottom-line. We're playing a minor role. To what extent can we change that?"

Mark DeGiacomo,
school committee member

A source said the two boards used the session to communicate the names of the five finalists to the school committee. The source did not say if the meeting's purpose was also to head off a possible disagreement about the selection of the finalists. But Ofsthun said all the board members were satisfied and happy after their conference with the search committee. A major issue at the regular meeting Thursday was the search committee's unexpected decision to interview the 11 semi-finalists in private. Though closed-door interviews had always been a possibility, some school board members said last week they really expected to see the interviews with the public.

"It was intended to be open," Ofsthun said at the regular school committee meeting Thursday. "It is now in executive session. Things have changed."

The change came at the first meeting of the search committee. The panel opted to conduct all the rest of its work in private executive session. The group acted on the advice from Hardy. He advised the group one of the semi-finalists would withdraw if the committee did not keep his name confidential. Two others were undecided if they would continue, should names and interviews go public. Under the circumstances, Hardy said there was no reason to keep the process open.

But the majority of the school board appeared to be uncomfortable with the decision. In an hour-long debate, the board thrashed over some questions about its role in the process.

"This is a school committee decision bottom-line," said DeGiacomo. "We're playing a minor role. To what extent can we change that?"

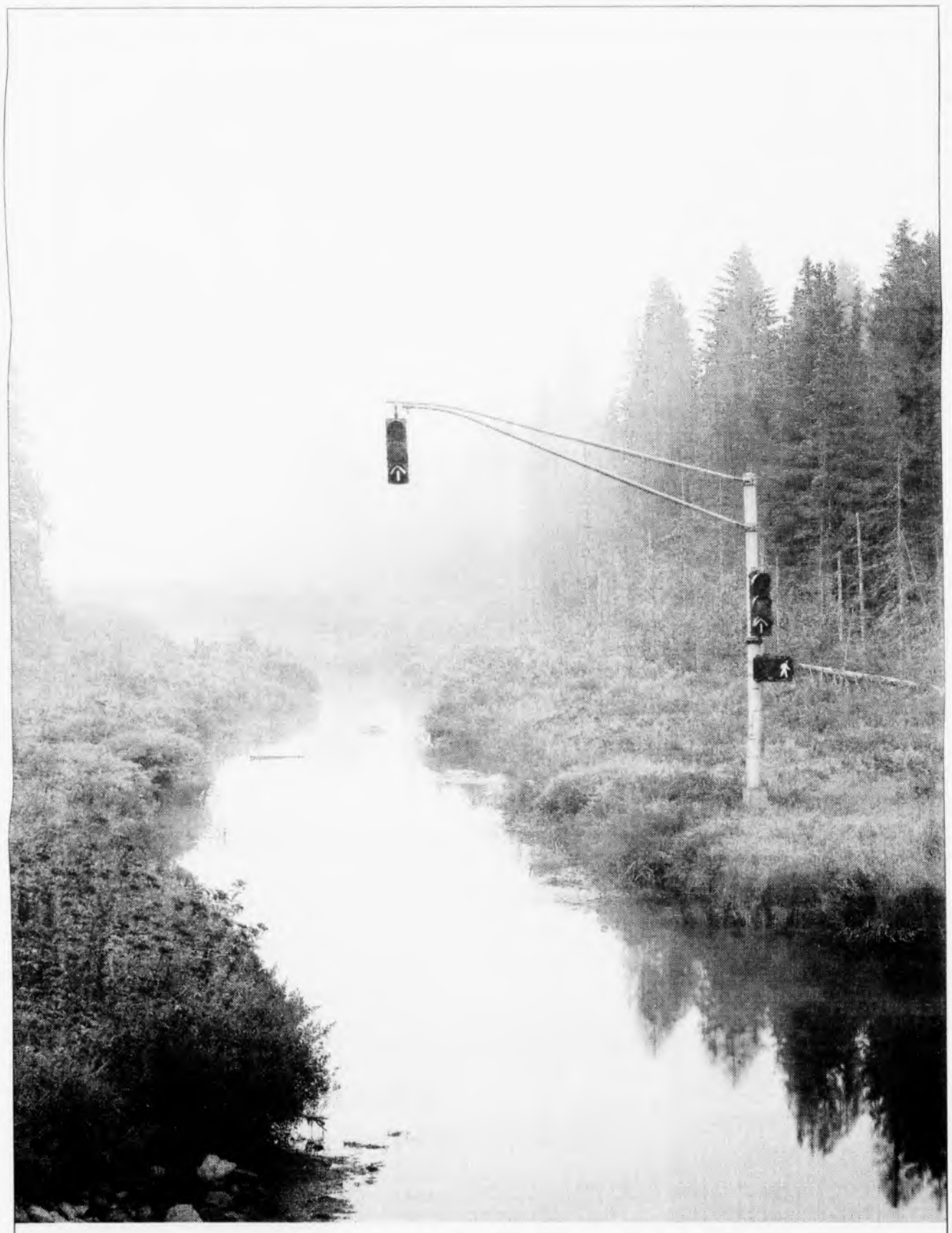
DeGiacomo, who was elected to the school board after the original decision to go with a search committee, said he had confidence in the search committee's judgment. But he maintained the job of choosing a new superintendent stayed with the school committee.

"This is our responsibility," he said. Ofsthun was the only member of the previous board who agreed with him. Both chairman Rick Shea and school board member Joseph McElroy said they did not feel comfortable adjusting the original arrangement. Moreover, the consultant told Shea "it could be unusual" if the school board inserted itself at this point.

Upcoming school committee agenda

At the May 21 School Committee meeting there will be several topics of interest to parents, students and the community. You are invited to come and share your views on block scheduling at the high school. The committee is gathering information about the new scheduling system in order to evaluate its effectiveness. This forum is offered in addition to a recent survey on block scheduling, sponsored by the School Council. Individuals will be allowed several minutes to share their insights or make a point.

Additionally on the evening's agenda will be a discussion and vote on naming the new school, a presentation by the Superintendent Search Committee to name the finalists, and a continuation of the hearing on school choice. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the audio visual room at the high school. Also, a reminder that the School Committee meetings are broadcast live on Channel 22.



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Water commission moving forward with new wells

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The water commission is working on a number of initiatives that could provide the town with several new wells as back-up water supplies.

At the top of the water commission's list are plans to hold the MBTA to a promise to dig new wells near the Greenbush right of way, and to solicit bids for revitalizing inactive well fields at Ellms Meadow and Sohier Street.

Acting in conjunction with the water commission, the Greenbush mitigation committee is requesting that the MBTA fulfill a verbal promise to replace two Sohier Street wells. The water commission is awaiting a reply from MBTA Project Manager Robert Egan. The commission must also receive approval from DEP to drill the new wells at the two sites. Water commissioners hope to complete the construction and upgrade of the new wells by Sept. 15.

"Wells are a good supplemental water source if the plant goes down," said Water Commissioner John K. McNabb Jr. "Right now we have to call Hingham and Scituate for extra water in an emergency. But we should have enough back-up capacity to deal with emergencies on our own."

McNabb pointed out that many water emergencies in Cohasset occur during drought conditions. Hingham and Scituate already have problems producing enough of their own water during droughts.

"We shouldn't build our capacity based on the ability of other towns to supply us with emergency water," McNabb said. "Wells are important so we aren't putting all our eggs in one basket."

McNabb said reopening both well fields could provide the town with 500,000 to 600,000 gallons of water per day. Currently, the water plant is able to produce between 2.1 million and 2.4 million gallons per day. But Cohasset consumes almost 2 million gallons per day during peak usage in July, and the town is growing. McNabb said the town may exceed the plant's maximum capacity within five years.

The well project is part of the water commission's strategy to make sure the town has adequate back-up water supplies. Last year, DEP directed all towns in the state to report on the status of inactive and emergency wells. DEP informed towns that wells that did not fit its minimum criteria for emergency use would have to be upgraded to meet state guidelines or abandoned.

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Madelyn Morris of DEP informed the town on Feb. 26 that the Sohier Street wells, which are currently classified as emergency water sources, could not be upgraded to active status because they are too close to the MBTA's Greenbush rail road tracks. The Sohier Street wells are 50 feet from the tracks, but DEP requires a minimum distance of 400 feet. Morris said the wells are in poor shape, and unfit for use as emergency sources. She added that the town could maintain the wells as emergency sources if the water commission upgraded pumping equipment.

The water commission, however, knew the MBTA had made a verbal promise to the mitigation committee to drill new wells on Sohier Street 400 feet from the track if DEP rejected the existing wells. On May 11, Tom Gruber of the mitigation committee formally asked the MBTA to fulfill its promise.

The news was better for an emergency well field the town maintains at Ellms Meadow. Morris said the Ellms Meadow well field could be upgraded from emergency status to active use with minimal DEP permitting and upgraded pumps.

The Ellms Meadow fields were built in 1896 and consist of seven tubular wells with hand-driven pumps. In 1995, the town downgraded the seven wells from active status to emergency status. The wells would have to be tested to see if the pipes are still in usable condition, and the pumps would have to be replaced.

McNabb said the commission is preparing a request for proposals with the help of Tutela Engineering to determine the methods and costs of upgrading both well fields. The commission us expecting the MBTA to pay for the Sohier Street wells. The RFP is expected to cost about $55,000.

Water commissioners are also planning to upgrade the water plant, which is supposed to produce a maximum of three million gallons per day, but can only put out about 2.4 million gallons each day because of worn equipment. McNabb said many components of the plant will need to be replaced, including the huge pumps that pull in raw water.

Osgood School celebration

A photo exhibit for the Osgood School will be held from June 5-7, Harborfest Weekend. Do you have photos of your children at Osgood? Photos of other generations at Osgood? Photos of yourself or friends taken there? Color photocopies are also welcome. If there are family members who have attended Osgood for three generations (i.e., grandfather, father, daughter), please submit photos as a group for the Osgood family tree.

Submit photos at the drop off box (office) at Joseph Osgood School. Large envelopes will be supplied for you, along with a simple form to be filled out, so that photos may be returned to you. The deadline is Friday, May 15.

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Corinne Cahill, R.N., Judy Fitzsimons, R.N., public health nurses in Cohasset with Health Watch technicians, Tony Ribeiro and Steve Wood at the recent Community Health Awareness Day.

Community Health Awareness Day a success

On Saturday, May 2, the Social Service League and the Cohasset Board of Health held Community Health Awareness Day at the Second Congregational Church. Free health screenings were available throughout the day. The Rotary Club of Cohasset and the Pilgrim Co-Operative Bank funded the bone mineral density screening for both men and women considered at risk for osteoporosis.

Other free screenings included blood sugar, cholesterol, blood pressure, glaucoma and cataract, hearing, spinal alignment and skin screening, using the skin analyzer machine by the American Cancer Society. Walgreen's Pharmacy provided drug interaction information by their registered pharmacist and there was holistic health information with REIKI and massage demonstrations which were very popular with the participants.

The Tobacco Control Program and the Drug and Alcohol Committee had representatives on hand to speak to parents and children about health issues concerning smoking and alcohol and drug abuse.

Health snacks and drinks were provided by Stop and Shop, Atlantic Bagel Co. and Dunkin' Donuts.

Mothers set sights on new playground

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

A group of Cohasset mothers could not bear the thought of the first day of school with no playground.

The budget for the new elementary school being built off Sohier Street does not include funding for playground equipment — not even a set of swings.

This discovery prompted a group of parents to take the matter into their own hands.

"When the school opens, it needs to be opened with a play structure and swings," said Adrienne MacCarthy, one of the parents raising money to build a playground on the site. "It doesn't have to be the grandest thing. More than 100 kids go out at recess time. I can't imagine having nothing there for them."

The Friends of the New Elementary School Playground — the school has not yet been officially named — have begun a town-wide appeal hoping to raise between $12,300 and $43,800 for playground equipment at the new site.

"To me, it's unconscionable to open an elementary school with no playground," said Jean Muir, a member of the Joseph Osgood school branch of the Cohasset PSO.

The Osgood PSO has agreed to donate $5,000 that it hopes to generate during a three-day book fair this week. The Cohasset PSO has already given the Friends $1,000 in seed money for the project.

To build a simple playground with an eight-seat swing set, a "lava" mega climbing rock, a wishbone slide, a bridge leading to a set of climbing structures and a handicapped-accessible transfer platform, the Friends need to raise $12,300.

From there — due to the structure's modular design — components can be added as more funds are raised, MacCarthy explained. For simplicity, the Friends have divided the project into three phases according to price range.

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— ADRIENNE MACCARTHY, PARENT WORKING ON NEW PLAYGROUND.

Completion of the second and third phases — estimated at $23,000 and $43,800 respectively — would expand the playground to include a bridge with moving rungs, a "granite" mega climbing rock, a funnel bridge, a tube slide, a "DNA" climber, spiral slides, chin-up bars, trapeze triangles and a "big foot" slide featuring three slides with waves and bumps.

But the plans are not set in stone. As the project moves along, the people involved may decide against certain components or explore new ones, MacCarthy said.

"These can all be mixed and matched," she said.

The existing playground at the Osgood Elementary School, which was built in 1989, could not feasibly be relocated to the new site, said MacCarthy, also a member of the new school building committee.

The committee examined the nine-year-old playground, which has a life span of 15 years, and decided starting over at the new site would be the safer route, she said. Made of wood and set on pilings, the outdated play structure — with its loosening bolts and splintering body — could be dangerous to children in the not-too-distant future, she pointed out.

"We looked at it and it was no fro[illegible] the beginning," MacCarthy said.

The new state-of-the-art playground, which will occupy a 100-square-foot area next to the school, will be made of stainless steel and plastic and will meet the highest safety standards for all age levels as well as the American with Disabilities Act regulations, she said.

"Playgrounds are much safer than they ever were before. This one will last forever," she said.

The Friends will be launching a fundraising effort this week asking local businesses and residents for financial assistance through letters and an ad in this week's Mariner. In return, donor's names will be placed on a plaque at the playground. They are hoping to raise enough for a deposit on the playground — $5,000 — by the end of May. The playground is slated to open in September along with the new school.

Proceeds from an upcoming Osgood PSO fundraiser will also support the playground project. At Harborfest in June, the PSO will be selling T-shirts celebrating the 70-plus years of the Osgood School, which will close in June..

"This money is strictly for the children, so they can enjoy recess," MacCarthy said.

Osgood School principal Marilee Cantelmo has submitted a grant proposal for $15,000 from Eastern Enterprises in Westwood. That grant would have to be matched by the community in cash and volunteer labor hours, for a total of $30,000. Cantelmo said the company may respond to the proposal by July.

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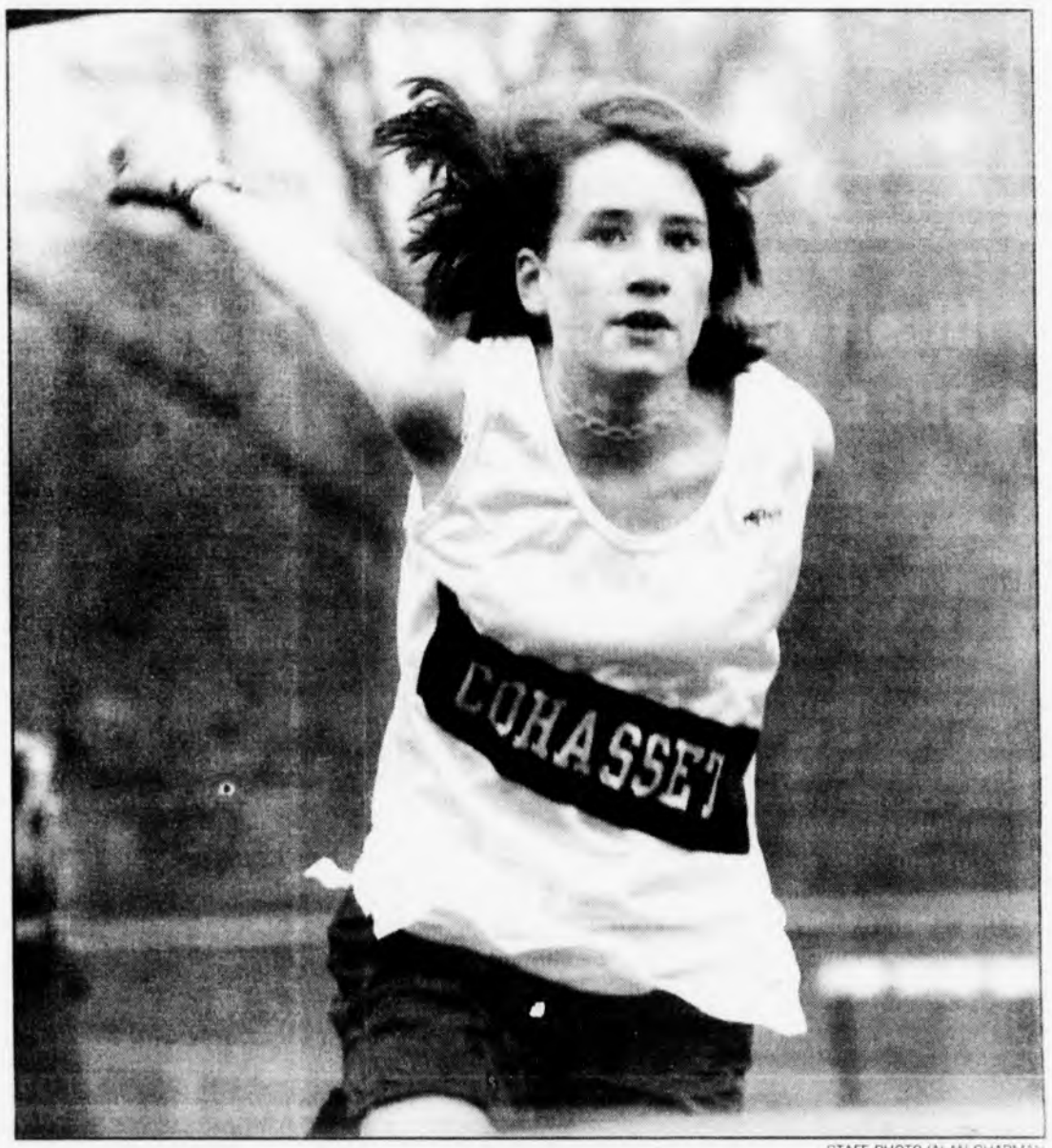
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Morgan Hurley is a picture of intensity as she approaches the high bar during a recent meet track and field meet against Hanover.

True confessions of a baseball card collector

EXTRA POINTS

DAVID WOLCOTT



I must admit that I was a bit of a wheeler as well as a dealer in my younger days.

I most fondly remember the thrill and satisfaction of getting the big deal done and all the work I put into it from beginning to end. My favorite trade of all-time had to be getting Frank Duffy and Fred Kendell from a rival G.M. for Reggie Jackson, Jim Hunter and Ron Guidry and a bunch of other guys whose only indiscretion was that they wore the uniform of the dreaded Yankees.

Okay, so I was seven-year-old and we're only talking baseball cards here, but chances are it's as close as I'm ever going to get to running a baseball team.

While working on a story about card collecting last week I realized just how much the business had changed since the days of my childhood when every extra penny I had went towards a pack of Topps baseball cards and that world famous stick of bubble gum stuck somewhere in the middle of it all.

These days the gum is long gone (some said it ruined both the cards and your teeth) and so is the era of the 50 cent pack of trading cards. They've gone the way of the set-shot, a good old-fashioned bench-clearing brawl in hockey and leaving your glove in the field at the end of the inning.

I can honestly say that I have not the first clue as to how your average kid can experience those same joys of collecting their favorite cards that I experienced in my youth. The wax pack and gum has been replaced by a fancy-schmancy hologram of some $10 billion ballplayer packaged within some form of a glittery wrapping with a price tag attached that rivals what I paid for my first car.

I'm not bitter, mind you, but yuck!!!!!!

Give me a "boring" photo of Carlton Fisk, helmet in hand, staring intently out at the mound (Topps, circa early 70s) any day of the week over some Ken Griffey hologram that the youngsters crave today.

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Things were a lot simpler back in my day, when I walked up hill both ways through three feet of snow and a driving rain to get my daily supply of baseball cards.

While that trade I talked about in the beginning of this column would have gotten a regular baseball man put away for a stretch in the real world, it made perfect sense to me at that time and still does today.

It was based on a pair of simple principals: I hate the Yankess and I love my Red Sox. Kendell and Duffy had just come to the hometown team from Cleveland . Thus, I had to be in possession of their cards by any means necessary.

As for giving up Jackson, Hunter and Guidry

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Tracksters battle through a rebuilding season

With only three upperclassmen on the roster and the division of the middle school from the high school cutting into his depth, CHS girls' track coach Ron Evans admits that this is going to be a re-building year for his squad.

The Lady Skippers are 2-6 this season.

"The kids are learning a lot this season," said Evans of his very young squad, who hold victories this year over Rockland and Norton. "We only have one senior to go with a pair of juniors and sophomores, so everyone is learning as they go along."

Ashley Ulmer has also put herself into the state competition with a personal best high jump of 4'10.

Where the team is lacking, said Evans, is in depth as well as the distance running events.

"We are not having any less people turn out for the track team, but the middle school kids can no longer compete on the varsity team" since the middle school and the high school were split, said Evans, adding that the distance runners suffer because there is no fall cross country team at the school.

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Kristen Reynolds, the senior captain of the team, has been one of the standouts so far this season. Reynolds has been a team leader in the long jump, the triple jump, the low hurdles as well as the 100-meter hurdles.

In addition, Reynolds has qualified for the state competition as part of the CHS relay team along with **Tamara DeVaughn** and twin freshman sisters **Kathleen and Kerry McCarthy.**

Kathleen runs the anchor leg for the quartet. She has also placed well in the high hurdle event.

"Tamara has really done well for us this season," added Evans. "She's been strong in the discus and shots as well as in the 100- and 200-meter races."

Other stars so far in the season have included junior **Alyssa McNamara**, a discus thrower who qualified for state consideration with a javelin heave of 94.9 yards.

Tennis team has their eyes on the touney

South Shore League teams who looked to their schedules at the start of the year and saw an easy match against the CHS boys' tennis team have been in for a big surprise.

Catapulted from their 1-11 record of last year by a squad full of young and energetic legs, the team has posted a 3-4 mark so far and have their eyes set on the .500 mark and making the state tennis tourney.

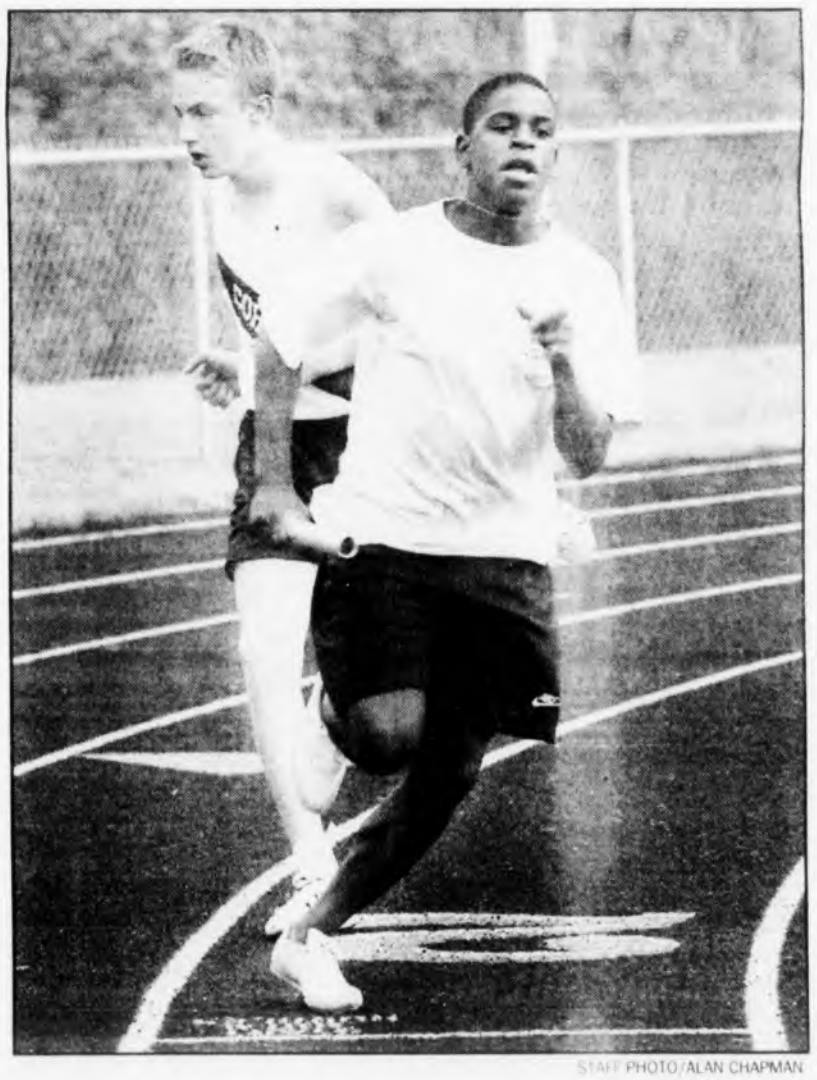
"This is not the team it was last season," said Roger Tate, who is in his first year as the coach of the team. "It's a matter of maturity. This is a very young team, but it is also loaded with a lot of talent for the game."

Calling this team young is an understatement. The only upperclassman in sight is junior **Steve Sceery**, an assistant captain who plays first doubles with freshman **Heath Heinz.**

"The team is just growing as they go along," added Tate. "They may be going up against

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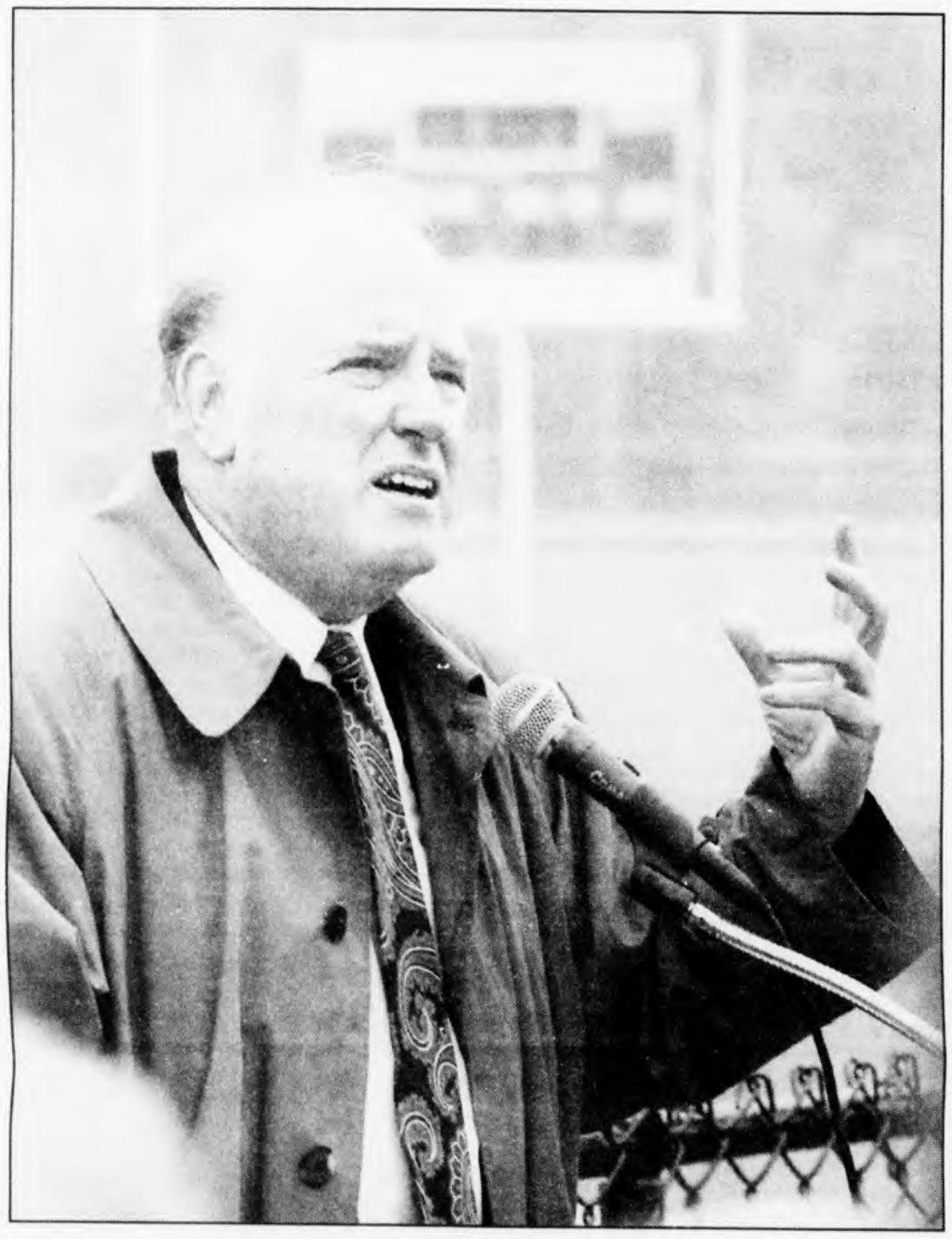


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Daniel Trowers takes off on the second leg of the 4x100 relay after getting the baton from Brian Krupczak in track and field action against Hanover.

Tracking a legend

Late coach honored in special ceremony









Clockwise from top left, CHS Principal Curtis Collins shares a memory of his late friend Charles Davis. Ceremonies to dedicate the track in honor of the late CHS teacher and track coach were held May 7. Kristen Reynolds runs the final leg of the first lap around the newly named Charles R. Davis Memorial Track. Cohasset Athletic Director Clark Chatteron (second from left) looks on approvingly. Michael Nee, a grandson of Davis's sister-in-law, takes shelter during the dedication ceremony.

Staff photos by Alan Chapman



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Robin Cunningham shows fine form in the 100-meter hurdles.

Card collector confessions

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and those other future hall-of-famers, who cares. They were Yankees and the only reason that I even allowed them to breathe the same air as the rest of my collection was my desire to reach the ultimate in card collecting and obtain the whole set for that particular year.

Never mind the fact that I could probably have put a down payment on a house with all the Yankees cards that I gave away in my youth, it's the principal of the thing.

But I digress. The saddest thing about card collecting today is that kids seem to be missing out on most of the joy associated with the hobby.

They get what the market deems to be a good card and it immediately goes in plastic sheet, never to be touched again.

Whatever happened to playing with the cards? Do you thinks kids today would be caught dead flipping cards with their buddies, hoping that their Reggie Jefferson would get out far enough to cover the Alex Rodriguez they'd been coveting for so long?

How about studying the information the card companies are so kind to put on the back of their product? How cool is it know that Scott Hatteberg batted .277 in Winter Haven in 1991 or that Darren Bragg was a member of Team USA in the 1990 Goodwill Games.

Laugh if you will but I'm pretty sure I learned to read by memorizing those little stats and facts on the backs of the cards. Sadly, I don't see where the young collectors today can experience that same joy.

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who are older and have more experience, but we are matchign teams hit for hit.

"The matches we are losing now we will not be losing in the coming years. This team is in the process of learning how to win and how to be succesful.

Fortunatley for Tate, his front line players are going to have more that enough time in the learning porcess. The top singles player **Brian Tracey**, the team captain, is only a sophomore and the #2 and #3 players (**Chris Golden and John Hurtig** respectively) are both members of the freshman class.

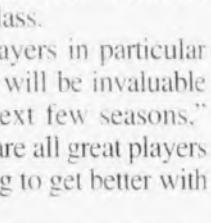
"What these players in particular are learnign now will be invaluable to them in the next few seasons," said Tate. "They are all great players and are only going to get better with experience."

Playing behind Sceery abd Heinz at the second doubles position are freshmen **Will McAuliffe and Jeff Scribner.**

Also seeing time for the Skippers on the court have been freshmen **Matt Pescatore and Ben Bixby.**

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SPORTS BRIEFS

'Tag Sale' is Saturday

The Cohasset Youth Baseball Association has rescheduled their annual "Tag Day" sale to this Saturday, May 16, from 8 a.m. to noon at Barnes Field.

Bats, helmets, pants, shirts, hats and more will all be on sale for $2 or less.

Legion ball tryouts are May 23

Registration is now open for the Scituate/Cohasset American Legion baseball team.

All boys ages 19 and under who live in the two towns are invited to participate.

Try-outs for the squad will be held on Saturday, May 23 at 8 a.m. from Cohasset High School.

For more information, please contact Scott Arnold at 545-1896.

Lacrosse boosters jamboree

On Friday, May 15, the Cohasset Lacrosse boosters will host its first Annual Jamboree at Alumni Stadium.

Women's Lacrosse is at 5 p.m. under the leadership of Nicole Mladenoff. They will face Walpole.

The evening caps off with the 1998 men's varsity team. Led by coach Mike Falvey, facing off against Barnstable at 7 p.m.

A food court will be available! Hope to see you all at Alumni Field to cheer on all of our 1998 Lacrosse players.

Youth football registration is Friday

Due to an unprecedented number of sign-ups by players for the fall season, Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football, the league, has imposed a May 15 registration deadline.

Registration forms will not be accepted after that date. The registration fee is $75 per player.

Registration forms can be obtained by calling Mimi Bonomi in Scituate at 545-7868 or Lynn Previtte in Cohasset at 383-9723.

Practice begins mid-August.

Quincy Hospital announces 9th Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament

Quincy Hospital is holding its ninth annual golf and tennis tournament Monday, May 18, at the Cohasset Golf Club.

The tournament, organized by the Quincy Hospital Health & Education Foundation, enables area corporations, local physicians and hospital employees to show their support for quality healthcare at Quincy Hospital by coming together for an unforgettable day of networking, relaxation and friendly competition.

The Quincy Hospital Health & Education Foundation provides support for advanced medical technologies and services at Quincy Hospital. For more information about sponsorship opportunities and/or participation in the day's activities, call Jean Parker or Maryrose Mirick at (617) 397-5495.

Little League parade rescheduled for May 16

The annual Cohasset Little League parade that was rained out on May 2 has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 16.

The order of events for the day remains the same as all marchers are asked to assemble in the parking lot of the Red Lion Inn between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m.

The parade will march up Main Street to North Main Street on their way to Barnes Field.

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray will throw out the first ball

Summer playground information

The summer playground for the Cohasset Recreation Department will run from Monday, June 29 to Friday, August 14 under the direction of Martha Equi.

Programs will include:

•Pre-school 3-years-old to 5 1/2 in a half-day program to be held Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children must be born between1/1/93 to 3/1/95 to qualify.

•5- to 12-year-old full day program are also available. Five- to 7-year-olds will be at the Osgood School while the 8- to 12-year-old programs will be held at the Deer Hill School.

Registrations are Monday, June 15 to Thursday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to noon and then from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. as well as on Tuesday evening, June 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Fees are as follows: full day 5- to 12-year-olds is $150 for first child ($275 for non-residents). The half day 3- to 5-year-olds are $125 for the first child.

Each additional child is $25 (non-residents only).

There is a mandatory $35 non-refundable activity fee as well which is separate from the regular program and must be paid at registration which will cover most special events as well as a T-shirt.

A separate check for the activity fee will be needed.

Limited enrollment has been set for each program and non-residents are taken on a space available basis.

All children must be toilet trained.

Recreation accepting applications for summer employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for Playground Program Counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Applicants must be 18 years of age by July 1, 1998. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 29 through August 14 plus a one-day orientation during late June.

CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the preschool 3 fi- to five-year-old half-day program and the five- to 12-yhear-old, full day programs.

Should you be interested in applying, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (781) 383-4109 for an application or further information.

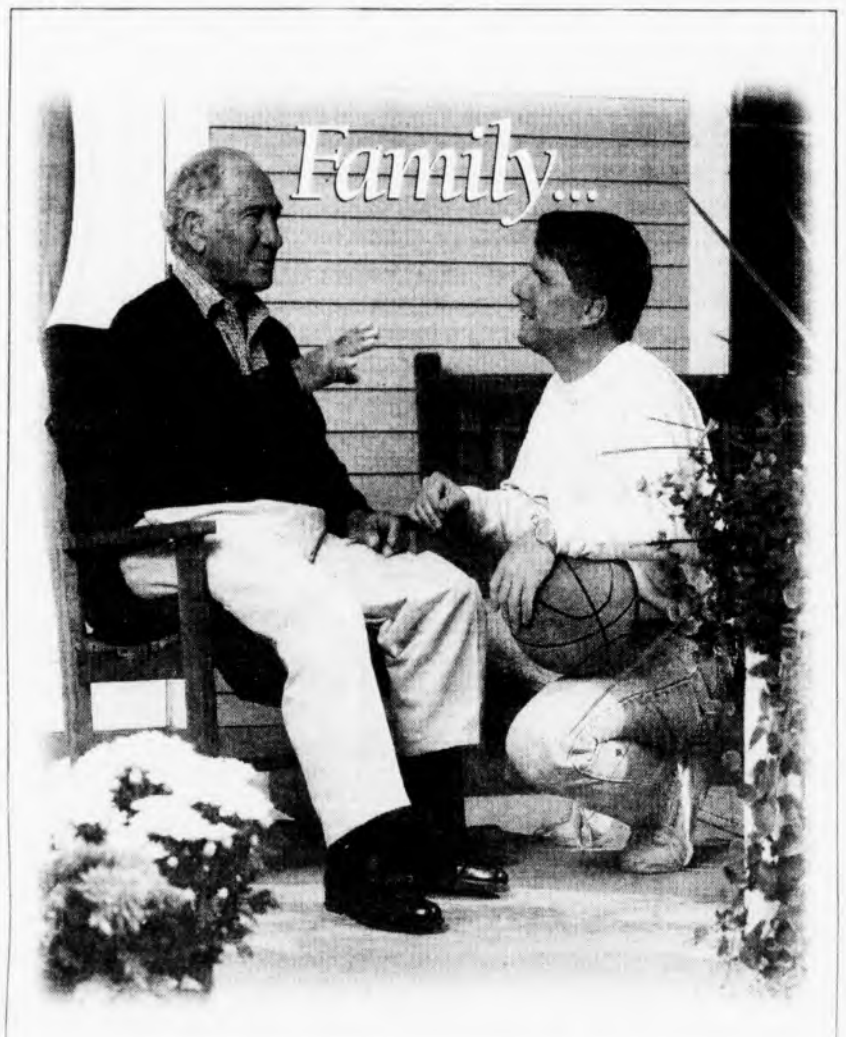
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Charlie Davis earns his place of honor

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because of their carefree nature were some of the top track squads on the South Shore, consistently drawing [illegible]wds more normally associated with football games.

And Davis was just as good in the classroom as he was on the athletic field.

"He just seemed to have a way of connecting with each and every kid," said a former student. "Charlie just knew how to get the best out of everyone in his class."

Principal Collins has some similarly kind words about his fellow Marshfield native.

"We are here today to dedicate this track to an excellent track coach. Not only for his records but also for the example he set and the many years of dedication to the students of Cohasset High School," said Collins. "We are here today to show what we did think, and still think, of Charlie Davis.

"He was a superb and caring teacher as well as a loyal friend and just a wonderful man. We are so proud to know that from this day on this facility will be known as the Charles R. Davis Memorial Track."

"It's only appropriate that we attach Charlie's name to this truly excellent facility," said his longtime friend, CHS teacher James Franey. "He really would have loved spending a couple of years coaching the kids on this track."

In front of all three of his children (Kim Tagg, Brian Davis and Glenn Davis) as well as a handful of other family members, four representatives from the current school track squads braved the rain to run a ceremonial lap around the new facility.

With that completed, a rock was unveiled formally dedicating the Charles R. Davis Memorial Track.

Despite some soggy conditions, as a tribute to the department head and athletic coach former colleagues and students would not let a little rain dampen a time to remember Davis through kind words and some humorous anecdotes.

His close friends Collins and Franey were among those who shared some fond, and often humorous, memories of the departed friend.

More than anyone, Franey and Davis truly do share a history together. Classmates and best friends at Abington High School and the best man at each other's weddings, Franey shared a story about how a little extra motivation once turned Davis into a human highlight film on the football field.

"Neither of us were very good, but after a couple of injuries Charlie actually got to play in a game" against the Green Wave's hated rival Rockland, Franey remembered.

"He got in the game and just tore apart the guy on the other side of the line," said Franey with a laugh. "I have never in my life seen such a ferocious attack that Charlie Davis put on that poor man. He was throwing him all around the field."

When Franey cornered his friend and asked him what had brought on this rush of talent, Davis said the answer was simple. He only wished to impress his girlfriend who was sitting in the stands that evening.

"He truly was motivated that day," he added.

Cohasset school superintendent Stephen Hart commented on the number of Davis' former colleagues and students who made their way back to town to be a part of the ceremonies.

"It certainly says a great deal about the quality of person that Charlie Davis was," observed Hart. "He really would be pleased to see all the work that has been done."

Hart also took a moment to thank Cohasset athletic director. Clark Chatterton for his work in putting together all of the details for the dedication ceremony.

A memorial scholarship fund has been set up in the name of the Marie and Charlie Davis. Money is awarded each year to a student at Marshfield High and another at Cohasset High.

Any donations may be made payable to the Charles and Marie Davis Scholarship Fund, c/o Mr. Peter Deftos, Principal, Marshfield High School, 89 Forest St., Marshfield, 02050.



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Katie Buckley and Linda Holloway sang the National Anthem at ceremonies dedicating the track at Alumni Field for former CHS teacher and coach Charlie Davis.

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To: Friends and Neighbors,
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Teachers, parents and students are eagerly awaiting the 1998 opening of Cohasset's New Elementary School, designed for grades Pre-K through third grade. This innovative school, designed with students in mind, will bring Cohasset's youth into the 21st Century "at the head of the class!"

The new school will be very different from the present Joseph Osgood School. Of course the students will learn the traditional ways with teachers, books...and most recently, computers; but the spaces created for learning have changed. From the beautiful entrance forum area, a large spacious gym and library, to a daylight filled cafeteria which overlooks a hard-top playspace and a proposed custom designed modular play structure.

The New Elementary School was generously funded by a Town of Cohasset bond issue. However, money to complete the playground is still needed. We are asking your help, as a member of the community, to assist us in our fund raising efforts.

All sponsors will receive full recognition on a sponsorship plaque at the playground. To help with your donation, we have set four levels of sponsorship, but **any** and **all** donations are greatly appreciated.

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Our thanks in advance for your support of this very worthwhile project. Please feel free to contact any one of us if you have **any** questions. Be assured that our school will know of your generosity and that the children of Cohasset will appreciate it for years to come.

Sincerely,

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THE FISH STORY



MARK TRASK

Noah, due to a change in the weather I have put the construction of the ark on hold. Please advise if you have a different ides. :) Mark

True to form that blur down Route 3 was Mike Daly. Mike hibernates most of the year in Hingham till he hears the roar of herring leaping the steps of the Bourne fish ladder. He doled over his permit fee and got his fisrt dozen herring of the year. After that it was a career day, every single herring brought in a keeper bass until he ran out. Switching over the lures brought similar luck. Must of had a good school in front of you I commented. Yeah, he smiled, the biggest was a forty incher.

Jeff Peters spent sometime dodging waves at the lighthouse jetty this week. After retreating to the inside jetty he was surprised and pleased to find a keeper amongst the swarms of schoolies. A small Mombo Minnow, an early spring favorite for many, was his lure of choice. Dave Barrow doesn't reveal much about the fishing he is doing except that the keepers are here now. The May monsoon has been putting a crimp in the efforts of many to get out and to get the boats finished for launch.

The channel bell at the mouth of the North River was the destination for another angler seeking anonymity, plenty of cod on the bottom this year was his comment. Other anglers from the Canal report blues to 37 inches mixed in with the stripers traversing the Canal. Hope some of them find their way to this area. Another angler reported slammming the mackerel just inside the H. Buoy. Seems time for them to come crashing in. Break out those diamond jigs and Xmas tree rigs. Time to fill the freezer?

Make time Saturday if you have youngsters twelve and under. The Scituate Rod and Gun Club is hosting its annual Kids Fishing Derby at the pond on the club grounds. Everything is free. If you have a rod and reel bring it with you or pick one up. Hot dogs and soda are provided. Over 300 fish are relaesed in the tiny club pond so it provides excellent odds for the beginning angler. Hooks, bobbers, and bait are provided. Prizes will be provided for the biggest fish and special tagged fish. Participants must be accompanied by and adult. The best spots fill up early in this 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Derby. Bring your camera.

Meanwhile in Norwell, this Saturday the Norwell Recreation Commission will be hosting its Annual Fishing Derby on the waters of Jacob's Pond. Free bobbers, bait and hooks are provided. Call the Norwell Recreation Office for further details.

Catch one that's hard to carry!

WE HAVE CONTACT



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Cohasset youngsters were able to work on the fundementals of baseball at a vacation camp sponsored by the local recreation department and the South Shore Baseball Club.

Adult hockey league needs players

The adult hockey league at the Hobomock Arena in Pembroke and the Pilgrim Arena in Hingham needs teams and individual players for the upcoming season.

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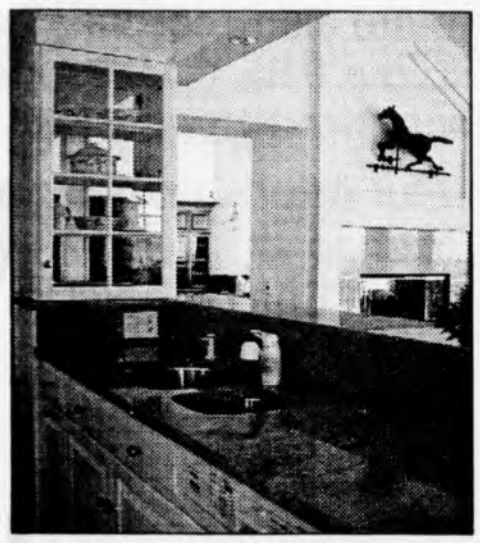
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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK





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Thomas Ross, above, and Jackie Flint, at right, stand by their art work during Deer Hill's student art show, "Favorites 1998" Tuesday. Every student chose a "favorite" piece to exhibit.

Derby Academy summer school starts June 30

Derby Academy announces that its academic summer school is open to all students in grades 2 through 12 and will begin Monday, June 30. Now in its 19th successful year, the program of academic and review courses runs for four weeks through July 25.

All academic summer school courses are taught by qualified and experienced faculty from Derby Academy and other area schools. Each class is limited to 10 students to maximize individual progress. Academic credit for courses may be arranged on an individual basis.

Classes are held in Hingham on the Burditt Avenue campus of Derby Academy. Selections include Study Skills I and II, designed to help students learn and study more effectively and efficiently; Reading and Writing Skills I, II and III, which use high interest material to develop reading skills and comprehension, and practice the clear written expression of ideas; and Math I, II and III, which promote mastery of skills and concepts in a relaxed and supportive environment. A new offering this summer — computer keyboarding and word processing — focuses on two essential skills for today's student.

For program brochure, registration forms or more information, call program director Connie Chapin at 749-0746 or 749-0124.

'Swing into Spring' at PSO book fair

As most of you know, the Spring Book Fair is scheduled for May 12 to 14. What you may not know is that all proceeds from the fair will go to help fund the playground at the New School.

Slide over to the Osgood Library Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Notices will be sent with your child's specified hour. If you have any questions, call 383-6117.

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Dog training classes offered

Reduced-cost dog training classes will be held at the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset. This class boasts a non-force, positive training method, and dog owners from all surrounding communities are invited to attend. A portion of the proceeds benefits the center. The five-week beginners class costs $80. Next classes start June 1. To register or for more information, call (617) 789-3647.

Joshua James Day activities

Joshua James Day will be celebrated, Saturday, May 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hull Lifesaving Museum.

On this special day that honors the father of the Coast Guard and his crew mates, come to the Hull Lifesaving Museum , at 1117 Nantasket Ave., Hull and learn about some of the most thrilling tales of our region's maritime past. Tours of the Station and its exhibits will go on all afternoon, and the Museum Shop will be open throughout the day. We also will present a slide-show about shipwrecks in the harbor and a Breeches Buoy Rescue Reenactment. Come and enjoy the grounds, special events, and unparalleled view of the harbor and Boston Light. Come celebrate our maritime heritage at your maritime museum. Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

The schedule of Joshua James Day activities is as follows: at 8:30 a.m. honoring local heroes, there will be a Graveside Thanksgiving; from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Quartermaster's Day cleanup of the Point Allerton Station will take place; from noon until 5 p.m. the Museum will have an Open House, so come get to know your regional treasure!; at 2 p.m. a slide presentation titled "Tales of Shipwrecks and Survivors" will be shown, and at 3 p.m. there is the Breeches Buoy Rescue Reenactment.

For more information about Joshua James Day, call the Hull Lifesaving Museum at 925-5433.

Pops concert at CHS

The annual Pops Concert will take place in the Cohasset High School cafeteria Wednesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to come and enjoy an evening of fine vocal and instrumental music presented by the students of Cohasset High. Refreshments are included in the $5 cost of admission.

This event is sponsored by the Arts Boosters Club and all the proceeds are used to support the arts at Cohasset High School.

Village Farmers' Market to open

The Cohasset Village Farmers' Market is gearing up for its third season, starting June 4 and running every Thursday through Oct. 15, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. The market will once again take place on Cohasset Common at the corner of South Main Street and Robert E. Jason Road in Cohasset Village.

Vendor space is still available for interested farmers, gardeners, crafters and bakers at $45 for a table space and $75 for a vehicle space. Call the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce at (781) 383-1010 for more information.

The market will once again sponsor different activities for families to enjoy including live folk music, cooking demonstrations, children's face painting, occasional pony rides and much more. Musicians and entertainers looking for free exposure are welcome.

The Cohasset Chamber is a sponsor of the Farmers' Market in its continuing effort to revitalize the Cohasset Village business district. The chamber invites all to the market and enjoy the fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, plants, baked goods, jams and jellies, lobsters, fresh and dried flower bouquets, breads and much more. Set aside enough time to enjoy the music and visit the many shops throughout Cohasset Village and Harbor. If you would like more information, call or write the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, (781) 383-1010, P.O. Box 336, Cohasset, 02025.

Guided tour of Miliken Memorial Path

The Trustees of Reservations has announced that a guided tour of Miliken Memorial Path at Whitney & Thayer Woods Reservation off Route 3A in Cohasset will be held from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Sunday, May 17. The parking area is opposite Sohier Street.

Spend a couple of enjoyable hours with local naturalist Meg Moore as she leads a tour of this woodland garden path. The trail is flanked by native rhododendrons and orchids and is enhanced by an interior garden which was created in the early 1920s by summer resident Mabel Minott Miliken.

Admission to this event is free to all and you are encouraged to bring guests!

Whitney & Thayer Woods Reservation is an 813-acre property located in both Hingham and Cohasset with more than 12 miles of cart paths and foot trails weaving trough a hemlock-pine-hardwood forest with scattered American holly trees. Clusters of azalea and rhododendron bushes bloom in the spring next to the wildflowers and ferns.

Whitney & Thayer Woods sits among a series of drumlins—long rounded hills left by glaciers—including Turkey Hill, Deer Hill and James Hill. Turkey Hill, at 187 feet, is the highest elevation in Cohasset and offers a view of Cohasset Harbor.

For more information, please call Mary Campbell at The Trustees' Southeast Regional office at (781) 821-2977.

Preventing elder abuse

The offices of District Attorneys Jeffery Locke and Michael Sullivan in cooperation with Beverly Healthcare on Cohasset Knoll announce a free senior seminar, entitled "How Not to Become a Victim of Elder Fraud and Scams." This free program is being held at Beverly Healthcare on Cohasset Knoll, Thursday, May 21 at 2 p.m. This program consists of a one-hour presentation with ample time provided for a question and answer session. Immediately following the presentation refreshments

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Mezzo-soprano concert at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday concert series, St. Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., will present Evelyn Czaja, mezzo-soprano, and Elaine Kwon, pianist, in recital Sunday, May 17, at 3 p.m. Works to be performed include those of Bach, Schubert and a specially composed work for this preview performance of a Russian "Ave Maria," by Fredrick Guzasky. Czaja holds degrees from Rosary College and Northeastern Illinois University, and teaches at the People's Music School in Chicago. Dr. Kwon, currently on the faculty of Bridgewater State College, has won many awards of distinction in piano, trains in Korean Zen Sword, and was recently named one of Boston's Most Alluring Women by "Boston Magazine." A free-will offering will be taken, and a reception will follow the program. For information, call (781) 383-1083.

Perennial wish list for community center



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Edvia Yocum admires the perennial border at the South Shore Community Center.

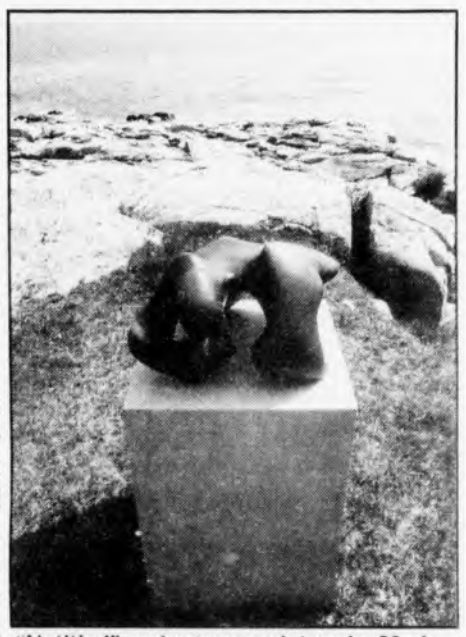
The South Shore Community Center's Friendship Perennial Border, which was begun last year with community donations and volunteer effort, is in bloom and looking lovely! If you haven't done so, take a ride by and see the beautiful plantings which are now in bloom. The Center is seeking further donations of perennials and would gratefully accept any of the following from our "wish list": Purple Coneflower/Enchinacea, both purple and white; Russion Sage; Moonbeam Coreopsis; Foxglove, all varieties; Columbine; Lungwort/Pulmonaria; Wild Geranium, all varieties; Sweet Woodruff flats; Monkshood; Turtlehead, pink and white; Sweet Alyssum flats of white. The Center is very appreciative of all the efforts of those who have contributed to our Friendship Border, and thanks all for their support. Please contact the Center at (781) 383-0088. If you wish to drop off any plants, please call to let the Center know where you will be leaving them or a pickup can be arranged.

Art with a View at Cohasset estates

On Tuesday, May 19, the South Shore Art Center will present a garden tour combining magnificent ocean vistas with sculptural installations and plein air painting. Art with a View is an opportunity to share the inspiration of sculptors and painters on-site at nine secluded Cohasset estates, all with spectacular landscaping and water views.

The tour will begin at the Lightkeeper's Residence overlooking Cohasset Harbor, where refreshments will be served throughout the day and where tickets ordered in advance may be picked up. Shuttle vehicles will be available for those who prefer not to drive their own cars. A boutique offering garden topiaries, gift ensemble baskets and stationery will also be located at the Lightkeeper's Residence.

Art with a View will offer art lovers a rare chance to observe the creation of landscape paintings and to enjoy sculptures installed in private settings of great natural beauty. We have to agree with Henry David Thoreau, who wrote after visiting Cohasset in 1850, "Cohasset Rocks . . . the most perfect seashore that I had seen."



"Untitled" mahogany sculpture by Mark Connolly of Cohasset is one of many works on display during Art with a View.

As a sequel, the South Shore Art Center will host a Fresh Paint Auction Saturday night, June 13, at the Cohasset gallery. This auction will enable collectors to revisit paintings created during "Art with a View" and to make considered decisions in an unhurried and festive atmosphere.

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OBITUARIES

Leo J. Happenny

Leo J. Happenny, 83, of Cohasset, a retired construction engineer for Massport at Logan Airport, died Thursday at Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home.

Mr. Happenny worked 25 years for Massport before his retirement in 1974.

He helped open the Volpe International Airport, more commonly called Logan Airport, and surprised many when he predicted that it would go into service on schedule. Mr. Happenny also helped build the buildings at the revamped airport.

Although he officially retired in 1974, Mr. Happenny loved his job so much he stayed on another two years.

He received many awards and commendations for his work for Massport.

Mr. Happenny was a lifelong resident of Cohasset.

He leaves his wife, Grace M. (Calvi) Happenny and a sister, Kathleen Moriarty of Naples, Fla.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at St. Paul's Church, Hingham. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Hingham.

The Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St., Hingham, handled arrangements.

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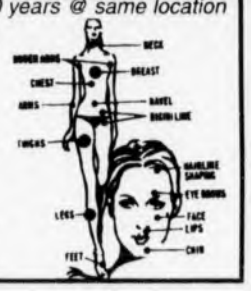
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Tuesday, April 28

7:23 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St., Arrested: Hartford, Michelle, 39 Beechwood St., Cohasset. DOB: 10/23/58. Charges: operating after license or right to operate suspended; improper left-hand turn.

9:09 a.m., MV stop, King St. by Sunrise.

9:58 a.m., suspicious person, Beechwood St.

11:24 a.m., MV stop, CJC by Beechwood St.

1:20 p.m., mental health, Old Coach Road.

2:28 p.m., parking violation, CJC Hwy.

4:43 p.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Beechwood St.

4:57 p.m., disturbance gathering, War Memorial Park.

6:23 p.m., MV stop, King St. by Schofield Road.

7:23 p.m., MV accident, Forest Ave. by Jerusalem Road.

8:08 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

8:34 p.m., general services, N. Main St.

9:03 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

9:50 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Wednesday, April 29

12:42 a.m., suspicious (other), Little Harbor Road.

6:27 a.m., assist citizen, Jerusalem :Lane.

7:18 a.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.

8:44 a.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Pond St.

10:23 a.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

12:09 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St. by Todd Road.

1:28 p.m., suspicious (other), Pond St.

4:10 p.m., assist citizen, Jerusalem Road.

4:27 p.m., general services, Atlantic Ave.

5:05 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., Arrested: Szabo, James A., 6 Mildred St., Hull. DOB: 9/16/57. Charges: operating after suspended license; default warrant (3); operating revoked registration; operating uninsured MV.

6:25 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

8:33 p.m., medical aid, Grace Drive.

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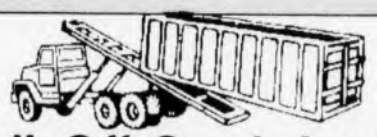
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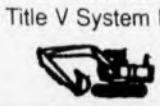


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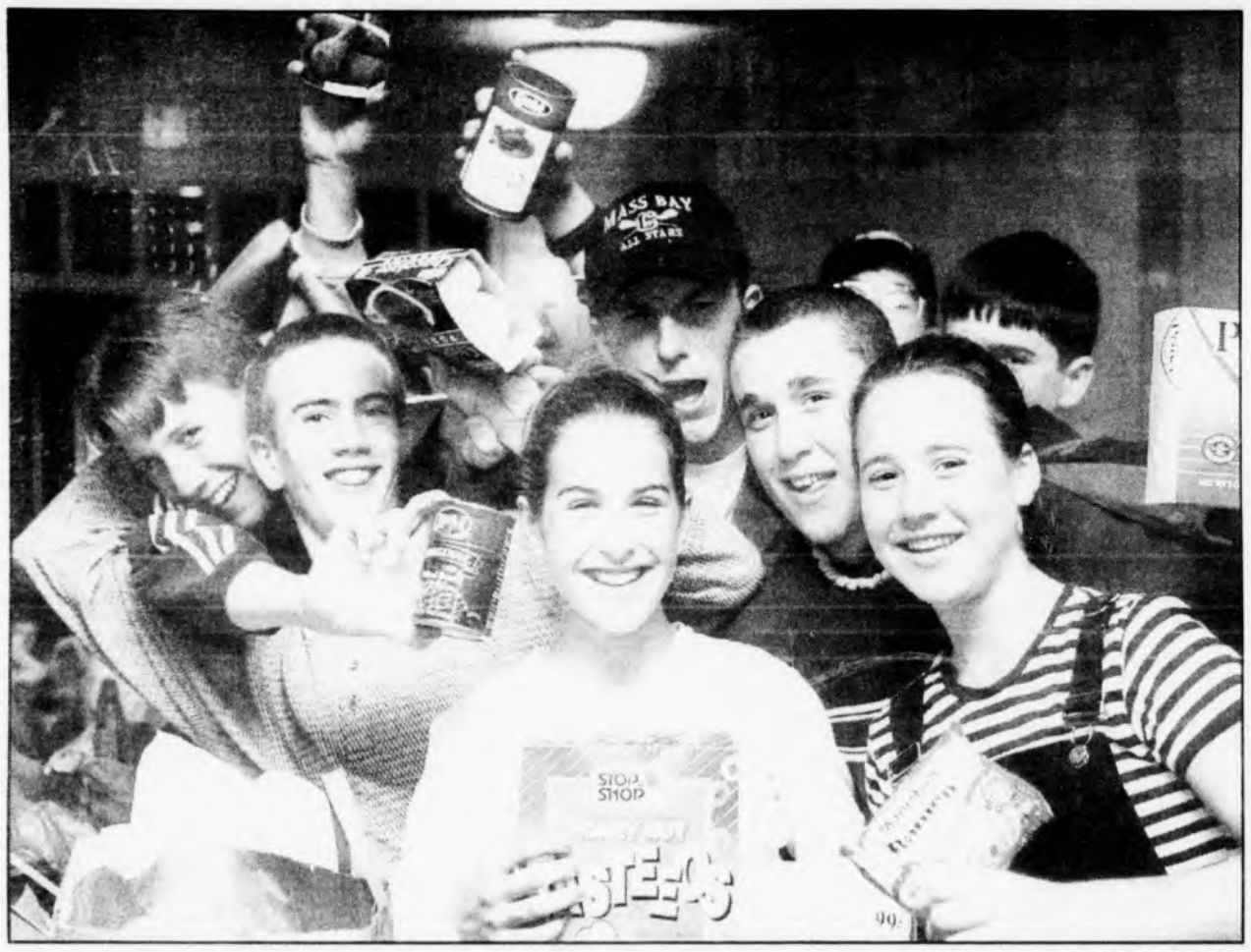
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Enthusiastic volunteers take a break to ham it up for the camera during Saturday's food drive.

Middle school kids pitch in at food drive

The Cohasset Food Pantry, managed by Margie Steele, helped to organize 30 volunteers during the annual food drive, sponsored by the U.S. Postal Service.

Seventh- and eighth-graders volunteered at least an hour of their time, and some, two to three hours, to carry, sort and shelve two tons of dry goods under the direction of Cohasset Food Pantry volunteer Bob Thompson. This is the second year that the middle school students have assisted in this major undertaking, amidst other adult volunteers. Thanks to the following young people for their assistance:

Paul Previte, Joe Niessink, Katie Sylvia, Kendra Topalian, Yasmine Afshar, Molly Flanagan, Kristi Sheerin, Greg Harrington, Jas Moore, Robin Murphy, Gre Smith, Ben Kinch, Peter Maitland, Jay Bertovich, Brian Lewis, Tim Straughn, Kyle Weber, Paul Trendowicz, Jeremy Tedeschi, Peter Kovach, Steven Laney, Greg Donovan, Danny Kinchla, Michael McMillan, Mark Leman, Jack Jerz, Peter Whoriskey, Lee Lenane, D.J. Lanzilotti, Patrick Carbone and Maura O'Brien.

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The Paul Pratt Library will bring Boston to Cohasset in a new exhibit entitled "Painters of Boston with Ros Farbush." The show, which has been arranged through the South Shore Art Center, will be on display from May 10 until July. The featured group of watercolorists meets in the city for a week each summer to paint with renowned Cohasset artist and instructor Ros Farbush, and includes Elizabeth Burke (Hingham), JoAnne Chittick (Cohasset), Patricia McCarthy (Cohasset), Rod Peterson (Malden), Page Railsback (New York City) and Mary Ann Wall (Marshfield).

With a variety of viewpoints and styles — in watercolor, acrylic, and ink and wash, the colorful works depict favorite cityscapes and landmark buildings from Beacon Hill, South Boston, Back Bay and the South End.

The public is invited to attend an opening reception at the library Sunday, May 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Keeping veterans' memories alive

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Tom Wigmore has studied the gravestones of the war dead who hailed from Cohasset. Some bespeak a soldier's life, like the regulation thin white tablets. They are the same size and type used at Arlington National Cemetery where, lined up in row after row, they are the only headstones allowed. Others are family plot markers that show the civilian role of father or son. There are not many headstones of the war dead to read. Only 22 men from all the foreign wars are buried in the town. But their ranks barely

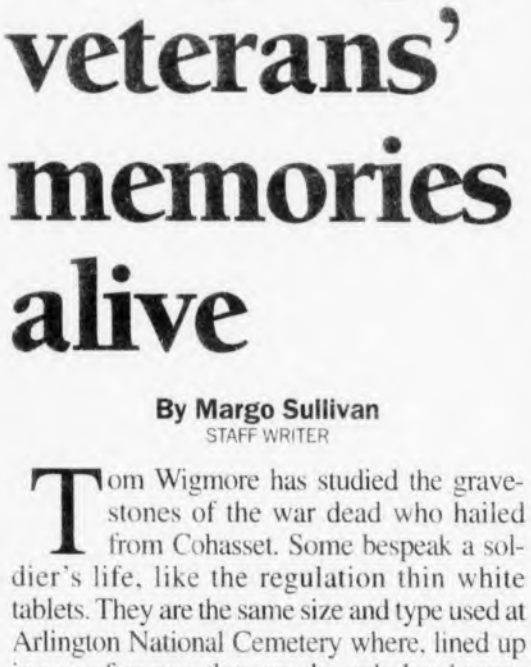
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ART WITH A VIEW



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Marcia Ballou works on her mixed-media collage near the Minot Light Replica on Government Island. For story and more photos, see page 3.



PHOTO/DOUG MCFADD

Jeremy Cundall dreams about the season ahead.

Little League's special day

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

The shiny red fire truck led the procession of youngsters in last Saturday's 46th Annual Opening Day of the Cohasset Youth Baseball League.

Rookies and veteran players alike marched down South Main St. in bright uniforms to their destination at the perfectly manicured Harold F. Barnes Field.

It is a scene state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray knows well. Murray, whose father Nate Hurwitz was one of the founders of the league back in 1952 and husband, Phil Murray, served as president. She said the opening day ceremony is one of her favorite events of the year.

"It's a real special day," said Murray.

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No second opinion for sewer commission

Request for special town counsel nixed

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen said Monday that town hall is not like the doctor's office.

If sewer commissioners disagree with the diagnosis — they can't get a second opinion, the board said.

The sewer commission is smarting over a recent town counsel ruling that the town manager has the authority over construction contracts. The Cohasset Town Manager Act — which gives the town manager broad powers -was enacted last year.

Commissioners disagree with Town Counsel Paul DeRensis' decision that the authority rests with the town manager and not with them, and asked selectmen for access to special town counsel to investigate further.

What's at stake is the power the sewer commission has over sewer contracts — a role the sewer commission, an elected board, sees as key to its existence as the town gets ready to embark on $20 million in sewer projects.

This week selectmen slammed the door on the commission's request for special town counsel.

"It's (authority issue) been resolved, but just not to your satisfaction," Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said.

But Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild said commissioners only seek the means to launch a challenge.

"Without arms, we can't do battle," he said. "We don't agree with it (ruling). So in the name of equity and good will, give us this opportunity."

Guild said he talked to two attorneys with town counsel experience who disagree with

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Liquor license proposal gets another round

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The Mobil gas station at Sohier Street and Route 3A could soon be selling beer and wine, if selectmen agree to award it a liquor license.

But it's a big if, selectmen said this week.

They were cool to the proposal presented by owner Paul Vercollone because the police chief is against granting the license.

Attorney Richard A. Henderson, representing Vercollone, said it is a franchising concept and Mobil is interested in providing consistency of service. The Cohasset site would be part of a test market, he said. The alcohol, which would be housed in a cooler and on an island, would be concealed on Sundays and during hours when selling liquor is prohibited.

But Selectman Nan Roth pointed out that within a short distance, there is a package store in Cohasset Plaza to the south and just to the north, Joe's Market also sells beer and wine.

"It's a duplication of services in the same neighborhood, I don't see the need in 1/2 mile stretch," she said.

Roth also said in her mind, the quick convenience aspect was disturbing.

"Somehow it seems more encouraging of drinking and driving — to drive in, get your beer and leave," she said.

Vercollone explained the store is not looking to compete with package stores. He said the concept is to provide the alcohol for purely for the convenience of the customer.

"We're not looking for the customer who is having a party and wants a couple of cases," he said.

Vercollone said the store sells ice cream and aspirin but isn't in competition with drug stores or ice cream shops.

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Local haz-mat center dumped

The town dump won't be the site of a permanent collection center for household hazardous wastes after all.

Selectmen learned Monday the town's insurance carrier Great American is unwilling to assume the liability for the exposure.

Therefore, based on this information selectmen rescinded their approval as the host community for the proposed South Shore Regional Refuse Household Hazardous Waste Storage Facility.

Selectmen's approval, granted at their May 4 meeting, was contingent on an OK from town counsel and on assurances having the center would not increase the town's liability insurance payments.

Ambulance billing update

The town billed for 34 ambulance transports last month for a total of $12,981.14. During the same period, $9,465.85 was collected. So far this fiscal year, which ends June 30, the town has billed for $111,664.29 and collected $94,778.07 for ambulance transports. Amounts collected can apply to bills due from prior fiscal years.

Lamberts Lane bus turnaround update

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the Cohasset Golf Club cannot grant the size easement required for a regular-sized school bus to turnaround at the end of Lamberts Lane because it is relocating the driving range to that area and needs the land.

"A 100-foot turnaround is needed," Haddad told selectmen.

At the request of concerned parents, the school department voted May 7 to start school bus service on the private way in September contingent on a turnaround being constructed. Schoolchildren previously had to walk down the narrow road with twists and turns to the bus stop on Route 228.

Haddad said there are no laws against the bus backing up but said Police Chief Brian Noonan is against it because it would set a bad precedent.

Selectman Merle Brown explained before the bus can back up, the driver must get out and walk to the rear of the bus to make sure there is nothing behind it.

But Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said despite the obstacles, having the bus backing up is worth pursuing.

"Backing up may not be safe, but it may be preferable (to having children walk along the road)," she said.

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Thurs. 21	7:37	10.2	1:27	8:11	10.6	1:55
Fri. 22	8:38	10.4	2:28	9:07	11.1	2:52
Sat. 23	9:37	10.6	3:26	10:01	11.6	3:47
Sun. 24	10:34	10.8	4:22	10:54	12.0	4:40
Mon. 25	11:29	10.9	5:16	11:45	12.2	5:32
Tues. 26	——	——	6:09	12:23	10.9	6:23
Wed. 27	12:36	12.2	7:00	1:15	10.7	7:13
Thurs. 28	1:27	11.9	7:51	2:07	10.5	8:04

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Sewer commission invited to forum

Lisa Bumstead, a spokeswoman for Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions (CEES), presented selectmen Monday with copies of a May 18 letter inviting sewer commissioners to the group's May 27 sewer symposium at the high school auditorium.

Bumstead said she was out of town last week when it was reported the sewer commission was not asked to sit on the panel, which includes representatives from the capital budget committee and health board.

In the May 14 Cohasset Mariner, Nancy Herlin of CEES, said the town had heard a lot from the sewer commission and that they could attend the forum as members of the audience but would not be on the panel.

CEES planned to discuss the invitation at the sewer commission meeting yesterday after the Mariner went to press.

Bumstead stressed the symposium is not a rallying cry to sewer the entire town but will strictly be an information session.

The sewer commission is planning a "state of the sewer" forum at 7:30 p.m., June 4 at town hall.

Cook is full ConCom member

Selectmen learned Monday that Deborah Cook, 281 King St., has been made a full member of the Conservation Commission. The vacancy was created when Tom Callahan, a commission member, was elected to the board of selectmen. Cook had been serving as an associate member of the commission.

Hillman is congratulated

Selectmen congratulated Robert Hillman, 21 Norfolk Road, Monday on his being made a partner at the Boston law firm Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis Holland & Drachman.

Hillman stepped down recently as chairman of the town's Cable Advisory Committee because his continuing to serve would be a conflict of interest, selectmen said.. Deutsch Williams is the firm serving as town counsel.

Selectmen thanked Hillman for his service and asked anyone interested in serving on the cable committee to contact Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105.

Right of way blocked off

In a 4-1 vote, selectmen agreed Monday to block off access to the railroad right-of-way at Smith Place.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the right-of-way is being used by delivery trucks and as a driveway. He said no trespassing signs were being ignored.

Saying she wanted the matter looked into more, Selectman Diane Sullivan voted against blocking the right-of-way off. She said residents who abut the right-of-way use it to haul leaves out of their backyards.

Haddad said the would find "the best way" to block it off.

Selectman Merle Brown said the Beechwood Street access to the right-of-way is blocked off with a load of sand.

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Blending art with nature

By Mary Kate Shea
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset's natural beauty is grounded in rocky shores, intimate harbors, and enclaves of sky piercing pine. Human interpretation of this multifarious landscape channels into individual expression using different mediums.

Combining nature and artistic talent proved a harmonious palette for the South Shore Art Center's first "Art With A View" program held May 19. The fund-raiser, on location at nine ocean or garden view estates, drew several hundred guests, showcased 40 artists painting "en plein air" and unveiled the masterful work of 22 sculptors.

"There are so many beautiful vistas in the town and to see the art coupled with this natural beauty is spectacular."
Suzan Regate, Art Center president

"Art doesn't always have to be within the Art Center's walls," explained SSAC president Suzan Redgate, as she greeted visitors to the grounds of Mary Haggerty's Sandy Beach home. "It's nice to move art out into the community. At the center we have two-dimensional work, painting and photography, but sculpture in its massiveness needs a large space. We also wanted to engage the sculptors in the community."

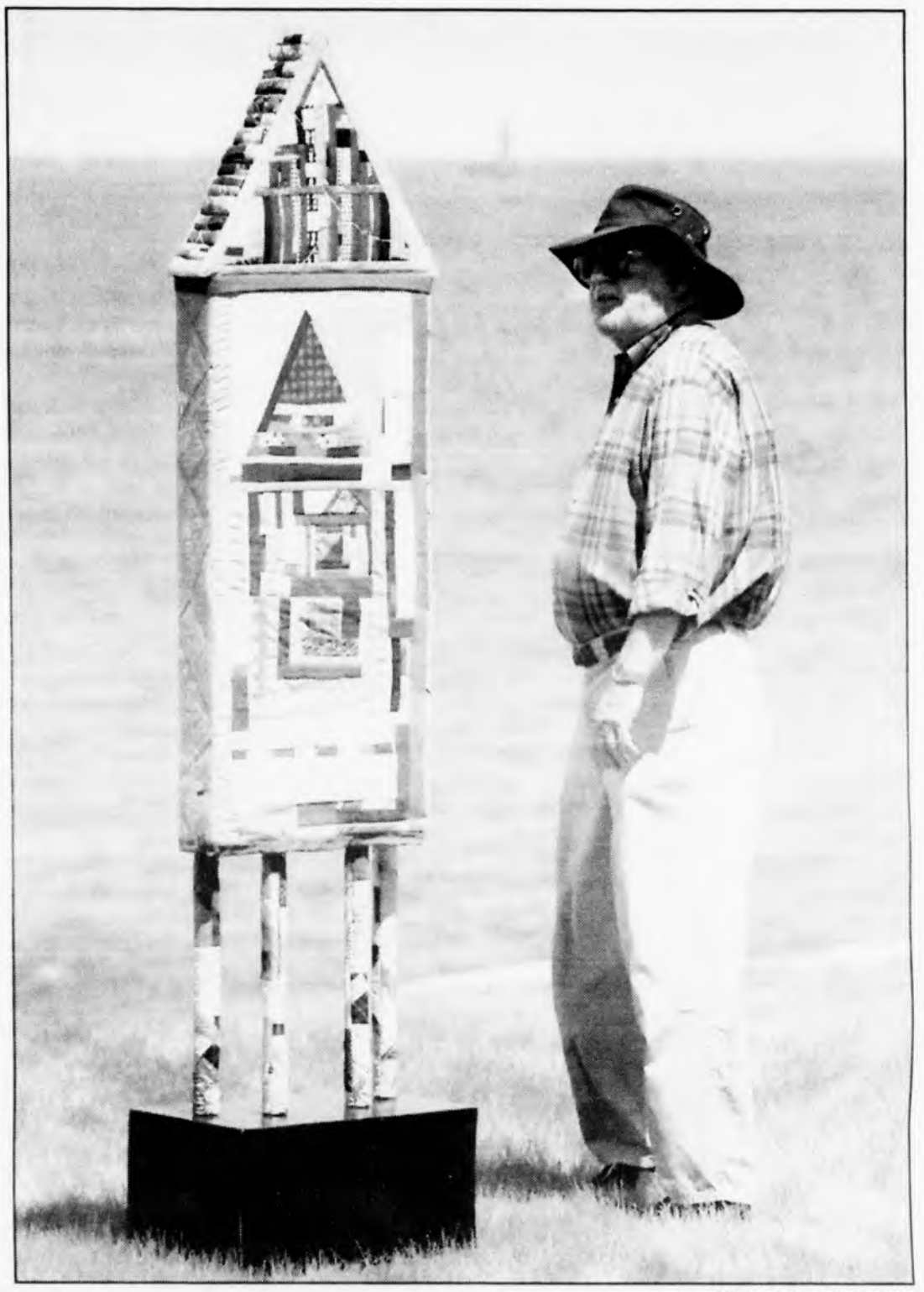
Looking seaward at calm, sun dappled waves, Redgate added, "There are so many beautiful vistas in the town and to see the art coupled with this natural beauty is spectacular." She pointed guests to "Daphne," a life-size figure by Tara Law Campbell hiding in windswept pines and gazing out to sea. A pine cone wreath circled her head and a branched arm encompassed a bird's nest. The mixed media sculpture was so compelling, Cohasset graphic designer Nancy Garrison chose a photograph of the piece for "Art With A View's" logo.

At the Lightkeepers' Residence overlooking Cohasset Harbor, artists set up easels and squeezed paint onto palettes. Guests enjoyed refreshments and perused a boutique and garden topiaries. SSAC chairperson of special events, Patsy Rabstejnek, busy with ticket sales, said the tour was a sharing of the abundant artistic talent in the area and said proceeds will support educational and cultural programs at the center.

Additional highlights on the tour included the formal Victorian gardens of a Summer Street residence where teacher and artist Patti Gray of Norwell stroked oil on a panel beside peonies and lilac. "There are 100 possibilities in this garden," Gray enthused. "A lot of "plein air" artists work on location and it's fun seeing the artist's interpretation. This is a double pleasure; you see the garden visually and then in the painting."

Admiring Gray's work, guests Aldona Kasper and Ruth Clark from Scituate and Joan McCarthy from Plymouth soaked in the ambiance. "If I had a chair I would sit here the rest of the day and enjoy," McCarthy said. The trio, on a birthday outing, also discovered an innovative sea glass mosaic by Anne Wessman, which sparked a conversation on just what to do with all that sea glass they had at home.

Adding to the treasures littered in unexpected places, a vibrant steel figure by Scituate's Esther Maschio danced into a meadow garden enticing visitors to follow; and plaster heads, created by Lisa Osborn, leaned into granite crevices and rested in flower beds.



STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Dan Donovan admires Nancy Connolly's "Unborn Child" sculpture with Minot Light in the background.

On Margin Street at "The Oaks," Scituate artist and Guild of Boston Artists member Sergio Roffo captured a blooming wisteria arbor in oil as Easton sculptor Ken Taylor incorporated an antique hand-forged axle from a horse-drawn wagon with a discarded bulldozer sprocket to create an American version of a Japanese Tori gate. "I see this piece as a ceremonial focal point, central to the faith of some ancient civilization," Taylor said. "I see this work as a universal statement of our need for symbols of permanence and rationale in a chaotic world."

In an unobtrusive corner, a central figure in the founding of the SSAC in 1954, Tom Lucas of Cohasset sketched the formal gardens with quick and accurate strokes. He said he continues to be passionate about art, "because it's the way of life."

On Atlantic Avenue, with a sweeping view of Massachusetts Bay, a shingled three-story boathouse with detached home, designed by architect Julius A. Schweinfurth in the early 1990s, set the scene for sculptures by Mark Connolly Sr. of Cohasset, Ellen Gibson, Ray Sauer and Renee Marcon.

SSAC botanical drawing and painting teacher Sarah Roche of Cohasset brought her Thursday art class, "The Closet Group," along for their second public appearance as "plein air" artists. Tina Watson, Monica McKenney, Gitte Shea, Chris Sida and Susan Cameron, all residents of Cohasset, shared their artistic interpretations with strolling guests.

Further along the coast on a welcoming embankment off Jerusalem Road, Hingham artist Betty Burke landed a coveted spot painting 'the pink house.' The luminous sunlight splaying the home was rendered on canvas by Burke with bold strokes in bright Caribbean hues.

Overlooking Little Harbor, two of the 90 SSAC hosts and hostesses, Don and Vicki Larkin of Scituate, gave tours of Claffy Williams' studio. Don, a retired Weymouth high school art teacher for 30 years, now takes mono print classes at the center. "I now practice

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Doris Flowers paints a seascape from her perch on Jerusalem Road.



Mimi Maich studies "Daphne," a sculpture made of all organic materials.

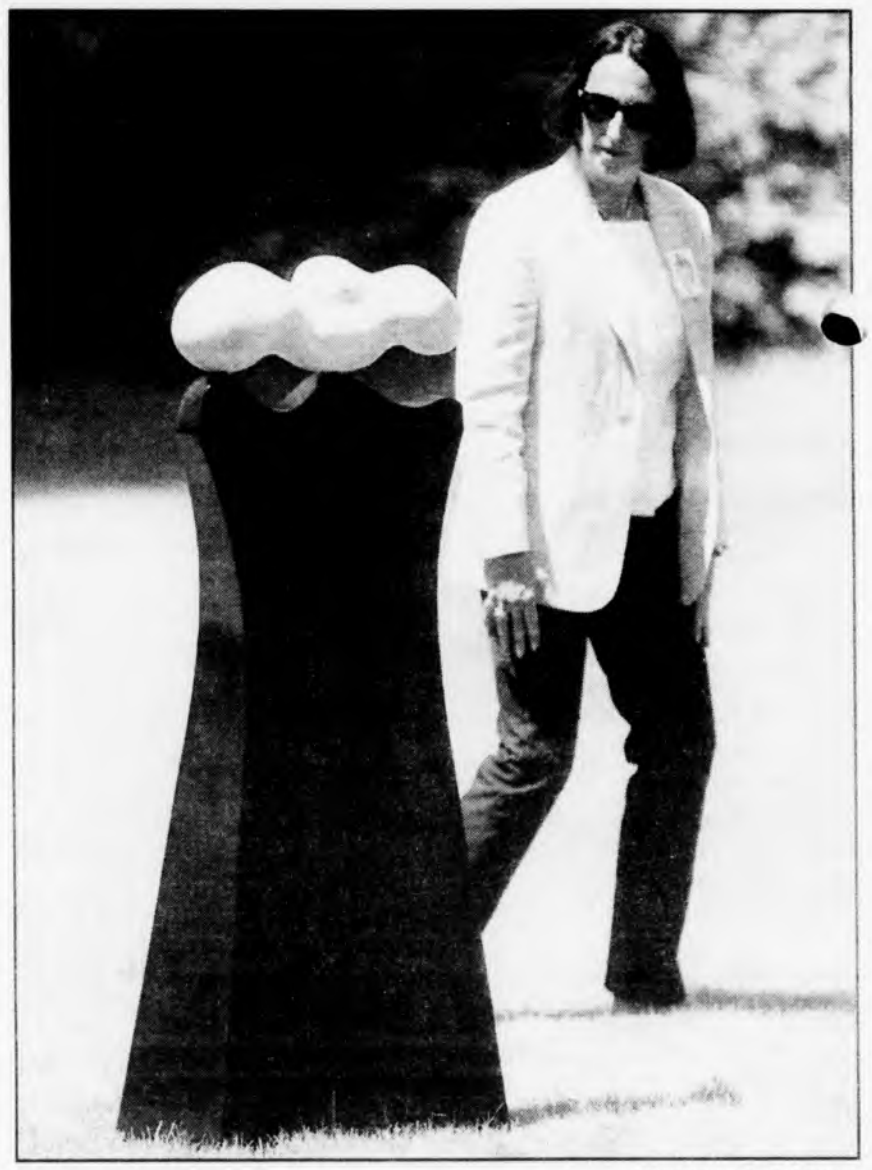
Cohasset is backdrop for local artists

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what I taught," he said with a laugh. On the grounds, Sculptor Anne Alexander created innovative botanical pieces with birch and applewood and sculptor Janet Hansen presented an interactive screen piece that upon entering rendered a panoramic view.

Tucked away on a Little Harbor peninsula, an estate with rhododendrons, azaleas and double poppies in full bloom, had a mixed media figure with attached telescope in a gazebo by Christopher Hidell. Marshfield artist Joreen Benbenek, working on site said, "I'm capturing the wisteria because it's ready made for the artist, and I like the sun flickering on the gazebo with the tree arching over." Benbenek's style is impressionistic realism and she has studied with marine artist Michael Keane of Hanover. She is also a Copley Master. In front of the home, a spraying copper pipe fountain by Phyllis Ewen, enlivened an aquatic garden swimming with goldfish.

Concluding the tour, guests wandered the grounds of a Beach Street New England farmhouse built in 1825 by Nichols Tower, a master ship builder. The impressionist acrylic painting of Ros Farbush and the detailed, subtle watercolor of Rockland's Becky Halethy depicted different views. Under a grove of towering Norwegian spruce, a gathering of mixed media "Laughing and Standing Crones," by Pam Golden, put the finishing touch on the perfect blend of art and nature.



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Patience Towle circles Michael T. McNabb's sculpture displayed on Beach Street.

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Evolution of Lobster Lab about to begin at Hagerty site

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The steady pound of hammers and the whine of saws are going to break the silence inside the vacant Hagerty House over the next month. Kevin Ulmer said Wednesday he plans new repairs to make the harbor front house "weather-tight" before the former furniture showroom at 38 Parker Ave. begins its evolution into a Lobster Learning Lab. The process is likely to go slowly. New foundations and shell will positively have to wait until money can be raised. But the architects have orders to draw new plans and apply for permits. Some demolition work inside the house is also probably not far off.

"We finally, after three years, have the lease we need to go forward with the project," Ulmer said Wednesday.

It came almost like an anti-climax last month when the selectmen finally inked the lease for the Lobster Learning Lab. The agreement ended a tangle with the selectmen that lasted three years. Now he is ready to put the controversy in the past.

"It was one of those things," he said. "A long slow uphill battle the whole way. I wish we used the past two and a half years on the building program instead of fighting. But that's behind us."

Against the selectmen's opinion, Ulmer, a scientist and a member of the health board, spearheaded the campaign to turn the house into a marine biology learning and research center. The small white building had been neglected over the years, and the selectmen hoped to tear it down to make room for a boat launch. Ulmer vowed to wage his battle to save Hagerty House until the wrecking ball dropped. Ultimately, Town Meeting nixed the selectmen and adopted his idea for a science center.

The Lightkeepers have about $30,000 in an escrow account for the lab. The money is to be turned over to the Cohasset Lobster Lab, Inc. The new corporation, with Kevin Ulmer as the chief, is still forming. Once the Internal Revenue Service approves its non-profit status, the board can go after contributions and grants that will be used primarily for construction.

Ulmer said now that the lease has been inked, the three previously named to the Board of Scientific Overseers have climbed back on board. They are:

- Nobel laureate in medicine Dr. Richard Roberts of Beverly, Mass.;
- Lawrence "Jake" Peirson, the retired associate dean of the joint oceanographic program at Woods Hole and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and
- Dr. Eric Lander, the director of MIT's Whitehead Institute for Human Genome Research.

"They're all still enthusiastic," he said. "People are coming out of the woodwork with offers of help." He expects to add more members to the board by tapping into the pool of local experts.

Ulmer's next steps will be to clear up the organization of the Lobster Learning Lab. The Lightkeepers have about $30,000 in an escrow account for the lab. The money is to be turned over to the Cohasset Lobster Lab, Inc. The new corporation, with Ulmer as the chief, is still forming. Once the Internal Revenue Service approves its non-profit status, the board can go after contributions and grants that will be used primarily for construction.

Previously, Ulmer was insistent he needed a 10-year lease to launch a serious fundraising drive. The selectmen offered a two-year lease, renewable up to 10 years. They compromised on a 10-year term when Ulmer agreed to reserve space for public bathrooms "as soon as it becomes feasible."

Dormitzer to write town history

Wigmore Pierson, chairman of the Cohasset Committee on Town History, today announced the selection of Jacqueline Dormitzer, 334 South Main St., to write the third volume of Cohasset's Town History. The book will cover the years 1950 to 2000.

Dormitzer holds a BA in French from Wellesley College where she graduated with Honors as a Wellesley College Scholar.

She has edited many college textbooks and trade books, principally for Harvard University Press and Addison-Wesley.

"She brings excellent research skills, a commitment to the facts, recognized writing talents, and a love of Cohasset —"
Wigmore Pierson

Her current volunteer activities in Cohasset include membership on the Village Revitalization Task Force Committee and the Town By-Law Committee. In the past, Dormitzer has served in various capacities on the Village Renaissance Committee, South Shore Art Center, Advisory Committee and Friends of the Cohasset Library.

In announcing Dormitzer's selection, Pierson said, "After an in-depth and extensive search process, members of the Town History Committee are extremely pleased and delighted to announce Jackie's appointment as the author of the third volume of our town history.

"She brings excellent research skills, a commitment to the facts, recognized writing talents, and a love of Cohasset — all of which promises a fast-paced and readable narrative. We are guaranteed a blockbuster best-seller in Cohasset," Pierson added.

Dormitzer is married with two sons and has lived in Cohasset since 1967.

CEES sewer symposium slated

On Wednesday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m., in the Cohasset High School auditorium, CEES is sponsoring an informational meeting on various aspects of sewering. All Cohasset citizens are invited. The panel of invited speakers includes representatives of town boards including the Selectmen, Board of Health, Sewer Commission, Water Commission and Capital Budget Committee. In addition, attendees will hear from Sen. Robert Hedlund; state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray; DEP New England Region Water Pollution control manager David Ferris; hydrogeologist and BC Professor Peter Dillon; Camp, Dresser and McKee Sr. VP Tom Morgan, who is responsible for Hingham and Kingston sewer projects. The goal of the meeting is the presentation of information, so all Cohasset citizens can gain a better understanding of the options available to Cohasset, CEES said. Babysitting will be provided in the Audio-Visual Room at the high school. Call 383-1463 to reserve babysitting.

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Keeping veterans' memories alive

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suggest the magnitude of their sacrifice.

"They were just kids," he said. "They were 20 years old" when they laid down their lives for their country. In a Memorial Day tradition, 500 flags were planted this week inside Woodside Cemetery. And similar commemorative flags mark the veterans' graves at all the Cohasset burial grounds. Ralph Perroncello and Edward Brennock are the men who lay the flags by the gravesides at the other cemeteries. Perroncello and Brennock are old soldiers themselves. But Wigmore, the man who placed the colors by 500 plots in Woodside, has never himself served in the armed forces. Yet for the past 20 years, first beside his father Steve and then with a few helpers, he has kept alive the memories of the soldiers who preserved the freedoms Americans today enjoy.

"This is my town. It's paying respect to the people who served the country."
Tom Wigmore

Wednesday morning, while birds chirped and the spring wind ruffled the little flags, he pointed out the graves of the veterans he knew personally. The Boston fire chief who answered the call when the Vendome Hotel burned down is remembered with a flag. Wigmore plants flowers beside another headstone for a former Legion commander. The man has no relatives in Cohasset, and there is no one left to decorate his grave except Wigmore.

"They're all my favorites," he shrugged. "It's pretty bad when you walk into Woodside now. You know everybody there. I remember them at the Post. Now you go up and put the flags on their graves. It reminds you how old you are getting to be." Wigmore said he owes the men who went to war. Honoring their memory is a way to show he appreciates their sacrifice.

"This is my town," he said. "It's paying respect to the people who served the country."

Wigmore, now the commander of the Sons of the American Legion, volunteers with the Veterans Administration in Brockton. He revived the local charter for the Sons and is now a candidate for the National Executive Committee. He typifies the commitment of Cohasset families to the armed services, according to veterans' agent Noel Ripley.

"We have one generation that has not seen any military service," he said. "But the Memorial Day parade and the ceremonies are part of the old provincial Cohasset. A lot of people through the generations here have made a lot of sacrifices.

"People should not take that terribly lightly."

Ripley said the parade should be a solemn occasion, a theme Veterans of Foreign Wars commander Ralph Perroncello also sounded.

"It's a somber day here. It's a very somber day. People should realize it's supposed to be a somber day, not a day like you would have a regular parade with clowns and balloons. Memorial Day was formed during the Civil War. It exists to honor the dead of the nation," he said.



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Tom Wigmore places a flag at a veteran's grave at Woodside Cemetery.

The Memorial Day Parade

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Steve Wigmore, commander of the American Legion.

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Ceremonies by the flagpole at the Hull Street Honor Roll.

More ceremonies at the POW Memorial in the village.

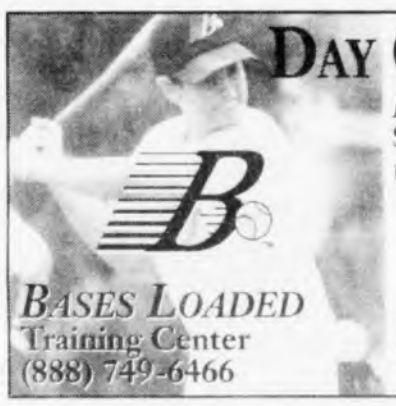
Final ceremony and raising of the American flag at the War Memorial at the cove.

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Green Gate cemetery at the end of Jerusalem Road. The march continues to the Hull Street Honor

Roll and then to Woodside Cemetery.

9:30 a.m.-Noon: The parade leaves Woodside ceremony and travels by bus to Beechwood Cemetery. Marchers regroup at the Music Circus on Sohier Street where they are joined by the Boy Scouts, the school bands and the other troops. At 10:30 a.m., the march continues on foot to Cohasset Central Cemetery then travels down North Main Street to the World War I Memorial on the Town Common. The POW Memorial at Depot Court is the next destination. Finally, the parade winds down Elm Street to the War Memorial at the Cove.



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Edelman named executive publisher

Robert Edelman has been named executive publisher of Community Newspaper Company's South publishing group, which includes newspapers and Pennysavers on the South Shore and Cape Cod.

The appointment was made last week by Kirk Davis, president of Community Newspaper Company.

Edelman has spent the last three years working for Thomson Newspapers as vice president of sales and marketing for a group of daily and weekly newspapers and several niche products that comprise Thomson's Pennsylvania-Ohio strategic marketing group. Among his duties were responsibility for niche product development and sales training. While there, he successfully launched a new community weekly newspaper along with other niche products.

"Bob is an accomplished publishing executive who has a proven track record in sales management, business planning, marketing and building strong teams," Davis said in announcing the appointment.

"I am excited about the opportunity to return to the Boston area and in particular with Community Newspaper Company's South division newspapers and shoppers. Our weekly community newspapers and shoppers on the South Shore and Cape Cod present readers and advertisers with the best local news, events, features and shopping values," Edelman said. "Our philosophy will be to place a premium on being customer driven as we play an integral part in the communities on the South Shore and Cape Cod."

The Boston College graduate began his publishing career with Harte-Hanks Communications in Brea, Calif., after having spent 10 years in sales management at Johnson & Johnson. From 1986 to 1988, he served as director of sales for major and national accounts for the Harte-Hanks PennySaver group. In 1988, he was promoted to general sales manager and oversaw three major markets where his revenue responsibilities grew. He was named regional vice president of PennySaver operations in 1992.

Edelman joined Pennysaver Publications of Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh in 1992 as vice president and general manager. During that tenure, his company's circulation grew, he restructured outside display and telemarketing advertising operations and launched numerous new products to build on the company's annual sales.

He is a participant in a number of professional management training programs and earned his bachelor's degree in computer science/marketing from BC. He has been active in many trade organizations, including Suburban Newspapers of America, Association of Free Community Newspapers and Newspaper Association of America's New Media Federation.



Robert Edelman

Edelman and his wife, Jane, and their two children, Meghan, 12, and Caitlin, 10, will be relocating to the South Shore from Ohio. He began his new duties on Monday and will be based out of the company's Marshfield site.

Mammography screening is June 6

Although many of the recent reports on mammography have been confusing, the fact is that one women in eight is at risk of breast cancer in her lifetime! The two major risk factors for breast cancer are being female and getting older. Although there is not much you can do to change either risk factor, there is good news!

There will be a Mammography Screening on Saturday, June 6

The Cohasset Social Service League is sponsoring the Mobile Diagnostic Services, Inc. (MDSI) mobile mammography service. Appointments are necessary and can be scheduled by calling the Cohasset Social Service League at (781)383-0711. The mammograms are performed by fully licensed female mammography technologists in a comfortable, private mobile coach. The films are read by board certified radiologists and results are provided to each woman as well as the physician of her choice.

When used in conjunction with the following total breast health plan, mammography is the most reliable method we have now for early detection of breast cancer. There are proven methods for detecting breast cancer early, before it has spread, while it is still treatable. Here is vital information you should know to save a life-your own or a loved one's the three step program to breast health is simple:

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- Have a clinical breast exam by your health care professional annually;
- Have a mammogram every year over the age of 40.

Mobile Diagnostic Services, Inc. ACR Accredited, FDA Certified and Massachusetts mobile mammography service, is a not-for-profit corporation with a history of serving women in Massachusetts for over nine years. Mammography is their only business. Because cost and accessibility are cited as major factors discouraging women from having mammography, MDSI provides low-cost mammography on a mobile unit, bringing this life-saving 30 minute examination to women at work sites, health centers and community locations.

Insurance can often cover the cost of a mammogram, and MDSI can bill your insurance company directly, or you may pay on the day of the exam and obtain a receipt for insurance reimbursement. Medicare covers their portion of a mammogram examination every two years. Deductible and co-pay may apply, so you should call Medicare at (800) 882-1228 to check your individual status.

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AROUND TOWN

IN RECIPE BOOK

"Lights, Camera, Kitchen!" will be offered for sale during this year's Channel 2 Auction, and **Stacey Weaver's** recipe will be included! This book has more than 250 recipes from WGBH supporters, volunteers and fans, and will be for sale during this year's auction (5/29 to 6/6). This cookbook features recipes by celebrities, area restaurants and family favorites, and Stacey's recipe is among them — what a thrill, to be able to see your favorite recipe in print, and to help Channel 2 raise $$$!

HONOR ROLL AT BC HIGH

Boston College High School named its students to the third term honor roll and we congratulate the following: **John R. Crowley-Buck, Evan M. McCaffrey, Jason S. McCaffrey, Robert C. Morgan** and **Benjamin T. Smoot.**

GROTON SCHOOL STANDOUT

And, we take our hats off to **Corinna Noering**, who made the honor list at the Groton School for the term ending in March of 1998. Corinna is the daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Richard Noering**, and you know that they are very proud of her!

That's the news for this week, keep yours coming!

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

The Cohasset Youth Baseball Association is selling raffle tickets for a trip to Disney World for a family of four! The trip includes round-trip airfare, accommodations within the park and unlimited passes! The second prize is also a super one, it is a weekend for two at **Jared Coffin House** on Nantucket; third prize is $100. The tickets are selling for $25 each, and a book of four is $100. Tickets may be purchased by calling **Ginger Byrne** (2706), **Kathy Horigan** (6690), **Chris Straughn; Jody Caron** (9705), **Marie Kelly, Bob Moody** (0385), or any member of the Board of Directors or team coaches. The drawing will be held June 18 — Good luck!

HONORABLE MENTION

Katie Ridge, Class of 1994, received honorable mention for her Senior thesis "Burnout in the Field of Social Work." She receives her B.A. from Providence College May 17.

CULINARY INSTITUTE

Patrick Ridge, Class of 1998, has been accepted in the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York! Best of luck to you, Pat, hopefully you can send me a recipe or two to print.

HONORS AT NDA

Notre Dame Academy has released its honors list, and we in Cohasset have lots of students to be proud of: **Allison Berg,** Principals List (3.9 or better); **Stephanie Canton, Emily Coyne** and **Kristen Devine** (all worked to earn Honors); and **Taylor Strecker** (second Honors). Congrats to all of you!

RAVE REVIEW

The reviews are in, and "Congo Capers '98" really wowed 'em! **JoJo Fichtner** really knows how to get the best out of everyone, they had us (the audience) all wanting to get right up there and dance and sing along with them! The dancers were awesome, the male chorus great, **Barbara Baumgarten** and **Lisa Pratt** have beautiful voices, **Bob Leavitt's** voice sends chills up and down, it is so wonderful; **Judy** and **Gary Ritts** (they really do go together) — the list goes on! **Vince Longo** was spotted in the crowd; as you know, he is the producer at the South Shore Music Circus and the Cape Cod Melody Tent — perhaps he could use this talented cast in an opening act — anyway, hats off to all of you for a superb job, here's another standing ovation for you!

NEW BAND DEBUTS

Speaking of talent, did you know that two Cohasset gents have formed their own band? It is called the Flying Squirrel. They, along with **Tom Kinnear** and **Tom Nickerson** from Hull, will be appearing at the C Note in Hull tonight (Thursday, May 21), and from all reports you will love them! They have a wide range of tunes you will enjoy, and they write their own songs as well. Go and hear them!

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Hats off to **Stephen Kovach**, son of **George** and **Joan Kovach** of Cohasset. He attained John Brewster Scholar recognition for the third trimester. John Brewster Scholar denotes those who meet all the citizenship criteria and also actively support the performance and action of their peers. Citizenship denotes those who independently demonstrate personal responsibility.

TICKETS ON SALE

"Cohasset Plays By the Sea" presents "Into the Woods," with a cast of 25 students, ages 12 to 18, and a crew of 20 students. This is the club's third major musical production; prior ones include the tremendously successful "Annie" and the "Wizard of Oz." The performances will be held June 5 and 6 at 7: 30 p.m., and June 7 at 2 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Tickets are available now at Buttonwood Books and Toys, Cohasset Hardware, CHS, Deer Hill School, Osgood School or by calling **Irene Barry** at 383-1605 (the price is $8 at the door, $6 in advance). "Into the Woods" is directed by **Ron Nicynski;** Music Director is **Katie Buckley** and choreographer is **Janet Cambell** (owner of Hingham's "Dance Steps" Studio).

JULIE GUILD HONORED

The South Shore Republicans of Plymouth Norfolk Senatorial District will honor **Julie Guild** for GOP service on Flag Day, June 14, at Hingham's Tosca . The brunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. "For more than three decades, Julie Guild has been making politics fun," GOP vice chairman Polly Logan said. Polly said Guild has "recruited winners, enlisted newcomers, opened her heart, seaside home and pocketbook in order that the GOP would win." Julie was the first woman appointed to the Hingham Advisory Board, first woman on the Derby Academy Board of Trustees. She helps the Scholarship Program for New England Farm and Garden and is on the Board of Colonial Dames that maintains their Quincy Homestead. She also devotes a myriad of hours to the South Shore Art Center and works for Estate Tax and Tax Fairness Committees. Donations are: Sponsor, $100 a person; Patron $50, Friend $25. Checks are payable to Salute to Julie Guild c/o Polly Logan, 121 Nichols Rd., Cohasset. Reservations are required and may be made with **Janet Fogarty** (383-3036), **John Flanagan** (383-1996) or **Polly Logan** (383-0031).

SHARE YOUR NEWS

That's the news for the week — remember that spring is full of good news, so share yours with us! Give me a call, or drop a note!

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(Editor's note: as the Osgood School celebration at Harborfest nears, the Cohasset Mariner is featuring those with ties to Osgood as our Person of the Week. Mrs. Pompeo was among the first students at the "new" Osgood School in 1926. It opened when she was in the second grade).

PICTURE THIS

Name: Libby Pompeo

Occupation: Mother of 2, grandmother of 9, great grandmother of 7.

Goal: To live in good health and to enjoy my family.

Best vacation: Hawaii - twice!

Best day of your life: The days my sons were born.

Biggest worry: The continued health of my family.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite TV show: It's a tie between "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy."

Favorite movie: "Gone With theWind."

Favorite book: "Under the Tuscan Sun," by Frances Mayes.

Favorite junk food: Chocolate.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Meeting an old friend and forgetting her name.

Person you'd most like to meet: Jacqueline Kennedy.

Pet peeve: People who think they know it all.

Festival on the Common is June 19-21

The South Shore Art Center's Festival on the Common is Father's Day Weekend, June 19 to 21, on Cohasset Common.

Along with many handcrafters' booths, the Art Center's activities include exhibitions, demonstrations, children's tent, food vendors and entertainment and will be augmented by the Strawberry Festival at the Second Congregational Church and a Saturday evening gospel concert at the Unitarian-Universalist Church.

Mark your calendars now for the 43rd year of the oldest outdoor art fair in the country!

The SSAC is anticipating an expanded schedule of artists' demonstrations and workshops on the grounds surrounding a juried exhibition of visual arts and photography, an open members' show, and a young artists' exhibit. Among the many businesses and individual patrons who underwrite prizes, the SSAC welcomes Sunrise Assisted Living of Cohasset. This new neighbor will sponsor the Sunrise Prize, awarded to a senior citizen for exemplary achievement in the members' show. A Friday evening awards presentation will include the announcement of recipients of the Art Center's annual scholarships.

Musical entertainment Saturday, the 20th, will feature the first-ever Cohasset Common Fiddler's Gathering including the finest traditional fiddlers in New England representing several favorite styles including Irish, French-Canadian, Yankee, Southern Mountain and Western Plains, plus a surprise or two. On Sunday, the 21st, the SSAC will present a Father's Day concert by Watson Reid and Americana, suitable for families with young children, followed by the popular South Shore Bay Band. Mark your calendars now for the 43rd year of the oldest outdoor art fair in the country!

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FOURTH GENERATION

I am a fourth generation plumber. "We use toilet water for cologne" is our family motto. My great-grandfather began the family plumbing business before the turn of the twentieth century, working out of a horse-drawn wagon. He fixed windmills and the associated piping, before there was any municipal water supply.

We haven't expanded our horizons much from the times when flushing the toilet was the new technology, but the plumbing trade has provided a decent living for four generations. It seems like everyone in the family is a plumber, was a plumber, or at least worked in the trade for a time. It is a humble trade, but we are all proud of our work.

Great-grandfather was known as Tinker Bailey, because he could fix anything. The story goes...

Thanksgiving morning, 1888, Tinker was fixing the kitchen drain for Becky Cushing. She said, "I heard one of the Bailey Boys is getting married this morning." He replied, "Yes miss, me." "You! My heavens what a preparation!" Old Aunt Sally said that when people heard that story, every one started calling Fred for their plumbing needs, and it was the beginning of the plumbing company.

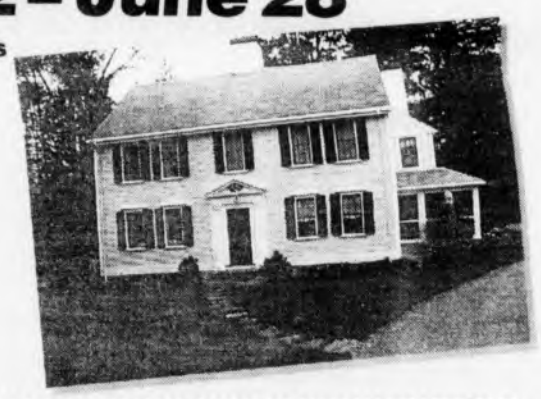
I grew up with a sense of belonging in my family, my church, my town, and in the business. I don't think many people have that sense of place today.

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EDITORIAL

Grateful for peace

There's no day on our calendar dedicated to celebrating peace. Veterans Day falls on the day World War I ended, and two dates, VE Day and VJ Day, mark the end of World War II. But there is no Peace Day, which means there's no day in which we ritually count off the years since the last war, no day on which we make special efforts to thank those who have brought us another year of peace.

That's unfortunate, because we Americans have a lot of peace to celebrate. The second world war followed the first by just 21 years, but we have managed to avoid a third for 53 years and counting, and with the Cold War over, prospects for a global conflagration seem remote. Holding aside some small skirmishes and the relatively brief and, for America at least, bloodless Gulf War, the United States has stayed out of war since the last choppers left Saigon 23 years ago. In 222 years of American history, it's difficult to find a longer stretch of peace.

The peace we are now enjoying is more than the absence of armed conflict. It is the victory of democracy, which is gaining ground all over the world. It is a peace with prosperity, with living standards rising, especially in parts of the world locked in poverty for centuries. It is a peace sustained by effective institutions of global diplomacy and by the institutions of global commerce and communication. The world marketplace continues to demonstrate that peace and international cooperation are ultimately good for everyone's business.

It is not a peace anyone can take for granted. The five nuclear bombs that shook the earth beneath India this month were enough to rattle even those most optimistic about the inevitability of peace. The current bloodshed in Indonesia reminds us that the road to democracy is rarely peaceful.

If there was a Peace Day, we could pay tribute once a year to those who have helped preserve the peace. We could thank those whose patient and astute diplomacy have kept disagreements from turning into battles. Their work continues today in the Balkans, in the Middle East and, with great promise, in Ireland. We could recognize citizens of all nations who work to turn swords into plowshares.

We may not have a day to celebrate the who, what and when of peace, but we have set aside a special day to think about the why. On the last Monday in May, with prayers, parades and the solemn reading of the rolls of war dead, we show our respect to those who paid the price of others' failure to prevent war. We pay tribute to those who never came home to be parents, workers, and citizens because the world's leaders couldn't resolve disputes without resorting to Clausewitz' definition of war: "diplomacy by other means."

Their sacrifice is not diminished by our desire for peace. They gave their lives to preserve freedom, to protect their country, to help create the more peaceable world we enjoy today. Let us honor them again this Memorial Day, but as we do, let us also thank those who work to promote democracy and justice around the world without adding names to the list of Americans who have fallen in war.

Rick Holmes

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

First day at Osgood recalled

TO THE EDITOR,

The Cohasset Mariner is so a part of my life, that it is read like a bible.

At the present reading, I am very much interested in the Osgood School Closing and its alumni meeting under the tent on the common, which is to take place during the Harborfest Weekend.

I do not need to introduce myself for my children will very well remember me.

Since I have reached 96 years of age, I am now in an assistant living home in Hingham. I keep up with all the Mariner News and am well informed and alert to my town of Cohasset.

I am the Cohasset second and third grade teacher that led a class of 42 or more, one cold February morning in the year 1926 to the new school on Ripley Road. We met at the old school, put our books and pencils in a large paper bag, and started out to a new school, a new room.

As we entered, that big auditorium looked huge to us. We were met by our late principal Helen Brown and led to our second grade class room. My, how small it seemed to me. The new state ruling was 25 pupils to a class, which meant in the future there would be two second grades.

We learned many things that were not in the text books. We appreciated Wild Flowers and grew cultivated flowers. The ocean was at our back door. We saw Poly-Wog's eggs turn into little frogs and we learned phonics and numbers.

We loved our classroom and playground. Class picnics at the end of a school year were happy days.

We christened that school building, the Joseph Osgood School. I hope the new school will turn out equally, if not better students.

When a new wing at the Deer Hill School was completed, I was teaching third grade and we moved to Deer Hill, from there I retired in 1965.

I am happy my life as a Cohasset Teacher will go down in the Memories of Cohasset Schools — 1924-1930 and 1944-1965.

Elinor Whitney Kennedy
86 Turkey Hill Road
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Library is one of a kind

TO THE EDITOR,

From the carpet of its colorful and wonderful children's library to the top of its golden Mackerel vane, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library is the crown jewel of Cohasset's buildings. Sitting steps from Cohasset Village, it should never be abandoned. Its lovely muraled rotunda and warmly paneled reading rooms, will never be duplicated anywhere else.

Need more space? Throw another floor on top of the stacks or match the left stack wing with a right stack wing. Parking? In 30 years I've never had a problem parking near the library. Comparisons with towns like Duxbury simply don't wash. Duxbury has double the popluation and so needs more books, more space and more parking.

Robert M. Davenport
Black Horse Lane

Thanks for 'A magnificent effort'

TO THE EDITOR:

Once again, on behalf of the Cohasset Food Pantry, I want to thank all those who participated in the townwide food collection by Cohasset Post Office workers Saturday, May 9. This magnificent effort brought more than 4,000 pounds of food and other staples to the Food Pantry, and practically ensures that we will be able to meet the needs of a number of Cohasset families for non-perishable supplementary supplies during the next several months.

First of all, of course, our thanks go to the carriers and other Post Office workers, headed by Richard Leach, who again organized, advertised and promoted the collection ... all this with the encouragement and support of Postmaster Francine Winters.

Thanks go also to the hundreds of townspeople, who not only remembered the collection date but responded generously with quality products of all kinds. We also appreciate the atten-

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Making a name in the music business

Cohasset man has own record label

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

When Jon Durant plays the guitar, something that sounds like a human voice radiates out of the electric box. The Cohasset resident has sculpted a unique reputation in improvisational music since he started his own Alchemy Records label. Alchemy means magic — specifically an enchanted quest to change worthless metals into gold. But Durant, 33, is not delving into alchemy to find a Philosopher's Stone. For him, the word also symbolizes the power of music to transform ordinary things into art. This week he took some time to talk about the nuts and bolts of "progressive instrumental" music and explain why a guitar sometimes is not just a guitar.

"Think about it," he said, laughing off the easy connection to the coveted gold record. "Alchemy is very spiritual." The word came back into vogue in the 1980's when a number of artists put out records with "alchemy" in the title. Durant, 33, also put it in the title of one of his records "just as a joke" and found he tapped into something in his imagination.

"It just seemed to click," he said because the word put him in touch with the artist's quest "to look inside the self and bring something out. He ended up buying the rights to the Alchemy name and starting a small company that is fast carving out a niche in the music industry. Jazz guitar artists such as Jeff Richman, Leni Stern and Wayne Krantz have recorded on his label. Sure, Wynton Marsalis might trash him if he called his "progressive instrumental" music jazz. But Durant is not buying into the "straight ahead jazz" and the format music much contemporary jazz has become.

"It's a big debate," he said. "Marsalis is self-proclaimed king of jazz and keeper of the flame. He treats jazz much the same as classical music, and he is very influential everywhere. Make no mistake. He's a brilliant, brilliant musician. But innovative things are coming out of jazz community." Some of the most creative artists cannot get their music heard because the market is so wary of the music that did not come out of the formula.

Durant's own music can reach low tones that suggest glass trumpets. He makes suspenseful music with notes that linger and "loop" electronically, and he makes you see images. Later this spring, he will be performing at the Borders book store in the Braintree Mall. The dates are to be announced, but Durant is eager to get in front of a live audience.

He has made an effort to keep his music open to a live performance, though he does manipulate tracks electronically on his CD's. For instance, the guitar tracks are normally not synchronized to his drummer's tempo, and the "cycling" effect would be impossible to recreate in performance. Sometimes he also adds a "lead guitar" track that features some serious picking. He played a little Tuesday while he explained the regular guitar strumming makes a sound that does not really intrigue him.

"Musically, it's not useful for me," he said. "It's not how I hear sound. I hear sound fade in gradually. My approach to sound design with a guitar comes from the early days of synthesizers. Musicians then had to sculpt the sound. They used the controls to alter the attack, the decay, and the release characteristics" of the musical notes per sound waves—meaning how loudly they register, how long they hang in the air and whether they disappear abruptly or fade out. Durant began his study of music early, first with his family, then at Cohasset High followed by the Berkeley College of Music in Boston and Emerson. At Emerson he switched over to advertising and marketing after he realized he could not make a living strictly as an artist. Still, music was always his "calling." When he got the opportunity to start Alchemy Records, he decided it was a chance that might never come his way again.

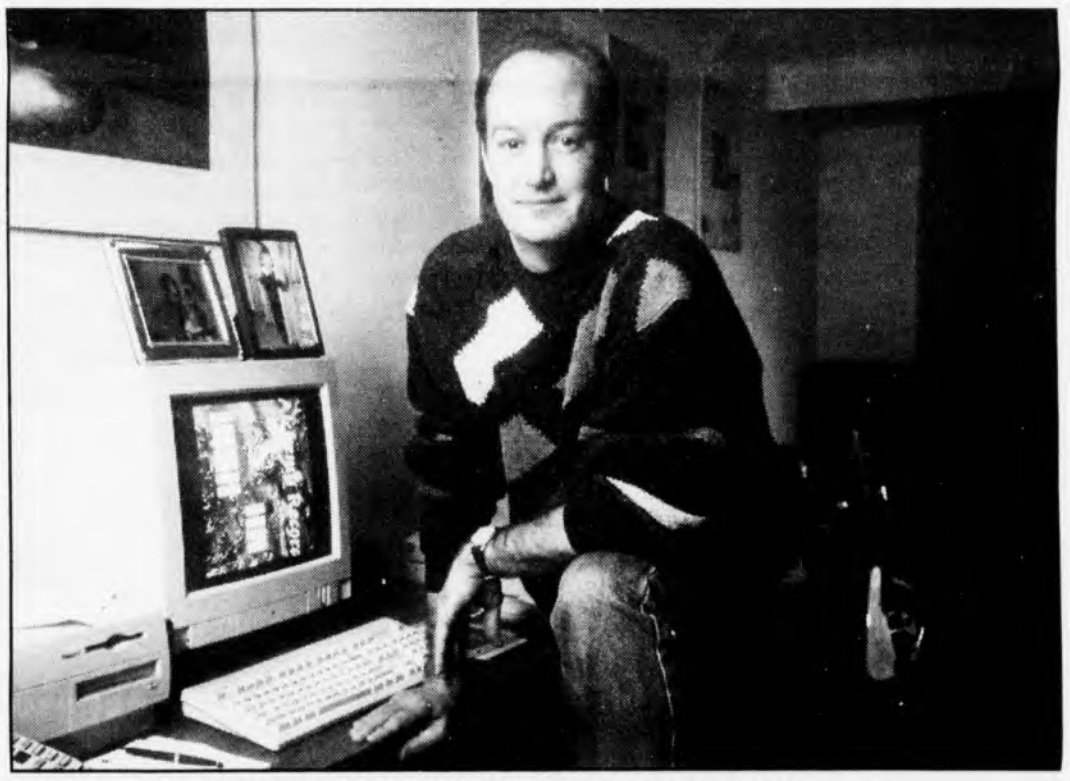
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Durant "sculpts" his sound using electric guitars and a deck of Lexicon processors. The processors, his "secret source," link to foot pedals so he can alter the sound of the music "live." The result is sound "spreading all over," and the particular musical instrument does not really matter anymore. This is the kind of music that he finds exciting, though the commercial market for it is limited. But a small company like Alchemy can stay afloat by using the Web and a toll-free telephone number to deal directly with customers.

"The Web is wide open for the music industry if people can change their mentality about how they get CD's," he said. "Unfortunately, they see it on the Web, and they buy it at Tower Records." Buying direct would put more money in the artists' pockets, he said. Working out of a home studio stocked with music processors and mixing consoles, Durant has found a way to make instrumental music pay. He kept Alchemy Records in Cohasset because it is home.

"I moved here at age four, and there is no where else that I'd rather be. Running a record company today with the Web and faxes, you don't need any specific location to be effective." The manufacturing of a CD is jobbed out to a number of locations anyway, he said. Few of the recordings on the Alchemy label have actually been produced in the Cohasset studio.



Musician Jon Durant operates Alchemy Records out of his Cohasset home.

HEALTH NOTES

Sewers: Pressure vs. Gravity

A newsletter created by a volunteer staff issued periodically by the Board of Health

With the coming of sewers to North Cohasset, it might be useful to catch up on some facts about sewers. Modern sewer systems are the outgrowth of the industrial revolution, and the technology has changed little since 1800 until recently.

In the last decade, to accommodate the staggering increase in population, the healthy treatment of large amounts of wastewater has become a necessity.

In the last decade, to accommodate the staggering increase in population, the healthy treatment of large amounts of wastewater has become a necessity. However, in towns like Cohasset, wastewater treatment could only be done locally by septic systems. Sewers could only be used in places where slopes are gentle and soil is tractable. As diggers and trenchers became more efficient, sewers became more widespread. Still, on streets with ledge and hilly contours, sewers were prohibitively expensive. In the last 20 years, these problems have been largely solved by the development of low pressure systems. These systems are contour following and gravity independent. They are ideal for sewering hilly, rocky, terrain with high water tables.

North Cohasset will have a pressure system. Homeowners with septics which met state Title 5 requirements, were given the option not to hook up to the sewer. About 10 homes were in this category and were exempted from hookup. In the future, if these systems fail, they can hook up to the sewer.

Compare the diameters of pressure and gravity sewer pipes

All other homeowners on the sewer line must connect to the sewer when it is complete. Call the sewer commission to find out more about the timetable if your home is affected.

When connecting to the sewer, homeowners with septic systems in good condition will have several options:

- use the septic tank for overflow in the event of a power failure
- use the septic tank to handle groundwater or runoff from storm drains.

Call the Board of Health for assistance with your plans for your old septic system; it may be useful for groundwater management on your property.

Newtonville: a study in water management

Newtonville, a small vale off Atlantic Avenue, has a special problem. Most of the homes on this private way were built by one owner at about the turn of the century for his family. The surface water drainage system put in at that time has failed, and runoff remains as standing water. This means that several septic systems are under water and create a health hazard. A pressure sewer is planned for four homes in this location, and is expected to be in place by the end of the summer. In the meantime, the residents of Newtonville all share some responsibility for correcting the groundwater situation. Otherwise, it may be necessary for a number of the homes in Newtonville to resort to tight tanks until the sewer is in place.

Save big on septic maintenance

Just a few items of septic system care can save big expenses. The board of health office at town hall has a list of guidelines for maintaining a septic system in good condition. Ask for "Your Septic System, A Reference Guide for Homeowners."

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tion given to the collection by the newspapers.

For those unfamiliar with the project, the carriers brought the food to the Post Office where it was weighed. Other volunteers there, notably many teens doing public service, sorted the articles and helped bring them to the Pantry in the basement of the Second Congregational Church, where they were stored and shelved. This part of the operation was directed efficiently by my associates Bob and Jean Thompson.

A need continues for the services of the Food Pantry, with an increasing number of elderly being helped. For the Pantry's clients and workers, I want to thank all who had a part in this major collection.

Marjorie Steele

For the Cohasset Food Pantry

Purpose of Web Site clarified

TO THE EDITOR,

Back on Track representative Bill Grimes' observation that Greenbushhotline.com is "preaching to the choir" illustrates a lack of understanding about web sites.

A web site is as much a voice "of" the people as it is a voice "to" the people.

The primary audience for Greenbushhotline.com is not South Shore residents, rather the web site's objective is to direct South Shore resident's opinion to our elected officials and other decision makers at both the state and federal level.

If Greenbush is to be judged on its merits, we intend to make those merits, or lack thereof, abundantly clear, especially to those who are committed to reducing at-grade crossings and preventing diesel locomotives from spewing harmful emissions into American communities.

In the past, whenever the federal government has intervened in the Greenbush controversy, the voice of reason has prevailed. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers insistence that the regional office of the EPA provide air quality data on Greenbush is one example. Another is the U.S District Court's refusal to dismiss Hingham's lawsuit against the MBTA.

Grimes points out that this same court will decide the fate of Greenbush one way or another. His assumption, however, that a ruling in favor of the MBTA will insure that Greenbush will succeed is wrong. Other important issues remain and it is these issues the web site will continue to resonate.

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No second opinion for sewer commission

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Town Counsel Paul DeRensis' decision.

"No one wants to go to court," Guild said. "We don't want to be adversarial on this. We want to sit down together to see what mutually satisfactory agreements can be resolved. We need a legal professional to study this, to give his opinion. All I want is your authority to get a counsel."

The question initially arose over who has the authority to terminate a contract. The sewer commission did not want part of the north Cohasset project, known as Contract 2, terminated but selectmen did. The result was conflicting letters to the contractor.

Although that matter is now moot because the contractor would not extend his pricing, Guild said going forward, sewer commissioners need the "authority" question over the granting and terminating of contracts resolved.

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>
> Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild

Guild pointed to a clause in the Town Manager Act which states the sewer commission shall be "responsible for its facilities" as evidence the commission has power "to select and to designate for award bidders on sewer projects."

Without access to special town counsel, the sewer commission will take matters into its own hands, Guild said.

"The sewer commission will not let the matter rest here," he said.

Selectman Diane Sullivan moved the board allow the sewer commission the assistance of special town counsel. Her motion failed for lack of a second.

Liquor license proposal gets another round

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"People are not driving there for those things," he said.

In a memo to selectmen, Police Chief Brian Noonan urged the board reject the request.

He said in the past 16 months, the police department has responded to Verc Mobil 72 times. Of those, 26 were disturbance calls regarding youths gathering and causing problems. Noonan said there were several instances when the clerk was distracted by one person while another stole items. In addition, numerous motorists have driven off without paying for gas at the self-service pump.

Vercollone said while "drive-offs" are common in the industry the Cohasset location has less than the average. He explained the disturbance calls to police were generated by the Mobil station when two or more cars of youths turned up.

"One car is not a problem, but when the second car pulls up, we go out and ask them to leave," he said. "The reason we do this (call police) is we don't want to become a place where people congregate."

Vercollone recalled only one incident requiring police response when a girl stole a lottery ticket while the clerk was distracted.

Selectman Tom Callahan said he was concerned about adequate staffing during later hours.

The station is open 24 hours but is seeking to sell from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Selectmen have the right to modify those hours.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she was not in favor of granting the license.

But selectmen decided to continue the hearing until June 15.

"I'm not in favor of it unless there is a change of heart from the police department," Roth said.

Cohasset Chamber members are invited to join Relay for Life!

The American Cancer Society will host a 24-hour Relay for Life event at Cohasset High School Friday, May 29, and Saturday, May 30.

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Correction

R. Murray Campbell was incorrectly identified as president of The Cohasset Lobster Lab, Inc. in the attribution following his signature in a letter to the editor Mr. Campbell wrote last week. Mr. Campbell is president of the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation which had initially planned to sponsor the Lobster Lab. The Lobster Lab is now the project of a new organization, The Cohasset Lobster Lab, Inc. of which Kevin Ulmer is president. The Mariner regrets any confusion the error may have caused.

Young volunteers thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset Food Pantry, managed by Margie Steele, helped to organize 30 volunteers during the annual Food drive, sponsored by the Postal Service.

The young men and women of the seventh and eighth grades volunteered at least an hour of their time, and some two to three hours, to carry, sort and shelve two tons of dry goods under the direction of Cohasset food Pantry volunteer Mr. Bob Thompson. This is the second year that the middle school students have assisted in this major undertaking, amidst other adult volunteers. We would like to thank the following young people for their assistance:

Paul Previte, David Krueger, Joe Niessink, Katie Sylvia, Kendra Topalian, Yasmine Afshar, Molly Flanagan, Kristin Sheerin, Greg Harrington, Jason Moore, Robin Murphy, Greg Smith, Ben Kinch, Peter Maitland, Jay Bertovich, Brian Lewis, Tim Straughn, Kyle Weber, Paul Trendowicz, Jeremy Tedeschi, Peter Kovach, Steven Laney, Greg Donovan, Danny Kinchla, Michael McMillan, Mark Leman, Jack Jerz, Peter Whoriskey, Lee Lenane, D.J. Lanzilotti, Patrick Carbone, Connor Avery and Maura O'Brien.

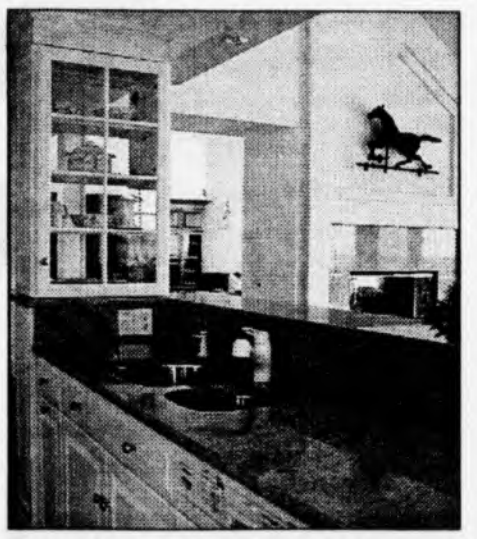
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St. Anthony's parish center is approved

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church won't have to worry about overcrowded religious classes and a lack of gathering space much longer. The zoning board of appeals (ZBA) has issued two special permits , one for the building and one for parking, approving plans by the church to build a 10,500-square-foot parish near Sankey Lane. The church faces Summer Street. The architecture of the new center will match the brick building currently on the site.

It is unknown when construction will begin or how long the project will take to reach completion. The pastor of the church, Reverend John Mulvehill, did not return telephone calls to The Mariner.

Church officials say the parish center is needed to accommodate increased membership at St. Anthony's, and to provide classrooms for religious classes. On a typical weekend, more than 1,200 people attend four masses. The new building will add eight classrooms, an office, additional storage space and a reception hall to the existing church.

Teachers currently hold religious classes for 565 students in teachers' homes, the rectory, the church basement, and other rooms in the church including the "crying" room in the back of the building. Classes are held on weekday mornings, Saturday nights, and Sunday mornings. With the new classrooms, church officials plan to hold religious classes primarily Monday through Thursday afternoons during the school year, and also in the evening on Sunday and Monday.

Church leaders plan to use the hall for wedding receptions and other church functions. The 2,352-square-foot hall will accommodate 160 diners or 336 seats for assemblies. Functions will include parish breakfasts and suppers, gatherings after religious services, committee meetings, wedding receptions, and Christian doctrine assemblies.

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Any wedding reception or gathering must be finished by 11 p.m. according to one of the conditions of the special permit. The ZBA did not approve a proposed gazebo and terrace requested in the plan. Zoning board members agreed with neighbors that a gazebo would encourage wedding parties to gather outside on nice days and create a lot of noise.

Neighbors had also been worried that the building would exacerbate serious flooding and drainage problems in the area. But a report by ZBA consultant John Modzelewski of Civil Designs Inc. indicated that the project could actually decrease flooding in the area.. Modzelewski's report stated that the church's drainage plan would increase water runoff from rainstorms, but the excess water would be directed away from abutters' homes and into a nearby wetland which drains to Jacob's Meadow.

The parish center will increase the lot coverage on the 4.7 acre site from 34.5 percent to 40 percent. The church is in a residential zone, which has a maximum allowable lot coverage of 30 percent. Zoning board members agreed that the church is a unique use in that zone.

The ZBA issued a second permit allowing the church to maintain its current 136 parking spaces. Church officials said activities at the parish center and church services usually would be held at different times. In a ruling written by Barbara Power, ZBA members agreed that there are enough parking spaces to service the church and the parish center.

"The Board notes that the available parking space at St. Anthony's in Cohasset is generous in comparison to parking at other churches in town," Power wrote. "The Board believes the imposition of any further parking requirements upon the applicant would compromise the space available for the proposed parish center without any measurable benefit to the neighborhood."

The current 51,650-square-foot parking area accounts for 25 percent of the lot coverage at the Church's site.

Consignment shop ready for spring

No astute shopper will want to miss the eclectic array of antique china, silver, designer attire and unique summer jewelry at the new Cohasset Consignment Shop located at Shaw's Plaza (formerly Cushing Plaza), Route 3A.

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Merrill noted that proceeds from the shop provide the major funding for the Social League's counseling and support groups, New Friends programs, nursing services and "Keep Well Clinics" that include blood pressure screening, weight, blood sugar testing and nutritional education for Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate and Norwell.

"Items not to miss," she pointed out, "are Bermuda bags with bone handles, English china cups and a children's bowl and dish made in England, Alpine plate, men's shirts and summer jackets, children's smocked dresses and women's designer suits and dresses."

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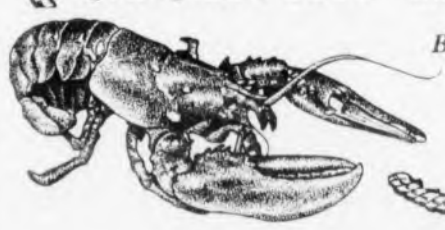
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Trustees close book on Pratt building

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Library trustees are convinced that the Paul Pratt library cannot be expanded at its current site.

Describing the decision of abandoning the building as "an emotional one", trustees chairman Patience Towle said the town facilities study made them face reality.

"We met last week with (the consultant conducting the study) and he communicated to us with facts and in a non-excited manner the reality of our situation," she said.

The trustees think any money would be better spent on a detailed analysis of the Osgood School site for possible use as a library rather than any further study of the Paul Pratt Library building.

In a memo, approved by the trustees at their meeting Saturday morning, to Town Manager Mark Haddad, the trustees ask the Request for Proposal for reuse of the Osgood School include:

- about 14,000 square feet of the Ripley Road level of the Osgood School be reserved as a new location for the library;
- parking space for about 70 cars be provided in close proximity to the building's cener entrance on Ripley Road;
- space be provided for vehicular drop-off at the building's front entrance;
- there be space surrounding the building to permit deliveries and traffic in and out to serve the library;
- other uses for the property be compatible neighbors of the library.
- or sufficient area to build a 14,000-square foot library plus parking be provided on available land at the Osgood School property.

The trustees will also ask Haddad for money for a feasibility study of Osgood estimated to cost about $25,000. They hope to have the feasibility study completed by October's special town meeting which they hope would appropriate funds to proceed with construction drawings.

"The biggest opposition will come from those who think the library is just dandy the way it is."
Sheila Evans, library trustee

Trustee Sheila Evans said selling the idea of a new library won't be an easy one.

"The biggest opposition will come from those who think the library is just dandy the way it is," Evans said.

But the current library is woefully inadequate to meet the needs of the 21st century, Evans said.

She explained cars and computers have made the much-loved building inadequate for the town's current and future needs.

The purpose of the town study was to identify the nature and cost for each building of projects related to building maintenance and to improved conformity to the Massachusetts Architectural Access Code, Evans said.

She said it would cost about $470,000 to improve access at the Paul Pratt Library. Expenditures include eliminating platforms on the children's level and installing an elevator and two more bathrooms per floor. Replacing all the windows to improve energy efficiency would cost about $120,000.

Expansion possibilities including squaring off the southeast and northwest corners of the building but this would add only 2,000 square feet of the 4,000 square feet needed. Any expansion would trigger the need for more parking to conform to the town's zoning laws. Additional parking is estimated to cost about $260,000 not including acquiring about 1/3 acre from abutters on each side.

"After the expenditure of well over $1 million, if this plan would work, the space provided would be neither enough nor efficiently organized, and would merely defer the obvious — that Cohasset needs a new library," the library long range planning committee wrote in its report.

Lack of accessibility to handicapped patrons or staff to much of the building, too few bookshelves, no meeting room and no floor space for expansion of computer use are some of the general difficulties with the current building, trustees said.

ARTS SCENE



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Artist Ken Taylor demonstrates his Japanese gong sculpture titled "Sacred Land, Ancient Hope" on Margin Street during Tuesday's "Art With a View" sponsored by the South Shore Art Center.

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Town takes CHL to court on May 28

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Town officials will take the owners of the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill to Quincy District Court on May 28 to face a criminal complaint for defying a shut-down order issued by Building Inspector Robert Egan. Last month, the zoning board of appeals (ZBA) upheld a decision by Egan to shut down CHL for a permit violation. CHL-owners Paul and John Barry had appealed Egan's decision, but the ZBA rejected the Barry's appeal. Despite the shut-down order, CHL remains open and the Barry's have initiated a lawsuit against the town to overturn the shut-down order.

The town has responded to CHL's lawsuit in a written reply to the court. Attorney Daniel R. Deutsch wrote the reply, which asks the court to dismiss CHL's lawsuit because the claims are "frivolous and are made in bad faith." Deutsch has also asked the court to reject CHL's claims under the legal doctrine of "unclean hands."

Previously, CHL attorney Anton Moehrke has pointed out that the owners of the landfill are trying to work with environmental authorities regarding the extra material in the landfill. Moehrke has also stated that the owners of CHL would continue to exercise their legal right to appeal any attempt by the town to shut-down the landfill.

John K. McNabb Jr., vice president of the anti-landfill group, SAFE (Stop Any Further Expansion), said he is pleased that the town has filed the criminal complaint. But McNabb is concerned that the complaint would result in nothing more than a "slap on the wrist" and a fine that the owners of CHL could easily afford to pay.

McNabb said he believes the landfill should also be closed because it is at its maximum allowable height of 190-feet. McNabb admitted he has not measured the landfill, but said CHL's own records of the amount of material accepted imply that the landfill has to be higher than its legal height

However, in April the health board discovered that there was as much as 100,000 tons of material on the slopes of the landfill in violation of DEP regulations. DEP regulates the angle of the slope of the sides of the landfill to ensure that the material stays in place without creating a landslide.

Egan has also ordered CHL to remove 7,800 square feet of material it placed in a section of the facility not authorized for landfilling.

McNabb discovered the 7,800 square feet of overfill last November. He also discovered the permit violation last January when he found that CHL had never filed its special permit to operate a landfill in Cohasset with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. State law requires permits to be filed with the registry before becoming effective.

Part of the landfill sits in the town's Water Resource District, created in 1988. Landfills are prohibited from the district except for facilities that were in legal operation before the creation of the district. Egan ruled that CHL's failure to file the special permit meant it wasn't in lawful operation prior to the creation of the water district and could not claim special pre-existing use status. The zoning board upheld Egan's decision, technically shutting down the landfill for good.

The health board will meet with CHL in June to discuss the removal of the overfill and the material on the slopes. McNabb said he will attend the hearing and urge the health board to rescind CHL's site assignment allowing it to operate a landfill in Cohasset.

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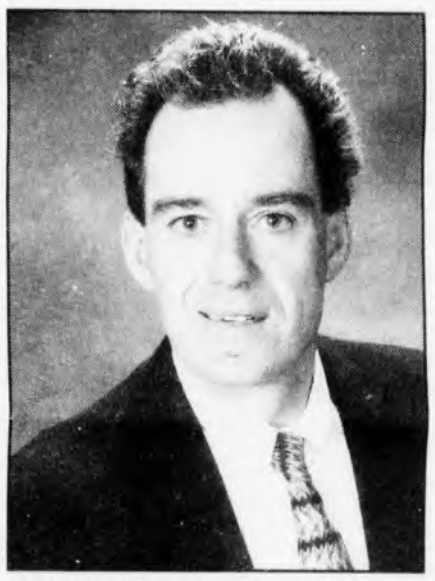
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Savage was selected by the Massachusetts Small Business Administration Advisory Council from nominations received from various banks, Chambers of Commerce, trade associations and individuals. The award is presented annually to an individual who assists small businesses in obtaining financing, either directly or through advocacy efforts to increase the availability of financial services.

Savage has been employed as a commercial banker since 1972. Since 1987, he has concentrated his efforts towards helping smaller businesses that historically have had difficulty accessing capital with reasonable terms and conditions. His expertise is in small business lending and, in particular, the many federal and state credit enhancement programs. He is the key person responsible for BankBoston's highly successful Credit Enhancement Unit.

Savage continually volunteers his time to make presentations to small business owners seeking loan information such as SCORE workshops, Newton Continuing Education classes, and the Small Business Resource Center in Chelsea.



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Plays by the Sea presents 'Into the Woods'

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

The woods can have a surprising effect on even the most familiar situations.

The Cohasset Plays by the Sea upcoming production "Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim takes the lives of traditional fairy tale characters — Cinderella, Jack (and the Beanstock), Little Red Ridinghood, Rapunzel, Snow White and Sleeping Beauty — and turns them upside down.

"Today, a lot of musicals are just fun and games. But this play makes you think," said director Ron Nicynski, 17.

The curtain goes up on "Into the Woods" Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 7, at 2 p.m. at the Cohasset High School auditorium.

Ron describes the first act of the play — which focuses on the fairy tales as they are commonly known — as the "happily ever after" children are accustomed to. By the end of first act, all the characters have the wish that has been driving the stories of their lives.

But the second act tells the story of what happens after the "happily ever after," Ron explained. Contrary to what traditional fairy tales would have people believe, none of the characters are happy, he said.

"Everyone you thought as a child was a good guy isn't in this show. Most of them are greedy and backstabbing," Ron said. "This show has guts. It has what you wouldn't expect. Not everyone is what they appear to be. You need to pay attention."

Unexpected plot twists along with clever comedy — plus a dash of tragedy mixed in — and moving musical numbers make "Into the Woods" just the type of play Ron had in mind when he selected the show for his third directorial effort.

Ron remembers seeing the show — which starred Bernadette Peters — on stage as a child.

"I remember liking the show but not really appreciating it," he recalled.

Teaching his cast to make the audience appreciate the shows he directs has always been his goal. Rehearsals, which began in March, consist not only of practicing lines and learning music but also concentrate on understanding dialogue and characters' motivation, Ron explained.

"It's a really good experience and a challenging play," said Sera Genovese, 13, who plays the part of Little Red Ridinghood's Grandmother. "There are so many different characters, it's not really one play. It's a whole bunch of fairy tales mixed in together. Everyone has something to do."

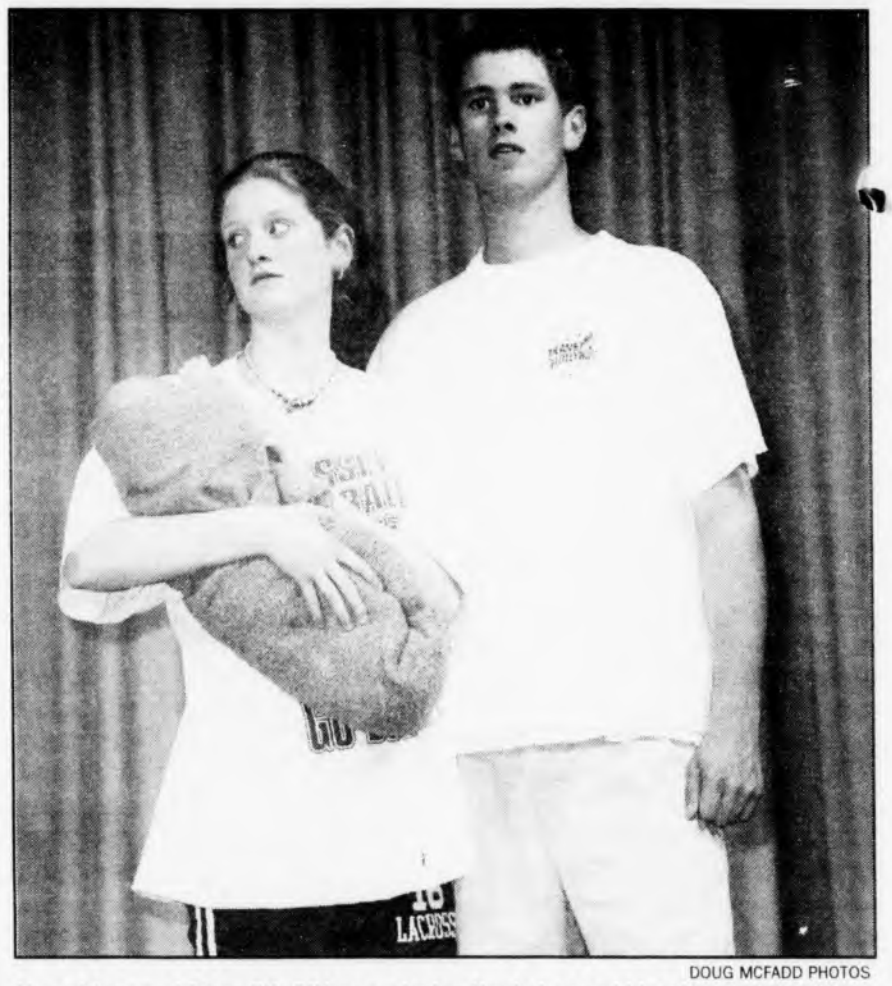
Cohasset Plays by the Sea, a drama troupe that has existed since fall of 1996, has performed two other musicals this year, "The Wizard of Oz" and "Annie." Both shows sold out.

The cast of the first production featured only thespians in grades four through six. For "Annie," the program expanded to include the seventh and eighth grades.

The actors and actresses in the upcoming performance range from sixth grade to twelfth grade.

"It's all ranges of ages. The younger kids have to put more work into it and everyone's trying to work together," said Clara Sceery, 15, who plays Sleeping Beauty.

As the troupe nears the end of its second season, Sharon Weber — who founded Cohasset Plays by the Sea — finds herself concerned about the future of the theatrical venture.



DOUG MCFADD PHOTOS

Ryan Story and Meredith O'Hayre, playing the baker and his wife, find that life isn't so wonderful "happily ever after."

"The goal was to create a vehicle for kids to develop skills and attitudes and knowledge and confidences that are non-competitive," said Weber. "It's an opportunity to explore more of themselves than comes up on the playing field or in the classroom."

But those opportunities might come to an end if more parents and children don't take leadership roles in the group soon, she said.

While Ron directs the plays, Weber directs what she calls the offbeat projects, including an on-location video production of "Anne of Green Gables" last spring and a creative choreography project called "Original Beat," which will be performed May 29.

Next year, Ron will graduate and the student director slot will be open. Weber said she would like to see another parent step forward to assume her role in the near future. The sooner new people get involved, the more time she and Ron will have to work with them to keep the momentum of the group flowing, she said.

Cast members in "Into the Woods" include Brian Krupczak, Ali Kinchla, Ryan Story, Merdith O'Hayre, Mareth Colins-Wooley, David Ingber, Katie Roche, Marisa Mello, Meredith Bates, Grace Gardner, Caroline Carr, Krista Nicynski, Jim O'-Sullivan, Bill Kearney, Alex Russell, Ryan Long, Sera Genovese, Sean Conte, Liz Ingber, Joseph Nicynski and Clara Sceery. Katie Buckley is the music director. Janet Campbell is the choreographer and Sarah Roche, DeeDee Nicynski and Liz Bates are the producers.

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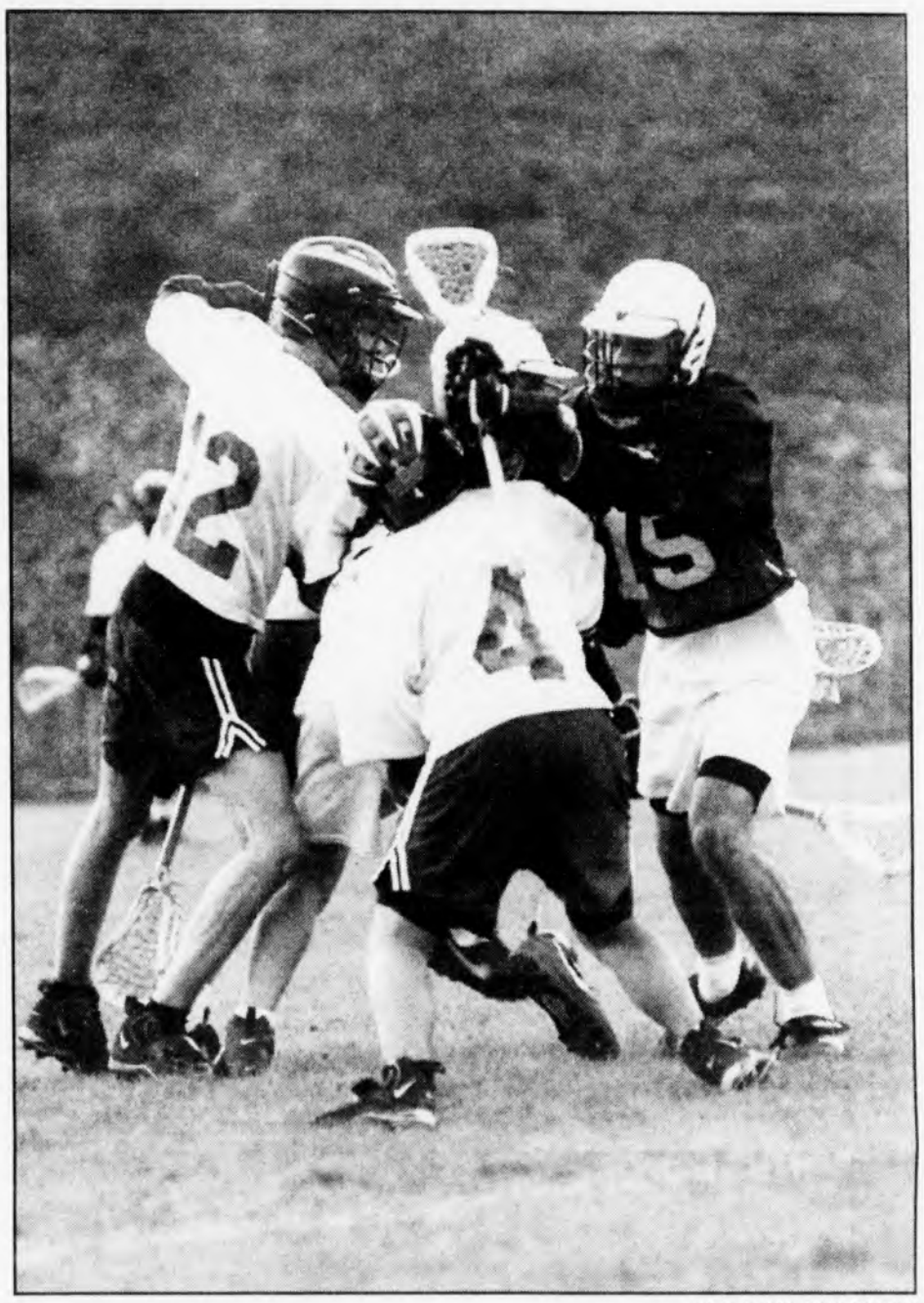
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Cohasset and Barnstable players get into a scramble Friday evening at the jamboree celebrating the tenth anniversary of lacrosse at Cohasset High. The Skippers would get by their opponents in overtime.

Jamboree celebrates 10 years of CHS lacrosse

The Cohasset Middle and High School Lacrosse Programs and the entire Cohasset Lacrosse community have a lot to be proud of this week. On Friday, May 15, on the tenth anniversary of lacrosse in Cohasset, two of the three school teams and the two fifth-sixth grade town teams (who stepped in to fill a spot on the field when the Middle School game was canceled) outperformed themselves before bleachers full of delighted fans.

With playful blue and white balloons bobbing in the spring breeze, two energetic Cohasset junior teams coached this season by Chuck Jaffe and Bob Inman opened the day, putting unbeaten records on the line.

Cohasset Blue controlled the first quarter and opened a two-goal lead on scores from Jake Previte and Michael Devine, both assisted by Paul Digan. But the momentum shifted in the second quarter as Cohasset White reeled off six unanswered goals, scored by five different players. Michael Rasmussen picked up two goals in that run.

The teams traded goals in the third quarter, with Previte netting again for the Blue squad, Chris Simms, seeing his first action in the goal all season, made several key stops down the stretch to help the Blue have a chance to crawl back into it.

Two late goals, however, were not enough and the White team came away with 9-6 win. Goals were collected by Privite (3), Devine (2), and Andrew O'Keefe for the Blue team. For White, Rasmussen (2), Mike Ernst (2), Mark Davis, Garrett Curran, Jon Grimm, Greg Smith and Tim Pilczak fired them in.

Assists came from Digan (3), and Mike Hajjar for Blue, and by Jonathan Littauer and Malcom Stansell for White. In the net, Pilczak had five saves, and Simms had six for Blue, while Nick Murphy had 10 for White.

The teams played for sprints, winner running as many sprints as there were goals, and losers running twice that. As the women's varsity team assembled for their game against Walpole, the juniors were seen across the field doing their post game sprints, leg lifts and push-ups, while a crowd of amazed fans wondered how these small powerhouses could still move after their action-packed game.

When their turn came, Cohasset Women's Lacrosse team, coached by Nicole Mladenoff played to their full potential in a game that ended in a 7-6 Walpole win, with the decisive goal scored in the last minute of play.

Clear, concise passes and excellent defense made this game the best the team has played this season. With a 2-0 lead in the first five minutes of the game, the girls were off to a great start.

Determined to score goals, they had thirty shots on Revel's goalie, Christine Buckley who interfered with their plans for victory.

Caitlin Donovan, Jenny Chastain and senior tri-captain Ali Kinchla got the defense with 3,2 and 1 goal respectively. Walpole's attack was also in full force with leading scorer Sue Black scoring 4 goals, including the tie breaker.

Cohasset's defense was intense in this powerful and emotional game, with coverpoint Caitlin Stansell playing an incredible game. working together to keep the ball out of the goal. Emily Libby, Caitlin O'Neill, Carolyn Cameron, Ali Kinchla and Jackie Kahn on defense kept the ball in Cohasset possession for a good part of the game. freshman goalie Clara Sceery had 13 outstanding saves, playing her individual best of the season.

The talent and team spirit of the Cohasset women athletes was evi-

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Friends band together to help fight ALS

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Both Richard Kennedy and Martin Levenson will tell you that they are just trying to make the best out of a bad situation.

One's a family friend and the other a proud older brother and the two boyhood friends are bonded by the loss of Jimmy Kennedy to ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Gone from this earth for more than a year now, friends and family will come together in the memory of Jimmy at a memorial road race/walk through the streets of his hometown of Quincy on June 13.

ALS, for which there is no known cause or cure, attacks the neurons that transmit messages to muscles throughout the body which eventually causes the muscles to lose strength and die.

Levenson said victims have compared the disease to "taking part in your own funeral" since the mind is still very much aware while the body is falling apart.

"You'd look into his eyes while he was starting to fade away and you knew that the old Jimmy was right there trying to get out," said Levenson. "To watch him deteriorate because of this disease was just devastating but through it all he never gave up.

"To the end he was always Jimmy. He handled it like a trooper."

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Martin Levenson

More than just a gathering to remember the life that he had lived, all proceeds from the event will go to the Angels Fund at Massachusetts General Hospital for ALS research.

The day is shaping up to be quite a happening. Styled as a "family event", in addition to the run (five miles) and the walk (2.5 miles), there will be refreshments donated by a number of businesses as well as a raffle and one special incentive for the runners to finish the race.

Every finisher will have their name put into a large bowl. From there one name will be drawn and the winner will receive a pair of round-trip airline tickets to anywhere in the country.

And don't be surprised to see more than one or two familiar faces around the refreshment tent. Some local dignitaries expected at the event include former Boston Mayor Ray Flynn, Speaker of the House Thomas Finneran, former Governor Michael Dukakis as well as Attorney General Scott Harshbarger.

At first blush, if Jimmy Kennedy didn't seem have it all he certainly was a good portion of the way there.

An outstanding track athlete as well as a scholar at Quincy High, Kennedy would go on to graduate with high honors from Northeastern and then Georgetown Law School.

The youngest of the eight

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Jimmy Kennedy, bottom right, spends some time with 1964 Olympian Billy Mills during a trip he took with his family to the Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta. Kennedy died last year from ALS and friends are organizing the first annual Jimmy Kennedy Memorial Road Race for June 13 in Quincy. Also pictured are his brothers John (left) and Rich.

Opening Day!





Little League swings into action

Above, Jesse Batts awaits his turn at the plate while on the upper right, State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray shows proper form in tossing out the first pitch. On the right, Tom "Pickles" Pliczak entertains the crowd at the parade at the Cohasset Little League opening day.



Staff photos by Doug McFadd

Cohasset Skippers look to end year on a high note

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORERSPONDENT

With their postseason hopes dashed by an inexplicable and seemingly endless midseason losing streak, the Cohasset High School baseball team continues to battle. Carrying a 6-13 record into tomorrow's final game, against Norwell, Coach Knurek's squad hopes to end on a positive note.

The Skippers were eliminated last Thursday with a loss to undefeated South Shore League champ Hanover. The game was a hard-fought one, as the Skippers hung tight at 3 until the sixth, when the Indians posted four more to win 9-3.

Knurek drew up a pitching-by-committee plan before the game and it worked for five innings. Ben Ketchum was relieved in the second by Jim O'Sullivan, who was replaced in the fourth by Pat Hurley, who was pulled in the sixth for Sean Parkinson.

Overall, it was a fine performance by an overworked pitching staff facing arguably the most feared line-up in the SSL, but nonetheless, Cohasset had been mathematically eliminated from post-season play.

Following the Hanover loss, with no pressure to qualify for the tourney, the Skippers took a road trip to Nantucket for the weekend. After leaving school early Friday, the Skippers were ferried to Nantucket and practiced briefly before an evening in Nantucket village.

Fueled by dinner at the alluring Tacos Tacos taco hut, the team then played a 20-inning intrasquad game of wiffle ball home run derby into the wee hours of the morning.

The first game of the doubleheader was yet another gut-wrenching loss. Facing a pitcher with a biting curveball, the Skippers mustered eight runs, but came up one short in the end. After allowing a four run Nantucket first, the visitors settled down for two innings, but committed a whopping six errors, virtually throwing the game away. However, there was one bright spot, as first baseman Story collected his first varsity hit, slashing a low pitch into leftfield, then followed it up two innings later, hitting virtually the same pitch even harder to left. Story also got it done in the field, making several key plays at first. He even helped save a run when he slowed a sharply hit ground ball and sprinted back to the bag to take the throw from Mike Rossi hustling over from second base.

Despite these heroics, Cohasset still fell to the Whalers.

The second game was similar, as the Skippers allowed their hosts an early lead, then struggled to come back. Nantucket jumped out to a 5-0 edge and Cohasset fought back valiantly, but the Whalers made the big plays when it counted and triumphed 7-6. Captain Greg Taylor led the boys in blue with a pair of two-baggers and third baseman All Schwerin knocked in two runs. But again, it wasn't enough, as Cohasset dropped to 5-13 .

However, Cohasset rebounded Monday when they hosted the Hull Pirates. Having dropped their first game against the neighboring rival, Cohasset came back strong, on the arm of Ketchum. The right-hander spun a seven-inning gem, with masterful control of the strike zone and excellent use of his entire repertoire. Despite fanning only three, Ketchum allowed only four hits.

Once again backed by inconsistent fielding (three errors), he got big plays from Rossi, rightfielder Chris Pratt, as well as Schwerin, Taylor and first baseman Joe Pergola. Pratt's was the play of the game, as the sophomore snagged a harshly sinking and tailing line drive in Hull's fifth innings.

Ketchum's 4-3 win was the best game he'd pitched since a Hull game two years earlier. In ninth grade, then playing for the junior varsity, Ketchum had thrown a no-hitter against Hull's JV. This time, he was helped by solid hitting from Taylor, who drove home Ketchum, and Pergola, who tripled to bring home Taylor and Schwerin.

Although the Skippers have had their tournament hopes quashed by a cruel series of arm injuries, bad bounces, and just plain old poor baseball, they continue to play hard. Hurley is the only graduating player, and he is helping the younger players set the tone for next year's edition. With just one game left, Norwell, the Skippers hope to boost their record and start sending the message that next year will be different.

Little League's special day

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"The field always looks beautiful and the kids love it. It's a Norman Rockwell scene and a special place for the kids."

The opening day ceremonies were postponed from an earlier date because of rain but bright sunshine and a warm breeze greeted this year's crop of more than 150 players.

Murray threw out the first pitch as the event's special guest. Every year memories keep flowing back to opening days of yesteryear. She has kept close tabs with the league since 1958. This year had special meaning for her as two of her grandchildren, Jenny and Ben Curley, began their rookie seasons on the baseball diamond.

The Deer Hill School band led off the ceremony with the national anthem. The one sour aspect of the morning was that the American flag, which normally hangs from the pole beyond the center field fence, was stolen sometime overnight. Several parents and league officials were disgusted that someone would steal the flag in the first place. Murray found it to be a big disappointment.

"I was disappointed, as everyone was, that the flag wasn't there," she said. "If someone thought it was a prank, it was no prank."

But even the absence of Old Glory couldn't ruin the positive atmosphere of the morning. The electronic scoreboard down the right-field line was running perfectly and the concession stand behind home plate was busy all morning with league volunteers serving up refreshments for the fans who took in the ceremony in the bleachers.

Murray threw out the first ball, but it won't be the last time she visits the field this season. "I like to pull in and watch the kids play for 15 minutes or so on my way home from Boston."

As for next season, Murray is looking forward to taking part in the opening day festivities.

"I hope they keep asking me because I love it," Murray said. "I used to take some swings at the end of tryouts when my own kids were playing. A few of the kids would hang around afterward and pitch to me.

"I'll let you know I put a few over the fence."

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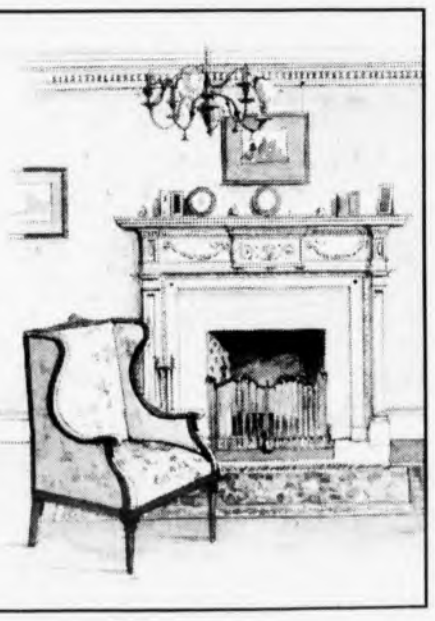
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Jimmy's friends band together to help fight ALS

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Kennedy children, he was working at a Washington D.C. law firm when his wife, Karen, informed him that she was carrying their first child, Trevor, who's now 4-year's-old.

It was also during that time frame that Jimmy started showing the first noticeable signs of the disease that would eventually take his life at the age of 31.

"When you think about it, this is the ultimate in horrible irony," said Kennedy. "When our dad (Chris) got sick with ALS in 1989, Jimmy was the one who moved back into the house and tried to help keep everything together. He was still in college and had the most time of all the kids."

"He saw the devastation of what this did to a loved one and then only a few years later he had to go through the same thing himself," added Kennedy.

"Jimmy had everything. A great job, great family and a kid on the way. It was a wonderful life, but it was too short."

Researchers have discovered that some 10 to 20 percent of the ALS cases are considered to be hereditary in nature.

After his brother's death, Kennedy, a Cohasset resident who operates a chain of chiropractic centers in Boston with another brother (John), and Danvers resident Levenson decided to try to do something in Jimmy's memory.

A little fact-finding brought out what was needed the most: cold hard cash to help advance ALS research.

Enter the idea of a road race, which they intend to make an annual community event.

"The idea of a race in Jimmy's memory fit like a glove," said Levenson. "We were all avid runners and something like this really brings the people out in support. The outpouring from people while we have been putting this together has been just tremendous.

"We are determined to make this event something both special and different."

Originally they hoped to attract about 500 participants and raise in the neighborhood of $20,000 with all of the proceeds going to ALS research.

Well guess what. The neighborhood is a lot richer than expected. With the addition of such groups as the L-Street Runners as well as the Boston Athletic Association, Kennedy said there may be as many as 1,500 people signed up by race day.

"I've been involved in charity events over the Christmas holidays with my business so I knew we could be successful if we did it the right way," said Kennedy. "The business allows me some incredible connections."

It was some of those same connections that made Jimmy's final days a little more enjoyable with a special trip to the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The family was able to come up with tickets for the last day of the track and field competition at the Games. From there the Kennedy's were then offered first class plane tickets, a hotel suite as well as their own personal bus for the duration of their stay in Atlanta.

Best yet, Jimmy was able to have an extended private audience with 1964 Olympian Billy Mills.

"That man is a living saint as far as I'm concerned,' said Kennedy of the gold medal winning runner. "I recognized him in the crowd and asked if he would mind coming and meeting Jimmy for a second. Billy came up and spent a couple of hours with us. He was just unbelievable."

For more information on the event, please call Richard Kennedy at (781) 383-6008.

Donations can be sent to Kennedy at 5 Norman Todd Lane, Cohasset, MA 02025. Checks should be made payable to the Jimmy Kennedy Memorial Run for ALS.

Diamond girls make their last stand against Hull

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

As it stands right now, the CHS softball team may have taken the field for the final time for the foreseeable future Monday afternoon as when squared off against the Hull Pirates.

Playing strictly a junior varsity schedule for this season, there is no funding in the upcoming school budget at this time to field a team for next season at any level at the high school.

"Things always could change, but right now there are no plans to field a softball team for next year," said head coach Mike Gill, who has been at the helm of the Skippers for over a decade.

"It's kind of a sad occasion," he added. "Cohasset High has had a softball program for as long as anyone can remember, but now it's going to be gone."

The hockey team went in similar direction this past winter when they played strictly a sub-varsity schedule, but they are expected to once again field a varsity squad this winter. At present, all indications are that the softball program will not be afforded the same luxury come next season.

On the field, the team has had an outstanding season, going into the Hull contest with an impressive 9-5 mark, Senior co-captains Kelly Tufts and Lauren Dooley have been the leaders of the Skipper attack this season both at the bat and in the field.

"Kelly really is a bulldog out there on the mound. She's quite the competitor," said Gill of his pitcher. "No matter what she always wants the ball."

Tufts has indeed got the ball a lot in her four years on the varsity team. She pitched every inning of each game her sophomore year and was on her way to accomplishing that feat again this year as she went into the Hull contest.

Dooley, a three year starter on the varsity level, has been just as important to the cause, said Gill.

"She's settled in nicely at shortstop and hits very well at the top of the order," said Gill.. "She's got some very nice speed and has a great glove to go with it."

Dooley and Tufts were the only seniors on the team this year, which featured only one junior and then eight other underclassmen.

Other members on the team included Merideth Ronan Danielle Kupsc, Jen Meehan, Stephanie Cook, Sarah Kidder, Katherine Ronan, Kellie Straughn, Megan Waal and Megan Cox..

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Jamboree celebrates 10 years of CHS lacrosse

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dent during this game. Every player gave all they had, playing a phenomenal game and demonstrating skill, fine abilities and good sportsmanship. There are now four games to go, (Marshfield 5/19, Newton South 5/22, Barnstable 5/26 and Martha's Vineyard 5/27, the last two at home) the girls are ready for the next challenge.

As the sun slid lower, and the lights shone on Alumni Filed, the men's Varsity squad coached by Mike Falvey, prepared to face the formidable Barnstable Red Raiders, a team with only one loss in their season prior to this game.

by now the bleachers were filling up with the Skipper's classmates, parents, alumni home from college, young families composed of newly converted fans who had come to see the youth squad play and stayed on, townsfolk, and a wonderful assortment of spectators.

The Lacrosse Boosters refreshment stand, featuring hot pizza, cold drinks and snacks of all kinds had taken care of dinner. The endless rains of the previous week had taken care of the grass and the weather. And the Varsity Lacrosse Team was about to take care of their opponents.

But it wouldn't be easy.

It took 22 saves by standout goalie Sophomore Kevin Devito goals from five different Skippers, and a sudden death overtime for the win, but win they did.

At the end of the first period, Cohasset was down by a manageable 2-1. Three goals by Barnstable in the second period, with a response of just one from the Skippers, and the half time score was an ominous 5-2.

But things heated up in the third period, with Cohasset scoring three to the opponents two. With one minute to go in the fourth period, the score was 10-8, Barnstable.

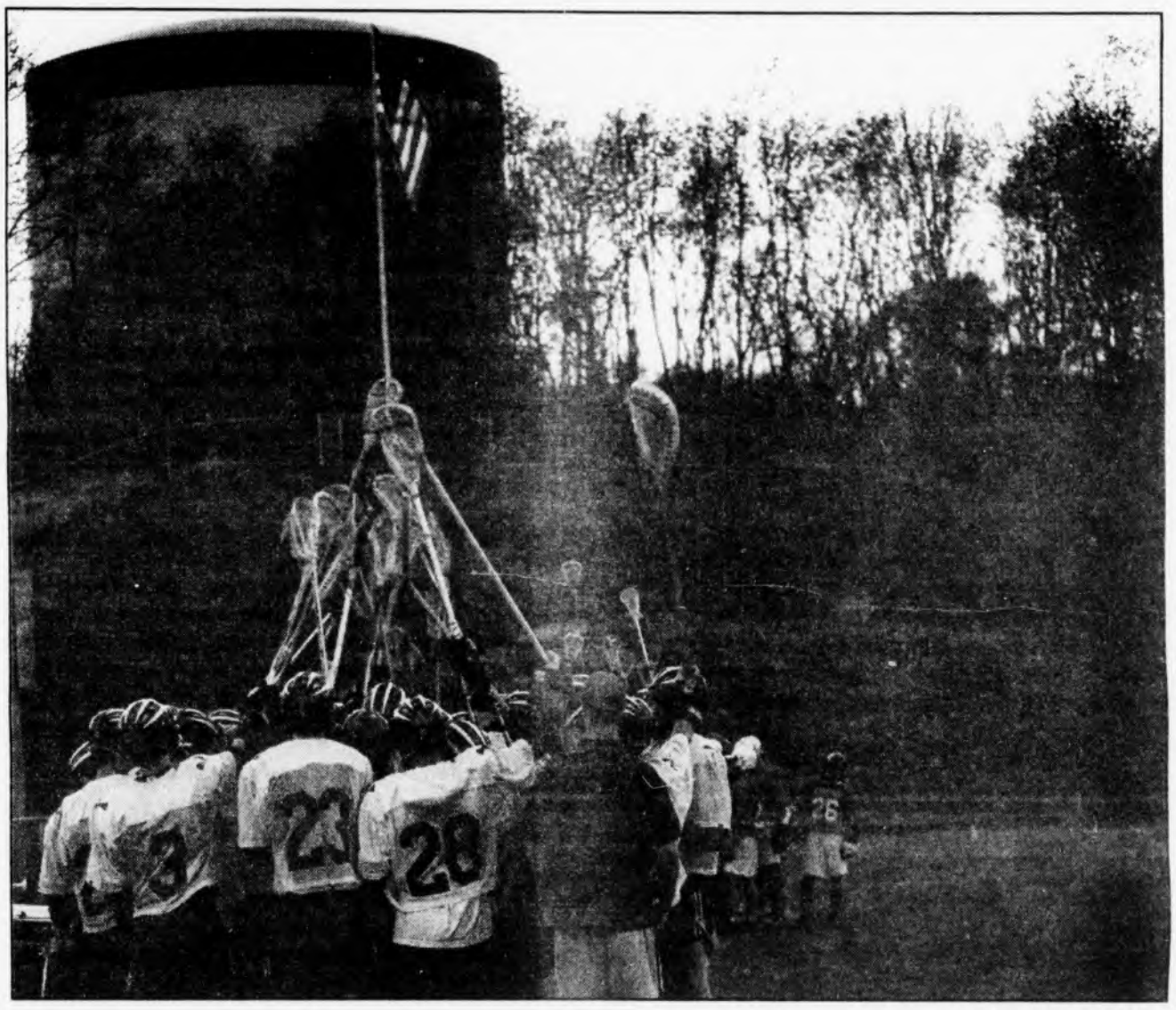
Cohasset called a time out, and with 56 seconds left to play senior Eric Moore scored and scored. Recovering possession, Jamie Buick scored again to take the game into overtime.

With no one left sitting in the bleachers at the 1:40 mark in the sudden death overtime period, Jamie Buick scored again to end and win the game.

Ted Goff and Travis Moore had a goal apiece. Seniors Pat Leahy (2), Eric Moore (3) and Jamie Buick (4) made Cohasset's total. Assists from Buick (2), Eric Moore (2), Pat Leahy (2) and Travis Moore, contributed to the stellar win for Cohasset.

For this squad, Friday night's game is followed by Monday's against their rivals in Hingham, and Wednesday night's in Sandwich.

Cohasset Lacrosse is a winning thing, a legend in the making. On the junior level, the two youngest teams have played a total of 10 games and lost only one. They still have six games and a jamboree to look forward to this season. The 7-8 grade town team, coached by Terry Kahn is currently 5-1, with four games and a jamboree ahead of them. The Middle School team, coached by 1997 Pilgrim Conference Coach of the Year Ken Eckberg is 3-1, with four games to go.



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The Skippers offer a salute after their exciting win over Barnstable.

It's a real family event. Brothers Ronan and Jamie Buick, Pat and Tom Leahy, Travis and Eric Moore, cousins Bill Good and Ted Goff help fill out the Men's Varsity roster.

It's a national thing, with former Cohasset players helping out in schools from Indiana to New Hampshire, from Ohio to Rhode Island. It's a growing thing, with clubs growing into school teams and youth leagues doubling in size and generous contributions to the Cohasset Lacrosse Boosters from friends, community businesses and corporations.

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For Your Health

98 safety tips for the summer of '98

By Constance Pittman Lindner

A gentle breeze on the porch, ice cubes clinking in a frosty pitcher of lemonade, the sound of the surf, a picnic in the park, tall ice-cream cones, mosquitoes, sunburn, allergies — ahhh, summer. To make this a happy and memorable one for you and your loved ones, follow these 98 simple safety tips...

Prevent sunburn

1. If possible, avoid direct sun exposure during the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when ultraviolet (UV) rays are at their strongest. Quick tip: The shorter your shadow, the stronger the UV rays are.

2. Use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15.

3. Wear light colored, loose-fitting, not loosely woven clothing.

4. Wear a wide-brimmed hat.

5. Wear sun glasses that bear an American National Standards Institute label specifying the amount of UV light they block — 95 for normal eyes, 99 percent for sensitive or recently operated on eyes is recommended.

6. Treat skin burns with ibuprofen, cool compresses and cornstarch, baking soda or Aveeno colloidal oatmeal baths.

7. If you've blistered, call your physician — you have second degree burns.

Lessen allergy symptoms

8. Avoid outdoor activities when pollen counts are high.

9. Use an air conditioner if possible, as it filters out pollen and dust mites.

10. Clean your air conditioner and the filter once a month — air conditioners are fertile ground for mold spores and filters will eventually blow out allergens when they've reached their filtering capacity.

11. Do not cut the grass yourself, and don't stroll about on freshly mowed lawn.

12. Keep window sills and curtains clean; dust and pollen clings to these surfaces.

13. Dust your house with a damp cloth or sponge so you don't toss dry dust about as you clean.

14. Use mold-combating cleaning agents for bathrooms and garbage pails, where mold thrives.

15. Check for dust on top of taller and hard-to-reach furniture items.

16. Vacuum dust mites from rugs, mattresses, furniture, curtains and carpets.

17. Toss your pillows in the washer and dryer to combat dust mites, and use pillows labeled "hypoallergenic."

18. Wash your furry pets and brush their fur outdoors to reduce the amount of allergy-producing animal dander in your home.

19. Speak to your physician about the new nasal sprays available which alleviate symptoms effectively.

Take out the sting

20. Use insect repellents containing DEET with 30 percent concentration for adults, less than 15 percent for children 10 and under, none at all for children under 2, and *don't* slather it on! DEET (diethyl toluamide) is a toxic chemical used in over 97 percent of all insecticides. DEET can cause skin irritations, seizures and even death, in some cases.

21. Use DEET products only when truly needed, such as dusk or dawn hours when mosquitoes are busiest, or when in an infested area.

22. Try insect repellent alternatives, such as Avon's Skin-So-Soft, which is said to keep mosquitoes away with its oil of citronella ingredient (like the citronella candles used in gardens to keep mosquitoes at bay).

23. Deter mosquitoes by wearing light colored clothing; mosquitoes are said to be drawn to dark colors.

24. Apply a baking soda paste to mosquito bites to relieve itchiness and draw out the irritant.

25. Abstain from wearing scented skin products which attract not only gnats, but bees, hornets and wasps.

26. Stick to hiking paths when walking — if you must walk in overgrown grass, tuck your pants into your socks to prevent ticks from getting to your legs.

27. Check for ticks when bathing. A poppy-seed sized tick could lead to flu-like or arthritic symptoms that aren't always coupled with the telltale bull's eye rash.

28. Remove a discovered tick gently but firmly, using tweezers to grasp its head (located closest to your skin). Clean the area with an antiseptic lotion.

29. Tape the removed tick to a piece of cardboard or enclose it in a jar and give it to your board of health for identification purposes.

30. Check your pets, especially your dogs, for ticks which can be removed in the same manner as just described for humans.

31. Contact your physician if you have a rash and/or flu-like symptoms after a suspected tick bite; antibiotic treatment may be in order.

32. Bring symptoms ranging from arthritis to changes in heart beat after a suspected tick bite to the attention of your physician.

33. Get immediate medical care for skin reactions in areas other than the site of a bee sting, difficulty in breathing, swelling of the tongue, dizziness and even cardiac arrest; these are just some of the symptoms of an allergic reaction to a bee sting. Get to a doctor for an injection of epinephrine.

34. Remove bee stings carefully with tweezers. Don't pinch or pull, as this only spreads the venom. As with all insect bites or stings, wash the wounded area.

35. Get away from a wasp that's already stung you — it can sting again.

36. Use one percent hydrocortisone cream and/or antihistamine tablets to lessen the painful itching and swelling of bee and wasp stings.

37. Watch out for all stinging insects in open soda cans or in the grass (wear shoes when walking in the grass!).

Weathering storms

38. Recognize the stillness before the storm as a call to action.

39. Find shelter when skies darken, light flashes and wind picks up.

40. Keep car windows closed and convertible roofs up at the first sign of a storm.

41. Get to land if in a boat or swimming; water conducts electricity.

42. Find the shortest tree in a wooded area and crouch under it with your head down to your knees; make yourself the smallest target possible.

43. Give first aid (CPR) and call 911 for a lightning victim. Check for burns where the electricity has entered and exited the body.

Practice safe sports

44. Take classes for swimming, boating, water skiing or whatever water sports you plan to engage in this summer.

45. Follow the rules — they exist to keep you and others safe!

46. Wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved lifejacket when boating and always let someone know when you'll be back.

47. Do not engage in sports if you've taken in alcoholic beverages or drugs.

48. Do not swim while chewing gum.

49. Do not swim when tides are rough.

50. Do not swim in a lake or at the beach where a lifeguard is not present or enter the water without a swimming buddy — make sure someone on shore knows you've gone for a swim.

51. Pay attention to signs alerting visitors to undertow, jellyfish or strong tides at the beach.

52. Do not dive into water when you can't see the bottom; you could be injured by an unseen object.

53. Do not swim near piers or areas where you could get caught in plant life.

54. Do not swim if you're tired, cold, have had too much sun or are far from safety.

55. Wear a bicycle helmet when bicycling that meets the safety standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the Snell Memorial Foundation or the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) — look for the labels stating that the helmet is up to these standards.

Prevent dehydration

56. Make sure to get at least 8 glasses of fluids per day.

57. The elderly should make doubly sure they get their 8 glasses; their thirst mechanism is not as acute as in their earlier years and can't cue them properly as to hydration needs.

58. Replenish sodium and other electrolyte balance with juice or even non-diet 7Up or ginger ale if you've been exercising for over 1 1/2 hours in the sun.

Beat the heat

59. Keep an air conditioner set between 75 and 80 degrees F.

60. Take a cool bath or shower or visit an air conditioned place if you don't have the luxury of owning one yourself.

61. Don't rev up your body's metabolism with heavy food — dine light!

62. Lower or cut out your caffeinated and alcoholic beverage intake to cut down on fluid loss.

63. Don't exert yourself at midday — get chores done in the early morning or late evening when temperatures are more forgiving.

Travel safely

64. Get your medications in order. Have written and signed prescriptions with you, including generic names, in case of confusion abroad.

65. Have your immunization record and medical history on hand, including the name and phone number of your personal physician in case of emergency.

66. Have a complete medical check-up before leaving for an extended vacation.

67. Keep your most recent electrocardiogram (ECG) if you have heart disease, in case you require treatment while away.

68. Make sure your immunizations are up-to-date.

69. Watch out for Montezuma's Revenge — don't ingest unbottled water — not even when brushing your teeth or showering, in undeveloped or developing regions. Don't eat raw vegetables and fruits that can't be peeled first, ice cubes, raw dairy products, food that isn't hot or well-done or street vendor food. You can have bottled water, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages served from the original bottle. Coffee and tea made with boiling water is usually safe.

70. Don't forget your health coverage information.

71. Bring essential first-aid items: antibacterial cream, antihistamines, bandages, antacids, aspirin, decongestants, moist towelettes, laxatives, a thermometer, and scissors.

72. Be careful with your medications and medical documents — carry them on board with you to prevent possible loss.

73. Wear comfortable layers to allow for temperature changes.

Plan a perfect picnic

74. Wash your hands after handling raw meat, fish and poultry before returning to prepare other food in order to prevent contamination.

75. Wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly to scrub off harmful dirt and bacteria.

76. Wrap foods separately in plastic so drippings from meat, fish and poultry can't get onto other foods.

77. Transfer foods directly from the freezer or refrigerator to the cooler. Keep most perishable items near the ice.

78. Keep the cooler in the car and not in the hot car trunk. At the picnic site, keep the cooler in the shade.

Garden safely

79. Choose tools with long handles to save your back from bending.

80. Use a wheelbarrow for heavier packages.

81. Wear closed shoes to prevent insect stings and mowing accidents.

82. Don't attempt to fiddle with the motor equipment unless the motor has been shut off.

83. Don't spray bug or weed killers in windy weather or without donning protective glasses, pants, long-sleeved pants and gloves to protect against irritating chemicals.

84. Follow the safety tips offered above for dealing with the dangers of sun, insects and heat.

View fireworks as spectator

85. Never allow children to set off fireworks.

86. Steer clear of others when tossing fireworks.

87. Don't re-light fireworks — pour water over "duds."

88. Keep a bucket of water on hand in case of fire.

89. Keep fireworks stored in a cool, dry place.

90. Set off fireworks away from dry, flammable objects, trees, and your home.

91. Don't set off fireworks in closed casings — the casing can become as dangerous as shrapnel on impact.

92. Wear safety goggles — spectators should protect their eyes, too, if possible.

93. Best bet — go to a public fireworks display and share in the fun with your community.

Fill your first-aid kit

94. Keep a first aid kit in an area you can get to quickly in case of emergency.

95. Make sure you keep the kit well-stocked with unexpired medications.

96. Keep your medicine box locked and away from young children's reach.

97. According to the National Pharmaceutical Association, your first aid box should contain: adhesive waterproof dressings; wound dressings—including non-stick types; sterilized cotton wool; safety pins and tweezers; triangular bandage; crepe bandage; hypoallergenic tapes and plasters; small scissors; Calamine lotion; insect repellent; sting relief cream or spray; Arnica cream; thermometer; eye lotion; adult analgesic; junior paracetaol tablets or syrup (children under the age of 12 years should not be given aspirin).

Pamper your pet

98. Take your pets to the veterinarian for summer check-ups — ask about heartworm pills, flea collars and the like so that you and your pets can have a healthy, pest-free summer and don't leave them in a hot car.

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A good day for a big fish

THE FISH STORY



MARK TRASK

Goodbye to the monsoons of early May, hello sunshine!

The ocean rollers were still over the jetty at Lighthouse Point the other day when Jeff Peters scrambled over the wet boulders to safety on the inside jetty. There, casting a black Mambo Mino, Jeff connected with the first keeper of the young season! Back at the shop he purchased another. Had to stop fishing, he'd lost it.

Paul "Squirrel" Hansell has picked up the rod and reel for the new season and after one dry trip managed to find the stripers. The Glades gave up a couple as well as Bassings Beach. The northeast flow kept a thick blanket of weeds in the way inside Strawberry Point. Next trip was over to Little Harbor where he got a keeper and could see many more.

Fat sea worms floating on the current behind Hugo's/Charthouse/soon to be Roy's Atlantica brought Don Schneider smiling back to the shop for more. They are really thick in there on the dropping tide, and not just schoolies he reports. Cunningham was Don's next destination, where he caught bass both outside the mouth and up inside the bridge.

Legal-size cod (21 inches) can be found inside the B-Buoy if you can get your jig through the masses of mackerel schooling just offshore. Odds are good that Pemberton will be overrun by week's end. The North River bell has also been a decent destination for smaller boats. Many cod are gobbling clams and Solvroken jigs though the lengths are somewhat subpar vs. the B-Buoy.

Mackerel everywhere is the word from the boats that have been out. Pete Parker of Cohasset was putting his new machine through the paces Saturday and reports large schools of macks top and bottom near the 21 Buoy. The upper reaches of the South River, below the Veteran's Park in Marshfield, has schools of herring from bank to bank on the high tide.

The 1998 Norwell Fishing Derby is in the books. Entrants numbered 235 and 145 fish were brought in to be measured. The five Divisions were all won by pickerel. Prize winners (with their winning entries) were as follows: Grand Prize: Brett Blaisdll 20-7/8; Adult first: Charlie Dirk 20; second: Jay Holleran 19; High School first: Kevin Draheim 17; second: Kevin Campbell 16-3/4; Grades 5-8 first: Andrew Ormsby and James Ellis tied 17-7/8; second: John Wrick 17-1/4; Grades 1-4 first: Andrew Puricelli 17-1/2; second: Robert Ammon 17-1/4; K and Under first: Rebecca Ellis 17-3/4; second: Laura Kardok 16-1/2. Congratulations to all the anglers and the Norwell community for establishing such a fine event.

That desperate grown we all heard last week was Fisherman Jack, off the tote road at Brushy Hill Reservoir. A mammoth bass snacked on his 3-inch black back Rebel and headed for cover. Try as he might Jack couldn't turn the fish and it zoomed for cover in a thick bush. I sat down to wait him out said Jack but it wasn't to be. After I felt him moving again the line kept going and then snapped. All I saw was its mouth Jack recalled, holding his fingers and thumb in a circle, the mouth was like that.

Catch one that's hard to carry!

SPORTS BRIEFS

Softball league is looking for teams

The Cohasset Men's Softball league is looking for a few good teams.

Games are played on Sunday afternoons from late-May to August at the Beechwood ballpark.

If interested, please contact Dave Scollans at 545-4197 or Joe Dooley at the Red Lion Inn at 383-1704.

Jaffe lacrosse clinic for grades five and six

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that Mr. Chuck Jaffe will direct, again this summer, an eight-week lacrosse clinic for youngsters in grades five and six.

Clinics are held Mondays at Miliken Field, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., beginning Monday, June 29, and continuing eight weeks through Aug. 17. The cost for the eight-week, full-equipment, contact clinic is $35 per participant.

Registration forms are currently available at the recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall. Space is limited. Mr. Chuck Jaffe, a Cohasset resident and former collegiate lacrosse player and league coach, volunteers his services for this unique lacrosse opportunity.

Recreation accepting applications for summer employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for Playground Program Counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Applicants must be 18 years of age by July 1, 1998. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 29 through August 14 plus a one-day orientation during late June.

CPR certification is mandatory and the recreation commission will conduct a course during late June for those who need CPR certification.

Openings exist for both the preschool 3 fi- to five-year-old half-day program and the five- to 12-yhear-old, full day programs.

Should you be interested in applying, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at (781) 383-4109 for an application or further information.

Legion ball tryouts are May 23

Registration is now open for the Scituate/Cohasset American Legion baseball team.

All boys ages 19 and under who live in the two towns are invited to participate.

Try-outs for the squad will be held on Saturday, May 23 at 8 a.m. from Cohasset High School.

For more information, please contact Scott Arnold at 545-1896.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Chorus is a hit

The Island Grove Chorus of Abington won second place and was named most improved small chorus at the Sweet Adelines Regional Competition in Springfield. The regional competition included 23 groups from Massachusetts, Maine, Montreal, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York and Connecticut.

The Island Grove Chorus is made up of singers from Abington, Braintree, Brockton, Dorchester, East Bridgewater, Hanson, Hingham, Marshfield, Milton, Pembroke, Rockland, Sharon, Stoughton, Westwood, Weymouth, Whitman and two members from Cohasset, Betty Maree and Tamsin Elliott.

The Chorus welcomes visitors at their Tuesday night rehearsals. For more information call 383-9582.

Cohasset Chamber members are invited to join Relay for Life!

The American Cancer Society will host a 24-hour Relay for Life event at Cohasset High School Friday, May 29, and Saturday, May 30.

Volunteers are needed to assist with food, entertainment, registration and publicity!

Be a Team Leader! Recruit 8 to 24 of your closest friends, family members or coworkers and join the fun!

Light the way! Purchase a $5 candle in memory or honor of a loved one who has fought a battle with cancer. All candles will be lit at a very special Luminaria Service.

Spread the word! Invite cancer survivors to be honored by participating in the very special Survivors Lap. Relays have been referred to as one grande support group for cancer patients. Join and pay tribute to all who have been touched by this disease.

For additional information or promotional materials, call Justine Vanderlugt at Cohasset Travel, 383-3500, or Julie Carchedi at American Cancer Society, (508) 584-9600.

Maritime Museum to open

The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum at Elm Street, Cohasset Center, will open for its summer season Tuesday, June 2. The museum will be open each afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., except Mondays, from then through September. Admission is free, and donations are accepted.

The Maritime Museum, itself once a ship chandlery for Samuel Bates' fishing fleet, houses an extensive group of collections devoted to Cohasset's own maritime history. The town's major industries for nearly two centuries, from about 1700 to the 1890s, were fishing and shipbuilding. Peak years for the mackerel fishery in Cohasset were reached by 1850, when more than 50 large family-owned two-masted schooners called this their home port. A number of those schooners were built in shipyards at "Ship Cove," today known as Cohasset Harbor. The Maritime Museum illustrates that era of sailing vessels with exhibits of ship models, 19th century fishing gear, navigational instruments, shipwrights' tools, charts and pictures. Additionally, the story of shipwrecks and lifesaving is shown, and the history of Minot's Ledge Lighthouse is illustrated.

The museum also contains, on its second floor, a group of collections of more general historical nature; from Native American stone tools to early school desks to cordwainer's equipment and housewright's tools, mostly from early Cohasset.

Be sure to plan a visit to the Maritime Museum this summer to see a unique view of this early New England coastal village. The Historical Society's telephone number is (781) 383-1434.

Meet town manager Mark Haddad

Come for dessert and discussion and meet Mark Haddad, who is the Cohasset Town manager at the Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers' Annual Spring meeting. The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Lightkeepers' Cottage on Government Island. For more information call 383-0024 or 383-9115.

Ireland for singles only

South Shore Singles will sponsor a singles-only forum at the 7:30 p.m., June 2, at the First Parish Hall, 24 River St., Norwell. Join Judith Enright, award winning photographer, as she presents her slides, stories and other experiences from her many trips to Ireland. Call (781) 545-0534.

Hot Dogs on Memorial Day

Immediately following the Memorial Day parade on May 25, the Cohasset Lightkeepers again will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks etc. At no charge on the grounds of the Lightkeepers House. Everyone is welcome.

Dog training classes offered

Reduced-cost dog training classes will be held at the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset. This class boasts a non-force, positive training method, and dog owners from all surrounding communities are invited to attend. A portion of the proceeds benefits the center. The five-week beginners class costs $80. Next classes start June 1. To register or for more information, call (617) 789-3647.

Village Farmers' Market to open

The Cohasset Village Farmers' Market is gearing up for its third season, starting June 4 and running every Thursday through Oct. 15, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. The market will once again take place on Cohasset Common at the corner of South Main Street and Robert E. Jason Road in Cohasset Village.

Vendor space is still available for interested farmers, gardeners, crafters and bakers at $45 for a table space and $75 for a vehicle space. Call the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce at (781) 383-1010 for more information.

The market will once again sponsor different activities for families to enjoy including live folk music, cooking demonstrations, children's face painting, occasional pony rides and much more. Musicians and entertainers looking for free exposure are welcome.

The Cohasset Chamber is a sponsor of the Farmers' Market in its continuing effort to revitalize the Cohasset Village business district. The chamber invites all to the market and enjoy the fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, plants, baked goods, jams and jellies, lobsters, fresh and dried flower bouquets, breads and much more. Musicians and entertainers looking for free exposure are welcome.

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IT'S HAPPENING

Osgood celebrates closing

The Joseph Osgood School, on Ripley Road, will close its doors in June. Osgood memories will be shared during this event. All teachers, students (past and present), family and friends are invited to join a gathering to be held during Harborfest on the Town Common June 6 from noon to 4 p.m. Visit the tents on the Common which will house displays of photographs and students' artwork.

Bring your family and friends to an Osgood Celebration Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Rotary Club. The breakfast will be held in the common in the Osgood Celebration tent from 8 to 10 a.m. at a cost of $3 per person. Afterwards, stop by the Teen Center's Softball Throw and have your throw "clocked."

The PSO will be selling Osgood 70th Birthday Celebration T-shirts during the Harborfest weekend with proceeds to benefit the new school's playground.

Join the fun and come celebrate Osgood's history and memories as it closes its doors.

Joseph Osgood School move

The Joseph Osgood School Move Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the move to the new school. To save money, volunteers will be responsible for the packing and unpacking of classrooms and various offices, although the physical move of boxes will be handled professionally. Specifically, the committee is looking for volunteers on the following dates:

Packing of classrooms and offices at Joseph Osgood, Aug. 10 and 11 (Monday and Tuesday), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Unpacking at new school, Aug. 27 and 28, (Thursday and Friday), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free baby-sitting will be provided. If you can help out, call Sarah Markert at 383-6124 or Cassandra Rioux at 383-2856 to sign up.

Civil War band concert

At 3 p.m., Saturday, May 23, the lawn at the entrance to the South Shore Country Club, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion will sponsor a brass band concert by the Providence Brigade Band, a Civil War period re-enactment group. The concert is free and all are invited. The band, which is of the size and makeup of military bands of the Civil War period and which dresses in Civil War uniforms, will play music similar to that which was played at Hingham's first Memorial Day observance in may of 1868. Limited seating will be available for senior citizens (please call Hersey House/Council on Aging for reservations) but otherwise bring your own chairs, blankets or whatever. The Club caterer will have a lemonade stand set up and hot dogs and Hoodsies will be available for purchase too. Come join in for a traditional summer band concert in honor of Memorial Day.

Paw Prints for Progress day

All Paws Rescue's third annual Paw Prints for Progress family fun and education day is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, at Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine.

This fun-filled day will offer something for everyone: "Ask the Vet," "Ask the Groomer," pop/rock music by Sunnie, the South Shore Joeys and face painting plus training tips and techniques demonstration from The Positive Dog/Skipton Training Center and Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Bring your pet for a photo from Northern Exposure Studios. The Plymouth County Sheriff's department will host a child identification table.

The inner person will find goodies at All Paws Rescue's baked goods table, featuring coffee from Marylou's News, as well as The Good Humor Man and Norwell Pizzeria.

A walk for homeless animals will kick off at 1:30 p.m., sponsorship forms and more information are available from All Paws Rescue, P. O. Box 569, Accord, Mass. 02018 or by calling (781) 749-0968.

Rabies clinic is Saturday

There will be a Rabies clinic on Saturday, May 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Department of Public works. Cats will be taken from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and dogs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cats must be caged and dogs must be leashed.

Proceeds will benefit the New England Wildlife Center in Hingham. Three year certificates will be issued with an up to date certificate and 1998 dog licenses will be available.

Call the animal control officer at 383-9119 with any questions.

OBITUARIES

Jacqueline C. Bessett

Jacqueline C. "Jackie" (Mazzola) Bessett, 65 of Scituate, died Sunday, May 17 at the Cardigan Nursing Home of cancer.

Mrs. Bessett was born and raised in Quincy, where she lived for 40 years. She lived in California for 13 years before moving to Scituate.

Mrs. Bessett leaves her husband, William H. Bessett; two sons, Glenn R. Caron of Braintree and Jon "Jay" Caron of Cohasset; a brother, Richard J. Mazzola of Braintree; a sister Lillian "Dolly" Marini of Braintree; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The funeral Mass was Wednesday, May 20 in St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Burial was in the St. Mary's Cemetery in Scituate.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1115 W. Chestnut St., Suite 301, Brockton, MA 02401.

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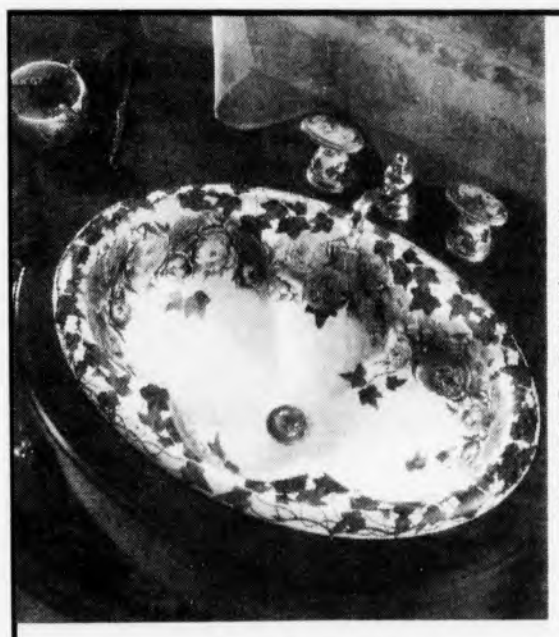
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Docket No. 98P1055E1

Estate of GARY R. GARBER
late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that HELENE GARBER of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executrix named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on **June 10, 1998.**

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate

Cohasset Mariner 5/21/98

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NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 98P1142E1

Estate of ARLENE K. HARRIS
late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that MARVIN R. HARRIS of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on **June 17, 1998.**

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this fourth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.

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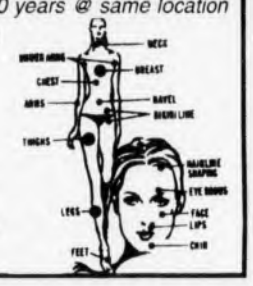
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POLICE LOG

Wednesday, April 29

9:31 p.m., MV stop, Pond St./Buttonwood Lane.

:12 p.m., MV stop, N. Main/Cedar St. Arrested: Ouellette, Josephine E., 57 Hull St., Cohasset. DOB: 7/8/58. Charges: operating a MV with defective equipment; operating under the influence of liquor; stop sign violations.

Thursday, April 30

1:51 a.m., assist other agency, Jerusalem Road.

3:06 a.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

4:28 a.m., medical aid, Jerusalem Road.

7:30 a.m., larceny, Lantern Lane.

8:17 a.m., medical aid, Grace Drive.

10:52 a.m., vandalism, S. Main St.

12:11 p.m., trespassing, CJC Hwy.

12:15 p.m. wires down, area of 179 Sohier St.

12:42 p.m., trespassing, Cohasset Collision.

2:21 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

4:23 p.m., disabled auto, Norman Todd Road.

4:43 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy.

Friday, May 1

9:39 a.m., suspicious (other), Elm St.

10:58 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. by Old Coach Rd.

11:08 a.m., MV stop, area of 266 Forest Ave.

11:42 a.m., parking violation, The Square.

12:42 p.m., MV accident, CJC Way at Pond St.

1:42 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St. by Woodside.

3:28 p.m., medical aid, George Washington Blvd.

4:41 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy.

8:49 p.m., disturbance general, Ripley Road.

Saturday, May 2

12:43 a.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy.

1:17 a.m., general services, Pleasant St.

12:27 p.m., medical aid, Windy Hill Road.

2:15 p.m., suspicious person, CJC Way by Stop & Shop.

4:30 p.m., officer wanted, Lighthouse Lane.

5:22 p.m., MV stop, Hull St.

5:40 p.m., animal complaint, CJC Hwy.

6:06 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

6:26 p.m., medical aid, Pleasant St.

7:56 p.m., MV stop, Pleasant St.

9:14 p.m., disturbance gathering, Lighthouse Lane.

10:17 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St.

11:03 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St.

Sunday, May 3

12:31 a.m., disturbance, King St.

12:44 a.m., general services, Hull St.

1:03 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. Arrested: Broadley, Daniel A., 82 Central Ave., Scituate. DOB: 6/20/65. Charges: operating under the influence of liquor, failure to stay within marked lanes, state highway-following too close.

2:01 a.m., missing person, King St.

9:59 a.m., suspicious (other), Fairoaks Ln.

4:28 p.m., disturbance, Lamberts Lane.

4:53 p.m., parking violation, N. Main St.

4:57 p.m., assist other PD, CJC Hwy.

5:15 p.m., fire, structure, Ripley Road.

7:11 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

7:20 p.m., suspicious auto, CJC Hwy.

10:44 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy.

Monday, May 4

12:47 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St.. Arrest: Martin, Amy L., 50 Main St. Hull. DOB: 9/22/76. Charges: Warrant.

6:19 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy, traffic citation issued.

6:28 a.m. MV stop, CJC Hwy, traffic citation issued.

8:34 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. by Old Coach, traffic citation/warning.

9:17 a.m., medical aid, Bancroft Road, removed to hospital.

10:37 a.m., MV stop, Pond St., traffic citation issued.

2:28 p.m., MV accident, Forest at N. Main, investigated.

3:55 p.m., disturbance family, Forest Ave., returned to home or family.

4:23 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St., traffic citation issued.

5:24 p.m., MV stop, King St. traffic citation/warning.

8:25 p.m., animal complaint, Arrowwood Road, departmental action.

8:26 p.m., animal complaint, Stockbridge St., services rendered.

9:12 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy, traffic citation/warning.

10:08 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy & Beechwood St., traffic citation/warning.

10:34 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy., investigated.

11:02 p.m., disturbance family, King St., departmental action.

Tuesday, May 5

12:51 a.m. MV stop, N. Main St., verbal warning.

8:30 a.m., MV stop, 3A by Pond St., traffic citation/warning.

8:36 a.m., MV stop, 3A by Mendel Rd., traffic citation/warning.

8:57 a.m., MV stop, 3A by Mendel Rd., traffic citation/warning.

2:37 p.m., assist motorist, Summer St., services rendered.

5:04 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St., traffic citation issued.

5:16 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy & Schofield Road, traffic citation/warning.

5:30 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy & Brewster Road, vehicle stored/impounded.

5:57 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy., services rendered.

6:37 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy & Pond St., traffic citation issued.

7:10 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy, verbal warning.

9:22 p.m., assist citizen, Parkingway, services rendered.

11:27 p.m., open door/window, Smith Place.

Wednesday, May 6

7:35 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy., investigated.

8:54 a.m., trespassing, Highland Ave., departmental action.

12:11 p.m., animal complaint, Doane St., area search negative.

1:01 p.m., assist motorist, Castle Road, services rendered.

2:37 p.m., MV accident, 3A by Pond St., investigated.

6:29 p.m., medical aid, Stevens Lane.

7:47 p.., missing person, Jerusalem Road, returned to home or family.

Thursday, May 7

11:28 a.m., disabled auto, King St. & Sohier St., services rendered.

1:42 p.m., escort, CJC Hwy., services rendered.

1:54 p.m., MV stop, 3A by lower King St., vehicle stored/impounded.

2:24 p.m., MV stop, 3A by Sohier St., traffic citation issued.

3:30 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St., verbal warning.

3:50 p.m., fire, structure, Woodland Dr., fire extinguished.

3:51 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy., removed to hospital.

Friday, May 8

12:21 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. Arrest: Rowe, Arthur A. Jr., 55 Revere St., Hull. DOB: 2/26/56. Charges: operating a MV lic. suspended 2nd or subsequent; operating under the influence of liquor.

Police department made 16 arrests last month

April was a fairly busy month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were a total of 16 arrests. Seven were for outstanding warrants. Four were for Operating a Motor Vehicle while Under the Influence of Alcohol. Three were for Operating a Motor Vehicle After License Revocation and, finally, two were for being Minors Transporting Alcohol., Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

There were no Breaking and Enterings reported to the department during April.

During April, the police department received a total of 597 calls for service. Of those calls, 96 were emergency 9-1-1 calls.

"On April 8, Norfolk County District Attorney Jeffrey Locke and I spoke to the Drug and Alcohol Committee and a group of parents. The topics discussed were party host responsibility, prom night and procedures for first-time juvenile offenders," Noonan said.

The annual Rotary Road Race was held April 5 and went off without a hitch. Along with several detail officers normally assigned to the race, the police department assigned two bike patrols to the race funded by the Community Policing Grant.

"Finally, April 28, 29 and 30, I attended the 1998 Annual Police Chiefs Conference in Leominster. Some of the guest speakers were Secretary of Public Safety, Kathleen O'Toole, Robert Kaiser, who spoke of issues of Managing Employees and Jack Enter, speaking on Leadership Qualities," Noonan said.

More police at Nantasket Beach

House Chairman of Ways and Means Paul Haley has agreed to increase public safety at the Metropolitan District Commission Reservation at Nantasket Beach.

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray said she is pleased with Chairman Haley's response to her request for more police coverage at Nantasket Beach.

"All of us who are in close proximity to the beach area, and the people of Cohasset, Hingham and Hull, as well as other towns and cities, will feel safer with the additional State Police presence," she said. Murray said people walk the boardwalk at the beach daily and to have this extra coverage from June through September is greatly appreciated.

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ART CRITIC



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Little Rebecca Markert doesn't know what to think of the 'Spectacular Sunsets' displayed at the Mass. Audubon Society's reception for Joseph Osgood School artists last week in Marshfield. (For more photos, see page 20).

Will Corps derail Greenbush plans?

Agency calls MBTA analysis 'sketchy, flawed'

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Unless the MBTA can convince the Army Corps of Engineers otherwise, it's back to the drawing board for the transit authority's proposal to restore Greenbush rail service to the South Shore.

As the lead federal agency involved in reviewing the project, the Corps is taking a look at alternatives which could prove less environmentally damaging than the $285 million, 17-mile line.

Last week, the Army Corps released a study prepared by a consulting firm, which stated the MBTA's ridership and environmental impact projections and analysis of alternatives for Greenbush — which would run from Boston to Scituate — are sketchy and flawed.

"The MBTA's forecast methodology is insensitive to key travel decision variables such as: transit fare, travel cost, highway and transit system congestion, transit system accessibility, downtown Boston parking costs and other variables which are typically considered in a travel demand forecast," the report stated. "Since the alternatives analysis is also based on the Greenbush forecasting methodology, the accuracy of the alternatives analysis is highly questionable."

According to Joseph Pesaturo, spokesperson for the MBTA, the transit authority disagrees

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Town's train report isn't pretty

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The coming Greenbush train will disrupt the quality of life in Cohasset far more than the MBTA has admitted up to now.

This is the interim conclusion of the committee formed to study the problems the train will bring to town. The Greenbush Mitigation Committee will be at the selectmen's meeting Monday June 1 to talk over the developing situation. Chairman Thomas Gruber said a joint meeting between his committee and the selectmen could be on tap for June 8 as well.

Greenbush is the missing link in the Old Colony train restoration. Two other commuter lines, Plymouth and Middleboro, started operating last fall and were up to full service the weekend of Dec. 1. But setbacks and delays have snarled up the schedule for Greenbush, the third prong of the restoration. Its planned construction along a 17.7 mile long right of way from Scituate to Boston winds through wetlands and historic districts. Building Greenbush has posed a challenge, as the T's environmental manager Andrew Brennan has previously acknowledged. Yet Brennan has stuck to a script that insists the train will have no impact of wetlands and flood control work in Cohasset. The T has also held the train will improve air quality. Their experts also said the roar of the engine and the rumble around the track will bother only a few people who live in about nine

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State checks out oil tank salvaging site

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The state is investigating a house in Cohasset where oil tanks were being salvaged. The tanks reportedly contained waste oil and home heating oil. It is not yet known if there was any contamination.

The house, located at 30 Hammond Ave., lies in a residential neighborhood. Guy J. Scarpaci, the owner of Scarpaci Environmental Engineering, has reportedly been using the site to dismantle oil tanks, according to Joseph Ferson, the information officer at the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Scarpaci did not return calls before the Mariner went to press.

Ferson said records showed about 2,100

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Veterans turn out to recall fallen comrades

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Although many are well into their 70s – local veterans still have a lot of fight left in them.

They not only fought for freedom but continue to fight to ensure enduring respect for their fallen comrades.

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— TIMOTHY B. SULLIVAN, FORMER POW

World War II veteran Ralph Perroncello,74, commander of the VFW Post, leads the annual parade along with Steve Wigmore , 63, commander of the American Legion.

When a group of cyclists tried to ride through the ceremony at POW Square at the corner of Depot Court and N. Main Street Monday – Perroncello took matters into his own hands grabbing the handlebars of the lead rider's bicycle and insisting they stop.

It was a minor altercation in an otherwise perfect day, that glistened with sunshine and attracted hundreds of Cohasset citizens to the Town Common, Veterans Memorial Park and along the parade route.

But the incident helped crystallized what veterans' groups are worried about as Memorial Days around the country become more focused on outdoor barbecues and hot dogs and less on remem-

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Abby Carrier waves the colors.

THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Objections to block scheduling

Gary Vanderweil, 500 Jerusalem Road, took his parent's campaign to improve block scheduling before the school board in person Thursday. He met some opposition which also had a chance to sound off because the school committee put the issue on the agenda. Several teachers said they thought the debate was "premature" and maintained block schedules did improve grades.

Vanderweil asked the board to "look at the options" and see the current block scheduling as one of four viable ways to deal with the mandates of Education Reform. The reform act calls for more time in the classroom. In a school year students must spend 990 hours in class. But Vanderweil said 50-minute classes or hour long classes could also satisfy the requirement. He objected to the 90-minute sessions because they meant students took fewer subjects in a semester. His son, for instance, did not have a math or science class for a seven or eight month stretch. When the core subject classes finally got underway, they came in a semester made shorter because of the new state test.

"It took two weeks out of math and science," he said. "It's not fair to carve two weeks off with the damn test." He asked for a study before the school board decides to back the block program.

The school committee will wait for a "full report" from the school council before taking a position about the block schedules, Chairman Rick Shea said. The report is due in June.

BOSTON TIDES
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

May 1997	High AM	Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 28	1:27	11.9	7:51	2:07	10.5	8:04
Fri. 29	2:18	11.5	8:41	2:59	10.1	8:56
Sat. 30	3:09	11.0	9:32	3:52	9.8	9:48
Sun. 31	4:03	10.4	10:24	4:46	9.5	10:43
Mon. 1	4:58	9.8	11:17	5:40	9.2	11:40
Tues. 2	5:54	9.4	——	6:35	9.1	12:11
Wed. 3	6:52	9.0	12:38	7:28	9.2	1:05
Thurs. 4	7:49	8.9	1:36	8:19	9.3	1:57

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Steve Wigmore, commander of the American Legion post, and VFW Commander Ralph Perroncello, far right, lead Cohasset's Memorial Day parade up North Main Street toward the common.

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Beach, dump stickers are on sale

Your beach and RTF permits expire May 31. Beach and RTF stickers are on sale at the town hall on the following schedule: Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday evening 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beach stickers are $7 per vehicle, and $3 per vehicle for elders over 60. RTF stickers are 2 for $65 and for a sole resident $33.

Beach and RTF stickers will be on sale at the Recycling Transfer Facility on weekends between the hours of 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and noon to 3:30 p.m. Child care provider stickers will not be on sale at the RTF and are available at the town hall only. You will need vehicle registrations or, if not a Massachusetts registration, proof of residency (tax bill or rental lease). You are encouraged to purchase your sticker through the mail by providing a copy of your registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

Permits now being issued will expire May 31,1999.

Correction

On May 14, 1998, in an article on page 5 titled "Water Contracts to be Awarded," the Mariner reported that "American Anglian Water Company is a Dedham/Westwood Company half owned by Mass-American Water Company." This is inaccurate: Mass-American has no ownership interest in American Anglian Company or vice versa. Rather, Mass-American Water Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of American Water Works Company and American Anglian Company is a joint venture of American Water Works Company and Anglian Water Company.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Meeting has been scheduled by the Sewer Commission to provide information and a progress update on the Town's two current major sewering projects, namely the new North Cohasset Sewer Service District and the expanded Central Cohasset Sewer Service District. Work has already commenced on the North Cohasset project and Phase One of the Central Cohasset expansion. The latter will connect the Deer Hill school and the new elementary school with the Town's treatment plant. Phase Two of the Central Cohasset expansion will go out to bid in late August.

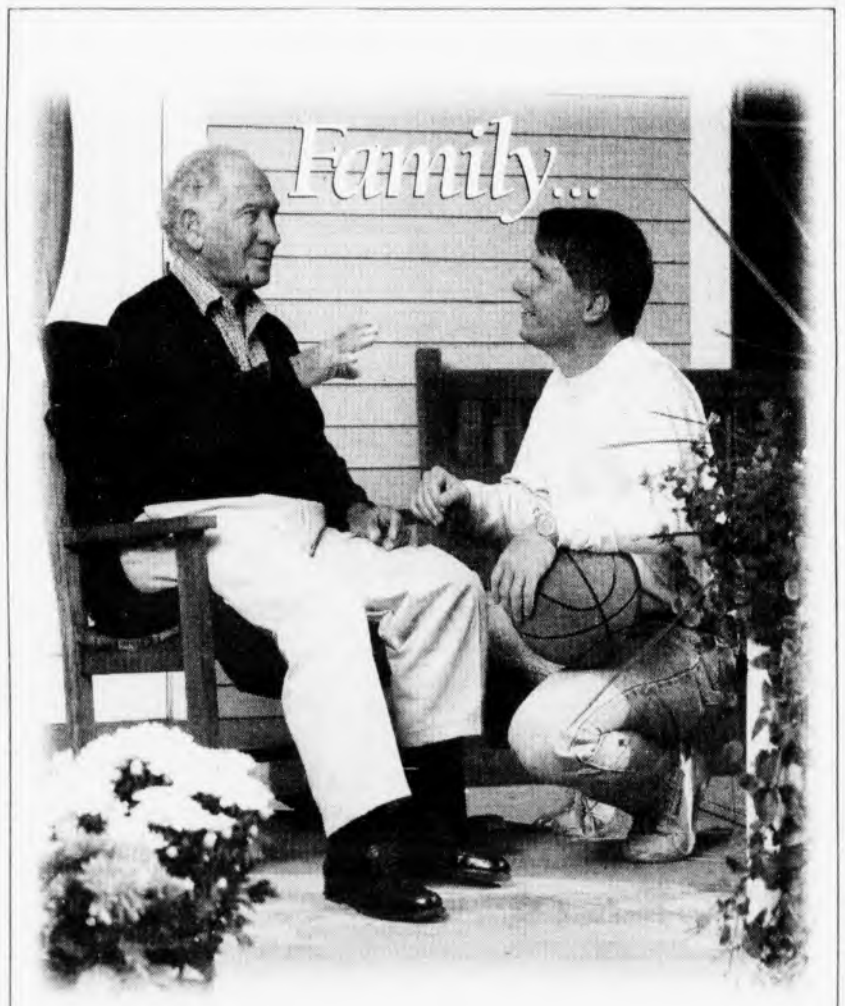
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- **Impacts on Users**
- **Scheduling**
- **Long Range Planning**

In addition, there will be an extended period for questions and discussion.

Location: **Town Hall Auditorium**
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As good as it gets

Loring Hall fills a niche in the theater business

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

"As Good As It Gets," the title of the film that recently had a two-week run at the Loring Hall Cinema on lower Main Street in Hingham, could also serve double duty to describe how people feel about attending movies at the 146-year-old theater.

"Often, it shows movies that the big theaters play only a short time or miss altogether. Even better, it's reasonably priced, and the theater itself throws you back to another time," said Lee Seibert of Pembroke. "My husband and I like to sit in the balcony. It has the old charm that the megaplexes just seem to miss."

The 325-seat theater, with its large screen, balcony, avante garde films and history-rich setting, is worth the journey not only for folks from towns like Cohasset and Scituate. It also attracts attendees who've traveled from as far as Dedham, Medford and the Cape.

Edie Scott, co-owner of Loring Hall with husband Phillip Scott, chalks it up to "attracting a totally different audience who trusts our judgments in films" so much so that some loyal theatergoers attempted to purchase tickets for the post-wedding celebration of the Scotts' son and his bride a few years ago. Apparently, when theater manager Jim Ebersole put up a sign saying, "The Celebration Continues with David & Marybeth,' people thought it was an artsy film of some kind and wanted to get in," laughed Scott.

The once-yellow building was recently scraped and primed in preparation for getting some fresh white coats of paint, which is why it has looked a little worn of late. "It's been white for years," explained Scott, "and so we're going to stay with that."

Despite a color change and a few renovations over the century and a half of its existence, the theater has kept much of its essence. Evidence of the theater's rich history is found today in the weights (not visible) that still hang from the stage rafters, which used to move stage scenery for live shows performed there so long ago. The piano that animated silent films earlier in the century also remains, although it is now out of tune. And the kitchen, where local women prepared tea and cakes for Civil War soldiers, is currently a storage room.

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Built in 1852 for the "meetings and lawful amusements" of Hingham's townspeople, Loring Hall also possessed dressing rooms on a lower floor as well as a seating for 400 to 500 people. The "ladies of Hingham" had organized a fair, concert, social party and other events to pull together the nearly $700 that essentially paid for the building site and the foundation. The building itself cost about $4,000, which was donated by Colonel Benjamin Loring, a Hingham native born before the start of the Revolutionary War.

The Scotts bought the building in 1964.

"Before we were married," said Edie Scott, "we had a theater in Wollaston. Our projectionist there heard from the Loring's projectionist that the building was going up for sale. We were going to marry in May and had just bought a house in South Hingham to live in, so we decided to buy Loring Hall. It's been very good to us, and we'll always keep it in the family."

The Scott's son, Dave, has been choosing the films shown at Loring Hall for the last 10 years. He tries to find "films with heart" and bases his picks on what's doing well in the Kendall Square, Harvard Square and West Newton theaters, as those are the ones he feels would appeal most to the audience his mother describes as "sophisticated and well-educated."

"The English Patient' went on forever, and 'The full Monty' did so much business for so many weeks that we finally had to bring something new in," Dave Scott recalled. "We felt we should go onto something else. It's hard to guarantee what will work, though. We once had a critically acclaimed Russian film that lasted only one week. If the audience doesn't want to see it, they won't."

Earliest Patrons

Today's films are a far cry from original Loring Hall attractions. Some of the earliest patrons of the hall enjoyed lectures by such notables as Oliver Wendell Holmes and Ralph Waldo Emerson. Hinghamites paid 12 1/2 cents each in March of 1853 to hear Emerson talk to his audience "in a quiet and unostentatious way," according to the Hingham Journal's report the following week.



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Paul Ryan walks down the steps of Loring Hall in Hingham with his daughter Caitlin.



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The Loring Hall, built in 1852, was once home to all sorts of community activities including dances, drama presentations, dinners and minstrel shows.

Dance classes, such as one mentioned in George Lincoln's diary entry of Jan. 15, 1872, also took place in Loring Hall and could be enjoyed from outside as well as in. Wrote Lincoln, "When I passed...I listened to the music for a few minutes. The scene was one of youthful vigor, grace, and beauty."

Lincoln's son, George M. Lincoln, was a professional violinist whose concerts at the hall drew a full house, even when he was still a boy. A playbill for one of George Jr.'s concerts, given Thanksgiving of 1854, is framed and posted at the foot of one of the hall's two staircases leading to the balcony. Amateur theatricals, comedies and the like were also performed at the Loring.

Political causes were championed in the Loring, too. During the late 1800s, when advocates of temperance began to come forward, a "law and order meeting" was held at the hall, urging that the town's selectmen move against the illegal sale of "intoxicating liquors." And the suffrage movement was argued for when Reverend Anna Howard Shaw spoke for women's right to vote there. In 1884, Shaw's appearance with John D. Long on behalf of the Massachusetts Women's Suffrage Association drew 200 people.

In 1887, when black Civil War veterans of the 54th and 55th Regiments came with their families by steamboat to adorn the Hingham Cemetery grave of John Andrew, who served as an anti-slavery Massachusetts governor during the Civil War, they were entertained at Loring Hall with humorous reminiscences by postmaster Peter Sprague, himself a former officer in the 55th.

Electricity came to Hingham in the late 1800s, and by 1912, the hall began showing silent films, with Howie Horton accompanying them on the piano. By the 1920s, 50 cents could buy an evening of movies and vaudeville. The early 1920s also saw a Loring Hall meeting entitled, "The Poetic Beauty of the Irish Soul," in which the growing Irish population in Hingham was celebrated in song, dance, and story.

During the 1930s, then-manager Dan Murphy oversaw the renovation of the building for $15,000, which led to the creation of an "up-to-date" projection room, two bathrooms and a front area where the ticket booth, concession counter, and staircases now stand. "They sort of moved the original front facade to the front of the new part of the building," explained current manager Ebersole.

In less happy times, such as during World War II, Loring Hall was flanked by "cages," as they were called, for collecting pots and pans to be melted down and used for weapons in the war effort. And during the post-war Red Scare, a depiction of "Invasion U.S.A." attempted to prepare theater goers for what their world would be like should the Atom bomb drop.

Today, there are sentimental memories people have of the place, that they share, on occasion, with Ebersole or his two co-managers, Jimmy Maher and Steve Abouzeid.

"One guy came in a while back, about age 60," said Ebersole, "and told me he could remember his father playing piano for the silents. Other people come in and tell me they have old playbills. I tell them, 'Bring them in!', but they don't because of their sentimental value."

"I've always liked this theater," continued Ebersole, "and it draws a nice crowd."

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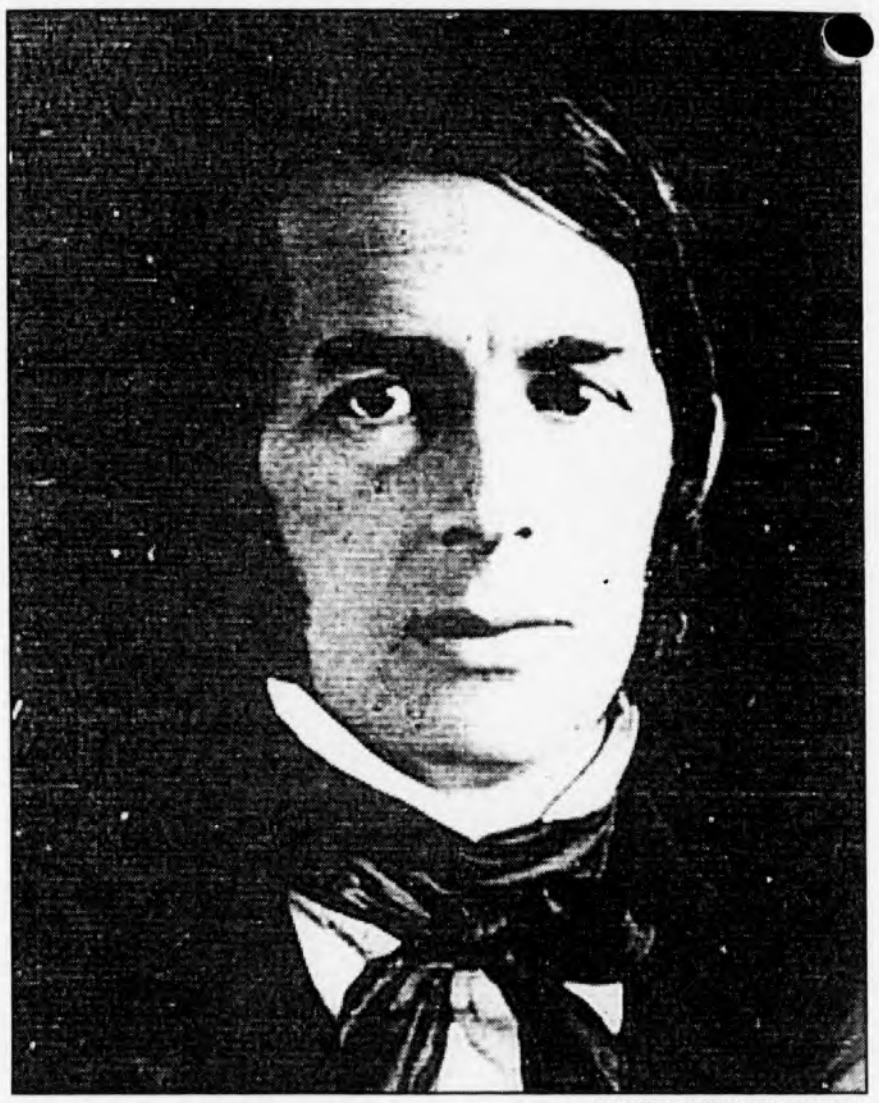
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New elementary school to have a familiar name

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER



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Joseph Osgood,at age 33, in 1848.

The new elementary school will be named after Joseph Osgood. The school board voted unanimously Thursday to keep the school name the same in honor of the Unitarian pastor who is known as "the father of the Cohasset school system."

This will be the third school building in Cohasset to be called Osgood. The first one was named after him in 1890. That building was located near the present police and fire station on Elm Street. The second one, the Osgood School on Ripley Road, is being sold after the children move into the third Osgood School. It is still under construction but is expected to open in time for the first day of school in September.

School board member Mark DeGiacomo said he wanted to keep the Osgood name after he found out "what he meant to this town." Osgood was a former school board member, but his work on the school committee was a small part of his 50 years of service to the schools. He was a teacher and minister who was driven to reform education. As the superintendent, he replaced the one room schoolhouses with modern schools separated by grades. He also started a "full-term" high school for boys and girls.

The school council supplied DeGiacomo and the rest of the board with a capsule summary of his accomplishments. They also urged the board to keep the Osgood name for the new school.

Osgood's great-granddaughter, Frances Maroni of Falls Church, Va., said she was thrilled about the news.

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Want a Cohasset boat mooring? Get in line

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Getting a boat mooring in Cohasset is easy. All you have to do is get your name on the waiting list, say a daily prayer, and hope you don't die before they draw your name. That may be an exaggeration, but not by much. It's not unusual for people to wait more than 15 years for a mooring in Cohasset Harbor.

So what's the deal here? Why are moorings so popular, yet so hard to obtain? Who decides who gets one and who doesn't? And is the process fair? Harbormaster John H. Winters has the answers to those questions and more.

Winters said that the amount of time someone has to wait for a mooring varies, but the average wait is around 12 to 15 years. But that wait has not deterred people from signing up, as the list of people waiting now exceeds the number of available moorings. More than 300 people are on a waiting list for one of the 280 moorings in the harbor. Moorings open up only when someone gives up their spot voluntarily or dies. Winters said Cohasset's harbor is very small, which restricts the number of moorings that can be laid in the water.

Moorings are generally placed in somewhat deep waters to accommodate larger vessels, Winters said. In Cohasset, the only moorings available are publicly owned because they rest in federal waters. The federal government pays for harbor dredging, but that money comes with a price. Federal regulators require towns to allow anyone to apply for a mooring.

Anyone can get on the list, which has a diverse mix of people waiting, ranging from infants placed on the list by their parents to residents of Florida hoping for a spot. Moorings may be passed between husband and wife, but may not be transferred to children, parents, other relatives, friends, or anyone else. Once a person gets a mooring, it's theirs for the rest of their lives as long as they want it.

"As far as we're concerned, the process for distributing moorings has been refined by the Harbor Committee to the point where it is fairest to everyone," Winters said.

It is illegal to sell or rent moorings, or to try to register one to a corporation or trust. But the laws don't stop people from trying to get around the rules. Winters has seen every trick in the book and knows what to watch out for.

"Let's say you own a mooring and move to Florida," Winters said. "Someone buys half the boat, but the mooring stays in the original owners name. Then the following year the original owner sells the rest of the boat to the new owner who thinks he gets the mooring. But the mooring is registered to the original owner, not the new one. There are no partnerships allowed."

It costs $10 to get on the list, and applicants must reaffirm their name each year between Jan. 1 and April 1 or they get bumped to the bottom of the list. Harbor officials are not without mercy, and if someone forgets to reaffirm their name they will get a certified letter after April 1 giving them 15 days to sign up again.

People lucky enough to get a mooring must pay $10 per foot of vessel length per year for the privilege of tethering their boat in the water.

People with smaller boats are fortunate because there are many private clubs in town that offer slips at a dock. Most of the yacht clubs in town offer private slips. But slips usually cannot accommodate boats larger than 20 feet. People who want to tether their large boats in Cohasset need a mooring, hence the high demand for the limited spots.

Woody Chittick is the Commodore at the Cohasset Yacht Club (CYC). Chittick said that the yacht club offers about 120 slips, but none capable of accommodating a vessel longer than 20 feet. He pointed out that boats that need moorings are much larger than the boats that can fit into slips. Chittick said it is also difficult to guide a sailboat into a slip, although not entirely impossible. Another factor behind the demand for moorings are the number of people who own more than one boat. Chittick estimated that as many as two-thirds of the yacht club members have both slips and moorings.

So how do people feel about the long wait? Most just accept the fact that there's no way around the long wait. Selectmen Nan Roth is no exception. There is no executive privilege for town officials, fisherman, wealthy individuals or anyone else. Roth and her family have been waiting for a mooring since 1985. Last year, she moved up the list to number 33. That's pretty high up on the list but still a long way from the top.

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"You have no choice but to wait if you want a mooring," Roth said. "I think it's a fair process, although it's a pain in the neck to have to re-sign up every year. At least they let you reaffirm your spot on the list by mail."

Roth is also not taking any chances that her children will not get their chance at a mooring. Like many other people, she has put her children on the list as well.

Roth is also hopeful that the Army Corps of Engineers will create more moorings after it is done dredging the harbor. She said the Army Corps is unpredictable, but has at least stated the possibility of additional moorings after the dredging project is finished. The Army Corps plans to place the moorings back in their original spots, then see if the dredging will allow for additional spots.

It wasn't always so hard to get a mooring. Former selectman Jane Goerdeke got one for a speed boat many years ago after a long wait. Goerdeke said the federal government used to allow special moorings for smaller boats, but discontinued that practice to open up the process to everyone.

"It makes it very difficult for the race fleet to continue," she said.

Sometimes people get a mooring approved at a time when they can't really use it. That was the case for former selectmen Martha Gjesteby. She wanted a 30-foot boat but had to wait for a mooring that could accommodate a boat that large. Then last year, her name went to the top of the list and she received a mooring. But there was a problem. She didn't have a boat anymore. Gjesteby had a 27-foot-boat, which she finally sold a few years ago. Fortunately, she can stay near the top of the list as long as she re-affirms her name every year. She has yet to get a new boat.

"My kids keep encouraging me to get a boat," Gjesteby said.

So if you think you might ever get a large boat, now is the time to get on the list. Say your prayers, don't hold your breath and maybe, just maybe, one day you'll be awarded with a mooring.

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Street cut bill in the works

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Town Manager Mark Haddad is frowning on a move to reopen the street cut issue. Two Beacon Hill power brokers have sided with the cities and towns in their street battle with power companies. Rep. Joseph Sullivan, D-Braintree, and Rep. Daniel Bosley, D-North Adams, announced May 22 they will co-sponsor new legislation to give local governments more say about the way the companies dig up their streets. Potentially, the bill could re-instate the fees cities and towns used to charge the utility companies for digging up the roads to get at power lines.

That means Cohasset might ease out of the settlement Haddad struck last fall under pressure from Boston Gas. But in a telephone interview Tuesday, he made it clear he was satisfied about the Boston Gas deal and was not looking for an exit. He dismissed the new legislation and said it was unnecessary.

Boston Gas used to pay Cohasset $50 in the summer and $100 in the winter every time the company put a hole in the street. That system ended last November after the town agreed to give out free street permits for four years if the company agreed not to sue to recover $12,000 in fees Cohasset already charged.

Boston Gas went after settlements from a number of communities after it beat the city of Newton Aug. 14 out of $274,000 in street inspection fees. Haddad said then a settlement was "prudent" because the town would lose a court battle. He also said the company still has to post a bond to pay for the cost of street damage. The town would still be protected if Boston Gas crews left the road in bad shape.

James J. Tobin, a lawyer for the company, said last November the fees were becoming an uncontrollable cost. The company acted to put a stop to the "acceleration of costs" connected to street cuts. Ultimately, the state Supreme Judicial Court deemed the fees "illegal," making all the cities and towns became unofficial losers along with Newton.

But many communities were dissatisfied with the court's decision and doubted the bond was enough protection. Newton, for instance, is welcoming the new bill which was spearheaded by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, a lobbyist for the cities and towns. New legislation is the only way the local governments could win back the right to charge fees for inspectors because the decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court are final and cannot be appealed, according to Gayle Smalley, an attorney for Newton.

If passed, the new bill would enable local governments to make the companies pay when their repair work is sloppy. It could also empower communities already locked into settlements, she said.

"It could allow the cities and towns to charge different fees," she said over and above the settlement agreement. Because Bosley heads the committee over the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, she is hopeful the new bill stands a good chance of passage. Sullivan also holds a key position. He is transportation committee chairman.

Judge to decide fate of James Lane

Controversial 'access' stirs emotions on Pleasant St.

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

James Lane hardly seems like the type of street that would end up as the focus of a heated court battle. It's a small 100-yard-long street that is home to a small number of families.

But residents are angry that Edward Fitzpatrick of 68 Pleasant St. and his family are using a small strip of land at the end of the street to pass from their property to James Lane. James Lane residents say the traffic from Pleasant Street is dangerous for children in the neighborhood. Fitzpatrick said he has historic rights dating back 100 years to use the piece of land in question to access James Lane. However, Fitzpatrick does not own the land in question. Town meeting voters sided with the residents of James Lane last month and took the piece of land by eminent domain to block off the street and make it a dead-end.

Fitzpatrick did not like the town meeting decision and hired attorney Charles Humphreys to try and overturn the decision in Norfolk Superior Court. The matter was heard in court yesterday by a Norfolk Superior Court Judge who will review the facts and render a decision.

Humphreys said the town is unfairly trying to subvert the legal process by seizing the land. He said town officials blocked off the land in 1995 with rocks to restrict the Fitzpatrick's access. Fitzpatrick took the town to court and was able to force town officials to remove the rocks.

"The town blocked the road, blocking the Fitzpatricks access to James Lane, and I brought action in Norfolk Superior Court to set aside that action and get a preliminary injunction ordering the removal of the rocks," Humphreys said. "The judge approved the removal of the rocks. Now, the town decided to ignore the court and do an eminent domain taking."

At town meeting, Fitzpatrick said he and his family were the victims of a neighborhood vendetta trying to deny them legal access to James Lane.

But James Lane residents paint a different picture of events. Scott Smith of 49 James Lane has led a neighborhood drive to make James Lane a dead-end. Smith said safety is the real issue. He said there are too many vehicles speeding along the small road to access Pleasant Street. At town meeting, Smith said there have been as many as 10 or 12 cars at the Fitzpatricks — cars that race up James Lane and practically skid into the house.

Also speaking at town meeting, selectman Ronnie McMorris said James Lane had always been a dead-end historically, and a safe place where children could walk and play until the last six-to-eight years. She added that it was not necessary for the Fitzpatricks to use James Lane because they have two driveways on Pleasant Street.

"Yes, it's convenient— a minute or two less to go over to Pond Street— but we feel the convenience is overridden by public safety issues since the brush was cleared and James Lane is no longer a quiet, dead-end street," McMorris said.

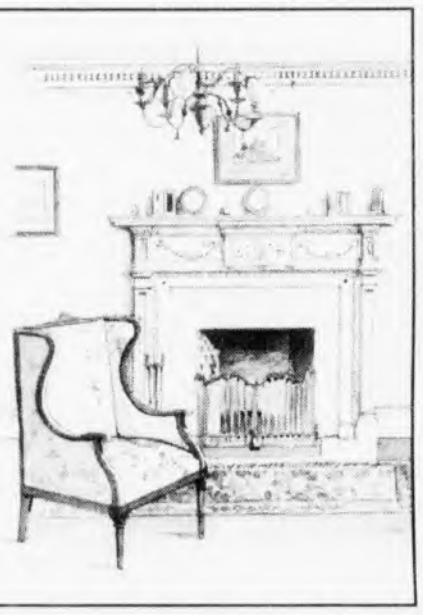
Smith said the residents of James Lane are concerned only for the safety of their families. He said no one wishes to deny anyone their rights, and points out that the Fitzpatricks do not even own the land in question.

"The lives of everyone up and down this lane have been endangered by these fast-moving vehicles," Smith said. "Everyone in town is for it [closing the lane] and it makes sense. It's ludicrous to have a throughway from James Lane to Pleasant Street."

Smith added that he was encouraged by yesterday's events in court and is hopeful tha the judge will uphold the eminent domain taking.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said as far as the town is concerned, the land is owned by all of the residents along James Lane and has no real value. The town is taking the 120-square-foot patch of land for $1.

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School superintendent search narrowed to four finalists

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Two superintendents from neighboring communities survived the winnowing of candidates for the Cohasset superintendent's job. Irene Sherry Kaplan, the present Whitman-Hanson Regional district school chief, and John D. MacLean, Jr, the Hull superintendent, are among the final four candidates. In all, one woman and three men were named finalists Thursday for the school superintendent's position. Supt. Stephen Hart is retiring in June.

The other two, also superintendents presently, also have ties to Massachusetts. They are Richard M. Carlson, the Lunenburg superintendent and Edward M. Malvey, the Griswold, Conn. School chief. Malvey was the assistant superintendent in Mansfield until 1992.

A fifth finalist, not named, has taken a post with another school district. There was no opportunity to name another candidate since decision letters had already been sent to the other semi-finalists.

Wednesday, Chairman Rick Shea and school board member Mark DeGiacomo were in Whitman to visit Kaplan. In a telephone interview she said they arrived at 8:30 a.m. and faced a full day of meetings and events. She sounded enthusiastic about introducing them to the Whitman and Hanson community and said she was "excited" to be a finalist. In her view, the challenge facing the new Cohasset superintendent has some similarities to her work as head of the Whitman-Hanson Regional district even though the state funding policy for regional schools is different. Kaplan said Whitman and Hanson were both "hard hit" by Proposition 2 1/2 and teamed up to provide quality education for their children. Both communities have recently build new schools and adopted technology programs.

Kaplan holds a doctorate from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She also has a master's degree from Boston University and went to Queens College in New York.

Richard Carlson also said he was excited to be a finalist. He began his teaching career in special education and has developed methods to keep youngsters in school inside the district even though they may not be able to be in regular classrooms.

"Inclusion is not for everybody," said Carlson. He has turned away from the division between regular and special education. The director of instruction in Lunenburg is responsible for all the students. There is no special education or regular education in the district anymore.

Carlson has a doctorate in education from Nova Southeastern University in Florida. He went to Boston College and earned a master's degree in education from the University of Massachusetts.

Edward Malvey is also delighted to be a finalist. Malvey went to head the Griswold, Conn. School district in 1992. The community had just built new schools, and he saw the opportunity for ushering in a host of other changes. Malvey is proud of the national reputation enjoyed by Connecticut public schools. However, his "long-term career plan" was always to return to Massachusetts, he said. He was previously the assistant superintendent in Mansfield.

Malvey holds a doctorate in education from George Washington University. He went to Boston State College and earned a master's degree in education from Northeastern.

John MacLean also is excited to be named a finalist because opportunities like Cohasset seldom come along. He has reorganized the middle school in Hull to include the fifth- through eighth-grades. That is the grouping of grade levels called for under Education Reform. He also spent two years in planning the new curriculum.

MacLean earned a doctorate in education from Boston University. He also studied at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

The final four were chosen from a pool of 11 semi-finalists. Their names were never publicly announced. James Hardy, a search consultant from the state association of school committees, said the search committee had the right to keep the names and interviews secret. That is because several candidates requested confidentiality and said they would drop out if their names were aired.

Earlier Hardy said only one candidate would definitely withdraw if the search committee went public with a list of candidates. Two others delayed making a final decision before the search committee opted to handle the interviews behind closed doors.

Dates, times of finalists' interviews

The four finalists meet the school board starting June 8 at Cohasset High. All the interviews start at 7 p.m. The school board convenes a half an hour before. The sessions are open to the public.

Here are the dates of the interviews.

Monday June 8: Irene Sherry Kaplan

Tuesday June 9: Edward Malvey

Wednesday June 10: John Maclean

Monday June 15: Richard Carlson

Oil tank salvaging site

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gallons of waste oil were removed from the site and trucked to a legal disposal center in Bridgeport, Conn. Scarpaci did have a contract with a licensed waste oil hauler based in Johnston, R.I. But he failed to register his own business as a "large quantity generator of waste oil." Under state law, he is required to do so.

The DEP is also determining if the property has been contaminated. The agency received an anonymous tip May 15 about oil "accumulating."

Fire chief Roger Lincoln said the DEP was handling the investigation. Health agent Joseph Godzik did not return calls to the Mariner.

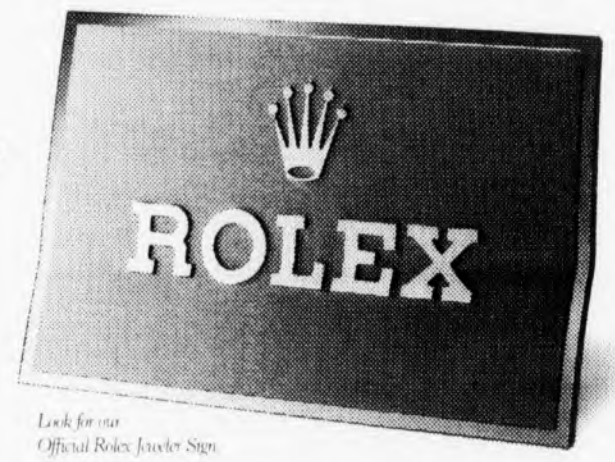
Blood drive is June 10

The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, June 10. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Unitarian Parish House at 23 North Main St., from 2 to 7 p.m. As in the past, babysitting will be provided from 3 to 6 p.m. The Red Cross depends on regular donations to meet the ongoing need for blood and blood by-products.

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A REAL HERO

With all of the events of Memorial Day still fresh in our mind, let me tell you a few facts about our favorite locksmith, **George Haley**! Did you know that he served on the USS Duane during the Battle of Atlantic, in the North Atlantic (during World War II)? That ship was credited with sinking two German submarines, also made the invasion of Southern France. George earned three Bronze Battle Stars! George has been a member of both the American Legion and the VFW for 52 years — in fact, he is a Life Member of both! George is a great guy and our Hero!!

COLLEGE GRAD

Aimee Mitchell, daughter of **Ann** and **Laurence Mitchell,** received a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla., Saturday, May 2. Aimee is a 1994 graduate of Cohasset High School and majored in elementary education. She was elected Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; United States Achievement Academy; Kappa Delta Pi; Education Honor Society; Chairman, Knights of the Round Table and Admission Ambassador. This is one gal who will go far, friends!

TRINITY GRADUATE

Here is more news from a CHS, Class of '94 grad! We congratulate **Sarah Atherton**, who just graduated from

Trinity College in Hartford! Sarah majored in economics and received her BA. Another Cohasset grad who makes us oh-so-proud!

NEW ARRIVAL

Sasha and **Marc Geddes** can now make their own movies about "My Three Sons" — thanks to their latest thrill, **Gregory Lawson Geddes**! Gregory was born April 12 at 4:18 p.m., weighing in at 7 pounds, 4 oz. His big brothers' names are **Michael** and **Dereck**, who are very happy with their little brother. Gregory's grandparents are **Dorothy Manton** (maternal grandparent) and **Raymond** and **Nancy Berberick** of Hull (Paternal grandparents). We congratulate you all, and cannot wait to see your latest treasure!

GOING PLACES

Hats off to **Christopher Rolandelli** who was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in communications/advertising and public relations from Flagler College. He graduated at the spring commencement ceremony April 18 on the college campus in St. Augustine, Fla. We'll let you know of his future plans, you know that young man will go places!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday greetings go to **Ann Pompeo**, who is celebrating her birthday today (May 28) — be sure to give her a big hug when you see her, make her day an even happier one.



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Margaret Tufts gets ready to work on the post-prom lock in at the high school. For story, see page 27.

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RESEARCH AT SEA

John Whitehouse, a 1996 Cohasset High graduate, recently returned from a cruise aboard the NOAA research vessel, the Delaware II, out of Woods Hole. He served as a research technician studying fish stocks off George's Bank and the Gulf of Maine. John, a biology major, will be a junior at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. this fall.

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MIDDLEBURY NEWS

Much news comes our way from Middlebury College this week, here it goes: **Thomas M. Greco**, son of Mr. **Thomas R. Greco**, has attained dean's list status for the fall term at Middlebury; **Alison W. Killilea,** daughter of **Ms. Susan Redgate Killilea** of Cohasset and **Mr. Thomas W. Killilea** of Boston, has also attained dean's list status for the fall term.

Samuel L. Goedecke, son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Peter L. Goedecke,** has begun his first year at Middlebury; he is one of 99 members to enter the college at the start of the spring 1998 term. **Theodore W. Noon**, son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Nicholas W. Noon**, has also begun his first year at Middlebury; he entered at the start of the spring 1998 term. Surely we will be hearing a lot about these two gents for the next four years, and we wish them well!

ON THE MEND

It is nice to see **Joan Cameron** walking around town again, she had a problem with her back for a little while. You can't keep a "Cohassetite" down for long!

85 YEARS YOUNG

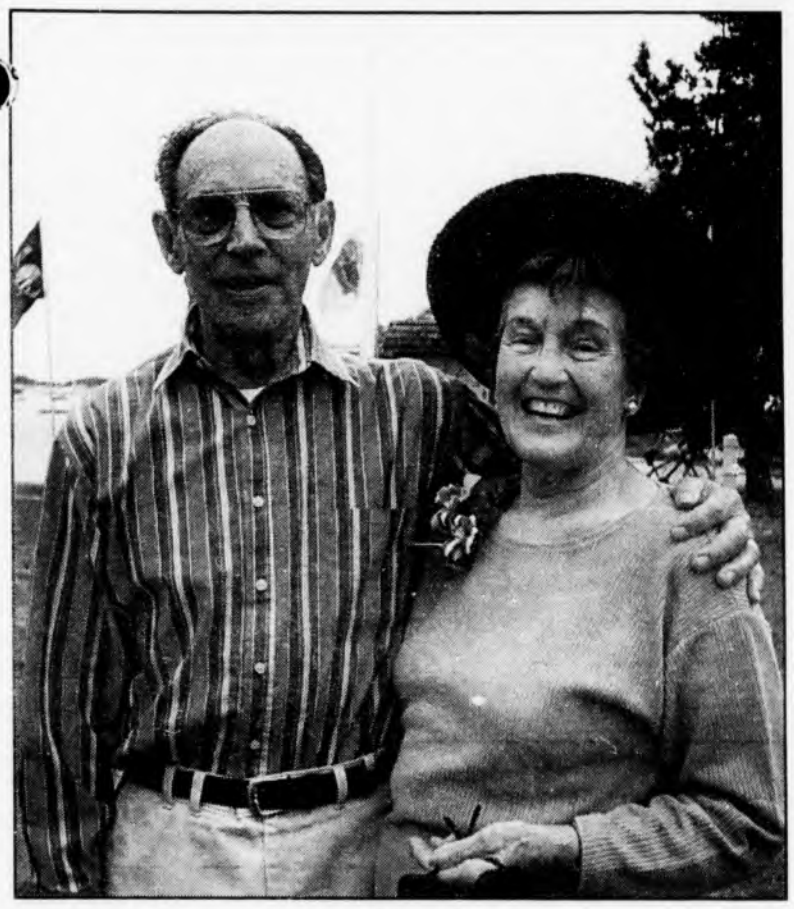
Next week, June 3, is **Mimi Chatterton's** 85th birthday! We know that she doesn't look or act nearly that old, but the calendar has a way of keeping Up with age! Be sure to give her birthday greetings when you see her, and here is to many more, Mimi!

MORE NEWS WELCOME

That's the news for this week, how about sending me yours, either via phone or dropping it off at my house, or by mail. You know, we really love to hear of your family's accomplishments!

Sallyann Chatterton
383-0560

PICTURE THIS



Louis and June Simeone

Occupation: Retired.

Goal: To see our grandchildren grow up.

Best vacation: Windjammer cruise in the Caribbean

Best day of your life: The day we got married and the days our children and grandchildren were born.

Biggest worry: Not seeing our grandchildren grow up.

Favorite holiday: Fourth of July.

Favorite TV show: "Star Trek."

Favorite movie: "Mr. Holland's Opus."

Favorite book: "The Measure of Our Success" by Marian Wright Edelman (June); "Hunt for Red October," by Tom Clancy (Lou).

Favorite junk food: Nuts (June), jelly doughnuts (Lou).

Dumbest thing I've ever done: "Sideswiping a car while I was reaching in the back seat to discipline my kids" (June); "Everything I do is dumb!" (Lou).

Person you'd most like to meet: The author, Marian Wright Edelman (June); my great grandfather (Lou).

Pet peeve: Telemarketing at dinner time.

Editor's note: As the Osgood School celebration at Harborfest June 6 nears, the Cohasset Mariner is featuring those with ties to Osgood in Picture This. Mr. Simeone was a member of the first, first-grade class at Osgood in 1926. Mrs. Simeone is a retired Osgood School teacher. She still substitutes at the school.

MAY I PRESENT

SALLYANN CHATTERTON

With the grills getting all fired up for the season, thought you might like to try a hamburger that is rather unique, and sure is yummy. Dad's in particular seem to go for these, so practice for Father's day! You will be serving them often!

BLUE-CHEESE BURGERS ON BUTTERED ROLLS

1 pound ground beef
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
2 tbsp. minced onion
1/4 pound crumbled blue cheese
2 tbsp. mayonnaise
1 tbsp. Worcestershire
1/2 tsp. dry mustard

Lightly toss beef with salt, pepper and onion; shape into 8 thin patties. Combine blue cheese, mayonnaise, Worcestershire and dry mustard; spoon onto four of the patties; top with remaining patties. Press edges together; grill (or broil) to desired doneness. Makes 4 servings. Here is a tip for the rolls: split hamburger rolls; spread with butter; sprinkle with seasoned salt and a pinch of oregano. Toast.

With the Blue-cheese burgers, try some herbed potato wedges, they are a little different from the norm, and sure to please!

HERBED POTATO WEDGES

2 large baking potatoes, cut into wedges
6 tbsp. grated parmesan cheese
2 tbsp. dried basil
1/2 tsp each salt and pepper
4 tsp. vegetable oil

Combine cheese, basil and salt and pepper in a shallow bowl. Brush the cut side of potato wedges with oil, then dip into the cheese mixture. Place them in a greased pan, bake uncovered at 400 degrees for 20-25 minutes, or until tender.

Don't forget, if you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, let me know! Everyone loves to try them!

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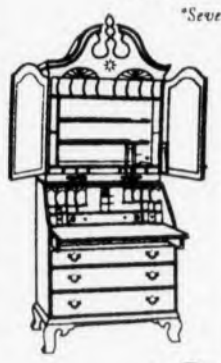
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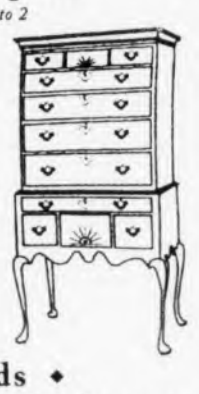
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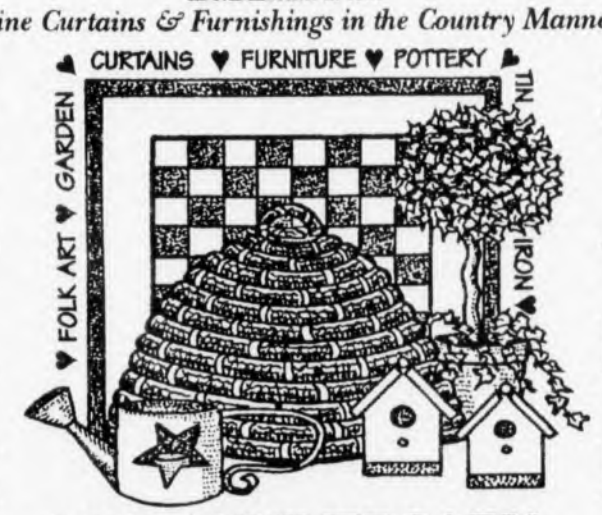


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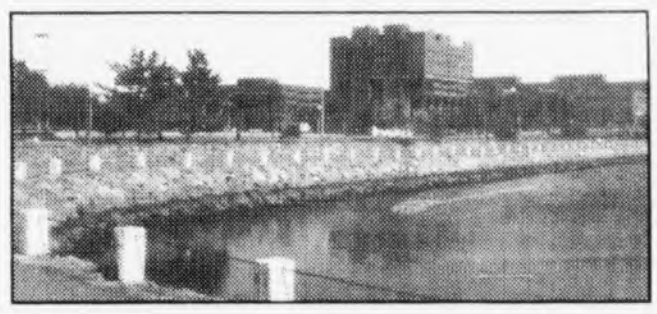
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EDITORIAL

Letters' policy

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, the First Amendment is close to our hearts. So we encourage letters to the editor which we feel give our readers the opportunity to exercise their Freedom of Speech whether to speak out on an issue or to just say thank you to a deserving citizen or organization.

Since there are a lot of controversial topics in town to talk about — this is a good time for us to clarify our letters' policy.

A recurring question from readers is do we publish all the letters we receive.

The answer is yes with a few exceptions.

We do not publish letters on issues from students under 18 without a parent's permission.

We welcome letters from readers who disagree with our viewpoint.

All letters must be signed with the name and address of the author and include a telephone number for verification purposes only. It pains us when we receive a well-thought out letter from someone who for whatever reason prefers to remain anonymous and signs "concerned citizen" or "irate taxpayer" in lieu of their name. A recent letter was sent to us with a copy to selectmen and was signed "municipal worker."

We want to assure you, we do look into all tips including those we receive in unsigned letters to see if there is a news story there.

Unlike some newspapers, we do not impose a word limit on letters received here at the Cohasset Mariner. However, we encourage our letter writers to be as concise as possible. We reserve the right to edit letters for clarity and grammar.

While some may find our letters too verbose, during a recent Mariner survey - respondents were unanimous that one of their favorite parts of the paper is the letters' section.

We know it takes our readers a while to get their thoughts together and to put pen to paper about an issue they've just found out about. So while our deadline for community copy is 8 a.m. Friday for the following week's issue, we accept letters until noon on the Tuesday before publication.

Letters may be sent by fax to 741-2931 or by email to mary.ford@cnc.com. If you prefer mail the old-fashioned way our address is 73 South St., Hingham 02043. We always enjoy meeting our letter writers in person, so don't hesitate to drop your letter off at the Cohasset Mariner office in the Hingham Journal Building in Hingham Square. If we are on assignment, you can slip it under the door or through the mail slot in the door downstairs.

There's no doubt that putting pen to paper to share their views with fellow citizens is a popular activity among our readers.

Last year we received 136 letters from 99 different people. With an average of three to four letters a week since January, we're already ahead of last year's pace.

We feel strongly that letters provide our readers with a voice in their community newspaper.

So to those who haven't written, let us hear from you. And to those whom we hear from on a regular basis, keep writing.

Let us know what you think in 1998.

Mary Ford
Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Sewer follies' invitation declined

TO THE EDITOR:

The Sewer Commissioners have received a last minute invitation to participate in the so-called "Sewer Follies Symposium" on May 27. We have decided to decline this invitation for the following reasons.

The Sewer Commission is sponsoring a Public Meeting on Thursday, June 4 in the Town Hall auditorium to discuss options on the North Cohasset Sewer Project and to report on the Central Cohasset Sewer Project and long-range planning.

The Sewer Commission has held a series of public meetings and board meetings attended by members of the "Sewer Follies" group. We are well aware of the group's position.

We believe that the "Sewers Follies Symposium" signs erected by this group are symptomatic of a derogatory and confrontational attitude of people who do not appreciate, let alone recognize, the two decades of discussion, debate, and steady progress achieved by the Town and the Sewer Commission on this issue.

Finally, we expect that the "Sewer Follies" meeting will be counter-productive by generating misstatements of fact and encouraging confusion. We feel it is in the best interest of the town that the Sewer Commission not be in attendance and we encourage everyone to attend our meeting on Thursday, June 4.

Edward M. Guild, Chairman
Cohasset Sewer Commission

Learning support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The second graders at the Joseph Osgood School have been studying the Cohasset Community over the past month. One of the most important parts of this study are the walking field trips that the students take to learn about the interesting places in the community. When they return from these trips, each class creates a book which tells of the knowledge they have acquired.

The students and teachers would like to thank the Cohasset Town Hall, Cohasset Post Office, Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, Deer Hill School, Cohasset Police & Fire Station, Red Lion Inn, Unitarian Church, South Shore Art Center, Community Center and the Teen Center for their willingness to support the learning of the students.

Joseph Osgood School Second Grade
Students and Teachers

Julie Guild to be honored

South Shore Republicans of Plymouth Norfolk Senatorial District will honor Julie Guild for GOP Service Flag Day, at an 11 a.m.-1 p.m. brunch, June 14, at Hingham's Tosca, 14 North Street.

"For over three decades, Julie Guild of Cohasset (formerly of Hingham), has been making politics fun," said GOP vice chairman Polly Logan, adding, "Guild has recruited winners, enlisted newcomers, opened her heart, her seaside home and pocketbook in order that the GOP would win. Guild was the first woman appointed to the Hingham Advisory Board and the first woman on the Derby Academy Board of Trustees. She helps the scholarship program for New England Farm and Garden and is on the board of Colonial Dames that maintains their Quincy Homestead. She also devotes myriad of hours to the South Shore Art Center and works for estate tax and tax fairness committees."

John Flanagan, who succeeds Guild as Cohasset town chairman said, "Donations will go to GOP candidates," and also noted that the date had been changed from May 31 to Flag Day, June 14.

Reservations are required and may be made with Carl Harris of Hingham, Joe Liberty of Scituate, Dana Toland of Weymouth, Rita Strong of Duxbury, Otis Carney of Marshfield and Janet Fogarty of Cohasset.

A frustrating evening for all

Wednesday, May 6, I attended a Public Hearing before Cohasset's Planning Board. I was there as a consultant to the applicant, who was seeking approval of a Subdivision Plan. (I am however, writing this piece as a concerned private citizen, not on behalf of the developer.) The proposed Subdivision would be a 26-lot residential development named Jerusalem Road Estates, located between Windy Hill Road and Black Rock Road, with the main entry from Jerusalem Road.

MY VIEW

JAMES SHIPSKY, ARCHITECT

This hearing was, in my opinion, a frustrating evening for everyone. First, it seemed to me no one felt free to simply state his/her basic position regarding the proposed project. Instead, basic positions were communicated via innuendo and implied assumptions. Second, I sensed a foregone conclusion that ultimately the developers would gain approval for their project, making the hearing a mere formality. Finally, there appeared to be only two possible outcomes available in the hearing process, with no hope of alternatives. I think the positions were:

Abutters and Other Concerned Residents:

They simply don't want the development. They'd prefer the land to remain as it is now, a "natural" wooded area. Part of what makes Cohasset such a beautiful place is the contrast between built-up areas and natural areas, whether it be the ocean, old farm land, or wooded areas. Clearly it is a good thing to not develop every square inch of Cohasset.

Unfortunately, 100% of the land in Cohasset has been zoned, and roughly 95% of it is zoned Residential. The Zoning Bylaws include in their purpose "preventing the overcrowding of land," and "avoiding undue congestion of population." But, since no land has been zoned as Open Space or Protected Natural Areas, the astonishing implied goal of the Zoning Bylaws is to develop this 95% of Cohasset, to the density allowed by the bylaws.

Several other mechanism function to limit development. Land unsuitable for a septic system, wetlands, flood plains, private funding of nature preserves. But the sewering of Cohasset will remove the first mechanism. The remaining three are not adequate for determining the future development in Cohasset.

But the residents can't simply say they don't want the development. For one thing, most of us live in homes built by developers, in earlier subdivisions. We know the applicant has the legal right to develop the land. And a beautiful single-family home in the suburbs is the bedrock of the American Dream. How do I deny it to others?

Unable to simply say, "NO MORE DEVELOPMENT", residents can only criticize minor points; "Will cars start using the emergency access road? Will cars slide onto Jerusalem Road when there's black ice? Doesn't Rattlesnake Run fall under the Rivers Protection Act? They promised a buffer zone to block our view of the development but didn't deliver it." And so on. There didn't seem to be a forum to discuss and understand what really bothered the Residents about the proposed development.

The residents know a lot about what the development will look like. The esthetic character will be determined by the cul-de-sac street, the lots, and the houses.

The streets will look like little state highways, because the Cohasset Subdivision Rules and Regulations require new subdivision streets to meet specifications remarkably similar to those for a state highway. The intention of the regulation was to prevent shabby road construction, but the outcome is streets like little state highways.

The distribution of houses will look like a tract subdivision, because the Cohasset Zoning Bylaws requires lot layouts based on the tract development model. Again, the intent was not to promote tract hosing, but again it is the outcome.

The houses will in all likelihood be pretentious trophy mini-mansions, because the developer will have spent so much money getting approvals, building a little state highway, sidewalks, drainage facilities, sewage lines, emergency access roads, power lines, phone lines, water mains, fire hydrants, and so on, that only expensive houses will yield a worthwhile return on investment.

The residents seem sure there is a lot wrong with this image of land development, but what options do they have to discover, understand, and articulate a better image? Is this something the Planning Board should be providing?

Planning Board

Of course the Board is required to enforce the bylaws impartially, and must appear to remain and unbiased judge in the hearing process. However, it seemed clear to me the individuals comprising the Board, as private citizens, would prefer nor more tract-style developments.

The responsibilities of the Planning Board are defined in the Town of Cohasset General Bylaws. These include administration of subdivision control, site plan reviews, and "The Planning Board shall from time to time study needs and potential of the Town..." I think a study is needed now. To discover if it is the will of the residents to have no more tract-style development. To offer the residents alternative visions of Cohasset's future, including alternative development. To offer the residents alternative visions of Cohasset's future, including alternative development. To discover if there are sorts of development the residents would want?

The Developers

The developers don't intend to be the bad guys. It's clear they're in the development business and need to produce a certain return on investment, like any other for-profit business. How can you criticize the entrepreneurship of the American Way?

But curiously I sense some acceptance of the role of unscrupulous developer by this applicant. Maybe being considered an unscrupulous developer eventually takes its toll. Maybe as private citizens they too sense something wrong with tract-style development. Maybe they would prefer to build places which residents truly wanted. But where in the Zoning Bylaws or Subdivision Regulations are any alternatives?

To Be Continued

The applicants had presented their plans, the residents had objected, and the Board continued the hearing to their next meeting. It seemed to me like a runaway train. With persistence, the availability of Town sewer, willingness to negotiate on density, and the final resort of a lawsuit, the developer will eventually obtain approval. The residents and Board will feel helpless to stop something they feel is wrong. And it will keep happening.

If enough readers have similar thoughts, maybe it is time for the Planning Board to explore alternatives and arrange a public forum. Please contact the Planning Board if you feel this way.

Steroids can have dangerous side effects

(The Committee thanks the Cohasset Police Department for this article. Information on steroids was obtained from the Controlled Substance Field Manual, Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, Commonwealth of Massachusetts)

D & A COMMITTEE

With increased emphasis given to winning in athletics, one substance increasingly abused over the past 10 years is steroids. In 1990, Congress placed steroids on the controlled substance list. Now, possession of illicitly obtained steroids carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a minimum $1,000 fine.

Steroids are synthetic derivatives of testosterone, a natural male hormone. There are two major types of steroids, anabolic and androgenic. Steroids are usually taken orally in pill form or through injections. Some users have chosen steroids to enhance their athletic performance or to improve their physique. Many steroid trafficking investigations lead to fitness clubs. Gyms that attract bodybuilders are one location where the distribution of steroids may occur.

Steroids are drugs that can have many dangerous side effects. The potential side effects of steroid use include severe mood swings ranging from violent even suicidal episodes, known as "Roid Rage," to bouts with depression. Other side effects include acne, jaundice, swelling of the feet or ankles, high blood pressure, liver damage and cancer. The testosterone-like substance in steroids produces a different physical reaction in males than in females.

There are valid medical uses of steroids. Under a physician's care, they can be used in treating cases of anemia, osteoporosis, endometriosis and even insect bites. Just like any other prescription drug, steroids should not be taken without a specific medical purpose and doctor's authorization .

D & A Committee to start call-in help line

By Stacey K. Powers
CORRESPONDENT

The Drug & Alcohol Committee has received a $2,000 grant from the Bell Atlantic Foundation that will be used for costs related to establishing a drug and alcohol help line in the Social Service League office at St. Stephen's Church. The group announced its intention to create this community service in January and the grant will enable it to be up and running within a month's time.

Staffed by committee member Bob Harold, a professional drug and alcohol counselor, the help line will be open on Tuesday nights from 6 to 10 p.m. for substance abuse help. Citizens are encouraged to call in with any questions regarding substance abuse problems. Any callers who need assistance outside those hours of operation can leave a confidential message. Harold will check the messages and return calls.

At its last meeting, the committee also heard a status report on the upcoming Antique Car Show from organizers Ken Thayer and Police officer John Small. The fund-raiser will be held during Harborfest on Sunday June, 7 at the South Shore Chevrolet dealership on Route 3A. The show will charge an entry fee for cars and have a donation box for pedestrians of approximately $1-2 dollars. Running from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., the show will also have refreshment stands and feature several raffles for the public.

One particular car that is expected is a wooden car entirely hand-crafted and valued at approximately $125,000. Cohasset resident Glenn Pratt generously donated $2,500 that will fund the cost of the trophies and plaques to be awarded at the show. Although the program booklet is already in print production, the show is still accepting donations from area businesses and residents alike.

In other business, the committee will transfer $2,635.80 to the Cohasset Youth Resources Committee for use in the Garage rehabilitation project. This project is still accepting monetary donations as well as donations of supplies to create a teen center which student organizer Tony Bramblett estimates will require approximately $16,000-18,000 to complete.

The Committee also approved the donation of $250 to the 1998 Prom Night Lock-In.

Good news for the tobacco industry?

They say that if you wait long enough what goes around, comes around, like black will be white and good will be evil.

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

This is apparently true.

I just read the other day that science has discovered that — get ready for this now — smoking is good for you .

Well, maybe "good" isn't exactly the right word but the Journal of the National Cancer Institute has found that the incidence of breast cancer is 54 per cent lower among women smokers who have the BRCA gene mutation, whatever that is.

This is the best news the tobacco industry has had since Jeanne Calment of Arles, France, the world's oldest living person, told her 120th birthday party that she smokes two cigarettes a day.

Liggett & Myers stock soared when the AP wire carried the word to North Carolina.

Jean-Sebastien Brunet, who authored the report in the Journal, said the study examined the breast cancer history of 372 women, half smokers, half non-smokers, to reach their politically incorrect conclusion.

"If a woman smoked up to four pack years, the reduction was 35 per cent," he said. "For four or more pack years, the reduction was 54 per cent."

A pack year — and I knew you were going to ask this — is equal to smoking one pack a day for a year so a four pack year would be four packs a day for a year or one pack a day for four years.

"Smoking may reduce breast cancer risk for these women, but cigarettes sharply increase the incidence of other cancers," said Brunet. "The study is interesting scientifically, but it should not encourage anyone to smoke."

In other words, the mutated gene will protect you from breast cancer, even as you lie dying from cancer of the lung.

If I were the tobacco industry, I'd hire a high-powered public relations man to give the world the word about the institute's study.

Someone like the Marlboro Man, for instance, if only the rugged outdoorsman, David McLean, who was always lighting up in those TV commercials, hadn't died of lung cancer a couple of years ago.

I though they'd take the heat off of cigarettes a few years ago — particularly among the second hand smoke people — when it was discovered that some vegetables contain nicotine, the drug that makes tobacco addictive.

Five ounces of potatoes or two-thirds of an ounce of pureed tomatoes, for instance, have the same amount of nicotine as a non-smoker would get from breathing a small amount of cigarette smoke for three hours.

I'm sure the tobacco industry rejoiced at the news until Jack Henningfield of the National Institute on Drug Abuse figured out that "you would have to eat a whole garden worth of vegetables to get the same amount of nicotine from one cigarette."

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company thought they had the second hand smoke problem licked 10 years ago when they unveiled a new "smokeless": cigarette, the Premier, that released nicotine without combustion.

Philip Morris Companies figured they had broken the smoke barrier with their Superslims for women, which emitted 70 per cent less smoke from its lit end by wrapping the tobacco in two layers of porous and non-porous paper.

Of course, it only worked on those with mutated BRCA genes.

Town's Greenbush report isn't pretty committee says

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houses near the tracks.

But the Greenbush Mitigation Committee members expressed surprise and dismay Wednesday about the very different findings supplied by their consultant Peter Goldberg of Tech Environmental in Waltham. The firm was hired last month to report on air, noise and vibrations. In a meeting last week to review the data, the panel members said parts of the consultant's report astonished them.

"It adds a dimension to the project I wasn't aware of," Gruber said. He deemed the report "substantially better" than he expected. "There's enough meat in here" to build a strategy for negotiating with the T, he said.

But his colleagues Michael Dick and selectwoman Nan Roth also expressed dismay about the study. It showed the T must do far more than it planned to truly compensate residents of Cohasset for the inconvenience of hosting the train. Roth said Cohasset would never be able to persuade the T it has to get serious about mitigation if the costs could go as high as the report suggested. Dick said it seemed like a waste of time to bring the report to the T's attention because the agency has previously rejected similar discoveries.

"We're tilting at windmills when it comes right down to it," Dick told Gruber and urged the panel to bypass the T and seek help from other authorities. He favored another meeting with Rep. Joseph Sullivan, D-Braintree, the head of the House Transportation Committee. He also suggested bringing the report to U.S. Rep. William Delahunt's office.

In a telephone interview yesterday Gruber said the committee has lots of ideas about how to use the report but will start by presenting the findings to the selectmen. The bottom line is the T has not made the case for building Greenbush in the first place. The T has also failed to prove the new train will not damage the quality of life in Cohasset.

MBTA overstated benefits

The report exposed the fact the T has overestimated the benefits of building the train. For instance, the T has claimed the Greenbush line will improve air quality by getting cars off the road. But the agency overstated the benefit because it only deducted the pollution from the cars it figured would stay home while their owners rode the rails. It never added back the emissions the train will spew. The T also picked unrealistic models to estimate car pollution. Its scenario presumed cars on Route 3 and Route 3A traveled at average speeds of 19.6 mph when 40 mph would be more realistic. At the lower speeds the cars would stay on the road longer and pollute more. Finally, the T did not take state-mandated low emission regulations into consideration. Because the T based its estimates on bad data, it necessarily drew the wrong conclusion about the advantages of building Greenbush.

"Thus it is no surprise the T's report concludes incorrectly building alternative transportation would reduce air pollution," said Gruber summarizing the document.

Air quality

The Greenbush line will also "unnecessarily increase regional ozone levels" if the T does not take steps to meet new federal emission standards for diesel locomotives. Currently, no standards apply, though the train can be expected to add 76 tons of nitrous oxides every year to the air supply along the corridor. The Environmental Protection Agency last month established a new mark to be phased in over the years 2000 to 2005. It would cut the amount of nitrous oxides in the air by 58 percent. Yet commuter rail lines, like Greenbush, can avoid the new regulations until the year 2007 if the T takes advantage of a special exemption. The consultant suggested asking the T to "waive its right to the exemption."

As Dick put it, building the Greenbush will not be effective if the train is as bad as the cars. The South Shore has an ozone problem due to a combination of man-made and natural causes. The problem is acute for people who suffer from asthma and other breathing difficulties.

Locomotive noise

The noise from the train's engines was another item the T underestimated. Simply put, a lot of people are going to wake up from a sound sleep when the train roars. That is because the actual sound is louder than the T has indicated and the area where it reverberates is bigger. In the worst case scenario, on a summer night when the house windows facing the track are open, the train will jolt people within 800 feet of the track on both sides.

"That's an eye opener," said Gruber. It meant the T's mitigation effort should potentially extend across a 1600 foot "swath" on both sides of the tracks. That is a far bigger space than the T intended to treat by installing rubber mats to reduce the noise. But the news discouraged Roth because the T will never agree to take such measures.

"Think what it would do in the other towns," she said where more houses stand close to the tracks. If Cohasset struck a bargain with the T, towns like Weymouth and Braintree might try the same tactic. The costs would be astronomical. As Gruber put it, even though Cohasset might be talking about 1600 feet on the 3.5 miles of track winding through the town, the problem was "generic to the whole corridor."

Roth and the rest of the panel said the dilemma now was to decide what to do with this information.

"We've got a tiger by the tail," Roth and Gruber both said.

Army Corps criticizes MBTA study

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with the findings in the report and plans to make a strong case for itself at a June 3 meeting with the Corps.

"Further analysis is not necessary," he said. "The MBTA will point out flaws in the study. We feel we have done a thorough analysis of all the transportation alternatives, and hope the Corps will see it our way."

But Ted Lento, spokesman for the Corps, said the agency stands by the document.

"There has been three months of detailed study, based on data in our files, input from the MBTA and public comment, as well as information from our own research," he said. "Unless the MBTA presents us with new information, there aren't any new issues. We're not operating in a vacuum."

The June 3 meeting also has another purpose, according to Lento.

At that time, the federal Environmental Protection Agency has promised to provide information requested by the Corps nine months ago regarding air-quality issues associated with the proposed Greenbush restoration.

"Will diesel train emissions contribute to, or reduce, pollution? In other words, is the cure worse than the disease?" Lento asked, who said there are "a whole host of other issues not yet resolved."

Those include information about the Greenbush layover station in Scituate and the impact on the Town Brook in Hingham.

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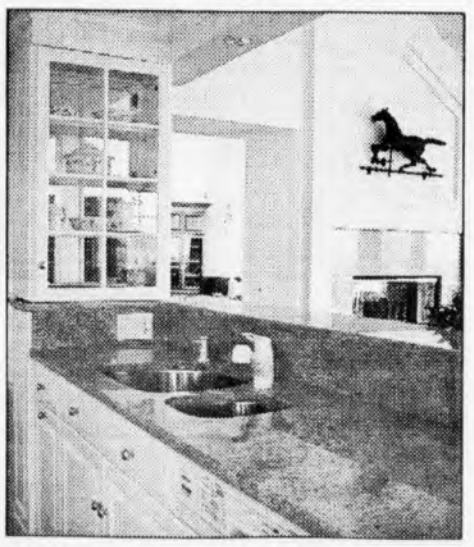
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Veterans turn out to recall fallen comrades

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lering sacrifices paid on distant battlefields.

Perroncello thanked his fellow soldiers who turned out by the dozens during the exercises at Veterans Memorial Park.

"Thanks comrades," he said.. "It's wonderful to see you. It means we're still able to do it. See you again next year, God willing."

In his remarks, former POW and keynote speaker Timothy B. Sullivan of Pond Street, reminded the crowd that remembering POWs during the Vietnam War made a huge difference.

He thanked those who wore the POW bracelets that included the name of the soldier.

"Our treatment improved," said Sullivan, a Navy pilot who was shot down in November 1967 and held captive for six years. He said North Vietnam was surprised that the government cared enough about the POWs to go to such extremes to create awareness.

Sullivan said America enjoys freedom today because people were willing to make sacrifices and follow through on their ideals. "We are the land of the free because we are the home of the brave," he said.

Mary Jeanette Murray, 73, of Margin Street is still trim enough to fit comfortably into her US Marine Corps uniform.

She's made the seven-mile march that includes veterans, bands, and scouts and wends its way through town stopping at cemeteries and memorials since she was five years old. Her late father, Nathaniel Hurwitz, served as state commissioner of veterans services.

"Memorial Day was special," the state representative said. "Next to Christmas, it was the most important day in our household."



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Laura Kovach salutes the passing colors in the parade.



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Gina Giuggio and Aisling Guinee of Brownie Troop 4776 march in the Memorial Day parade.

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Seniors urged to defend against scams

By Stacie Charbonneau Gregory
CORRESPONDENT

Every five months there are some 1,200 reports of crime and fraud against senior citizens. Criminals tend to prey on vulnerable seniors, hoping to bilk them out of cash by luring them into scams.

Preventing such incidents involves education and support from law enforcement. That was the message conveyed last week by two area district attorneys.

Plymouth County D.a. Michael Sullivan and Norfolk County D.A. Jeffrey Locke brought their message of prevention to seniors at a forum Friday at the Cohasset Knoll Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility off Route 3A at the Hingham/Cohasset line.

The common goal of this community outreach program is to empower the senior population through education, to prevent crime in the first place by keeping seniors aware of potentially dangerous situations or people. The district attorneys are not simply talking to seniors and letting them fend for themselves; several programs are in place to provide them with tangible assistance in time of doubt, fear or danger.

The Norfolk District Attorney's Office has created a program called "Successful Seniority," — a community outreach program that offers support to seniors in need. It seeks to educate seniors by keeping them aware of "scams" targeted toward their vulnerabilities. Similarly, Sullivan's office has created the "Senior Protection Team" and publishes a quarterly newsletter focusing on the issues of elder abuse and prevention.

Prevention is the key word in both campaigns, and each one's ultimate goal. It is not just the unthinkable tales of elder abuse the offices wish to prevent, but also the other crimes involving fraud and neglect that are committed on seniors. For example, Locke pointed out the innocent-looking sweepstakes notice received in the mail. Though several of the contests are legitimate, many more are not, he said.

It is often difficult to decipher a fraudulent sweepstakes notice because they pattern themselves so closely off the "real" ones. Locke tells the story of a trusting senior who believed with all her heart she had won a car, and had gone so far as to choose the color and invite friends over on the supposed day of its arrival. She had been advised by the sweepstakes to send a certified check to cover the "sales tax" on the prize vehicle. Needless to say, the woman lost her money, and a little bit of her faith in humankind.

The common goal of this community outreach program is to empower the senior population through education, to prevent crime in the first place by keeping seniors aware of potentially dangerous situations or people.

Situations like this, Locke said, should send out a red flag to seniors. When someone asks you to send money or leave a "check in the mailbox" it is right to be suspicious.

And it isn't just through the mail that "scam artists" work. The telephone is a handy tool as well. A new way of avoiding calling collect when away from home is to call your own home and have someone dial the numbers 9 and then 0 and hang up. The phone calls you make after that will be billed to your home. A prison inmate got a hold of this information and called his long distance drug contacts from jail by duping an innocent senior into pressing 90 by impersonating a representative of the telephone company.

Locke points out that in this day and age, finding someone's personal information is easier than ever. One's salary, bank account balances, address and even credit card information can be bought and sold, possibly over the Internet. Con men don't "come to the back door" anymore as they did thirty years ago, said Locke. They appear in a variety of ways that the senior must always be on the look out for.

Sullivan recalled a time when the Plymouth D.A.'s office employed only six people, back in the '60s. Some of the six were even parttime, he says. Today, the same office employs 125, all fulltime. In response to an obviously growing need, the "Senior Protection Team" was started in 1995. Sullivan attributes the growing number of crimes committed on seniors to the fact they are the group that lets more crimes go unreported than any other. Whether it is because of embarrassment or fear of retaliation or belief that even an abusive relative taking care of them is better than no one, seniors let many crimes go unnoticed.

He insists the police "want to get calls, no matter how slight." He says the ultimate goal is that the senior not be victimized.

The most horrifying story for Sullivan, the one that he says "makes me think of my grandmother every time I tell it," is the story of an elderly woman who went to the grocery store one Saturday morning, as she had many times. This Saturday morning, a 23-year-old drug addict attacked the 74-year-old Brockton woman and stomped on her chest until she gave up her purse. The assailant was given a life sentence that Sullivan believes sends a message that "violent crimes against our citizens, particularly our senior citizens, will not be tolerated."

The "File of Life" system was created in the Plymouth County's District Attorney's Office as well. It is simply a card the senior keeps on the refrigerator to alert an E.M.T. of personal medical information in case of emergency. It is easy to spot in a hurry because it's in red pouch. All of these programs, Sullivan pointed out, are created without the use of taxpayers' money. The bottom of the Senior Protection Brochure confesses the secret, "This brochure was paid for with money seized from drug dealers."

The District Attorneys want the seniors to know the resources available to them. The local police department is always there, as are their offices. Community implemented programs such as the "Neighborhood Crime Watch" are also effective. It is most important, however, to stay informed on an individual basis to prevent crime. To protect yourself "at your door and your telephone," as Sullivan says, and never feel powerless over crime.

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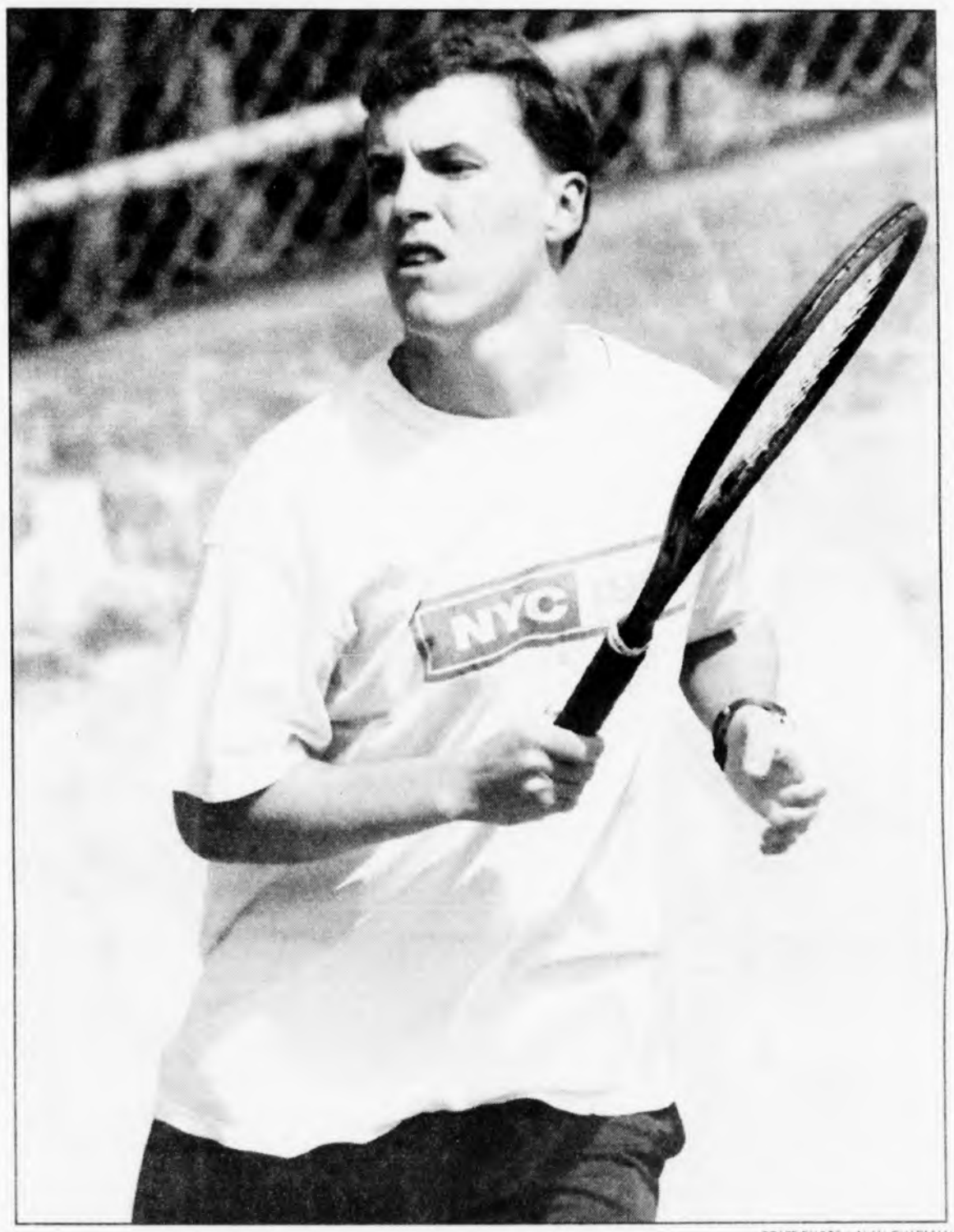


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CHS #1 singles player Brian Tracey returns a serve against Hanover.

Skippers stay on perfect roll to tourney

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

There's a dozen good reasons why the Cohasset High girl's tennis team was undefeated this season, going into Wednesday's match with Abington High.

Actually. It's really a Baker's Dozen, since the coach, Sara Meehan, has to be included along with the 12 players on the team that have posted a 13-0 record to win the South Shore League Championship.

Meehan doesn't point to any one player as the star of the team, instead she sees the team as one big chain with no weak link.

Coach Meehan wasn't about to talk about just one or two players. No way, it was all or nothing. In a way, it was a pleasure to talk to a coach that wanted to talk.

Katie Brister, a junior and tri-captain has been with coach Meehan for five years and is the number two singles player on the team. Katie played two matches as number one, and compiled a record 13-0. One of four sisters that have played tennis at Cohasset High, she has also been named to the SSL All-Star team.

"You can always count on her," stated the coach.

Jessica Stevens, a junior and tri-captain. A double player, she plays number one and number two. "Jessica is one of the strongest doubles players in the league," notes coach Meehan, "and to go along with that, she's a true captain."

Sara MacDonald, a senior and tri-captain. Sara will be off to Boston University next year. "I am really going to miss her," said the coach. "She has been with me for five years, playing singles and doubles, and she has been instrumental in helping with the middle school program."

Kate Stone, a sophomore and first singles. Kate has been with the team four years and has been number one for two years. She missed two matches this season, because of time spent in France, but still compiled a 10-1 record. "She was quite fine for me," stated the coach. "She's a great competitor and has also been named a SSL All-Star."

Kelly Stone, and eighth grader and sister of Kate. She has played mostly singles. "She was involved in a lot of tough matches this season, but I look for big things from her in the future," said Meehan.

Ary Afshar, a freshman and third singles player. "She was the big surprise this season. She came out of no where and played like she just belonged in the position," said Meehan. "She is small, very petite, and

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Skippers put two in the win column

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

In a last ditch effort to salvage a season that could have been, the Cohasset Skippers baseball team thrashed a visiting squad from Norwell 14-6.

The game was never in doubt, as the Skippers jumped out to a lead in the second inning and held it.

Greg Taylor and Joe Pergola both had multiple-hit, multiple-RBI games and Sean Conte pitched in with a triple. Senior Pat Hurley also picked up two hits, including a triple, in his last high school game. Hurley will attend Boston College next year and hopes to play for the ball team there.

With Hurley, Conte, Ben Ketchum and Denis Rooney taking shifts patrolling the outfield, nothing fell in that could have been caught, as the outfielders showed their progress throughout the season.

On the diamond, Taylor and Al Schwerin both had outstanding days with the glove, and junior backstop Sean Parkinson called an outstanding game from behind the plate.

His batterymate, Jim O'Sullivan, got roughed up for two quick ones in the top of the first, but held on for the rest of the game. With his teammates making both routine and brow-raising plays behind him, O'Sullivan held the Clippers scoreless until they scraped together four in the top of the seventh, but at that point the game was already in the bag.

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The win was a bittersweet one for Cohasset. While it felt nice to end the season with a win (making it two in a row after last Monday's victory over Hull), by playing such a tight, well-executed game, the Skippers allowed themselves to see how much fun the year could have been if they had gotten their act together in midseason. A perfect example of that execution occurred in the bottom of the first inning, during the most exciting and timing-oriented play in baseball.

With three runs already in and the bases juiced, Schwerin stepped to the plate. Now wielding a hefty bat after an early season slump, Schwerin was given the bunt sign, and Ketchum, the runner on third, was signaled to break for home on the pitch, making the play a suicide squeeze.

If Schwerin had missed the bunt or laid down a poor one, Ketchum would have been tagged out and a rally would have been snuffed. But Schwerin came through, dropping an absolutely textbook bunt down the first-base line and had to hustle out of the batter's box to avoid the scoring, hustling Ketchum. With his wheels humming, Schwerin beat out the bunt at first.

Such an exciting play executed so well was rare for the Skippers this year, especially during their nine-game slide. Bunting has been a problem the entire season and to see Schwerin perform so nicely in a pressure situation gave hope that maybe next year will be different.

Cohasset finished their season at 7-13, and a wrap-up article will appear next week.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



CHS JV softball team

What has 20 legs, catches flies and is well on its way to becoming extinct?

Why it's our Mariner Athlete of the Month, the Cohasset junior varsity softball program.

The girls ended their season by taking on Hull last week in what looks to be the last gasp for the softball program at CHS. The girls played a junior varsity schedule this season and at this point there is no funding to field a team next season.

"It's kind of a sad occasion," said head coach Mike Gill. "The school has had the softball program for as long as anyone can remember, but now it's going to be gone."

More than a money issue, the program may have suffered its fate from a different type of numbers crunch. With a total student enrollment of only 275, softball had to compete with other spring sports options such as track, lacrosse, sailing and tennis for their athletes.

Holy mackerel, those fish are really biting!

"Hey Mark!"

Startled, I looked up from my reverie. The gas pump at Lucky Leo's was jamming home another load of 87 octane. At the next pump, Rick Kelly was loading one of his landscape trucks for the day.

THE FISH STORY



MARK TRASK

"You should have seen the mackerel yesterday, stacked right up against the beach. You could walk in the water knee-deep and scoop them out," he gesticulated, both arms motioning.

"We were working. . ." he started.

"Down at Ray's?" I interrupted, "at Black Rock Beach?"

"Yeah, there were so many you could see them, right there at the shore."

I chuckled recalling the previous day as I had shot over to Hull for lunch. Surfcasters and fly-fishermen were wading into the low waves likely seeking the big stripers that had driven the mackerel in.

Kris Kent had hiked out along the Glades and reported seeing great schools of mackerel zooming by in the clear water. First the mackerel would go ripping by and then the stripers would go swooping after them he reported. It was a good time to have bait in the water, judging by the 35-inch bass he managed to catch. Brendan Leung was along for the same trip and had the odd circumstance of a mackerel taking his mackerel chunk.

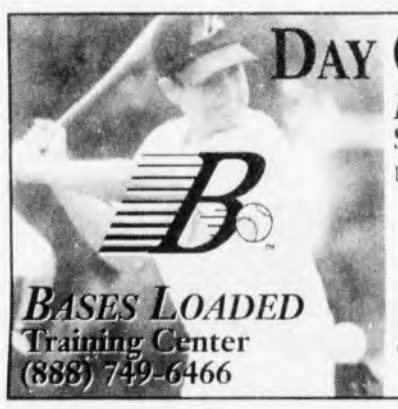
Karen Hallett took a day trip on the Captain Mac out of Scituate Harbor and caught a fish that wowed the neighborhood. Mind you, this fish was no beauty queen, it was a wolffish. In the "Bottom Dunkers Bible," Capt. Roger Jarvis accurately refers to the wolffish as "a nominee for an Oscar in the ugly category!" A large chunk of seaclam had enticed this bottom dweller to the hook and it dropped the scale 26 pounds and 7 ounces. The 41-inch fish was destined for the chowder pot, menacing snarl and all.

Pete Flaherty weaved through the rocky ledges with guest Steve Anderson of Sandwich aboard. Barely visible in the dying wake behind the boat, twin tube lures revolved, spinning two fluttering fat seaworms. That proved too much for the 30-pound linesider, Steve hauled in to the scale. Forty-four and 1/2 inches long was the tale of the tape. A good start to the season.

Justin Runey has been finding the fishing good along the shores of Lily Pond catching loads of sunnies and bluegills each time out. Michael Tulimieri had the fishing trip of his six-year lifetime recently at the Norris Reservation. Mike managed to catch three beautiful rainbow trout while "fishing guide" Tony Fitzgerald nailed a tiger trout.

Practically everyone fishing is connecting with good fish, whether the destination be fresh or salt. Smoother weather is forecast and many are taking advantage of the best mackerel run in recent memory. Andy and Dan Collins motored their skiff into a thick batch near Minot's Light and had a 100-pound boxful in no time. Shore bound anglers seeking mackerel have traditionally done well at Pemberton Pier in Hull and Castle Island. Duxbury Bay is thick with baitfish now. Anglers are elbow to elbow along the bridge, seeking stripers and tautog.

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Junior lacrosse clubs split weekend games

The Cohasset White 12 and Under team continued an unbeaten season May 17, powering past a club from Bourne 16-4 behind a record-setting performance from Michael Rasmussen.

Rasmussen had a hand in 12 of the team's 16 goals, scoring seven goals and five assists en route to the highest single-game point total in the three-year history of the junior program. D.J. Silvia added two goals and an assist, Malcolm Stansell scored twice and Paul Cotter picked up a goal and assist. Jon Grimm, Jonathan Littauer, Timothy Pilczak and Mike Geddes added single tallies for Cohasset White.

Nick Murphy and Chris Simms combined in the net for seven saves to stifle any Bourne hopes of getting back in the game. Cohasset White is now 5-0.

"Thus far, this team has taken control of every game it has played," said Chuck Jaffe, who along with Bob Inman coaches both Cohasset White and Blue squads. "It's hard to tell whether they haven't been seriously tested yet, or if they simply have passed the tests with flying colors, but they certainly live up to our goal of making opponents play very well to even have a chance to beat us."

Also on May 17, the Cohasset Blue squad dropped its first game to anyone outside of town — Blue lost to the White team at the May 15 Lacrosse Jamboree — losing a 7-6 heartbreaker to Hanover.

After falling behind 3-0 in the first quarter, Cohasset pulled to within 5-3 at the half. Cohasset closed to within 6-5 early in the fourth quarter before giving up one quick goal. It was Cohasset from then on out, with one goal pulling the team close and several shots in the final two minutes of the game.

Nick Murphy and Paul Digan each scored twice for Cohasset Blue, and Chris Simms — starting his first game in the goal — made 10 saves, including some spectacular stops in the third quarter to keep Hanover from pulling away.

"This was a great game," said Jaffe. "We didn't cash in some early opportunities, and they did, which put us in a hole. But the kids played with a lot of heart and earned a chance to tie it up at the end. We're disappointed with the loss, but not with the effort. Our kids played their guts out."

Cohasset's junior squads put their guts on the line this week in two separate games against Quincy, then have a holiday break before resuming the Mass. Bay Youth Lacrosse League schedule May 31 with road games at Falmouth and Barnstable.

Jaffe lacrosse clinic for grades five and six

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that Mr. Chuck Jaffe will direct, again this summer, an eight-week lacrosse clinic for youngsters in grades five and six.

Clinics are held Mondays at Miliken Field, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., beginning Monday, June 29, and continuing eight weeks through Aug. 17. The cost for the eight-week, full-equipment, contact clinic is $35 per participant.

Registration forms are currently available at the recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall. Space is limited. Mr. Chuck Jaffe, a Cohasset resident and former collegiate lacrosse player and league coach, volunteers his services for this unique lacrosse opportunity.

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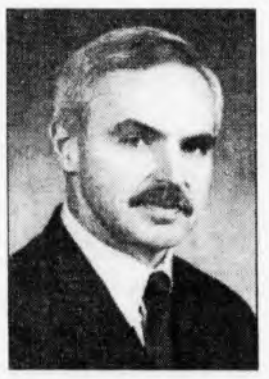
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American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" is this weekend

The American Cancer Society's South Shore Unit will hold its Relay for Life on May 29 and 30 involving teams of walkers and runners who will round a track, around the clock, to raise funds for the fight against cancer.

According to Mary Jeanette Murray, event honorary chairman, the American Cancer Society hopes to raise $35,000 during the relay, through walkers collecting sponsorships from friends, family members, and co-workers. The relay will be held at Charles Davis Memorial Track at Cohasset High School.

Each team will keep a representative on the track throughout the 24 hours, with members walking in half-hour shifts. Starting the "night-shift" will be a candlelight ceremony to remember loved ones who have fought cancer. Team members camp out around the track throughout the night. A pancake breakfast will take place on Saturday, May 30 beginning at 7 a.m. The breakfast is open to the public.

"I encourage anyone interested in joining the Relay for Life to call the American Cancer Society at (508) 584-9600," Murray said. "The relay will be a great way to renew our hope in the fight against cancer, while also doing something practical to support the American Cancer Society's research , education, and patient service programs."

The American Cancer Society is seeking people to form teams for the relay, and to join teams that need a few more members. To date, 17 teams have registered to participate. The planning committee is hoping to secure thirty teams this year. Teams can be families, friends, churches, organizations or companies.

Funds raised during the relay will support American Cancer Society cancer control programs, including a research initiative that has supported 28 Nobel Prize winners during its history. The society is continuing the world's largest population study and continues to examine factors that affect cancer risk.

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The American Cancer Society is also a source for comprehensive information about cancer through its 1-800-ACS-2345 number, which operates from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays. Funds raised during the Relay for Life support this service, which also connects callers to services offered for patients and families.

Local services provided by the American Cancer Society to cancer patients include transportation to outpatient treatment by Road to Recovery volunteer drivers, support for women with breast cancer through the Reach to Recovery visitor program, and information on maintaining personal appearance during treatment through the Look Good.... Feel Better program.

To obtain information about the "Relay for Life" and tickets to the Pancake Breakfast, please call the American Cancer Society at (508) 584-9600 ext. 232.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Special Olympics shine

Congratulations to these Cohasset Special Olympians who competed in the South Suburban Area Track and Field Games at Marciano Stadium, Brockton, May 2.

Here were the local Olympians' results:

Rosemarie Kierce, a silver medal in the 4 x 100M relay, a gold medal in the 100M run and a gold medal in the softball throw; Jessica MacDonald, a gold medal in the 4 x 100M relay, a gold medal in the shot put and a gold medal in the softball throw; Brook Miele, a gold medal in the 50M run and a gold medal in the softball throw, Jay Nothnagle, a bronze medal in the 100M run and a gold medal in the shot put and Frank Rosano with a silver medal in the 4 x 100M relay, a silver medal in the 100M run and a silver medal in the softball throw.

All are members of the Scituate Special Olympics Team, coached by Jay Breabazon, Fran Jacobs, Joe Valle and Taffy Nothnagle. These games are the qualifying tournament for the State Summer Games to be held in Boston June 19 through 21.

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On Saturday morning, June 6, Master Huang will lead a class in 'Wake Up Chi Kung,' a delightful way to stretch the mind and body as you start your day, scheduled 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is $50.

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Finally, Monday, June 8, there will be a session in 'Rainy Day Tai Chi,' a practice which condenses and explores the movement essences of Tai Chi, scheduled from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is $55.

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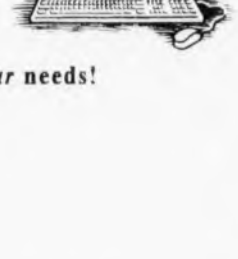
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Cohasset ball boys John Grimm, Mark Donovan, Tim Pilczak, Mark Davis and Malcolm Stansell take a break during the recent CHS lacrosse jamboree to work on their own skills.

Skippers stay on perfect roll to tourney

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she never stops smiling. She beat the best singles player in the league in a three set match. Her play has been a huge, huge, contribution." The coach continued, "She has not lost a set this year and has also been named to the SSL All-Star team." Last year she was 12-0, missing two matches due to a roller skating accident.

Caitlin Flint and KC Camacho. "These two kids just clicked right from the start as a doubles team. It's as though they read each other's mind. They seen to know what the other is going to do before they do it," bubbled the coach.

Jessica Niessink, sophomore, who plays singles and mostly doubles. "She's a consistent winner," stated the coach, who added "she has the hardest serve on the team and is one of three girls in her family to play tennis at CHS.

Jessie Zerendow, a sophomore. Her sister, Alexis, played for coach Meehan for five years. "Jessie came out of nowhere. She has just been one of the biggest surprises for us," stated Meehan.

Katie Devine, a junior, who will be one of the captains next year. "We got her from the lacrosse team," coach Meehan declared. "She has proven to be an awesome tennis player, she is undefeated and just an unbelievable athlete," said Meehan.

Marcia Boone, a sophomore. "She has played mostly exhibition matches this season, but she has gained by leaps and bounds. She will be heard from plenty next season," said Meehan.

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Quincy Hospital announces 9th Annual Golf & Tennis Tournament

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The tournament, organized by the Quincy Hospital Health & Education Foundation, enables area corporations, local physicians and hospital employees to show their support for quality healthcare at Quincy Hospital by coming together for an unforgettable day of networking, relaxation and friendly competition.

The Quincy Hospital Health & Education Foundation provides support for advanced medical technologies and services at Quincy Hospital. For more information about sponsorship opportunities and/or participation in the day's activities, call Jean Parker or Maryrose Mirick at (617) 397-5495.

Recreation accepting applications for summer employment

The Cohasset Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for Playground Program Counselors for their seven-week day camp program.

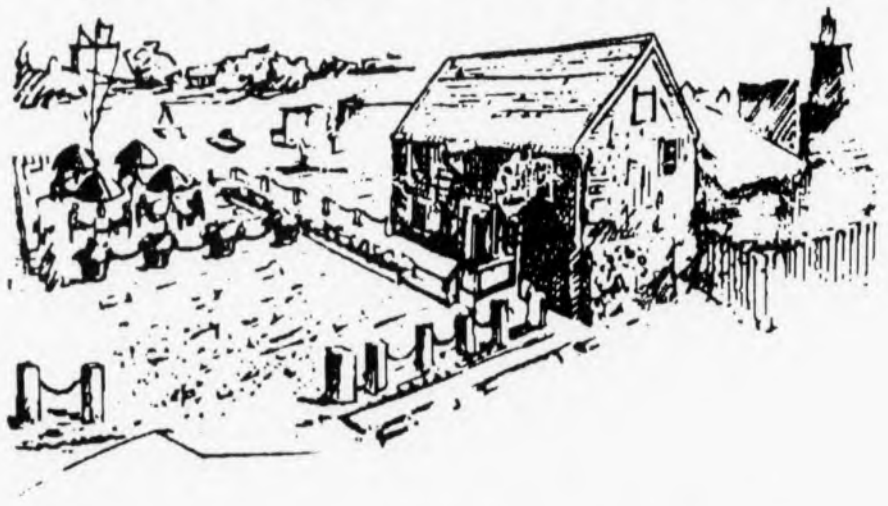
Candidates should have demonstrated experience working with children in a structured setting. Applicants must be 18 years of age by July 1, 1998. Employment is for seven weeks, from June 29 through August 14 plus a one-day orientation during late June.

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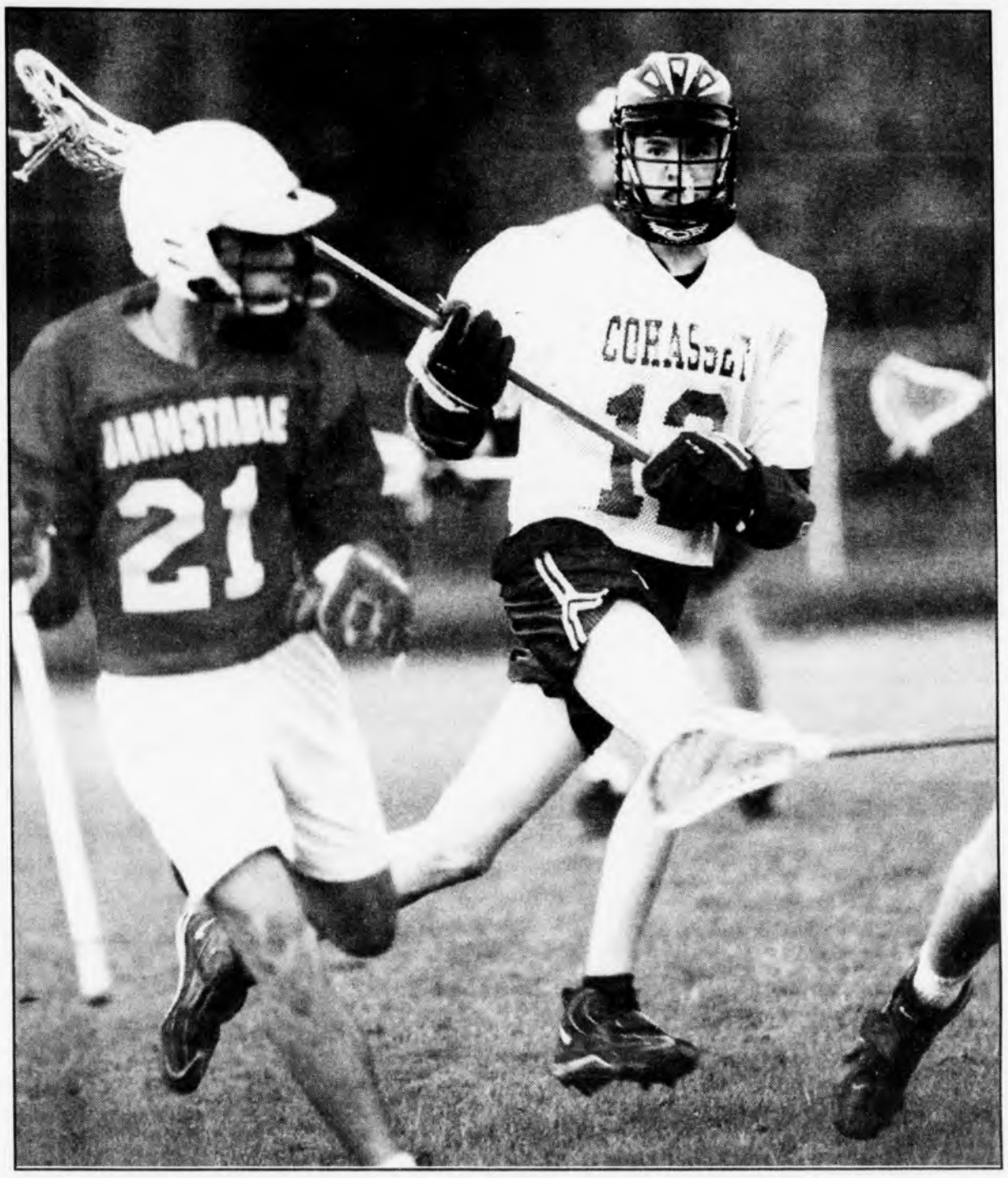
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Ronan Buick moves the ball up the field against Barnstable.

Jade Forest competition team wins awards

Students representing Cohasset's Jade Forest Kung Fu/ Tai Chi recently won awards at three separate New England tournaments.

At the New England Martial Arts Challenge in Rhode Island, on Feb. 1, Jeremy Williams won 3rd place in Advanced Weapons and 3rd place in Advanced Forms. Colin May won 2nd place in Intermediate Weapons. On Feb. 23 at the Boston International Karate Championships, Williams won 1st place Women Adv. Weapons and 4th place in Adv. Forms, May won 3rd place in Int. Weapons and 2nd place in Int. Forms. At the Mass challenge of the Super Stars, held in Millis on March 29, Anna Andrade won 1st place on Women Blackbelt Weapons and 2nd place on Women's Blackbelt Forms, Williams won 1st place on Adv. Forms and 2nd place on Adv. Weapons, May won 1st place on Int. Weapons and 1st place on Adv. Forms.

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P.A.C. meeting slated

The last P.A.C. meeting of the school year will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 2 in the Deer Hill teachers lounge. All parents/guardians of children receiving services under Chapter 766 are welcome.

For further details, contact P.A.C. Chairperson Kim Maynard, 383-2707.

Ireland for singles only

South Shore Singles will sponsor a singles-only forum at the 7:30 p.m., June 2, at the First Parish Hall, 24 River St., Norwell. Join Judith Enright, award winning photographer, as she presents her slides, stories and other experiences from her many trips to Ireland. Call (781) 545-0534.

Joseph Osgood School move

The Joseph Osgood School Move Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the move to the new school. To save money, volunteers will be responsible for the packing and unpacking of classrooms and various offices, although the physical move of boxes will be handled professionally. Specifically, the committee is looking for volunteers on the following dates:

Packing of classrooms and offices at Joseph Osgood, Aug. 10 and 11 (Monday and Tuesday), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Unpacking at new school, Aug. 27 and 28, (Thursday and Friday), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free baby-sitting will be provided. If you can help out, call Sarah Markert at 383-6124 or Cassandra Rioux at 383-2856 to sign up.



Osgood pupil Colleen Richardson models her "funky glasses" made in Betsy Ogden's third-grade art class during a special reception at the Mass. Audubon Center off Route 3A in Marshfield. Every student in grades 1-3 had a piece of artwork on display. More than 200 children attended the lemonade reception along with parents and staff.

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Osgood celebrates closing

The Joseph Osgood School, on Ripley Road, will close its doors in June. Osgood memories will be shared during this event. All teachers, students (past and present), family and friends are invited to join a gathering to be held during Harborfest on the Town Common June 6 from noon to 4 p.m. Visit the tents on the Common which will house displays of photographs and students' artwork.

Bring your family and friends to an Osgood Celebration Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Rotary Club. The breakfast will be held in the common in the Osgood Celebration tent from 8 to 10 a.m. at a cost of $3 per person. Afterwards, stop by the Teen Center's Softball Throw and have your throw "clocked."

The PSO will be selling Osgood 70th Birthday Celebration T-shirts during the Harborfest weekend with proceeds to benefit the new school's playground.

Join the fun and come celebrate Osgood's history and memories as it closes its doors.

Beachfest at Nantasket

From 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 27, Wellspring Multiservice Center will sponsor a fun-filled Beachfest on Nantasket Beach in Hull. Kite-making and flying, a 10k beach-walk, face painting, a sand sculpture contest, kids' old fashioned brick treasure hunt, frozen yogurt, beverages, foul shooting contest and more. Buttons are $5 for adults and $10 for families. Meet at the Mary Jeanette Murray Pavilion. Call Wellspring at (781) 925-3211 for more information.

Button available after June 1 at the Children's Exchange and Cohasset Nobles.

Gospel singers in concert

At 8 p.m., Saturday, June 20, First Parish Church and the Cohasset Diversity Committee will co-sponsor the New Temple Singers in a Gospel Concert at the First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common. Tickets at $7 in advance ($10 at the door) will be on sale at the church office for further information (781) 383-1100.

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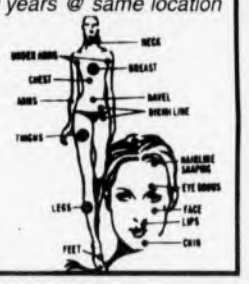
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It's knowing how quickly special moments become mere memories, something young people don't realize until years later because for them the excitement of life lies ahead, not in the moment.

This idea was the motivation in the effort to preserve the memory of prom night for the 1998 graduating class of Cohasset High School. Two senior class mothers, Margaret Tufts and Diane Dooley, gathered other parents to help organize a party from midnight until 6 a.m. after the prom on the evening of June 3, so that CHS seniors can be together for one final time before graduation.

"It's not the first class that benefited from parents who have organized post prom activities," said Tufts, whose daughter, Kelly, is a senior this year. "Every year, there are house parties and church breakfasts, and I know the time and effort that went into that organization. But, Diane and I thought it would be great if the seniors had a place to go to, where they could all be together for the night in a fun environment, without having to worry about driving or getting home at a certain hour."

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After learning how successful the Scituate and Hingham High Schools were in transforming their schools into post graduation party halls, the two mothers visited Hingham last year on Senior Night and were stunned at the outcome, the fun, and the high attendance of the seniors.

"It was obvious that this is a popular thing to do. We thought our seniors deserved the same," said Tufts.

At the end of February, they created a survey form that was given to all the CHS seniors, asking them if a post prom party was something they would be interested in. The form included choices of what the seniors would like to have at their party.

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Getting other parents to assist them was the next task, said Tufts. But, soon, they had parents broken into committees and the work was underway.

"We enlisted the help of Betty O'-Sullivan, who is a junior class mother in charge of organizing parents in her class to run the party that night. We decided not to have any of the seniors' parents there, and the junior class parents have been great about signing up to run the casino, the food court and chaperone for the evening. These are parents who are willing to give up a night's sleep to help. It says a lot for the parents," Tufts said.

Parents on the decorating committee have been meeting Thursday nights, transforming rest rooms, painting scenery, cutting stars and building sets.

"It's the 'Night With the Stars,' and we're going all out with making the gym and surrounding areas magical, glamorous and special for the graduating class."

Although many of the details regarding the post prom party could not be divulged, Tufts did say that when the seniors arrive at the cafeteria entrance of the school, they will be turning in their $30 ticket for $30,000 in paper money to be used at the casino, for raffle money and other planned activities.

"There will be three blackjack tables, a money wheel and a roulette wheel. Raffles will be held every hour and we have great prizes. The stipulation of the winning ticket is that the holder has to be there to collect his or her prize."



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Margaret Tufts, left, and Diane Dooley are co-chairs for the 1998 CHS post-prom party.

The moonwalk is 50 feet, big enough to play volleyball in.

The disc jockey will entertain seniors in the disco section of the gym and a celebrity disc jockey is scheduled to appear during the party, one whose name is being withheld.

There will be quiet spots for those who want to relax and get away from the activities. A television will be set up, with videos of the prom and pre-prom parties as well as movies. In the courtyard, beach chairs will be set up for those who want to sit and talk in the night air.

Snack foods and beverages will be served all night, until 5 a.m., when breakfast will be served.

"The class has chartered a boat to take them to their prom destination which is at the Long Wharf Marriot in Boston. They will arrive back in Cohasset before midnight, at which time they'll go home to change into more casual clothes before coming to the party. Once they arrive, they're here to stay. They don't have to drive anywhere or worry about having to be home at any hour. They can just relax and enjoy each other," Tufts said.

For parents who are interested in seeing the results of all this effort, a walk-through that evening is scheduled at 10:30 p.m., when the doors will be opened and the public can walk through before the seniors begin arriving.

"You may find us doing last-minute things, but for the most part, it'll all be in place. We invite everyone to come see. We're already proud of what we've done so far. It's going to be a great evening."

According to Tufts and Dooley, everyone from parents, teachers, and school administration to local businesses, police, and local politicians have been generous with their assistance in goods and services.

The post prom party co-chairs would like to thank the following parents for their greatly appreciated time and energy in pulling the event together: Holly Holway, Pat Kilroy, Debbie Flanagan, Bett O'Sullivan, Connie Afshar, Paula Buick, Annette Sawchuk, Barbara Buckley and Joan Pyfrom.

"We clearly could not have done this without all their assistance. The junior class this year will carry on the party next year and ask for assistance again from next year's junior class parents and the same groups of people. We feel confident that the idea of a post prom party each year will be successful and hope the tradition will go on," said Tufts.

Donations from townspeople are welcome to help offset the cost of the party. For more information, call Margaret Tufts at 383-6985.

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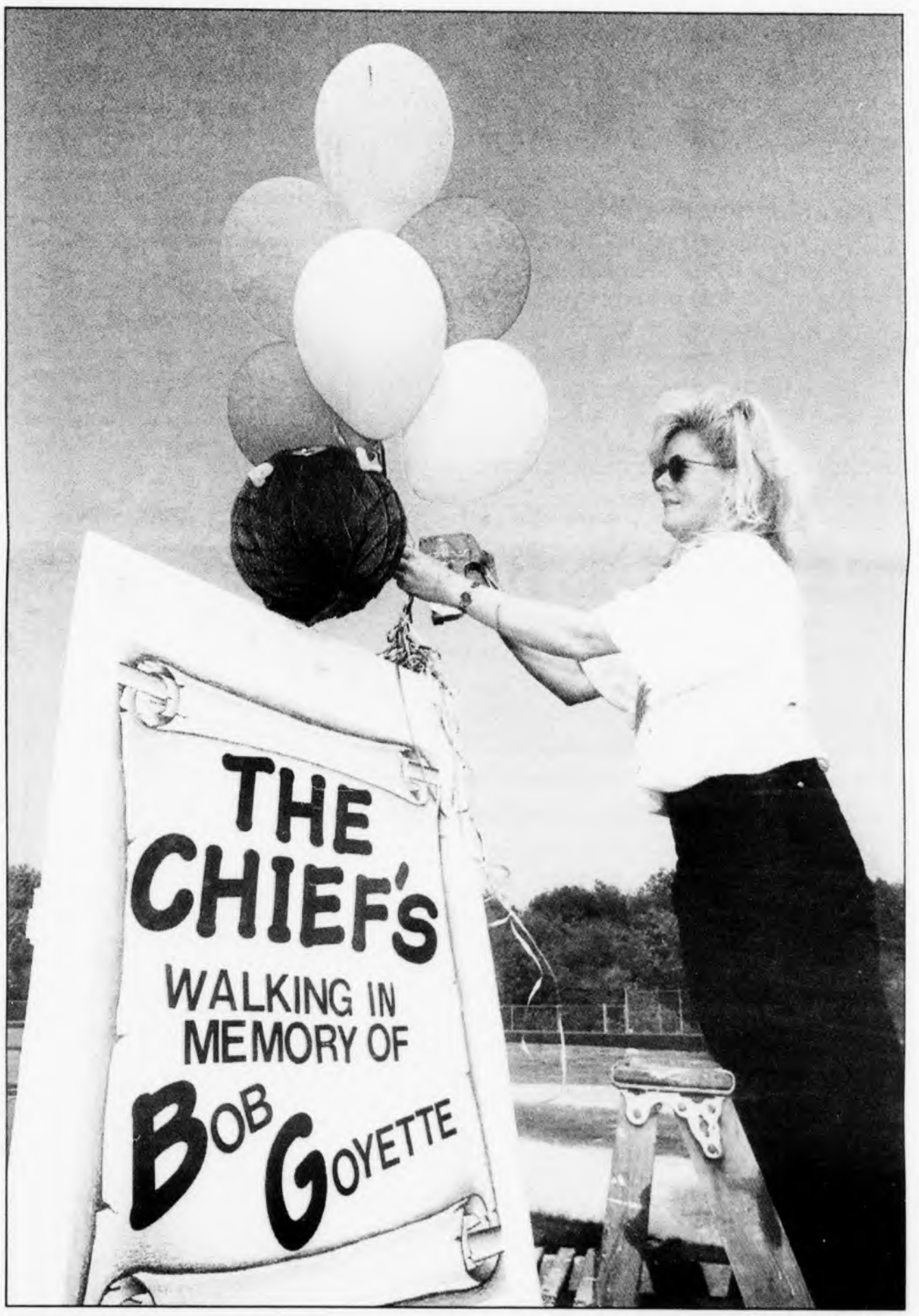
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Train mitigation summit slated

Selectmen and the town's Greenbush Mitigation Committee will meet in the selectmen's chambers at 7:30 p.m., Monday June 8 at town hall to discuss the "Air, Noise and Vibration Impacts of the Greenbush Commuter Rail Line," a report prepared by environmental consultants Tech Environmental Inc. of Waltham.

The report, which cost $11,800 and was authorized by town meeting, claims the MBTA grossly understated the impacts restoration of the train will have on Cohasset.

GREENBUSH RAIL LINE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT MEETING

Monday, June 8, 1998
7:30pm
Cohasset Town Hall

On Monday evening, a meeting will be held with the Cohasset Selectmen and the Train Mitigation Committee to discuss the environmental impacts of the Greenbush Rail Line.

This meeting will also be televised on local cable channel 3.

History committee resignations

Selectmen accepted the resignations of Lot Bates and Robert M. Davenport from the committee on town history Monday night. The committee which is charged with producing the third volume of the town's history now has about a dozen members.

Member Molly Hochkeppel said it has been difficult to get a quorum with such a large committee.

Sewer forum is tonight

The sewer commission is conducting a forum at 7:30 p.m. tonight (June 4) in the town hall auditorium to answer questions and provide an update on the north and central Cohasset sewer projects. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Soccer club concession okayed

Selectmen granted a request from the Cohasset Soccer Club to use part of the storage shed on Milliken Field as a concession stand. They stressed the area around the shed must be kept clean.

No more Monday nights

Starting with their July 14 meeting, selectmen will meet on Tuesday rather than Monday nights. The switch in meeting nights is more convenient to a majority of the board, selectmen said this week.

Cable-TV public hearing

Town Manager Mark Haddad said this week he has slated Wednesday, Sept. 16 for a public hearing on renewal of the town's cable-TV license.

Beach, dump stickers on sale

Your beach and RTF permits expired May 31. Beach and RTF stickers are on sale at the town hall on the following schedule: Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday evening 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beach stickers are $7 per vehicle, and $3 per vehicle for elders over 60. RTF stickers are 2 for $65 and for a sole resident $33.

Beach and RTF stickers will be on sale at the Recycling Transfer F[illegible] ty on weekends between the hours of 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and noon to 3:30 p.m. Child care provider stickers will not be on sale at the RTF and are available at the town hall only. You will need vehicle registrations or, if not a Massachusetts registration, proof of residency (tax bill or rental lease). You are encouraged to purchase your sticker through the mail by providing a copy of your registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

Permits now being issued will expire May 31,1999.

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Sun. 7	10:20	9.0	4:07	10:32	10.0	4:16
Mon. 8	11:04	9.1	4:50	11:12	10.2	4:58
Tues. 9	11:46	9.2	5:32	11:52	10.4	5:39
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The Peace of Mind begins in June, but it lasts all year long!

Relay for Life touches home for many

Event expected to raise $35,000

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

While their names like "G-Force II," "The Chiefs," and "Chatty's Team" couldn't be more different — their goal was the same.

The hundreds of area residents who gathered at the middle/high school track Friday and Saturday got involved by helping to put an end to cancer through a special fund-raiser, the Relay for Life in Cohasset.

"It's so uplifting," said Doris Goyette of Scituate, whose husband succumbed to the disease in March. "It makes us feel better about the whole situation. It makes us feel we're doing something to help him even though he's gone."

Goyette's team "The Chiefs" was made up of 33 family members and friends in honor of Robert A. Goyette, a Cohasset police officer for many years who later served as chief of police in Ayer and Southboro, Ma. and Yarmouth, Me.

This was the second annual 24-hour Relay for Life in Cohasset sponsored by the Southeastern Mass. Regional Center of the American Cancer Society at the high school track. This year's event is expected to raise upwards of $35,000 — $10,000 more than last year's — money which will support the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, and service to patients and their families.

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DORIS GOYETTE OF SCITUATE

The Relay for Life began in 1985 when surgeon Dr. Gordon Klatt of Tacoma, Wash., an American Cancer Society volunteer, ran and walked a local track for 24 hours. Since then, the Relay for Life has grown to be the signature event of the American Cancer Society raising millions of dollars in more than 1,300 communities across the country.

Last year, Clark Chatterton of Red Gate Lane was one of a few members of the organizing committee that hadn't had cancer. The event was slated for the brand-new high school track and the school athletic director had no idea at the time that this year he would be a "bonafide member," he said.

Chatterton said several months ago he received his "MVP" plaque for his volunteer efforts for the first Relay for Life in Cohasset.

"Two days later, I was in the hospital being operated on for cancer," he said.

There were two teams honoring Chatterton at the Relay for Life: "Clark's Team" and "Chatty's Team."

Megan Connolly, a junior, and Emily Libby, a sophomore at Cohasset High, organized a bunch of students for "Chatty's Team."

"He's (Chatterton) one of the nicest men, really thoughtful and he's a funny guy too," Megan said. "We were shocked by his illness and wanted to do something for him. He means a lot to us."

About 22 official relay teams — made up of just a handful to dozens of members from area towns — signed up for the Cohasset walk. Each participant obtained a minimum of $100 in pledges and paid a $5 registration fee which covered the cost of a T-shirt and pancake breakfast, explained Julie A. Carchedi, American Cancer Society regional executive director. Cancer survivors and students were exempt from the registration fee. The event revolved around team members taking turns walking laps for 24 hours. Registration opened at 3 p.m., Friday, May 29. Opening ceremonies got underway at 7 p.m. inside the high school gym due to a passing thunderstorm. That was followed by the survivors' "Victory Lap." The Luminaria Ceremony, which featured more than 1,000 candles lit in memory or in honor of those afflicted with cancer, took place about 9 p.m. The minimum contribution per luminary was $5, so that event alone raised upwards of $5,000.

Hap Pompeo of Ripley Road, captain of "Clark's Team" said the Luminaria Ceremony was very moving.

"Reading the names on the bags (containing the candles) as I walked around the track was really touching," Pompeo said.

The candles encircled the track and stayed lit throughout the night as walkers camped out in what resembled a tent city on the football field.

Several teams organized in memory of Dr. Gary Garber who lost his battle with cancer earlier this year.

Ed Lappen, captain of "G-Force II" in honor of his friend Garber, said he'll be back again next year. Lappen's son Ross Lieb-Lappen and his friend Matt O'Brien also led teams in memory of Garber.

Relay laps continued until 3 p.m. Saturday followed by the closing ceremonies and team awards. Teams camped enjoyed a festive atmosphere created by food, music and camaraderie.

The Relay for Life in Hanover is slated for June 19-20. For information on how you can help by participating in or volunteering at the Relay for Life, call Carchedi at the ACS office at 508-584-9600 ext. 232.



STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Three-year-old Dana Child scampers around the track with his mother, Lisa. He collected $25 in quarters for the Relay for Life which benefits cancer research and services.



Matt McLaughlin and Sara Marcks of Team Lincoln in Hingham walk around the track.



Anna Abbruzzese rigs the tent where members of her team will spend the night. Participants walked the track for 24 hours to raise money to fight cancer.

New library chief is hired

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finalists withdrew from consideration for different reasons, including not wishing to relocate. Six new candidates applied during the second round, said trustees chairman Patience Towle.

Towle said the library trustees were impressed with Husband.

"She has a nice seamless local resume," Towle said. "She is very knowledgeable, has tons of experience and answered all our questions thoughtfully."

She said Husband's salary, which is being negotiated, will be in the high 40s.

Towle described Husband as "enthusiastic and excited for the task ahead of us regardless of what we do."

The library trustees are unanimous that the Paul Pratt Library building is too small to maintain services.

"We are definitely a library in search of a home," she said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad, who made the final decision under the Town Manager Act, said he thoroughly enjoyed working through the process with the trustees.

He said the three finalists — who also included Katie Baxter of Scituate, assistant director at the Hingham Public Library and Kathy Leahy of Hingham, children's librarian in Hingham — were all strong candidates.

"It was a nice dilemma we had," he said.

Husband is married and the mother of a 24-year-old daughter. Her husband is the librarian at Framingham State College.

She gave the retiring Hayes high marks.

"We all know and love Dick," said Husband, who knows Hayes through the Old Colony Library Network. "I hope I can continue with as much style as Dick did."



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Janet Husband, who has been the library director in Rockland for 13 years, will take over the reins in Cohasset next month.

Blood drive is June 10

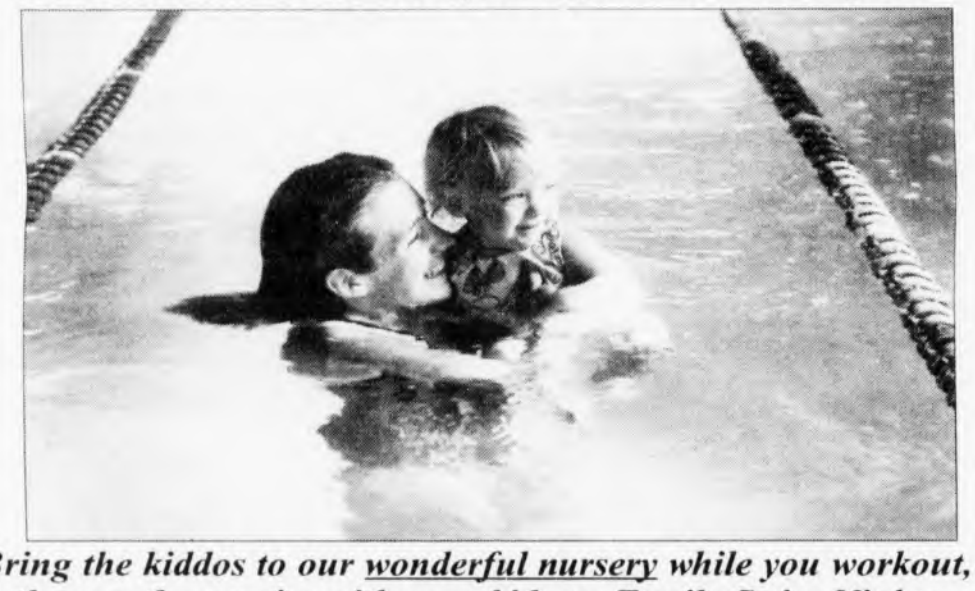
The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, June 10. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Unitarian Parish House at 23 North Main St., from 2 to 7 p.m. As in the past, babysitting will be provided from 3 to 6 p.m.

The Red Cross depends on regular donations to meet the ongoing need for blood and blood by-products.

The Red Cross always counts on a good turnout when it visits Cohasset so please respond, if possible, when a volunteer from one of the church, civic, corporate or social organizations calls. New donors are welcome and especially needed. To register and make an appointment for donating at a specific time or if there are any questions, call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 383-1290.

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Research lab seeks Village location

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Kevin Ulmer appears to be a busy man these days. Besides his work on the health board, and his on-going plans to open the Lobster Lab on the Hagerty property, he also has to make a living. Ulmer makes his living as a biotechnology entrepreneur, and he is hoping to open a research laboratory at 8 Stagecoach Lane on the second floor of the former Greenhouse Restaurant.

Ulmer has asked the zoning board of appeals to grant him a variance to operate the lab in the downtown/Village business zone. But there is a wrinkle: Ulmer said there is a printing error in the latest version of the bylaws omitting references to research labs. In the previous version of the bylaws, research labs were allowed only in light industrial zones.

Pavonis Inc., is the name of a company formed by Ulmer a few years ago, but placed on hold while he worked on other commitments. Last summer, Ulmer obtained some seed money from investors to start a research facility focusing on the study of "Genomics", which refers to the use of information obtained from the study of human DNA by independent researchers and the government sponsored "Human Genome Project." If approved, Pavonis Inc., would open its first lab in the Village.

Many people are scared by the idea of human DNA testing, but as Ulmer points out, the research he would be performing is identical to work done at Beechwood Medical Center, Bay Coast Medical Center and SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories, all located in the Village. The difference is these facilities take blood, skin or saliva samples and look at DNA to find the cause of health problems and diseases. Ulmer would use the same kinds of samples to develop information about DNA that could lead to new drugs or a better understanding of the workings of the human body.

He hopes the zoning board will approve the variance based on the similar uses already present in the Village.

Governments and private investors are pouring billions of dollars into DNA research in the hope of finding the next great drug or developing some major medical breakthrough.

Although laboratories are restricted to the industrial zone, there is no suitable office building with lease space available for a laboratory.

"At first I thought the zoning would be no problem, but then I found that research facilities and laboratories are only allowed in the light industrial zone," Ulmer said. "That area is made up of landfills and mulch piles, but no suitable office space for this use."

Ulmer wanted to place a large research facility on the former Webb Norfolk Conveyor property off Route 3A, but could not find an investor willing to put up the money.

Ulmer also pointed out that residents approved the lobster lab, which will be the site of biological research by students looking at things like lobster DNA. The lobster lab is in a light industrial zone, located on the edge of a residential zone near the harbor.

The sewer commissioners have also already approved a permit allowing the lab to produce 330 gallons per day of flow until the central Cohasset sewer expansion is completed.

Ulmer admits that many people are afraid of DNA research, mostly because they don't understand it.

"One of the great concerns people had about recombinant DNA is that there is a hazard of creating horrible biological constructs or 'Frankensteins'," he said. "In the 1970s there was a self-imposed moratorium by biologists on DNA applications."

But in the present, DNA research is common. Governments and private investors are pouring billions of dollars into DNA research in the hope of finding the next great drug or developing some major medical breakthrough. And this is just the kind of research Ulmer would conduct at his lab, if approved. He would use his seed money to purchase DNA testing and sequencing equipment, and to hire a small staff to assist him.

And rather than producing a genetically engineered race of monsters, DNA research has led to astounding scientific breakthroughs.

"The technology itself is neutral," Ulmer said. "It's really all about how people use it."

National Public Radio recently reported that a group of Canadian Scientists transplanted human DNA into a fruit fly, extending the creatures life by 40 percent with no side effects. One of the scientists on the project said the research may lead to techniques of allowing humans to live without disease until they die of natural causes.

"Pharmaceutical companies have reoriented their research because of DNA research," Ulmer said. "They are now looking at the causes of diseases and developing drugs for that, rather than developing drugs that treat just the symptoms. By looking at causation of disease, companies can develop drugs tailored to the cause of each person's disease."

But Ulmer is also hoping to benefit the town financially with his lab.

"To me, if I have to pay taxes on the business, I'd like to pay them to Cohasset," Ulmer said. "The town has little industrial taxes coming in. Everyone has been trying to find out how to revitalize the Village. This could help."

If the project is rejected, Ulmer said he would be forced to locate the lab in Scituate or Hingham and pay taxes to those towns.

Billy Maich scholarship established

A new permanently endowed scholarship, named after former Norwalk, Ct., resident Billy Maich, has been established by his family at the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will be presented annually to a Ouimet Scholar from Wollaston Golf Club in Milton. Maich and his wife, Marie, now reside in Hallandale, Fla.

"We're delighted to announce this award in the name of Mr. Maich, which was contributed so generously by his son, Peter (Maich of Cohasset). Mr. Maich and his sons Peter and Paul have shared a lifelong love of golf, caddying and helping young people, and this award helps perpetuate this special feeling they have," said Steve Buckley, Ouimet Fund president.

Peter Maich, who is a 1969 graduate of Notre Dame and Wollaston member, is also a member of the Board of Directors of The Ouimet Fund. He is chairman of The Fund's Donor Development Committee, which has overseen a tremendous increase in these permanently endowed scholarships. Peter explained that caddying was very important to his father, who had grown up as a caddie at Longshore Country Club in Westport, Conn., in the 'Twenties. His father caddied for Gene Sarazen as a young man and also helped support his family during the depression as a caddie. The first Billy Maich scholarship will be presented in the fall of 1998.

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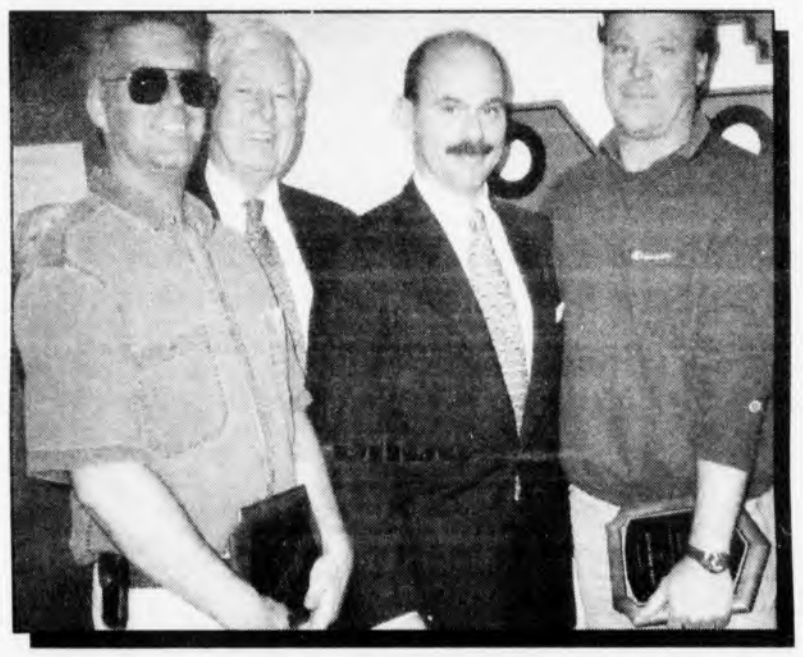
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Conway Honors Local Builders



South Shore Builders Stephen Bjorkland (far left) and Mark Winchester (far right) receive award from Chairman Jack Conway (2nd from left) and Conway-Cohasset manager Ralph Grassia.

Jack Conway & Co. recently presented their Community Builders Award to Mark Winchester and Stephen Bjorkland, who have been partnering to build and rehab residential properties throughout the South Shore for nearly five years. They take pride in a superior finished product, with all the "little extras," and have built a reputation for consistently high quality.

"What makes Mark and Steve a pleasure to work with," said Ralph Grassia, manager of Jack Conway & Co.'s Cohasset office, who has marketed several of Mark and Steve's projects, "is that they're always available to answer questions, work with buyers, and customize their properties according to market needs."

Conway - Cohasset Realtor Mary Ellen Neagle, who works closely with both builders, agrees. "They give their home buyers the peace of mind of knowing that their house has been built with pride, care, and the highest degree of craftsmanship."

EPA to revise pollution study on Greenbush

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rates the pollution benefits of rail restoration they've long touted, officials in both Cohasset and Hingham have grave concerns about what they call major inaccuracies in the report.

"I was astonished to find numerous mathematical and other errors in the EPA report, which cast great doubt on its utility," said Hingham's Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan.

Despite the error, Brennan said the EPA had the right figures for the numbers of cars the train will take off the road, and used very conservative estimates on other issues. Even should the train trip error indicate that the rail emissions should be doubled, Brennan said the pollution caused by the train would be a minimal problem. Brennan also noted that the EPA's mistake is not as far off track as the Technical Resources for Environmental Quality (TREQ) emissions study undertaken by Cohasset resident Kevin O'Keeffe in 1995. Brennan said that report overestimated the train's pollution by 600 to 800 percent and underestimated the pollution caused by cars by using emission figures based on new cars built in 1995. Brennan said environmental studies on pollution normally take into account an average nationwide fleet of automobiles in use including cars built 10 to 20 years ago.

Ted Lento, Greenbush project manager for the Army Corps of Engineers, said he has been told by the EPA to ignore the current report until a new one is released.

Macmillan said there are other glaring errors in the EPA report. In estimating that 1,300 cars would be removed from the road, the EPA assumed wrongly that all the cars would have traveled the 56-mile round-trip journey all the way from Greenbush in Scituate, Macmillan noted.

"I find this disturbing," he said. "I feel sorry for the consultant who put together the report, because it's going to be a major embarrassment."

He said the study falsely portrays vehicle trips into Boston while "making it look like the train will travel one way into Boston on the wings of angels."

A report prepared for Cohasset on the issue of air quality by Peter Goldberg of Tech Environmental Inc. found fault with the MBTA and EPA findings, particularly with the degree of impact the project would have on abutters and other residents regarding noise, vibration and air quality issues, according to Macmillan.

He said the EPA has been notified about these concerns, which have captured the attention of the federal agency. A meeting to discuss the matter will be scheduled after June 20.

In the meantime, MBTA officials are considering the EPA findings a shot in the arm for the project. "We're thrilled with the study's findings, but it's what we've been saying for three years," Brennan said. "It's somewhat anti-climactic for us."

But Macmillan said in the long run, the EPA errors will hurt the MBTA and the project.

"The study will give a false boost, and I predict it won't be long before the EPA backtracks and that the Army Corps of Engineers (the lead federal agency reviewing the project) gives it short shrift," he said. "There's absolutely no way diesel rail is an environmental plus. This is one boost which will take the air out of Andrew Brennan's balloon."

Brennan said MBTA officials will meet with the Army Corps of Engineers next Friday to discuss the corps recent report which takes issue with the transit authority's ridership estimates in the draft environmental impact study. Brennan said he's confident that the MBTA will be able to address all of the corps concerns. "They're saying there is another way to do the ridership estimates and there is probably 50 more ways to do it.," he said. The question is will another way to do it give different results? And is it worth spending hundreds of thousands of tax payer dollars to find that out?"

Scituate selectmen will address the issue June 23, and Cohasset selectmen will discuss the EPA report next Monday.

Charles Chittick of Hingham, a member of the MBTA advisory committee, said the Goldberg report discusses issues which effect quality of life in a major way.

"In light of the Cohasset selectmen's reaction to the study, if they've got these problems, then Hingham has them in spades."

That report stated that an increase in nitrous oxide emissions from the train would increase summertime ozone levels.

"For air quality, ozone is the principal public health problem in Massachusetts," the report said. The study also stated sleep disruption from train noise would be greater than the MBTA said it would be.

"Rather than getting closer to the day the MBTA will sling its first silver shovel (to begin the project), (the proposal) seems to be moving further into the future," Macmillan said. "If the MBTA report is as bogus as it appears, this could be the beginning of the end, especially where the premise of Greenbush restoration is that diesel rail will improve air quality."

Dump to take center stage at hearing Tuesday

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(today) in Quincy District Court.

The health board meeting was originally scheduled to discuss what steps CHL-owner Paul Barry should take to remove 7,800-square-feet of material illegally placed in a section of the landfill not approved for dumping. At 7:30 p.m., CHL will go over its plans with the health board. At 8 p.m., McNabb will present what he believes is overwhelming evidence for the health board to rescind CHL's site assignment.

The site assignment is the chief document that allows CHL to operate a landfill in Cohasset. The health board can rescind the site assignment if there is evidence that CHL poses a significant risk to human health. McNabb claims the evidence is clear that CHL is posing a risk to human health. However, CHL disputes those claims. McNabb points to numerous wetlands violations, material placed in areas without a landfill permit, tons of excess material on the slopes, and the landfill's illegal presence in the water authority district.

A former landfill owner failed to file a special permit in the county Registry of Deeds in 1976, which meant the permit was never valid according to state law. Without that permit, CHL cannot legally operate a landfill in town, especially in the water protection district, which was created in 1988. CHL had claimed "grandfathered" status because that is the only way a landfill can operate in the district. But without the valid permit, CHL could not claim that status and Egan ordered the landfill closed last January. CHL appealed that decision, but the zoning board upheld Egan's shut-down order.

If the health board decides to rescind the site assignment, it must hold public hearings. McNabb said he will urge the members of the health board to vote to rescind the site assignment at Tuesday's meeting, and schedule a hearing for July 7.

"I want the health board to vote right then and there," McNabb said. "I want them to stop waffling around on this and either put up or shut up. We know we [SAFE] have given the health board more than enough information to do this."

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Packing of classrooms and offices at Joseph Osgood, Aug. 10 and 11 (Monday and Tuesday), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Unpacking at new school, Aug. 27 and 28, (Thursday and Friday), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Harborfest steps off this weekend

By Bob Martin
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

We hope that you will come and enjoy the Cohasset Harborfest weekend!

There should be some event during the weekend which will appeal to everyone.

The 70the Anniversary Celebration of the Joseph Osgood School will be a highlight. Be sure to visit the tents on the Common. Center Stage will feature the production "Grease" by various age groups of the South Shore School of the Performing Arts Friday afternoon as well as the Cohasset High School chorus at 2:15 p.m. Friday. Schedules will be posted at the stage and around town. The Center Stage is sponsored by the Cohasset Playhouse Associates.

The Luminaria at 8 p.m. Friday evening will be dedicated to those Cohasset residents who have passed away in the last year. Please join us for this beautiful ceremony.

The Ice Cream Festival will be held both Friday and Saturday afternoons to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry.

You can support the Teen Center by attending the Pancake Breakfast Saturday morning which is sponsored by the Cohasset Rotary Club. The Teen Center Speed Pitching Emporium is always a big draw for prospective additions to the Red Sox lineup.

The Cohasset Yacht Club is the sponsor of the Blessing of the Fleet and the Cohasset Clergy Association will preside. I assume that there will be silent prayers that the dredging of the harbor will finally be a reality in the next year.

The Harborfest Parade will kick off at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, after the Blessing of the Fleet, under the sponsorship of VFW Post 9146. The Harborfest Band which was the brainchild of The Rev. Ed Atkinson, will march under the direction of Roger Whitely. A special thanks to Steve Biagini who teaches at the Deer Hill for his efforts in whipping our band musicians into shape. Steve also has to be credited with the Deer Hill Fife and Drum Section which will be marching in the parade with the Historical Society Unit.

Thanks to all who have contributed to our weekend in any way and we hope that you will have a ball.

1998 Harborfest Schedule

Friday, June 5: 2:15 to 6 p.m. **Center Stage Entertainment**, *sponsored by Cohasset Playhouse Associates;* 3 to 6 p.m. **Teen Center Speed Pitching**; 3 to 6 p.m. **Ice Cream Festival,** *to benefit The Cohasset Food Pantry;* 3 to 6 p.m. **Opening of Osgood Exhibits**; 8 p.m. **Lumniaria - St. Stephen's Carillion,** *sponsored by The Cohasset Clergy Association.*

Saturday, June 5: 8 to 10 a.m. **Pancake Breakfast,** *sponsored by The Cohasset Rotary Club to benefit The Teen Center;* 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Teen Center Speed Pitching**; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Center Stage Entertainment,** *sponsored by Cohasset Playhouse Associates featuring at 5:00 South Shore Men of Harmony;* 12 to 4 p.m. **Osgood School Alumni Gathering**; 12 to 4 p.m. **Ice Cream Festival,** *to benefit The Cohasset Food Pantry.*

Sunday, June 7: 1:30 p.m. **Blessing of the Fleet (Cohasset Harbor),** *sponsored by the Cohasset Yacht Club;* 2:30 p.m. **Harborfest Parade (from the Harbor to the Common) featuring The Harbofest Marching Band**; 3:45 to 5 p.m. **Center Stage Entertainment,** *sponsored by Cohasset Playhouse Associates;* 5 p.m. **Closing of Osgood Exhibits.**

PICTURE THIS



Name: Elinor Whitney Kennedy

Occupation: Retired Osgood School teacher.

Goal: To reach the top run of the ladder in life and at 96, I'm almost there.

Best vacation: Cape Blomidon, Nova Scotia.

Best day of your life: Our 50th wedding anniversary.

Biggest worry: If I'm going to make it!

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite season: Spring.

Favorite TV show: "Outdoor Life."

Favorite movie: "Gone With the Wind."

Favorite book: The writings of Helen Hayes.

Favorite junk food: Popcorn.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: When I was a little girl, my teacher made me stand in the corner for talking to the boys and my mother came in and caught me.

Person you'd most like to meet: Maya Angelou.

Pet peeve: People who talk out of turn.

(Editor's note: In anticipation of the Osgood celebration at Harborfest this weekend, the Mariner has been featuring people with ties to the school in Picture This. Mrs. Kennedy taught for 29 years in Cohasset. She walked her second-grade class from the old Osgood School near where the police/fire station now stands to the new Osgood School on Ripley Road in February 1926 when the school opened).

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AROUND TOWN

PURE GOLD

Rose and **Joe Dooley**, formerly of Doane Street, were married in Cambridge on June 5, 1948. You can do the math! They celebrate their golden anniversary tomorrow and are back in town for the happy event.

Their seven children put on an early surprise party for them on Saturday, May 16 on Cape Cod. The Dooleys now live in Dennis and spend their winters in Naples, Fla.

In attendance at the party were numerous family and friends, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

SUITCASES FOR KIDS

We think that almost all of Cohasset knows **Katherine Stanton**, she is a prominent lady in our town! She has a job as a Foster Care reviewer with the DSS, something she has done for the last six years. Well, DSS has a need! It is called "Suitcases for Kids" — each year the DSS works with 10,000 foster children statewide, most are moved 10 to 14 times in their young lives. Often the children have little to their name other than a trash bag to move their belongings. If you have a suitcase (any size), a duffle bag, gym bag or backpack — anything along those lines would help — please give Katherine a call. Her telephone number is 383-0944, her address is 30 Clay Spring Road. She can even arrange to pick up your donation! Make a child's day a little bit brighter! At the same time you might thank Katherine for all of the good that she does for everyone!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy belated birthday greetings go to **Cliff** and **Peg Dickson**, who turned 75 and 70 May 8 and 9. It was a wonderful weekend for them as their daughters **(Lee and Kelly)** and good friend **Deb Grecci** orchestrated a wonderful surprise party for them. Knowing the whole town would want to celebrate, the girls decided it had already been done when Cliff retired from the fire department, so they chose to keep it just "family." Cliff and Peg's "kids" came from all over for this major event (you may remember that this was also the weekend that the Boeing 737s were grounded, therefore some additional efforts were necessary).

Jamie and **Shannon Klinker**, who were flying in from the West Palm area, decided to rent a car due to their late arrival. We were in the midst of our 11 days of rain, so Jamie got a little bit lost — he stopped at a gas station in Hingham and asked a limo driver to direct them to Cohasset — the driver turned out to be **George Dunlap** from Beechwood (who has known Cliffie for many years), so he directed them right to their destination (they thank you, George).

Joe Hutchinson came up from Miami, and **Cindy Meyerholz** and her new fiancé, **Jim Steiner,** came from Long Boat Key.

Jay Piepenbrink came down from Wenham to emcee the party for his godparents, and **Robert, Kelly's** husband who had just flown in from London on business, recorded all on video.

Jim Graham, **Lee's** husband, prepared the music; he did a great job, everything from Garth Brooks to Glenn Miller. **Aunt Tootsie** had a wonderful time! She contributed some priceless pictures that the girls assembled to create a timeline for their parents from the early '40s to the current day (naturally boats, dogs and kids were included in every shot!).

The girls want to thank the Legion and the Silent Chef for coming to their rescue at the last minute when the Log 'n Line closed one week before the event. **Kelly** and **Lee** know that it turned out better than they could have hoped for.

Peg told them, "This I'll remember for the rest of my life." And Cliff smiled his agreement. Again, happy belated birthday, **Cliff** and **Peg**!



Mari Doggett, 13, of Orem, Utah poses with her grandfather, Tom Doggett of Cohasset at the barn raising celebration of the John and Priscilla Alden House in Duxbury.

SPREAD THE CHEER

Have you missed seeing **Shirlie Laidlaw** walking around town lately? We sure have! Her smile cheers everyone up! Anyway, Shirlie is now residing at the Elizabeth Catherine Rest Home, and would love to hear from you! Her new address is: Shirlie Laidlaw, Elizabeth Catherine, 27 Front St., Weymouth Landing, MA 02188. Spread the cheer!

MAKING WAVES

Congratulations to all of the swimmers who participated on the Weymouth Waves Swim Team for the 1997-98 season!! Special congrats to four Cohasset swimmers who received special honors — **Reed Dickinson** (Male Swimmer of the Year); **Christina Daniels** (Female Swimmer of the Year); **Nick Zappalo** (Rookie of the Year); and **Kayvon Tehranian** (unsung Hero).



Jennifer Plante

GOOD NEWS TO REPORT

Jennifer M. Plante received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Columbia University on May 20. As part of her requirement, she acted in multiple roles in the production of "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" at La MaMa Theatre in New York City. This production has been chosen to open the International Student Theatre Festival in Berlin, Germany in June.

Jennifer is a 1991 graduate of Cohasset High and received a BA degree in English and Drama from Tufts University in 1995.

She is the daughter of **Maria** and **Patrick Plante**, who were in New York City last week to celebrate Jennifer playing the lead role of the Governor's Wife on her 25th birthday!

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Carla James and Michael Hill

James/Hill

Mr. and Mrs. Philip and Cynthia James of North Haven, Conn., and her brother Brian A. James of Minneapolis, Minn. would like to announce the engagement of their daughter and sister, Carla Susan James, of Needham, to Michael A. Hill, of Bedford, the son of Dr. Paul and Barbara Hill, of Bedford.

Miss James is also the granddaughter of Mrs. Gertrude Gedney and the late Warren Gedney, of Danielson, Conn., and the late Robert and Hazel James of Cohasset. She is also the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Marcia Carthaus of Edina, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Karleen Gedney of Conn..

Mr. Hill is the grandson of Dr.. Paul and Mrs. Judy Hill of Columbus, New Jersey and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy and Irma Allen of Paynesville, Minn.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Wheaton College, Norton, and a 1990 graduate of Simmons College School of Social Work with a MSW degree. She is employed in the case management department at New England Baptist Hospital as an orthopedic clinical social worker in Boston.

Her fiancé is a 1989 graduate of Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, and is employed as a legal assistant at the law firm of Sherin and Lodgen in Boston.

A May, 1999 wedding is planned.

Paw Prints for Progress day

All Paws Rescue's third annual Paw Prints for Progress family fun and education day is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, at Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine.

This fun-filled day will offer something for everyone.

A walk for homeless animals will kick off at 1:30 p.m., sponsorship forms and more information are available from All Paws Rescue, P. O. Box 569, Accord, Mass. 02018 or by calling (781) 749-0968.

AROUND TOWN

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations go to **David Barrow**, he got his "first keeper" May 22! Her name is **Kimberly**, and she weighed in at 6 pounds 8 ounces! She and mom, **Kerry,** are great! Kimberly is the ninth grandchild for **Dick Barrow,** WOW!

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The **Dooley family** had a great 50th Wedding Anniversary Party for **Roseann** and **Joseph Dooley** Saturday, May 16; **Rose** and **Joe's** children held a surprise party on the Cape (where they now reside) attended by the couple's six children, their spouses, 12 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, along with many friends and relatives. It was a true surprise for **Rose** and **Joe**, and everyone had a great time celebrating this wonderful milestone! Happy anniversary from all of us, too! We miss seeing you walking all over town!

BUSY TIMES AHEAD

Renee Prisble received her BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She has a very busy summer ahead with a piece in a show of contemporary cast iron art at a gallery in Chicago. She also has been accepted to the sculpture parks in Franconia and New York Mills, Minn., as well as a teaching assistant position for two weeks at Ox Bow Art Center in Michigan.

COHASSET BAND MEMBERS

Remember when I told you about the musical group, the "Flying Squirrel," appearing in Hull last week? Well, I mentioned the two gents in the group who reside in Hull, but forgot to include the two awesome musicians from Cohasset! They are — drum roll please — **Andy Kuhn** and **David Aronson**. They got a fantastic crowd that night, and are soon to be featured at an Aids benefit in Harvard Square — stay tuned for details!

BARN RAISING

Polly Doggett and her granddaughter, **Mari**, arrived back from a vacation in Bermuda in time to join Grampa **Tom** at the barn raising of the John Alden House in Duxbury. Tom was one of 30 volunteers who assisted int he raising of the post and beam constructed barn on the Alden House property.

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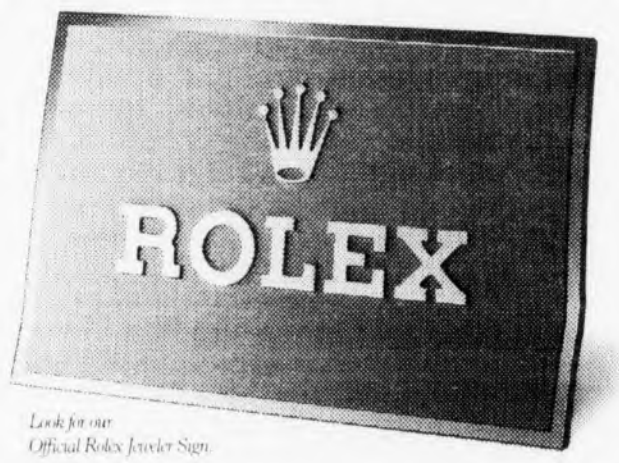
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Changing tide on Greenbush

Following the ups and downs of Greenbush lately feels a lot more like a roller-coaster than a train ride. Just last week, it looked like the Army Corps of Engineers — the federal agency with jurisdiction of wetlands and historic districts — might derail the $285 million project entirely. A report the Corps released, prepared by a consulting firm, complained the MBTA hadn't done its homework.

The report described the MBTA's ridership and environmental impact projections and analysis of alternatives for Greenbush as "sketchy and flawed."

This week, the Environmental Protection Agency — another federal entity — tells us that Greenbush diesel trains won't pollute as much as the cars it will remove from the highway.

But on the surface, it appears that the EPA's study, nine months in the making, may also be "flawed."

For one thing, it based its figures on 12 train trips a day, not the 24 planned for Greenbush. Whether the additional 12 trips omitted from the report could tilt the scales the other way is best left up to the environmental engineers to determine.

And now little Cohasset might be getting into the fray with longtime train opponent Hingham and Scituate, which is less than happy with its negotiations over the proposed layover site in that town.

A new report prepared by a consultant hired by the town of Cohasset is very unsettling.

Everyone seems to be weighing in on the Greenbush issue. Except, of course, the MBTA. The agency has been all too quiet and should be out in front of these issues, especially if it wants to see the Greenbush line become a reality. The agency's silence, or lack of a proactive stance, is allowing the opposing side to control the debate and that could be swaying people against the train.

The Cohasset report concludes in its Environmental Impact Report, the T grossly underestimated the impact of locomotive noise and vibration impacts on homes near the rail line and misrepresented the potential air quality impacts of the Greenbush Line by overstating claimed reductions in motor vehicle emissions.

For example, the report said the T ignored the impact of sleep disruption that will occur in homes along the rail corridor through the use of a 24-hour average noise measure.

As Cohasset Mitigation Committee Chairman Thomas Gruber said "your gut tells you when a cannon goes off there's a lot of noise" but the net result is small when averaged over 24 hours.

Yet the T plans no noise mitigation in homes and businesses beyond 50 feet when noise disruption will occur in a corridor 800-feet wide, according to the report.

The new report is aptly described by Gruber's fellow mitigation committee member Martin Corry as "the smoking gun" propelling him toward asking Cohasset selectmen to join with other towns in actively opposing the train.

Mr. Gruber takes a more conservative approach but one that is nonetheless a sign of increasing uneasiness about Greenbush.

"I don't think the mitigation process has had the results we'd like it to have. We need a new approach here," Mr. Gruber said. "We must protect the citizens and get what we need, so we have a life after the train."

Here at the Cohasset Mariner we believe citizens have a right to safe, convenient public transportation — the opportunity for which might be lost if "Greenbush dies of its own weight," as state Sen. Robert Hedlund said this week.

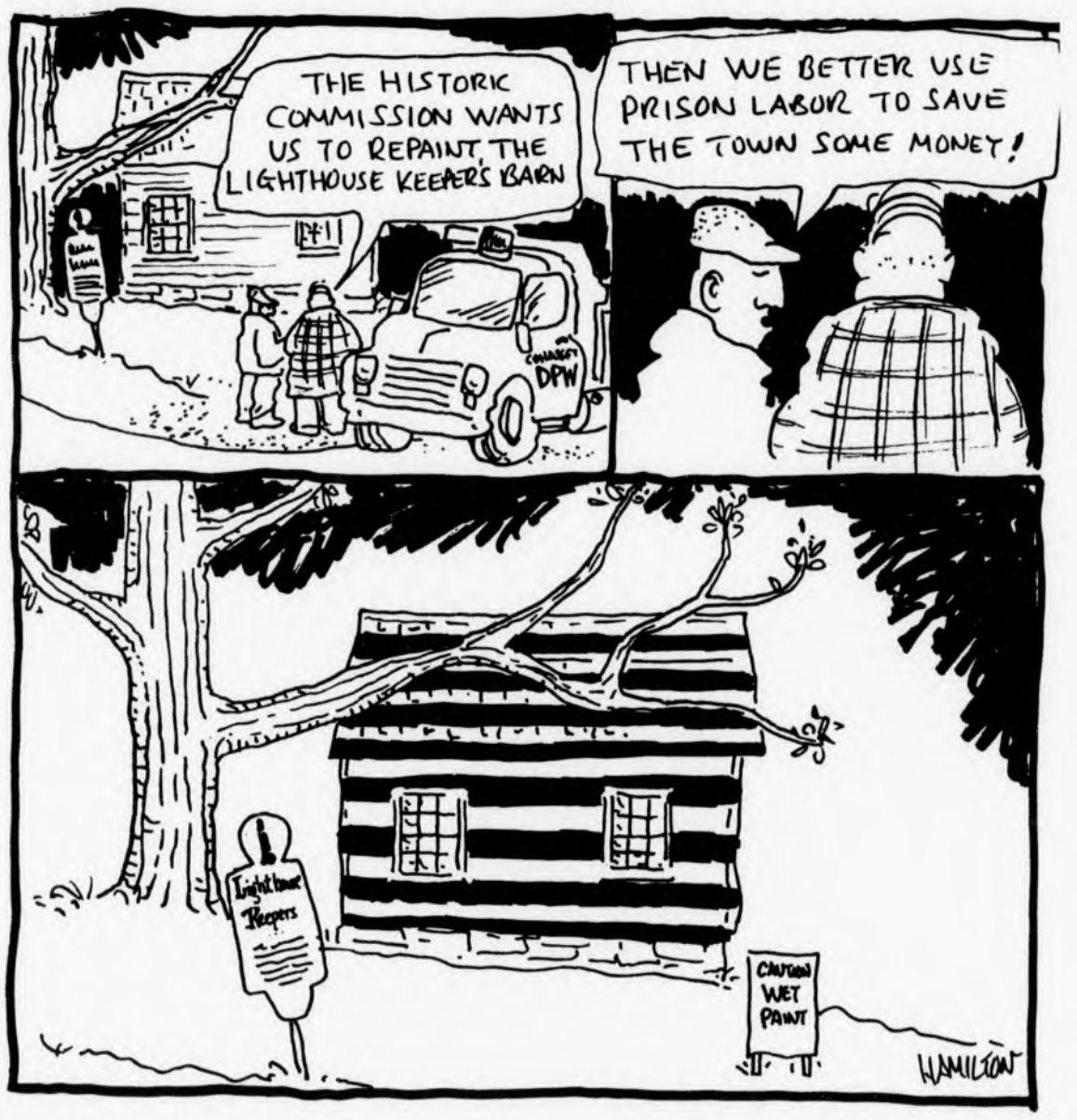
If we're getting the wrong impression from all the facts and figures being tossed about by environmental consultants and engineers — it's time the T stood up and answered the hard questions. There are those of us who still believe the last segment of the Old Colony rail revival is the best means to reduce congestion on Routes 3 and 3A. Few of us want to continue enduring the endless traffic and long and useless delays trying to get to points North on any given morning.

We're not sure how many more black eyes Greenbush can take before the beleaguered proposal is down for the count and the only transportation alternative most of the South Shore is left with is that gridlock on Routes 3 and 3A.

Mary Ford
Editor

Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unsupervised dogs not appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to call attention to dog owners, especially those in and around the Linden Drive area. Some dog owners seem to forget their dog ownership responsibilities, more importantly, they forget that their dog may be their best friend, not mine. I want to go on record by stating I do not dislike dogs or for that matter any pet, providing its owner cares for them. I do not have a pet due to my unwillingness to care and provide for it.

On occasion I have witnessed a new pup, while leashed, with its owner strutting their stuff through the neighborhood. Soon after the leash seems to disappear, the owner stops strutting and the pup starts squatting. The owner's best friend seems to find his way into my yard leaving his trademark for me to dodge when mowing the lawn.

I am lucky enough to have neighbors who do care for their dogs. They are leashed, and restricted by fences and electrical barriers. These owners have excepted their responsibility and for them I am thankful.

To the owners of the black French poodle, I am grateful for your ability to keep he/she so manicured, but the animal's deliverance in my yard seems to indicate you're not feeding him/her properly. Change the diet!

To the brown and black beagle who leaves his trademark on my property, I forgive you. It is your owner who has failed in his/her obligation to care for you. To the owners of the white German shepherd, who seems to enjoy attacking and putting others in fear. Twice I have been attacked by this animal. These incidents occurred in the presence of the dog owners, once in my yard and once on Sandy Beach. I am hopeful that the owners will now take steps to either cage this wild beast or use a leash before his fangs penetrate an innocent victim. Throw him a bone every once in a while, will ya?!

These dog owners I speak of, take care of your friend. I don't have the time or patience nor do I possess the courage to withstand a vicious attack. Some dog owners consider their animals to be part of the family or their best friend. Treat them as such! I am sure that you would not want my best friend (and he is not a dog!) to leave his trademark in your yard.

I am sickened at cleaning and having to deposit your animal's waste. Your lack of care should be carefully scrutinized. It is time you took advice from the dog owners who do care for their animals. If that's too difficult, read "Dick and Jane see Spot Run," a great story about two children who know how to care for a dog!

Charles E. Santoro
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Paul Pratt Trustees' release report on library

For several years, the Library Trustees have been considering the future of the library, particularly as hobbled by the library building's size. We have been waiting for the results of the Facility Audit, received orally May 13, to be certain in which direction to proceed. We want to be sure that the selectmen are well informed about the Trustees' analysis of the situation and the course of action which we have adopted.

Summary

At a meeting May 16, the Library Trustees agreed that they:

1. Recognize that nostalgia and affection for Cohasset's Library of almost 100 years must not obscure the reality of the library's needs for both today and the foreseeable future.

2. Reluctantly, but firmly, abandon the idea that time, study or money can make the Paul Pratt Memorial Library building suitable for Cohasset's future use as a public library.

3. Recognize that the availability of the Joseph Osgood School, with excellent space and a central, visible location, is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

4. Decide to move ahead with speed and determination to acquire adequate space in the Osgood School or on the Osgood property for Cohasset's Public Library.

5. Instruct the Long Range Planning Committee to seek funds for a feasibility study of the Osgood School for use by the library, and that the results of that study will permit the Trustees to ask Town Meeting, at its October meeting, for funds for working drawings suitable for construction bids.

Background

In 1903, the original library building was a gift to the town by Paul Pratt's daughter in his memory, on land donated by the Snow family. It was constructed for a population of roughly 2,700 before the general use of automobiles. An addition, in 1964, at no cost to the town, added about 2,300 square feet to the building's original 3,600 square feet and created a children's room, meeting room and back stairway.

About that time, Cohasset's library caught up with substantive changes in the philosophy of public libraries, moving from the library as a custodian of books and information, to that of the library as an active information center and service organization for its community. An extensive renovation, completed in 1978, added 40 percent more improved space at a cost of $203,000, and has served Cohasset well for 20 years.

Current situation

Cars and computers have now made this much-loved building inadequate for Cohasset's current and future library needs. Cars need parking spaces and computers need floor space.

In light of the current inadequacies of the library building, listed below, spending any significant money to conform this building to Massachusetts architectural access requirements would be foolish.

CURRENT INADEQUACIES OF THE PAUL PRATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

General difficulties

- Too few bookshelves for current collection [shelves designed for 45,000 books; current collection of 53,000 books]
- Only 20 percent of the parking spaces required by Cohasset's Zoning By-law
- No meeting room
- Much of the building inaccessible for handicapped patrons or staff
- Children's area difficult to access for adults with babies or toddlers
- Circulation desk inappropriate for electronic record-keeping
- Inefficient layout for optimum staff supervision of library

No floor space for

- expansion of computer use by patrons and staff for reference use, either using CD-ROMs or on the Internet
- flexible response to future needs
- an audio-cassette and CD collection
- a videotape collection
- programs for children or adults
- young adults
- merchandising the "world within these walls," display cases for special collections
- expansion of the book collection
- consumer center
- Town historic material

Inadequate space for

- efficient book processing by staff
- stack browsing
- newspaper and magazine browsing
- reference librarian on the floor
- community bulletin board
- free public information material (tax forms, public service organizations, etc.)
- quiet study areas

Some of these inadequacies represent conscious decisions of the Trustees in the early 1970s, when the building renovation was planned. They were compromises geared to costs likely to be approved by Town Meeting. Priority was given to shelf space and staff work space at the expense of non-print collections (books-on-tape) and a room for meetings. The pastor of St. Anthony's was agreeable to library parking in the church's lot. Despite these economies, the renovation failed at the first Town Meeting to which it was presented, in keeping with general historic reluctance to invest in change.

Despite an established policy of the Trustees to limit the book collection to the space available, implementation of this policy has been extremely difficult. As bumper stickers in 1974 attested, "Our Books Are in a Bind!" — again.

The death knell to the Trustees' attempts of more than 30 years to fix-up/make-do at Cohasset's lovely old library has been the library world's conversion to computers. In the last several years, through perseverance and ingenuity, space has been found at the library to provide computers and terminals for records storage, circulation data and catalog information, but their design, location and ergonomics are far from ideal. There is no more space for additional computers for public use — and several more are definitely needed.

On May 13, the Long Range Planning Committee met with Stephen Devine of KFP Architects, Inc., which has submitted a draft report of a facilities study of Cohasset's buildings, including the library. The purpose of his study, done for the town, was to identify for several town buildings the nature and cost for each building, of projects related to building maintenance and to improved conformity to the Massachusetts Architectural Access Code. KFP, Inc., established priorities and costs over a 10-year time period. In addition for the library, KFP, Inc. considered whether the library building could be expanded, and at what approximate cost.

To improve accessibility, roughly $470,000 will be required. Major expenditures are for eliminating platforms on the children's level, and adding an elevator and two more bathrooms per floor. The various improvements for access will cut into already crowded space.

The most obvious expansion possibility for the building is squaring off the Southeast and Northwest corners of the building to provide only 2,000 square feet of the more than 4,000 square feet needed. Were this done, about 60 parking spaces would be required to conform to Cohasset's Zoning By-law. These spaces are estimated to cost about $260,000, without the cost of acquiring about one-third of an acre from the abutters on each side. This would mean that the entire lot would be asphalt — on land that abuts a wetland. One observer at this public meeting commented that "such an expansion would produce an ugly building on a sea of asphalt." After the expenditure of more than $1million, if this plan would work, the space provided would be neither enough nor efficiently organized, and would merely defer the obvious — that Cohasset needs a new library.

Trustees conclude that further consideration of renovations to the current library would be a waste of the public's time and money.

Editor's note: the trustees provided the Mariner with a copy of their report for publication.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Citizens group is a start

TO THE EDITOR:

Too bad the several thousand people whose pocketbooks are going to get thinner dealing with wastewater disposal didn't attend the Sewer Follies Symposium May 27 at the high school. Although far in the future is a comprehensive solution to the mess created by Title 5 and our penurious shortsightedness over the last two decades, the formation of an active and informed citizens group is a start. It deserves attention and support.

Although I got a little bored with the repeated homilies about working together to resolve the economic, environmental, regulatory and institutional issues, at least one attendee was oblivious to the message, and spoke in favor of "fierce independence" in the form of composting toilets and similar measures that everyone should adopt. I'm not in favor of the tyranny of forcing everyone to solve his or her own wastewater disposal problems when a group approach can be a far more effective protector of our environment and of our pocketbooks.

We heard a lot about the need to improve our data base as a step toward developing a comprehensive townwide plan. We also need a better mechanism for effective action, and I suggest a Wastewater Treatment Commission to take over from the Health Board and the Sewer Commission the responsibility and authority for determining the appropriate means of treatment for each of the many situations in our town (individual leaching fields, grouped leaching fields, individual or grouped mechanical systems, sewers connected to small or large central treatment plants, etc.) The Commission might consist of one selectman or person appointed by the selectmen, one person from the Sewer Commission, one from the Board of Health and two to four persons elected. The Health Board would continue its regulatory function, but would be relieved of planning and implementation. The Sewer Commission would busy itself with implementing whatever sewers and central treatment systems are determined by the Wastewater Treatment Commission and ratified by vote at town meeting.

We need to abandon the crippling philosophy of minimum possible sewering and the nonsensical idea that an adequate sewer system will ruin the town with excessive growth. Mechanical systems now are available that are capable of rendering almost any lot useable, so attempting to control growth by inadequate sewering is futile. Growth must be guided by zoning; sewers should be used wherever they are the environmentally- and economically-appropriate solution. Other solutions may be appropriate for those with large percable lots (and/or a tolerance for composting toilets).

We passed up the golden opportunity several years ago to have a heavily subsidized central treatment plant, at a time when an ocean outfall would have been allowed. Now we will have to find other ways to dispose of the treated and innocuous effluent from any additional treatment plant(s), so that a large central plant with its economy of scale may have to give way to several smaller and ultimately more costly plants. Our shortsighted penny-wise and pound-foolish behavior is not confined to sewer issues, as demonstrated often at town meetings. Nor should we lay all the blame for missed opportunity, inadequate action and unpopular results on our elected officials. Too many residents aren't paying attention, too many others are voting deliberately for least immediate cost to themselves.

Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions (CEES) put much effort into the symposium, and the result deserved standing-room-only attention.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

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Little things that make a house historic

A woman named Patricia Johanson has purchased Rocky Marciano's boyhood home on Dover St. in Brockton and plans to turn it into a "living museum" in honor of the former world heavyweight champ.

News item

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW

I figure that, at the rate we're going, by the year 2050 half the houses in the United States will be historic sites or museums and the rest of us will be living in a skyscraper in the Mohave Desert.

On second thought, the Mohave may well be declared an "area of critical environmental concern" by then and thus rendered off limits to human habitation.

But I digress . . .

Now, I'm not one to say Rocky doesn't deserve to have his boyhood home elevated to the status of an historic house.

If the old home of Amos Blanchard at 97 Main St., Andover, can be historic, why not Rocky's?

Amos was the first clerk of the Andover National Bank, a far cry from a world boxing championship.

The list of historic houses in Massachusetts and New England is long and, in some cases, difficult to understand.

Take the house at 83 Beals St., Brookline, where John F. Kennedy was born.

The Kennedys moved out when JFK was 4 years old and never looked back until it came time to spruce it up for history.

There are six towns in the Bay State and New Hampshire where houses have been retired in the name of Mary Baker Eddy, including 277 Main St., Amesbury, where she discovered Christian Science in 1866.

The others are in Swampscott and Stoughton in Massachusetts and Concord, North Groton and Rumney, N.H., where she lived from 1860 to 1862.

The John Paul Jones House Museum at 43 Middle St., Portsmouth, N. H., named for the naval hero of the Revolution, was the place where he boarded for a while as he waited for the ships Ranger and America to be fitted at the shipyard.

The house at 117 Cabot St., Beverly, was deemed historic after the merchant of the same name made his fortune as a privateer attacking and looting British shipping during the Revolution.

As a result, the end of the war found him "by far the most wealthy in New England."

The Longyear Family Museum at 120 Seaver St., Brookline, was originally built overlooking Lake Superior in Michigan, later dismantled and reassembled in the Boston suburb.

The Rebecca Nurse Homestead at 149 Pine St., Danvers, recalls a 17th century witch who was hanged in Salem.

Rebecca was 71 years old when three local girls threw fits and a doctor suspected witchcraft. The girls named Rebecca and two other women as the culprits.

Rebecca was arrested, found innocent, arrested again and finally hanged in 1692.

The Trask Home at 10 Union St., Manchester-by-the-Sea, was the residence of Abigail Hooper, who ran her own store, selling ships supplies like hardtack and rum to sailors in a day when other women stayed home and churned butter.

Later she married Capt. Richard Trask, who spent most of his time at sea — so why is it the Trask House and not the Hooper Home?

Arrowhead at 780 Holmes Rd., Pittsfield, is a shrine to the author Herman Melville, who wrote "Moby Dick" there, a hundred miles from the sea.

A structure known as the Old Stone House in Brownington, Vt., was believed to have been built in 1830 by the Rev. Alexander Twilight, the first black college graduate and the first black legislator in America.

And, not far away in Plymouth, Vt., is the birthplace and boyhood home of Calvin Coolidge, where he was sworn in as president by candlelight by his father, a justice of the peace.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Landfill hearing is Tuesday

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is to all my fellow Cohasset residents who agree that the time has come for Cohasset Heights Ltd. to once and for all close its doors.

Please come to the next Board of Health meeting at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 9 at the town hall. SAFE will ask the BOH to convene the Site Assignment Hearings for Cohasset Heights Landfill. If the board votes to convene these hearings, then the resulting process will be similar to, but much shorter than, what occurred two years ago when the BOH eventually voted to deny a site assignment for the "expansion" of the present landfill. CHL did appeal this decision, but his appeal was just recently denied.

The BOH has the authority to take another look at this Site Assignment and decide whether or not to keep it, amend it or rescind it. SAFE, among others, would present evidence to show that it should be rescinded. If the BOH does decide to rescind the site assignment, this will essentially shut down CHL. Yes, CHL will most likely appeal this decision. However, if history repeats itself, the town will prevail in court as it has done so every time in the past.

If you applaud the work SAFE has done in getting out the story on this landfill, this is the time to show your support. Not only does SAFE need your support but so does the Board of Health and other town officials who are willing to "step up to the plate" to get this process underway.

Mary O. Kelly
247 Fairoaks Lane

MBTA skewed its train data

TO THE EDITOR:

I read with much interest two headline stories in your May 28 issue regarding the controversial Greenbush rail project (Will Corps derail Greenbush plans? And Town's train report isn't pretty). They capture the current rain morass quite clearly.

When you read the Army Corps' report on the MBTA's documents, you frequently encounter comments like: "analysis has shortcomings," "Greenbush forecasts can be questioned for accuracy and reliability," "there are questions regarding the legitimacy of ridership," and "since the methodology and forecasts for Greenbush are questionable, we also question conclusions reached regarding project benefit and impacts."

After all this time (and millions of taxpayer dollars spent) we deserve better. What is also clear is that the MBTA skewed their data to promote the only alternative they ever seriously considered: at-grade diesel rail.

Adding insult to injury is the recent report delivered to the Cohasset Mitigation Committee by Tech Environmental, who concluded that the T has been less than honest in their assessment of the benefits of a train, particularly ridership, diesel air emissions, noise and vibration. Some of our town officials were surprised by these findings. They should not have been.

The Coastal Coalition, led by Nancy Buckley and Ilana Marks, helped by numerous volunteers, spent hundreds of hours dissecting the T's reports and studies. They published a 67-page response to the project. It should come as no surprise to those who have looked at the project in detail, that the Corps and Tech Environmental confirm what the Coastal Coalition said a few years ago.

It is my feeling that Greenbush is already dead but the administration is waiting for the election in November to cut it loose. For those doubters out there, take the time to read these reports. Then consider the new cost of the project ($285,000,000), which is surely not a final figure. Ask yourself if this is the kind of project you want your tax dollars spent on. With debt outstanding as the MBTA approaches $3 billion, we all need to be more skeptical of "pipe dreams" they are selling the general public.

Peter Robb
13 Beechwood St.

Attendance at landfill meeting sought

TO THE EDITOR,

I wish to call the public's attention to the upcoming meeting of the Board of Health, June 9 at 7:30. I urge all interested residents to attend the meeting to show the Board our support for strong action in a move to close a particularly malodorous chapter in our local history - the operation of the Cohasset Heights Landfill.

The landfill has been a blight on our immediate locale since it received its first permit to operate in the 1980's It is now time to close this misconceived hazard to our health and well being. While this action will not eliminate this threat from our midst - it will mean that the owners can no longer continue to receive debris and must begin the long process of properly shutting the facility down.

Only with enthusiastic and sustained public support for this course of action can we assist the Board in following this course. I urge all interested residents to attend this crucial meeting.

James C. Kinch
77 Forest Ave.

Shutting down landfill urged

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset Heights Ltd. (CHL) has abused the privilege of operating a landfill, and must be shut down by the board of health. At the June 9 board of health meeting, at 8 p.m. in town hall, myself and other members of SAFE will request the board to vote that night to schedule a Site Assignment Hearing soon to rescind CHL's Site Assignment. I urge all Cohasset residents to attend this important meeting.

No one has a "right" to operate a landfill, which are by definition a potential threat to public health, safety and the environment. Landfills are classified as potential public nuisances by the Massachusetts legislature and the state courts – and can be closed down for "merely" violating environmental regulations or causing actual damage to the environment, as CHL has done.

CHL has admitted to illegally dumping more than 1,000 tons of waste into Area IV-B and has been shown to have dumped another 100,000 tons of waste illegally on the slopes of the landfill in violation of their DEP operating permit.

In the more than six months since CHL admitted to the illegal dumping in Area IV-B on November 18, the board of health has taken no enforcement action. The most appropriate action for the board to take is to order CHL to cease and desist all landfill operations. Then, and only then, Cohasset's long-running CHL nightmare will finally be over once and for all.

John K. McNabb Jr.
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CANDIDATES CORNER

Bradley campaign shows strong support

The campaign of Assistant District Attorney Garrett Bradley continued to show strong support by turning in 526 certified signatures to the secretary of state.

Bradley attributes his strong show of support to the fact that he has knocked on the doors of thousands of voters in the district, talking about important issues that affect all residents of the Third Plymouth District. Bradley has focused his campaign on improving education, reducing the tax burden on working families and senior citizens, and working with local communities to make our streets safer. As an assistant district attorney in Plymouth County and a long-time resident of the district, Bradley brings a strong background of public service and local knowledge to the campaign for state representative.

For more information on the Garrett Bradley campaign, call 741-9998.

Hingham resident to manage Cutler campaign

State Representative candidate Josh Cutler today announced he has appointed Hingham resident Ann Marie Farrell as campaign manager.

A Hingham resident for more than 22 years, the 28-year-old Farrell is a graduate of the Hingham public schools and the College of the Holy Cross. She also earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Massachusetts. Farrell, a former case manager for Central Boston Elder Services, currently works as a registered nurse at the Boston VA Medical Center.

"I'm very proud to be associated with this campaign," says Farrell. "Josh Cutler sincerely cares about the South Shore and the issues that matter to people here."

Cutler is a democratic candidate for State Representative for the Third Plymouth District, which includes the towns of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. Cutler is running to bring a pro-active voice to the State Legislature on issues such as education reform, environmental protection and health care reform.

For more information on the Cutler Campaign, call (781) 749-3342 or visit the Cutler Campaign website at www.jcutler.com.

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Jonathan Livingston Square off Rte. 3A is alive and well

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

There is always a lot of talk about what can be done to revitalize the business community in the Village. And while activists are still seeking a solution to that dilemma, there are other parts of town where businesses are managing to thrive and attract a steady customer base. Jonathon Livingston Square is one of those places.

Situated on Route 3A across from the highly attractive Scituate Hill property formerly owned by Webb Norfolk Conveyor, the strip mall is host to a pleasant mix of small businesses. No one knows how Jonathon Livingston Square got its name. The rumor is that the builder was reading "Jonathon Livingston Seagull" by Richard Bach and was inspired to name the development after the book.

The current owners, brothers Tom Cummings of Wellesley and Paul Cummings of Springfield, have owned the development since Jan. 2, 1985. Tom Cummings said he bought the property from Jay Conant, and before that it was owned by a plumbing group which built and named the strip mall.

Cummings said he is quite happy with the development, especially considering the fact that a devastating fire in 1992 nearly put the development out of business. But Jonathon Livingston Square survived that fire and is now home to some healthy businesses on Route 3A.

"People sometimes look at business as a necessary evil, but local businesses provide taxes, jobs, services products and good citizens."

— DOMENIC MICARELLI COHASSET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Only one store is currently vacant, and two new businesses, Lavita Tile and Maggie's Bakery, are planning to open soon. The business mix at Jonathon Livingston Square is diverse and interesting.

Jade Forest Kung Fu is one of the most respected martial arts studios on the South Shore. If you're looking for antiques, there is Cohasset antiques. There is also a yoga studio, The Yoga Center, a variety store, The Cohasset Food Mart, Tarzia Remodeling, and the developments oldest business, Cohasset House of Pizza.

Deborah Ryan has owned and operated the Cohasset House of Pizza for the past 20 years, although the original owner opened it 24 years ago. She said she has survived over the years by relying on a regular clientele interested in good food at reasonable prices.

Even though the businesses are located on busy Route 3A, Ryan said she is frequently surprised when a long-time resident enters the restaurant and asks her how long she's been open.

Domenic Micarelli is the owner of another Jonathon Livingston business, Christopher's Gallery, formerly known as The Artist's Son. His business specializes in good picture framing and fine art. He is also president of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.

Micarelli calls the stretch of Route 3A where he is located the "white knuckle zone" because people zip by the development much faster than the 50 miles per hour posted speed limit. He said owning a business on Route 3A is as challenging as owning a business in the Village or anywhere else.

"It's all what you make of it and what you do with your resources," he said. "We have to pay higher rents up here than down in the Village."

He said that although the businesses in Jonathon Livingston Square are not in competition with the Village, they would benefit from a revitalized Village as traffic passed by their location to reach the downtown.

"What's good for Cohasset is good for me," Micarelli said. "I have to answer to all my business constituents in my position with the Chamber."

He is also optimistic that any development on the 62-acre Webb Conveyor property would benefit all the businesses on 3A. Micarelli said he uses his position in the Chamber to help people understand the benefits of allowing the business community to thrive in Cohasset.

"People sometimes look at business as a necessary evil, but local businesses provide taxes, jobs, services products and good citizens," Micarelli said. "We provide food and skis and services. The person in line next to you at the supermarket may also be a local businessperson."

And a thriving, tax-paying business site is just what Jonathon Livingston Square is providing for the town. Cummings just installed a massive new septic system at the location and plans to stay in town for a good, long time.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Jonathan Livingston Seagull Square off Route 3A offers a mix of businesses.

The strawberries are coming!

People all over Cohasset are busy preparing thousands of fresh strawberries that have just arrived for the delicious gourmet treat that is available at the Second Congregational Church Strawberry Festival. This annual event, held in conjunction with the South Shore Art Center Festival on the Common, is once again drawing people from all over New England. More than 2,000 strawberry shortcakes with real whipped cream and delicious biscuits will be served to everyone for only $3.50 at the tree-shaded patio of the church.

Be sure to visit and get your fill of strawberries during Friday, June 19, 2 to 7 p.m., Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, June 21, noon to 6 p.m.

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Group wants the focus on big sewer picture

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The public must lead, not follow town officials to find fair ways to deal with Cohasset's wastewater woes.

That was the message at the controversial "Sewer Follies" forum Wednesday. According to Lisa Bumstead of the citizens group that spearheaded the event, the people have been frustrated by the failure of town boards to unite and come up with a comprehensive solution.

"The health of the entire town is at stake," she said. "This meeting is a call to action for every Cohasset citizen." To illustrate the urgency of the dilemma, she also challenged everyone in the audience to decide that night how they would answer the call.

"What is your call to action going to be?" she said. Bumstead compared the current predicament to a jigsaw puzzle and said people were trying to solve the puzzle without any idea "of how the finished puzzle should look." Her brief introduction was followed by presentations by nine experts.

About 300 people packed the auditorium at Cohasset High to hear the speakers dish up small sections of the "big picture." The reception was polite and at times enthusiastic even though the issues were controversial. For openers, none of the sewer commissioners accepted the invitation to attend the forum. The sewer board has been sharply criticized for its failure to work with the health board and for its role in a court settlement with the state. That deal, called the "second amended judgment," allowed the town to forego building sewers townwide if it established special septic districts. But the district plan appeared to shift the burden of a townwide problem to a small group of homeowners and led to the formation of the citizens group.

"The health of the entire town is at stake. This meeting is a call to action for every Cohasset citizen."
LISA BUMSTEAD, CEES SPOKESWOMAN

The forum was sponsored by Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions.

Moreover, Bumstead, one of the CEES organizers, has also been viewed as the point woman behind the campaign to stop the second phase of the north Cohasset sewer project. (After opposition from CEES, the annual Town Meeting voted down a question about borrowing money to continue the construction.) But she defended her role against the North Cohasset sewering when she fielded a tough question from school board member Joseph McElroy.

"How can you expect north Cohasset residents to work on a cooperative solution if CEES and others basically tell the residents to fend for themselves?" he asked.

Bumstead denied her objective was ultimately to stop sewers in north Cohasset. Rather the goal was to stop the town from continuing to "piecemeal" solutions on wastewater pollution.

"It was very clear it was not to stop the sewering but to stop the piecemeal approach and force the town to take on a comprehensive program," she said. Since the town meeting decision, the situation has moved "in a positive direction," she also said.

Bumstead urged the gathering to attend the sewer board's upcoming meeting at 7:30 p.m. June 4, playing down her split with the commissioners. But while she appeared to be holding out an olive branch, other speakers alluded to some favorite CEES targets such as Tutela Engineering Associates, the town's consultant. Health board member Steve Bobo avoided a direct comment about Tutela. But he did propose the town hire a full-time engineer, instead of paying a consultant.

However, Bobo and the other speakers mainly tried to explain the dimensions of the wastewater problem. John McNabb, an opponent of the Cohasset Heights Landfill, talked about the danger posed by septic systems to the drinking water. Even when properly maintained, he said, there can be problems. He cited a 1986 Camp, Dresser & McKee water resources management plan which identified wastewater disposal as the "largest threat" to the safe drinking water supply. McNabb said sewers were sometimes the answer.

Peter Dillon, a hydrogeologist, delved into the technical questions about putting septic systems on Cohasset drumlins. Dillon said communities should get together on a solution that worked with the soil conditions in their neighborhoods. A community solution meant everybody could win, while individuals working for separate solutions will just end up spending a lot of money to put a "mound" of dirt in their backyards.

Selectman Thomas Callahan urged the public to let the board know the public is behind a townwide solution.

"The board of selectmen can't just go off on one of their own tangents," he said. Callahan reminded the audience the town was still under pressure from the state to fix its wastewater woes. The reminder was probably enough because David Ferris of the state DEP hammered the point home earlier. Ferris said he was not going away until the town complied with the state orders.

"I will be here until Cohasset finishes its responsibility under the court order," he said.

Children's author/illustrator to sign

Author/illustrator Susan Paradis will sign copies of her new book, "My Daddy," Sunday, June 7, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset.

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Subdivision hearing resumes

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Think of a 45-acre "chunk of granite with 10 million years of seagull dung on top of it." That is the way planning board Chairman Al Moore, May 20, described the land off Jerusalem Road where a Weymouth developer intends to plant a new 23-lot subdivision. Though Moore has made it clear he does not welcome the development, he stopped short of saying the planning board would stop it.

The board is still hearing opinions from the public on the future of Jerusalem Road Estates. The second part of the hearing on the new project was continued until June 17.

The subdivision was all but turned down two years ago when the planning board deemed the development of the former Curtis Estate "not in the best interests of the town." Developer Steven Corey, then withdrew a "preliminary site plan" when it became evident he did not have support from the Cohasset board.

Now Corey is back, and the land is still the battleground. Moore has said he believes the size of the project is "too massive" for the area.

"Wow, this is just an awful lot of build out on this land," he said. After the meeting Moore stuck by his description of the earth near Straits Pond.

"I think it was an apt way to describe it," he said. But his opinion was not echoed by attorney Charles Humphreys.

"It is extremely attractive, desirable land," Humphreys said.

The soil composition proves the main stumbling block two years ago when the sewer commissioner went on the record to nix a new main connecting the subdivision to the wastewater treatment plant in Hull, because the rockbound soil cannot support septic systems, a sewer line would have to be laid before houses could be built. The lack of connection continues to pose a hurdle, but Moore acknowledged the one issue would probably not be enough to kill the proposal. Nor would solving the wastewater problem necessarily be enough to save the plan.

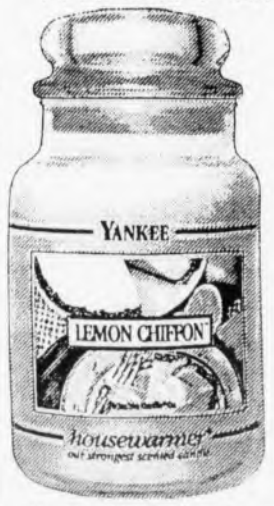
Moore also wanted to know what would become of the trees and the wildlife if the development went ahead.

"What's going to happen to these critters?" he said.

Humphreys said the birds would probably be happy to have people to leave out bird feeders and baths. As for deer, the lawyer said they are very bold and would probably "come up on porches and eat shrubs."

The discussion turned frank after Humphreys asked for "feedback." The lawyer was not fazed by concern from the planning board about the project's many problems such as the length of the road into the development. It is just too long under the subdivision rules.

"Cohasset is full of roads well in excess of regulations," Humphreys said. While still pushing for the big size, he indicated his client, who was present, might ultimately consider scaling down to get the plan approved. But Humphreys and engineer Robert Hannigan of Quincy stressed the Corey proposal was comparable to existing subdivisions such as Windy Hill and did not pose a unique situation.

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Chapter not closed on Osgood library use

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The town will solicit proposals for the Osgood School that could include a library within the 72-year-old building or somewhere on the school grounds.

After an hour of debate Monday, selectmen voted 4-1 to issue a Request for Proposal that allows a developer the option of submitting a proposal to develop the site solely for housing and/or a mixed housing and library use.

The RFP asks for congregate senior housing and/or in addition to senior housing, a library within the building or a library in a free standing building somewhere on the school premises.

Not only were selectmen divided on how the RFP should be drafted but the Osgood Reuse Committee was also split 4-2 on including the library alternative in the RFP.

Leading the charge against the library alternative was Rich Silvia who said the mixed-use proposal goes against what the vote of the 1996 town meeting to return the building to the tax rolls.

"Holding on to part of the building for future town use is not part of our director nor should it be," Silvia said.

Silvia proposed keeping the RFPs completely separate, a view endorsed by his fellow Osgood reuse committee member Patrick Plante and Selectman Merle Brown.

But reuse committee chairman Chris Ford said there was no harm in opening the door for a creative proposal that includes a library.

Selectman Tom Callahan doubted any developers would go for the library alternative which would consume 14,000 of the building's 29,000 square feet but felt it should be looked at.

"I think 90 percent or more of the bids will be for housing only," Callahan said. "What concerns me is we may lose a property when we have a real need for it."

He said the combined RFP is not inconsistent with the town meeting vote and said the townspeople expect their officials to act smart and look at all options, a view shared by Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris.

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— SELECTMAN TOM CALLAHAN

"Another public need has come up, a need we must deal with sooner or later," Callahan said.

Patience Towle, chairman of the library trustees, said the nine trustees were in agreement that they not let the opportunity to look at Osgood as a potential library site slip by (see report, page 11).

Towle said in light of the town facilities study which shows expanding the Pratt building is not feasible, maintaining the status quo is not an option.

"It is shortsighted not to take advantage of the opportunity," she said. "It will not hurt anything to look at both options at this time."

Roy Fitzsimmons, 116 Doane St., said town meeting's approval of the new elementary school was tied to the Osgood school being sold to offset the school construction costs.

He said the proposal for a new library came "out of the blue."

"I've never had a problem parking, never had a problem getting a seat and we recently voted air conditioning for the building," he said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said ultimately town meeting will have the final say.

"The RFP looks at either/or — the important thing is not to foreclose the opportunity to look at the library use," he said.

After considerable discussion on the criteria and wording of the RFP, selectmen voted to issue the RFP with the library alternative. Brown voted with the majority. Saying she was following the vote of town meeting, Selectman Diane Sullivan cast the dissenting vote. Selectman Nan Roth voted with the majority but with the caveat that the library look at other options such as keeping the Pratt building and operating the children's library in branch locations, like the schools.

She said she was hesitant to jump into the library project without all the information from the town facilities audit, which is due soon.

"We may find we have expensive projects and some are going to be a high priority for the town," she said.

Adding some humor to the debate, Sullivan joked that the town hall should move to the Osgood School so the library could occupy the town hall building.

Long-time Hingham commuter boat operator opts out

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

In what is being described as a business decision, a long-time commuter boat operator has pulled the plug on his operation.

After 14 years, Dana Goodell — whose loss of the MBTA contract ignited a commuter boat war last summer — will no longer provide commuter boat service out of Hingham, a company spokesman said.

"Basically our ridership dropped off some and it was just not financially feasible any longer," said Jim Craig, manager at Goodell's company Princess Yacht Charters.

"It all comes down to dollars and cents."

Last summer Goodell owner of Boston Harbor Commuter Services joined forces with William Spence of Massachusetts Bay Lines to form a new venture, the Hingham Commuterboat. The new service tried to compete with Harbor Cruises, the company which won the five-year MBTA contract providing a subsidy to operate the Hingham-Boston commuter service.

The rivalry started a war during which the competing companies tried to lure customers through amenities such as comfortable seats and a range of food items. The ongoing battle also featured claims and counter claims of safety violations between the two carriers.

Spence, who leased two of Goodell's boats and used two BCHS crews for the Hingham Commuterboat, said he will continue to run commuter boat service through Mass. Bay Lines on a limited schedule.

Jane Daly, a partner with Harbor Cruises, declined to comment on Goodell's departure.

But she praised her company's efforts to provide a service that attracted more riders.

"We're very gratified and grateful that South Shore commuters recognized the commitment we've made and the investment we've made to provide a superior level of service," Daly said.

"That effort is culminating in the arrival of our first state-of-the art catamaran next month," she said.

Harbor Cruises will soon add two catamarans with a passenger capacity of 350 to its fleet. Taking summer recreational traffic into consideration, Daly said the high speed vessels will cut the commute time by ten to 15 minutes.

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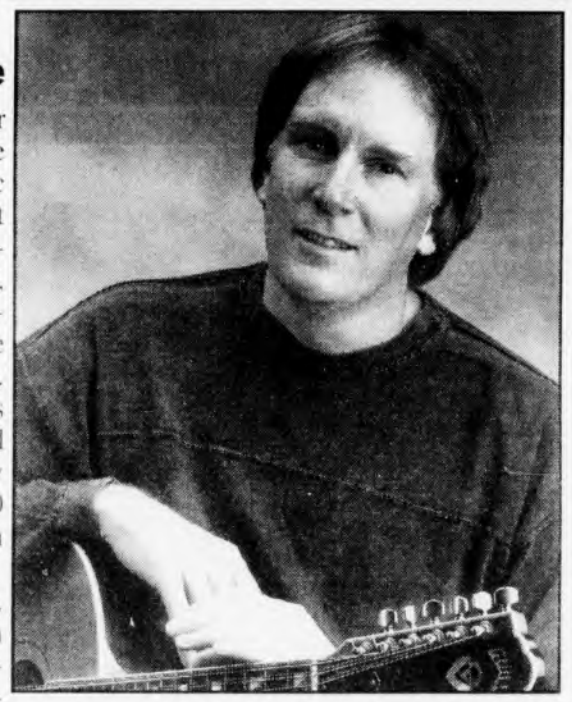
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Humans and our connections with the Earth will be the topic of a special service at the First Parish in Cohasset Sunday, June 7, led by Jim Scott, former member of the Paul Winter Consort. Scott will offer his original songs and readings of his poetry in the service at 10:30 a.m. at the church on Cohasset Common.

Composer, guitarist, singer and Unitarian peace activist from Eugene, Ore., Scott considers himself a catalyst, using music to spread a message of peace, empowerment and equality. He has performed and led services at more than 200 Unitarian churches across the United States and Canada. Three of his songs are included in the Unitarian hymnbook.

From a background in classical and jazz studies at Eastman School of Music and Berklee College, Scott's music has gathered influences from his involvement in peace and ecology causes as well as his travels to Nicaragua, Australia and across North America. He also composed a stage musical "The Tree and Me," about saving the old growth forest of the Northwest, which has been produced in New York and Michigan.

"My music is both reflective and proactive," Scott says. "I believe strongly in the power of song and self-expression to create positive change."

For information about the service, call the First Parish at (617) 383-1100. Everyone is welcome.

Schoolhouse Rock Live! on stage

Hull Performing Arts is proud to announce Schoolhouse Rock Live! book by Scott Ferguson, George Keating and Kyle Hall; music and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg, Kathy Mandry, George Newall and Tom Yohe. The show will be directed by Lindsay Clinton and the musical director is Kathy Clancy of Braintree.

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The director, Lindsay Clinton, has appeared in many HPA productions including "Two by Two," and "The Importance of Being Earnest," "Tomfoolery," "A Thurber Carnival" and "The Fantasticks" are her favorite directing credits.

The show will be presented in two different venues: outdoors at Fort Revere from June 20-21 and indoors at the Anne Scully Senior Center from June 25-27. Fort Revere provides a unique opportunity for HPA members to perform in an outdoor arena.

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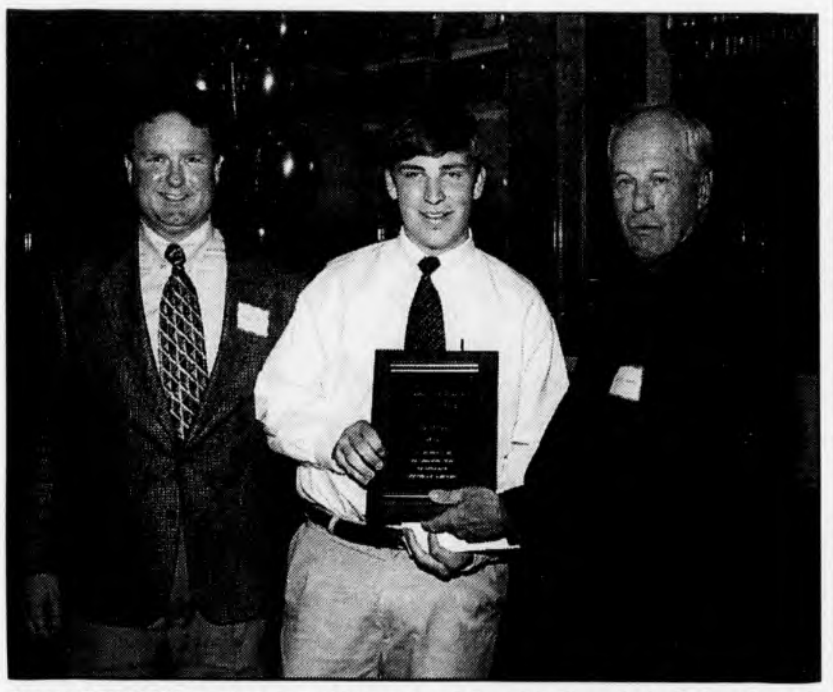
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Portrait painting workshop slated

The North River Art Society will present a workshop by Clement Micarelli entitled "Painting a Portrait with a Mental Attitude" on June 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An evening reception will be held June 12 at 7 p.m. The fee for the workshop is $150 for non-members and $140 for members.

The workshop is designed for those interested in advancing their portrait painting. Micarelli will cover thinking about a portrait in an intelligent way. Topics covered will be composition (placement, design, etc.), purposeful editing (focus on the viewer), painting a portrait through the logical steps. Demonstrations and one on one attention will be given. The workshop will increase your drawing and painting abilities and the momentum will continue to inspire you to new understanding.

COLLEGE BOUND



Aaron Sawchuk, center, son of Wayne and Annette Sawchuk of Beechwood Street, receives a $1,500 scholarship from the Pilgrim Skating Arena in Hingham at a special reception at the arena May 8. With Aaron are Hoby Taylor, left, president of the skating arena, and Roger Williams, member of the board of directors and chairman of the scholarship committee. This year the arena awarded 18 scholarships to area high school seniors. Aaron, a CHS senior, will attend Middlebury in the fall.

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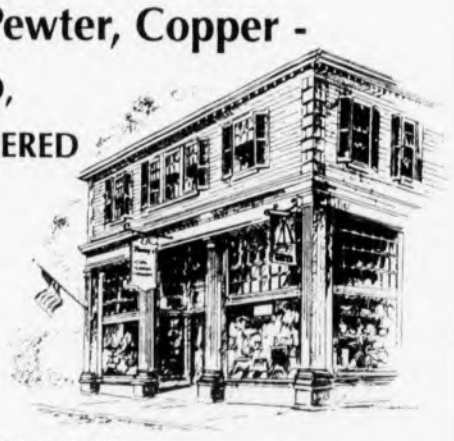
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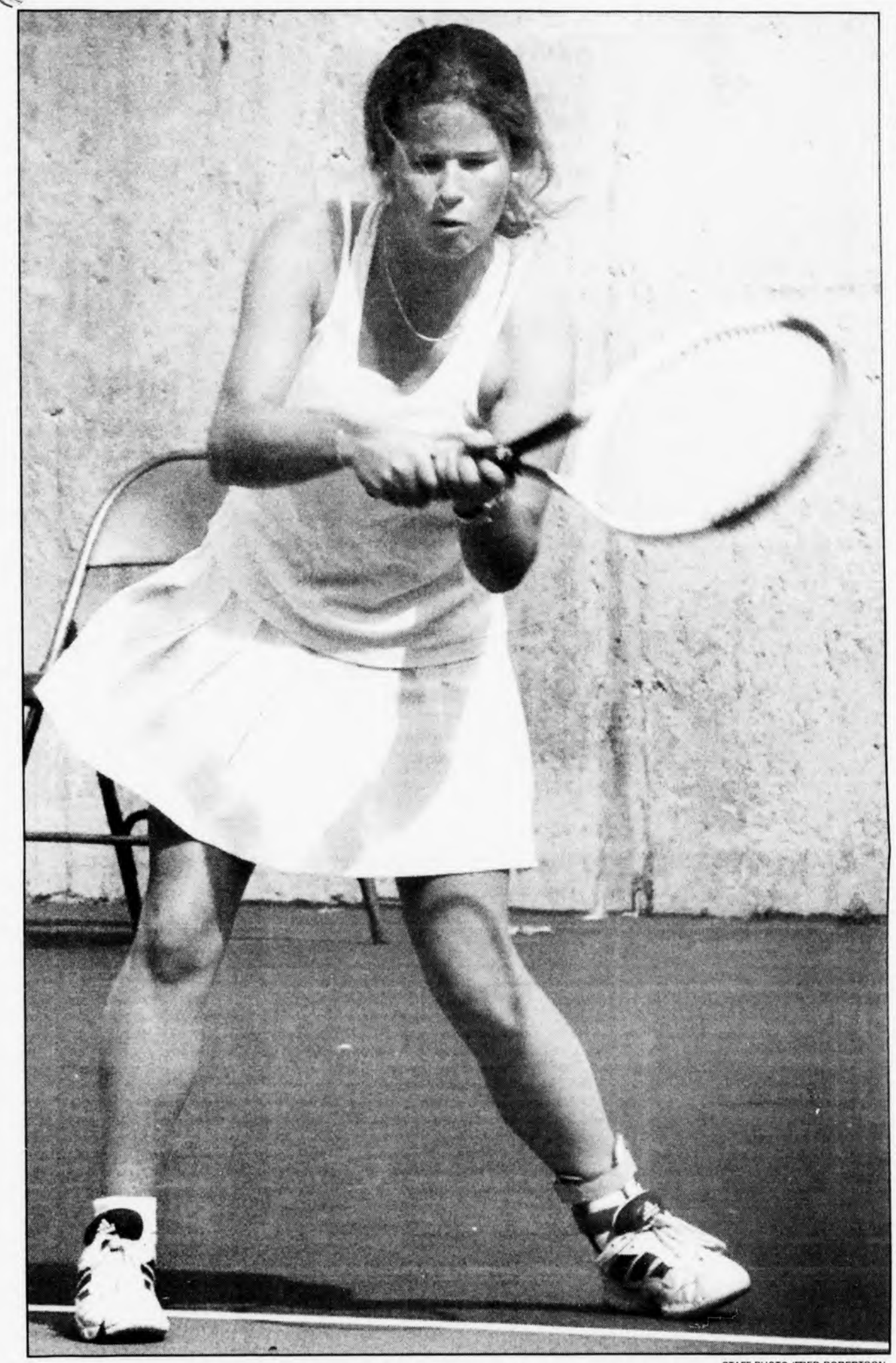
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Kate Stone gets set to deliver a vicious smash back to her opponent in early round action this week at the MIAA Division 2 South state tennis tourney.

The beat goes on for Cohasset girls' tennis

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Sixteen up and 16 down. That's been the story this year for the undefeated CHS girls' tennis team. They went for #17 yesterday (Wednesday) against Dover-Sherborn with the winner to take on the winner of Milton at Scituate on Thursday (today) at Hingham High School.

The Lady Skippers, the #1 seed in the Division 2 South bracket, got to the semifinals by Harwich and Medway by identical 3-2 scores early on in the tourney.

"We've been playing pretty well," said head coach Sarah Meehan, whose had her teams make the tourney in six of the seven seasons she's coached at Cohasset. "Things seem to have been going our way."

First singles player Kate Stone won her match against Medway but has been hobbled with a muscle pull in her leg. Fortunately, her next treatment is never more than a family member away.

"Her father (Peter) is a physical therapist so we know she's getting the best treatment available," said Meehan. In fact, her father cut short a visit with another one of his clients, Aerosmith singer Steven Tyler, so he could work on his daughter before her big match on Tuesday.

"She's in some pain but she's trying to play her way through everything," said Meehan. "We took her off the court after clinching the Harwich match to save her as much as we could. It's one of those things were she could have finished her

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Young team points to bright future

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset Skippers began this baseball season with high expectations, a boatload of talent, and plenty of enthusiasm. Unfortunately, these things seemed to die away in midseason, after Cohasset had jumped out to a 5-4 start. Occasionally, the team's potential could be seen, but for the most part it was shrouded in errors and apathy.

However, the Boys in Blue managed to salvage a 7-13 record from the debacle, and the team was not without some fine individual performances. For instance, senior tri-captain Pat Hurley enjoyed far and away the best season of his career, becoming one of coach Knurek's most reliable hitters. Hurley was about as versatile as they come, too, playing first base, pitcher and every outfield position. To cap off his four-year varsity career, Pat was named to the South Shore League All-Star Game.

Greg Taylor also put forth a monumental effort this season. Taylor, too, should have been an All-Star and was certainly Cohasset's MVP as he consistently filled the lead-off-role with speed and power. The team's starting shortstop, the tri-captain also patrolled the outfield a bit. Hampered by a shoulder injury which kept him off the rubber, Taylor should become even more potent next year as he resumes his role as pitcher.

Ben Ketchum was the Skipper ace this year. Off to a hot start with the bat, he cooled off, and then heated up again late in the season. The starting centerfielder, Ketchum was the team's most reliable outfielder. Now with three years of varsity experience under his belt, Ketchum should be able to build on his solid season this year and explode next year.

Coming off a wrestling season which saw him give mat-burn to most of the 152-lbs. wrestlers in eastern Massachusetts, Mike Rossi also lent his hand to the baseball squad.

With his arm basically dead due to a wrestling injury, Rossi swapped his catcher's mitt for an infielder's and played second base and found himself in starting role, because of plays like the one he made against South Shore Vo-Tech, sprinting into right field and catching a pop fly with his back to home plate.

Death, taxes, and Al Schwerin at the hot corner. Schwerin has the spot locked down and he filled it ably this season. Although he wasn't able to show his talent at the plate all year, he managed to hit nearly .400 for the second half of the year. Like Ketchum, if Schwerin puts his work in during the off-season, next year could be a breakout one for him.

The Skippers' starting backstop, Sean Parkinson, handled the pitching staff with excellent judgment this season. Having worked with most of the pitchers since their days on JV, Parkinson used his knowledge of each pitcher's strengths and weaknesses to decide which pitch to call for. One pitcher, who coincidentally writes a sports column for this same paper, recalls in frustration shaking off his battery mate four times in one game, and four times allowing a base hit.

In his first varsity season, Denis Rooney showed flashes of bril-

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MIGHT AS WELL JUMP



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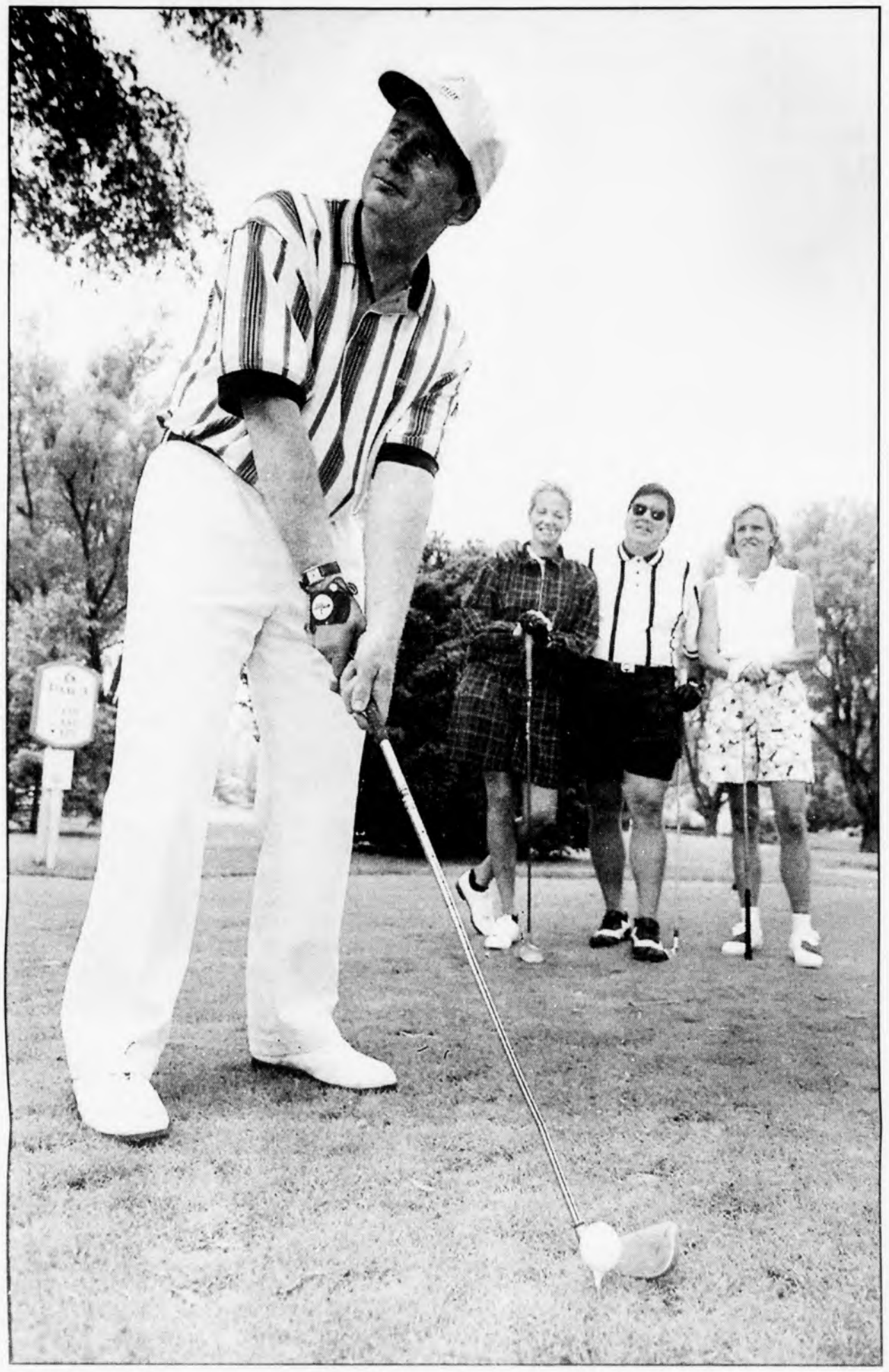
Maureen Equi flies towards the finish line in the 100-meter hurdles event.

CEF golf tourney cards an ace

Golfers of all shapes and sizes were out at the Cohasset Golf Club Monday afternoon chasing the little white ball in the name of raising funds for local education.

The tourney was the first annual event staged by the Cohasset Education Foundation. The proceeds raised from the tourney will fund new projects and programs in the Cohasset Public School system.

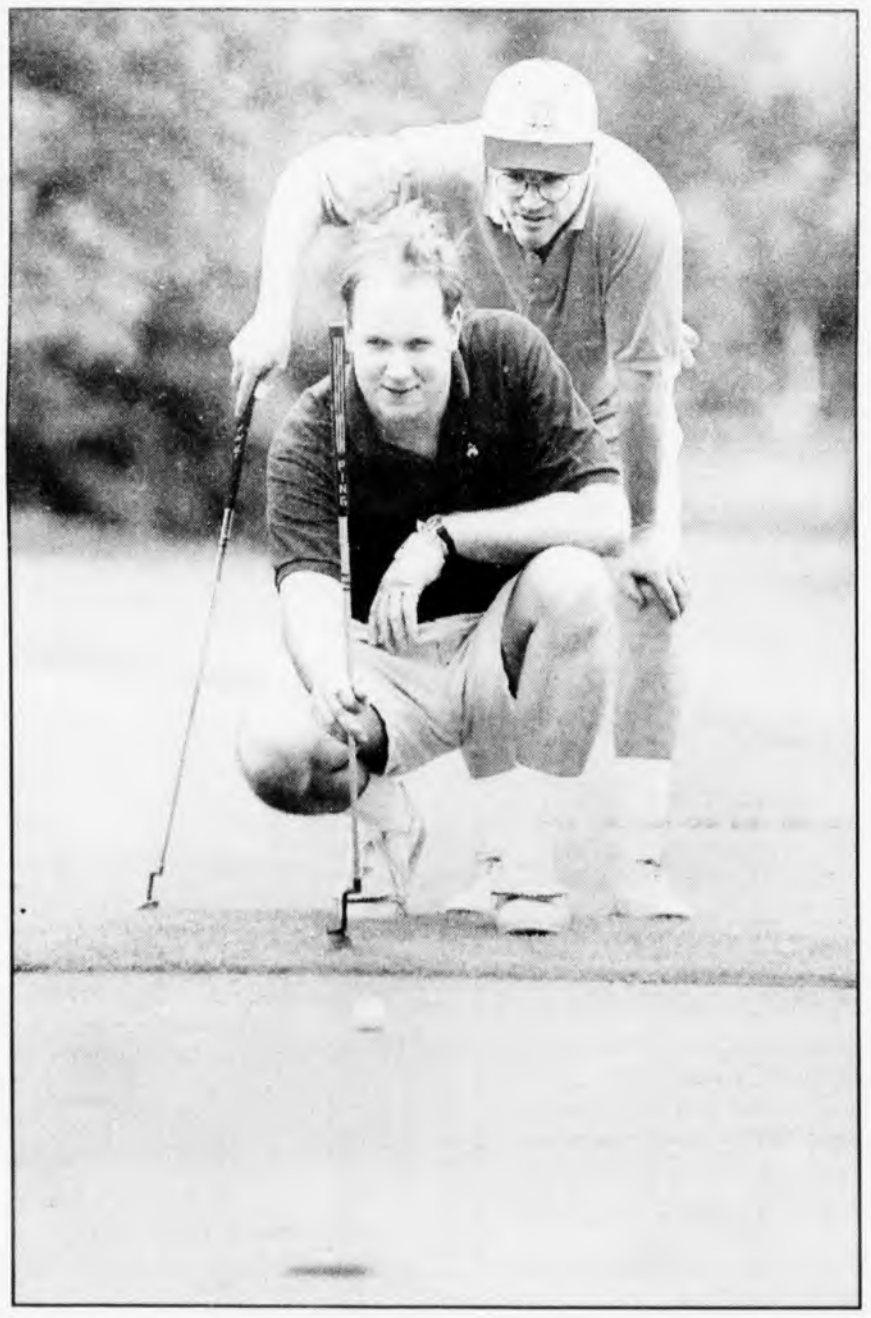
"We hope for this to be an annual event that golfers at all skill levels will enjoy and want to participate in year after year," said CEF president Michael Hurley. "We think this is a great opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of golf at a great facility with friends and business clients. At the same time this also helps the CEF help the schools."



◀ CEF president Michael Hurley prepares to tee off at the sixth hole. Leigh Taylor Roy, Peter Roy and Victoria Hurley make sure Hurley uses a proper swing.

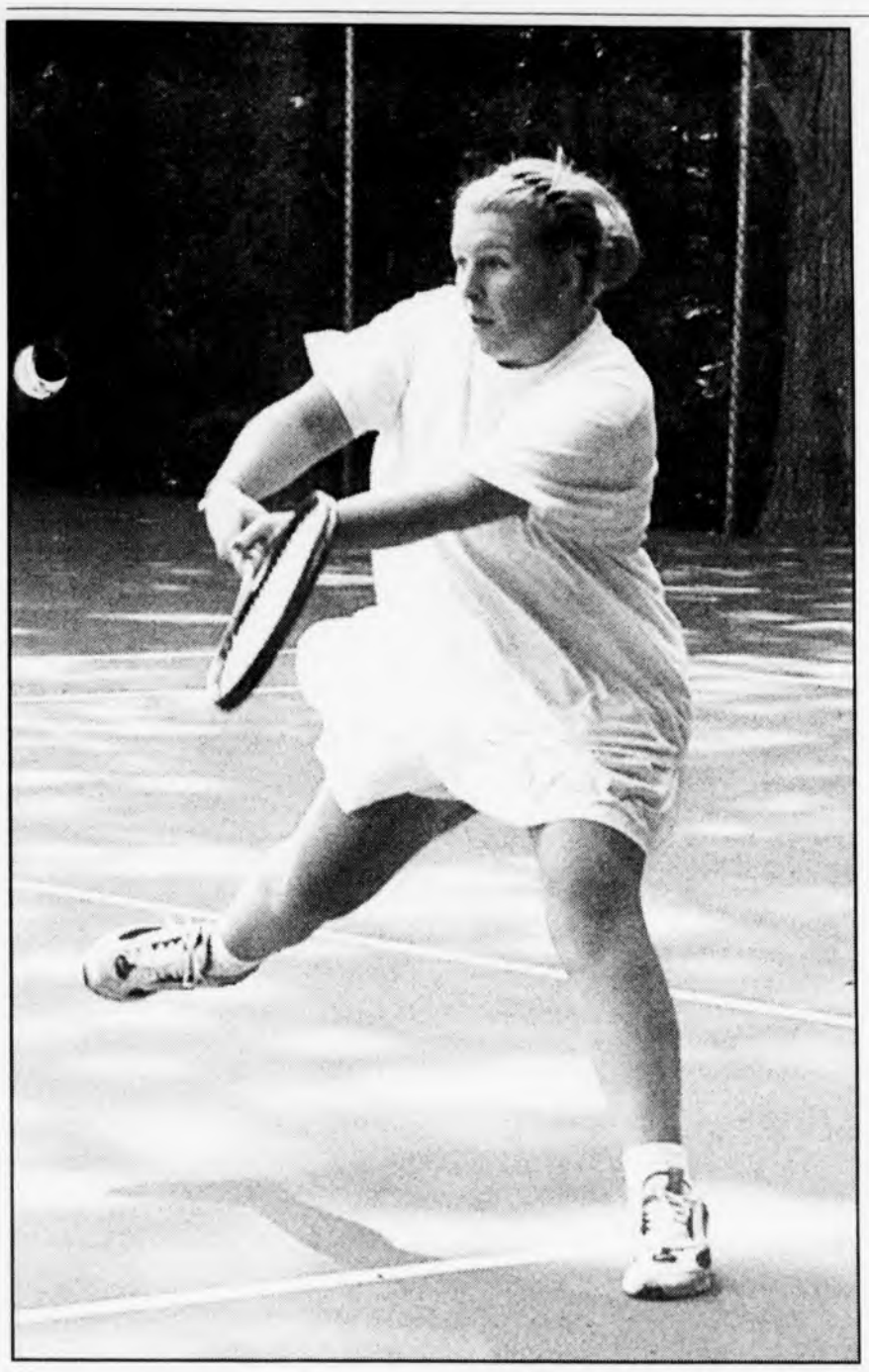
▼ Midge Stone watches her chip shot come down nicely on the green.





Mark Baker lends a hand to Mike Fechter, helping him line-up a putt during the Cohasset Education Foundation benefit tournament Monday afternoon at the Cohasset Golf Club. ▶

Staff photos by Alan Chapman



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Jessica Stevens gets to the shot.

The beat goes on

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match, but there was really no need for her to do it."

Winners in the Harwich match included #2 singles player Katie Brister, the undefeated first doubles team of Caitlyn Flynt and KC Camacho as well as Ari Afshar at third singles.

Along with Stone, Jessica Stevens and Jesse Zerendow at second doubles and Flynt and Camacho won against Medway.

Although both matches have come down to 3-2 scores, Meehan suggests that those numbers may be a little bit deceptive .

"I don't think there's been a time in the tourney when my confidence has been all that shaken," said Meehan. "We've always been in control of the matches. We're as deep a team as I have ever had and they just go out and take care of business."

If the Skippers do extend their season until Thursday, they are going to be a busy group of tennis players.

Immediately after their match, four of the team members will have to run home to get ready for the senior prom which will be held that evening at the Boston Marriot Hotel.

"If I tell these kids the story about how I to go to my own prom with wet hair I think they're going to revolt," said Meehan with a chuckle. "These kids are focused like you wouldn't believe. When it's time for the game they'll be there ready to play."

Baseball season in review

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liance. With an arm like a cannon and a quick bat, Rooney has as much potential as any player on the team. When he learns to wait on the curveball and hit it to right field, he will be feared around the South Shore League. Another outfielder, the year of experience on the parent club undoubtedly did some good for Rooney.

First baseman Ryan Story also saw some varsity action this season. Story had a memorable two-hit performance against Nantucket, his first varsity hits. Tall and rangy, Story even looks like a first baseman, and he is rapidly improving at scooping throws out of the dirt. Also seeing time on JV, Story destroyed the junior varsity pitching, and earned his promotion. Story will be a leading candidate for the first sack job next year.

In a do or die game late in the season, Jared Ford trotted out to third base and helped the Skipper battle back against the Rockland Bulldogs. Although the Bulldogs hung on, Ford showed his mettle at the hot corner, giving Schwerin a rare turn on the pine. Ford hustled after foul balls, stayed low on groundballs, backed up throws, and was in the right places when he needed to be. If the Skippers had played that kind of heads-up baseball throughout the season, who knows?

Another versatile player for Cohasset was tri-captain Jim O'Sullivan. He saw action in the outfield, at first, second, pitcher, and catcher in a back-up role to Parkinson. He spent more innings on the hill than any other pitcher in the South Shore League and helped the Skippers in key victories early in the season.

Sophomore Joe Pergola is the heir to Skipper baseball. And hopefully next year he'll have something to inherit. Like Taylor, Pergola couldn't take the hill this season due to a bum shoulder, but the righty found his niche at first base, playing the bag like he'd been doing it his whole life. Number three also got it done with the stick, too, even going so far as to represent the winning team at the All-Star Weekend Home Run Derby Contest.

Sean Conte possessed maybe the best outfield instincts on the team and was a clutch hitter for Cohasset, seemingly with ice water in his veins. During the very same Rockland game in which Ford strutted his stuff, Conte displayed a little flair, too. Playing right field, he came sprinting in for a line drive on the mud pit that was Rockland's baseball field that day. Like a trooper, Conte dived headfirst, knowing full well he'd get a faceful of dirt. But he may not have realized how much. As even the umpires chuckled, Conte rose with dignity, with his uniform brown and soaked-through, began sputtering mud.

On a team chock full of outfielders, another sophomore surprise was Chris Pratt. Deftly playing all three outfield spots and second base, Pratt took his hacks at the plate and played a key role in several rallies for Cohasset. With a reliable glove and a quick bat, Pratt will be a mainstay on this team for another two years. Sporting number six, Pratt's hustle and determination served as a fine example to his teammates.

With unabashed enthusiasm, Danny Mulligan also earned his varsity letter this season. Playing right field and catcher this year, Mulli picked up his first varsity hit in the midst of a ritual slaughtering at the hands of Hanover. Facing one of the hardest throwing pitchers in the league, Mulli stepped to the plate, boldly stepped up in the box, and cocked his bat menacingly. While his teammates suppressed laughter, the pitch came in, and Mulli sent it on a line into right field.

Despite a hand injury which kept him out of action for the last few games of the season, Pete Minnar was a solid addition to the team. Eating up innings for a team stretched dangerously thin in the pitching department, Minnar was another sparkplug in some important rallies. He also played right field quite well, making a sensational catch in right field in a big win against Hanover.

With such a talented roster, one might wonder how the Skippers failed to qualify for this year's state tourney. One might take into account that this reporter's flagrantly benevolent sentiments toward the home team may have flavored the article a bit, but a better answer would be that there is no answer. It's hard to place a finger on what happened to this year's edition. The talent is unquestionable. Inexperience? Lack of desire? Not knowing how to win? Bad breaks?

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Sullivan reflects on first year as a Bruin

1997-98 was a successful homecoming for Duxbury resident

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

The more things change for Boston Bruins forward Mike Sullivan the more they stay the same, even in the summer.

Instead of nailing hockey stars like Gretzky, Jagr and Lindros into the boards at every opportunity, now he's taken to nailing down boards on the back porch of his Duxbury home.

And instead of mowing down opponents in front of Byron Dafoe, he's mowing his front lawn.

See. It's all the same, just a little bit different for the Marshfield native who just completed his first season with the professional hockey team he grew up hoping to play for.

"Every local kid dreams of playing in the National Hockey League, but to be able to do it for the team that you grew up watching is really something special," said Sullivan on a recent afternoon during a break from his summer chores. "I had to buy my father a satellite dish when I was playing out on the West Coast, but this year everyone was able to see me live and in person.

"It was just a great year overall," he added. "The team seemed to come together right from the beginning of the year, which made everything a lot of fun this season."

The fun began on June 21,1997 when Sullivan was traded from the Calgary Flames to Boston for a seventh round pick in a draft day trade that went somewhat unnoticed with all the hoopla surrounding the B's top draft picks Joe Thornton and Sergei Samsonov.

Sullivan would not go unnoticed much longer. The 30-year-old left wing played in 77 games this season and put up five goals (two game winners) and 13 assists while logging in some major time on the penalty-killing unit and shadowing some of the league's elite scorers.

"I wasn't surprised that Calgary was going to move me, but I was pleasantly surprised when they told me it was Boston that wanted me," remembered Sullivan, who has also put in time with the San Jose Sharks organization and San Diego of the International Hockey League since his days as a B.U. Terrier.

"I was a little bit worried that Boston had a lot of players who did the same thing as I do, but everything worked out great," added Sullivan. "Pat (Bruins coach Pat Burns) had a role in mind for me and I worked on a lot of different lines in a lot of different situations."

Sullivan was indeed a valuable jack-of-all-trades this season, seeing time on the fourth line with Thornton and Ken Baumgartner as well as on a penalty-killing line with Rob DiMaio. He even got a taste of the glamorous life on an offensive line centering Anson Carter and Ted Donato.

"At some points I'd end up playing all three forward positions on three different lines in the same game," said Sullivan. "It was a challenge but I also had a great deal of fun and enjoyed the ice time."

With the addition of a new coaching staff, character players such as Sullivan and Baumgartner as well as the big years from youngsters Samsonov and Jason Allison, the Bruins dressing room seemed to be a happier place than it had been in years.

"I wasn't here to experience it for myself, but from what the other guys said this season was a lot different than last year," said Sullivan. "There was a different attitude and approach from the start, which I think had a lot to do with Pat and his staff coming in and saying that they weren't going to accept anything but 100 percent effort and commitment."

Coming from missing the playoffs for the first time in nearly three decades (the longest string in professional sports) to pulling down a fifth spot in the Eastern Conference, but for a foot, nay a stray toe in the crease Sullivan and friends could very well be still playing today instead of watching Buffalo and Washington battle it out for a chance to go for the Stanley Cup.

The Bruins looked to have tied their first round series against Washington at 2-2 when P.J. Axelsson put a shot past Olaf Kolzig for an important overtime win. Or so it seemed.

The thrill of victory quickly turned into agony at the Fleet when officials ruled that Bruins forward Tim Taylor had the smallest part of his skate in the goal crease, negating the goal.

Washington would score when play resumed and eventually took the series in six games.

"I'm not sure it was a back-breaking play that decided the series, but there's no doubt that if we win that game it's a different series," said Sullivan. "If we go back to Washington at 2-2 rather than down 3-1, everything changes.

"I thought that we played really well against Washington but we just couldn't seem to bury the opportunities when we were given the chance," he added. "The games now are hard to watch at times because you know that our team proved that we were good enough to be there.

"You are never as far away from a title as you think you are. Given the right breaks and the puck bouncing your way, you could be there playing for the Stanley Cup."

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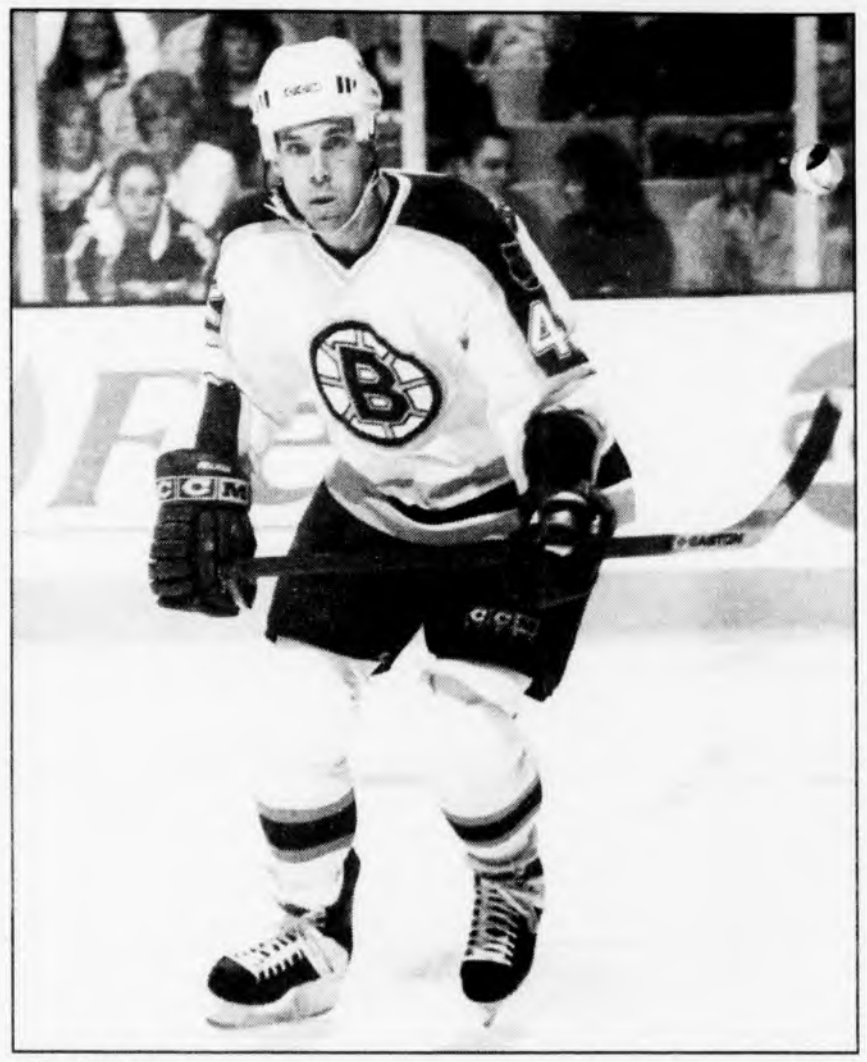
"The man really is unbelievable. You couldn't say anything negative about him if you tried," said Sullivan of the Bruins legendary defenseman. "He is an incredible role model for rookies and veterans alike with the way he keeps in shape, his work ethic and the respect he shows for the game.

"When Ray speaks in the dressing room, you can't help but listen to him."

Sullivan, who signed just before the trading deadline for one more year with the team, is looking for more good things from the hometown team next season.

"You can't help but be excited when you see all the talent that we have around the dressing room," said Sullivan. "Allison and Samsonov really came through this year and I think Thornton is ready to break out.

"It's an exciting time to be part of the Bruins organization."



Mike Sullivan

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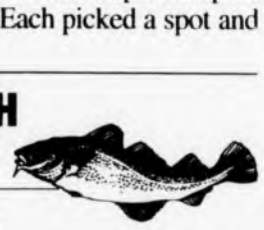


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The Cohasset girls' lacrosse team gets together at the recent CHS lacrosse jamboree.

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THE FISH STORY



MARK TRASK

The three fishing musketeers took the aluminum skiff out around the rocks east of Suzanne's Guest House and were into the fish. Really into the fish, one right after the other. Soon it became a pain to be confined to the boat and the adventurers pulled up on Smith Rock. Each picked a spot and the hot fishing continued late into the afternoon. One commented, hey, that boat looks just like ours pointing to the skiff, now making way rapidly toward Egypt Beach with no one onboard. No big deal, was the aggregate reply as the wave of hookups continued, dulling the senses to everything else around them.

The hot fishing continued as the sun sank behind the beach houses along Glades Road. Now the tide had come in quite far and the discussion turned to what to do. Onshore their voices were heard and in short order the Scituate Fire Department's rescue boat had them safe and sound on the dark beach. All's well that ends well.

Meanwhile out on the chop around the B-Buoy, fishing is hot for mackerel. Ted Abbadessa was cranking in string after string of mackerel and what was this? A bluefish? Already? Yes! Mixed in with the mackerel for the rest of the day were bluefish and stripers too. A 41-incher swung from the scale at day's end. Twenty-one-and-a-half pounds barks Harry.

Egypt beach sunbathers sat open mouthed as Kevin McCord's Gates School fishing club traipsed across the beach to set up for the annual saltwater expedition. Rods, reels, tackleboxes, nets, bait buckets and other paraphernalia dotted the water's edge as excited young anglers got set up on the rising tide. Conditions were perfect but the fish thought otherwise and refused to accommodate the young anglers.

Monday afternoon the same group plus another couple dozen descended on the hospitality of the Scituate Rod and Gun Club for the final outing of the year. A good time was had by all and many trout were captured by the group. Scores of prizes were distributed following the derby. The next day two out of breath youngsters burst into the shop. We need shiners and nightcrawlers they gasped. What's going on, Harry asked a counted out the shiners. The big tagged trout didn't get caught yesterday the kids chanted in unison. The were headed back to the club for more.

One spot along the Cohasset shore will be dotted with surf rods equipped with bells but no fishermen in sight. They will be hard at work at the house under construction with an ear for the jingle of a striper on the line. Worked pretty good the other day the foreman groaned. Now they all want to do it.

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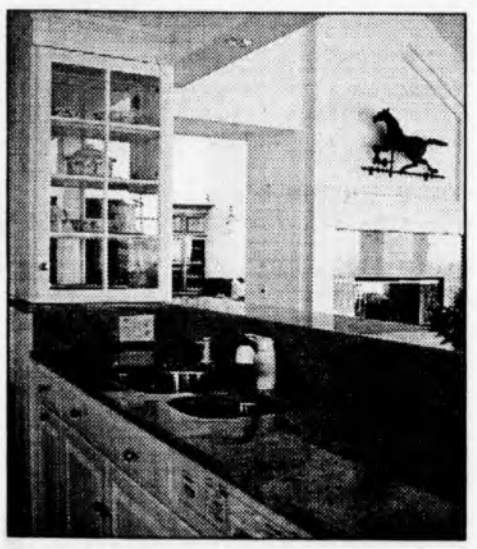
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Rec. dept. summer playground options

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold registrations for the seven-week summer playground program ages 3-1/2 to 12 years, youth tennis ages 7 and over, and drama workshop, ages 5 and over during the week of June 15.

Registrations are held at Cohasset Town Hall Monday through Thursday, June 15 through 18, from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 3 p.m., and Thursday evening from 5 to 7.

The Cohasset Recreation also offers a variety of week-long sports camps for baseball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, roller hockey and mixed sports. Registrations for the sports camp programs are ongoing and camp brochures and registration forms are available currently at the recreation department office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall, or you may call the office at 383-4109 for more information.

Learn to play baseball

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a week-long baseball camp for youngsters ages 5 through 12 at the recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

The South Shore Baseball Camp has been contracted again this year to provide baseball camp, which will be held for one week, beginning Monday, June 22, through Friday, June 26, at Miliken Field.

Two camps are available to youngsters as follows: Full-day, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., camp for ages 7 and over, and a half-day, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. camp is available for 5- and 6-year-olds, (age 7 optional for either half or full-day camp).

The week-long camp costs $140 per child for the full-day, and $75 per child for the half-day program.

Participants should bring lunch, snacks and any drinks, other than water, they may want. Please bring your own glove, which should be marked with your name.

Summer playground information

The summer playground for the Cohasset Recreation Department will run from Monday, June 29 to Friday, August 14 under the direction of Martha Equi.

Programs will include:

•Pre-school 3-years-old to 5 1/2 in a half-day program to be held Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children must be born between 1/1/93 to 3/1/95 to qualify.

•5- to 12-year-old full day program are also available. Five- to 7-year-olds will be at the Osgood School while the 8- to 12-year-old programs will be held at the Deer Hill School.

Registrations are Monday, June 15 to Thursday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to noon and then from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. as well as on Tuesday evening, June 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Fees are as follows: full day 5- to 12-year-olds is $150 for first child ($275 for non-residents). The half day 3- to 5-year-olds are $125 for the first child.

Each additional child is $25 (residents only).

There is a mandatory $35 non-refundable activity fee as well which is separate from the regular program and must be paid at registration which will cover most special events as well as a T-shirt.

A separate check for the activity fee will be needed.

Limited enrollment has been set for each program and non-residents are taken on a space available basis.

All children must be toilet trained.

South Shore League names tennis all-stars

The South Shore League announces its 1998 All-star Tennis team (as voted by the league coaches) and Sportsmanship Award Winners:

BOYS' SINGLES

Abington – Frederick Avelallemant
Carver – Phil Pustejovsky
Norton – Ty Kefor
Norwell – Will Shaw* and Chris Truesdall*
Rockland – Andy Dizel

BOYS' DOUBLES

Carver – Rob Caruso and Nick Metrano
Hanover – Paul Smith and Tony Romano
Norwell – David Gordon and Kyle Isola

GIRLS' SINGLES

Carver – Erin Martin*
Cohasset – Katie Brister and Kate Stone
Hanover – Sarah Carpenter
Norton – Courtney Maher
Norwell – Sara Gifford

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Carver – Theresa Sims* and Bekki Paytner
Cohasset – Caitlin Flint and KC Camacho
Hanover – Ashley Wright* and Kerstin Peterson

Girls' Tennis Sportsmanship Award: Norwell and Cohasset

Boys' Tennis Sportsmanship Award: Carver

*Denotes repeat All-star

South Shore soccer camp

Registrations for South Shore Soccer Camp have begun for boys and girls ages 8 to 18. This is the South Shore Soccer Camp's eighth year of operation in Cohasset. If you are interested in registering, it is suggested that you contact the Cohasset Recreation Department; first floor, Town Hall, or call 383-4109. Brochures and registration forms are available at the recreation office.

South Shore soccer will be offered to both boys and girls during the week of Monday through Friday, Aug. 3 to 7, and Aug. 10 to 14.

Should a camper wish to attend both camps, this is now possible. In order to choose the week of camp you desire, early registration is advised as both camps must be restricted in number.

Camp meets daily, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cohasset's Miliken Field. The cost for the camp is $195 per week and discounts for multiple weeks and subsequent children are available. South Shore soccer camp represents topflight training, delivered by top college and high school coaches and players for the New England area.

Hockey skills workshops in Hingham

Hockey Skills Development Workshops is offering a High Speed Skills program for Mites and Squirts. Skating Wednesday nights this summer for 8 weeks at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham.

The camp is directed by experienced College and High School coaches that truly believe Skill Development is a craft. All programs feature a positive learning environment, limited class sizes, and are focused towards skills actually used in playing the game.

For further details please contact (781) 769-7783.

Jaffe lacrosse clinic for grades five and six

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that Mr. Chuck Jaffe will direct, again this summer, an eight-week lacrosse clinic for youngsters in grades five and six.

Clinics are held Mondays at Miliken Field, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., beginning Monday, June 29, and continuing eight weeks through Aug. 17. The cost for the eight-week, full-equipment, contact clinic is $35 per participant.

Registration forms are currently available at the recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall. Space is limited. Mr. Chuck Jaffe, a Cohasset resident and former collegiate lacrosse player and league coach, volunteers his services for this unique lacrosse opportunity.

Softball league is looking for teams

The Cohasset Men's Softball league is looking for a few good teams.

Games are played on Sunday afternoons from late-May to August at the Beechwood ballpark.

If interested, please contact Dave Scollans at 545-4197 or Joe Dooley at the Red Lion Inn at 383-1704.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

'What's the Big Deal About Baseball' on stage

All of the Deer Hill fifth grade participated in a unit on baseball this spring and the result was an engaging four act play "What's the Big Deal About Baseball" written by the entire group. Using a collaborative meeting model, and with the help of high school seniors Haydn Hodgson and Ali Kinchala, a small group of fifth graders wrote a one act play. Based on research done by reading baseball stories, history and poems, the plays were then combined through a creative collaborative process under the guidance of teachers Dayle Dickinson, Kathy Jordan, Frank Deakey and Roger Bourarsa. The result was an in-depth knowledge of a subject, a collaborative learning experience and a fantastic production. Students performed before marvelous student painted sets, sang wonderful songs and decked out in captivating costumes, taught the audience about the true, and fabled histories of baseball, the struggle of minorities in the sport, they myths, facts and legends of America's favorite past time. Two performances to a full auditorium were held Friday, May 22. Remarkably talented 5th graders did an impressive job.



Upper left to right:Dominic Strazzulla as the old Jackie Robinson and Kate Englander narrates "Casey at the Bat."





Adam Haracz as Pee Wee Reese.



Will McCarthy, Emma Grinnell, Becca Lear, Maura McCue and Luis Blanco perform in a special play about baseball at the Deer Hill School.

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Bubbly, plus-sized SWF, professional, 45, 5'3", nonsmoker, non-drinker, like fresh air, sunshine, walks with the dogs, sharing good sense of humor, honesty and commitment. Middleboro area. ☎ *30003*

Dreamer desired by SF, 43, trim, active, creative writer. Seeking in shape SM, 40-50, 5'10"+, who enjoys bicycling, the beach and weekend fun. Must be openhearted and ready for anything. ☎ *30000*

Female, 50+, enjoy gardening, the beach, fishing, dinner and dancing. Seeking a S/DWM, 50s, with same interests. ☎ *30001*

SWF, 55, looking for someone to share times with. ☎ *30002*

A way to a Man's heart... SJF, 30s, passionate, attractive, athletic, professional. Seeking a great Guy, 38+, with similar qualities, for summer fun including weekends hiking in Maine, picnics at the beach, exploring quaint inns and restaurants. ☎ *35017*

All-American Girl. Romantic, sensitive, fun, outgoing, humorous SWF, 33, 5'4", brown/brown, n/s, like beaches, movies, sports, concerts and dining out. Seeking the same in a SWM, 33-39. ☎ *35077*

Alluring attorney, pretty, petite, very pretty, very thin SJF, 40s, classy, sincere, fit, feminine, enjoy tennis. Seeking an intelligent fit, successful, handsome Man with integrity. ☎ *35002*

Are you a JM seeking a steamy, romantic relationship with an attractive, affectionate JF, 40s? Why wait? Let's enjoy what life has to offer! ☎ *35006*

Attractive, caring WJF, 60s, financially independent and full of fun. Love tennis, golf, bridge, travel and whatever. Seeking a Gentleman with a good sense of humor. ☎ *35005*

Attractive White Female, 41, 5'2", 145 lbs, blonde/hazel, seeking a good-looking, free-spirited, animal loving, jeans wearing, Harley Davidson kind of Guy. ☎ *35024*

Attractive, petite DWF, young 47, intelligent, fun and love to dance. Looking for the same. Boston area. ☎ *35013*

Attractive, athletic, active Female, 30s, brown hair and eyes, very fit, petite, healthy and confident. Enjoy exercise, tennis, kids, movies, dancing, reading, a good sense of humor. Seeking attractive S/DWM, 28-40, 5'9", n/s, with similar interests. ☎ *35000*

Attractive Widowed WF, 52, 5'7", brown/green, professional, enjoy walks, travel, theater, dining out and cooking. Seeking an attractive, kind, considerate WM to share life and good times. ☎ *35081*

Azure, alizarin, uncultivated August wildflower, early fifth generative decade, seeking a spirited self-aware, adventurous complement to develop unique, prized hybrid. ☎ *35003*

Beautiful, intelligent, petite, fit, professional DWF, 39, no children, n/s, seeking the same in a physically active, professional DWM, 35-50. Friendship leading to committed long-term relationship. ☎ *35075*

Black Afro queen, petite, attractive and full of life. Seeking a handsome, sincere, caring, healthy and professional Male for short walks and movies. ☎ *35034*

Blonde SWF, 38, attractive medical professional, enjoy healthy lifestyle, outdoor and social activities, extended family and humor. Looking for a handsome, active, honest marriage-minded SWM, 35-45. ☎ *35014*

Caring, compassionate White Widowed Female, 63, 5'11", blonde/blue, attractive, n/s, social drinker, like theater, camping, dining out, movies and tv. Seeking tall, romantic Gentleman for friend, companion, possible loving long-term relationship. ☎ *35020*

Cherish this ad. Attractive, good-hearted SWF, dark hair, enjoy dining out, art, music and travel. Seeking a sincere, kind SM, 30-50, to share laughter, fun, romance and life. ☎ *35091*

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Caring, honest, secure, affectionate, fit, professional WM seeking a happy, loving, romantic, playful, lifetime friend and lover, 52-60, to share romance, outdoors, dancing, travel and the beach. ☎ *30011*

Rochester Male, youthful 58, 6', 180 lbs, retired military, neat, nice looks, graying, n/s, n/d, love the classics, seeking a soulmate. ☎ *30007*

Sagittarius sailor, wild eyes, great shape, sensitive, looking for an attractive, athletic sail mate, 28-38, for adventure and moonlit romance. Our little ship has enough room for skis and golf clubs. ☎ *30005*

SM, 70, 5'5", 145 lbs, enjoy dancing, walking, bike riding, swimming and listening to jazz. Seeking a fun Lady. ☎ *30004*

Tall, dark and handsome SWM, 34, 6'2", enjoy all the usual stuff, yada, yada, yada. Seeking an attractive SF, 25-37, n/s. ☎ *30006*

Adventurous, romantic, athletic SJM, 34, with dimples, love to cook Italian, dog lover. Seeking a spontaneous, romantic, slender Female, 27-34, for possible long-term relationship. ☎ *35048*

Adventurous SWM, 37, seeking an unpretentious SF, 30-38, who likes the outdoors, travel, film, music and especially loves to laugh and enjoy life. ☎ *35049*

Affectionate Male, 50, 5'8", 165 lbs, honest, caring, like the ocean, boating, sunbathing and just being together. Seeking a WF, 35-50, with similar interests, for possible long-term relationship. ☎ *35127*

Bam Bam seeking Pebbles. No Dinos, please. WM, 30, 6'2", 220 lbs, blonde/blue, love sports and kids. Seeking a spontaneous and attractive, outgoing Female, to share laughs. ☎ *35053*

Business owner. Attractive, intelligent SWM, 31, 5'11", 195 lbs, seeking an easygoing, average Female, 20-45, any race, for a lasting relationship. ☎ *35109*

Check this out. Absolutely spontaneous, extremely adventurous SWM, 36, n/s, open-minded, athletic and honest; seeking a SWF, with similar qualities. Call for more! ☎ *35111*

DJM, 52, 5'10", 185 lbs, n/s, warm, caring, loving, witty and easy to be with. Seeking a JF for a sharing relationship. P.S. Must like to laugh. ☎ *35122*

Down-to-earth, tall, ruggedly-built Italian Male, 40-ish, kind, caring and upbeat. Seeking a pretty, upbeat Woman for friendship, occasional coffee, conversation, dating and laughs! ☎ *35060*

Easygoing and caring. I'm 54, 5'8", 160 lbs, easygoing, caring, like outdoors, travel, walks and weekend getaways. Seeking a thin, attractive, spiritual, kind Woman, for long term relationship. ☎ *35043*

Flight Instructor. Attractive, affectionate SWM, 34, dark brown/hazel, fit, never-married, no dependents, n/s. Seeking an honest, caring, affectionate, romantic S/DWF with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. Kids welcome. ☎ *35119*

MEN SEEKING MEN

55-year-old SM, 5'11", 175 lbs, interests include hiking, biking, movies and dance. Seeking a Man in the South Shore or Penbrook area. ☎ *30008*

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Cohasset High college acceptances

Good news from Cohasset High School! The following students have received acceptance letters in the mail:

Alia Afshar, George Washington University, Boston University; Raishaun Barboza, Mass. College of Art; Greg Bilton, Penn State University, Lehigh University, Brown University; J. Rob Buckley, Green Mountain College, Colby-Sawyer College; Katie Buckley, Brown University, Tufts University, Johns Hopkins University, Harvard/Radcliffe Colleges, Colby College, Bowdoin College; Ivan Chang, UMass/Amherst, Rensselaer Polytech Institute, Holy Cross, Boston College; Lauren Dooley, Bryant College, Stonehill College; James Drybanski, University of Colorado/Boulder, Univ. of Pittsburgh; Janson Dupre, Hofstra University; Amanda Gontarz, Fairfield University, Holy Cross, Lehigh University; Lindy Holway, Babson College, Fairfield University; Janet Hoyler, University of Delaware, University of Vermont, UMass/Lowell Northeastern; Pat Hurley, Boston College; Alison Kinchla, American University, Colgate University, Providence College, UMass/Amherst, Skidmore College; and Mark Kupsc, UMass/Amherst, Northeastern University.

Sarah MacDonald Boston University, Babson College, UMass/Dartmouth; Dawn Massa-Williams, California College of Arts and Crafts; Rosalind Muniz, Mass College of Art; Carolyn Pratt, University of New England, University of New Hampshire, Roger Williams University, Millersville Univ. of Penn., University of Rhode Island, Fairleigh Dickinson University; Paul-Michael Quintin, Bryant College, Stonehill College, Boston University, Bentley College, Babson College; Kristen Reynolds, New England College; Andrew Ross, Colgate University, University of Richmond, College of William & Mary, Union College; Aaron Sawchuk, Washington & Lee University, Middlebury College; Tammy Scarpaci, Bay State College, Dean College; Charlie Toppan, Boston University, Drexel University, Stonehill College, Bentley College, American University; Katy Whitehouse, Bryant College, Roger Williams University, University of Hartford; Kyle Whiteley, Mary Washington College, George Mason University, University of Rhode Island, Goucher College; and Renese Wright, Kentucky State University, Tuskegee University.

Cohasset student to attend medical leadership forum

Susana Candia of Cohasset is scheduled to participate in the 1998 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine from July 20 to July 30 in San Francisco.

Susana, in the class of 1999 at Cohasset High School, will be among 350 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across America who have attained the qualifications required to participate in the Forum. Susan was selected because of her outstanding academic achievements and her interest in the profession of medicine.

For the July 20 to July 30 Forum on Medicine, Susana will join her fellow students in San Francisco for 11 days of discovery and mentorship at some of our country's most prominent and technologically-advanced medical institutions. Among the prestigious medical establishments the students are scheduled to visit are the University of California, Davis School of Medicine, the University of California-San Francisco Campus, Pacific and California campuses, David Grand Medical Center-Travis Air Force base and the Children's Hospital Oakland. Intensive day-long concentrations at these and other institutions will allow students to examine state-of-the-art diagnostic tools and future medical specialties in detail.

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Students will also have the opportunity to study and learn form some of the nation's most distinguished medical leaders. Prominent leaders in the medical community that students are scheduled to hear from include Dr. Patch Adams, Founder of the Gesundheit Institute, Dr. Warner Greene, Director of Gladstone Institute of Virology and Immunology, Dr. Edgar Engleman, Medical Director of Stanford Blood Center and Professor of Pathology at Stanford University, Dr. Elizabeth M. Mutisya, Resident in Neurological Surgery, University of California, San Francisco and Dr. James Kahn, Director of San Francisco General Hospital Clinical Component of AIDS, Clinical Research Center and Asst. Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco.

Topics to be discussed include breakthroughs in genetic research, cancer research, AIDS, sports medicine, neonatal and pediatric research, computers in the world of medicine, public health, clinical decision-making and bioethics.

The National Youth Leadership Forum is a non-profit educational organization that sponsors highly specialized, career-oriented programs for outstanding high school students with demonstrated leadership potential. The National Youth Leadership Forum develops and conducts annual Forums on Medicine, Law and Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy.

Derby Academy summer school

Derby Academy announces that its academic summer school is open to all students in grades 2 through 12 and will begin Monday, June 30. Now in its 19th successful year, the program of academic and review courses runs for four weeks through July 25.

All academic summer school courses are taught by qualified and experienced faculty from Derby Academy and other area schools. Each class is limited to 10 students to maximize individual progress. Academic credit for courses may be arranged on an individual basis.

Classes are held in Hingham on the Burditt Avenue campus of Derby Academy.

For program brochure, registration forms or more information, call program director Connie Chapin at 749-0746 or 749-0124.

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The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Cohasset in the County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the year hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Cohasset by the Board of Assessors of said Cohasset remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Cohasset on Monday, June 22, 1998, at 9:00 A.M. for the non-payment of said taxes and interest, if any, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

Richard W. And Margo E. Aikens. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 414 North Main St., shown as Parcel 31 on Assessors' Map 5, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 8872, P. 127.
1997 tax (bal) $1,109.06 1997 water lien $793.56 1997 penalty lien $50.00

Anthony P. And Genevieve P. Carmosino. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 489 C J Cushing Way, shown as Parcel 116-B on Assessors' Map 41, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 7313, P. 46.
1997 tax (bal) $1,542.57

Samuel P. Hassan. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 61 Hull St., shown as Parcel 4 on Assessors' Map 3, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 5712, P. 234
1997 tax (bal) $1,676.93

Charles and Genevra O. Higginson. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 159 Atlantic Ave., shown as Parcel 31 on Assessors' Map 29, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 8705, P. 403.
1997 tax (bal) $9,834.64

Jerusalem Road Limited Partnership, Steven S. Corey, General Partner. Land in said Cohasset on Black Rock Road West, shown as Parcel 60 on Assessors' Map 101 described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 9050, P. 501.
1997 tax (bal) $654.42

Peter M. And Elise L. Kendall. Land in said Cohasset on C J Cushing Way, shown as Parcel 24 on Assessors' Map 52, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 5901, P. 475.
1997 tax $466.55

Donna L. Mortgomery. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 7 Sankey Road, shown as Parcel 40 on Assessors' Map 32, being Lot 12A on Ld. Ct. Pl. 16584-D, described in Norfolk Reg.Dist. Cert. of Title 139511, B. 698, P. 111.
1997 tax (bal) $2,254.98

William J. And Kathryn E. Morgan. Land in said Cohasset on Bow St., shown as Parcel 2 on Assessors' Map 16, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 7776, P. 175.
Supposed subsequent owners: William J. Morgan and Kathryn E. Morgan, Trustees of Steep Rock Farm Trust.
1997 tax $391.30

William J. And Kathryn E. Morgan, Trustees of Steep Rock Farm Trust. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 28 Bow St., shown as Parcel 46-A on Assessors' Map 16, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 8038, P. 57.
1997 tax $2,791.78

John D. Murphy and John R. Riley, Trustees of M & R Realty Trust. Land in said Cohasset on Pond St., shown as Parcel 96 on Assessors' Map 41, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 4695, P. 6.
1997 tax $586.95

Virginia Nourie, Trustee of Nourie Realty Trust. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 12 Pleasant St., shown as Parcel 4 on Assessors' Map 39, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 7203, P. 722.
1997 tax (bal) $585.80

Kevin O. O'Keeffe. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 255 Pond St., shown as Parcel 104 on Assessors' Map 41, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 7389, P. 664.
1997 tax (bal) $823.92 1997 water lien (bal) $474.22

John C. And Kathleen A. Ryan. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 3 Woodland Drive, shown as Parcel 65 on Assessors' Map 48, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 4400, P. 249.
1997 tax (bal) $396.92

John Simons and Barbara Vangel et al Lazar and Josephine Vangel. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 25 Ripley Road, shown as Parcel 7 on Assessors' Map 15, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 9936, P. 85.
1997 tax $4,052.97 1997 water lien $1,439.73 1997 penalty lien $100.00

Frederick A. And Julie A. Thompson. Land in said Cohasset, with the buildings thereon, at 11 Jerusalem Road, shown as Parcel 34 on Assessors' Map 19, described in Norfolk Deeds, B. 7211, P. 331.
1997 tax (bal) $1,352.40

JOSEPH D. BUCKLEY
Collector of Taxes for
the Town of Cohasset

(This form approved by the Department of Revenue.)

Village Farmers' Market opens June 4

The Cohasset Village Farmers' Market is gearing up for its third season, starting June 4 and running every Thursday through Oct. 15, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. The market will once again take place on Cohasset Common at the corner of South Main Street and Robert E. Jason Road in Cohasset Village.

Vendor space is still available for interested farmers, gardeners, crafters and bakers at $45 for a table space and $75 for a vehicle space. Call the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce at (781) 383-1010 for more information.

The market will once again sponsor different activities for families to enjoy including live folk music, cooking demonstrations, children's face painting, occasional pony rides and much more. Musicians and entertainers looking for free exposure are welcome.

The Cohasset Chamber is a sponsor of the Farmers' Market in its continuing effort to revitalize the Cohasset Village business district. The chamber invites all to the market and enjoy the fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, plants, baked goods, jams and jellies, lobsters, fresh and dried flower bouquets, breads and much more. Set aside enough time to enjoy the music and visit the many shops throughout Cohasset Village and Harbor. If you would like more information, call or write the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, (781) 383-1010, P.O. Box 336, Cohasset, 02025.

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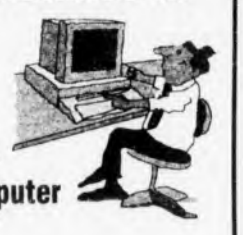
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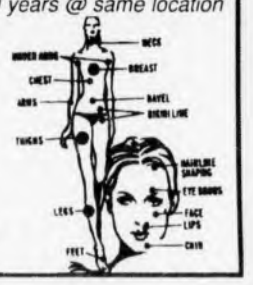
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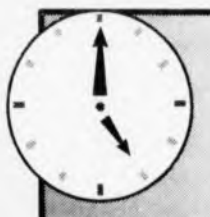
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OBITUARIES

Albert L. Andrews Jr.

Civilian fire/police dispatcher

Albert L. Andrews Jr., 54, a 40-year resident of Cohasset, died Sunday, May 31, at home.

Mr. Andrews was born in Weymouth, son of the late Albert Sr. and the late June (Anderson) Andrews. He was a graduate of Cohasset High School.

He was a call firefighter for the Cohasset Fire Dept. for 27 years; and a retired plant foreman for the Cohasset Water Department, where he worked for 22 years. He was a dispatcher for the Cohasset Police and Fire Departments part-time evenings. He also worked for Crown Security and Engle Auto Supply of Weymouth. He loved working on all types of fire engines, trucks and antique cars.

Mr. Andrews served in the National Guard. His father was the owner of Andrews Garage in Cohasset, no longer in business.

Mr. Andrews leaves his wife, Ellena A. (Thompson); a daughter, Leanne L. Webb of Chelsea; a son, Robert J. of Cohasset; two sisters, Eileen Pratt of Spring Hill, Florida and Edvia Yocum of Cohasset; two grandsons, Skylar and Anthony; and several nieces and nephews. He was also brother of the late Robert V. Andrews.

Visiting hours are 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday, June 4, at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

A Funeral Service will be held at 9 a.m., Friday, June 5, at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset.

Contributions in Mr. Andrew's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701 or the American Diabetes Association, Mt. Royal Avenue, Marlboro, MA 01752.

POLICE LOG

Monday, May 11

12:59 a.m., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:55 a.m., general services, Dennis Ryan Way, services rendered.

10:09 a.m., MV violations, tracks behind Ripley Road, departmental action.

10:34 a.m., fire structure, Atlantic Ave., fire extinguished.

10:55 a.m., MV theft, CJC Way at lower King St., investigated/report taken.

11:23 a.m., MV accident, 3A and Beechwood St., investigated/report taken.

12:02 p.m., larceny, Beechwood St., investigated/report taken.

2:01 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy., services rendered.

3:05 p.m., recovered MV, Elm St., investigated/report taken.

5:15 p.m., disturbance general, Ripley Road, area search negative.

5:22 p.m., tree down, N. Main & Cedar sts., removed hazardous material.

6:33 p.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy. & King St., services rendered.

10:45 p.m., MV violations, Jerusalem Road, investigated.

Tuesday, May 12

7:29 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St., traffic citation issued.

8:00 a.m., larceny, King St., investigated.

8:50 a.m., suspicious auto, King St., departmental action.

10:10 a.m., MV violations, Atlantic Ave., investigated.

1:23 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. @ Surry Dr., traffic citation/warning.

1:30 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St., traffic citation/warning.

1:39 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. & Forest Circle, traffic citation/warning.

1:54 P.M., MV stop, Forest Ave., traffic citation/warning.

2:26 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St., traffic citation issued.

5:34 p.m., open door/window, Cushing Plaza, investigated/report taken.

6:27 p.m., fire, structure, Sohier St., fire extinguished.

8:05 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., verbal warning.

Wednesday, May 13

2:05 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., traffic citation issued.

2:09 a.m., medical aid, Fairoaks Lane, patient sign off.

3:49 a.m., medical aid, Church St., removed to hospital.

6:26 a.m., vandalism, Pond St., departmental action.

9:20 a.m., assault, Jerusalem Rd., investigated.

1:00 p.m., officer wanted, Pond St., investigated.

1:51 p.m., MV violations, by 60 Doane St., departmental action.

2:46 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St., traffic citation /warning.

3:46 p.m., suspicious auto, Lamberts Lane, investigated/report taken.

3:52 p.m., suspicious (other), Forest Ave., report taken.

4:02 p.m., investigation, Beechwood St., investigated/report taken.

4:40 p.m., assist other PD, Jerusalem Road, services rendered.

5:21 p.m., animal complaint, King St., services rendered.

6:27 p.m., general services, Ripley Road, log entry information.

8:38 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. & King St., verbal warning.

9:03 p.m., noise complaint, Jerusalem Road, investigated/report taken.

Thursday, May 14

12:48 a.m., MV stop, Sohier St., traffic citation issued.

6:31 a.m., animal complaint, N. Main St., area search negative.

7:09 a.m., well being check, Hull St., departmental action.

9:32 a.m., animal complaint, Bancroft Road, departmental action.

1:15 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St., verbal warning.

3:02 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St., traffic citation issued.

3:21 p.m., MV stop, Sohier St., traffic citation issued.

4:32 p.m., MV stoop, CJC Hwy. & Beechwood St., traffic citation issued.

4:42 p.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy., departmental action.

5:11 p.m. MV stop, Schofield Road, traffic citation issued.

6:34 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., verbal warning.

6:56 p.m., MV stop., N. Main & Jerusalem Road, traffic citation issued.

7:21 p.m., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:25 p.m., MV stop, N. Main & Doane sts., traffic citation/warning.

7:37 p.m., MV stop,. N. Main St., verbal warning.

7:44 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. & N. Main St., verbal warning.

8:08 p.m., MV stop, Beechwood St. & S. Main St., traffic citation/warning.

8:23 p.m. MV stop, CJC Hwy., verbal warning.

8:32 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. & Mendel Road, traffic citation issued.

8:53 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. & Brewster Road, traffic citation issued.

11:18 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., verbal warning.

11:32 p.m., suspicious person, CJC Hwy., departmental action.

Friday, May 15

1:55 a.m., suspicious (other), Gammons Road, departmental action.

6:33 a.m., MV stop, Mill Lane & Beechwood St., traffic citation issued.

6:51 a.m., MV stop, Pond St., traffic citation issued.

7:13 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., departmental action.

8:20 a.m., suspicious (other), CJC Hwy, departmental action.

8:42 a.m., MV accident, CJC Hwy., removed to hospital.

1:36 p.m., animal complaint, Jerusalem Road, referred to other agency.

3:05 p.m., MV stop, Pleasant St., verbal warning.

3:15 p.m., MV accident, N. Main St. & Forest Ave., no police service necessary.

3:48 p.m., officer wanted, King St., 37-year-old male in protective custody.

4:09 p.m., disturbance family, investigated.

4:48 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St., traffic citation issued.

5:03 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St., traffic citation issued.

9:09 p.m., medical aid, Sohier St., false call.

Saturday, May 16

12:14 a.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave., verbal warning.

12:42 a.m., MV stop, Margin St., verbal warning.

1:05 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St., verbal warning.

1:18 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. Arrest: Marino, Michael A., 8 Oceanside Dr., Scituate. DOB: 4/24/70. Charges: operating under the influence of liquor, 2nd off., failure to stay within marked lanes.

2:19 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy. & Pond St., log entry information.

8:53 a.m., MV stop, Elm Ct., traffic citation issued.

9:18 a.m., MV accident, area of 69 Elm St., investigated.

9:40 a.m., vandalism, Elm St., investigated.

1:40 p.m., disturbance, Elm St., dispersed gathering.

1:52 p.m., parking violation, Ripley Road & N. Main St., departmental action.

5:11 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., traffic citation issued.

7:08 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Road, traffic citation issued.

9:03 p.m., general services, Wompatuck State Park - reservoir, departmental action.

9:32 p.m., general services, Lightkeepers - Government Island, departmental action.

9:59 p.m., assist other PD, CJC Hwy., departmental action.

10:02 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., verbal warning.

11:27 p.m., disabled auto, Jerusalem Road, services rendered.

Sunday, May 17

12:59 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave., verbal warning.

1:40 a.m., MV stop, King St., traffic citation issued.

1:40 a.m., MV stop, Hull St. & Lamberts Lane, traffic citation/warning.

2:42 a.m., assist other PD, Summer St., services rendered.

2:28 p.m., disturbance general, Beechwood St. by Wolf Pit, departmental action.

3:33 p.m., animal complaint, Cedar Ledge Village, investigated.

3:52 p.m., assist citizen, N. Main St., departmental action.

5:53 p.m., animal complaint, Hammond Ave., referred to other agency.

6:24 p.m., medical aid, Border St., investigated.

6:40 p.m., vandalism, Border St., investigated.

6:45 p.m., MV violations, Highland Ave., departmental action.

7:05 p.m., MV stop, King St., traffic citation/warning.

7:28 p.m., open door/window, Pond St., departmental action.

9:57 p.m., MV violations, Hull St., departmental action.

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Beanie Baby craze benefits local charities

Buttonwood Books raises money with sales of rare bears

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Several charities in the region are benefiting from a nationwide beanbag toy craze due to some creative business dealing on the part of a local store owner.

Buttonwood Books in Cohasset and Hingham, owned by Betsey Detwiler, has initiated a unique fundraising drive that accompanies the purchase of two collectible Beanie Baby dolls.

"Erin" the bear, an Irish green Beanie Baby adorned with a shamrock, and "Princess", a purple bear that pays tribute to the late Princess Diana, are the fuel for the fundraiser. Eager parents and their children have been known to line up at stores and pay exorbitant prices to own specific Beanie Babies.

Beanie Baby customers can donate to Road to Responsibility, South Shore Habitat for Humanity, the Cohasset PSO, the Scituate PTO, Wellspring Literacy Program in Hull or the Hingham Education Foundation.

The rare bears are on sale at Buttonwood Books for the toys' retail price of $5.95, provided that the buyer writes a $100 check to be donated to their choice of a handful of local charities. The promotion lasts until supplies run out, Detwiler said.

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The beneficiaries of this initiative — the idea for which Detwiler borrowed from a book-selling colleague — are pleased that Buttonwood would include them.

"Buttonwood has always been so cooperative in helping out with the schools," said Elaine Breslow, publicity chairman for the Cohasset Parent-Student Organization. "I think it's wonderful."

Detwiler said the fundraising aspect of selling these particular beanbag bears has put her loyal customers on a level buying field with Beanie Baby dealers who are only interested in making a profit by reselling the toys at their estimated value. And the required $100 donations help worthy causes at the same time, she said.

"This is a very positive way to deal with this," said Detwiler, who has owned the store since it opened nine years ago. "It isn't possible to put them on the open market. We wanted to sell them to our regular customers and not dealers, but because of the scarcity factor it doesn't work that way. We had to set some parameters."

The fundraising idea discourages dealers from scooping up all the Beanie Babies, she said. Unlike Buttonwood customers — who hail from Cohasset, Scituate and Hingham — dealers would be less interested in paying the extra money to support local charities.

So far, sales from "Erin" and "Princess" have yielded more than $5,000 in donations, which will go directly to the different charities. The Cohasset store has already generated at least $2,000 and the Hingham store has raised $2,550, she said.



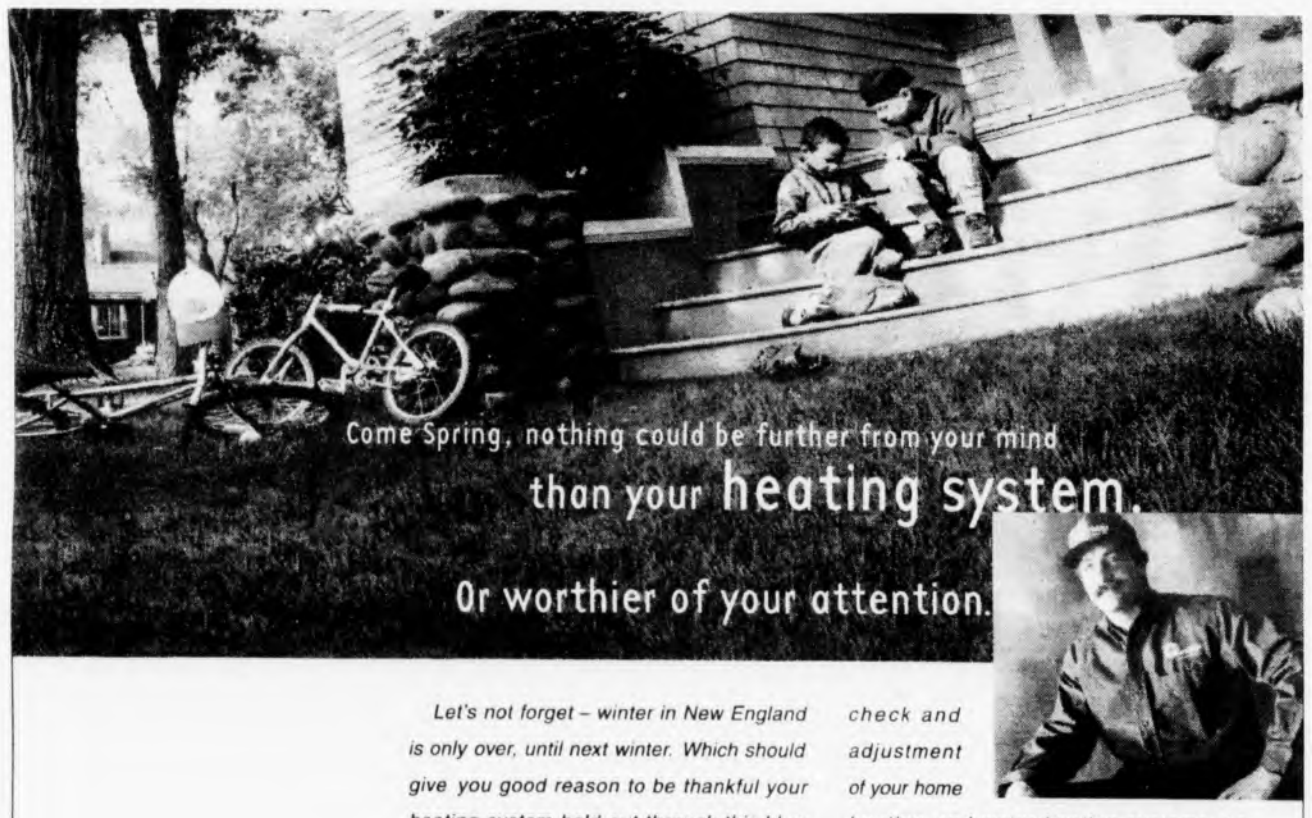
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Betsey Detwiler, owner of Buttonwood Books and Toys, with the "Princess Diana" and "Erin" Beanie Babies.

The charities were chosen based on their location and their contributions to the communities that support the store, Detwiler said.

The Cohasset PSO, the Scituate PTO and the Hingham Education Foundation support the schools in the stores' immediate areas. Road to Responsibility, Habitat for Humanity and Wellspring help people in the area with disabilities of varying degrees — physical, developmental, learning and financial — to overcome the obstacles they face.

"We tried to choose (charities) that have to do with education and are family-oriented," she said. "The teachers support us a lot and the PTOs are always working hard for field trips and special things for students that just aren't in the budget."



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Tragedy overshadows school graduation

Class mourns loss of Bourke Corcoran

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

A high school graduation is supposed to tell the story of a happy separation. It is supposed to mark the end of childhood school days with one last rousing moment for the full company to stand, cheer and remember all the battles they fought together since kindergarten.

But four days before Cohasset High's graduation ceremony, the death of a classmate has changed everything a graduation is supposed to be.

Wednesday morning, the school corridors were hushed as stunned students and teachers tried to find equilibrium on the news late Tuesday night Bourke Corcoran, 18, was killed in a car crash. He was the passenger in a car driven by another classmate Leigh Atherton, also 18. Atherton, who broke an arm in the accident but was with classmates Wednesday morning, said he lost control of the car when he swerved to avoid an animal in the road.

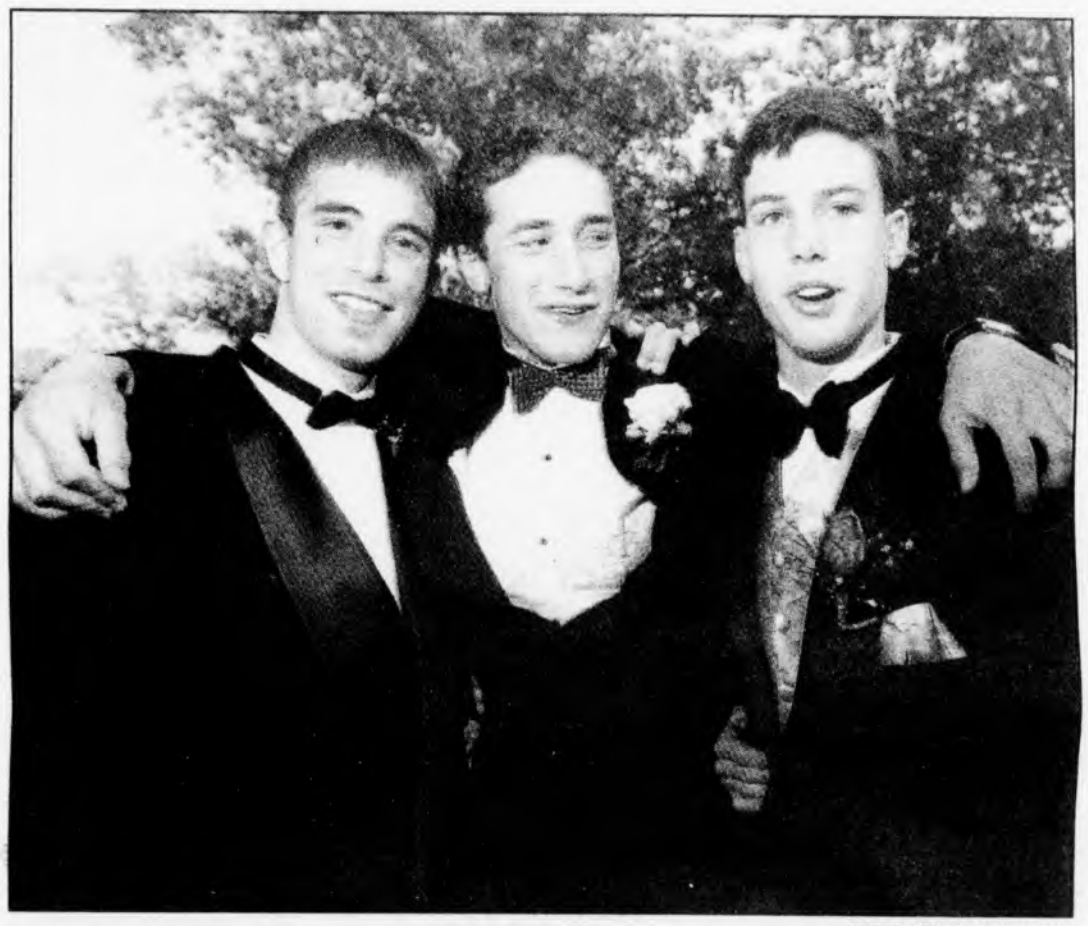
He has been charged with motor vehicle homicide, reckless driving and other traffic violations. He was also supposed to join his 56 classmates in one final event at Saturday's commencement at the South Shore Music Circus.

"It makes it really tough coming right before graduation. Graduation is not going to be the same, no matter what we do."
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL JOHN DELORENZO

"It makes it really tough coming right before graduation," assistant principal John DeLorenzo said. "Graduation is not going to be the same, no matter what we do."

Corcoran, voted most fun-loving in the Class of 1998, was popular with students in all the classes, and his death touched the whole school. An athlete, Corcoran played indoor lacrosse and was also on the basketball team until senior year. His junior year, he coached the eighth-grade

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Bourke Corcoran, at left, at a happy moment with his friends at a pre-prom reception last week. Just days later, his same friends were mourning his death.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset teens are overcome with grief visiting the site yesterday where a car crash claimed the life of fellow high school senior Bourke Corcoran.

Police: speed a factor in accident

By Sarah R. Coffey
STAFF WRITER

Early Wednesday morning, Bourke and Merlyn Corcoran lived every parent's worst nightmare.

Asleep in the bedroom of their 301 King St. home, the Corcorans were awakened by Cohasset police officers, who told them their 18-year-old son Bourke L. Corcoran had been killed in a car accident less than 100 yards from home.

Corcoran, who would have graduated this Saturday from Cohasset High, died after the car he was a passenger in crashed near 344 King St. shortly after 11 p.m.. Police used the jaws of life to extricate Corcoran, who police said was unresponsive at the scene. He was taken by ambulance to Miliken Field and by helicopter to Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where he was pronounced dead at 12:09 a.m. Wednesday.

The car's driver and fellow high school senior, William "Leigh" Atherton, was standing behind the vehicle when police arrived. He was taken by ambulance to South Shore Hospital with head injuries and was released yesterday morning.

Atherton, 18, of Clay Spring Road., swerved to avoid an animal in the road and lost control of the car, according to reports. The car hit five pilings on the side of the road, airplaned into a tree, ricocheted into a second tree and crashed down the embankment along King Street. Trees were stripped of bark in the places where the car struck.

Police said there was "no indication" that either Atherton or Corcoran were wearing seat belts. Both air bags in the car were deployed, police confirmed

Rob Buckley, a senior and friend of Corcoran's, said his mother ran outside after hearing the crash and asked a neighbor to call for help.

"The road is a notorious area for accidents in the town. I don't know of any fatal accidents we've had there, but we've had numerous accidents in the past. It's a very thin, windy road."
POLICE CHIEF BRIAN NOONAN

"There was a path there, and that's where the car landed," he said. Buckley ran out to watch the rescue workers but said it was not possible to see anything due to the darkness combined with the glare of spotlights used by emergency crews.

Police said the car, a 1995 Nissan 200SX, was traveling in excess of 70 m.p.h. Speed limit on the road is 30 m.p.h. Alcohol does not appear to be involved.

Atherton faces charges of motor vehicle homicide by reckless operation, operating to endanger, failure to stay within marked lanes, and speeding. He will receive a summons for arraignment at a later date. Atherton's yearbook notes he dislikes "speed traps" and is noted for "driving fast."

Corcoran's yearbook write-up notes "in the event of my demise, when my heart can bear no more, I hope I die for a principal or belief I have lived for."

Instead of graduation celebrations, a grim pallor hangs in the air in the community. In the next few days, seniors will attend both graduation ceremonies on Saturday and Corcoran's funeral.

Those who visited the crash site could not believe one of their own had died. They stood in small groups, gazing at the spot in silent respect, not ready to believe that one of their own was gone.

"Why?" sobbed one girl, tightly hugging a friend. Others sat quietly by the side of the road next to a pile of flowers, photos and other mementos. Cars driving by slowed down to catch a glimpse of the growing gathering of teenagers, many of whom had attended the senior prom with Corcoran last Saturday and who had looked forward to graduating with him Saturday.

A group of students described Corcoran as very friendly. "Everybody knew him," said one teenager.

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Regional Recycling Cooperative starts

State Senator Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, announced that legislation he has introduced establishing the South Shore Recycling Cooperative has been adopted along with the 1999 Senate Budget Recommendations. The plan proposed by Hedlund will allow South Shore towns participating in the cooperative to more effectively manage their solid waste and improve their existing recycling programs.

"The establishment of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative is a practical approach for securing a superior solid waste and recycling management plan," Hedlund stated. "This is crucial for the immediate preservation of the public convenience and protection of the environment."

The cooperative is governed by the terms of the "Intermunicipal Agreement for Recycling on the South Shore." Under the terms of the agreement, the cooperative will be authorized to negotiate the terms of regional contracts for the collection of recyclable materials. Towns initially participating in the cooperative include Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth.

The South Shore Regional Disposal Planning Board has conducted a pilot program over the past four years to study the benefits of a cooperative plan. The Board's success in the pilot program shows that the cooperative proposed n this legislation should provide significant cost savings and improved service to member towns.

Initially, the cooperative will be funded through a budget amendment secured by Hedlund, which provided a $70,000grant. This is a matching fund to finance up to half of the anticipated operating expenses for the first fiscal year. The grant is contingent upon each of the member towns paying a proportional share of the remainder of these expenses.

Free saltwater sportfishing guide

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray offers the 1998 edition of the Saltwater Sport Fishing Guide.

In past years, as many as 70 different species of fish have been identified in the state's regional catch. The guide offers color pictures and detailed descriptions of many types of these fish. In addition, the guide provides basic information about the Commonwealth's recreational fishing opportunities, and includes a map of Massachusetts coastal waters, and listings for bait and tackle shops, party and charter boats, and this year's fishing contests.

For a free copy, call Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray at (617) 722-2400.

Beach permits on sale

Your beach permits expired May 31. Beach stickers are on sale at the town hall and have the following schedule: Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beach stickers are $7 per vehicle, and $3 per vehicle for elders over 60. You will need vehicle registrations, or if not a Massachusetts registration, proof of residency (tax bill or rental lease). You are encouraged to purchase your sticker through the mail by providing a copy of your registration and a self-addressed return envelope.

Permits now being issued will expire May 31, 1999.

Telephone number changes at town hall

The following departments have changed their phone numbers as follows:

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Board of Selectmen/Town Manager	383-4105
Recreation Department	383-4109
Town Accountant	383-4110
Building Commissioner	383-4112
Board of Assessors	383-4114
Board of Health	383-4116
Planning Board	383-4118
Sewer Commission	383-4118
Conservation Commission	383-4119

REMEMBERING OSGOOD



PHOTO/DOUG MCFADD

Margot Cheel organized the special Osgood School tent at Harborfest last weekend. The tent included vintage photographs and historical information about the school which is slated to close later this month.

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Fri. 12	1:11	10.6	7:35	1:49	9.5	7:45
Sat. 13	1:54	10.7	8:18	2:32	9.6	8:31
Sun. 14	2:38	10.6	9:04	3:18	9.7	9:19
Mon. 15	3:27	10.6	9:52	4:07	9.8	10:11
Tues. 16	4:19	10.4	10:43	4:59	10.0	11:07
Wed. 17	5:15	10.2	11:36	5:54	10.2	——
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Cohasset Health Board orders new CHL hearings

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Members of the board of health have become the latest group of town officials forcing the owners of the Cohasset Heights Limited landfill to face the possibility of a permanent closure.

The health board has decided to hold site assignment hearings at a time when the ZBA and the building inspector have ordered CHL to shut down because of permit violations. CHL is suing in court to overturn those decisions.

Even a brown-out in the building didn't prevent the health board from calling for site assignment hearing. Everyone had agreed on new date for the hearing because CHL's stenographer couldn't operate his tape machine with the power fading Tuesday night. After CHL-owners Paul and John Barry and their attorneys left the building, the power returned and the meeting resumed.

Health board members voted 3-0 after two hours of discussion to order site assignment hearings at a future date based on evidence that CHL posed a threat to public health, safety and the environment. The hearings will serve as a forum for the health board to determine whether to amend, suspend or rescind CHL's site assignment. If the site assignment is rescinded, CHL would not be able to legally operate the landfill in town.

"I have yet to see anything based on the facts that shows that the landfill poses a meaningful threat to the environment. Why not have the town's high-price consultants that you have been paying for years analyze this information and we'll provide a transcript of the hearing. After hearing their analysis, if you think this is an appropriate use of public resources based on a small group's request, then let's go to hearings."
CHL ATTORNEY ANTON MOEHRKE

Health board Chairman Kevin Ulmer said a hearing would be scheduled once the parties involved agreed upon a date. The site assignment is the chief approval issued by the town that allows CHL to operate a landfill in Cohasset. The anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE) successfully lobbied the health board to initiate site assignment hearings on evidence that CHL was an ongoing threat to public health, safety and the environment.

SAFE vice-president John K. McNabb Jr. presented the case in a half-hour presentation in which he listed numerous violations committed by CHL. McNabb listed off a long list of alleged violations by CHL, including dumping more than 1,000 tons of waste into Area IV-B of the landfill, which is not permitted for dumping; placing more than 100,000 tons of waste on the slopes of the landfill in violation of DEP height limits; operating without a required ZBA special permit since the Barry's bought the landfill in 1982; contaminating ground and surface water; discharging sediments and leachate into the Lily Pond watershed and nearby wet-

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Town to lobby for train relief

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Some town officials are poised to join Hingham in actively opposing the train.

But cooler heads prevailed Monday, as selectmen decided to take a step by step approach to try to get a better deal for Cohasset than the MBTA is offering.

What's at stake is how many homes will receive noise mitigation; how the train will affect the flooding problem through the center of town; local air quality and how best to mitigate the effects of vibration.

Selectmen directed Town Manager Mark Haddad to talk with Hingham and Scituate about how their mitigation negotiations are progressing.

The town's consultant Tech Environmental Inc. of Waltham will retool its report to include a November MBTA study selectmen neglected to provide and adjustments to the noise impacts to include the possibility of whistles. Tech Environmental had acted on the assumption the town will be whistle-free but that's not assured, said selectmen, who will await the T's response to the revised report.

If the T says no to more mitigation measures, then selectmen will seek help from US Rep. William Delahunt, D-Quincy, and state Rep. Joseph Sullivan, D-Braintree, chairman of the transportation committee in the legislature.

Armed with the unflattering consultant's review of the T's environmental impact report,

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RAIN OUT



PHOTO/DOUG MCFADD

"We're on strike" and so was Harborfest on Cohasset Common Sunday where these kids held a makeshift picket line with the unnecessary no parking signs. For more on Harborfest, see page 5.

Losing patients over home health care cuts



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Adolph Wacker, 84, wonders if the home health care services that help keep him alive and well will survive Medicare cuts.

Editor's note: First of two parts.

By Alison Cohen
STAFF WRITER

Millie and Mattie B. started their life-long love affair when she asked her aunt to see if Mattie would take her to the high school prom.

"I didn't have a date and there were four boys living across the street," Millie said. (The couple did not want their identities revealed.)

She watched from her front windows while her aunt dutifully went across the street.

"I could see him come to the window — he'd been shaving — and then I saw him nod his head yes, so I knew I was set," Millie said.

SICK DAYS
Home health care in crisis

Mattie smiles and gives his take on the request.

"I had the only car on the street, a '34 Lafayette," he said. "That's why she asked me."

That was more than 50 years ago and their dancing days are behind them now. Mattie, who turned 77 last week, spends his days in a wheelchair, the result of 12 years battling Parkinson's disease.

Someone once said growing old isn't for sissies. Mattie and Millie are living proof. As Parkinson's progressively immobilizes Mattie's once-powerful body, it takes all his strength to get through what used to be the simplest tasks. It's only one of many medical problems that leave him weak and vulnerable.

Millie, 75, wears a weight-lifter's truss around her waist. The weight she lifts is Mattie.

More than once she's been forced to pick him up off the floor after he's fallen. Once she suffered a slipped disc in the process and permanently weakened her back. Every night she transfers him from his wheelchair to the bed. Now her spine curves and the discs along her lower back pro-

HEALTH CARE, PAGE 14

American Anglian wins water department contract

American Anglian, Inc. has been selected as the new contractor for the operation and maintenance of the Cohasset Water Department for the next three years, starting July 1. This selection is contingent on successful negotiations with the Water Commission, which must be completed no later than June 4.

"American Anglian was the best qualified bidder," said Water Commission Chairman Robert E. Kasameyer. "Their proposal showed that they had the strongest and most cost-effective management program for running our water treatment plant and for properly maintaining our water distribution system."

"Anglian also gave us the best deal, for the services they will provide," said Kasameyer. "Their services will cost us $ 479,633.29 for the next fiscal year, a decrease in $48,370.71 from the $528,004 we had budgeted for operation and maintenance next year. We can also use this savings to accelerate our 10-year program of capital improvements to the water system."

American Anglian operates the water system for the Dedham-Westwood Water district, and has 50 years of experience in the management of municipal water systems. American Anglian's services will include, according to their proposal:

- Annual hydrant inspection — replace five to 10 hydrants a year
- Replace 10 percent of water meters per year
- Exercise 55 valves per year
- Annual leak detection program
- Annual flushing of water mains
- Comprehensive computerized maintenance management program
- Pay up to $15,000 of replacement equipment parts and specialized contract services
- Water quality monitoring program and monthly inspection of the watershed
- Ensure a "no-risk" operation and maintenance contract for the town

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ROBERT KASAMEYER, WATER COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

"We were disappointed that our current contractor, Cohasset Water Services, did not submit a stronger proposal," Kasameyer said. "They also submitted the highest price proposal of $569,691, which was almost $90,000 more than the American Anglian proposal and about $40,000 more than we had budgeted."

"The lowest bidder was U.S. Water, who proposed $383,989 for the next fiscal year," Kasameyer said. "However, we felt that their proposal was not advantageous to the town, since they proposed an effective reduction in staffing, did not show the detailed knowledge of our water department that American Anglian did, and proposed some unacceptable changes in the draft contract."

American Anglian, Cohasset Water Services, and US Water were the only three bidders for the three-year contract for operation and maintenance of the Cohasset water department. Under the state request for proposal process, a town is not required to select the lowest bidder if they can show that another bidder will provide services that are more advantageous to the town.

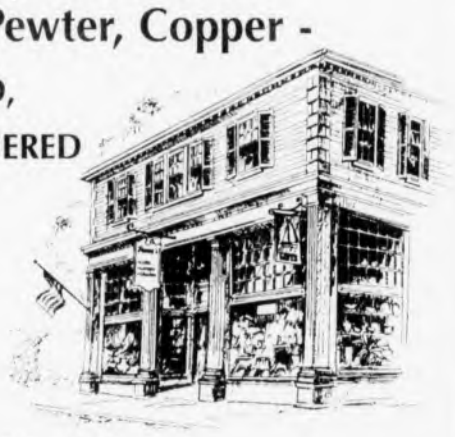
The contract was awarded May 21 by Town Manager Mark Haddad, the town's Chief Procurement Officer, following a recommendation by the Selection Committee that American Anglian was the best qualified. The Selection Committee included the three Water Commissioners, Selectmen Diane Sullivan and Advisory Committee member Alex Koines.

The contract is for a three-year period commencing July 1, 1998, and ending June 30, 2001, with the sole option of the town, if it wishes, to extend the contract for one or two additional three-year periods.

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Cohasset Harborfest weekend brings back memories

By Stacie Charbonneau Gregory
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset Harborfest weekend enjoyed much success, and a little wet weather. Friday and Saturday events [illegible] as the Ice Cream Festival and production of "Grease" went as planned, but Sunday's late afternoon activities had to be canceled due to heavy rain.

The stand-out event was the celebration of the Joseph Osgood School's 70th anniversary. From noon until four on Saturday tents were set up on the common, each with a different commemorative theme. One was a "celebration" tent, one contained artwork created by current students, and the third most visited tent contained a photography exhibit. Pictured dated as far back as the 1930's as alumni students like class of 1937's Libby Pompeo searched for her school-aged self among the photos. Derry Schwartner, Margot Cheel and their assistant Faith Bowker Maloney all organized the exhibit and were instrumental in its success. Because it has grown thanks to donations of old photos from past students, the now even bigger exhibit can also be seen at the Arts Festival the weekend of June 20th.

In addition to the photographs, three past principals were on hand to lend their version of the history of Osgood School. Kay Mulcahy, Jack Kramer, and Linda Whitney joined with present principal Marilee Cantelmo to celebrate. The gathering was a farewell of sorts, as the school will be moving to a new location in the coming school year. This is good news to second grade teacher Rose Collins, who said, "I've been teaching in the same building for the past 14 years and I'm so excited." The spirit of the residents of Cohasset helped make the original Osgood school special, and will surely make the new one special as well.

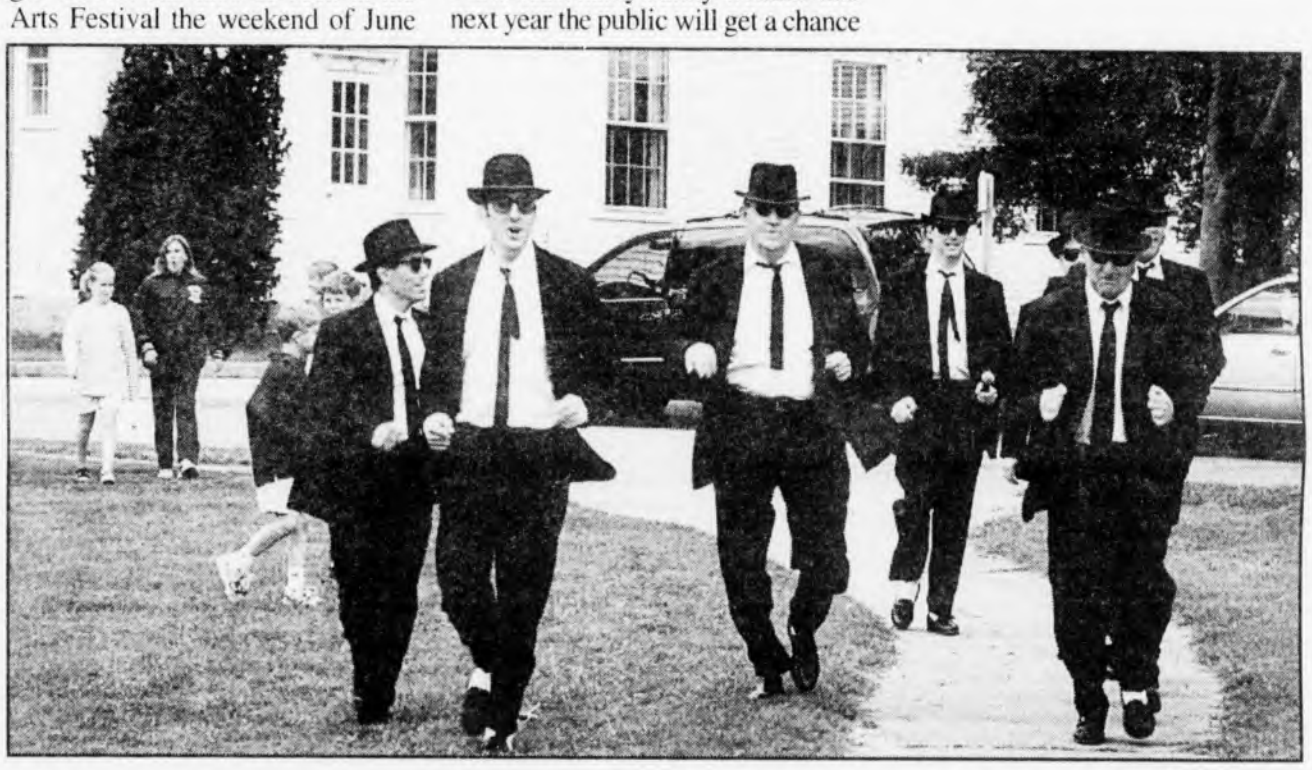
Even the rain could not dampen the spirit of the residents of Cohasset on Sunday. Although the parade and center stage activities had to be canceled due to a deluge, townspeople gathered under stormy skies to hear the Harborfest Band and watch the Blessing of the Fleet. Cohasset Harbor, set under low, gray clouds, provided a beautiful setting for this event.

Hopefully the ninth annual Harborfest weekend will coincide with some seasonably sunny weather and next year the public will get a chance to enjoy all the planned events from start to finish.



PHOTO/MARGOT CHEEL

Cherylann Harrington, left, finds a photo of her son, Greg, at right, at the Osgood School photo exhibit at Harborfest.



PHOTO/MARGOT CHEEL

Congo Capers "Blues Brothers" approach Center Stage on Cohasset Common for their Harborfest performance. From left are Bruce Indek, George Baumgarten, Bill Adams, Jeff Pratt and Jack DeLorenzo.

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Additional sewer capacity possible in the future

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The sewer commission is moving ahead with plans to provide some form of subsidized sewer service to residents in North Cohasset. Sewer commissioners provided residents with three possible options at an informational meeting held last Thursday. And while at least one of these options will be put before voters at a special town meeting scheduled for this fall, the real story may be the possibility of the town acquiring additional sewer capacity in the near future — maybe.

Sewer Commissioner Ted Guild has asked Hull officials if they would be interested in selling the town an additional 50,000-80,000 gallons per day of sewer capacity. A second possibility is that the expanded Central Cohasset sewer plant, which is presently rated at 300,000 gallons of flow per day, may be able to utilize a cutting edge technology to increase the plant's capacity to 400,000 gallons per day. Neither alternative is currently approved. But, both methods could be viable for the future.

The benefits of additional capacity are obvious: more residents could hook into the town's sewer system. Guild said the current request for more capacity from Hull probably will not be approved this year.

"As of today, I am not optimistic," Guild said referring to the Hull request. "But at some future date, they may be interested. Meanwhile, we have approved a larger main for Jerusalem Road in case Hull changes its mind. At the moment, they're not considering our request, and I cannot foresee it at this time."

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The second possibility of additional capacity comes from a cutting edge design, called membrane technology, being used in the expanded Central Cohasset plant, scheduled to become operational by June 30, 2000. Guild said no municipal plant in the United States is currently using the membrane technology, although two municipal plants in Canada have used the design for less than one year. Engineers for the Central Cohasset project have visited the Canadian plants, and given their professional opinion that the new Cohasset plant could be operated at the higher flow rate.

"We believe additional capacity from the plant is possible, but that has not been demonstrated," Guild said. "Until we have the plant here, and have demonstrated the ability of operation at the higher flows, we are not prepared to rate it at a higher capacity."

Neither plan is assured right now, Guild said.

"There is the possibility of additional capacity from Hull and our own plant," Guild said. "Hull may be possible a few years down the road, and our plant will have to be tested first. But, in the future, there is a real possibility of more capacity."

Meanwhile, sewer commissioners are forging ahead with plans to hook North Cohasset residents into the Hull plant via the new Jerusalem Road main under the present contract with Hull. The sewer commissioners presented residents with three possible options at last week's sewer forum.

Previously, town meeting voters approved 50-50 funding for residents in the North Cohasset project. But the bids came in much higher than expected, at $2.7 million more than the $6.6 million allocated by town meeting. At last March's town meeting, a plan to borrow the additional $2.7 million failed because only 60 percent of town meeting voters approved the measure, which needed a two-thirds vote to pass. Later, selectmen also rejected the bids on contracts II, III and IV for North Cohasset, hoping for lower bids by sending all three parts of the project out to bid again, but this time as a single unit.

Under one of the options presented by the sewer commission for the North Cohasset project, residents would pay for the additional $2.7 million to complete the project with subsidized 20-year loans. Guild added that the costs could be higher if the new bids come in even higher. The sewer commission is planning to seek new bids in August or September, prior to the October town meeting.

The first option would be the cheapest by allowing everyone to use one contractor hired by the town to make all the connections. Guild said the average homeowner would pay $12,278 for a 20-year loan with state subsidized interest rates under this scenario.

The second scenario would cost the average homeowner $23,873. Using an analysis performed by Tutela Engineering, sewer commissioners are assuming that private contractors could do individual homes at 40 percent less than a municipal bidder because of state prevailing wage standards for public works projects. But higher interest rates for personal loans would add significantly to the cost under this scenario.

The third scenario would cost an average homeowner $17,677 over 20 years because the state would subsidize only the components, while homeowners would have to hire their own contractors for installation and acquire personal loans at higher interest rates for the cost of installation. Guild added that the cost could be lower for some homeowners because it may be possible for those residents who meet certain household income criteria to obtain lower interest loans than residents with higher household incomes.

Guild said he expects to put at least one of the options before town meeting in October, probably the first option, although sewer commissioners may decide to place options one and three in the warrant.

Yard sale to benefit Habitat

A Cohasset Community Yard Sale to benefit the Habitat for Humanity will be held Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Cohasset Common.

Volunteers sought for Osgood School move

The Joseph Osgood School Move Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the move to the new school. To save money, volunteers will be responsible for the packing and unpacking of classrooms and various offices, although the physical move of boxes will be handled professionally. Specifically, the committee is looking for volunteers on the following dates:

Packing of classrooms and offices at Joseph Osgood, Aug. 10 and 11 (Monday and Tuesday), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Unpacking at new school, Aug. 27 and 28, (Thursday and Friday), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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A busy month for police

As in most years, May was a busy month for the Cohasset Police Department. There were a total of 18 arrests during the month. Six were for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol. One [redacted] for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and Assault and Battery on a Police Officer. There were five arrests for outstanding warrants. Three arrests were for Protective Custody. Also, there was an arrest for Illegal Possession of a Class B Substance and one arrest for Conspiracy to Violate the Controlled Substance Law. Finally, there was one arrest for Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

There were no Breaking and Enterings reported to the department during May, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

During May the police department received a total of 653 calls for service. Of those, 91 were emergency 9-1-1 calls.

All officers of the police department completed their firearms requalifications at the Scituate Rod and Gun Club. The training was done by firearms instructor, Detective Frederick Grassie, Noonan said.

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On May 19, Noonan received the Executive Chief's Seminar Series FY98 Certificate for attending the six scheduled seminars which began Sept. 17. The topics discussed during this series were "Criminal Procedure," "Secretary of Public Safety," "Legislative Seminar," "Fair Labor Standards Act," "Stress Management" and, finally, "Budgeting and Planning in Law Enforcement." This series is a great way for chiefs to keep abreast of current trends in law enforcement.

Police were saddened to report the untimely death May 31 of one of their dispatchers, Lee Andrews, at the age of 54. Lee was a dedicated employee and a fine human being and he will be sorely missed by all, Noonan said.

Papers honored at Mass Press dinner

Cohasset Mariner gets honorable mention

Community Newspaper Company's South unit was honored with 16 editorial awards at the Massachusetts Press Association's annual dinner last Thursday at Boston University.

The Cohasset Mariner earned an honorable mention in the spot news category for a story and photograph by editor Mary Ford about a horse that was killed after it threw its rider and tried to bolt across rush-hour traffic on Route 3A last summer.

Of the 16 awards, six were for first place. The company's Rail Revival, a supplement published last September on the return of the Old Colony railroad line, won first place in the special sections category. Other first-place winners included: Braintree Forum editor Cathy Conley in both the editorial writing category and for environmental reporting; editor Helen Graves for a feature published in South Look; editor Alice Coyle in the general news category for the Scituate Mariner; and reporter Sarah Coffey for spot news coverage for the Kingston Mariner.

The Hingham Journal was also honored with a second-place award for general excellence. The Scituate Mariner won an honorable mention in that category.

Additional awards received included: Carey Marden; Sports photo action, Kingston Mariner; Mary Ford; Spot news, Cohasset Mariner; Braintree Forum; Front page, tabloid; Tom Henshaw; Humorous column; Jennifer R. Horan; "Only in Massachusetts," Scituate Mariner; Helen Graves; "Only in Massachusetts," Marshfield Mariner; Weymouth News; Special Section; and Patsy Murray; Feature story, Weymouth News.

"All of the awards represent hard work and dedication on the part of our entire editorial team, from reporters and editors to our photographers, graphic designers and editorial support personnel," said Mark Skala, editor of the South Shore unit of CNC. "These awards are an acknowledgment of commitment and focus we all have been investing in these newspapers. We are only as good as the communities we serve."

The MPA represents some 100 newspapers in the state. More than 75 newspapers entered this most recent contest with the judging conducted by a group of journalists from Canada.



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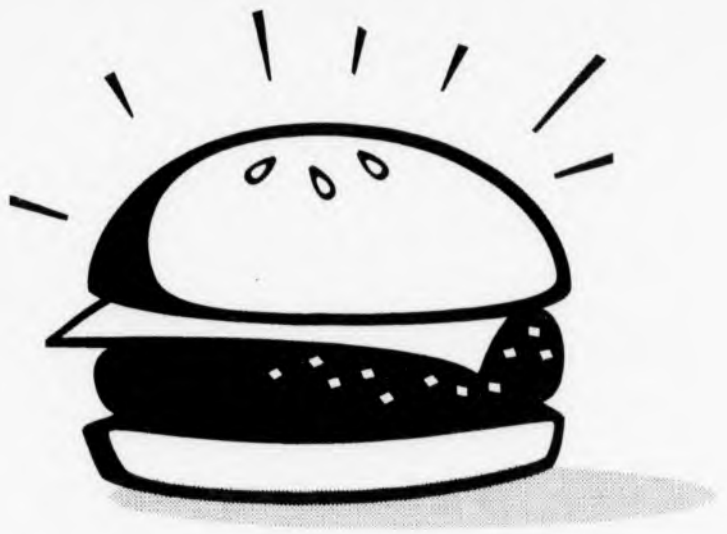
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ON THE LOOK OUT



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Little Guy Scarpaci was on the look out for his aunt, prom-goer Tammy Scarpaci at the pre-prom gala last Wednesday. For more photos, see pages 18 & 19.

HONORS GRADUATE

Colgate University announces that **Marnie DeMichele** graduated "magna cum laude" May 17 with a bachelor of arts. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and graduated with honors in geography. Marnie is the daughter of **Don** and **Sue DeMichele**, who are so very proud of her and her success! We are proud of you, too, Marnie, and now everyone can share the joy with you!

RESPECT FOR OUR FLAG

Received a nice note from **Brenda Litchfield** worthy of sharing: "While reading the Cohasset Mariner this week, I came across the photograph of **Laura Kovach** saluting the flag as the parade passed by. Being a past president of the George M. Mealy Post No. 118 Auxiliary, it pleased me so much. This little girl has been taught well regarding respect for our flag, and I applaud her and her parents. Every day Legion and Auxiliary members stress respect for the flag and it's refreshing to know that some do!"

A COHASSET WELCOME

Let us all give a huge Cohasset welcome to one of our latest newcomers, **Andrew Joseph Rosano**! Andrew was born May 21 at 8:24 a.m. and weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces — his mom and dad, **Gina** and **Mario Rosano,** are so happy, as are his sisters **Laura** and **Melissa** — and his big brother, **Joseph**, 'cause now he won't be "outnumbered." His maternal grandmother is **Matilda Agostino** of Hingham. What a wonderful family, congratulations to you all!

RELAY FOR LIFE

What a wonderful weekend last weekend turned out to be; more than 500 people participated in The Relay for Life, held at Alumni Field on the Charles Davis Track. It was deemed an unqualified success; they relayed their way to raising more than $35,000 for cancer research (all of which goes locally)! It was an emotional evening, full of fun and good will — outstanding! Hopefully everyone took time to "smell the flowers." **Sam Esposito** did a beautiful job planting the bricks and the rock, making it a cheerful and picture-perfect entrance. If by chance you haven't seen this glorious display yet, be sure to do so! And be sure to thank Sammy who has his nursery on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (No. 585).

HATS OFF TO FRANKIE

Congratulations to **Frankie Rosano**, who will graduate from Cohasset High School this Saturday! His parents, **Geraldine** and **Veto**, and sister **Marylou** are proud of him, as are all of his relatives and friends! Here's to a very happy future, Frankie!

COLLEGE GRADUATE

Kudos to **Jessica DeLorenzo** on her recent graduation from Castleton State College in Vermont. Jessica received her degree with a major in elementary education and sociology. She distinguished herself by being selected to Kappa Delta Pi, an Educational Honor Society. Jessica is currently interviewing for an elementary teaching position on the South Shore, and we wish her every success in her efforts!

FEATURED ARTIST

Cynthia Grilli, daughter of **Lesley** and **Don Grilli**, is featured in this month's issue of "American Artist Magazine," and it is a grand article, indeed! Complete with some of her beautiful art work (in oils), it also has her explain how she achieves her creations. Cynthia is a 1992 graduate of Rhode Island School of Design, and a 1994 graduate of New York Academy of Art graduate school; she is now teaching art at St. John's University in Jamaica, N.Y., and in the summer program at the Rhode Island School of Design. To find out more about her work, you can visit her Web site at http://idt.net/~grillart. Do it, her work is absolutely breathtaking!

10TH CHS REUNION

Attention, CHS Class of 1988 graduates — The **Lelecas brothers** (**Mike** and **Nicholas**) are hoping that you are holding a reunion this year, and that you will get in touch with them when you plan it! Michael is with the government's Justice Department at Newark International Airport, and Nicholas is in Tulsa, Okla., an attorney (and a Tulsa University grad.) Please get in touch with them through their dad, **Peter Lelecas**, at 30 Forest Notch, Cohasset, and he will forward all information to them.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Hats off to **Colby R. Lawrence**, daughter of **Dr.** and **Mrs. Robin Lawrence,** who received a bachelor of arts degree from Emory University at its 153rd commencement ceremony May 11.

OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR

Brian Duffy, son of **Rosemary** and **Daniel F.X. Duffy**, has been recognized by the German consulate in Boston for his work at UMass/Amherst. Duffy was recognized for his outstanding scholarship in German courses. He received a certificate and German language book as part of his award. Brian is a member of the Class of 1999, majoring in German and French at the uni-

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'Painters of Boston' comes to Cohasset



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Susan Pope admires Ros Farbush's "Old Dorchester Heights" on exhibit at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

The Paul Pratt Library has brought Boston to Cohasset in a new exhibit entitled "Painters of Boston with Ros Farbush." The show, which has been arranged through the South Shore Art Center, will be on display until July. The featured group of watercolorists meets in the city for a week each summer to paint with renowned Cohasset artist and instructor Ros Farbush, and includes Elizabeth Burke (Hingham), JoAnne Chittick (Cohasset), Patricia McCarthy (Cohasset), Rod Peterson (Malden), Page Railsback (New York City) and Mary Ann Wall (Marshfield).

With a variety of viewpoints and styles — in watercolor, acrylic, and ink and wash, the colorful works depict favorite cityscapes and landmark buildings from Beacon Hill, South Boston, Back Bay and the South End.

MAY I PRESENT

SALLYANN CHATTERTON

Grilled lamb chops for Father's Day

For Father's Day I like to plan ahead to make the meal a special one — this year we will be having an outdoor barbecue. Barbecues seem to cast a happy spell over both young and old (who can resist the tantalizing sight or smell of food sizzling away on the grill?), and nothing sharpens the appetite as quickly. Grilled foods are delicious, easy to fix; fun to eat.

This year I am going to grill lamb chops! They are so tempting, so tender! Select top quality one-to-two inch chops. They should be crusty brown on the outside, juicy and delicately pink on the inside. To test for doneness, make a small slash in the chop near the bone and look at the color of the meat. It should be juicy and have a faint pink color. With the lamb chops I will have baked beans, hot rolls, salad, assorted relishes ... I also put pepper halves, whole tomatoes and onions on the grill at the end of the cooking time.

This baked bean recipe is different from our "typical" New England one, everyone enjoys it!

FATHER'S DAY BAKED BEANS

1 large can B&M kidney beans with juice
1 pkg. frozen lima beans
3 small onions; chopped
2 tbsp. dark Karo syrup
1/2 cup catsup
2 tbsp. vinegar
2 tbsp. brown sugar
2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
salt and pepper to taste

Mix all of the ingredients, bake in a 300-degree oven approximately 2 hours.

For dessert, try a fresh fruit compote with lemon sherbet — use lots of melon and green grapes! Enjoy!

Sallyann
383-0560

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versity, where he also is a Commonwealth scholar in the honors program He graduated from Cohasset High School in 1994.

GIVE ME A CALL

That's the news for this week, hopefully you will all "keep up the good work" in reporting your news to me! Give me a call or drop me a note!

Sallyann Chatterton
383-0560

"THE" RAFFLE!

P.S. Don't forget THE Raffle — A trip for four to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., is the Grand Prize, guaranteed to be enjoyed by all. The Cohasset Youth Baseball Association is holding the raffle; the drawing will be June 13. By the way, the trip includes round-trip airfare, accommodations within the park, and unlimited passes. The second prize is a weekend for two at Jared Coffin House on Nantucket, third prize is $100. Get your tickets now! Call Ginger Byrne (2706), Kathy Horigan (6690), Chris Straughn, Jody Caron (9705), Marie Kelly or Bob Moody (0385). I hope you win!

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Cuts hit close to home

Federal officials are asking people to swallow a bitter pill they claim will improve the financial health of Medicare and balance the federal budget.

What they aren't telling us is that ultimately their plan to slash Medicare costs will have a sickening impact on those who need the funding the most — the elderly, handicapped and homebound.

There's no question fraud and waste abound in many federal programs and we applaud our leaders for looking at where we can reduce excess spending. We might suggest they start with their own budgets for political junkets, like the recent example of how several U.S. Senators attended a weekend-long schmooze fest in Nantucket with Canadian officials. Word from the Senators was they had big meetings and plans to discuss with our neighbors to the north. What they didn't reveal was few meetings, if any, were attended and most were out wining and dining. This, of course, was all on the taxpayers tab — to the tune of $100,000 for the weekend. Now that's excessive.

Instead these same Senators and their peers are more interested in targeting what they call the pork: Medicare. In their zeal to balance the budget many of our esteemed congressmen have lost sight of a few things. They are seeing the budget strictly from a numbers and figures point of view. At least that's what their actions are telling us.

Those of us who have elderly parents and grandparents or a handicapped family member know all too well there is a very real and personal side to this budget story. Cutting Medicare's home health care reimbursement program will have a devastating impact on the South Shore and beyond.

We cared for our elderly grandmother until her fight ended last June. We couldn't have done it without the aid of home health care workers who took the time to care for someone in their final days. Madeleine needed care round-the-clock near the end, unable to complete simple tasks for herself, such as getting up to go to the bathroom, making a meal or putting on her makeup. It was a difficult thing for this proud woman to accept, someone who always took great effort to look and feel her best.

She was fortunate enough to have the resources to pay for care in her home — at the height it was close to $3,000 per week. Her only wish to us was that she remain in her home as long as possible. We were able to honor that wish, thanks to the help of our home health aides. Her system of care was not a perfect one. Some took advantage of her, some even helped themselves to her personal belongings. For the most part, though, she had caring and dedicated home health aides who treated her like family and allowed her to maintain some semblance of dignity to the end. You can't put a price on that.

There are countless other stories we can tell you about people in dire need without the resources to pay for private care. Like the middle-aged woman who is debilitated by MS. She currently receives about $50,000 a year in services, but her local Visiting Nurse Association, under the proposal by Congress, may have to cut her back to about $8,000 per year. The solution: Her husband will have to be trained to take on the added duties the VNA will no longer be able to afford to do.

This latest proposal from Congress dictates no one can be denied service and VNAs can't cut someone off. Yet our Senators are saying they plan to cut Medicare funding for home health care back to 1994 levels. To look at it from a strictly numbers point of view, that would mean, for example, the South Shore Hospital VNA network would have to cut about $4 million out of its $20 million budget. The Norwell VNA had a budget of $1.6 million in 1994 versus $2.8 million in 1997, serving a 15 percent increase in clients from 1994 to 1997.

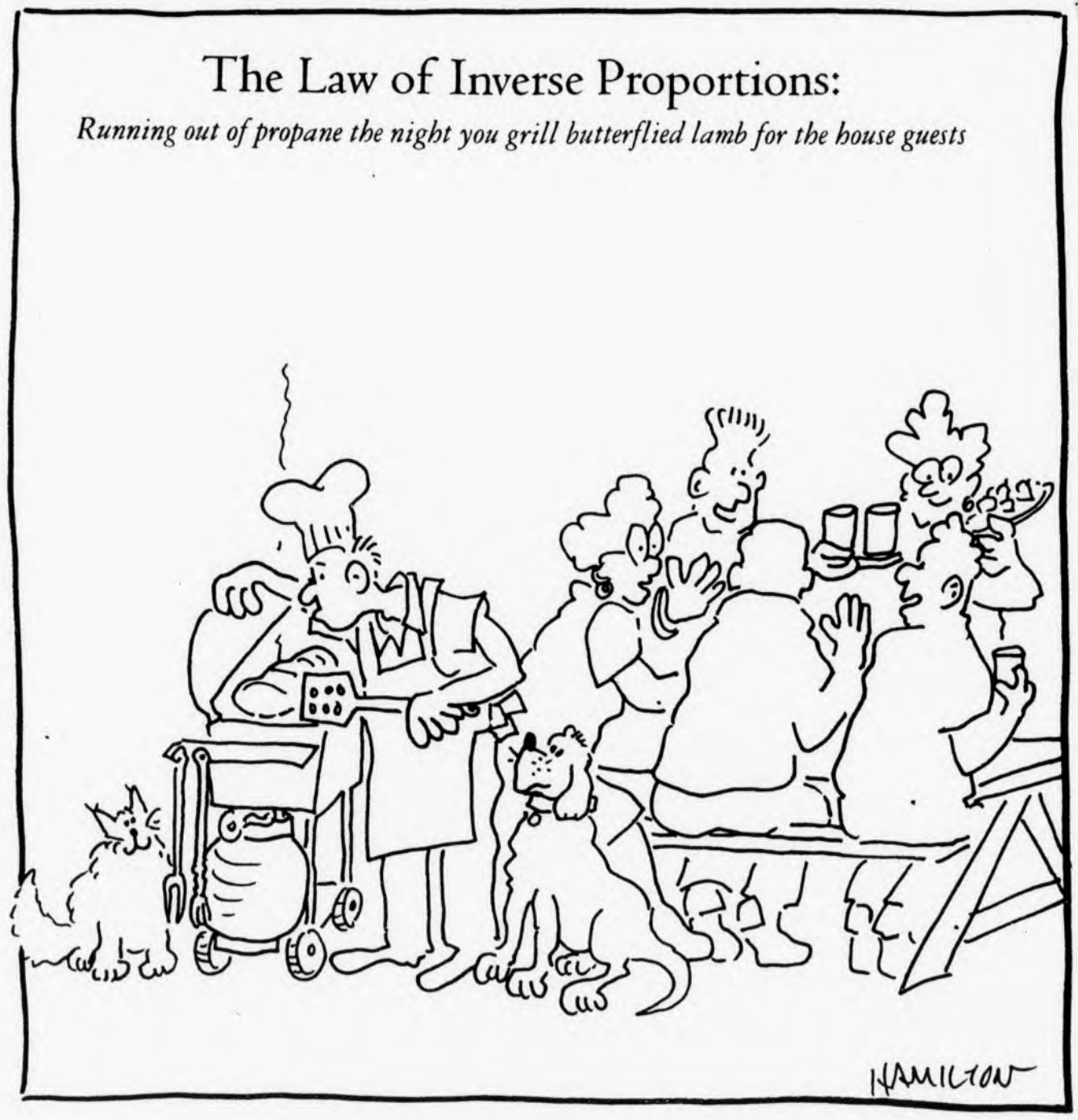
But like we said, this is not just about budgets and figures. This is about the well-being of our parents, grandparents, family and friends. We are all for balancing the budget and cutting fat out of the federal budget, but not at the expense of our loved ones.

There has to be a better way. We urge you to call our Reader Response Line (781-837-4654) and join us in speaking out against these ill-advised cuts in home health care. We need to urge our politicians to think out of the box and come up with more creative solutions. We need to let them know this isn't what we want to happen and they need to follow our directives. They are in Washington to represent our best interests and clearly this can't be in our best interest.

— Mark Skala
Managing Editor

The Law of Inverse Proportions:

Running out of propane the night you grill butterflied lamb for the house guests



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proposal for sewer accord

To the Editor:

This letter is being sent because it is apparent to me and others, that a deepening rift is developing between a group of concerned citizens and the sewer commission as to what is a good and fair course of action for waste water management. It should be pointed out first, that my home is one of those designated by the sewer commission for examination and possible remediation under Title 5.

My proposal is as follows:

1. That the sewer commission's jurisdiction over septic systems be returned or reaffirmed to the Board of Health.

2. That any plans, including projects underway, be reviewed by the selectmen, and that their governance over these projects be re-established and retained.

3. That the Board of Selectmen establish a waste-water commission in support of Mr. R.M. Campbell's idea, which shall have the power to work with the D.E.P. to oversee the quality of our sensitive coast and harbor waters.

In my opinion, the selectmen should have the ultimate authority in the decision-making process so that a true consensus will be achieved.

Robert L. Julian
Jerusalem Road

Osgood School 70th birthday celebration

To the Editor:

I want to take the opportunity to thank all Celebration Committee members for their countless hours of dedication in putting together the Osgood School 70th Birthday Celebration at Harborfest.

Alumni, students, teachers and friends of the school gathered at the Common June 6 to reminisce and exchange stories of days gone by. Class pictures dating back to the 1930s, family trees, memorabilia, and photos of events were displayed under a tent donated by John Corliss.

Special thanks go to Margot Cheel, Derry Schwantner, and their assistant Faith Bowker Maloney for collecting, reproducing and organizing the pho-

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Planning council tackles important regional issues

MY VIEW

MARTHA GJESTBY

Since 1981 I have been the MAPC representative from Cohasset. The regional planning agencies (there are 13 in Massachusetts) help the communities to orderly develop land use, infrastructure, housing, economic development and zoning. These councils also comment to the Mass. Environmental Protection Agency (MEPA) on Environmental notification projects (ENF) and Environmental reviews (EIR) if significant for a city or town.

When I became a representative the area of transportation was my initial interest. Our immediate task was the EIR for the Central Artery/Third Harbor tunnel. We approved the report with suggestions and an oversight committee was established. In conjunction with the project, Secretary Hoyt of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) established a mitigation committee to study the feasibility of restoration of the Old Colony commuter rail to help him with the environmental decision. I was selected as a regional representative to the committee. After Plymouth and Middleboro lines were approved, a new committee was established to study the Greenbush line. We are still in existence but we are waiting for the Army Corps report to continue our work for Secretary Coxe. Note — We comment only on the material presented to us by the MBTA and not on the merits of the project.

At the same time, I was elected to the executive committee of MAPC for a 10-year period. I also served as treasurer, asst. treasurer and secretary for the organization. We went to national and regional meetings and many of the ideas of regional cooperation I have shared with the town.

Through the years there have been many local projects — Sunrise assisted living, docks at the Cohasset Yacht Club and the Roy estate in Cohasset Harbor, and recently the harbor dredging for example. These have been reviewed by some of our boards and myself as to the environmental concerns.

In 1990, MAPC presented its Metro 2000 plan for land use in the Boston region. This report comprised of several years' work. One of the concepts in the reports is the Concentrated Development Centers (CDC) for cities and towns. Quincy was recently approved as a CDC, and perhaps Cohasset Village as well as 3A business area could be considering the future. I was part of the task force that worked on the Metro 2000 project.

Within the last few years, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was expanded to allow cities and towns more say in transportation projects using federal funds. Cities and town representatives are elected and partake in this approval of projects to be funded. The Beechwood culvert is a project for Cohasset.

The Cohasset Heights landfill EIR has been one of the most widely reviewed in MEPA's history. Not only did town boards, but many citizens and surrounding towns review the application initially until the final EIR was approved. The many issues of expansion, height variance, and wetlands violations are in the purview of the Board of Health, Conservation Commission and Board of Appeal. These boards have protected us.

The Sewer Commission's sewer plan for the Central district did not receive the same scrutiny by Cohasset town boards. The final report was commented by the Board of Health. If all the town boards had commented on the draft EIR and citizens had been more informed of the process, the citizens could have affected changes for the better. The Attorney General would not have had to step in and order the town to sewer the Lily Pond areas and test the Little Harbor area water for sewerage. I reviewed and submitted comments on the Cohasset Heights Landfill and Central sewer districts EIRS.

The future is bright for Cohasset. Water service, continual maintenance, mitigation of the Greenbush line, renovation of school buildings, sewering of 3A business area (proximity to Lily Pond) and the impending dredging of the harbor — all are projects that are needed in the next 10 years. To be successful the boards of the town must allow the voters ample time to discuss the costs and benefits of each one.

It is with bittersweet feeling the time has come to resign as MAPC representative for Cohasset.

Eliminating obfuscatory language

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



President Bill Clinton has named Vice President Al Gore to lead the charge against obfuscation in government.

"The federal government's writing must be in plain language," said Bill in a memo. "By using plain language. We send a clear message about what the government is doing, what it requires, and what services it offers."

By next October, the president decreed, all new government documents must be written in "plain language" and by the year 2002 all documents written before October will have to be rewritten.

Good luck to them.

Jimmy Carter tried it in 1978 with Executive Order #12044 requiring that all federal regulations be written in plain English.

That was five years before the Department of Energy came up with this doozie:

"Nothing in these regulations precludes the secretary or his delegate from designating information not specifically described in this regulation as unclassified unclear information."

Or the State Department said that it would no longer use the word "killing" in its human rights reports but would substitute the phrase "unlawful or arbitrary deprivation of life."

"We found the term 'killing' too broad and have substituted the more precise, if more verbose, 'unlawful or arbitrary deprivation of life,'" said Elliott Abrams, the assistant secretary for human rights.

Abrams was the same civil servant who admitted he lied to Congress during the Iran/Contra hearings because he "wasn't authorized to tell the truth."

Or figure out what they said in this report from the U. S. Department of Education:

"In other words, feediness is the shared information between the toputness, where toputness is a time just prior to the inputness."

Or the plaintive correction offered by Col. David Opfer, air attache in Cambodia in 1974, when reporters unwittingly described the dropping of explosives from airplanes in flight as "bombing."

"You always write it's bombing, bombing, bombing. It's not bombing. It's air support."

Or Alexander Haig when he was secretary of state, describing the murder of three American nuns in El Salvador:

"I'd like to suggest to you that some of the investigation would lead one to believe that perhaps the vehicle the nuns were riding in may have tried to run a roadblock, or may have accidentally have been perceived as having been doing so, and there'd been an exchange of fire and then perhaps those who inflicted the casualties sought to cover it up.

"And this could have been at a very low level of both competence and motivation in the context of the issue itself. But the facts on this are not clear enough for anyone to draw a definite conclusion."

Any questions?

The Pentagon is famous for such obfuscatory phrases, like "collateral damage" for dead civilians, or "terminated with extreme prejudice" for someone who has just been killed.

Or the nuclear power industry, which describes an explosion as "energetic disassembly," a fire as "rapid oxidation," and an accident as an "unscheduled event" or a "normal aberration."

Walter Dernberger, who was in charge of the Germans' Peenemunde Rocket Research Institute in World War II, said he got better cooperation on requisitions to Berlin when he spoke a language the bureaucrats could understand.

So a pencil sharpener became "an appliance for milling wooden dowels up to 10 millimeters in diameter" and a typewriter "an instrument for recording test data with rotating roller."

Perhaps when Bill and Al are through with the bureaucrats on the home turf they could convert some of corporate America to plain English, too.

Like the National Airlines folks who described the demise of one of its planes as the "involuntary conversion of a 747."

It meant that it crashed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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tographs that so many people enjoyed. Sally Sisson, Marian Atkinson, Kathy Hernberg, Libby Pompeo, Marie Price and Ann Stenbeck worked diligently on publicity, Susan Sadler and Heidi Salerno on set-up and decorations, Cynthia Hurley on flowers, and Grace Evans on coordinating the refreshments donated by the Osgood parents.

Thanks also to Betsy Ogden for the display of Osgood students' artwork in the tent donated by Polly Logan, and to Principal Marilee Cantelmo and Osgood teachers for hosting the party under Hap Pompeo's tent.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Libby Pompeo, Class of 1937, for sharing her memories of attending the Joseph Osgood School. She continues to keep the 'Osgood Spirit' alive!

Thank you to the Harborfest Committee for helping to make the Osgood 70th Birthday Celebration a memorable event.

We hope to see many community members, families, students and friends at the opening of the new Joseph Osgood School.

Rose Collins
Chairman
Osgood 70th Birthday Celebration

Comments on library proposal

TO TOWN OFFICIALS AND LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Regarding your recent summary in the Cohasset Mariner of needs for the Cohasset Public Library, I submit the following:

Needs: Why did Library Trustees abandon two branch libraries, i.e. N. Cohasset and Beechwood Branch? Was this long-range planning?

Solution: If space for computers and video library is needed, consider a reading room and video library by renting or purchasing the Samuel Bates House in downtown Cohasset. This would give volume and pedestrian traffic a perfect place to browse with meeting rooms etc. This also would re-vitalize the downtown area. Keep Paul Pratt Library noting its historic background. The Town of Cohasset has lost too many of its historic assets.

Reasons regarding re-use of Osgood School:

It was voted at Town Meeting to put this school back on tax rolls to help with upcoming debt costs. Also, in the Town Warrant, Capital Long Range items are listed by priority and town officials should follow the procedure. Our tax rate is sky-rocketing and will continue to do so.

Networking for library should take the following into consideration:

Old Colony Network now in operation for new books and requests.

Fact, all Cohasset schools have librarians and libraries.

All schools are being computerized with Networking available.

Reasoning in Library Article in Mariner:

"Space needs for library conversion to computers."

In conclusion, I would state that I am a constant reader at the library and as a child, the Beechwood Branch was my biggest joy. Noting that my number was 1191, I availed myself of any and all it had to offer.

I also believe that the mandate of Town Meeting should be adhered to and the proposal should be for Senior Housing, which does have a need and priority. If the Trustees would consider my solution, both uses could be taken care of.

Nancy Snowdale
52 Mill Ln.

Editor's note: Mrs. Snowdale provided the Mariner with a copy of her letter for publication.

Brown's efforts appreciated

MS. ROSEANN MCMORRIS
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

I want to let you know that one of your colleagues on the board performed beyond the call of duty. We certainly appreciated his efforts and wanted you to know about it.

On Sunday, I went to the Recycling Facility to purchase my permit, and I left my car registration in the RTF office. I only realized I left it there after the RTF was closed. I tracked down the employee, who remembered that he left it on the desk. Although the office would next be open Wednesday, I could, he indicated, call the DPW, which could open the RTF Monday.

However, in checking with the Police Dept., I found I really shouldn't be driving without my registration, and I called Merle Brown, who arranged to meet me at the RTF, and he opened the door so I could get the registration.

We certainly appreciated what Merle did. We always realized he was a nice person, but his willing to help exemplified the small-town, willing to provide extra service that we hope continues to be a characteristic of Cohasset. We want to thank him again, and we think you should be proud of the service provided by your colleague.

Arthur S. Morgenstern
7 Linden Dr.

Editor's note: this letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

Government Island improvement project

DEAR HAROLD (LITCHFIELD) AND CREW:

The overall job you and your crew did is great. I could almost say "perfect," but is anything perfect? Yes, I'll list the jobs done.

1. The blacktopping of the wharf, parking area and road came out very well. It needed it badly as you well know.

2. The establishment of parking spaces by striping will help in parking more vehicles and, of course, the spot for the handicapped was essential.

3. The granite blocks along the park will last forever vs. the railroad ties and they look good, too.

4. The new chains and links around the templates had to be done and your crew did the job right.

5. The small circle near the Sailing Club needed attention badly and you did it. The Cape Cod berm around it with added loam and the rocks will hopefully keep it for walking and sitting instead of parking.

6. The new railroad ties along by the Replica keep the Government Island Park in its natural state as much as possible.

7. The stone platform for the bell needed trimming and recementing and someone of your crew did it well — it looks good.

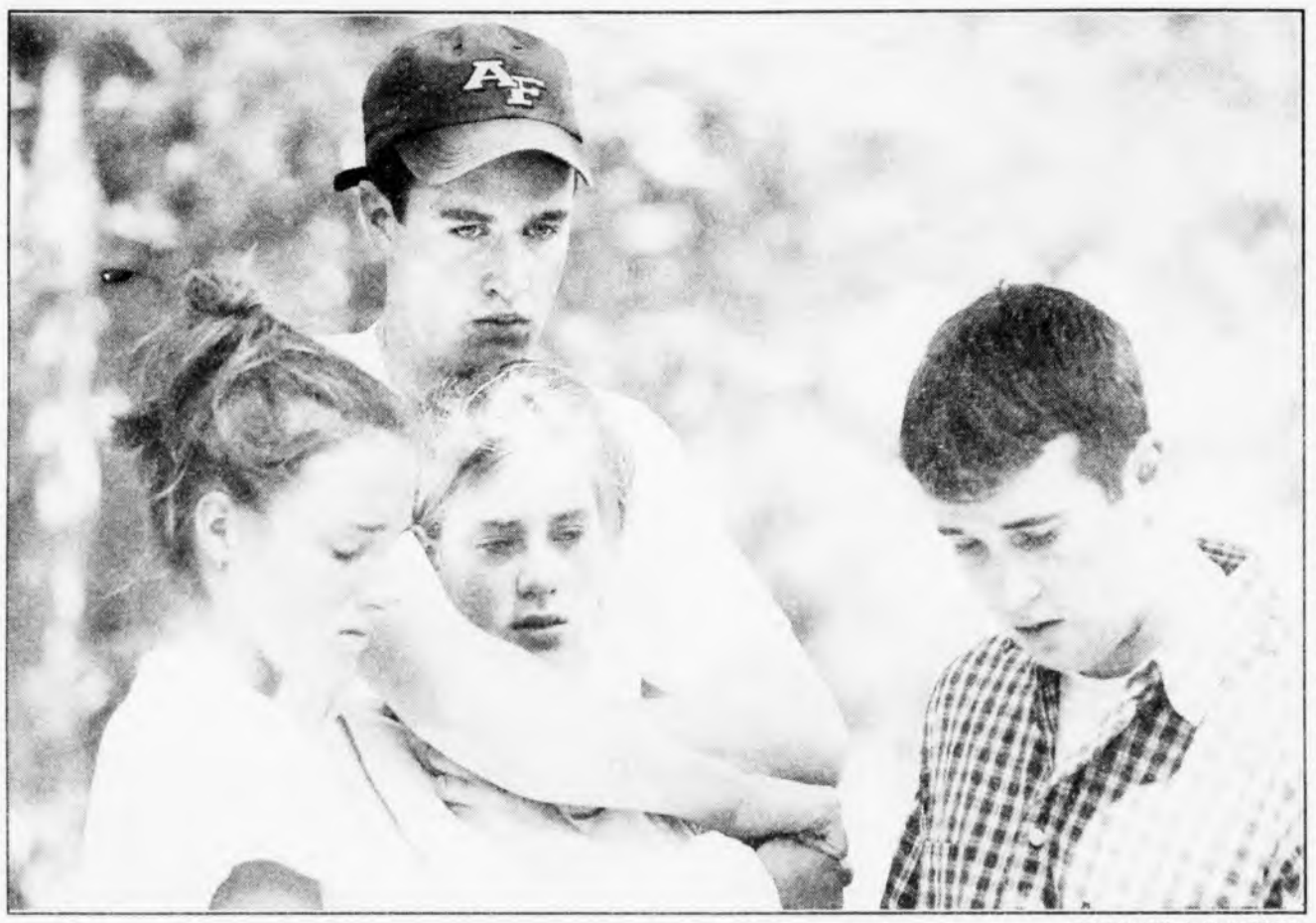
There were probably other miscellaneous jobs done as part of the overall, overdue repair and renovation of Cohasset's "Diamond in the Rough" — Government Island. Let me know what I left out.

Thank you for a job well done from the Government Island Study Committee. Yes and from the town too.

Hamilton T. Tewksbury, Chairman
Government Island Study Committee

Editor's note: Mr. Tewksbury provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter for publication.

Class mourns loss of Bourke Corcoran



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Anguish and loss are seen on the faces of Cohasset teens who came to remember their friend Bourke Corcoran.

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lacrosse team. He also put in four years as a basketball referee working with youngsters through the recreation department. Corcoran planned to attend Endicott College in the fall but seemed ambivalent about leaving Cohasset. The school had meant something special to him.

"Cohasset meant a lot to Bourke," DeLorenzo said. For instance, on Seniors Day, after everyone left the building, DeLorenzo found Corcoran sitting by himself behind a table at the end of the corridor.

"I'm really sad," Corcoran told him. "I don't want to leave this place."

When DeLorenzo saw a "little tear" in Corcoran's eye, he gave the boy a hug and reassured him people have to go in different directions.

"It was good for both of us," he said.

He also remembered talking to Corcoran the same day he died. DeLorenzo's voice wavered when he remembered saying he would see him "in the morning and stuff." Corcoran is the first student to die in DeLorenzo's 12 years at Cohasset High. It is a record that shows the kind of effort the school has made to keep the prom nights and graduation parties safe.

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But effort did not seem to matter now. DeLorenzo went to Sandy Beach to be with the students at 8 a.m. yesterday. Sandy Beach is the place the students always go when something happens, bad or good, according to guidance counselor Mary Babaian.

"If you know anything about this community, you know it's the meeting place. The kids go to Sandy Beach when they get their driver's licenses," she said or when they want to think.

Many of Corcoran's friends went there to grieve and remember. Few seniors stayed at school. Others wandered alone down Pond Street, fighting back tears.

"We were hugging each other and crying," said Rob Buckley, 18, one of several who made the trip to the beach. He knew Corcoran since second grade, although they had gone separate ways the last year at Cohasset High. It was Buckley's neighbor who called 911 shortly after 11 p.m. His mother heard the crash and ran to the neighbor for help.

Atherton was also on the beach. There were counselors trying to help the students deal with their feelings. Most students were in shock, according to principal Curtis Collins. Collins, who looked grim and sad, said a number of the town's religious leaders and counselors arrived at school by 7 a.m. The school followed the crisis intervention plan. Ironically, the administration had just retooled the procedures this year.

"We were right on top of that," he said. "But it doesn't help."

The seniors voted to cancel the class awards night which was scheduled for Wednesday. Instead, the school cafeteria will stay open for people who want to come in and talk. Funeral arrangements for Corcoran are supposed to be decided by Thursday afternoon, according to the McNamara Sparrell funeral home. The telephone number is 383-0200.

Cohasset High seniors, only a few days ago, were ready to be off on separate adventures full of the ambition the young bring to a world to be conquered. Their yearbook teemed with familiar quotations about self-reliance and courage such as these words of F. Scott Fitzgerald.

"The world exists only in your eyes—your conception of it, you can make it as big or small as you want it to be." But Corcoran wrote a quotation for himself, referring to his reputation for always being right..

"Even when I'm wrong, I get my point across," it read. Ironically, he mentioned dying when he wrote down his thoughts about leaving Cohasset High.

"In the event of my demise, when my heart can bear no more, I hope I die for a principle or belief I have lived for."

Tragic accident

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road."

Police hoped they had escaped the prom and graduation season without any major accidents after the prom was trouble-free, Noonan said.

"We were just happy everybody made it through prom night," he said.

PALS Officer Lisa Matos, who works with students throughout the year, said the department provides extensive education about drinking and driving but not much on the dangers of speeding. Officers will call parents of teenagers pulled over for speeding, she said, to try to prevent them from continued offenses.

Corcoran was a member of the lacrosse team for two years. He planned to play lacrosse when he entered Endicott College this fall.

He had one sister, Elizabeth, 20.



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Bourke Corcoran and his prom date, Kate Stone, at last week's pre prom gala.



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Town to lobby for Greenbush train mitigation

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the Greenbush Mitigation Committee — appointed by selectmen to negotiate with the MBTA — laid the situation out in a joint meeting with both boards this week.

"Talking mitigation with the T is like talking to this desk," said mitigation chairman Tom Gruber, asking for guidance on what strategy to pursue.

"We need to turn to you to find out what you would like to have us do under these conditions."

Selectmen Merle Brown and Tom Callahan — who oppose the train — did not need much push to suggest Cohasset join Hingham in actively opposing the project. That view was supported by mitigation committee members Michael Dick and Martin Corry.

(Hingham selectmen are unanimous in their opposition to the train which they say will destroy the town's historic square which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Hingham has a lawsuit pending which alleges the T is paying for the Greenbush line only with state dollars to skirt the federal government's stricter environmental regulations which click in when historic places are impacted by projects funded by federal dollars).

Dick, a mitigation committee member, suggested Cohasset first seek help from the legislature to get additional money for mitigation measures.

"We cannot be asked to provide land for the railroad and get one house with full (noise) mitigation, eight with partial mitigation and no help with flooding," said Dick, adding the only thing the town gets in return is transportation to Boston and higher property values.

"That's not enough in my opinion for what we will have to deal with."

Peter Guldberg of Tech Environmental, which prepared the report, challenged many of the T's conclusions in its environmental impact report.

He said the T did not add in the pollution from diesel locomotives when it calculated the air quality benefits of removing cars from the highway.

Guldberg said the T also overstated the air quality benefits of the railroad by using an average speed of 20 mph to calculate the pollution caused by cars when in reality cars travel faster than that along Routes 3 and 3A. The more slowly cars travel, the more pollution they cause, he said.

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TOM GRUBER,

MITIGATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

He explained that while federal regulations will soon require cleaner commercial diesel locomotives, urban rail lines will have longer to comply.

Guldberg also challenged the T's method of determining the impact of noise along the railroad right of way. He explained the T used the federal standard of averaging the decibel level over 24 hours. He said that method works well for urban rail lines that get a lot of traffic but skews the results for a line like Greenbush.

Guldberg said the T should put down a concrete rather than asphalt base where ballast mats are used to lessen vibration. He said federal guidelines recommend the use of concrete in these areas and the town can point to those guidelines in its negotiations with the T.

Gruber, the mitigation committee chairman, said he was not pleased with the T's response to the town's request for flood impact calculations, which were promised but not received. He said the T said the "kiss and ride" drop off on North Main Street which would include a pedestrian access to the station is not a dead issue as the committee had hoped. And now the MBTA is arguing with the state Department of Environmental Protection over the Sohier Street well fields, which abut the right of way.

Selectman Callahan said while he supported the lobbying effort with the goal of getting more attention and more money for mitigation, the bottom line even if those efforts are successful may come down to supporting or opposing the train.

"We may be put in the position of facing the decision of whether we want it or not," he said.

But Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said the board must stay focused on the task at hand.

"If the train is coming through, then we must do everything we can to mitigate its effects," she said.



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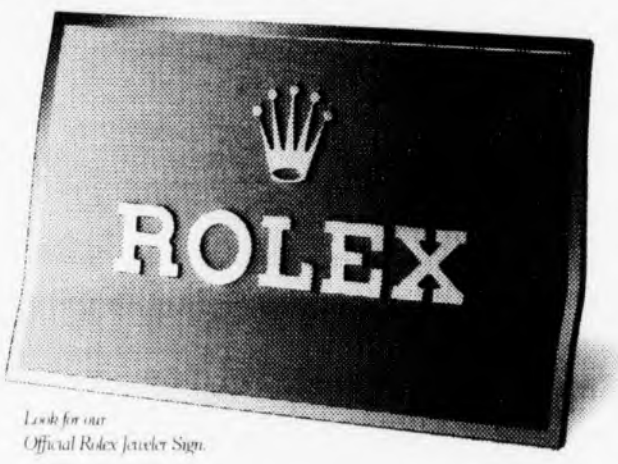
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Losing patients over home health care cuts

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ject out like ragged mountain peaks.

"I got this taking care of him," she says, as she shows the nurse her ravaged back.

Worse yet, Mattie's voice dwindled to a mere whisper about six months ago. By the end of the day, he's exhausted from trying to communicate and she's exhausted from trying to hear what he's saying.

"It's frustrating,' he says.

Parkinson's is a chronic, progressive disease. Millie doesn't want to think what the future holds if she becomes too frail to help her husband get in and out of his wheelchair.

"I hate to think about it," she says. "I don't think about it."

Another challenge lurks in Mattie's near future. After four years serving his country in time of war and 37 years toiling to maintain Boston's schools, Mattie has discovered the federal government wants to balance Medicare's budget by imposing a cap on the amount of money home health care providers can receive for taking care of him and other patients.

The cost-containment method chosen by the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, caps reimbursement for each patient at a percentage of the agency's 1993-94 budget. Although South Shore agencies have yet to receive official notification of their maximum reimbursement level per patient, similar agencies in other parts of the country have been told they must serve even the most challenging patients for no more than $1,500 to $4,000. (See related story.)

According to Meg Doherty, executive director of Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, some of the patients on her roster cost as much as $50,000 a year to maintain at home. And the fallout is already happening. On May 7, Easter Seals of Massachusetts announced it could not afford to provide home health care services with such unreasonable cuts.

Life, for Mattie, already has dwindled to the size of the small summer cottage on the South Shore they winterized and moved to four years ago when it became impossible for him to maneuver the stairs in their South Boston home. Getting outside is a production — Mattie must move from his wheelchair to a walker to traverse the step separating the dining room from the back entry and a shallow flight of stairs leading outdoors.

Getting to bed is an even greater challenge. Together they position his wheelchair near his bed. Millie struggles to push him up out of the chair as best she can.

"I fall right in," he says. "She straightens my legs out and covers me with the blankets."

Most of his days are spent watching television and talking with Millie. On weekends, he looks forward to spending time with the two of their six children who live nearby.

The man who once prided himself on his ability to "fix anything," now relies on a cadre of home health aides who come five days a week to assist him with the activities he once took for granted, things like showering, shaving and getting dressed. On the weekends, he must ask his son to handle that duty. A visiting nurse comes once a week to check his blood pressure and monitor his health.

It's hard to put a price tag on continuity of care. Sometimes symptoms are subtle. An older patient doesn't experience the crushing chest pain that alerts middle-aged men they are having a heart attack.

"I start to lose my breath," explains Adolph Wacker, 84, a home health care patient living in Scituate.

A visiting nurse checks Wacker once a week, looking for clues that would show whether trouble is looming.

Wacker had five heart attacks, including a cardiac arrest, within a 15-month span. He also has a pace maker to regulate his heart rhythm. The hands that once deftly wielded butcher's knives tremble uncontrollably from Parkinson's disease. Wacker also suffers from diabetes. He's tethered to an oxygen pump because of chronic obstructive lung disease that leaves him vulnerable to pneumonia.

His rapid decline made it necessary for Wacker and his now-deceased wife, Stephanie, to leave his Connecticut home and move in with their daughter, Barbara Steiglitz.

"It was obvious he couldn't go home and care for my mother any more," Steiglitz says.

Steiglitz couldn't do it alone, either. A registered nurse, Steiglitz works three days a week for a long-term care facility in Dorchester. Although her mother, who suffered from advanced Parkinson's disease, could be left alone for short periods of time at first, it didn't last long.

"She wandered," she said. "She would get to the end of the driveway and wouldn't know how to get back to the house – and there's a swamp across the street and conservation land that goes almost to Norwell."

At the end, both Stephanie's mind and body failed badly.

"She needed total care," Steiglitz said. "She was in diapers, she was senile and she could barely walk."

Steiglitz put together a patchwork of family care, home health services and what Wacker himself calls "my private baby-sitter" to keep the two of them safe and healthy.

Stephanie Wacker died Sept. 27, just a week shy of their 59th wedding anniversary.

Wacker says they met when a fire alarm went off.

"She asked me what happened," he recollected. "We got to talking, I walked her home. We started dating and a year later we got married."

The two were very close, he says. It remains a marvel to him, perhaps because his father died when he was two, his mother when he was seven.

"My brothers and sisters took care of me until I was 16. Then I was on my own," he explains. "We got married when I was 24."

Wacker is a favorite with his caregivers.

Home Health Aide Anne Marie Foley comes two mornings a week. She helps Wacker get up and dressed, brings him downstairs and makes his breakfast. The two of them swap recipe tips.

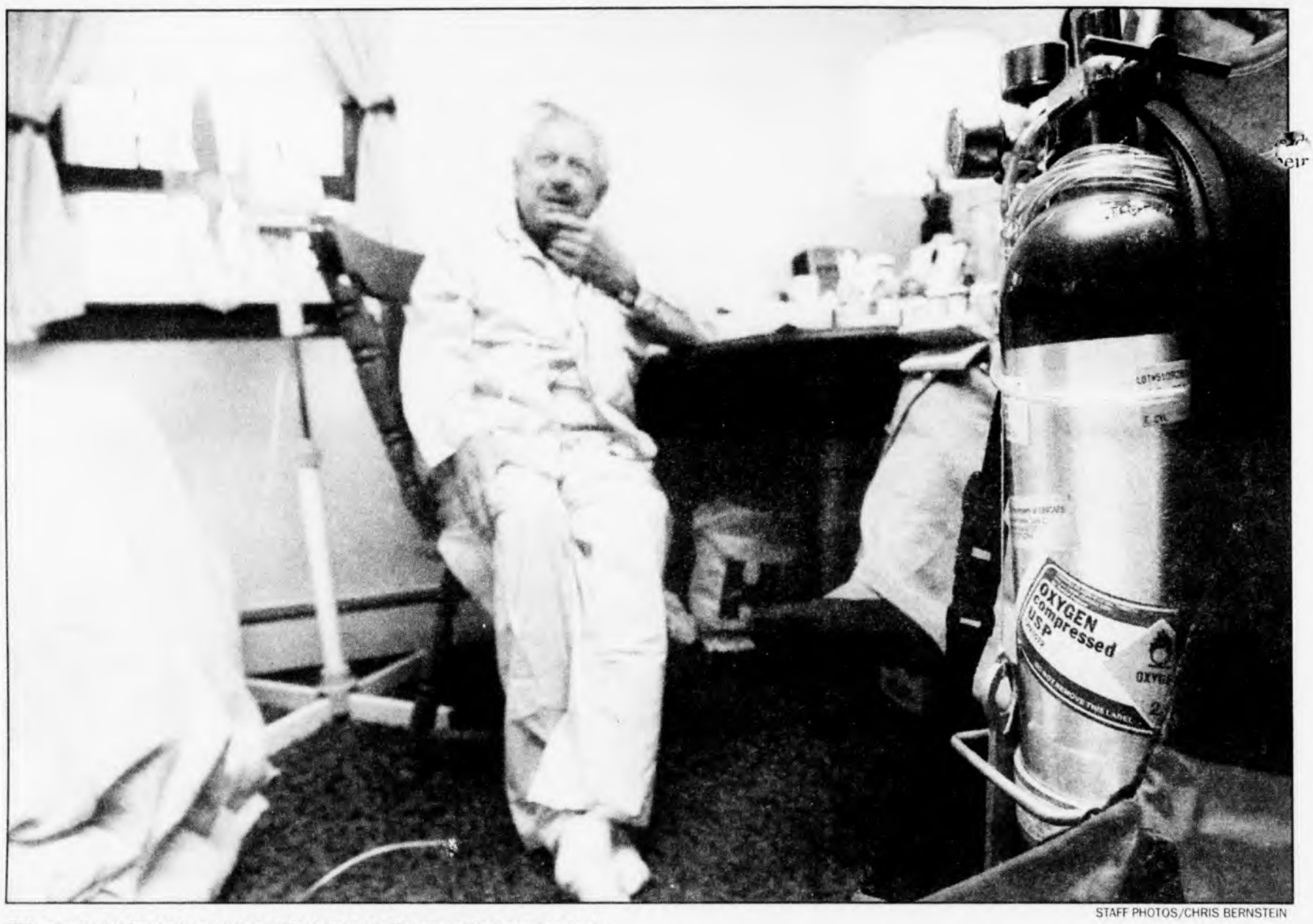
"He's an incredible cook," Foley says. "His soups are wonderful. I'm trying to get him to write a cook book."

A male home health aide, Frank Serra, comes once a week to help Wacker shower. Although Wacker would like to have a shower more frequently, especially in the hot, humid season, Medicare won't cover the costs because he isn't incontinent.

The combination of lung disease and Parkinson's makes him increasingly frail.

"I try to walk up to the end of the

HOME HEALTH next page



STAFF PHOTOS/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

Thin plastic tubing tethers Adolph Wacker to his life-sustaining oxygen tank.

Hospital hotline answers the call

Concerned? Confused? Not sure how federal cuts to Medicare will impact your home health care?

The South Shore Hospital Visiting Nurse Association, in conjunction with Community Newspaper Company, has set up a hotline (781-794-7813) to answer your questions and concerns. A panel of experts will be manning the phone line on Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. to provide you with answers to some of your questions or encourage advocacy on the issue.

South Shore Hospital VNA says it will have knowledgeable people standing by to help. The hotline number is: 781-794-7813.

SICK DAYS
home health care in crisis



Prescription and over-the-counter medications line the table in Adolph Wacker's Scituate bedroom.

Numbers in need

Agency	Daily Case Load	Current Budget	After Cuts
Norwell VNA *(also serves Scituate and surrounding towns)*	200-250	$2.8 million	$2.1 million (estimate)
South Shore VNA	NA	$20 million	$16 million (estimate)
Affiliated Community VNA *(services Hingham, Pembroke, Rockland, Abington, Marshfield, HAlifax, Bridgewater, Carver, Milton, Whitman, Hanson and surrounding towns)*	950	N/A	N/A
Cura VNA *(services Duxbury, Kingston, Plymouth, Carver, Wareham)*	300	N/A	N/A

In all of Massachusetts 200,000 Medicare or private pay clients are serviced by 174 agencies

Government looks to slash billions

By Alison Cohen
STAFF WRITER

People who administer and oversee home health care on the South Shore believe elderly and disabled citizens who rely on Medicare will pay the price for the federal government's plan to slash as much as $4.2 billion in home health care expenditures.

The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, implemented a pair of cost-containment schemes that could drive home health care providers out of business. On May 7, Easter Seals of Massachusetts announced plans to drop its home health services to disabled clients, claiming HCFA's Draconian cutbacks make it impossible to provide services to people with disabilities, chronic medical conditions and complex medical problems without raiding its budget for other essential services.

HCFA's Administrator Nancy-Ann Min DeParle took a meat cleaver to the home health care budget, ostensibly to comply with the requirements of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 which is intended to curb spiraling costs in the Medicare budget. Under the old payment system, home health agencies were reimbursed according to their costs.

DeParle implemented a complicated payment scale that holds home health care agencies to a percentage of their 1994 budget.

Under this scheme, home health agencies will receive a maximum per beneficiary limit calculated by taking 75 percent of their 1994 budget less two percent and adding to it 25 percent of the region's average cost per patient in the same period. The agency will be required to reimburse the federal government for any costs above this limit.

This blunderbuss approach to cost-containment favors agencies that spent money willy-nilly five years ago, and hits frugal agencies in regions with moderate costs – such as New England – hardest.

According to Meg Doherty, executive director of the Visiting Nurse Association of Norwell, the per beneficiary limit makes no sense for an industry that provides services to an ever-increasing population of frail elders and disabled persons with increasingly debilitating conditions.

"Our budget was $1.6 million in 1994," Doherty said. "In 1997, we served 15 percent more patients than in 1994 and our budget was up to $2.8 million."

The Norwell VNA isn't the only South Shore agency facing daunting cuts.

"South Shore Visiting Nurse Association . . . will see an annual reduction in reimbursements of at least $4 million on a $20 million base," said David T. Hannon, president and chief executive officer of South Shore Hospital.

Most every VNA and agency providing home health care expects to have to cut their budget by 25 percent. In Massachusetts, that will impact more than 200,000 people who rely on Medicare or private pay to get home health care provided by 174 agencies in the commonwealth.

Cura Visiting Nurse Association, which serves patients in Duxbury, Kingston, Plympton, Carver, Plymouth and Wareham, also expects the cuts to impact more than 300 patients, 85 percent of whom rely on Medicare coverage .

Hannon said the "devastating impact" of the Balanced Budget Act on health care, particularly home health care, is just starting to be felt across the Commonwealth.

"In Massachusetts, home health care is essential," Hannon noted in a guest column he wrote last week. "Without it, thousands of frail, ill and injured people might not get help or would have to leave their homes for much more expensive options, such as nursing homes. And yet, the federal government will spend $100 million less on home health care this year in Massachusetts by cutting visits to the homes of the sick and dying."

HCFA's new policies put home health care providers in an incredible Catch-22 bind. Unable to reduce their costs by reducing the level of care or "cherry picking" just the least expensive patients, home health care providers like the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association must find a way to absorb a tremendous amount of uncompensated care or go out of business.

"I have one client that costs as much as $50,000 a year to serve, but I may be required to provide that same level of services for only $8,000 or less," Doherty explains.

Laying off nurses, aides and therapists isn't an option – it would make it that much harder and more expensive to serve an unchanged patient count.

Lawsuits have been filed in at least three states and the District of Columbia seeking to block the funding caps, hearings in two are set for early June.

Attorneys in Oklahoma, Texas, Vermont and Washington, D.C. have filed federal class action lawsuits seeking to enjoin the HCFA from implementing the new payment schedule. Preliminary injunction hearings are scheduled for early June in Vermont and Texas.

Hannon said some skeptics think the federal government is trying to force people into nursing homes since Medicaid kicks in when all personal assets are depleted, and half of Medicaid is paid for by states. "One of the most devastating impacts is the increased likelihood that frail seniors living alone and people with chronic health conditions will be admitted to nursing homes."

HCFA itself concedes that more than 90 percent of all home health agencies will be reimbursed less than their costs. They have yet to explain how those agencies will survive the short-funding.

Care cuts run deep

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driveway and back for exercise," he says. "I have to stop twice on the way up. And I can't talk and walk at the same time or I run out of breath."

Falling is an ever-present risk because Parkinson's disease affects both balance and gait.

"He fell in February and cracked his sternum," says his daughter. "I really have to hire someone to be here when I'm not home."

Wacker is philosophical about his own failing health.

"As long as you know your own capabilities, you get along pretty good. You have to accept the idea you can't do what you used to do. If you don't you go nuts and you end up in the hospital any way."

As Wacker's health inevitably deteriorates, his daughter promises to advocate for the services he needs. And as long as there is a Medicare certified home health care agency providing services in Scituate, he'll continue to get what he needs.

That's the kicker.

Home health agencies aren't run on volunteer power. Without a realistic reimbursement schedule to pay the nurses, therapists and home health aides for services delivered, those agencies say they cannot continue in business.

The U.S. Congressional delegation from Massachusetts hopes to derail the new system before it drives any more home health care agencies out of the business. Rep. James P. McGovern, D-Worcester, and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy have filed companion bills in the House and Senate to address the problem.

SICK DAYS

The bills will delay the effective date of the caps until Oct. 1, 1998, to allow time for agencies to adjust to the system. Additionally, the bills change the base year for calculating benefit limits from 1994 to 1995.

"This change means that payments will more accurately reflect the type of home care that is currently delivered," explains Kennedy.

In testifying about his bill, McGovern has said that the one in 10 Medicare beneficiaries who use home health care services are "poorer, sicker, more often female, more likely to live alone, and have more mobility problems than the Medicare population generally. Approximately 25 percent of these 'frail elderly' in Massachusetts are over age 85."



Adolph Wacker shares his life story and medical history with Meg Doherty, executive director of the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association that provides his home health care services.



Adolph Wacker reminisces about the small house he built on the shores of his favorite pond before heart disease, Parkinson's disease, emphysema and diabetes ended his trout-fishing days.

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Let your voice and opinions be heard on the effort by Congress to balance the federal budget by cutting Medicare's home health care program. We encourage our political leaders to find measures to cut federal spending, but not at the hands of those who may need it most. We want them to exhibit some courage and make hard choices on what needs to be cut — those programs and initiatives that will have minimal impact our elderly, infirmed and those most in need.

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Taking the 90's in stride







Top left, Jeanette Sommervile and Gertrude Young reminisce during the 90-plus birthday party.

Top right, former Osgood School principal Catherine Mulcahy salutes the over-90 year olds at the event sponsored by the senior center.

At right, Sil "Babe" Trot laughs with CEA director Kathy Bryanton (not shown) at the party.

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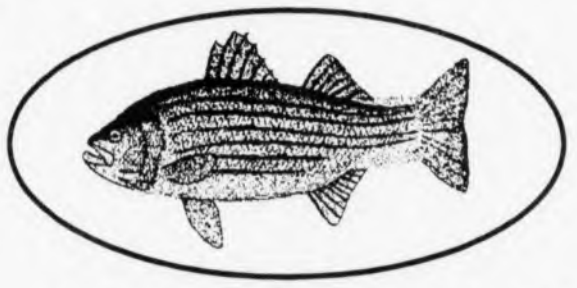


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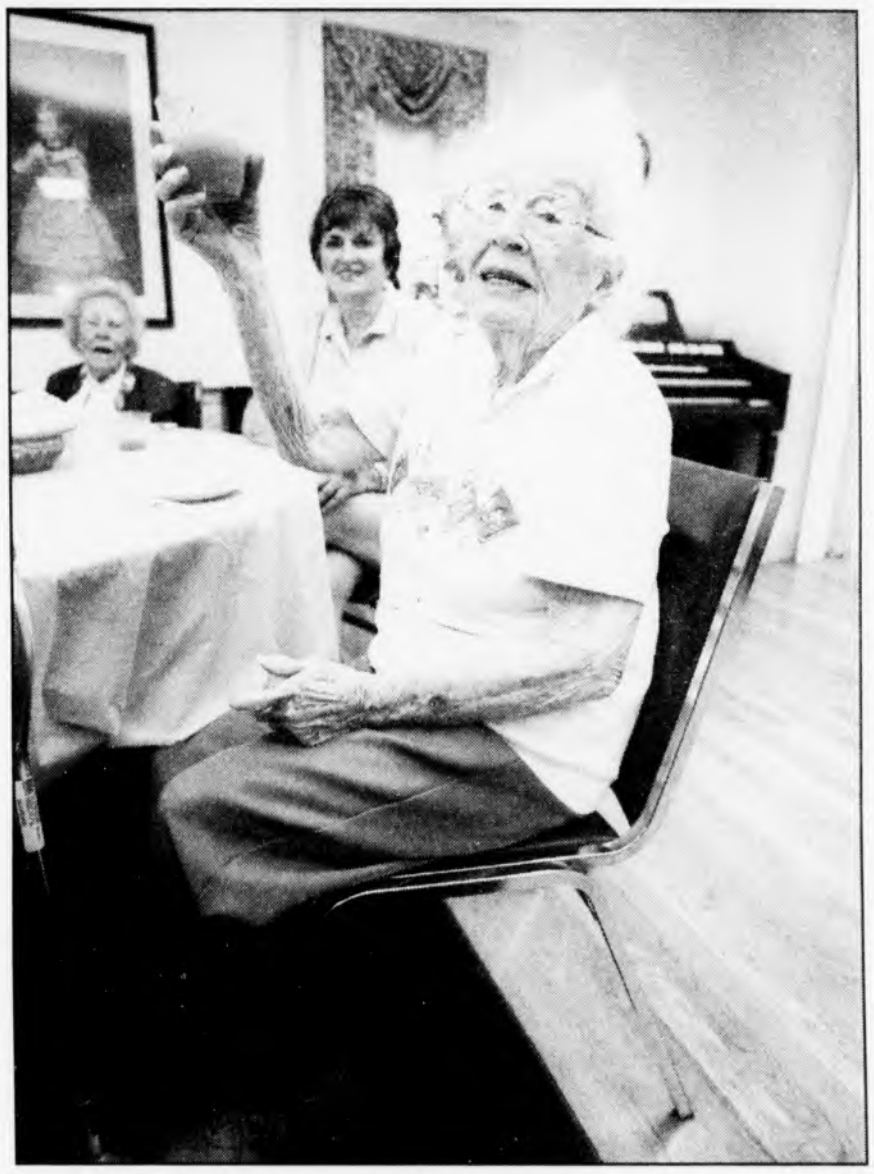


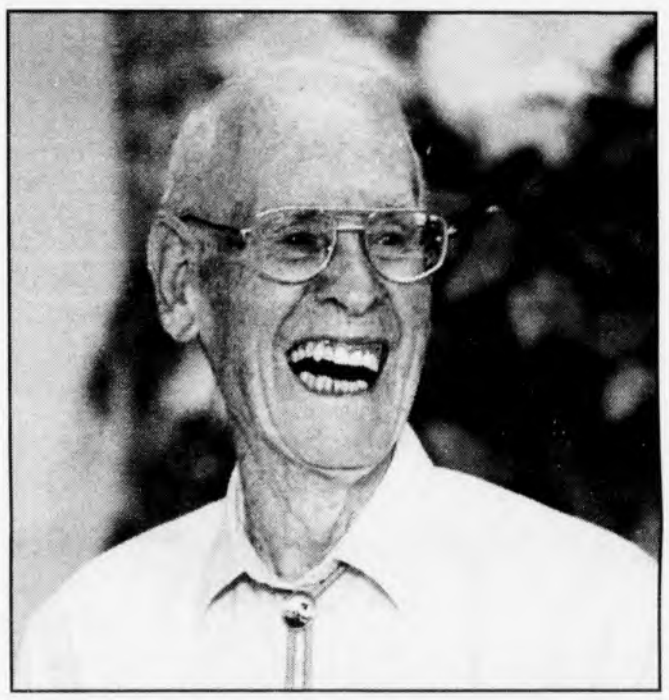
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Nonagenarians celebrate longevity at senior center







Above, Kenneth Young admires a 1929 Oldsmobile outside the South Shore Community Center where the 90-plus birthday celebration was held.

At left, Arthur Somerville gets a kick out of the exclusive 90-plus club.

At top right, Eleanor Collins cheers the 90-plus years of all in attendance.

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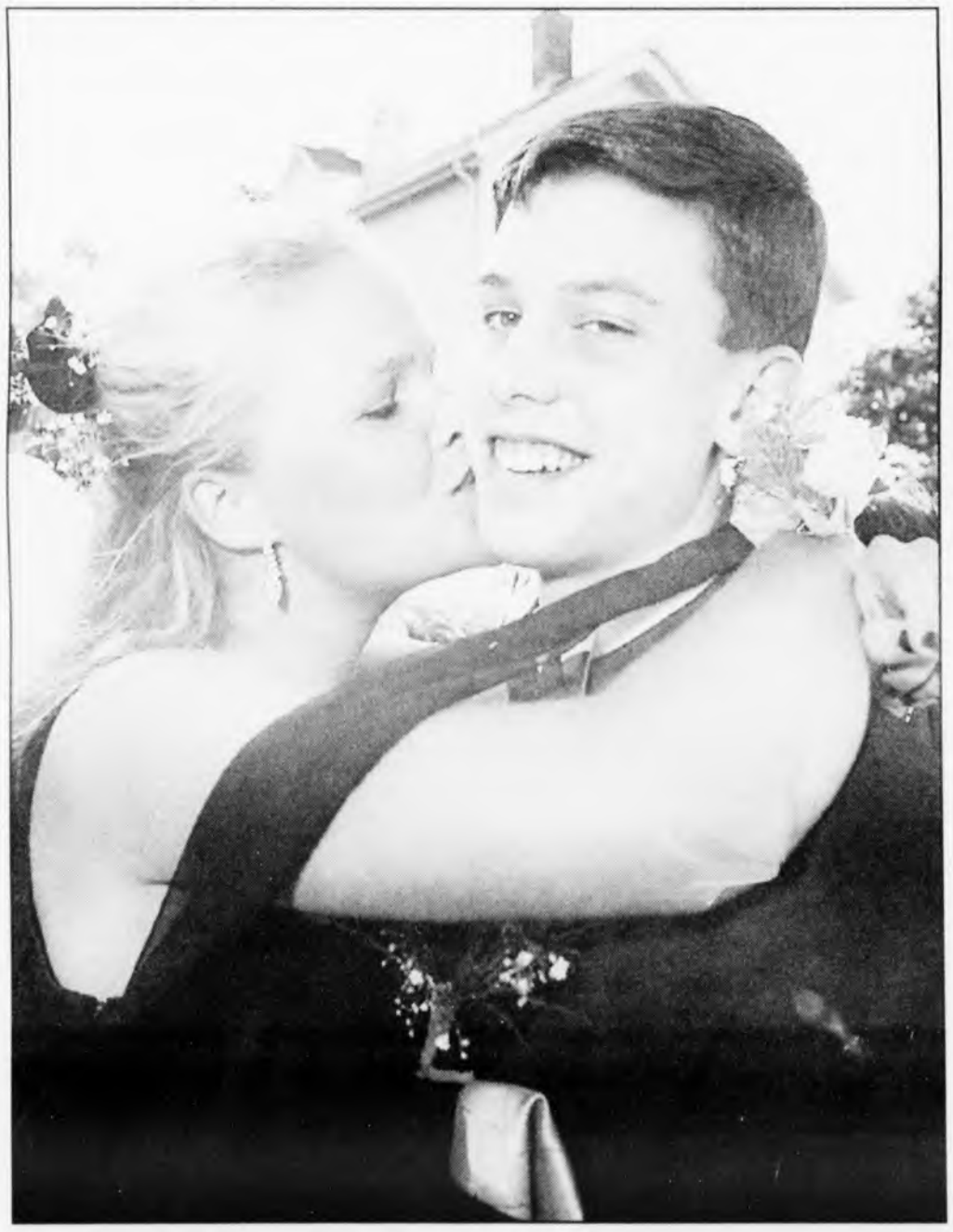


Jenny Chaistian and Josh Flanagan wave as they set off for the boat to take them to the prom at the Marriott Long Wharf.





Jamie Buick and his beautiful date, Jackie Kahn.



Kristen Reynolds, Lindy Holway, Alia Afshar and Hannah Beggan pose for some admirers.



Alison Kinchla and Jim O'Sullivan share a laugh.

Eric Moore gets a kiss from Emily Libby. Following the reception, prom-goers took a chartered boat to the Marriott Long Wharf in Boston.

Staff photos

n gala is perfect





Sue Gill and Adam Sasso make a lovely couple.

Kelly Tufts and Justin Golden arrive to a crowd of admirers at the Lightkeepers' Residence for the pre-prom reception.



Jami Butman sported an airy bonnet to attend with her escort Chuck Toppan.





Megan Conley and Ryan Merrill enjoy the pre-prom reception last Wednesday.

s/Alan Chapman

Liz Myers and Colin Pyfrom climb the stairs to the Lighkeepers Residence as the wind whips off Cohasset Harbor.

Cohasset Health Board orders new CHL hearings

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land; and discharging methane gas in an underground pocket and creating a danger of an explosion.

McNabb was quite pleased with the health board's decision.

"This is a very good decision by the board," McNabb said. "Obviously, they put a lot of thought into their decision. And, they based their decision on their own thinking and not just my presentation."

CHL owner Paul Barry asserted that the town was trying to shut him down because residents disliked landfills.

"It's like we're the plague," Barry said. "Landfills are a necessary evil. When we had the sewer plant overflowing into basements and the harbor, did we ever hear one word about closing it down? Never. It's the same thing here. You have to have sewer treatment plants and you have to have landfills."

Barry said the extra fill in Area IV-B was placed there by accident, and the material on the slopes was placed there "by eyeball." He added that DEP inspected reports showing the extra material on the slopes, but never objected to the additional height.

CHL's attorney Anton Moehrke offered various arguments for rejecting site assignment hearings. He alleged that McNabb was guilty of a serious conflict of interest because he served the town as public official while also serving as a member of SAFE, which is a private group focused on shutting down CHL. He criticized McNabb for calling in the Army Corps of Engineers to perform groundwater tests downgrade from CHL. Moehrke also accused the health board of ignoring violations at the town landfill while pursuing CHL for every violation.

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JOHN K. MCNABB JR., SAFE VICE-PRESIDENT

"You now have someone who is a member of a group that is sworn advocate of closing down the landfill using federal resources," Moehrke said. "Is he acting as a water commissioner or as a member of SAFE? As far as I can see, most of his waking hours are devoted to closing the landfill."

Moehrke added that he believed the health board's decision could be nullified because of McNabb's alleged conflict of interest. He also implored the health board to have an engineer examine SAFE's presentation to verify its accuracy.

"I have yet to see anything based on the facts that shows that the landfill poses a meaningful threat to the environment," Moehrke said. "Why not have the town's high-price consultants that you have been paying for years analyze this information and we'll provide a transcript of the hearing. After hearing their analysis, if you think this is an appropriate use of public resources based on a small group's request, then let's go to hearings."

CHL-engineer Raymond Quinn said there was no evidence that leachate was migrating underground from the landfill into groundwater. He said test wells at the landfill showed contaminants underground, but the next well, at 150-feet, showed no contamination except for chemicals which originated at the Mass. Highway building.

Health board member Stephen Bobo said Quinn's assertions were inaccurate.

"Are you saying that the leachate somehow stops at CHL's border?" he asked.

Ulmer also rejected Moehrke and Quinn's assertions. He said the record showed that the health board has worked with the conservation commission diligently to clean up problems at the town landfill. He also pointed out that the town landfill is closed and does not pose an ongoing threat to health, safety and the environment. He also told Quinn that new test wells should be placed closer to CHL's border than 150 feet.

"I don't think water pollution has to reach half-way to the well or a quarter-way for us to consider it a threat," Ulmer said. "I'm saying if you go out five feet from the border, you'll find contamination."

Bobo supported Ulmer's statements, pointing out that new technologies gave officials a better understanding of how landfills work. He said what was a good site assignment in 1976 was not necessarily a good site assignment in 1998.

"There is no good reason to put a landfill on a glacial drumlin when leachate will damage the groundwater in five years, 15 years or 50 years," Bobo said. "It's time to say we don't want it."

Residents also objected to the landfill's violations.

"I'm not John McNabb, but I feel the same as he does," said resident Bob O'Hare. "CHL through its representatives points its finger in every direction. These are serious allegations and as a citizen I ask the board of health to uphold other boards."

Ulmer said the health board was obligated to look out for the long-term impacts of CHL's site, which was not really appropriate for a landfill.

"My feeling is that the gas migrating off-site is the most serious threat," Ulmer said. "I feel we have inadequate test wells that are not in the right place, significant permit violations, and exceedances on the slopes."

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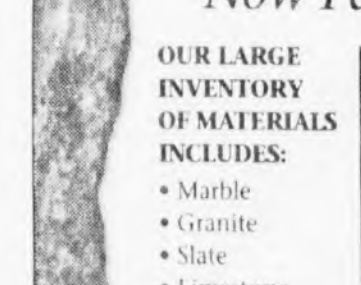
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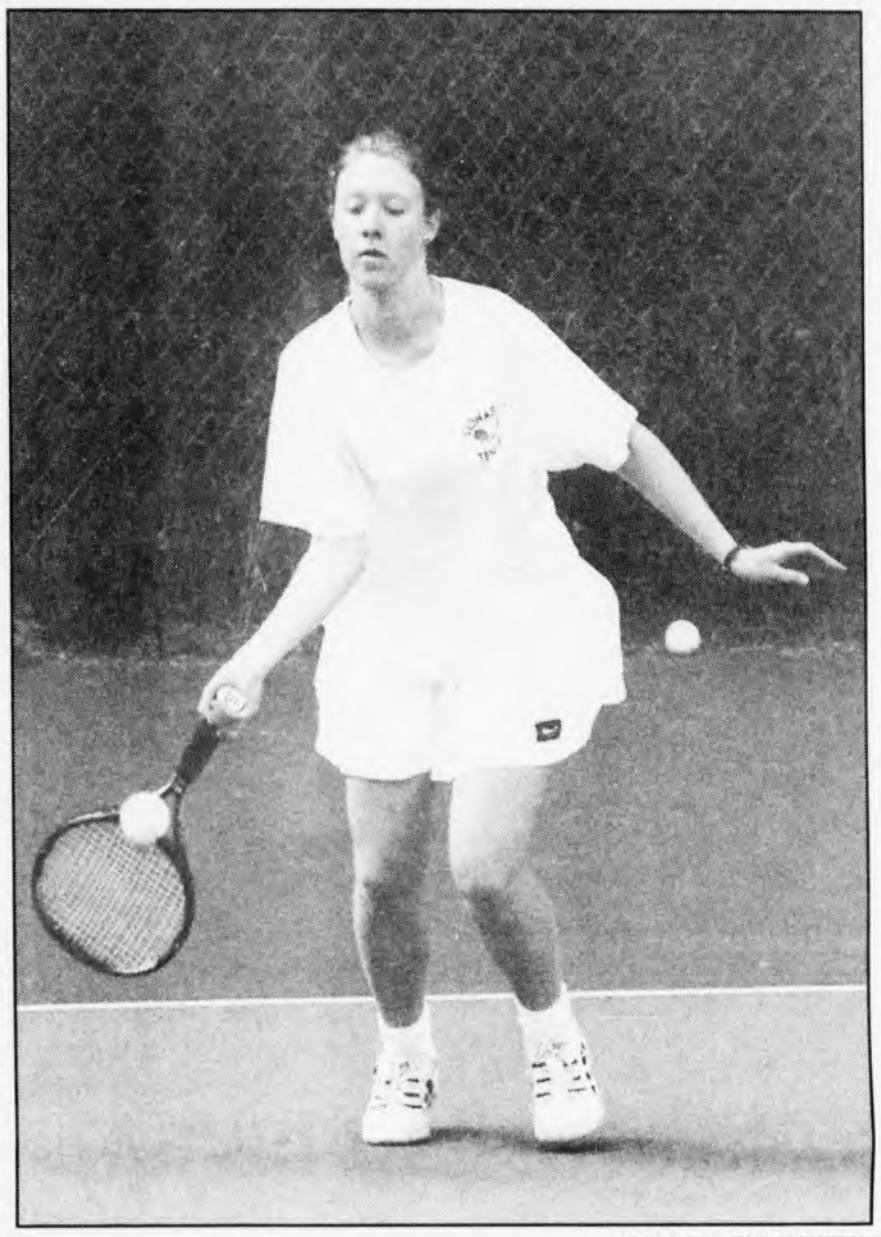
The pool of candidates who want Stephen Hart's job has shrunk again. Wednesday, Richard Carlson, the superintendent of the Lunenburg school district, dropped out of the competition. He became the second educator among the original five finalists to end his bid to become Cohasset's next school superintendent. The school board now will have to choose from a field of only three candidates when they name Hart's successor later this month..

The fifth finalist, never named, dropped out before the finalists' names were announced May 21. According to James Hardy, the search consultant, he withdrew because he took a post with another school district. There was no opportunity to name another candidate because decision letters had already been sent out to the semi-finalists.

Carlson was expected to be in Cohasset June 15 for an interview with the school committee. His departure meant the last of the finalists' interviews was set for Wednesday night when Hull superintendent John D. Maclean, Jr. was scheduled. Along with Maclean, the other remaining candidates are Irene Sherry Kaplan, the present superintendent of the Whitman-Hanson Regional District, and Edward Malvey, the Griswold, Conn. school chief.

Hart is retiring in August.

COHASSET SPORTS



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Katie Brister returns a volley.

CHS tennis falls in South semifinals

Every good thing must eventually come to an end

SPORTS WRAP UP

For the CHS girls' tennis squad that end came Wednesday to Dover-Sherborn in the semifinals for the Division 2 South title.

The previously undefeated Lady Skippers fell to the veteran invaders 3-2, getting wins from the undefeated first singles team of eighth graders **KC Camacho and Caitlin Flint** as well as second singles player **Katie Brister.**

Head coach Sarah Meehan can now sit back and watch her team grow from this tourney experience. The only senior on the team is tri-captain **Sara MacDonald,** with everyone else expected to be back for another season.

It was a very strong year for the Skippers both as a team and on the individual level.

Brister and Kate Stone were both named as singles to the South Shore League all-star squad while Flint and Camacho were selected in the doubles category.

As a team, the squad won the South Shore League regular season title and shared the annual sportsmanship trophy with Norwell.

Class of 1998 made their mark at Cohasset High

While trying to make their mark in the classroom as well as in the community, a number of members of the graduating Class of 1998 also represented Cohasset well on playing fields across the South Shore.

Leading the charge was **Paul-Michael Quintin**, a senior captain for the Skippers basketball team who became only the fourth player in Cohasset history to reach the 1,000 career point mark when he hit a shot from the top of the key against Rockland in a late-season encounter.

Quintin became the "go to" guy for Cohasset over the last two seasons, consistently getting points from inside and outside when his team needed them the most.

Also stepping out from the pack was **Jaime Buick,** who distinguished himself in the fall with the

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A swift kick in the head

Soccer officials irate over misinformation about not keeping score in games

By David McKee
STAFF WRITER

Dean Conway understood there was a serious problem when he took his dog for a walk last week.

"Hey Dean," someone yelled to the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (MYSA) Director of Coaching. "Start keeping score in your games."

Everybody from the liberal editorial writers of the Boston Globe to conservative radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh has been all over state soccer officials for their so-called plan to eliminate keeping score in all youth soccer games.

However, Conway and other MYSA officials say there is no such plan and that the media has totally distorted MYSA's views on youth soccer over the last week.

"This thing has taken on a life of its own," Conway said on Monday night. "MYSA never suggested not to keep score in soccer games. We always have and always will keep score in every game. If you don't keep score, it isn't a game you're playing. And to my knowledge, nobody has ever proposed anything even close to this at any of our meetings. I don't know how all this misinformation got started but to me this is a total goof."

Conway pointed out that MYSA has a two year-old policy that prohibits first-place trophies from being handed out at any holiday or post-season tournament for all players age ten and under. Official game scores are kept, but there are no first-place trophies awarded to players at these "friendship" tournaments. This rule does not apply to regular season or town league games and tournaments for players age 10 and under.

There are no such MYSA restrictions for players in other age groups (Under 12 to Under 19) and none are planned in the near future, according to Conway.

"We always have and always will keep score in every game. If you don't keep score, it isn't a game you're playing. And to my knowledge, nobody has ever proposed anything even close to this at any of our meetings... And because of all this, we have been painted as some sort of politically correct group that wants to prevent a child from being crushed from losing. Some of the stuff that people have been saying is pretty hard to believe."

-MYSA DIRECTOR OF COACHING DEAN CONWAY

In fact, this month MYSA is holding its annual state championships at the Smith and Wesson Fields in Springfield. This weekend and next, the State Cup Championships will be held for Premier teams (U-12 to U-19.) And on the last weekend in June, the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions (MTOC) will be held for town-based teams (U-12 to U-19.)

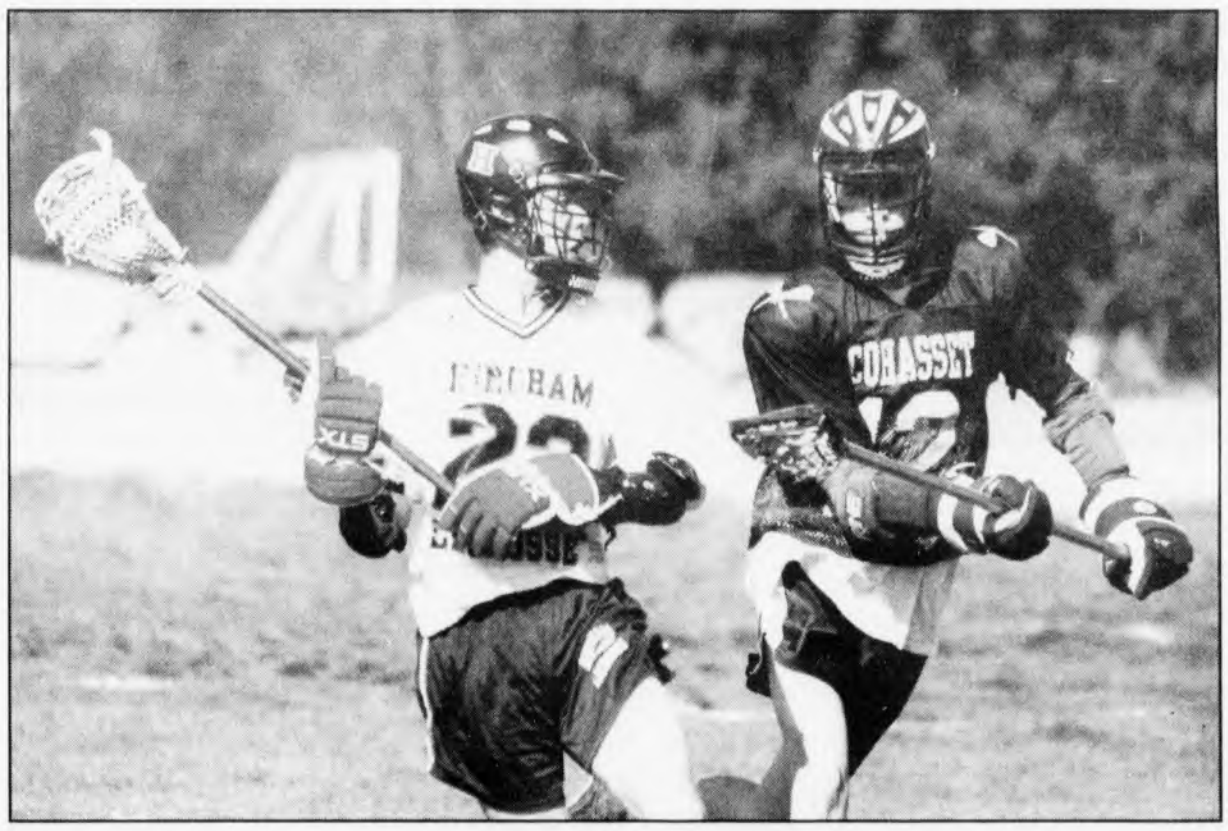
"Because the players are so young and the focus is on developing soccer skills at the U-10 level, we feel it's best that if any trophies are given out at tournaments, then every player should get one," Conway said. "We don't think at age seven or eight individual teams or players should be singled out. We want the young players and coaches to focus solely on developing soccer skills. But that's only for tournaments and not regular season or town leagues. And that's the only regulation we have in place about that. But somehow it has been presented in newspaper articles and TV stories that we have forbidden teams from keeping score in any games and that we plan to implement this across the board to all age groups. That just isn't the case."

Conway did admit that some MYSA officials have informally discussed extending the no first-place trophies policy to tournaments for players in the U-12 group. But it has never been presented as a formal proposal for a vote by board members. And there are no plans to do so in the future.

"In theory, extending this rule to U-12 players sounds like something that would be good for soccer because there are too many people who just focus on winning and not on developing skills," he said. "But the reality is that change won't happen any time soon. This is only something that a few people talked about. It was only talk."

Conway said no major media outlets or newspapers have spoken to

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Hingham's Sean Morgan and Skipper Ronan Buick do battle on the lacrosse field.

Officials irate over misinformation about not keeping score

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him or to any other MYSA officials to verify its policy regarding scoring or awarding championship trophies since the first stories ran last week.

"Discussion is a good thing in sports, politics, you name it," he said. "But this has been a major distraction because there has been a lot of misinformation put out there. You would think people would want to get their facts straight if they're going to come out with a story. And because of all this, we have been painted as some sort of politically correct group that wants to prevent a child from being crushed from losing. Some of the stuff that people have been saying is pretty hard to believe."

Ray Cabral, the MYSA Director of Player Development, cannot believe the media storm that is swirling around the organization.

"Nowhere did anyone from MYSA say we don't want to keep score in our games," he said. "That just isn't the case. And the idea of not giving out first place trophies for U-12 players was something we only talked about. It was a hypothetical situation. It was never proposed and I doubt it ever will be. Somehow everything got totally out of whack."

Cabral said youth soccer players and coaches should not worry anymore. The score will always be kept in all games and all players over age 12 will be able to compete for state championships on their youth teams.

"There is no plan to do away with the MTOC U-12 championship and there never was," he said. "It was a casual conversation. And there never was any plan to eliminate all scoring in soccer games. I have no idea where that came from. Players have to be able to deal with both winning and losing. That's part of athletics and part of life."

However, Cabral said this controversy about not keeping score in soccer games shows how some people don't understand what youth soccer is all about.

"Soccer is different from all other sports," he said. "The prime time for teaching skills and developing players is from age 6 to 12. And in most of the other countries in the world, the best coaches work with younger players and they don't start having competitive matches until the players reach age 12. But because there is such a competitive culture in America, too many people are obsessed with winning at all costs. So instead of developing players and teaching skills, coaches make winning the only priority. And that's not what youth sports is all about."

Two years ago MYSA eliminated the age 10 and under MTOC state championship bracket to try and have coaches and players return to the fundamentals of the game. The move has paid off big time, according to Cabral.

"We want a non-pressure environment for the younger players so they can learn the game and have fun," he said. "And we want people to understand that the best coach isn't the one who wins all the time but is the one who best teaches his players the fundamentals of the game. That has been our focus and eliminating the MTOC U-10 bracket was a step in the right direction. But that is the only step we've taken. All that other stuff just isn't happening."

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Cohasset junior lacrosse clubs split with Sandwich

The Cohasset junior lacrosse program hosted Sandwich June 7, with both the Blue and White squads hosting teams from the cape town.

Cohasset Blue opened the day against an unbeaten Sandwich 2 team that quickly proved why it had not lost yet this year. Sandwich jumped out to a 5-1 halftime lead.

Cohasset tried to mount a comeback early in the third quarter behind goals by Mike Ernst and Paul Digan, but Sandwich came back to answer and then went on to put the game away 11-4 in the fourth quarter. Michael Devine scored Cohasset's other two goals and Digan added an assist.

Chris Simms made 12 saves in the net.

"We had our opportunities and actually controlled the game for much of the day," said Cohasset coach Chuck Jaffe. "But we just couldn't capitalize on our chances, and they seemed to make the most of theirs."

When the Blue squad had finished, Cohasset White put its 7-1 record on the line against a Sandwich 1 team whose only loss this year had been in an intra-town scrimmage.

It was a close game throughout, tied at 2 after one period, Cohasset leading 4-2 at the half. The score was 6-5 Cohasset to start the fourth period when Sandwich scored three goals in just more than two minutes to get an 8-6 lead. But Michael Rasmussen answered with his own fourth-quarter hat trick to tie the game, and Dwayne Morris scored his third goal of the game with just more than a minute remaining to complete the comeback and give Cohasset the win.

Rasmussen finished with five goals and one assist. Garrett Curran and Paul Cotter each scored once for Cohasset. Jonathan Litauer added an assist and Nick Murphy made 11 saves in the net, several down the stretch to deny Sandwich attempts to tie the game.

After Monday night games against Norwell and Hingham, Cohasset's two junior squads will join forces for the annual Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League Jamboree in Acton-Boxboro. The clubs will play against teams from Sudbury and Beverly June 13, taking part in the nation's largest youth lacrosse event.

Learn to play baseball at camp

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a week-long baseball camp for youngsters ages 5 through 12 at the recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

The South Shore Baseball Camp has been contracted again this year to provide baseball camp, which will be held for one week, beginning Monday, June 22, through Friday, June 26, at Miliken Field.

Two camps are available to youngsters as follows: Full-day, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., camp for ages 7 and over, and a half-day, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. camp is available for 5- and 6-year-olds, (age 7 optional for either half or full-day camp).

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The show must go on for Pilgrim skaters

Skating Club celebrates 25 years on the ice

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Erin McGinn munched on steaming-hot clam chowder during a short break in Friday's four-hour dress rehearsal at Pilgrim Arena. The following day was to be a special one for the Hingham High senior.

McGinn would be representing the Skating Club of Hingham for the final time in the club's pair of anniversary shows, "Looking Back Over 25 Years." For the 18 year old, who will be attending Quinippiac College this fall as a nursing major, the day was going to be a bitter-sweet experience after competing for the club the last five years.

"I'll definitely miss all the skaters," said McGinn. "They've all become great friends. It's going to be emotional tomorrow. I'm looking forward to it, but it's going to be sad, too."

The dress rehearsal for the anniversary performance was to be the culmination of a month of preparation by 55 club members from all over the South Shore. Skaters ranging in age from 8 to 17 glided across the ice in their colorful outfits. The music was an array of tunes spanning several decades.

Behind the scenes, a group of dedicated volunteers put together the musical arrangements and worked out last-minute kinks.

Hanover's Gail MacDonald, the show's director for the second year in a row, fixed her serious gaze on the skaters from the function room above the ice. MacDonald was not unlike a Broadway director in the way she studied the skaters, making sure their figures were in synch with the music. Other volunteer coaches were down on the ice, giving subtle pointers to the colorfully dressed skaters as they moved effortlessly across the ice.

The music would play a big part in the overall theme of the shows and help determine how caught up the audience would get in the productions.

"It's music from past years," said club president Gary Perfetuo. "We try to take music from past shows we have done." Fittingly, McGinn would be one of the skaters taking center stage, performing to Madonna's hit song "Material Girl."

Perfetuo said the shows would give parents, relatives and the 200 or so spectators he expected for the event to see the kids display what they had learned over the course of the year and highlight their specific skills.

Perfetuo said the club believes it is important the girls have fun during their practices, competitions and shows. The work they put in, along with their upbeat attitudes toward the sport, goes a long way in the girls' improvement over time.

"I take pleasure in the fact they're having fun and enjoying themselves," he said. "We know it's an individual sport but there's a lot of comraderie, not just in the skating aspect, but other things as well."



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Gabrell Perfitio is fitted for her ice dancing costume.

For 14-year-old Julie MacKay, the day was going to be particularly special. The Winsor School eighth-grader would be performing for her grandmother, Isabel MacKay, on what was her 75th birthday.

Julie's mother, Nancy, likes the club's philosophy and is especially impressed with the way the girls get along and the genuine friendships that have grown between many of the skaters as a result of the club.

"They work very hard to improve their skills and we want people to appreciate that," Nancy said.. "We're all very proud of them. It's a very supportive group."

Dressed in a silver glitter blouse and black and silver slacks, Julie had been practicing the ABBA number, along with other disco hits from the '70s, before the break. The personable Hingham resident was especially excited about the following day's performances.

"I look forward to it every year," she said. "It's really a lot of fun for all of us. There's no pressure at all. It does take a lot of practice to do these numbers."

Pilgrim Arena's owner Hoby Taylor has been a key supporter of the club, Perfetuo said, and has accommodated figure skating more than several other rinks.

"The Pilgrim Rink and the Taylors have been very good to us," Perfetuo said. "In many rinks it's just hockey, hockey, hockey. It's great to see the support we've received."

Tennis falls in South semifinals

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football team and each spring as a member of the lacrosse team. Lending him a hand on the lacrosse team were **Adam Donovan, Janson Dupree, Derek Bugley, Pat Leahy, Bourke Corcoran, Tom Leahy and Eric Moore**

Football co-captains **Pat Hurley and Andy Hamilton** also had strong seasons on the gridiron and on the basketball court.

Swimmer **Greg Bilton** was grabbing the gold wherever he saw it, winning Division 2 state titles in the 100-yard backstroke and the 50-yard freestyle events.

Soccer player **Josh Flanagan** also excelled in sports outside of the school, becoming one of the top ranked mountain bikers in New England in the Under-18 division.

Gridiron lineman **John Kasamayer** also did his thing for the lacrosse team while **Brandon McDowell** provided support on the football field.

Strong play from team captain **Alia Afshar** was one of the main reasons that the lacrosse team was able to make it to the state tournament this season. Joining her on the squad were fellow captain **Katie Buckley** as well as **Kristen Reynolds, Sue Gill, Lauren Dooley and Lindy Holway.**

Buckley and Dooley were named to the South Shore League all-star team while Reynolds also starred on the track and field squad.

Carolyn Pratt was the leader of a small but feisty gymnastics squad that claimed a share of the Pilgrim Conference title with Hanover this season.

While things didn't go all that well for the girls soccer team this season, **Ali Kinchla and Hannah Bregan** provided the senior leadership that kept the team together and having fun.

Kinchla was also leader on the lacrosse team this year.

Whitney Cook and Rosalind Muniz did the same for the Lady Skippers basketball team and Dooley and **Kelly Tufts** stood out on the softball team.

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South Shore soccer will be offered to both boys and girls during the week of Monday through Friday, Aug. 3 to 7, and Aug. 10 to 14.

Should a camper wish to attend both camps, this is now possible. In order to choose the week of camp you desire, early registration is advised as both camps must be restricted in number.

Camp meets daily, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cohasset's Miliken Field. The cost for the camp is $195 per week and discounts for multiple weeks and subsequent children are available. South Shore soccer camp represents topflight training, delivered by top college and high school coaches and players for the New England area.

Youth soccer camp registrations

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for VIP Soccer Camp for children ages 4 to 7 years old.

VIP Soccer Camp offers two programs for boys and girls, ages 4-7. ABC soccer is especially designed for 4- and 5-year-olds and meets from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 20, through July 24. The cost is $50 per week.

Also offered by VIP is a three-hour program, meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 20, through July 24 for 6- and 7-year-olds. The cost is $80 for the week.

Both VIP programs will be held this year at the front field of Cohasset High School.

For brochures and registration forms, come to the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall.

Rec. dept. offers lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for adult tennis lessons for beginner and intermediate levels of instruction, by calling 383-4109.

Classes are scheduled to begin June 25, at 6 to 7 p.m. for beginners and 7 to 8 p.m. for intermediates.

Sessions are four weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly and cost $35 for the four-week session.

Teaching will be Ms. Amanda Gontarz of the recreation department's tennis staff.

Jaffe lacrosse clinic for grades five and six

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that Mr. Chuck Jaffe will direct, again this summer, an eight-week lacrosse clinic for youngsters in grades five and six.

Clinics are held Mondays at Miliken Field, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., beginning Monday, June 29, and continuing eight weeks through Aug. 17. The cost for the eight-week, full-equipment, contact clinic is $35 per participant.

Registration forms are currently available at the recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall. Space is limited. Mr. Chuck Jaffe, a Cohasset resident and former collegiate lacrosse player and league coach, volunteers his services for this unique lacrosse opportunity.

Rec. dept. summer playground options

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold registrations for the seven-week summer playground program ages 3-1/2 to 12 years, youth tennis ages 7 and over, and drama workshop, ages 5 and over during the week of June 15.

Registrations are held at Cohasset Town Hall Monday through Thursday, June 15 through 18, from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 3 p.m., and Thursday evening from 5 to 7.

The Cohasset Recreation also offers a variety of week-long sports camps for baseball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, roller hockey and mixed sports. Registrations for the sports camp programs are ongoing and camp brochures and registration forms are available currently at the recreation department office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall, or you may call the office at 383-4109 for more information.

Hoop summer camp registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will sponsor a Summer Basketball camp, under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two camp sessions will be available this July. Boys and girls, ages 8 through 11, will have camp from Tuesday, July 7, through July 10, at Cohasset High School's Sullivan Gymnasium.

The fee for the four-day camp is $120. The full week camp, for boys and girls ages 12 through 15, will be held Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17, at the Sullivan Gymnasium. The fee for the five-day camp is $150.

Brochures and registration forms are available at the Cohasset Town Hall, Recreation Department office.

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Registrations

Monday, June 15, through Thursday, June 18, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, June 18, 5 to 7 p.m.

Costs

Full Day 5- to 12-year-olds: $150 for first child ($275 non-resident), half day 3-to 5-year-olds: $125 for first child. $25 discount for each additional child (residents only).

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The Cohasset Recreation Department will offer a variety of sports camps during the summer of 1998, for boys and girls, ages 4 through 18 years.

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Tuesday, July 7, to Friday, July 10, Grades 4 to 6, Price $120

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Monday, July 20, to Friday, July 24

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South Shore Soccer Camps

Monday, Aug. 3, to Friday, Aug. 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 10, to Friday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Boys and Girls, ages 8 to 18, Price $195

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Full equipment necessary — gloves, helmet, pads, stick.

All camps have individual application forms. Should you want to register for any of these camps, please call the

Recreation Office at 383-4109, or stop by the office, first floor, Town Hall. Camps are limited is size. To

insure acceptance into a camp, register as soon as possible. Family discounts are available for all camps.



South Shore Music Circus Registrations

The Music Circus Children's Show registrations will be open to children in the playground programs. We will attend the 10:30 a.m. performances Thursdays at a group rate. Registrations must be made two weeks prior to the show date as indicated below. No late registrations can be accepted. Payments must be made at the recreation office, Thursdays between 9 a.m. and noon, or between 5 and 7 p.m. in the evening on the dates indicated on the far right column below.

Show Date	Performance
Cost	Date of Payment
July 2	The Three Pigs
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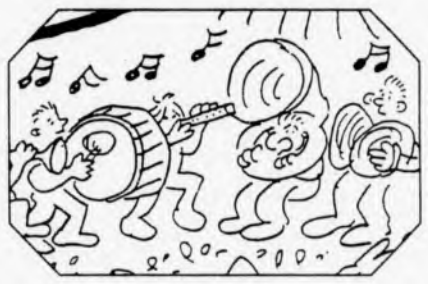
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July 16	The Funny Stuff Circus
Thurs., July 2	$5.25
July 23	Sleeping Beauty
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July 30	Beauty and the Beast
$5.25	Thurs., July 16
Aug. 6	The Incredible Magic
Circus	$5.25
Thurs., July 23	
Aug. 13	Cinderella
$5.25	Thurs., July 30

The Music Circus is optional — regular Playground program activities will continue for those who do not attend. On rain days: please see Martha regarding pick-up and drop-off routine. Programs are subject to change by S.S.M.C.

Summer Drama Workshop

Once again for the Summer of 1998, The Deveney Sisters will hold drama workshops for youngsters of all ages. Details regarding the 1998 productions will be forthcoming during early June and registrations will be held during the week of June 15. Please watch for further information via local news media



Band Concerts

During the past nine seasons, concert funding has been provided through the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc. Each June the Board of Directors of the South Shore Music Circus take under consideration the request of the Recreation Commission, for concert funding, hence, certainty of concerts is not absolute until mid-June, each season. The SSMC donation is matched by a grant form the American Federation of Musicians, N.Y.C.

Based upon continued SSMC funding, the schedule for the 1998 season is as follows:

Tuesday, July 14, 7:30 p.m., and Tuesday, Aug. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Performances will be by the 30-piece South Shore concert band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh. Concerts are held on the Cohasset Common, are free of charge and the public is cordially invited. It is a good idea to bring either lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, and from time to time, insect repellent is a good item to have available.

Youth Tennis

Youth tennis begins Monday, June 29, and continues for seven weeks through Aug. 14. Youth tennis registrations will be held, starting Monday, June 15, and continue throughout that week, as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, and again 1 to 3 p.m., and Thursday evening, from 5 to 7 p.m. The program is offered for children aged 7 through 18. It is designed on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The fee for the one seven-week session of instruction, two days a week, is $48. Five dollar discounts are available for additional children in a family.

Lessons for beginners, intermediate and advanced players are offered. Fridays are special clinic or tournament or rain make-up days. Rain day policy: If it rains before 9 a.m., all tennis classes will be canceled for that day.

Nelta Tournament

The Nelta Tournament will be held during July. More information will be forthcoming through the tennis classes. Registrations for this event will be done through the youth tennis classes. If interested, please register through the recreation department office the week of June 15 at the designated times and days listed above. Classes will begin Monday, June 29.



Adult Tennis

The Recreation Department will offer tennis classes for beginner and intermediate tennis players continuously throughout the summer on various evenings. The classes are one hour long and a session is four weeks in duration. New sessions will begin approximately every four weeks.

Beginner classes meet various evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., and the intermediate classes will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Advanced (tournament level instruction) classes meet Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., and advanced beginners will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays. Classes will be limited in size. Additional classes will be formed should demand dictate. All classes will meet at the Recreation Commission Tennis Courts at the top of Norfolk Road, next to Miliken Field.

To register, please call the Recreation Department office at 383-4109. The fee for the four-week program is $35 per person. Payable by check to the "Town of Cohasset." Each participant will need a racquet. Classes do not meet if weather is inclement, and should you be in doubt, due to weather conditions, please call the Recreation Office prior to class time.

Important Phone Numbers — Summer Programs

Recreation Department, Town Hall, 383-4109; Beach and RTF Stickers, Town Clerk's Office, 383-4100; Cohasset Swim Center, June to September, 383-9436; and Cohasset Sailing Club, inquiries at the club at Government Island.



Dog Obedience Classes

The Cohasset Recreation Department will continuously, throughout the summer, offer dog obedience classes, taught by Mrs. Laurie Cleveland. Classes will be held Tuesday evenings, on the Town Common, Cohasset.

For both the beginner class and the intermediate/advanced class, dog owners are required to have their dogs equipped with a humane choke chain. The proper size is determined by measuring the dog's neck and adding 4". Absolutely no spike collars.

The beginner class will teach basic obedience and responsible ownership to novice pet owners. Helpful hints on ownership, voice directions, basic commands and exercises beneficial to those thinking about eventually showing their dog, will be included. The intermediate/advanced class is designed for dogs that have completed the Recreation Department beginner class. For all classes the fee is $48 for the eight-week, one-hour-per-week program.

To register for the next available session, please call the Recreation office at 383-4109. A new session will begin approximately every eight weeks. Classes are limited in size and participants will be accepted on a first call, first enrolled basis.

Recreation Commission Year-round Services

The Recreation Department conducts children, youth and adult programs and events on a year-round basis. Special after-school recreation programs for children aged 4 through grade 6 are held in three seven-week sessions, (Fall-Winter-Spring). Information regarding recreation activities appears in all local news media, fliers home from school, school menus and on cable TV local listings. You may call the office daily at 383-4109 for information on all services.

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Get ready for Festival on the Common 1998

The South Shore Art Center presents the 43rd annual Festival on the Common Father's Day Weekend, June 19 to 21. Held on the Cohasset Common, the festival includes exhibitions, demonstrations, children's tent, handcrafters' booths, food vendors and entertainment. Along with the Festival on the Common, the Congregational Church will hold its annual Strawberry Festival.

Throughout the weekend there will be artists' demonstrations and workshops on the grounds surrounding the juried exhibition of visual arts and photography, an open members' show and a young artists' show. The festival opens at 2 p.m. Friday with exhibitions and more than 100 juried craft artisans, a food court and entertainment. On Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. Daisy Nell and Stan Collinson with Andy Woolf will fill the air with their guitar, banjo and fiddle, playing songs for all ages. Simultaneously, the Silver Spoon Cafe will be offering a New England lobster dinner. Pre-orders are necessary; for tickets call 383-8700. At 6 p.m. that evening, the South Shore Art Center will host the opening reception for the New England Sculptors Association Exhibition in the Art Center's Bancroft Gallery.

On Saturday, the 20th, the festival opens at 10 a.m., and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. will feature the first-ever Cohasset Common Fiddler's Gathering. The SSAC has invited the finest traditional fiddlers in New England to enliven the festivities, representing several favorite styles including Irish, French-Canadian, Yankee, Southern Mountain and Western Swing, plus a fiddler from India playing traditional ragas on a European-style violin. From 2 to 4 p.m. Saint Stephen's Church atop Bourne's Rock at the center of Cohasset Village will host an open house. View the 14th century baptismal font in which Abraham Lincoln's ancestors were baptized, historic stained glass windows, and wood carving from Shakespeare's Stratford-on-Avon. At 3 p.m. Saint Stephen's Church will offer a presentation by Christopher Gose entitled Byzantine Iconography: History and Methods. Later that evening, the First Parish Church will host a Gospel Concert with The New Temple Singers at 8 p.m.; call 383-1100 for tickets. On Sunday, the 21st, the festival will open at noon, and you can buy a piece of Cohasset's beloved wooden flagpole that was removed last year from the Common and replaced with a modern one. For a $10 donation, festival goers can own a souvenir "slice," already cut and sanded, that they may decorate with materials from the activity tent or they may commission a South Shore Art Center Gallery artist to paint on the slice a scene of the Common. Presented will be a Father's Day concert by Watson Reid and Americana, suitable for families with young children, followed by the popular South Shore Bay Band.

There will be free parking at the South Shore Music Circus and a trolley will be available to provide a shuttle service to the Common. The Festival on the Common is made possible by the support of Leah and Peter Roy of Cohasset, BankBoston, The Patriot Ledger, Sullivan Brothers Auto Mall and many additional sponsors. For more information and a full program, call the South Shore Art Center at 383-2787. Please mark your calendars now for the 43rd year of the oldest outdoor art fair in the country!

The strawberries are coming!

People all over Cohasset are busy preparing thousands of fresh strawberries that have just arrived for the delicious gourmet treat that is available at the Second Congregational Church Strawberry Festival. This annual event, held in conjunction with the South Shore Art Center Festival on the Common, is once again drawing people from all over New England. More than 2,000 strawberry shortcakes with real whipped cream and delicious biscuits will be served to everyone for only $3.50 at the tree-shaded patio of the church.

A country store, located in Bates Hall of the church, will be open to all Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will offer a wide assortment of handmade crafts, old-fashioned preserves and jams as well as homebaked cakes, pies and other desserts. For food staples such as hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks, a snack bar will be open on the Common. Proceeds will benefit a number of charities including DOVE, Mary Martha Learning Center, Wellspring and many others.

Be sure to visit and get your fill of strawberries during Friday, June 19, 2 to 7 p.m., Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, June 21, noon to 6 p.m.

June 20 open house at St. Stephen's Church

In conjunction with the Arts Festival on the Common, all are invited to St. Stephen's Church Saturday, June 20, for a church and tower tour from 2 to 3 p.m., followed by a presentation on Byzantine Iconography at 3 p.m. in Walton Rodgers Hall at the church.

Come visit this venerable church at the center of Cohasset Village at 16 Highland Ave. (atop Bourne's Rock) to see the 14h century baptismal font in which Abraham Lincoln's ancestors were baptized, historic stained glass windows, wood carving from Shakespeare's Stratford-on-Avon, and a bell tower with a carillon of 57 bells (the largest weighing six tons).

The presentation titled "Byzantine Iconography: History and Methods" by artist Christopher Gosey will trace the development of the icon from its pre-Christian roots in imperial Rome and Roman-occupied Egypt to the height of its development in Byzantium and Byzantium's spiritual successor, Russia. Actual icons from the speaker's studio at various stages of completion will be on hand to illustrate the icon-making process.

Refreshments will be provided — admission is free. The open house is sponsored by the Stewardship Committee of St. Stephen's Church. For information call (781) 383-1083.

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Elaine seeking Jerry/Kramer combo. SWF, social drinker, smoker, seeking SWM, 36-40, with a great sense of humor and big strong arms for bear hugs, enjoys movies, dining out and laughter. ☎*30015*

Feeling old, lonely and in need of a friend. Attractive, active and mature DWF, 60s, enjoy poetry, movies and dining out. Seeking a tall, humorous Man, 60s, n/s, n/d. ☎*30017*

Female, 50+, enjoy gardening, the beach, fishing, dinner and dancing. Seeking a S/DWM, 50s, with same interests. ☎*30001*

Single, humorous, attractive blonde, mid-50s, 5'5", 125 lbs, enjoy all aspects of life. Seeking slender Gentleman, 5'10"+, who communicates well, to take my hand so we can walk through life together. ☎*30016*

SWF, 55, looking for someone to share times with. ☎*30002*

SWF, brown hair, brown eyes, enjoy dining, sports and dancing. Seeking a SWM, 40-62, for possible companionship and relationship. ☎*30014*

A way to a Man's heart... SJF, 30s, passionate, attractive, athletic, professional. Seeking a great Guy, 38+, with similar qualities, for summer fun including weekends hiking in Maine, picnics at the beach, exploring quaint inns and restaurants. ☎*35017*

All-American Girl. Romantic, sensitive, fun, outgoing, humorous SWF, 33, 5'4", brown/brown, n/s, like beaches, movies, sports, concerts and dining out. Seeking the same in a SWM, 33-39. ☎*35077*

Alluring attorney, pretty, petite, very pretty, very thin SJF, 40s, classy, sincere, fit, feminine, enjoy tennis. Seeking an intelligent fit, successful, handsome Man with integrity. ☎*35002*

Are you a JM seeking a steamy, romantic relationship with an attractive, affectionate JF, 40s? Why wait? Let's enjoy what life has to offer! ☎*35006*

Attractive, caring WJF, 60s, financially independent and full of fun. Love tennis, golf, bridge, travel and whatever. Seeking a Gentleman with a good sense of humor. ☎*35005*

Attractive White Female, 41, 5'2", 145 lbs, blonde/hazel, seeking a good-looking, free-spirited, animal loving, jeans wearing, Harley Davidson kind of Guy. ☎*35024*

Attractive, petite DWF, young 47, intelligent, fun and love to dance. Looking for the same. Boston area. ☎*35013*

Attractive, athletic, active Female, 30s, brown hair and eyes, very fit, petite, healthy and confident. Enjoy exercise, tennis, kids, movies, dancing, reading, a good sense of humor. Seeking attractive S/DWM, 28-40, 5'9", n/s, with similar interests. ☎*35000*

Attractive Widowed WF, 52, 5'7", brown/green, professional, enjoy walks, travel, theater, dining out and cooking. Seeking an attractive, kind, considerate WM to share life and good times. ☎*35081*

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Caring, honest, secure, affectionate, fit, professional WM seeking a happy, loving, romantic, playful, lifetime friend and lover, 52-60, to share romance, outdoors, dancing, travel and the beach. ☎*30011*

Practicing Catholic. SWM, 39, seeking SWF, 28-40, also a practicing Catholic, enjoys outdoors during the summer and quiet evenings at home, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Cape Cod, South Shore area. ☎*30013*

Rochester Male, youthful 58, 6', 180 lbs, retired military, neat, nice looks, graying, n/s, n/d, love the classics, seeking a soulmate. ☎*30007*

Sagittarius sailor, wild eyes, great shape, sensitive, looking for an attractive, athletic sail mate, 28-38, for adventure and moonlit romance. Our little ship has enough room for skis and golf clubs. ☎*30005*

SM, 70, 5'5", 145 lbs, enjoy dancing, walking, bike riding, swimming and listening to jazz. Seeking a fun Lady. ☎*30004*

SWM, 69, 5'10", 145 lbs, humanist, n/s, retired social worker, Hawaiian snow bird, boating, swimming, hiking, antique autos, sing-along songs, dislike rock. Seeking slim, attractive, unencumbered Lady. Upper to mid-Cape preferred. ☎*30012*

Tall, dark and handsome SWM, 34, 6'2", enjoy all the usual stuff, yada, yada, yada. Seeking an attractive SF, 25-37, n/s. ☎*30006*

Adventurous, romantic, athletic SJM, 34, with dimples, love to cook Italian, dog lover. Seeking a spontaneous, romantic, slender Female, 27-34, for possible long-term relationship. ☎*35048*

Adventurous SWM, 37, seeking an unpretentious SF, 30-38, who likes the outdoors, travel, film, music and especially loves to laugh and enjoy life. ☎*35049*

Affectionate Male, 50, 5'8", 165 lbs, honest, caring, like the ocean, boating, sunbathing and just being together. Seeking a WF, 35-50, with similar interests, for possible long-term relationship. ☎*35127*

Attractive SWM, 35, 5'10", 145 lbs, dark hair and eyes, caring, appreciate, friendly. Turn ons: smiles and laughing. Creative fun: candles and wine. Turn offs: negative people, crowds and traffic. ☎*35131*

Bam Bam seeking Pebbles. No Dinos, please. WM, 30, 6'2", 220 lbs, blonde/blue, love sports and kids. Seeking a spontaneous and attractive, outgoing Female, to share laughs. ☎*35053*

MEN SEEKING MEN

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Summer solstice celebration at World's End

The Trustees of Reservations has announced that its 15th annual Summer Solstice Celebration will be held on Sunday evening June 21, form 6 to 8 p.m. (if weather is questionable, please call the World's End Ranger Station at 781-749-8956 after 4 p.m.) So pack a picnic supper, load the entire family into the car and join many of your friends and neighbors atop Planter's Hill for a most entertaining evening.

Tractor-drawn hayrides will be offered from 6 to 8 p.m. The night's festivities will be highlighted by the musical entertainment of the Ecuadorian musical group Yarina which means "Remembrance." Yarina's members, who are descendants of the Incas, will perform a selection of colorful music on a pan pipe, wood flute, guitar, and drum. In addition, a captivating explanation of the planetary alignment that brings this wonderful solstice each summer will be provided. As always, soft drinks and popcorn will be available and cookies will be provided for desert.

An admission fee of $5 for members of the Trustees of Reservations and $7 for non-members will be charged to cover expenses. Children 16 years and under will be admitted free. Sorry, no dogs.

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Today, World's End with its quiet walks and panoramic ocean views, offers visitors opportunities for a wide range of activities, such as jogging, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, nature study and photography. To reach World's End, follow Summer Street from the rotary at Hingham Harbor, 1/4 mile to the first set of traffic lights and turn left onto Martin's Lane. Follow Martin's Lane 1/4 mile to its end where the entrance to World's End is located.

For more information about the Summer Solstice Celebration, please call Mary Campbell at The Trustees Southeast Regional office. Telephone (781) 821-2977, extension 110.

Art Center hosts realtors' reception

The South Shore Art Center in Cohasset invited more than 300 real estate professionals from Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Scituate and Norwell May 26 for wine and cheese, as well as a tour of the exhibits and studios. The Art Center, located in Cohasset Village, provides cultural and educational programming for all ages. The realtors learned about opportunities for adult and children's classes, gallery exhibitions, "Art to Go" school programs, lectures, tours, trips and rental space for parties.

Director Dillon Bustin explained the benefits of corporate membership and encouraged the realtors to bring prospective buyers to visit the Art Center. He invited everyone to the annual Art Festival on the Cohasset Common June 18 to 21. For more information, call (781) 383-2787.

Sailing Club annual opening social

The Cohasset Sailing Club will kick off the 1998 summer season Saturday evening, June 27, with a dance/social for adults from 8 p.m. to midnight at the club location. Club members, potential club members, friends of the sailing club and their guests are welcome. Entertainment will be provided by a live dance band "The Irresponsibles."

A $10 donation will be requested at the door to support the general operation of the club.

An hors d'oeuvre /desert table will be set for anyone willing to provide one of the above. So dress casual, B.Y.O.B., a desert or an hors d'oeuvre and most importantly your dancing shoes. Let's have some fun and kick off the summer of 1998.

Schoolhouse Rock Live! on stage

Hull Performing Arts is proud to announce Schoolhouse Rock Live! book by Scott Ferguson, George Keating and Kyle Hall; music and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, Bob Dorough, Dave Frishberg, Kathy Mandry, George Newall and Tom Yohe. The show will be directed by Lindsay Clinton and the musical director is Kathy Clancy of Braintree.

The original television series was created by George Newall and Tom Yohe, based on an idea by David McCall. These TV "shorts" taught children about a variety of things, including the rules of grammar (Conjunction, Junction), the creation of a bill in our government (I'm Just a Bill), and the Constitution (We the People). The humor and charm of this show translates just as much to adults. Many of today's parents will remember singing along with these skits on Saturday mornings when they were kids.

The director, Lindsay Clinton, has appeared in many HPA productions including "Two by Two," and "The Importance of Being Earnest." "Tomfoolery," "A Thurber Carnival" and "The Fantasticks" are her favorite directing credits.

The show will be presented in two different venues: outdoors at Fort Revere from June 20-21 and indoors at the Anne Scully Senior Center from June 25-27. Fort Revere provides a unique opportunity for HPA members to perform in an outdoor arena.

Outdoor performances are June 20 and 21 at 2 p.m. at Fort Revere, Telegraph Hill, Hull. Indoor performances are June 25, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m., and June 27 at 2 p.m. at the Anne Scully Senior Center, 197A Samoset Ave. in Hull. Ticket prices are $8, $9 and $10 for the indoor tickets and $5 for all outdoor performances. Call (781) 925-2406 for directions and other information.

Hull Performing Arts is a non-profit, tax-exempt community theatre.

Beachfest at Nantasket

From 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 27, Wellspring Multiservice Center will sponsor a fun-filled Beachfest on Nantasket Beach in Hull. Kite-making and flying, a 10k beach-walk, face painting, a sand sculpture contest, kids' old fashioned brick treasure hunt, frozen yogurt, beverages, foul shooting contest and more. Buttons are $5 for adults and $10 for families. Meet at the Mary Jeanette Murray Pavilion. Call Wellspring at (781) 925-3211 for more information.

Button available after June 1 at the Children's Exchange and Cohasset Nobles.

Portrait painting workshop slated

The North River Art Society will present a workshop by Clement Micarelli entitled "Painting a Portrait with a Mental Attitude" on June 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An evening reception will be held June 12 at 7 p.m. The fee for the workshop is $150 for non-members and $140 for members.

The workshop is designed for those interested in advancing their portrait painting. Micarelli will cover thinking about a portrait in an intelligent way. Topics covered will be composition (placement, design, etc.), purposeful editing (focus on the viewer), painting a portrait through the logical steps. Demonstrations and one on one attention will be given. The workshop will increase your drawing and painting abilities and the momentum will continue to inspire you to new understanding.

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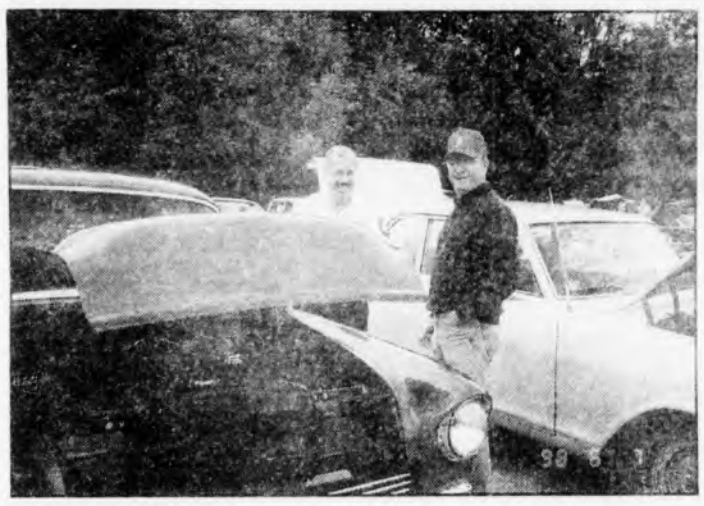
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A look at some of the cars entered in the show which raised upwards of $6,000 to be split between the PALS program and Drug & Alcohol Committee.



David Santiago, left, and Drew Musto were two of the young helpers at the popular event organized by John Small and Ken Thayer.

POLICE LOG

Monday, May 18

4:20 a.m., suspicious auto, Pleasant St., no such person can be found.

8:31 a.m., MV stop, Hull St. & Lamberts Ln., traffic warning.

9:01 a.m., medical aid, Doane St., removed to hospital.

11:32 a.m., medical aid, Cohasset Knoll Nursing Facility, CJC Hwy.

2:54 p.m., suspicious auto, Wompatuck State Park, Doane St., referred to other agency.

6:27 p.m., serve restraining order, Jerusalem Road, departmental action.

8:14 p.m., animal complaint, Hammond Ave.

10:44 p.m., open door/window, Dependable Cleaners, S. Main St., secured building.

Tuesday, May 19

12:46 a.m., suspicious auto, Sandy Beach Assoc. Atlantic Ave., departmental action.

9:04 a.m., medical aid, King St., removed to hospital.

9:29 a.m., vandalism, Jerusalem Road, departmental action.

10:34 a.m., MV stop, N. Main & King St., traffic citation/warning.

10:46 .am., MV stop, Lower King St., traffic citation/warning.

2:35 p.m., medical aid, Elm St., removed to hospital.

5:25 p.m., MV stop, Border St., traffic citation issued.

7:27 p.m., noise complaint, Rose Hill – King St., departmental action.

Wednesday, May 20

12:22 a.m., MV stop, Hull St., traffic citation issued.

4:58 a.m., noise complaint, Lamberts Lane, departmental action.

5:58 a.m., vandalism, town pool-Sohier St., referred to other agency.

6:40 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy. & Mendel Road, departmental action.

6:47 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. & Heather Dr., traffic citation issued.

6:56 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. & N. Main St., verbal warning.

7:02 a.m., MV stop, Forest Ave. & N. Main St., traffic citation issued.

7:28 a.m., MV stop, Spring St., traffic citation issued.

2:30 p.m., suspicious (other), Harborview neighbors – Elm St., departmental action.

3:05 p.m., medical aid, Bates Lane, removed to hospital.

5:17 p.m., larceny, N. Main St., investigated.

8:59 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave., verbal warning.

9:15 p.m.., MV stop, N. Main St., traffic warning.

11:38 p.m., suspicious auto, Jerusalem Road, investigated.

Thursday, May 21

12:15 a.m., suspicious auto, Osgood School – Sohier St.

12:20 a.m., general services, town parking lot, services rendered.

12:34 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St. & King St., traffic warning.

6:12 a.m., general services, Norfolk Road.

6:19 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. & Pond St., traffic warning.

6:32 .a.m., MV stop, Pond St. & CJC Hwy., traffic citation issued.

6:39 a.m., MV stop, Pond St. & CJC Hwy., traffic citation issued.

6:49 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St. & CJC Hwy., traffic citation/warning.

7:29 a.m.., general services, CJC Hwy. & Beechwood St., investigated.

7:34 a.m., MV stop, S. Main St., traffic citation issued.

10:31 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. & King St., traffic citation issued.

12:16 p.m., MV stop, S. Main St., traffic citation issued.

1:25 p.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy., services rendered.

2:50 p.m., MV violations, Sohier St., traffic citation issued.

4:24 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. & Pond St., traffic citation issued.

4:41 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Road & Cemetery Road, verbal warning.

5:20 p.m.., MV stop, N. Main St., traffic warning.

6:44 p.m., assist other PD, Hingham line, CJC Hwy., referred to other agency.

8:18 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., verbal warning.

8:31 p.m., MV stop, Border St., verbal warning.

8:38 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Road, verbal warning.

10:40 p.m., drug/narcotic violations, King St..

Arrest: Tedeschi, David B., 122 Old Forge Road, Scituate, DOB: 3/4/58. Charges: illegal possession of a class B substance, subsequent offense; resisting arrest; poss. Class B sub. with intent to distribute; conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws.

Arrest: Casey, Donna J., 14 Red Gate Lane, Cohasset. DOB: 7/19/56. Charges Warrant; conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws.

Friday, May 22

12:42 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St., verbal warning.

5:17 a.m., assist other PD, Border St., area search negative.

6:33 a.m., general services, Norfolk Road.

9:01 a.m.., MV stop, CJC Hwy., traffic warning.

11:13 a.m., suspicious (other), Atlantic Ave., departmental action.

11:24 a.m., wires down, S. Main St., investigated.

11:57 a.m., parking violation, N. Main St., departmental action.

12:21 p.m., MV stop, CJC Way by Dwyer's, traffic warning.

12:26 p.m., medical aid, N. Main St. & Jerusalem Road, removed to hospital.

3:25 p.m., MV stop by library, S. Main St., traffic citation issued.

4:46 p.m., MV stop by 47 Hull St., traffic citation issued.

4:53 p.m., MV stop, by 47 Hull St., traffic warning.

5:42 p.m., suspicious (other), King St..

Arrest: Tarmey, Matthew T. 36 Stearns Road, Scituate. DOB: 12/12/76. Warrants (4).

6:21 p.m., suspicious auto, Reservoir Road,

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On June 23, 1998 the Board of Health will hold a hearing to propose changes to its Supplemental Regulations to 310 CMR 15.000, the State Environmental Code, Title V. The hearing will take place in the Cohasset Town Hall at 7:30 P.M.

Proposed changes include reducing the storage capacity in pump chambers to 24 hours to coincide with the current Title V; to require filters at outlet tees in septic tanks; to require final grades on all As-Builts for soil absorption systems built above the existing grade, to require pressure closing for all systems that require pumping; a number of clarifications to the existing regulations.

The proposed changes are available for review at the Board of Health, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Location:
Town Hall Meeting Room 2B
41 Highland Avenue
Date: June 23, 1998
Time: 7:30 P.M.

Kevin M. Ulmer, Ph.D., Chairman
Cohasset Board of Health

Cohasset Mariner 6/11 & 6/18/98

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LEGAL NOTICE
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NORFOLK DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 98P1288EF

To all persons interested in the estate of ETHEL G. SKEHAN late of Framington in the County of Franklin and State of Maine, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court with certain papers purporting to be copies of the last will of said deceased, and of the probate thereof in the said State of Maine duly authenticated, by Patricia S. Flint, P.O. Box 523, of Farmington, in the State of Maine, praying that the copy of said will may be filed and recorded in the Registry of Probate in said County of Norfolk, and that she be appointed executrix thereunder, without surety on the bond.

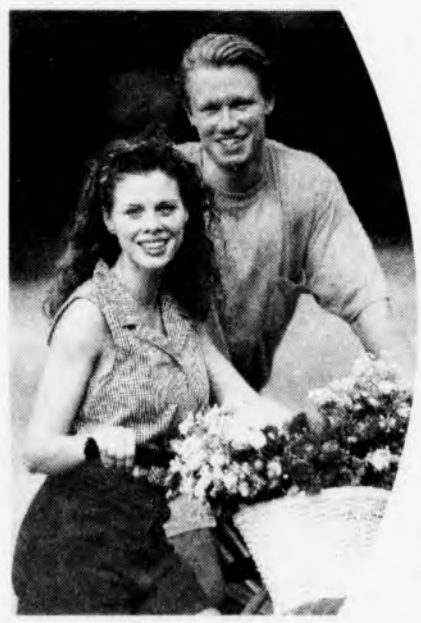
If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **fifteenth day of July 1998** the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-seventh day of May, 1998.

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area search negative.

6:43 p.m., fire, investigation, Surry Drive, departmental action.

6:45 p.m., disabled auto, CJC Hwy., services rendered.

8:34 p.m., MV stop, Joy Place & N. Main St., traffic warning.

9:01 p.m., disturbance gathering, Harold Barnes Baseball Field, N. Main St., departmental action.

9:41 p.m., MV stop, Jerusalem Road, verbal warning.

10:06 p.m., MV stop, Hull St. & Cedar St., traffic citation issued.

10:15 p.m., MV stop, by the ball field– North Main St., verbal warning.

10:17 p.m., MV stop, Hull & Cedar streets., traffic citation issued.

10:22 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave., verbal warning.

10:29 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. & King St., traffic warning.

11:19 p.m., MV stop, Forest Ave., verbal warning.

11:27 p.m., MV stop, Cushing Road & Pleasant St., traffic warning.

11:43 p.m., MV violations, Mobil Mart – CJC Hwy., departmental action.

11:46 p.m., disturbance, S. Main St., departmental action.

Saturday, May 23

1:38 a.m., fire, Cohasset Food Mart, King St., extinguished

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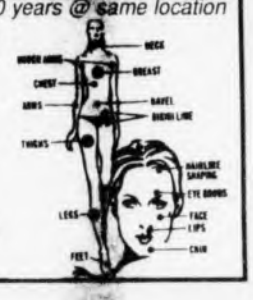
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Library director ends Cohasset chapter

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Richard Hayes is still a messenger promoting the "way to make people happy." He will retire July 1 after logging 29 years as the director of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library leaving a career that was not his first choice. The talents gleaned from that first career training—in the ministry— might be one reason why he managed to convince the public a library could be anything a community wanted it to be.

"I started out to be a minister," he said but then found "another way to spread the word" through books. In an interview this week to mark the end of his work as the library's tenth director, it was clear Hayes is still preaching, and preaching passionately, the public library's unique role in fostering a good society. Seated in the cubbyhole loft that serves as his office, with birds chirping in competition, he explained why a free place to read is so important.

"When people get into the habit of reading, they can get inoculated against the worst characteristics of an era and infected by the most powerful and creative ideas," he said. In his opinion, people find happiness when they learn to enjoy the arts and the "life of the mind." But ultimately, the choice to learn everything there is to know about the world is an ethical decision. People who honor ideas can do great things.

For illustration, Hayes turned to the Adams family of Massachusetts. He had been reading about John Quincy Adams' fight against the slave trade. Adams waged the battle after he was president and remains "one of our overlooked but great Americans." The family's contributions to the nation might be greater than Thomas Jefferson's accomplishments, he said, even though Jefferson built a great library. Yet Jefferson remains the epitome of an ideal citizen because he wanted to learn everything. Instead of "just trudging along," he was interested in everything around him.

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Hayes said he enjoyed working in Cohasset just because people did believe in tolerance and individual freedom. A test came up when he purchased several copies of Salman Rushdie's controversial novel "The Satanic Verses." He drew fire from people who believed the book insulted Islam, but Hayes defended the author's right to express his ideas.

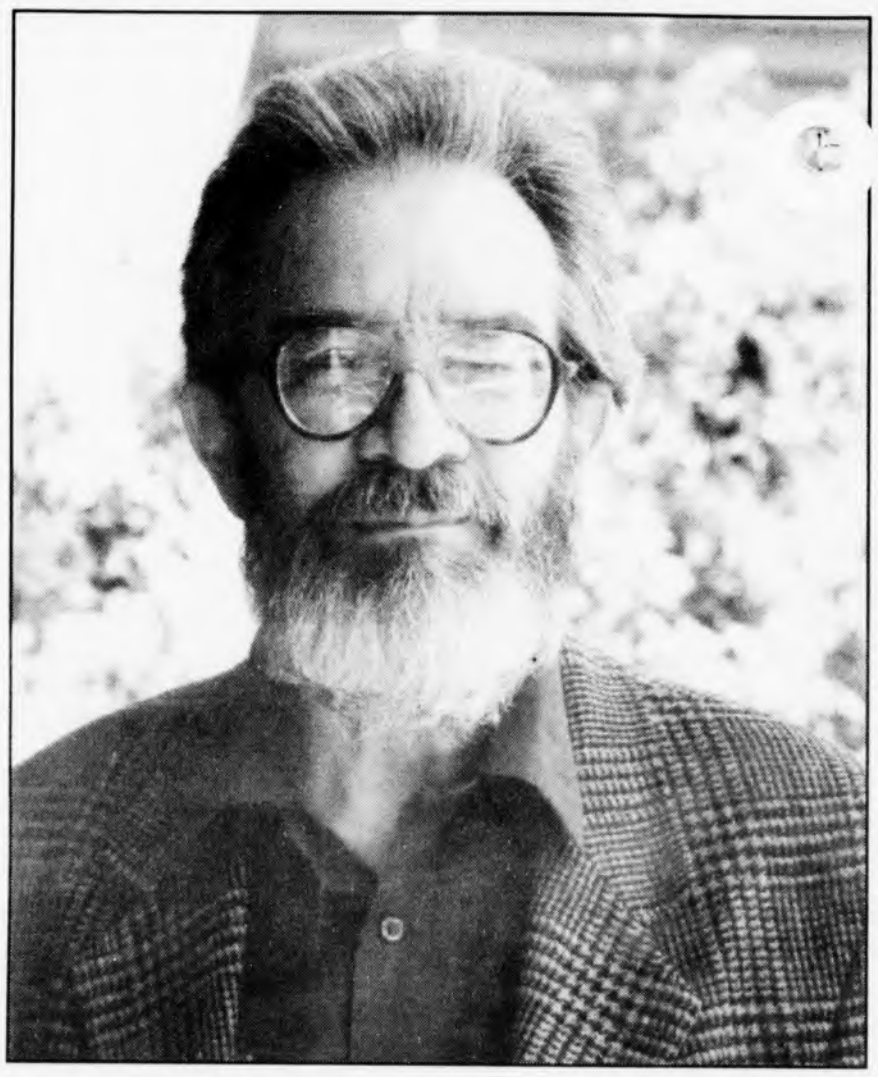
"You can criticize the book," he said firmly. "But you can't ban the book. You can't blow up bookstores. And you can't kill authors."

Eventually, he persuaded his critics the book belonged on the library's shelves. Hayes said the challenge for a library director is to find books the community may not realize it needs and wants as well as to buy the titles people know they want. With limited funds, he has had to be selective. In a single year, Cohasset will buy less than three percent of all the books published in the United States in English. Still, he believes it is important to introduce the community to new and different ideas. In that mission, he has had the support of the library trustees.

As Patience Towle put it, "Dick is beyond bright." She called Hayes a "heavy-duty thinker" who guided the trustees in their policy decisions. Support for the changes he made also came in contributions. The endowment grew from $20,000 to three-quarters of a million while he was in charge.

Hayes will be replaced by Janet Husband who is coming to Cohasset from the Rockland Public Library. He wants to step down now as the trustees are searching for a new building, and he hopes they will find new space in the Osgood School. It would be appropriate because it was Joseph Osgood who started the public library in Cohasset, he said. The Paul Pratt building is 95 years old now.

"That's a good life for a building in this remarkable century," he said. "It's time to move on."



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Cohasset graduates support one another in time of grief

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

As the Cohasset High School Class of 1998 marched into the Big Top at the Music Circus Saturday to the strains of Pomp and Circumstance, the standing ovation from family and friends was louder and longer than in past graduations.

Foremost in everyone's thoughts was Bourke L. Cocoran, 18, a fun-loving popular student who was killed just four days before in a car accident on King Street only 100 yards from his home.

But filling the hearts of all was a deepening pride in the young men and women who supported one another during this time, bringing a new definition to the meaning of friendship.

"I've always known you were special," said Eileen Rohrer, who was presented with the Golden Apple Award as the class' favorite teacher. "But in the past week you've conducted yourselves with love, support, dignity and grace. I love you all. I've been honored to be your teacher and your friend."

Rohrer's comments were echoed by Principal Curtis Collins, who said he'd received dozens of calls and notes from other school administrators across the state.

"It's fair to say that very few students ever had to sustain what our young men and women sustained this week," Collins said. "...Yes, we've all had terrible things happen but not at this time."

The timing of the fatal accident drew the attention of several television stations and Boston newspapers which — with microphones and whirring TV cameras — descended on the crash scene, high school and police station.

As a result, the principal asked Police Chief Brian Noonan for assistance in keeping television cameras off the grounds of the Music Circus during graduation.

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

CHS graduate Kristen Reynolds places a rose at the memorial to her classmate Bourke Corcoran. For more graduation photos, see pages 16 & 17.

State to ante up $165K for village

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

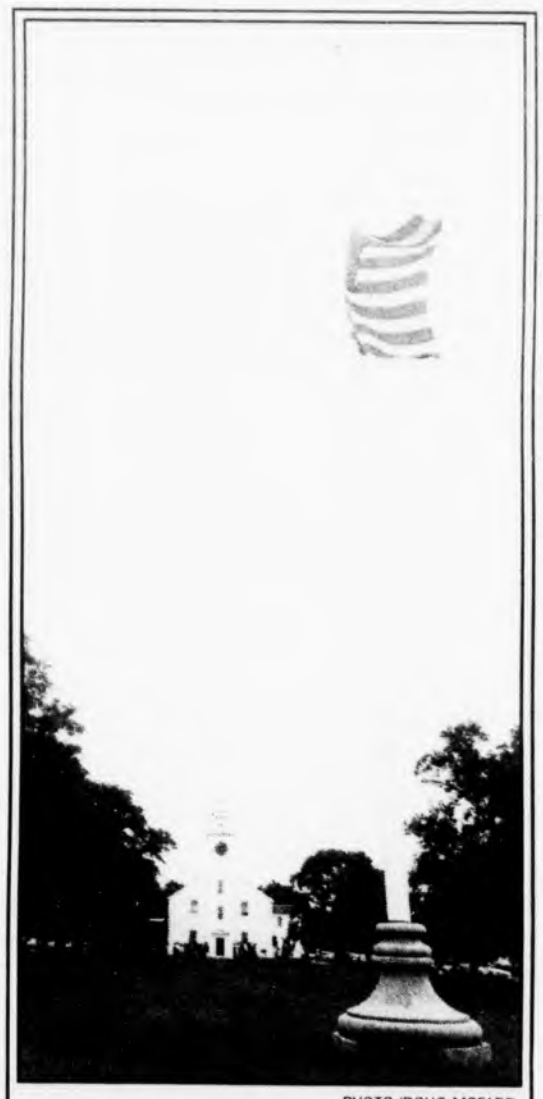
The town is expecting to receive some immediate help from the state with plans to revitalize Cohasset Village.

Dean Rizzo, chairman of the Village Task Force, said he expects the Massachusetts Highway Department to approve a $165,000 grant later this week to construct a new sidewalk and enhanced walkway in front of St. Stephen's Church. The Massachusetts Area Planning Council (MAPC) recommended earlier this week that Cohasset receive the $165,000 grant, through Mass. Highway funds.

Town leaders have been searching for ways to revitalize the ailing business community in Cohasset Village. Now, it finally looks as if some of those efforts are beginning to pay off. If Mass. Highway approves the grant, it will be a great win for the town, Rizzo said.

"This is great for the town and could boost

SIDEWALK, PAGE 4



PHOTO/DOUG MCFADD

The flag on the Town Common flies at half mast as hundreds attend the memorial service for Bourke Corcoran.
For story see page 13.

'Strong advocate' tapped as school chief

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Edward Malvey has accepted the job as the new schools superintendent. He will follow Stephen Hart who retires in August after logging nine years as the head of the Cohasset district.

Malvey, the head of the Griswold, Conn. school system, won the unanimous support of the school committee. The decision Monday night after a final interview with Hull superintendent John MacLean, Jr. came down to a choice between the two men. School board chairman Rick Shea said Malvey's "breadth of experience" convinced the committee he was the better choice. Though the board did not have their minds made up before they interviewed MacLean Monday night, the Hull superintendent had to "change people's minds" to overcome the advantage Malvey had built up.

Three other finalists withdrew from the search before the school committee finished interviewing all the candidates. Irene Sherry Kaplan, the Whitman-Hanson Regional school superintendent, accepted an offer to continue in her current post. Richard Carlson, head of the Lunenburg school system, dropped out of the competition June 9. A fifth finalist was never named but reportedly withdrew to accept another job.

But Shea was happy overall with the search for the new superintendent. He said Malvey is the right man for the job.

"He had all the intangibles," said Shea who predicted Malvey, 50, will be a "strong advocate for the schools" as well as a professional

SCHOOL CHIEF, PAGE 6

THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Committee termination policy

Selectmen set a policy for removing appointed committee members this week. They said if a committee member misses four consecutive meetings without an excuse, the committee chairman can send a recommendation to selectmen who can remove him or her.

School grounds use clarification

Selectman Diane Sullivan asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to find out what the policy is for using school grounds. She said a resident told her she and her child were "scooted off" the school playground because school was in session.

Sankey Road pavement complaints

Residents of Sankey Road wrote to selectmen complaining about the condition of the pavement.

"I would like someone to come down and look at the street," wrote Arlene Orr, 8 Sankey Rd. She said the street is in one of the poorest shapes of any in town. DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield agreed the street is in poor condition, but asked the residents to be patient.

"It would not be fiscally responsible to resurface Sankey Road at this time only to have it dug up in a year's time," he said.

Border/Summer streets signs

John F. Hartshorne, 115 Border St., wrote to the traffic committee suggesting improved signs for the intersection of Border and Summer streets.

"The rights of way at this peculiar intersection are unclear," he said. "With the result that it is frequently a 'game of chicken' when two cars approach the intersection at or near the same time.

"The only guide is a yellow sign on Summer Street that says, unhelpfully, 'Children' (The sign has been there for years; there are no children residing at the intersection that I know of)."

Hartshorne suggested that since Border Street is clearly the only through street, a "Yield" sign be installed in place of the "Children" sign on Summer Street. The traffic study committee meets at 7:30 p.m. tonight (June 18) at town hall.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their weekly meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and will be held on alternate Tuesdays starting July 14.

The next selectmen's meeting is Monday, June 29.

Possible sewer meeting slated

Town Manager Mark Haddad has tentatively slated a joint meeting between selectmen, the health board and sewer commission for 7:30 p.m., June 25 at the town hall auditorium to discuss sewer issues.

Selectmen requested he set the meeting up at their meeting Monday after several residents aired concerns over the project.

However, the sewer commission has declined the invitation to appear so Haddad was not sure about the status of the meeting by press time.

Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild said the issues were discussed at the sewer forum two weeks ago. He said another meeting is pointless at this time until the bids go out and the real cost of connecting homes to the sewer main can be determined. Until then, it is impossible to know if it's better for the homeowner to contract privately or to have the town contract out for the work, he said.

History committee resignation

Noel Ripley, 179 S. Main St., has stepped down from the Committee on Town History, which now has 11 members. Selectmen will send Ripley a thank-you letter for his service.

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Fri. 19	7:17	10.0	1:07	7:48	10.8	1:30
Sat. 20	8:19	10.0	2:08	8:45	11.2	2:28
Sun. 21	9:19	10.1	3:08	9:41	11.5	3:24
Mon. 22	10:18	10.2	4:05	10:35	11.7	4:19
Tues. 23	11:14	10.3	5:00	11:27	11.8	5:12
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grade K
Tues. 3:30-4:30pm
Ballet and Tap
grade K
Wed. 3:30-4:30pm
~~Fri. 3:30-4:30pm~~
Ballet Level II
grade 1
Thurs. 4:30-5:30pm
Duncan
grade 1
Tues. 4:30-5:30pm
Ballet and Tap
grade 1
Wed. 4:30-5:30pm

Ballet Level III
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grade 2 & up
~~Tues. 5:30-6:30pm~~
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Paying the price for mismanagement

Is Mass. bearing burden of other states' waste?

Second of two parts

By Alison Cohen
STAFF REPORTER

According to many home health care providers and advocates, Medicare officials created a classic example of the law of unintended consequences when they embarked on their campaign to root out fraud, waste and overutilization in the home health care system.

The federal government decided large increases in home health care were caused by waste and fraud following a two-year investigation, known as Operation Restore Trust. That study focused on the five states that account for 40 percent of Medicare payments: California, New York, Florida, Texas and Illinois.

The subsequent report by the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said that one-fourth of home health agencies in those states received nearly half the Medicare payments for home health care. The report placed the blame on for-profit, closely held corporations where owners engaged in a web of interlocking companies that referred patients among themselves. Texas was cited as the biggest offender.

A similar study conducted in Massachusetts and Connecticut in 1997 uncovered no such pattern of fraud.

According to Julie Deschenes, legislative and public affairs coordinator for the Home & Health Care Association of Massachusetts, "No fraud was uncovered in the 20 Massachusetts agencies that were audited."

Deschenes said the worst that federal auditors could find were examples of technical billing errors, mostly stemming from failure of an attending physician to update medical records to reflect the need for the higher level of services patients were receiving and for which Medicare had been billed.

Rather than conducting audits to identify and penalize agencies guilty of intentional fraud or overutilization, Congress believed the solution to spiraling costs nationwide and wildly disparate costs among the states should be a standardized, flat rate according to diagnosis. This system, known as the "prospective payment system," is similar to the system Medicare uses in paying for hospital care.

When the federal Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) said it couldn't develop the complex formula necessary to reward efficiency by providers as quickly as Congress wanted, the interim payment system based on per patient caps was set in motion. This payment plan — set to run through Oct. 1, 1999 — basically freezes spending at 1993-94 levels, before Operation Restore Trust began.

The projected caps fall hardest on frugal, non-profit agencies and rewards those that spent lavishly at taxpayers' expense. Home health care agencies in Massachusetts consistently deliver care cheaper than the national average both in terms of Medicare's cost per visit and per patient. Relying on data provided by HCFA itself, The Wall Street Journal reported earlier this year that Massachusetts' home health care providers served 119,000 patients in 1995 at an average cost of $50 per visit, which was 19 percent below the national average of $62. The average annual cost per patient worked out to $4,730, or less than six percent above the national average of $4,473.

Across New England, the regional cost per visit undercut the national average by 15 percent and the annual average cost per patient was only $4,400.

Donna (who didn't want her last name used) has been a home health care worker for more than 20 years and says she can't understand with those kind of figures why Massachusetts people have to suffer. She says she's outraged by what's happening.

"We're the ones on the front lines and we're the ones who have to deal with the patients," she said. "Do you know what it's like when you have to tell them this is you're last day with them. Some of these people have been my clients for a long time."

Donna spoke of a 50-year-old patient she has been assisting. The man, a father of two young children, is primarily bed-ridden, he has to be fed and has come to rely on home health care workers to maintain some semblance of a normal life.

"I was overcome on my last day with him," she said. "I felt awful. It was so hard to tell him it would be my last day helping him. You feel so much guilt. What am I supposed to say, 'gee, good luck?' How could this be happening?"

If there is fraud and over-spending, Donna says she is all for fixing it. But if Massachusetts and several other states have been spending reasonably, she can't see why others can't pay the price.

HCFA identified the big spenders among the states as Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee, Utah and Mississippi. On average, home health care providers in these states spent $5,488 per patient in 1995, or almost 23 percent more than the national average. The biggest offender was Louisiana with an average cost per patient of $7,867, almost 76 percent more than the national average.

Officials at the Texas Association of Home Care have justified their higher costs, saying they have a high rate of poor elderly who have never had proper health care.

Costs are driven up by the increasing number of Americans considered "frail" or the "old old" — those aged 85 or older. Additionally, medical technology has improved survival rates for individuals who survive head and spinal chord injuries and degenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's, Multiple Sclerosis, heart failure and severe diabetes.

The resulting "per beneficiary limit" guarantees, in HCFA's own words, that 90 percent of all home health agencies will be reimbursed at a rate below the cost of delivering services. Providers say it will put them on the road to financial ruin. How quickly they arrive at that destination depends on the number of high-cost patients an agency serves. These are the patients with degenerative, progressive diseases such as Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's Disease, advanced diabetes and other conditions that require intensive levels of care.

Apparently loathe to slash services to America's most vulnerable citizens, the frail elderly and persons with disabilities, Congress and HCFA announced to recipients of home health services and their advocates that no patient was to be denied services, terminated from care or have the level of care reduced unless medically justified. That puts home health care providers in a Catch-22 bind: they cannot reduce costs through reductions in services or cutbacks in direct care staff. Already several home health providers have chosen to abandon ship rather than risk bankruptcy.

Cynics might find this governmental "solution" to spiraling costs reminiscent of the village pacification campaign of the Vietnam War years. That official "solution" led to an American officer explaining, "It became necessary to destroy the town in order to save it."

According to Deschenes, home health care is being asked "to assume an unfair proportion of Medicare cuts." While home health care consumes only 9 percent of total Medicare expenditures, it is targeted to assume 14 percent of the total five-year cut and close to 18 percent of the provider cuts enacted in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. A recent HCFA forecast has increased the home health "savings" to $20 million, or 25 percent more than the original estimate by the Congressional Budget Office at the same time that the population of older Americans continues to grow.

Home health care providers and people who receive the care aren't buying this theory that no one will lost benefits. It just doesn't add up, they say.

Community Newspaper Company's Reader Response line was flooded with calls last week regarding the potential cuts in home care. More than half the calls came from people who were losing some form of care, or family members of those who were expected to lose their care.

A Marshfield resident told the story of her grandmother who has already been denied additional care. Her grandmother has been cut back to one visit per day from a home health aide and now the family is forced to provide care that was once handled by professionals. It is now up to grandchildren to come at night and put their grandmother to bed, change her and put her in diapers.

"It is devastating to her," the woman said in her call. "She cries every night when she sees us coming. She's so humiliated her grandchildren have to do this. It's a disgrace to see what these poor old people have to go through. These people have worked all their lives and this is what it has come down to. It's just ridiculous."

Experts say saving money in home health care may even be counter-productive. If home health services dry up, patients will be forced into more expensive nursing home placements or extended hospital stays. The pocket may change, but taxpayers will still be paying the bill.

"I won't be able to care for my husband if we can't maintain the current level of care. That would be devastating to us, both financially and emotionally. We have been together for 55 years. I can't bear the thought of being separated like that. We are getting along fine at home right now, but that could all change. Please don't let it."

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While home health care isn't cheap, it certainly provides a cost-savings when compared to a year's stay in a nursing home which Deschenes estimates at $60,000 per year. More importantly, it allows older American and disabled citizens to remain linked to their families and their communities.

The importance of that connection to home, family and community can't be quantified, but it is of immeasurable value to all of us in determining our quality of life. That message came through loud and clear in the messages on the Reader Response line during the past week.

A number of callers said they feared they might be forced to put their mother, father or elderly relative in a nursing home. And they held out little hope for their "golden years," as oen caller put it.

"How can this be?" questioned a Weymouth resident. "I won't be able to care for my husband if we can't maintain the current level of care. That would be devastating to us, both financially and emotionally. We have been together for 55 years. I can't bear the thought of being separated like that. We are getting along fine at home right now, but that could all change. Please don't let it."

Edward J. Flynn, executive director of South Shore Elder Services, Inc., says if the current policy remains unchanged, its primary victims will be the nation's elders. In a recent newsletter, Flynn urged Congress and HCFA to reconsider the cuts and clarify eligibility criteria.

Yankee Thrift

Home-health agencies in the New England states have delivered care for less money than the national average, both in Medicare payments per visit and per patient. (Data shown here are from 1995)

	NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN THOUSANDS	AVERAGE PAYMENT PER VISIT	PCT. ABOVE OR BELOW NAT. AVERAGE	AVERAGE PAYMENT PER PATIENT	PCT. ABOVE OR BELOW NAT. AVERAGE
Connecticut	57	$60	-3.0%	$4,770	6.6%
Massachusetts	119	50	-19.0	4,730	5.7
Rhode Island	19	64	3.0	4,037	-9.7
Maine	22	53	-15.0	3,717	-16.9
New Hampshire	17	50	-19.0	3,057	-31.7
Vermont	12	45	-28.0	3,030	-32.3
NEW ENGLAND	246	53	-15.0	4,400	-1.5
U.S.	3,430	62	—	4,473	—

Sources: Health Care Financing Administration and the Wall Street Journal

Aging Population

TOWN	1980 Median Age	1990 Median Age	1997 Median Age (Est)	2002 Median Age (Proj.)	Population Ages 0 to 17 Yrs	Population Ages 18 to 54 Yrs	Population Ages 55+
Abington	20.57	21.62	36.66	39.79	3,483	7,807	3,004
Braintree	22.52	24.48	40.61	43.78	6,089	16,082	9,340
Cohasset	26.02	28.93	41.37	43.72	1,644	3,815	1,870
Duxbury	21.28	23.30	40.64	42.56	4,351	9,022	2,885
Hanover	21.05	22.18	38.12	41.03	3,292	7,198	2,295
Hingham	21.53	23.56	41.41	43.91	4,608	11,054	4,646
Holbrook	21.04	22.02	37.48	40.22	2,484	5,773	2,921
Kingston	21.16	21.85	37.25	39.49	2,686	5,757	2,366
Marshfield	20.49	21.66	36.75	39.58	5,777	13,019	3,640
Norwell	21.39	23.33	41.04	43.44	2,331	5,593	1,912
Pembroke	19.78	21.47	35.82	38.48	4,292	9,203	2,270
Rockland	19.49	21.45	35.30	38.36	4,204	8,817	3,650
Scituate	21.34	23.12	40.45	43.51	3,663	8,844	4,081
Weymouth	21.54	22.66	37.59	40.25	10,515	29,473	13,041

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State to ante up $165K for village sidewalk

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our whole effort," Rizzo said. "If approved, it will also show the town that it made a good investment by putting up $10,000 to try and acquire the grant."

The MAPC grant is just one of many efforts by local committees to get funding for Village revitalization projects. Rizzo is also chairman of the Village Revitalization Committee. He briefed selectmen on Tuesday night about the two committee's latest efforts to find funding and ideas to revitalize Cohasset Village.

The $165,000 grant would be used to reconstruct the sidewalk in front of St. Stephen's from Robert E. Jason Road and South Main Street at the bus stop to the corner of Elm Street and South Main at the antique store. The town began applying for the grant last year. If the town gets the final approval from the state, the town would develop an RFP over the winter, with construction beginning sometime in the middle of 1999, Rizzo said.

Two grants were submitted by the town last week for the Village. The town applied for a Municipal Incentive Grant that would help fund a master plan to revitalize the Village. Rizzo said he hopes the town will be able to draw up a scope of work over the summer to present a master plan proposal to town meeting in October. The town will know by July 15 if it has made the first cut for the grant. If so, then a more detailed application must be submitted by August 15.

"The cost of the master plan will depend on the scope of the project and how detailed the plan is," Rizzo said. "The grant could help offset the cost of the plan."

But the most exciting grant proposal would seek money to fund ways to connect business districts in Cohasset, Scituate, Hingham and Hull. The $60,000 regional municipal planning grant would be used to develop a linkage project improving transportation, signage, and marketing among the four communities' business districts. The proposal could include trolleys or buses to take people among the four business districts, and signs in each business district pointing the way to the other three communities.

"We would hope to put signs in each business district with a route system that people could follow to the other communities."

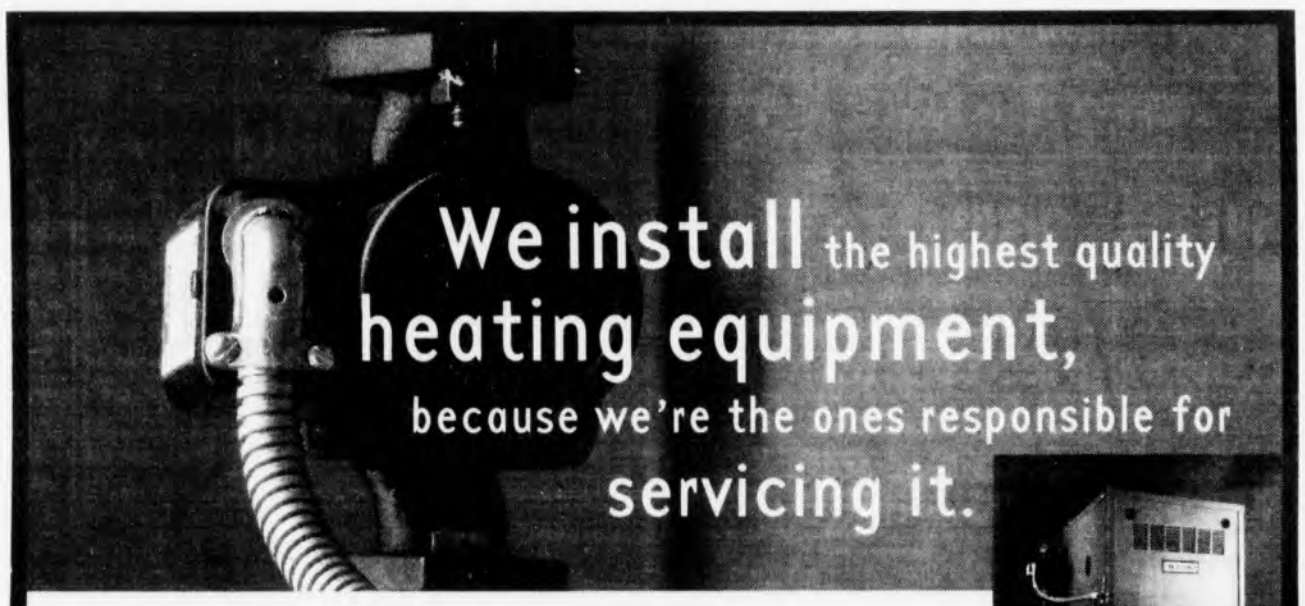
DEAN RIZZO, CHAIRMAN OF THE VILLAGE TASK FORCE.

"We would hope to put signs in each business district with a route system that people could follow to the other communities," Rizzo said. "If we had signs that said 'Scituate: this way' and similar signs in Scituate, visitors could find their way around easily. We need linkage options specifically between these four communities. It would also allow us to explore ways to take advantage of our harbors and related opportunities. There are many thematic commonalties, like the harbors, that could be explored."

Using a $5,000 state Department of Environmental Management Coastal Access Small Grant, the town has hired architect Jim Shipsky to study the all-important problem of how to connect Cohasset Village with Cohasset harbor. Shipsky has offered some innovative ideas, including a Cohasset Harbor Promenade which would include pedestrian walkways, bike paths, benches, improved lighting and landscaping. He has also recommended the reconstruction of historic wharves, full-size displays of Cohasset's history as a center for clipper-ship construction and ideas about businesses in the harbor.

Shipsky will also address the scope of work requested by the town and study ways to direct people from Route 3A to Route 228 with better signage, parking issues, and pedestrian access.

Rizzo said it is also important for residents to offer their ideas and suggestions to improve the Village. The future of Cohasset Village has never been brighter, Rizzo said and he wants to make sure that every idea is considered. Suggestions can be sent to the Village Revitalization Committee through the Town Manager's office at town hall.



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Court date slated for driver

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Police said William "Leigh" Atherton, 18,of Clay Spring Road has been issued a summons to appear in Quincy District Court on June 26, on charges following a fatal car crash last week.

Due to the seriousness of the accident, the Registry of Motor Vehicles revoked Atherton's license on June 11, Police Chief Brian Noonan said. He license was revoked indefinitely, Noonan said.

Atherton, who graduated from Cohasset High School Saturday, was the driver in a fatal accident on King Street shortly after 11 p.m., June 9, that claimed the life of his classmate, Bourke L. Cocoran, also 18. Police charged Atherton with motor vehicle homicide by reckless operation, operating to endanger, failure to stay within marked lanes and speeding.

Police said alcohol was not a factor in the accident.

Noonan explained the court appearance is a "show cause" hearing to determine if Atherton will be arraigned on the charges which include motor vehicle homicide, a misdemeanor punishable with a prison term of up to 2-1/2 years.

Noonan said the police and Norfolk County District Attorney's office will vigorously pursue this case because of the magnitude of the accident.

"We will pursue it like any similar type that had the outcome this one had," he said.

Police said Atherton's car, a 1995 Nissan 200 SX, was traveling in excess of 70 mph. The speed limit on the road is 30 mph.

In his yearbook entry, Atherton wrote he dislikes "speed traps" and is noted for "driving fast."

According to records obtained from the Registry of Motor Vehicles — in the past 18 months — Atherton had a total of three speeding tickets (two in Cohasset and one in Hingham), one written warning for speeding and was involved in a "surchargeable" single-car accident where he skidded off Jerusalem Road into a ditch last December.

In August of 1997, Atherton's license was suspended for having three tickets within a year. His license was reinstated in October.

On June 7, just two days before the fatal accident, police issued Atherton a written warning for going 48 mph in a 30 mph zone on Sohier Street.

Free saltwater sportfishing guide

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray offers the 1998 edition of the Saltwater Sport Fishing Guide.

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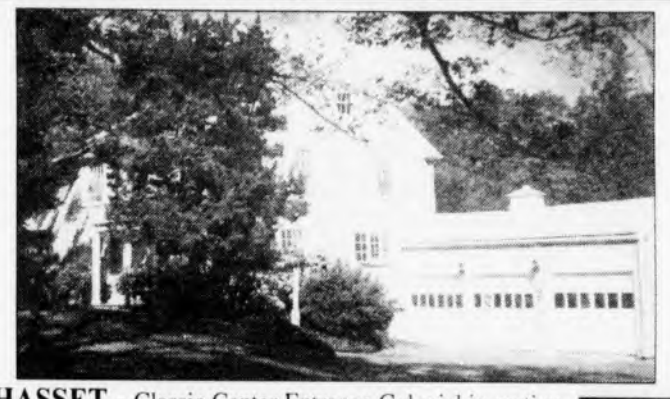
The Cohasset Recycling Transfer Facility will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day. It will be open on the Friday before and Sunday following the holiday.

Telephone number changes at town hall

The following departments have changed their phone numbers as follows:

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'Strong advocate' tapped as new school chief

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who will inspire confidence from town officials, teachers and parents.

Malvey salary in Cohasset and his first day on the job are still to be negotiated. He is earning $96,000 a year, starting July 1 in Griswold. In an interview Wednesday afternoon, he confirmed his acceptance is contingent on the contract talks. But Malvey did not foresee any problems striking a deal. (Hart currently makes about $94,000)

"I truly believe I will work well with this school board and this community," he said. Malvey also said he wants people to know he will be an advocate for children, for parents and for the schools.

"My whole career has been based on making improvements in public education," he said explaining he wanted to come to Cohasset because he found an atmosphere of support and excitement for positive changes here.

Malvey, who goes by the name "Ted," was an assistant schools superintendent in Mansfield from 1989 to 1992 before leaving to take the job in Griswold. In a telephone interview earlier, he said he always planned to come back to Massachusetts but was drawn to the Connecticut job because the school district had recently constructed several brand new buildings. He saw an opportunity to build on the new school theme with innovations in education.

Experience with school construction also weighed in his favor. He had the best experience of all the finalists in school building management, and his expertise ranged from fund raising to actual project management. Because issues about the age and condition of school buildings in Cohasset are expected to take up the school board's attention, Malvey's understanding of building construction turned out to be a big plus in his favor.

Malvey was graduated from Boston State College in 1970 (now UMass Boston). He also holds a master's degree in education from Northeastern University and a doctorate in education from George Washington. He spent the first 18 years of his career as a classroom teacher and assistant principal. He then logged 10 years as an assistant superintendent and finally a superintendent.

Griswold is a rural community located near New London and Groton and about 47 miles away from Hartford. Its main industry is dairy farming, though the town of 10,000 residents is changing and redefining itself as a suburban bedroom community. Over half the population is under 50. About the same percentage of youngsters attend the public schools in Griswold (93.5 percent) and in Cohasset (92 percent) according to school profiles published by the state education departments. B[illegible] the Cohasset district seemed to spend less money on education and still do better academically. For instance, Cohasset sent substantially more youngsters on to higher education (61.6 percent in Griswold against almost 100 percent in Cohasset). Moreover, only 37 percent of Griswold public high graduates went on to four-year colleges.

Cohasset students also outpaced Griswold students on the scholastic aptitude tests. Only 60 percent of the Griswold Class of 1996, the most recent class for which numbers were provided, took the college board exams. In comparison, 100 percent of the Cohasset Class of 1997 took the SAT. (The 1996 figures were not listed.) On average Cohasset students scored 520 on the Math aptitude test and 527 on the Verbal test, while Griswold seniors averaged only 481 on the Math section and 483 on the Verbal.

Ironically, Cohasset also spent far less money on education. Per pupil expenditures in Griswold topped $8,500 for the 1994-95 school year. Cohasset's per pupil expenditure was roughly $3,000 less. About 1,200 students went to public schools in Cohasset this year. The Griswold district was almost twice as big this year.

Maritime Museum open for the season

The Cohasset Historical Society's Maritime Museum at Elm Street, Cohasset Center, is open for its summer season. The museum is open each afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., except Mondays, from then through September. Admission is free, and donations are accepted.

The Maritime Museum, itself once a ship chandlery for Samuel Bates' fishing fleet, houses an extensive group of collections devoted to Cohasset's own maritime history. The town's major industries for nearly two centuries, from about 1700 to the 1890s, were fishing and shipbuilding. Peak years for the mackerel fishery in Cohasset were reached by 1850, when more than 50 large family-owned two-masted schooners called this their home port. A number of those schooners were built in shipyards at "Ship Cove," today known as Cohasset Harbor. The Maritime Museum illustrates that era of sailing vessels with exhibits of ship models, 19th century fishing gear, navigational instruments, shipwrights' tools, charts and pictures. Additionally, the story of shipwrecks and lifesaving is shown, and the history of Minot's Ledge Lighthouse is illustrated.

The museum also contains, on its second floor, a group of collections of more general historical nature; from Native American stone tools to early school desks to cordwainer's equipment and housewright's tools, mostly from early Cohasset.

Be sure to plan a visit to the Maritime Museum this summer to see a unique view of this early New England coastal village. The Historical Society's telephone number is (781) 383-1434.

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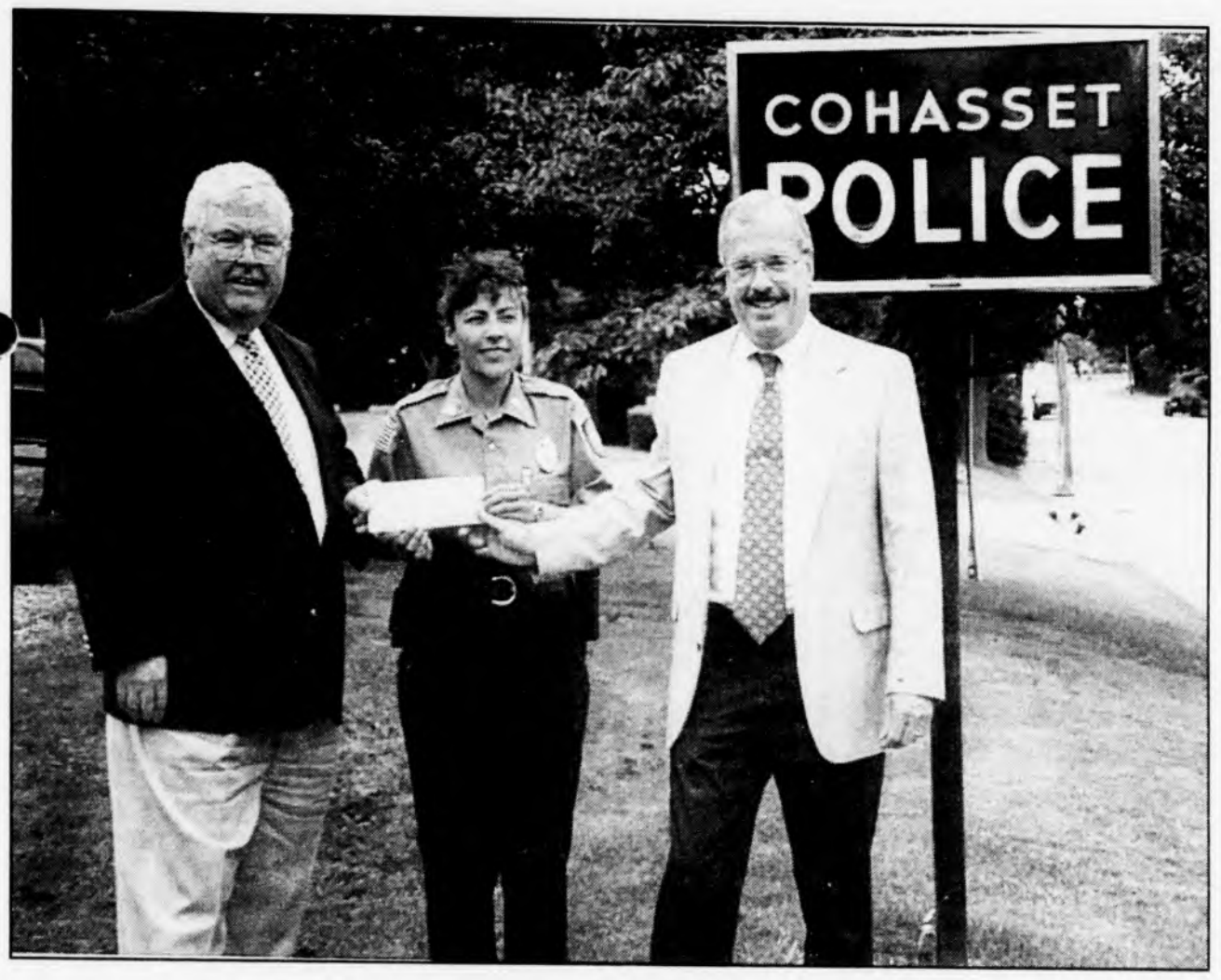
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Norfolk County Sheriff Jack Flood, left, presents a $1,000 check to PALS Officer Lisa Matos and Police Chief Brian Noonan.

$1K grant to help PALS program

Norfolk County Sheriff Jack Flood was on hand at the police station Friday to present a $1,000 grant to the police department. It was part of a county-wide effort to give local drug and alcohol abuse education programs a financial boost.

The money will go to Cohasset's PALS (Police Assisting Local Schools) program. About five years ago, police and the local school department worked together to tailor PALS to Cohasset setting it apart from the popular DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program that follows a standard curriculum across the country.

"We're very supportive of these programs," Flood said.

Flood noted that 80-85 percent of those incarcerated in the Dedham House of Correction are there due to the abuse of drugs and/or alcohol.

Flood said it's never too young to start educating schoolchildren about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

"With the average age of an inmate at 25 — the decision making at age 14 or 15 is going to have immediate ramifications on youngsters' lives," Flood said.

"I truly believe if we can stop the addiction, we can stop the crime," he said. "That's why I'm committed to continuing to assist Norfolk County police departments in their efforts to stop substance abuse."

Every police department in Norfolk County will receive a $1,000 grant this month from the sheriff's office to fund DARE or DARE-like education programs in the public schools.

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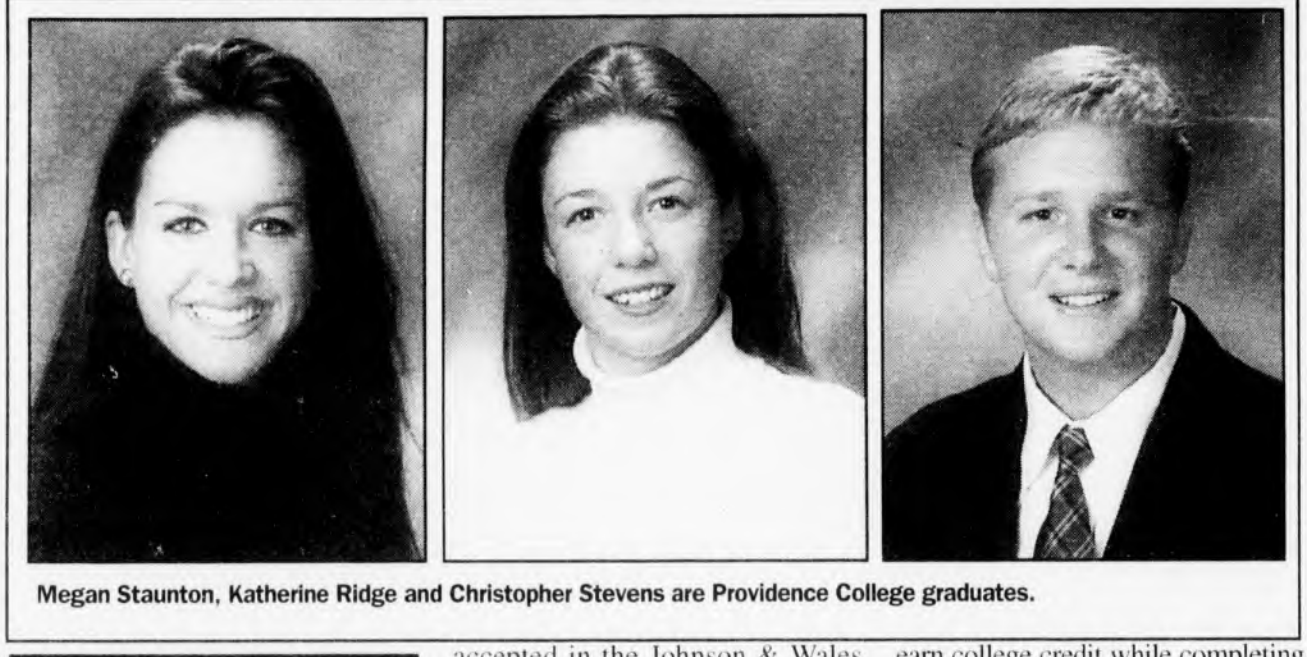
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PROVIDENCE GRADUATES

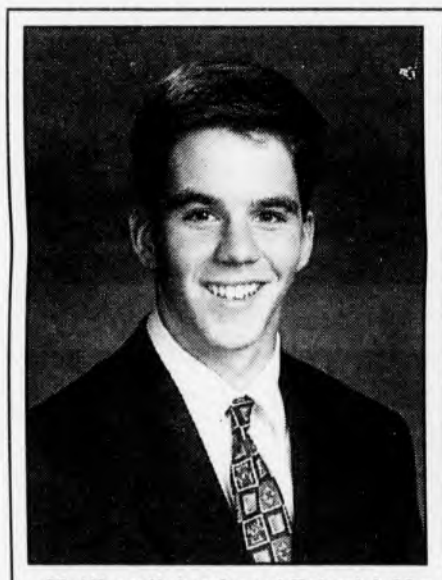
Providence College held their graduation recently, and there were three Cohasset grads present! **Katherine Ridge** of 30 Norfolk Road was awarded a bachelor's degree in social work; **Megan Staunton** of 30 Rustic Drive was awarded a bachelor's degree in social science; and **Christopher Stevens** of 86 Beach Street was awarded a bachelor's degree in management. Here's to a wonderful (and profitable) future to all of you!

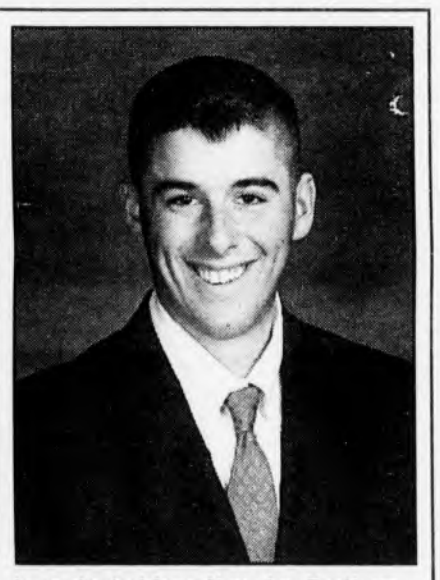
UMASS GRAD

Michelle T. Boyle, daughter of **Arthur** and **Judith Boyle** of Cohasset, graduated from Amherst College May 24. She majored in economics, and received Amherst's bachelor of arts degree. Michelle is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy.

XAVERIAN GRADUATES

On Sunday, May 17, Xaverian Brothers High School held its Commencement Exercises for the 32nd year and bestowed 142 diplomas to its graduating seniors. Two Cohasset students earned their diplomas from Xaverian: **Matthew K. Lewis**, son of **Kevin** and **Margaret Lewis** of 7 Heather Drive. Matt was the recipient of the Kevin M. King Memorial Scholarship, which is presented to the senior who best demonstrates superior motivation and meritorious effort at each step of scholastic life in the Xaverian community. Matt earned a Silver Medal for academic achievement in English, was a member of the National Honor Society and achieved honors in all four years. He has enrolled at the United States Naval Academy. And, **Robert J. Moody III,** son of **Robert** and **Sharon Moody** of 80 Forest Avenue, who will be attending Union College in the fall. We offer hearty congratulations to you both!





Matthew K. Lewis and Robert J. Moody graduated from Xaverian Brothers High School.

BC HIGH REPRESENTED

Boston College High School announces that two Cohasset students graduated from there May 24. They are **Jason S. McCaffrey** and **Martin P. St. John**. Congratulations go to both of you gents!

FARMERS' MARKET UNDERWAY

Isn't it great to see the Cohasset Village Farmers' Market underway again! In case you missed the first two, it is held every Thursday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., and you can enjoy many things! Not only do they have organic produce, strawberries and seasonal fruits, herb plants, perennials, baked goods and jams, seasonal veggies, Peace Meal bread, fresh and dried flower arrangements, honey products, lobsters and more, they feature special events each week! On the first and third Thursday they have live folk music, and there are live cooking demonstrations on the second and fourth Thursdays. There will be many additional surprises throughout the season, so plan on attending each week! Join the activities on the Common, meet tons of people and ENJOY! On a personal note, we had some of the scrumptious strawberries that were offered last week, and they were outstanding!

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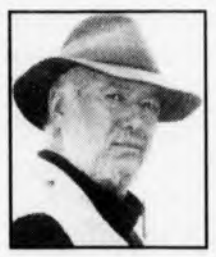
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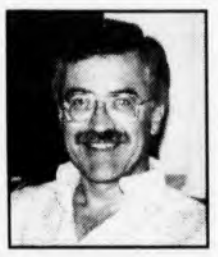
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CHS teacher Eileen Rohrer thanks the Class of 1998 for selecting her for the "Golden Apple" award at graduation on Saturday. For more photos, see pages 16 & 17.

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FESTIVAL ON THE COMMON

Finally, don't forget about this special weekend on the Common — The South Shore Art Center's 43rd Annual Festival on the Common and the eighth Annual Strawberry Festival! There will be something for everyone, juried art and juried photography exhibitions and members show; young artists show and demonstrations, concerts, kids' tent (they do all sorts of art work, and love creating their very own masterpieces); lobster dinners; fiddlers — you name it, it will be there! You can even buy a piece of the wooden flagpole that was removed from the Common last year, for a $10 donation to the South Shore Art Center. It is already cut and sanded, and you can decorate the piece yourself with materials from the activity tent, or you may commission a South Shore Art Center Gallery artist to paint a scene of the Common on it for you!

HONORS STUDENT

We salute **Ashley Wilfand** who was inducted into the Cum Laude Society May 21 in Thayer Academy's Southworth Library. A reception and dinner was held in the students' honor, and we are all proud of Ashley for "making the grade."

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

Then, top everything off with a truly superb strawberry shortcake at the Second Congregational Church. The church members make the best shortcake, then top them with tons of yummy strawberries and oodles of whipped cream — yummy in the tummy! People now come from everywhere to partake in these shortcakes, and some go every night!

The whole event is memorable, plan on spending the weekend on the Common.

'THE WIZ' AT THAYER

Speaking of Thayer Academy, the Middle School staged "The Wiz" recently and there were two Cohasset students in the cast! We hear that **D. J. Lanzillotti** and **Leigh-Anne Walsh** were wonderful in their roles — we are sure to hear more about them and their acting/singing prowess!

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Farewell, Bourke

"Bourke is likely to be remembered in every laugh that echoes through this small town,"

—a classmate.

As the Rev. Gary Ritts so eloquently said Sunday, Bourke Corcoran's many friends knew something we didn't. "His friends all knew. They have shown his family, this community, what it means to be together," the Rev. Ritts said in Sunday's memorial service for the 18-year-old who would have graduated Saturday.

In the days that followed the terrible news that one of Cohasset's own had been senselessly lost in a tragic car crash, the teenagers of this town reminded the rest of us what it's like to be young and how to enjoy the moment.

What they lacked in numbers — Bourke's graduating class had only 61 students — they more than made up for in heart.

With their hugs, they shared with us the legacy of a young man who touched them all through the simple act of friendship.

One classmate recalled being a new tenth-grader with no friends. "He introduced me to people, so I wasn't that new kid sitting alone," he said.

Another recalled inviting Bourke to a party with his Milton Academy friends and feeling obligated to stay at his side.

"But in Bourke's case that was unnecessary," he said. "Upon arrival, he left my side to go meet people." By the time another Milton Academy student from Cohasset had arrived, Bourke was introducing them to Milton students.

One by one at Sunday's memorial service, at least a dozen students recalled Bourke's touching, humorous antics and practical jokes that always included the common thread of kindness.

"He was a friend, brother, boyfriend, class clown and was and still is the most unique person around," a girl said.

"All the memories we have are so precious — I know you'll keep helping us as we continue to grow," she said.

"Bourke had unique qualities like growing a beard in the seventh-grade," laughed another. "He was always fun to be with because of his creativity. He was like the icing on the cake, the party wouldn't be the same without his presence."

"He had a pager and every time he got a page, Bourke would say 'somebody loves me,'" another said.

"He was always there with listening ears, an open mind and big heart that never stopped giving," a friend said.

One girl said the class members will now be "Bourke's disciples."

"That's us spreading the smiles as Bourke would have on other people's faces," she said.

Through the tragedy of this past week something changed in all of us. This town pulled together and paused to reflect on how to appreciate all of life's priceless moments.

"Now is all we have," Rev. Ritts said. "Life is not lived in length, it's lived in depth."

Rev. Ritts said as our feelings move toward more of an equilibrium, it's important not to forget what Bourke has taught us all. He asked that each of us light a candle in a window every night this week as a reminder.

"We must continue to embrace our families and each other whenever we have the opportunity — because Bourke in his new, complete, whole form, lives on," he said.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proud of CHS administrators

TO THE EDITOR:

With all the negative press that schools seem to get these days, I find myself proud to be a parent of a child at Cohasset High School.

This past week's tragedy will forever be in the minds of the students and many parents who are involved with Cohasset High School. Nothing can change the tragic accident and the loss of a son, brother or friend. But Cohasset High School, led by Mr. Collins and Mr. Delorenzo, responded to the crisis with professionalism, compassion and true understanding of the students' needs. Cohasset is so lucky to have these two individuals as the leaders of our high school.

Thank you for being there for our youth and the community.

Fred Johansen
20 King St.

Neighbor's Action Praised

TO THE EDITOR:

Your June 11 article regarding the accident on King Street did not mention the kind actions of our neighbor Victor Vanderlugt. When Victor and his wife Justine heard the crash they ran outside immediately and dialed 9-1-1. Upon hearing Leigh Atherton's cries for help, Victor searched the woods and when he came upon the horrific scene, went immediately to the boys' assistance, staying with them until help arrived. While the tragic outcome of this particular accident could not be changed, I am grateful to know I live in a neighborhood where a cry for help is not ignored.

Laura N. DeSisto
11 Hugh Strain Road

Arts grant appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the students at Cohasset High School and the Arts Boosters, I would like to thank the South Shore Playhouse Associates for their generous grant to our effort.

We are fortunate in Cohasset to have dedicated teachers and talented students and parents who want to see that the arts continue to thrive in our community and in our schools. This grant will help us in our effort and will be used wisely by the Arts Boosters.

The South Shore Playhouse Associates and the South Shore Music Circus are true assets to the town of Cohasset. The members of the Arts Boosters send our sincerest wishes for the best season yet in 1998.

Donna O'Donnell, President
Cohasset Arts Boosters

Greenbush rail revival backed

TO THE EDITOR:

What wonderful news for South Shore commuters that an impartial federal agency has determined that commuter rail service to and from Greenbush will improve our air quality. Although this report, prepared for the United States Corps of Engineers, will apparently need some adjustment, it should encourage the exasperated hoards of us who periodically, if not daily, frantically force ourselves into a choking maelstrom of stop and go trucks, trailers, buses, and one-passenger vehicles – the latter to be parked in town at shocking rates.

The small proportion of each town's citizenry who choose to live adjacent to the Greenbush right of way merit our sympathy. However, the vociferous individuals of this minority have self-interestedly stalled for the majority of South Shore townspeople the revitalization of beneficial mass transportation. These individuals have thwarted the interests of the 90 percent living further away from the proposed tracks, and they have consigned to us all, for years now, the absorption of unnecessary, excessively noxious, automotively-generated gases – not to mention the perpetually needless, mental and cardiac stresses along the accident-prone, cattle-chutes to the city.

An exceedingly modest amount of vibration and daylight noise (relative to the roar of airplanes above) is a small bit to pay for:

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Lessons in history, life experiences

MY VIEW

MARK BELL

It was about 30 years ago when my Sharon Social Studies teacher, Mr. Plouffe, stood at the front of the class and looked out at us with one of those serious "adult" looks.

He said something like: "Look around at your classmates. As you do, know that all of you aren't going to make it. Things happen in life, they just happen. Out of a class of a hundred kids or so, one or two just won't. Things around you are going to change, and peoples lives are one of those things."

Like all kids that age we kind of laughed it off. High school is the time of emancipation from our parents and the norms of THEIR version of society. We tested them at their rules and won so many times. Some of us drank, others drove too fast, others had sex. Graduation time, yeah. We looked forward to it. This life thing? We had it made.

For our parents, graduation represented similar emancipation. Their thoughts were somewhere between pride and relief, as their expectations of freedom seemed similar to ours. The end of High School is a stepping stone for everyone, as everybody leaves High School one way or another.

Remembering that talk and the look around the room that day, I don't remember if one of the prettiest children ever, classmate Robin Halper, had already been taken away from us while walking next to the lake down Massapoag Ave. She was walking right next to another wonderful classmate, good friend Nancy, when Robin was clipped from beside her by a car. We were stung again when "cool dude" Mitch Margolis's house burned. Mitch's Dad jumped out of a second floor window first hoping to catch Mitch and his Mom next. They never came out.

So many of us have stories like these. They're about kids that we all grew up with and the people we always saw around town. These are the people in our lives who exist like the street signs and the buildings. We didn't create them, they were just there. They grew with us and we grew with them. Their being was part of the heart and soul of our childhoods; part of what makes us who we are.

Too recently, history repeated itself. Speeding through the night with the spirit of youth and the horizons of life before them, Bourke Corcoran and Lee Atherton became lifetime teachers for the Class of '98, which might be known forever as the year of senseless student deaths.

There are ironies of the accident happening by the beautiful reservoir that nourished them during their lives; that they crashed through barriers society built to safely harness them in; that nature's trees stood defiant to the antics of their adolescence. But life IS ironic by nature.

The moment that classmates learned about Bourke's death and Lee's changed life will be remembered forever as a time that their guts were turned inside out and their hearts forever broken. Many went right to the scene of the accident as soon as they found out the morning after, the day of Class Night. One group of classmates was seen walking eight abreast up King Street from the site. NOBODY walks on the typically busy, fast street like that, but this morning was different as, strangely, few cars went by. The kids owned the street this morning, as their class had paid for it the night before. They were going to make it to the end of the street their classmates did not, as their defiance of the dangerous street was more powerful than any fear of its dangers. They needed to beat it, and they did.

Just like I'll never have pretty Robin or cool Mitch back again, the Cohasset Class of '98 will never have Bourke and Lee back as they were before the crash. Nobody's really ever the same as before. The soul of the class has been forever altered and in its place is the realization that their Mom's and Dad's, and all the Mom's and Dad's, can't fix this one. It's the experienced reality for all the old adults, and fresh for the newly christened ones.

On Cohasset '98's graduation day the skies poured six inches of rain over the region, and on the day meant to honor Bourke, the clouds opened long enough for us to see the sunshine. More rain then we've ever seen on a day, as if symbolic tears, and sunshine when we needed to group together, perhaps symbolic of our collective hope that this is the end of horror for the '97-98 school year.

Mr. Plouffe taught my class history, and that history repeats itself. We never thought it would happen to us, so of course we couldn't prepare to see it happen to our kids when we grew up. Perhaps there is no way to prepare, but for so many of us, we've now learned both ways.

The Cohasset Class of 98 will always have 61 students in its heart, and for all of us who had more souls than bodies at commencement, it'll never hurt any less.

Those Southern Baptists are at it again

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The Southern Baptists, who very often choose to follow their own drummer when they don't think the communal beat is right, have done it again.

Their convention in Salt Lake City last week adopted a new 18th article of the Baptist Faith and Message, that reads: "A wife is to submit graciously to the servant leadership of her husband, even as the church willingly submits to the leadership of Christ."

Furthermore, husbands are required to provide for, protect and lead the family while a wife has "the God given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his 'helper' in managing their household and nurturing the next generation."

I want to be a fly on the wall when the nation's First Baptist, Bill Clinton, lays *that* law down to Hillary, who probably hasn't been near a kitchen since that infamous cookie bake-off (on paper) with Barbara Bush six years ago.

Geez, just when women are finally achieving equality with their men folks, the Southern Baptists have to come along.

Didn't Sheriff Joe Arpaio just create an equal-opportunity chain gang in Maricopa County, Ariz., wherein convicts of the female persuasion are finally given the chance to don leg irons and join their men in picking up trash, pulling weeds and painting over graffiti.

"I feel that women should be treated just like men," said Sheriff Joe — so why has NOW never given him a dinner?

Didn't our own MCAD just order attorney Judith Nathanson to pay Joseph Stropnicky of Beverly $5,000 in "emotional distress damages" for refusing to represent him in a divorce case on grounds that she takes only women clients.

Stropnicky testified that "this gender-based policy made me feel angry, humiliated and defeated. I didn't think that a lawyer could refuse to represent me because I'm a man. I thought it was outrageous."

NOW's Pat Ireland couldn't have put it any better.

And how about the appearance in comic books, the bibles of the younger generation, of Sister Shannon Masters (aka Areala), the superhero leader of 13 warrior nuns who "provide the thin line of defense between Earth and the power of Hell." Who needs Superman?

But I digress . . .

Southern Baptist Convention delegates, explained the Rev. John Setchfield of Marion, N. C., "would love to see a more traditional family structure. There has to be more creative ways to nurture our children." Hence the 18th article.

Isn't that similar to last year's pronouncements by Afghanistan's Department for Promoting Virtue and Preventing Vice (aka "the religious police")?

"It is forbidden for women to visit male patients in wards where unrelated males are hospitalized.

"Women working in the medical sector should not sit in the seat next to the driver during transportation."

And the best admonition yet:

"Women are duty-bound to behave with dignity, to walk calmly and refrain from hitting their shoes on the ground, which makes noises."

But the Southern Baptists declaration is not as strict as it sounds.

"I don't know anyone who would say 'If you don't believe this, you can't be a member of our church," said Herb Hollinger of the church's executive committee.

Bill must have been glad to hear that.

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fied engineer doing the driving.

4. Leaving home and arriving back at rational hours.

In view of our nightmare commuting, thoughtful people should speak more fervently in endorsing the railroad cure with its convenient, dependably on-time scheduling (as witness the other lines), and its happily proposed, less expensive ticketing.

Edward F. Woods, D.M.D.
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Cohasset

Greenbush rail restoration

TO THE EDITOR,

I am writing in regards to the ongoing Greenbush controversy. It makes absolutely no sense to go forward with this wasteful proposal to restore diesel trains along the Greenbush line. For all the problems and expense that this proposal would cost, there are many viable and less costly alternates to seriously consider.

• A better alternate to building miles of track and stations along the coastal route would be to construct a major rail stop at the new interchange to be built along route 3 in Hingham to service the South Weymouth Airbase project. To construct a rail spur from the South Weymouth station out to the new Route 3 interchange would be much less costly and would do much more in removing traffic from the major commuter route of the South Shore. This new terminal could be constructed similar to the Quincy Adams terminal in Braintree. By providing this station further to the south, the Braintree and Quincy Adams stations could free up some additional spaces for commuters in those areas. Right now these stations fill very early in the morning, forcing all the local area commuters to travel closer to Boston in search of parking to take the "T" to work. The new station could also become a bus terminal pick-up and drop off for extending the "T" bus routes into the surrounding towns, which currently pay for service but receive no direct service.

• The recent announcement of the addition of Catamaran type boats to the commuter boat service should be expanded rather than ignored. Commuter boat service on the South Shore is wonderful. These new boats will cut the commute from 35 minutes to 20 minutes. The new train will take 50 minutes. There is no easier way to the city. It makes the most sense, to use this water resource, as a commuter route.

• Another positive announcement recently was the proposal from the developer responsible for the revitalization of the Hingham Shipyard area. His proposal calls for a new Commuter Boat and Harbor Islands terminal as well as a new parking facility. This is a fantastic opportunity to really help the transportation network on the South Shore. The new area should also offer a bus terminal pick-up and drop off for extending "T" bus routes into the surrounding towns. This would allow a direct commuter link onto the boats. Currently there is no service directly to the boats.

• Another option for the old Greenbush tracks would be to construct a real bikeway, which would connect all of the coastal towns. This bikeway could be modeled after a very successful bikeway in the suburbs to the northwest of Boston. The Minuteman bikeway runs through the Concord-Lexington area and connects directly to the Alewife "T" station on the Redline. The Greenbush bikeway could connect to the trails of Beals Cove Park and also follow the old rail spur out to the Hingham Shipyard. Here you have a direct connection to the Commuter boats or the Harbor Islands. The bikeway could also be extended beyond Greenbush to eventually connect all of the coastal towns down to the Cape Cod Canal. What a great use for residents as well as a boost for tourism. An opportunity to travel by bike and explore all of the coastal towns.

• The Discovery Channel recently featured a high-speed electric Monorail type transportation system, which is now in use. It is a single-track system, easy to construct, and very energy efficient. This system could be constructed along the right-of-way down Route 3 with little disruption in the communities which it would serve. This is a form of transportation that would have a positive effect on the South Shore.

• These options are real possibilities and should be studied as real alternates. The possibility of destroying all of these coastal communities with incredible amounts of grade crossings, pollution, filling in of wetlands, loss of a community (downtown Hingham) and the disruption of this wonderfully preserved piece of history should not be tolerated. It is not overreacting. The threat is real. These possible alternates are modern solutions and offer a variety of commuting options. It is time to respond and become active to stop the diesel rail one and for all.

Tom & Michelle Maloney
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Hingham

Hats off the Health Board

TO THE EDITOR,

The Board of Health deserves congratulations for its unanimous 3-0 vote on June 9 to have Site Assignment Hearings to consider rescinding, amending, or suspending the Site Assignment of the Cohasset Heights Ltd. (CHL) landfill.

Many people have asked me why the Board of Health did not take a vote that night to close CHL down, since it seemed like they had the evidence and inclination to do so. However, Cohasset residents need to know that the Board of Health could not have taken that action, and that the most severs action that the Board could have taken that night was to do exactly what they did: vote to hold Site Assignment Hearings. Under the state Solid Waste Act, the Board of Health does have the authority to amend or rescind the Site Assignment for a landfill, but only after a duty noticed Site Assignment Hearing.

Now, that they have voted to hold the required Site Assignment Hearings, it is a very important for every Cohasset resident to attend the Hearings.

John K. McNabb Jr.
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Cohasset graduates support one another in time of grief

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There were no TV cameras in sight but the graduation speakers had to compete with resounding thunder and torrential rain that whipped at and pelted the canvas tent.

"You've handled yourselves extra thoughtfully, tastefully and courageously," Collins told the graduates.

In his graduation address, School Committee Chairman Rick Shea, who coached Cocoran in youth basketball, said Cocoran's personality matched that of the class.

"You have stuck together and supported each other and for that I congratulate you."

Shea urged the graduates not to be afraid to be different. He said the most interesting people he's met did not know what they wanted to do with the rest of their lives at the age 18 or even at 25.

"Find your voice and sing your song," he said. "Don't be afraid to take on new challenges and have the patience to follow a winding career path."

Class valedictorian Kathleen Buckley said what the class lacked in size it made up for in talent whether in music, drama, athletics or academics.

The size of the class, small even by Cohasset standards, Buckley said, afforded everyone the opportunity to get to know one another. She said the events of the past few days brought them closer together in grief but taught them how someone like Cocoran can touch many lives.

Buckley told her classmates to always remember the past but to focus on what is to come.

"The future is a secret yet to be revealed," Buckley said. "Go out into the world and make a difference, Class of 1998."

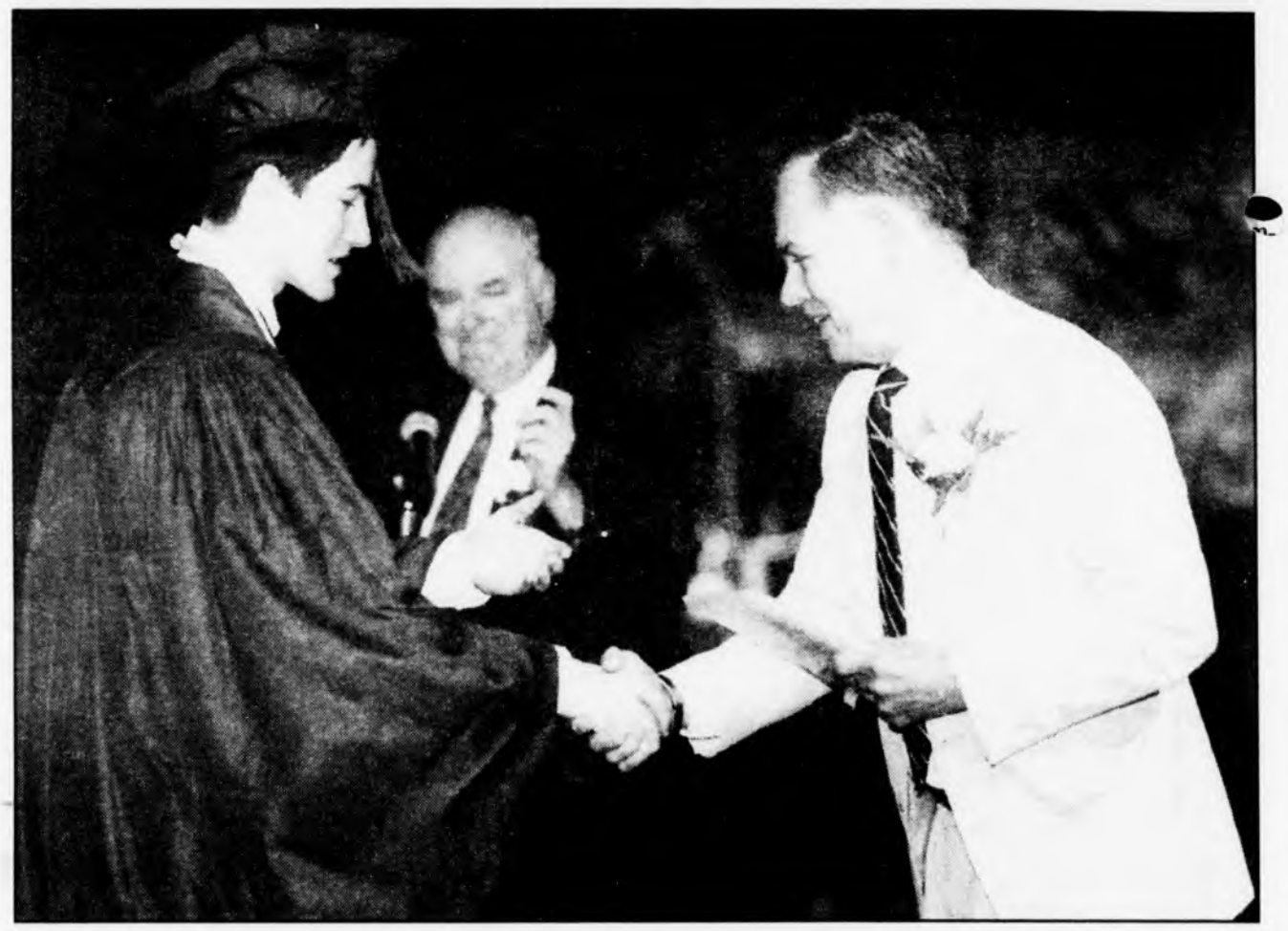
"I've always known you were special. But in the past week you've conducted yourselves with love, support, dignity and grace. I love you all. I've been honored to be your teacher and your friend."

EILEEN ROHRER, TEACHER

Principal Collins read the names of all the award recipients. Class night, during which scholarships and awards are usually presented, was canceled Wednesday due to the tragedy.

Then each carrying a single rose and wearing a yellow ribbon of remembrance, the 55 seniors, one-by-one received their diplomas and paused briefly to place their roses in a basket by a memorial to Cocoran in front of the speaker's podium.

William "Leigh" Atherton, the driver of the car in which Cocoran was killed, received supportive applause as he walked up to receive his diploma.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

National Honor Society member Andrew Ross receives an award from NHS advisor Paul Narkeiwicz.

The graduates, who each had Cocoran's initials "BC" taped on the top of their caps, had all written messages on a piece of white poster board with Cocoran's photograph in the center.

In a final touching moment, the last diploma — the one for Cocoran — was accepted by his classmate Nathaniel B. Cotter, at the request of Cocoran's family. When Collins announced Cocoran's name, all in attendance stood and applauded.

"Bourke if you only knew how many people loved you and truly cared," was a written message on the poster board from one classmate.

But as the lights blinked and thunder ricocheted overhead, one felt that somehow Cocoran indeed knew.

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Food for thought: "Thrift is a wonderful virtue–especially in an ancestor.."

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Hundreds gather to remember high school senior

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

It was as much a celebration of a young life lived fully as the mourning over the loss of a popular teenager killed in an unspeakable tragedy.

The Memorial Service for Bourke L. Corcoran on Sunday drew upwards of 800 people who overfilled two churches hooked up by an audio system while still more clustered in groups outside the open First Parish Church windows in an effort to come together and recall a remarkable young man.

The friendly, outgoing Cohasset High School senior's life was cut short last week in a car accident just four days before graduation and left this seaside town of 7,000 stunned.

Those coming to pay their respects walked slowly across the Town Common from all directions filing into the First Parish and Second Congregational churches to a piano solo of Elton John's "A Candle in the Wind," played by Corcoran's classmate Kelly Tufts.

Corcoran's gift for friendship was reflected through dozens of tributes delivered by his classmates during the 90-minute ecumenical service that included members of the clergy from all the churches across town.

"His devoted sense of friendship was a constant in our ever-changing lives," said one student.

"He loved being around people," another recalled. "He loved being popular, he was loved by so many because he returned love to so many."

Through laughter and tears, the teenagers fondly recounted doughnut fights, sleepovers, practical jokes and a friend who was always there for them.

"You were always there with listening ears, an open mind, and big heart that never stopped giving," said another teenager.

"Life is not lived in length, it's lived in depth. Bourke knew this. He knew how to enjoy the moments of his life. He lived deeply."

THE REV. GARY RITTS

The Rev. Gary Ritts, who led the service at First Parish, said we live under the illusion that life is lived in length.

"Life is not lived in length, it's lived in depth," Ritts said. "Bourke knew this. He knew how to enjoy the moments of his life. He lived deeply."

Ritts said the quote under Corcoran's yearbook photograph in which he said, "In the event of my demise, when my heart can bear no more, I hope I die for a principle or belief I have lived for" has left many wondering.

"We will constantly be tempted to say 'what if,'" Ritts said. "To say to ourselves, 'if only.'

"But that reflects our temptation to live a shallow, lengthy life.

"I believe living deeply is the principle Bourke lived. What is happening right here is because of him. What his friends all knew, they have shown his family, this community, what it means to be together."

Ritts asked that everyone light a candle in a window every night this week in memory of Corcoran.

He noted that Corcoran was such a "people person" that there wasn't a photo to be found of him that didn't include someone else. Ritts said even the photograph used for the cover of the memorial service program had to be cropped.

He said standing together is the best way to honor Corcoran's memory.

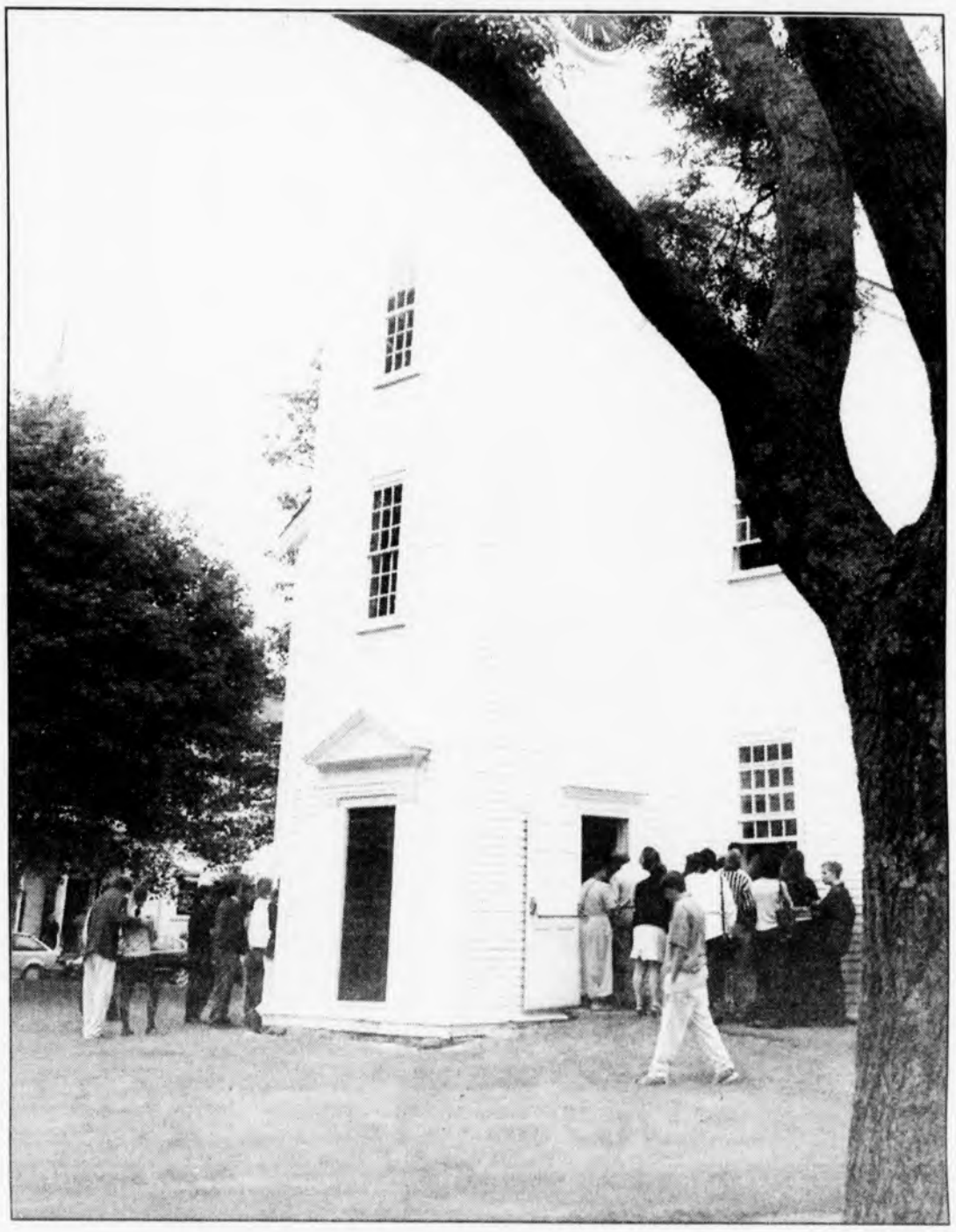
"We are not the same as we were Tuesday night," Ritts said. ..."The memory of this week will never leave this town, ever."

He urged everyone to continue to embrace their families and each other.

Corcoran's schoolmates Andrew Ross and Gregory Bilton performed a duet "Did You Ever Look So Nice;" Catie Campbell sang "Friends;" and Kate Buckley, Lindy Holway, Bilton, Josh Flanagan, Ali Kinchla, Jason Dupre and Ross sang "I Will Remember You."

The entire congregation sang "Amazing Grace."

A reception for family and friends was held at the Second Congregational Church following the service.



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The overflow crowd at Sunday's memorial service clusters around the doors and windows at First Parish Church. More were in the Second Congregational Church which was hooked up by audio.

Bourke L. Corcoran

Bourke L. Corcoran, 18, died June 10 from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Mr. Corcoran, a lifelong resident of Cohasset, leaves his parents Bourke and Merlyn Corcoran; a sister, Elizabeth Corcoran; his grandparents, William B. Corcoran of Summit, NJ and Godfrey and Muriel Moll of Springfield, Missouri; aunts, Clara Corcoran, Laura Corcoran, Karen Thomas and Carol Frank and cousins, Brian and Cory Corcoran, Nicholas Covino and Jason and Samantha Thomas.

Burial was in Woodside Cemetery Monday. Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home.

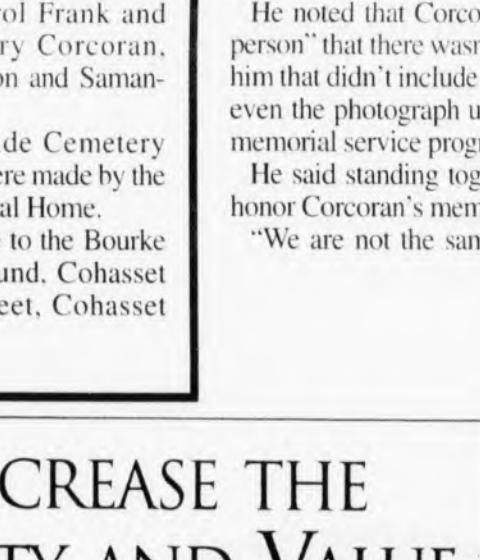
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Hagerty Property plan picks up speed

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Once mired in disagreements, the committee that spent five years studying what to do with the harbor front Hagerty Property has something that eluded it in the past.

Momentum.

The committee Wednesday voted 4-3 to go ahead, pending an OK from the selectmen, and apply for permits.

The one-vote margin came after several members went on the record with doubts the town will ever successfully develop the land for boating and passive recreation. Nonetheless, the project appeared to be on the fast track five days later. Monday, Hagerty Property committee member Veneta Roebuck took the plan to the selectmen and won a rubber stamp from the board. In a telephone interview Tuesday, Roebuck estimated construction could start as early as the spring. She estimated the plan would take three years to finish. It is expected to cost $150,000 to repair and improve the retaining wall and build a parking lot and a walkway to Government Island.

With the selectmen's approval, Roebuck was to authorize engineer John Modzelewski to go ahead and produce the final version of the plan. The next hurdle, winning a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers, is expected to take 90 to 120 days. Eventually, the town will also need permits from the local zoning and conservation boards, the state Department of Environmental Protection, the coastal zone management agency and the federal environmental protection agency, she said. However, the ACE has already reviewed a preliminary plan, and an approval of the final plan is expected.

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At Wednesday's meeting engineer John Modzelewski explained the changes he needed to make in the preliminary plan to ease it past the review by the ACE. After the army engineers flagged the project's impact on the salt marsh, Modzelewski worked out an alternate plan that did not call for putting fill in the marsh. However, the solution did reduce the width of the walkway to Government Island and require a change in the layout. It also cut down on the number and the size of legal parking spaces. The parking lot will now accommodate 27 parking spaces plus one space for handicapped drivers. In the last round of changes, two parking spaces went to avoid filling the salt marsh. Then three more parking spaces were lost, after marine biologist Kevin Ulmer explained where architects intended to put a small addition to the Hagerty House, now the Lobster Lab.

After his presentation, the committee discussed strategy but decided its best course would be to go along with the changes the ACE wanted.

The town paid $470,000 for the Hagerty House and the property around it five years ago partly because the site provided the only place for the public to launch boats. Committee members ranked among the strongest critics of the purchase. Russ Bonetti, for instance, previously questioned the price tag—too high for a property that would primarily benefit the wealthy.

"Everyone's paying for it, and not everyone uses the boats," he said. But Roebuck previously defended the purchase on the grounds buying the Hagerty Property protected the town, and Bonetti agreed the purchase did expand public access to the harbor. It also protected the harbor from potential industrial pollution because the property was zoned for light industrial use and could be used for light industry if the town did not take it off the market.

Originally the selectmen wanted to demolish the Hagerty House. But the town meeting voted to lease the building to Ulmer for the research lab.

Gospel singers in concert

At 8 p.m., Saturday, June 20, First Parish Church and the Cohasset Diversity Committee will co-sponsor the New Temple Singers in a Gospel Concert at the First Parish Meeting House on Cohasset Common. Tickets at $7 in advance ($10 at the door) will be on sale at the church office for further information (781) 383-1100.

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MBTA, Corps ironing out concerns over Greenbush

More study needed

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

MBTA officials are confident the Greenbush project will stay on track, despite some recent setbacks.

The transit authority hopes data it is preparing to deliver to the Army Corps of Engineers in the next week or so will convince the Corps, which is the lead federal agency involved in reviewing the project, that rail restoration is the best way to ease the area's transportation woes.

Whether the $285 million proposal to restore Greenbush rail service will be derailed or kept on track remains to be determined.

"We're confident the project will go forward," said Joseph Pesaturo, spokesman for the MBTA.

The Army Corps, the lead federal agency involved in reviewing the project, met with the MBTA Tuesday "to identify those areas and processes which will allow us to gather more information (about Greenbush from the MBTA) and proceed accordingly," said Larry Rosenberg, spokesman for the Corps. "It was a pretty routine meeting."

Hingham's Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan, who opposes rail restoration, likens the ongoing process to the Battle of the Bulge.

"The enemy forces have made a desperate attempt to storm through our Army to the sea. . . . There have been many losses and no ground gained," he said. "No one had much confidence in the information provided by the MBTA."

But according to Pesaturo, the transit authority is willing to provide more information because it feels the South Shore would benefit from Greenbush.

The Corps is taking a hard look at alternatives that could prove more environmentally sensitive than the 17.7-mile line, which would cut through South Shore communities, including Hingham Square.

At the end of May, the Corps released a study prepared by a consulting firm, ENSR of Acton, which stated the MBTA's ridership and environmental impact projections and analysis of alternatives for the Greenbush line — which would run from Scituate to Boston — are sketchy and flawed.

"The MBTA hasn't convinced the Corps yet that they have enough information to agree that the only way to solve the area's transportation problems is heavy diesel rail," Macmillan said.

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ALEXANDER MACMILLAN - HINGHAM TRAIN OPPONENT

The MBTA disagreed with the Corps' assertion, stating further analysis is not necessary.

"We used information the MBTA furnished us, and our consultant made a call," Rosenberg said.

To help iron out their differences, the MBTA met with the Corps last Friday to try to convince the federal agency that the proposed rail line is the best transportation alternative.

At the meeting, MBTA officials promised to provide additional information about the rail line to the Corps' consultant at a later time.

While no specific information is available at this time as to what further information the MBTA will provide to the Corps, Rosenberg said the data is expected over the next week.

The ENSR report and the ensuing continued analysis will provide the baseline from which the Corps will further scrutinize the MBTA's Greenbush proposal and make a determination, according to Rosenberg.

"It wouldn't serve the public's best interests to make a decision without the additional information," said Rosenberg, emphasizing that the review of the proposal "is a living process."

"We understand the concerns of the public and are reacting to them," he said. "We're one federal agency that definitely takes those into consideration in our process."

Nancy Buckley, co-founder of the Coastal Coalition — a grassroots organization which supports seeking alternatives to rail restoration — said, "We are very pleased that the ACE fulfilled its responsibility on Tuesday, and we now expect acting Gov. Paul Cellucci to fulfill his obligation to bring a merciful end to this costly cycle of studies by directing his administration to abandon the project."

Macmillan said he wouldn't be surprised if the Corps finds itself in the position of having to retain yet another consultant or two as the process continues.

The Corps is comparing Greenbush with other transportation alternatives, including increased commuter boat and bus service or building a tunnel under historic Hingham Square.

In the meantime, the federal Environmental Protection Agency is attempting to determine whether Greenbush restoration would improve air quality. Two weeks ago the EPA released a study supporting the MBTA's claims that restored rail would reduce pollution by taking automobiles off congested highways. The agency is now in the process of revising the study due an error in the report which calculated the train's pollution based on 12 trips in and out of Boston rather than the 24 the MBTA proposes.

Convenience store to stay dry

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The Mobil gas station at Sohier Street and Route 3A won't be selling any beer and wine, after all.

Saying there is no need, selectmen unanimously denied the request for a liquor license this week.

They were cool to the proposal when first presented by owner Paul Vercollone last month because the police chief is against granting the license.

And this week, selectmen hadn't warmed to the idea even though the 26 "disturbance" complaints the chief referred to over the past 16 months were generated by store employees who were following the company policy of not allowing cars and groups to congregate there, explained Vercollone's attorney Richard A. Henderson.

"It's important for the record to show there were no third-party complaints whatsoever," he said.

A frustrated Vercollone said it is ironic that his store's vigilance has backfired.

"It's not a hang-out," he said. "Because we're on top of it. Frankly, I'm surprised it's come back to bite us."

Vercollone explained the store is not looking to compete with package stores. He said the concept is to provide the alcohol for purely for the convenience of the customer.

"You run an immaculate business that is a credit to the town. My concern is that we don't need an additional establishment to sell beer and wine."

— Selectman Diane Sullivan

But Selectman Nan Roth said it would be offering a redundant service because there are two package stores in the area.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie Morris said it was not in the public interest to be selling beer and wine in a convenience store on a state highway.

But Henderson said there is no evidence that selling liquor at convenience stores contributes to driving drunk. Most OUIs occur after someone has been drinking at a bar or tavern, he said. The least incidence was from purchasing liquor at a convenience store.

"It's like stopping to buy milk, it's a convenience," he said.

Selectman Diane Sullivan praised Vercollone's operation but voted against issuing the license.

"You run an immaculate business that is a credit to the town," she said. "My concern is that we don't need an additional establishment to sell beer and wine."

Vercollone asked that Sullivan's positive remarks be put in the decision.

Senior Center goings on

Keep these dates in mind: July 1, Mystery Trip to Cape Cod, $3; July 10, Caregivers' Support Group, at the air-conditioned Senior Center; July 15, foot care clinic, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; July 22, boat ride to Boston on Harbor Express, luncheon at the Marriott Hotel, $11.95.

Yet to come! Tickets will be available to "Ragtime." Saturday matinee March 27, 1999. A deposit of $25 will hold your place.

The Senior Center is filled with activities for July: Water aerobics Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. at the Cohasset town pool; step aerobics Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 a.m.; transportation to the Farmers' Market is available every week; drop-in bridge every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

COA board meeting July 3, 8:30 a.m. Call the Senior Center at 383-9112 for registering all activities.

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A Weekend Up North

This past winter was not the snowy wonderland I look forward to each year, even though we were very busy at the office, sending sun seekers south to Florida and the Islands. I needed a weekend away to see lots of white snow. I was thrilled to accept an invitation from innkeepers Grigs and Pat Markham from the Windham Hill Inn.

The drive north to Windham Hill was scenic and snowy. From the moment I arrived I felt welcome. The Inn is a 160 acre historical property, formerly a dairy farm. I was given a tour through the antique embellished public rooms. The music room has over 800 CDs for guest use, a library filled with books, games, a television and piano. I was shown to my king size loft room at the top of the old barn, complete with fireplaced sitting area, Jacuzzi and balcony. I tried my best at snowshoe touring over trails and streams, where now guests hike and picnic. During the summer, you can enjoy a swim in the terraced pool, play tennis, go horseback riding, and visit country fairs.

At the end of the day, I enjoyed an elegant five course dinner, complete with a choice from the inn's extensive wine list.

The Windham Hill Inn is open year round, call **Scituate Harbor Travel** for arrangements.

The following recipe for **almond muffins** is a delicious sample from the breakfast menu:

Preheat oven to 375°

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1/8 tsp. salt	1/2 cup milk	5 tblsp. butter	2 eggs separated

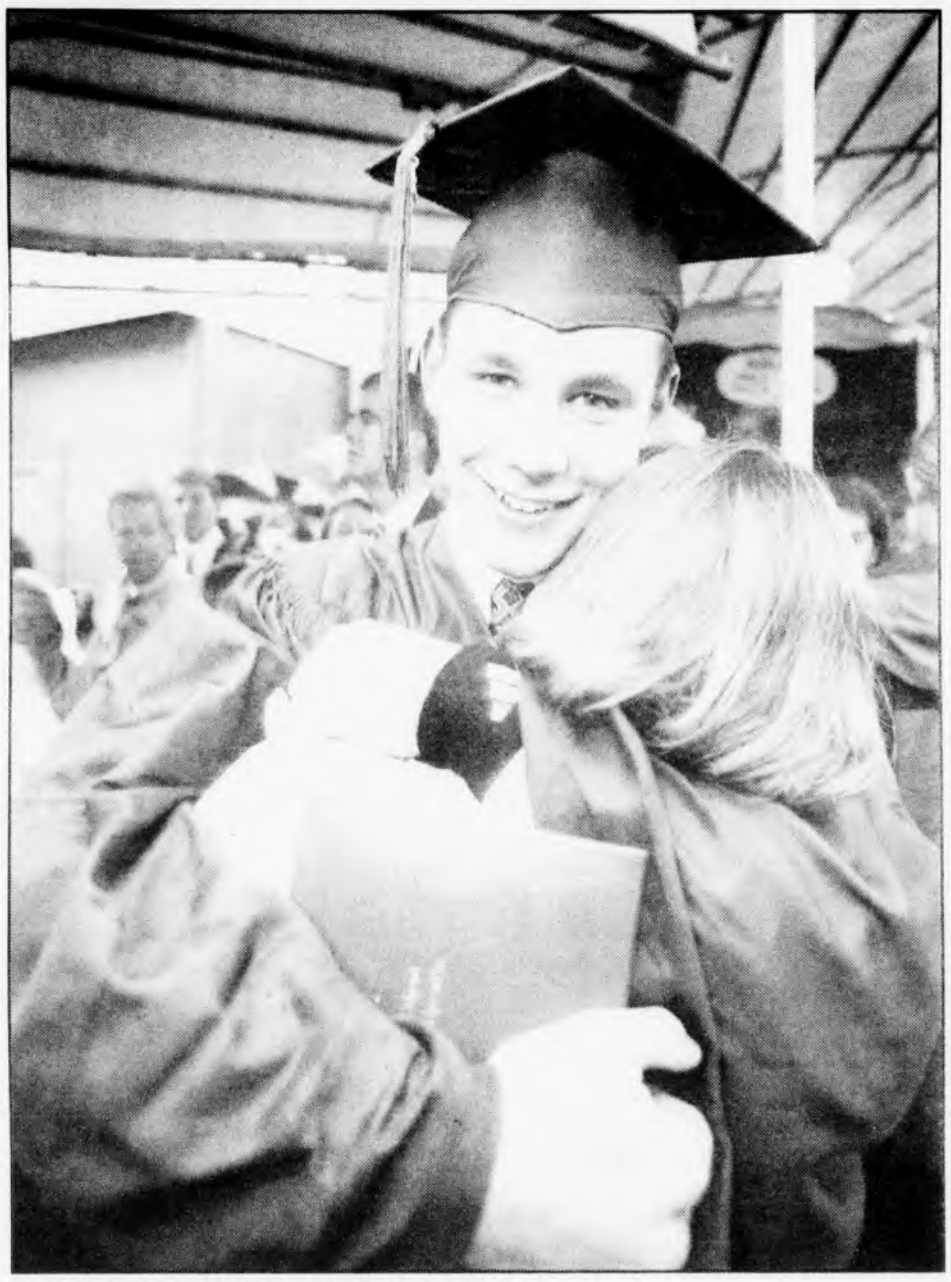
Cream butter, sugar and yokes. Sift together dry ingredients. Combine extract and milk. Add all ingredients alternately. Beat egg whites until stiff, fold into batter, fill 12 greased muffin cups, sprinkle with sugar and chopped almonds, bake 20 minutes. Enjoy.


Linda Tomasi

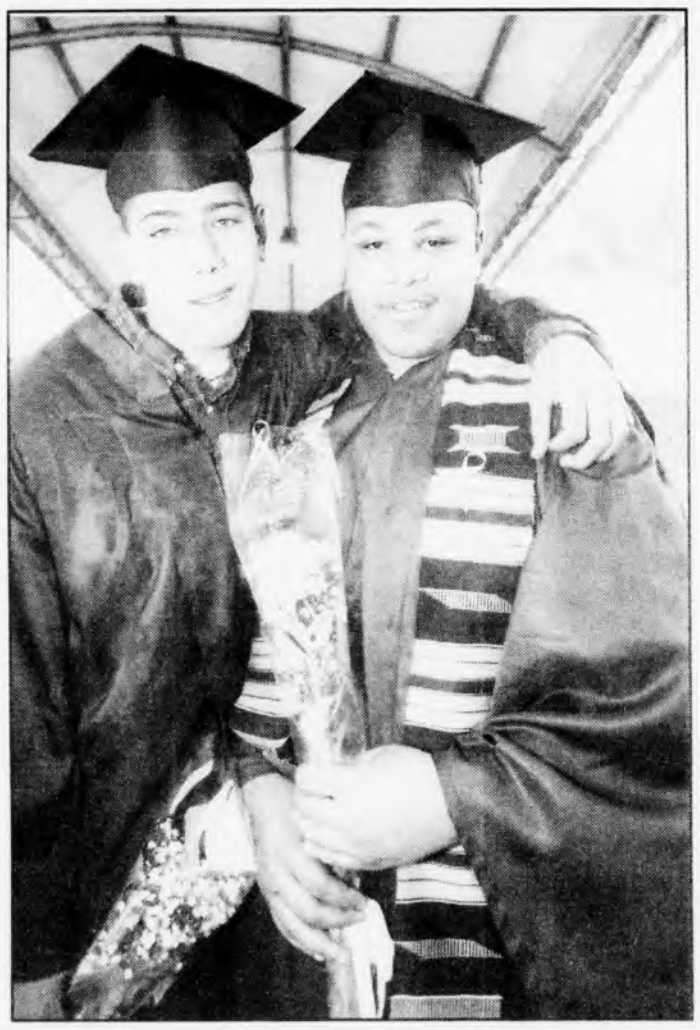
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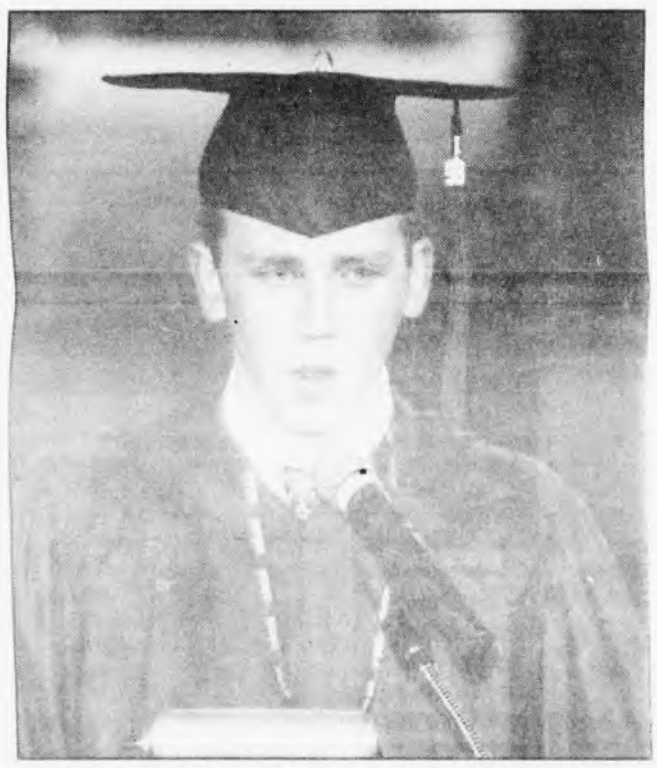
Paul-Michael Quintin gets a hug from his girlfriend.



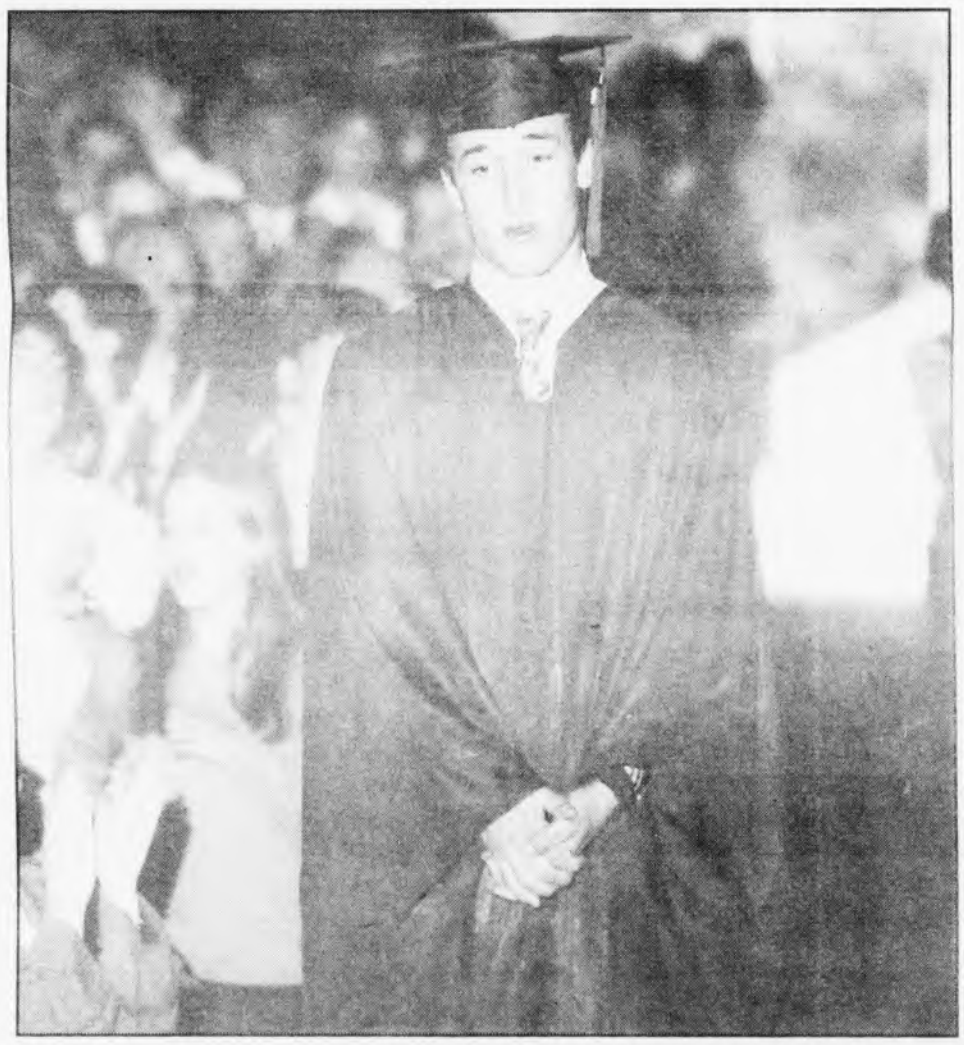
Brandon McDowell and Daryl Jones are good friends and classmates.

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Class president Colin Kilroy delivers the welcoming address.



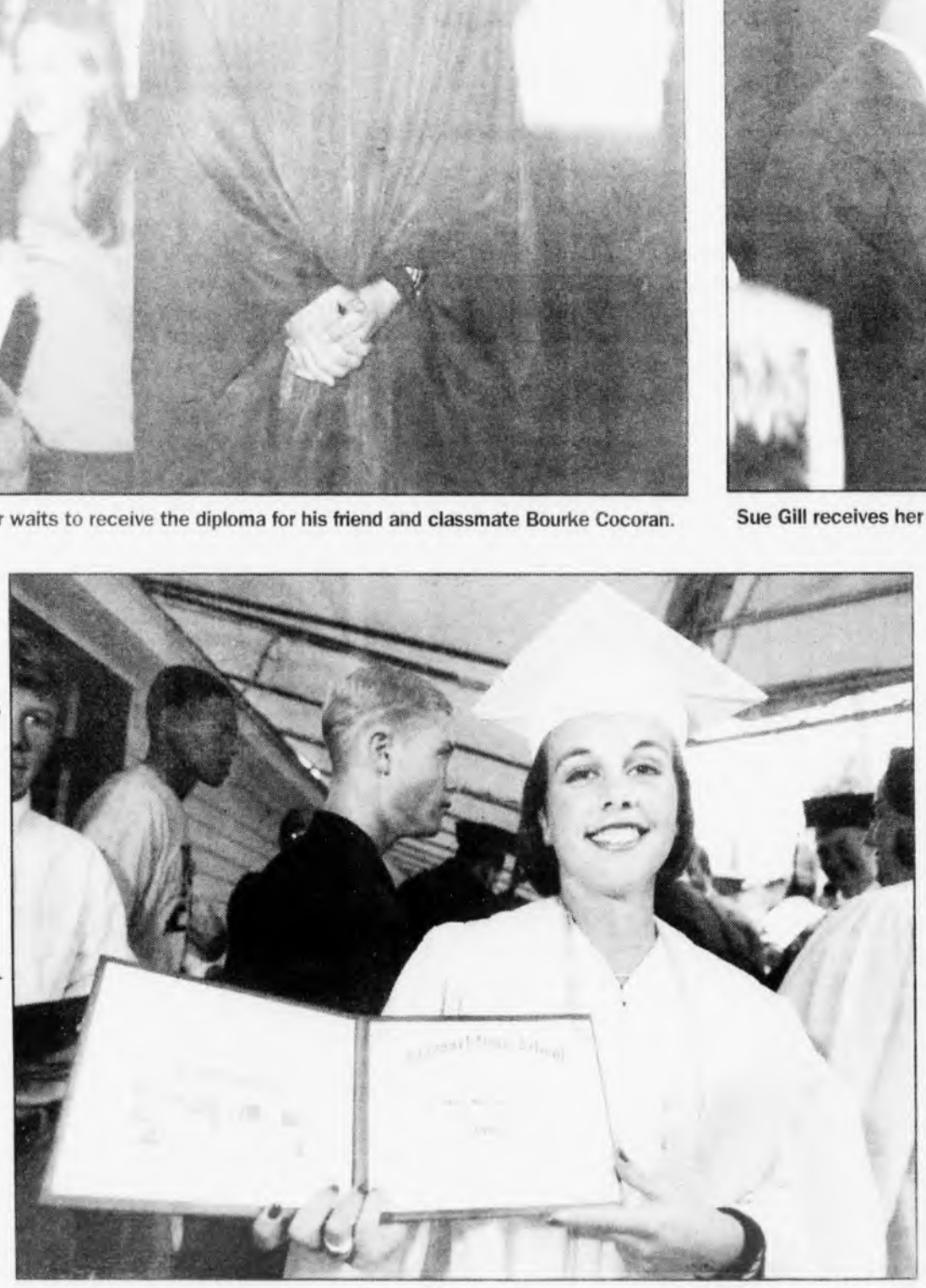
Nate Cotter waits to receive the diploma for his friend and classmate Bourke Cocoran.



Sue Gill receives her diploma from school committee c



◄ Eric Moore is about to receive his diploma.



► Kelly Tufts shows off her diploma.



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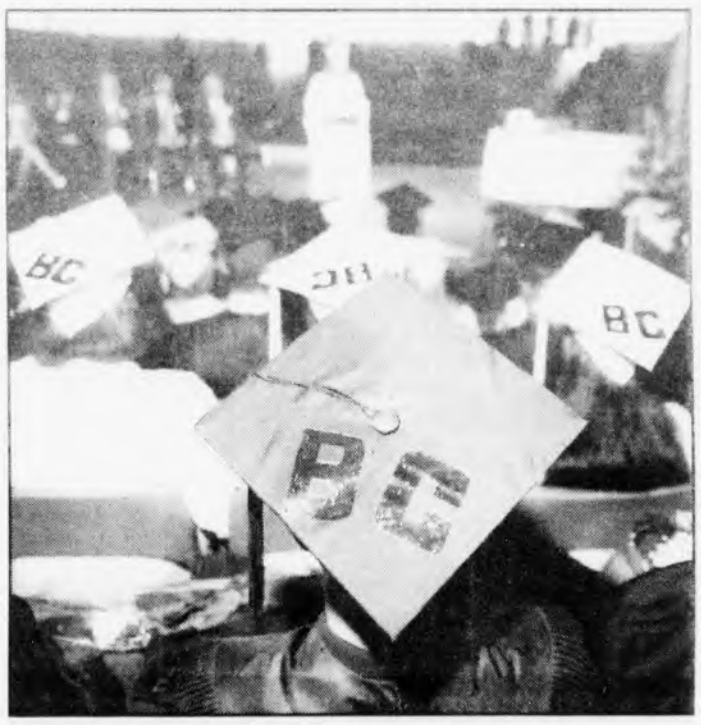
Colin Kilroy, class president, and Alia Afshar lead the class into the big top at the Music Circus.



Haidan Hodgson with her diploma and flowers following graduation exercises.



hairman Rick Shea.



The students all put the initials "BC" on their caps in memory of Bourke Corcoran who was killed in a car crash four days before graduation.



Lindy Holway, Kathleen Buckley, Alison Kinchla and Jane Flaherty sing the National Anthem.



Salutatorian Jane Flaherty addresses her classmates who made the memorial infront of the podium in honor of Bourke Corcoran.

Festival on the Common is this weekend

The South Shore Art Center presents the 43rd annual Festival on the Common Father's Day Weekend, June 19 to 21. Held on the Cohasset Common, the festival includes exhibitions, demonstrations, children's tent, handcrafters' booths, food vendors and entertainment. Along with the Festival on the Common, the Congregational Church will hold its annual Strawberry Festival.

Throughout the weekend there will be artists' demonstrations and workshops on the grounds surrounding the juried exhibition of visual arts and photography, an open members' show and a young artists' show. The festival opens at 2 p.m. Friday with exhibitions and more than 100 juried craft artisans, a food court and entertainment. On Friday afternoon at 4 p.m. Daisy Nell and Stan Collinson with Andy Woolf will fill the air with their guitar, banjo and fiddle, playing songs for all ages. Simultaneously, the Silver Spoon Cafe will be offering a New England lobster dinner. Pre-orders are necessary; for tickets call 383-8700. At 6 p.m. that evening, the South Shore Art Center will host the opening reception for the New England Sculptors Association Exhibition in the Art Center's Bancroft Gallery.

On Saturday, the 20th, the festival opens at 10 a.m., and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. will feature the first-ever Cohasset Common Fiddler's Gathering. The SSAC has invited the finest traditional fiddlers in New England to enliven the festivities, representing several favorite styles including Irish, French-Canadian, Yankee, Southern Mountain and Western Swing, plus a fiddler from India playing traditional ragas on a European-style violin. From 2 to 4 p.m. Saint Stephen's Church atop Bourne's Rock at the center of Cohasset Village will host an open house. View the 14th century baptismal font in which Abraham Lincoln's ancestors were baptized, historic stained glass windows, and wood carving from Shakespeare's Stratford-on-Avon. At 3 p.m. Saint Stephen's Church will offer a presentation by Christopher Gose entitled Byzantine Iconography: History and Methods. Later that evening, the First Parish Church will host a Gospel Concert with The New Temple Singers at 8 p.m.; call 383-1100 for tickets. On Sunday, the 21st, the festival will open at noon, and you can buy a piece of Cohasset's beloved wooden flagpole that was removed last year from the Common and replaced with a modern one. For a $10 donation, festival goers can own a souvenir "slice," already cut and sanded, that they may decorate with materials from the activity tent or they may commission a South Shore Art Center Gallery artist to paint on the slice a scene of the Common. Presented will be a Father's Day concert by Watson Reid and Americana, suitable for families with young children, followed by the popular South Shore Bay Band.

There will be free parking at the South Shore Music Circus and a trolley will be available to provide a shuttle service to the Common. The Festival on the Common is made possible by the support of Leah and Peter Roy of Cohasset, BankBoston, The Patriot Ledger, Sullivan Brothers Auto Mall and many additional sponsors. For more information and a full program, call the South Shore Art Center at 383-2787. Please mark your calendars now for the 43rd year of the oldest outdoor art fair in the country!



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A little girl creates a work of art in the Kids' Tent at last year's Festival on the Common.

FESTIVAL HAPPENINGS

Gospel concert at First Parish

Once again as part of the Festival on the Common, First Parish of Cohasset will present the New Temple Singers, a gospel choir, under the direction of David Coleman. The concert is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 8 p.m., at the Meeting House on Cohasset Common, and promises to be the musical highlight of the weekend.

The New Temple Singers are a mixed chorus of singers who perform contemporary and original gospel music, and are part of the music program of St. Paul's African Methodist Episcopal Church of Cambridge. This is the group's third appearance in Cohasset. They have performed at the Joyful Noise Concert in Sanders Theater, in Hynes Auditorium and at many other community service programs.

Director David Coleman, a native of Tennessee, is a graduate of Boston University with degrees in composition and piano and has composed and arranged several of the group's musical selections.

Tickets are $7 per person in advance and will be sold in front of the church, on the Common during the festival from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday night, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Tickets will be sold at the door for $10 per person. Call 383-1100 for more information.

June 20 open house at St. Stephen's Church

In conjunction with the Arts Festival on the Common, all are invited to St. Stephen's Church Saturday, June 20, for a church and tower tour from 2 to 3 p.m., followed by a presentation on Byzantine Iconography at 3 p.m. in Walton Rodgers Hall at the church.

Come visit this venerable church at the center of Cohasset Village at 16 Highland Ave. (atop Bourne's Rock) to see the 14h century baptismal font in which Abraham Lincoln's ancestors were baptized, historic stained glass windows, wood carving from Shakespeare's Stratford-on-Avon, and a bell tower with a carillon of 57 bells (the largest weighing six tons).

The presentation titled "Byzantine Iconography: History and Methods" by artist Christopher Gosey will trace the development of the icon from its pre-Christian roots in imperial Rome and Roman-occupied Egypt to the height of its development in Byzantium and Byzantium's spiritual successor, Russia. Actual icons from the speaker's studio at various stages of completion will be on hand to illustrate the icon-making process.

Refreshments will be provided — admission is free. The open house is sponsored by the Stewardship Committee of St. Stephen's Church. For information call (781) 383-1083.

Concert schedule for festival

The musical program for this year's festival begins at 4 p.m. Friday, June 19, with a concert for families by Daisy Nell. Daisy, who resides in Essex, Massachusetts, is a popular singer on the North Shore. She has entertained countless children and adults through her work with the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem and the schooner Adventure in Gloucester. Daisy has a gift for bringing the maritime heritage of New England alive with old familiar sea shanties and stories, as well as original songs. She is accompanied on guitar and banjo by Stan Collinson, also of Essex, and fiddler Andy Woolf of Brentwood, N.H.

The program Saturday, June 20, features the Cohasset Common Fiddlers' Gathering. This event is a non-competitive fiddlers' convention, not a contest. There will be spontaneous playing here and there on the grounds, in addition to half-hour sets on the festival stage between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. South Shore Art Center director Dillon Bustin has invited some of the finest older and younger fiddlers in New England to perform featured sets. "Walk-on" musicians may register for a few slots in the schedule held open until the day of the gathering. To provide a contrast to the American fiddle styles, Dillon Bustin has also invited some musicians originally from India to show how the fiddle has been adapted to the traditional music of that country.

Two concerts will enliven the Festival on the Common Sunday, June 21. Watson Reid of Duxbury will perform a Father's Day concert of popular American folksongs with his ensemble Americana. The selections will be especially appealing to families with young children, and the program will run from 2 to 3 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. the South Shore Bay Band will take over the festival stage for an extravaganza ranging from concert band marches to big band swing numbers to musical show tunes.

Sunday afternoon, as throughout the festival, Matthew Malloch of Weymouth will provide interludes on the Scottish pipes during stage transitions. Matthew will also play a farewell tune or two to conclude the 1998 Festival on the Common.

The strawberries are coming!

People all over Cohasset are busy preparing thousands of fresh strawberries that have just arrived for the delicious gourmet treat that is available at the Second Congregational Church Strawberry Festival. This annual event, held in conjunction with the South Shore Art Center Festival on the Common, is once again drawing people from all over New England. More than 2,000 strawberry shortcakes with real whipped cream and delicious biscuits will be served to everyone for only $3.50 at the tree-shaded patio of the church.

A country store, located in Bates Hall of the church, will be open to all Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will offer a wide assortment of handmade crafts, old-fashioned preserves and jams as well as homebaked cakes, pies and other desserts. For food staples such as hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks, a snack bar will be open on the Common. Proceeds will benefit a number of charities including DOVE, Mary Martha Learning Center, Wellspring and many others.

Be sure to visit and get your fill of strawberries during Friday, June 19, 2 to 7 p.m., Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, June 21, noon to 6 p.m.

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Young drama troupe's production is brilliant

By Mary Sheppard Earon
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Cohasset Plays By the Sea drama club (CPBS) did it again.

On June 5 to 7, CPBS's cast and crew of "Into the Woods" delivered yet another astonishingly professional all-children production that brought down the house in the Cohasset High School.

"Into the Woods," a well-known Broadway musical play, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, is about life's "curve balls" and how quickly people can turn on each other as a result, but the play also contains messages of wisdom and morality that are comforting and useful along life's journeys.

Perhaps most enjoyable to watch was the comedic timing of this cast. Humor crosses all ages, and it's always a pleasure to see children understand humor well enough to know how to deliver it, and to hear the chuckles from the adult audience.

The characters are from familiar fairy tales who step from their original tales, as we know them from childhood, into the carefully woven plot of "Into the Woods," where they interact with each other humorously and tragically to solve problems. The "Into the Woods" script neatly ties all the threads together at the end, and concludes in a thoughtful, mostly upbeat fashion.

Written with complexity, "Into the Woods" requires musical conductorship, a sophistication that is "new ground" to the play's 17-year-old director, Ron Nicynski. He knew, however, it was something he could do, and with proper casting and an exemplary crew, he could overall achieve the results he strove for. Conclusively, there were many highlights in this production.

Narrated enthusiastically by Brian Krupczak, "Into the Woods" was professionally dressed in dramatic scenery and exquisite costumes. Song lyrics were impeccably accompanied by Kate Buckley on piano and a five-piece orchestra.

Marisa Mello and Meredith O'Hayre portrayed outstanding comedic timing. O'Hayre's great facial expressions furthered the humor in her scenes.

Ryan Story and Jim O'Sullivan showed great voice projection and control over their characters.

Katie Roche competently alternated between vulnerability and braveness as Little Red Riding Hood. She is a seventh-grader who seems to have theater down pat.

David Ingber's singing voice as Jack (And The Beanstalk) was clear and good. Pulling his comically constructed cow, "Milky White," on wheels did not detract from his natural stage presence.

Caroline Carr and Krista Nicynski, who flounced about as Cinderella's stepsisters, were appropriately bratty. Carr's ability to react with squeals and pouts added to her performances.

Performing as Cinderella, Mareth Collins-Wooley, dressed in rags as well as riches, sang like an angel. Her natural beauty made Cinderella's goodness believable.

Both Alex Russell and Joseph Nicynski made their acting debuts in this musical, and played their roles competently. As the Mysterious Man, Alex Russell gave a compelling performance; his character one that the audience watched.

Bill Kearney, as Rapunzel's prince, is tall and handsome, and also owns a good singing voice.

Grace Gardner, Cinderella's stepmother as well as this production's musical direction assistant, was predictably mean to Cinderella, and kept the audience on its toes in her scenes.

Most outstanding was Ali Kinchla, who played the Witch, a role that required lots of stamina, a great singing voice and bold acting. As a leading performer, Kinchla brought energy into all of her scenes. As a convincing bad witch, the audience subsequently was taken aback by her beauty when, in the play, she transformed into the pretty woman she naturally is. Kudos to Sarah Roche, make-up artist

The audience delighted in the song lyrics.

"It Takes Two" and "On the Steps of the Palace" were fun and entertainingly performed.

"Last Midnight," sung by Ali Kinchla, was powerfully arresting.

"Stay With Me," "No One Is Alone," and "Children Will Listen" were sung poignantly with emotion and intent.

Perhaps most enjoyable to watch was the comedic timing of this cast. Humor crosses all ages, and it's always a pleasure to see children understand humor well enough to know how to deliver it, and to hear the chuckles from the adult audience.

This production of "Into the Woods" was brilliant. It could have failed to reach the level it did, given the complicated plot and music, and the ages of its performers. But, with exception to incredibly small discrepancies, the entire cast of "Into the Woods" appeared to rise to the challenge of professional costumes and superb attention-to-detail staging, as well as the many hours of rehearsal they dedicated to the play and director. They put on a great show.

For the audience and all of those involved with the production, it was another impressive example of the theater talent in Cohasset's young community.



Original songs on sale

"Thickly Settled," a Cohasset Senior High School band, worked together for their Senior Project to raise money for the Bourke Corcoran Memorial Scholarship. Rob Buckley, Janson Dupre, Josh Flanagan and Andrew Ross recorded five original songs on sale this week, featuring "Charlie" written about Andrew's convertible you've seen around town!

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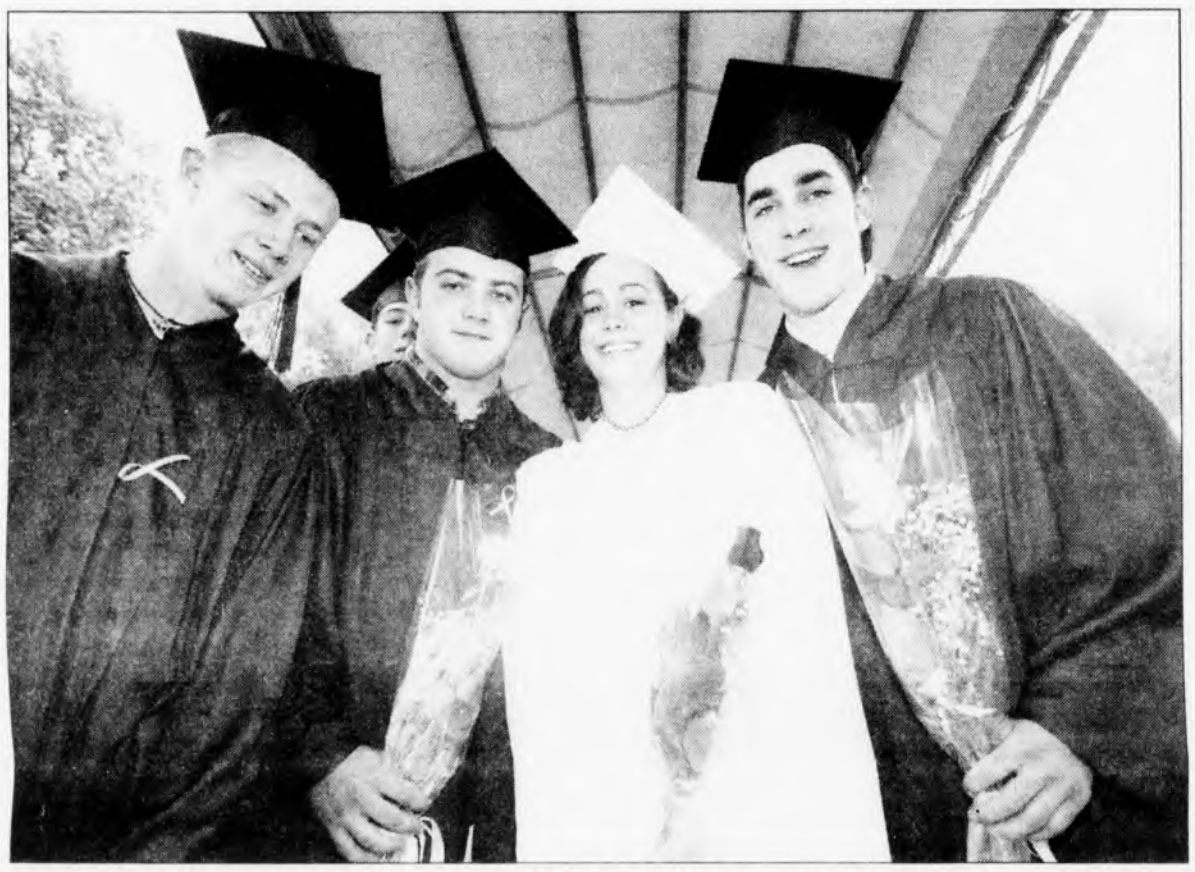
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Margaret Mary Hardy Scholarship – Ivan H. Chang, Susannah D. Gill, Sarah J. MacDonald and Kathryn L. Whitehouse.

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Cohasset Veterans of Foreign Wars #9146, The William T. Barnes Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Hannah E. Beggan and Patrick J. Ridge.

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Computer Science Award – Jane M. Flaherty.

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CLASS OF 1999

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The "Golden Apple" Award – Eileen Rohrer, Fine Arts Department.

Signs up for 'Anastasia' production

The Cohasset Recreation Department announced that registrations have begun for The Children's Drama Workshop's summer production of "Anastasia" Monday, June 15. Anastasia is a story about the lost Russian princess Anastasia and her incredible quest to find her true identity.

Rehearsals are held at the Cohasset High School auditorium from 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, beginning Tuesday, June 30. Children ages 5- to 13-years-old sing, dance and act as well as learn technical knowledge of production such as set design and construction.

Founded by Elizabeth Deveney of Cohasset, who will direct and produce the show again this year with the help of her sisters Grace and Sara, the Children's Drama Workshop is entering its eighth summer in conjunction with the Cohasset Recreation Department. The fee for the seven-week session is $185 per child. If a child is a participant in the summer playground program with the Cohasset Recreation Department, the fee is $170. There is a $10 discount for a second child and a $15 discount for a third child.

Early registration is advised. For more information, call the recreation department at 383-4109.

COHASSET SPORTS

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Middle school track and field stars Kate Grimme, Anna Roche, Yasmine Afshar and Ashley Leahy get together at a meet earlier this season.

No pain from the rain

ALS runners didn't mind the wild weekend weather

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

When you have the type of weather that we had over the weekend and you're trying to put together a fund-raising race, you've got to choices.

Panic or just go with the rain flow.

Marty Levenson, of Danvers and Cohasset resident Richard Kennedy, organizers of the first annual Jimmy Kennedy Memorial Run for ALS that took place last weekend in Quincy, decided to take door #2.

"You can learn a lot from kids. Despite all the rain they went out and had the time of their life," said Levenson. "Where else would you get the chance to run around in the rain and jump in puddles to your heart's content and not get yelled at? They had a ball."

More than 500 runners, including more than a few familiar faces braved the torrential downpours on Saturday to raise what is expected to be close to $25,000 for the Day Neurological Center at Mass General Hospital in Boston to help fund research into a cure for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), also know as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Not a bad return for the initial investment of $100 that organizers threw in to get the ball rolling for this event.

"Without the rain, I think we would have drawn about double the runners that we did," said Levenson. "People got behind this project right from the beginning."

The run was staged in memory of Jimmy "Squirrel" Kennedy, a brother of Richard and long-time friend of Levenson who passed away last year from the dreaded disease which attacks the neurons that transmits messages to muscles through the body and eventually causes the muscles to lose strength and die.

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MARTY LEVENSON

The same disease claimed the life of his father, Christopher, in 1989. In an ironic twist it was Jimmy, then a college student at Northeastern, who came home to help care for his father when he was in need of the extra attention.

As much as it was a day to raise money to find a cure for the disease, Levenson said it was also a great healing experience for people who have had to deal with losing a loved one to ALS.

"You can see an immediate bond form between people when they get together and start talking about what the disease did to someone they love and how they are coping with their loss," said Levenson. "ALS is such a horrible disease in the way that it takes the person. Although the body seems to be falling apart, the mind is still as sharp as ever right up until the end.

"You can see an instant connection when people talk to another person who has gone through what ALS can do."

Among the faces in the crowd was former Governor and 1988 presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, who Levenson said made a special effort to get to the event.

"Michael said he was going to be here and he kept his promise even though his elderly mother went into the hospital Firday nigh," said Levenson.

Other celebrities in attendance included Olympic gold medal winner Eric Flaim and Speaker of the House Thomas Finneran.

"There were some hearty souls out there who came through even with the extraordinary weather conditions we experienced that day," said Levenson. "The weather was never an issue with us. We were going on with this event no matter what."

For more information on how you can make a donation to the Jimmy Kennedy Memorial Run for ALS, you can call Richard Kennedy at (781) 383-608 or send a check directly to him at 5 Norman Todd Lane, Cohasset, MA 02025.

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NDA's dynamic duo rules the tennis court

Szymanski and Leahy finish season unbeaten

By David McKee
STAFF WRITER

Some things are meant to go together. Batman and Robin, ham and cheese, Fred and Barney and Oreo cookies and milk.

Well, you can add Scituate's Katie Szymanski and Cohasset's Meagan Leahy to the list.

This sophomore duo tore up tennis courts all over Eastern Mass as the unbeaten first doubles team for Notre Dame Academy in Hingham.

Not only did Szymanski and Leahy finish their regular season without a loss for the Catholic Conference champions, they also made it all the way to the semi-final round of the state individual doubles championships before losing to eventual champs Brookline..

In team play, NDA was eventually eliminated from the Division I tournament by Bishop Feehan in a 3-2 decision.

And as the youngest doubles team to reach the individual semi-finals, Szymanski and Leahy are considered one of the favorites to win the state crown next year.

Not too bad for their first season playing together as a doubles team.

"We've known each other and played together for a long time so it was pretty easy getting together as a team this year at school," Szymanski said. "But I don't think anyone expected us to have this kind of season. I guess we just clicked."

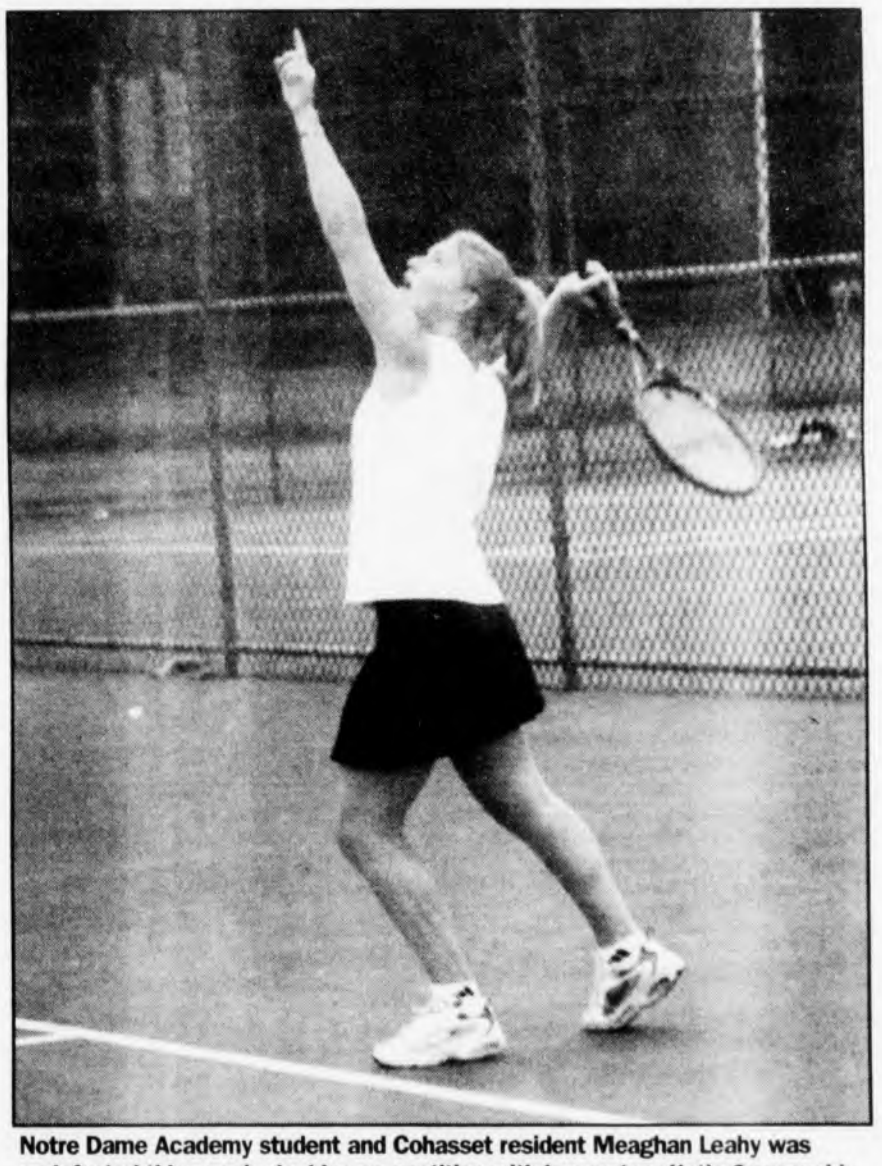
Szymanski, 16, and Leahy, 15, have been tennis-playing friends for the last five years at clubs like The Scituate Harbor Yacht Club, the Driftway and Mill Pond. Both describe themselves as aggressive players who enjoy playing at the net.

"We play well together and really know each other's games," Szymanski said. "Plus we're both pretty driven. We really want to win it all next year."

Leahy said talent and the ability to have fun have been the keys to their tennis success as a duo.

"We know our strengths as players but we also know how to have fun

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Notre Dame Academy student and Cohasset resident Meaghan Leahy was undefeated this year in doubles competition with her partner Katie Syzmanski. The sophomore duo made it all the way to the state individual semifinals before falling to a team from Brookline.

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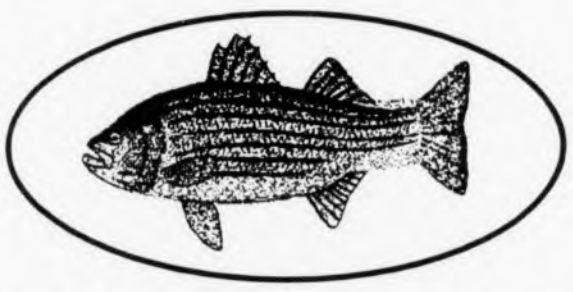
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Dads and grads say the fishing is mad

THE FISH STORY



MARK TRASK

Those that stopped fishing because of the sprinkles of the last week have missed out on a veritable horde of stripped bass and pollock moving into the waters from Duxbury north to Pemberton and out to the Graves, the Brewsters and the Roaring Bulls. John and Peter were going out rain be damned to continue to fine fishing John had encountered the previous night, namely a hefty pollock. Yep, John laid out his plan, we're fishing from Cohasset Harbor all the way around to Minot Beach.

Mike Kelley, a local fly-fisher, spent a few hours on the tip of Bassings's Beach across from Whitehead. Mike was casting his patented yellow-chartreuse Clauser over the running tide recently. Mark he says, I lost count around seventy-five. Any big ones I asked? A couple in the 30 inch range, and one bigger that took my last fly. Seventy-five you may scoff, but I don't. This is the same Mike Kelley I saw catch 10 bass in fifteen minutes under the falls at Mill Bridge late last fall.

Mike Grimm and his Dad were in tight at Strawberry Point, tossing mackerel chucks and catching bass at a good rate, mostly small keeper size. Mike's last chuck however was INHALED by a 26 pound, 37 inch striper that almost took him overboard! Dad took the boat out of gear and dashed to Mike's aid. Later as pictures were being snapped I asked Mike's Dad why he was so glum. "Need a new prop," was the discouraged reply.

Kevin Callahan of Weymouth nailed a beauty using the famous tube and worm rig. At an undisclosed location "near Minot" Kevin tangled with a 24 pound striper that made his day.

A few weeks ago, we left Fisherman Jack sputtering in the shall[illegible] of Brushy Hill Reservoir as a huge largemouth led him on a merry chase through some shoreside underbrush. As you may recall the bass ended up snapping the line. Jack went back to try again and caught the big guy's little brother, a 20 inch, 4 pound, 4 ounce bass on a Rebel lure. I'll be back for the big one Jack smiled.

Peter Parker of Cohasset christened his new boat in style. a drifted chunk of mackerel enticed a 39 inch bass out of the Grampuses. It dropped the scale to 21 lbs. 8 ounces. Scott DePol of Pennsylvania did himself proud with his flyrod. Scott fooled a 27 pound 12 ounce 43 inch bass over Minots Ledge. Even yours truly entertained a couple bigwigs from *On the Water* magazine at Government Island with a striper apiece within a half hour. I guess you could say the fishing is good. Don't forget to treat Dad to a fishing gift for Dad's day.

Catch one that's hard to carry!

SPORTS BRIEFS

Learn to play baseball this summer

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for a week-long baseball camp for youngsters ages 5 through 12 at the recreation office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

The South Shore Baseball Camp has been contracted again this year to provide baseball camp, which will be held for one week, beginning Monday, June 22, through Friday, June 26, at Miliken Field.

Two camps are available to youngsters as follows: Full-day, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., camp for ages 7 and over, and a half-day, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. camp is available for 5- and 6-year-olds, (age 7 optional for either half or full-day camp).

The week-long camp costs $140 per child for the full-day, and $75 per child for the half-day program.

Participants should bring lunch, snacks and any drinks, other than water, they may want. Please bring your own glove, which should be marked with your name.

Hoop summer camp registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will sponsor a Summer Basketball camp, under the direction of Ron Ford.

Based upon age, two camp sessions will be available this July. Boys and girls, ages 8 through 11, will have camp from Tuesday, July 7, through July 10, at Cohasset High School's Sullivan Gymnasium.

The fee for the four-day camp is $120. The full week camp, for boys and girls ages 12 through 15, will be held Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17, at the Sullivan Gymnasium. The fee for the five-day camp is $150.

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NDA's dynamic duo rules the court

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and enjoy the game," she said. "And like Katie, I think we have a good chance at winning the doubles title n[illegible]ear. We just have to keep working hard."

Leahy said being good friends also helps them on the court.

"We've been friends for a long time and have always played a lot in the summer," she said. "And because we know each other so well, we have little signals that we use on the court. Sometimes, we can just look at each other a certain way and we know what the other person wants."

Both Szymanski and Leahy play other sports at NDA but their hearts belong to tennis. (Szymanski plays field hockey while Leahy plays soccer.) Both started playing tennis at a young age and displayed early promise. They intend to play the sport in college and will continue enjoying the game as adults.

"I really enjoy the competition in tennis," Szymanski said. "It's a very fast-paced game and I like the challenge of playing in a tough match. And even if I'm not on a team or anything, I'll keep playing the game when I'm older."

For Leahy, tennis is about fun and marking her progress.

"Tennis is a really fun game and I just like being out there playing," she said. "But I also like to play well and work on all aspects of my game. There's always something you can work on."

Both want to work on their serve during the summer in preparation for their junior year at NDA.

When Szymanski and Leahy are playing tennis or hitting the books at NDA, they like to hang out with their friends and do things like going to the beach.

"Katie and I have a lot of the same friends and we like to just do normal teenager type stuff," Leahy said.

Szymanski lives in Scituate with her parents Ann and Jack. Leahy lives in Cohasset with her parents Patricia and Daniel. She has two brothers and three sisters.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Get your kicks at the South Shore Soccer Camp

Registrations for South Shore Soccer Camp have begun for boys and girls ages 8 to 18. This is the South Shore Soccer Camp's eighth year of operation in Cohasset. If you are interested in registering, it is suggested that you contact the Cohasset Recreation Department; first floor, Town Hall, or call 383-4109. Brochures and registration forms are available at the recreation office.

South Shore soccer will be offered to both boys and girls during the week of Monday through Friday, Aug. 3 to 7, and Aug. 10 to 14.

Should a camper wish to attend both camps, this is now possible. In order to choose the week of camp you desire, early registration is advised as both camps must be restricted in number.

Camp meets daily, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cohasset's Miliken Field. The cost for the camp is $195 per week and discounts for multiple weeks and subsequent children are available. South Shore soccer camp represents topflight training, delivered by top college and high school coaches and players for the New England area.

Bay State Summer Games holding sign-ups

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This year's Bay State Summer Games features competition in 23 sports. For the first time, Girls' Scholastic Ice Hockey will be a part of the Bay State Games, with four regional teams competing for the gold medal.

Tryouts for all sports begin as early as May 30, and will continue through June 28. The finals will again be held over two weekends — July 16-19 and July 24-26 — at venues throughout Boston and the Worcester area. Opening Ceremonies for the 1998 Bay State Summer Games will be at the FleetCenter on July 16. For more information on specific sports, check the entry book, search the web at www.baystategames.com, or call the MASF office at (781) 932-6555.

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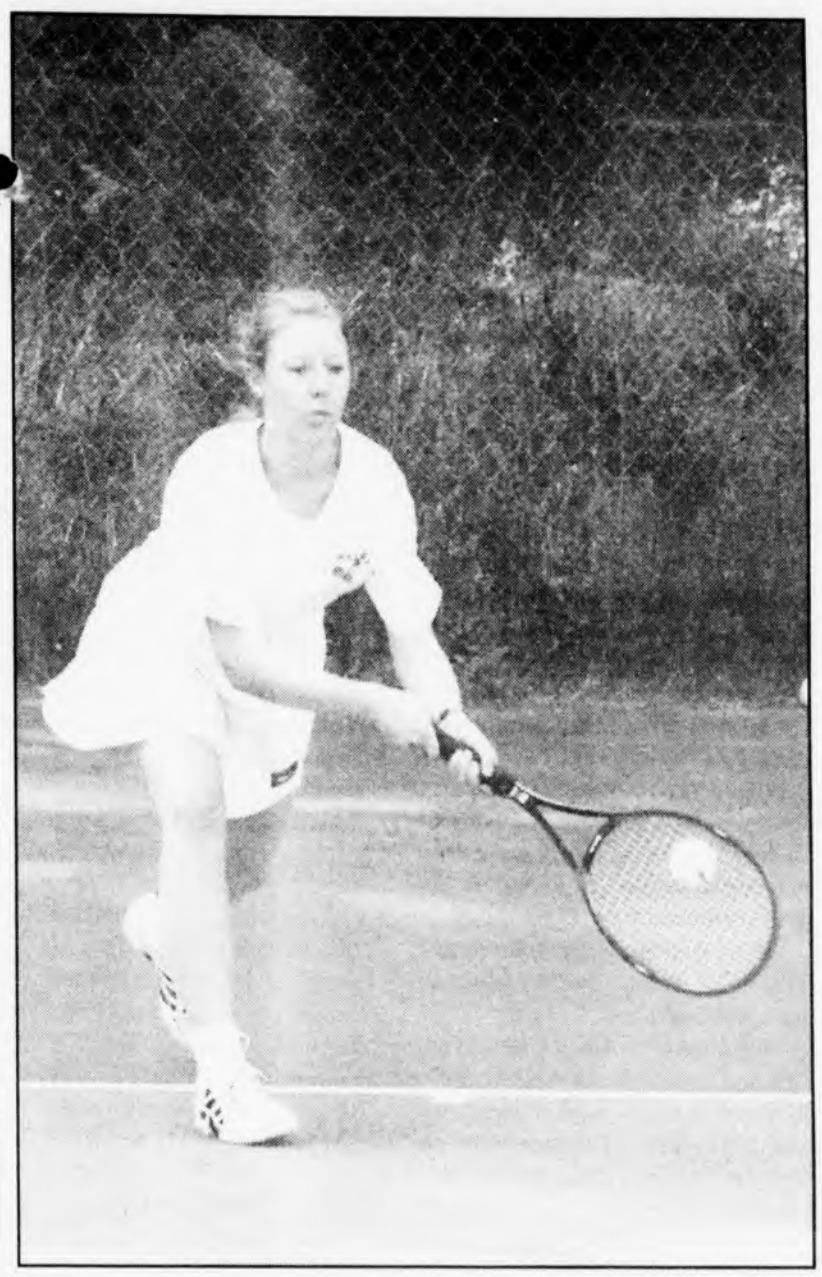
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Swim team ready for another season

The Cohasset Swim and Diving team is pleased to announce the opening of another swim season.

The season opens with the first practice on Wednesday, June 24 and ends with the Championships at Wheaton College on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Allison Hughes is returning to coach the Cohasset Swim Team and Greg Bilton has accepted the position as Assistant Coach.

Dawn Meehan will return to coach the Diving team.

Important dates to keep in mind:

On Monday, June 22 and Tuesday, June 23 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. try outs will take place at the town pool. The Team Roster will be posted on Tuesday afternoon and parents are encouraged to check the roster and pick up a registration packet if their child joins the team.

Try outs are for new members only. Returning members should have received their registration packets in Mid-May and do not need to try out.

If a returning member has not received a registration packet, please contact Irene Barry at 383-1605 or Selma Ingber at 383-9590.

Rec. dept. offers lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for adult tennis lessons for beginner and intermediate levels of instruction, by calling 383-4109.

Classes are scheduled to begin June 25, at 6 to 7 p.m. for beginners and 7 to 8 p.m. for intermediates.

Sessions are four weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly and cost $35 for the four-week session.

Teaching will be Ms. Amanda Gontarz of the recreation department's tennis staff.

VIP Soccer Camp registration is open

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for VIP Soccer Camp for children ages 4 to 7 years old.

VIP Soccer Camp offers two programs for boys and girls, ages 4-7. ABC soccer is especially designed for 4- and 5-year-olds and meets from 8 to 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 20, through July 24. The cost is $50 per week.

Also offered by VIP is a three-hour program, meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 20, through July 24 for 6- and 7-year-olds. The cost is $80 for the week.

Both VIP programs will be held this year at the front field of Cohasset High School.

For brochures and registration forms, come to the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall.

Rec offers summer playground options

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold registrations for the seven-week summer playground program ages 3-1/2 to 12 years, youth tennis ages 7 and over, and drama workshop, ages 5 and over during the week of June 15.

The registrations will be held at Cohasset Town Hall on Thursday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 3 p.m., and from 5 to 7.

The Cohasset Recreation group also offers a variety of week-long sports camps for baseball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, roller hockey and mixed sports. Registrations for the sports camp programs are ongoing and camp brochures and registration forms are available currently at the recreation department office, first floor, Cohasset Town Hall, or you may call the office at 383-4109 for more information.

Learn to play lacrosse

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces that Mr. Chuck Jaffe will direct, again this summer, an eight-week lacrosse clinic for youngsters in grades five and six.

Clinics are held Mondays at Miliken Field, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., beginning Monday, June 29, and continuing eight weeks through Aug. 17. The cost for the eight-week, full-equipment, contact clinic is $35 per participant.

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SWF, 55, looking for someone to share times with. ☎*30002*

SWF, brown hair, brown eyes, enjoy dining, sports and dancing. Seeking a SWM, 40-62, for possible companionship and relationship. ☎*30014*

SWF, 44, seeking fit and trim S/DWM, 40-49, n/s, who must love the outdoors. My interests include: hiking, sailing, almost anything outdoors, also love music and theater. ☎*35130*

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SM, 70, 5'5", 145 lbs, enjoy dancing, walking, bike riding, swimming and listening to jazz. Seeking a fun Lady. ☎*30004*

SWM, 69, 5'10", 145 lbs, humanist, n/s, retired social worker, Hawaiian snow bird, boating, swimming, hiking, antique autos, sing-along songs, dislike rock. Seeking slim, attractive, unencumbered Lady. Upper to mid-Cape preferred. ☎*30012*

Tall, dark and handsome SWM, 34, 6'2", enjoy all the usual stuff, yada, yada, yada. Seeking an attractive SF, 25-37, n/s. ☎*30006*

SM, 21, 5'8", 150 lbs, seeking a SF, 22-35, for fun things. ☎*35134*

Speak to me. Attractive, very loving SWM, 31, will treat you like a queen. Seeking thin, pretty SWF, 21-31, who's kind, caring, supportive and wants a committed relationship. ☎*35149*

Still searching. Cute, fit, caring SWJM, 29, 5'10", 180 lbs, enjoy baseball, football, romantic movies and dancing. Seeking a cute, kind, thin SWF, 21-33, to be my one and only forever. ☎*35105*

SWM 25, a bit husky, 155 lbs, work with children, college graduate. Love going to the movies, plays, musicals, music from the big band era to the 80's. Enjoy running, walks, reading, writing occasionally and dining. Social drinker. ☎*35058*

SWM, 18, 6'3", 220 lbs, muscular build, enjoy all sports and outdoor activities, also staying indoors by a warm fire. Seeking a SWF, 18-21, for casual dating first, possibly more. ☎*35117*

SWM, 36, 5'8", rugged looks. Seeking an attractive S/DWF, 30+, with petite to medium build, for a possible relationship. North Shore area preferred. Nonsmoker, please. ☎*35133*

SWM, 38, 5'11", 170 lbs, developer, former home builder on Long Island, skier. Seeking slim, WF, 30-40, under 5'9", to join me in my hobbies and get a big, loyal dog. ☎*35055*

Tall, honest Italian, DWM, 50, n/s, enjoy holding hands, Cape Cod, golf, music, theater, dining out. Seeking height/weight proportionate S/DWF, 40-51, 5'4"+, similar interests, for friendship, laughter, romance. Northeastern area. ☎*35132*

To be or not to be. Confused? Are you there? Believe in the perfect match? Fit, attractive SWJM, 29, 5'10", seeking a slim, pretty SWF, 20-30, to be happy together. ☎*35101*

Topsfield DWM, fit, fun-loving, intelligent, spiritual, n/s, n/d, love yoga, gardening, dining, music and romance. Seeking an intelligent, petite, open-minded and nice-looking Female, 35-45, with similar interests. ☎*35136*

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MEN SEEKING MEN

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Samuelson gives back to the sport she loves

Gold medal marathoner offers solid running advice

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Joan Samuelson zipped up the jacket of her nylon running suit and peered out over the crowd. From the makeshift stage on Pilgrim Memorial Park, the winner of the first women's Olympic marathon and two-time Boston Marathon champion could see the throng of female runners waiting to hear her speak.

Just minutes before, the last runner crossed the finish line just yards from Plymouth Rock on the local stop of the Tufts Health Plan 5K Series For Women. The early, Saturday morning downpour had turned into a slight drizzle and the sun was trying to burn through the thick clouds.

"It was a lot of fun for me to run with you today," said Samuelson. "A lot of you really dug down hard. I'm sure many of you would have liked to have rolled over in bed this morning."

The Plymouth race was the fourth of five races in the Tufts-sponsored. The final race will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26 in Providence. Previous competitions, all of them 5K (3.1 miles) were held in Springfield, Portland, ME. and Concord NH.

Samuelson is working with Tufts to promote healthy lifestyles through running and other activities. During the race, Samuelson ran alongside runners in the middle and back of the pack. She encouraged them and helped them relax when they began to tire. Samuelson ran to the finish line with a pack of runners, then turned around and went back out on the course to help some others during the final mile.

"It's a way of giving back and meeting some very nice people," Samuelson said. "It has been a lot of fun. I think some of the runners get a little annoyed when I come back and help them, but they thank me after the race."

The winner of the Plymouth race, Mary-Lynn Currier, finished in a time of 17:20. The first American woman to finish this year's Boston Marathon, and 11th overall, Currier won $500, hotel accommodations and an invitation to the Columbus Day Tufts 10K in October.

The night before, a crowd of 100 runners gathered in the Mayflower Room of the Sheraton Inn for an hour-long clinic put on by Samuelson. The runners listened intently as she answered questions ranging from how to train for certain distances, ways to break up the monotony that some runners experience, to how to deal with certain injuries.

Samuelson said an excellent way to stay motivated is to set goals for yourself, whether in races or workouts, and strive to reach them.

"You want to see gradual improvements in your training sessions as you go along," Samuelson said. "Track workouts are a great way to test your fitness. The track doesn't lie. But don't run so hard on the track that you leave your race there. It's a good idea to start slow and increase your pace with every interval. You'll leave the track with a more positive feeling and confidence."

For injuries, Samuelson recommended keeping Dixie cups with ice in the freezer. When you ice a certain area you can just tear the Dixie cup away as the ice melts. She stressed the importance of massaging the injured area with ice.

"You don't want the ice to sit in one spot," Samuelson said.

She recommended swimming as an alternative activity when injured, calling it an "absolutely wonderful" means of working out when sidelined from the roads.

Samuelson also gave some personal insights of the sport and of her unparalleled career.

Many runners, she believes, burn out and never run as well again because of the rigorous demands put on them in college. In this country, collegiate runners compete in cross country, indoor and outdoor track. There is no real "down time" for the runners to rest and regain their strength. The cycle starts again in the summer when the girls start preparing for the fall cross country season.

In high school, track coaches have the runners for a very short period of time in the spring and get the athletes in racing shape as soon as possible. "I think part of the problem is many high school coaches have the kids on the track every day," Samuelson said. "It's speed, speed, speed. They're not developing strength."

Winning the Olympic Marathon, Samuelson said, was a great moment, but she considers her victory in the Olympic trials more of an emotional race for her, and to this day, the most memorable.

Samuelson underwent arthroscopic surgery on a knee injury just 13 days before the trials. She ran conservatively at the start and wound up winning comfortably. Samuelson went on to win the Olympic Marathon three months later.

"I remember during the opening ceremonies at Los Angeles the United States was the last delegation to enter the stadium," she said. "Walking in the tunnel that led to the stadium I remember thinking to myself, 'I wonder how it would feel running through here alone.' I knew there was only one way to find out."

Samuelson broke from the pack less than 10 miles into the race and ran uncontested to the finish line. She defeated Grete Waitz, the great Norwegian marathoner, and Portugal's Rosa Mota for the gold medal.

Marshfield's Maddy Gaughran, a member of the Marshfield Road Runners who put four teams together for the race, said Samuelson has served as an inspiration for her own running for several years.

"I'm a huge Joan Samuelson fan," Gaughran said. "She's a great role model and so humble. She's one of us, but she's not — she's an Olympic champion."

Samuelson spent nearly an hour signing autographs, answering more questions and posing for pictures following the clinic.

Ted Kolota of AVP Marketing said Samuelson was the natural choice to help promote Tufts' active, more healthy lifestyle philosophy.

"It's hard to find athletes in this day and age with her kind of integrity," Kolota said. "It's very special for the runners to have her run alongside them. Joan was the first one who came to mind for the series. It just clicked right from the beginning."

Tufts' Catherine Brady, who has worked closely with Samuelson, said her fame has not affected her and people genuinely warm up to her when they meet.

"I find Joan to be very down to earth, warm and in touch with people," Brady said.

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On June 23, 1998 the Board of Health will hold a hearing to propose changes to its Supplemental Regulations to 310 CMR 15.000, the State Environmental Code, Title V. The hearing will take place in the Cohasset Town Hall at 7:30 P.M.

Proposed changes include reducing the storage capacity in pump chambers to 24 hours to coincide with the current Title V; to require filters at outlet tees in septic tanks; to require final grades on all As-Builts for soil absorption systems built above the existing grade, to require pressure closing for all systems that require pumping; a number of clarifications to the existing regulations.

The proposed changes are available for review at the Board of Health, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025.

Location:
Town Hall Meeting Room 2B
41 Highland Avenue
Date: June 23, 1998
Time: 7:30 P.M.

Kevin M. Ulmer, Ph.D., Chairman
Cohasset Board of Health

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Summer playground info

The summer playground for the Cohasset Recreation Department will run from Monday, June 29 to Friday, August 14 under the direction of Martha Equi.

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•5- to 12-year-old full day program are also available. Five- to 7-year-olds will be at the Osgood School while the 8- to 12-year-old programs will be held at the Deer Hill School.

Registration will be held on Thursday evening, June 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

POLICE LOG

Monday, June 8

12:35 a.m., notificaiton, Jerusalem Road, departmental action.

6:20 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., traffic citation issued.

6:35 a.m. MV stop, Mendel Road & CJC Hwy., traffic citation/warning.

7:14 a.m., MV stop, Ripley Road & Sohier St., traffic citation issued.

11:05 a.m., medical aid, Locust Road, referred to other agency.

11:09 a.m., assist citizen, CJC Hwy., services rendered.

1:12 p.m., fire, structure, Jerusalem Road, fire extinguished.

4:40 p.m., general services, Jerusalem Road, departmental action.

6:32 p.m., MV stop, N. Main St., verbal warning.

9:27 p.m., MV stop, Atlantic Ave., verbal warning.

9:39 p.m., general services, Jerusalem Road, no police service necessary.

10:32 p.m., MV stop, Elm St., verbal warning.

Tuesday, June 9

7:24 a.m., MV stop, Mendel Road & CJC Hwy., traffic citation issued.

8:46 a.m., MV stop, Beechwood St. & Norman Todd Road, traffic citation issued.

12:39 p.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy., traffic citation issued.

2:56 p.m., medical aid, CJC Hwy., removed to hospital.

4:50 p.m., medical aid, King St., removed to

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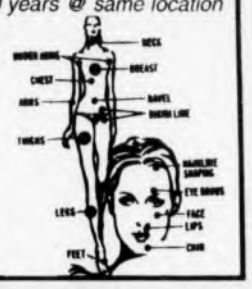
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hospital.

9:04 p.m., property damage, Beach St., investigated/report taken.

9:25 p.m., medical aid, King St., false call.

9:49 p.m., suspicious, Border St.

10:05 p.m., MV accident, King St., investigated/report taken.

Wednesday, June 10

11:48 a.m., MV violations, CJC Way southbound, verbal warning.

2:00 p.m., MV stop, King St. & Pond St., traffic citation issued.

3:56 p.m., MV stop, Rte. 3A by Stop & Shop, traffic citation issued.

6:11 p.m., general services, Bow St., referred to other agency.

9:11 p.m., disturbance gathering, Atlantic Ave., departmental action.

9:15 p.m., disturbance gathering, King St., no such person can be found.

9:46 p.m., suspicious auto, Lothrup Lane, departmental action.

11:37 p.m., disturbance gathering, Atlantic Ave, departmental action.

Thursday, June 11

1:04 a.m., general services, CJC Hwy., services rendered.

1:22 p.m., MV stop, James Lane, traffic citation issued.

3:08 p.m., MV accident, Sohier St., investigated/report taken.

6:27 p.m., fire (misc), CJC Hwy., removed hazardous material.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Driver cited in Forest Avenue crash

Police cited Francis P. Fay III, 22, 37 R St., Hull with operating recklessly to endanger, failure to stay within marked lanes and speeding in violation of special regulations following an early morning accident Saturday.

The 1987 Chevy Cavalier driven by Fay along Forest Avenue toward Hull struck a rock ledge, flipped over and skidded on its roof about 180 feet before flipping upright when it hit the grass at 270 Forest Ave., Officer Richard Yocum said.

One of the passengers in the car, Michael Aiello, 23, of 92 Packard Ave., Hull was seriously injured in the accident. Aiello was listed in critical condition at Brigham and Women's Hospital on Wednesday.

A third person, Ronnie Papa, 18 C. St., Hull had minor injuries and was treated at the scene, Yocum said.

Both Fay and Papa were wearing seatbelts. Aiello, who was seated in the front passenger seat, was not, police said.

Alcohol does not appear to be involved, Yocum said.

Yocum said the state police are assisting with the investigation because of the serious nature of the accident.

Medflight was grounded due to the weather. Aiello was transported by Cohasset ambulance to South Shore Hospital where he was transfe Brigham and Women's.

Man injured in construction accident

A Plymouth man was injured when he fell about 25 feet from a roof at the Rose Hill subdivision construction site, 94 King St. at about 7:30 a.m. Monday.

Michael P. Russell, 33, who is employed by Donnell Construction Company, sustained broken bones and possibly other internal injuries, police said. He was listed in fair condition Tuesday at South Shore Hospital.

Russell was loading roofing material onto a roof when he lost his footing, police said.

MedFlight was called but was grounded due to the weather, dispatcher David Weeks said.

Russell was transported by Hingham ambulance which was called after the Cohasset ambulance got stuck in the mud at the construction site. Paramedics from South Shore Hospital also responded to the scene.

Rose Hill is a 14-home subdivision under construction off Route 3A across from Sunrise Assisted Living.

Roads open for residents only

Except for the streets' residents, police have closed areas of Jerusalem Road and Pleasant and Cushing streets during construction hours until further notice. Trenches are being dug for installation of the sewer main for a portion of the North and Central Cohasset sewer projects along part of those streets.

"I feel that this is needed due to the size of the equipment being used and the narrow roadways," Safety Officer Richard Yocum said. "This could create unsafe working conditions for the workers and for those traveling through the area."

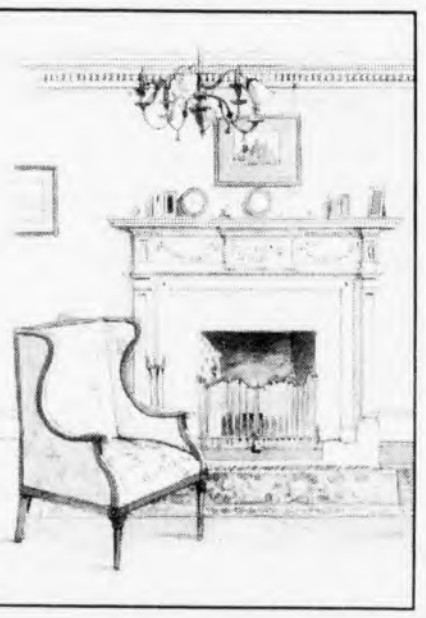
Yocum said the roads will be posted "Residents Only" during construction hours.

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Sewer board sues for control of contracts

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The sewer commissioners have filed a lawsuit in Norfolk Superior Court against the board of selectmen and Town Manager Mark Haddad to settle a contentious dispute over who has the right to award sewer contracts in Cohasset.

Sewer commissioners Edward Guild, Gary Vanderweil, and Henry Rattenbury have jointly filed the lawsuit as private citizens. According to Guild, the selectmen and Haddad have illegally taken away the sewer commission's right to award sewer contracts.

"They stepped in and canceled contract two and that's dead wrong," Guild said. "We do not have the ability to do what we're supposed to do if they're going to interfere with our ability to award contracts. We have duties and responsibilities and we expect to have the authority to perform those duties.

But Haddad had a different opinion of the situation. He said he canceled contract two based on a ruling from town counsel that the Town Manager Act passed by town meeting superseded previous decisions by the town, and gave him the authority to award or cancel all municipal contracts. He said that his superseding authority extended to the sewer commission, which was created by a special act of the legislature in 1962, and its contracts.

"We need to have the legal question resolved in our favor if we are to continue to function. In other words, this is not a turf war over some minor matter. This entails a very important aspect of the duties, responsibilities and authority of the Cohasset Sewer Commission."
TED GUILD, CHAIRMAN

"Based on the vote at town meeting to reject additional funding for the North Cohasset project, I rejected contract two," Haddad said. "Town counsel's opinion is that under the Town Manager Act, I have the right to approve contracts, not approve contracts or award contracts. Ultimately, town meeting has the final say. The sewer commission can still carry out its duties without awarding contracts. I think it's embarrassing that the sewer commissioners are suing the town as residents."

The lawsuit stems from a decision by selectmen to cancel contract two of the North Cohasset Sewer Project. Contract two specifically dealt with homeowners near the environmentally sensitive Straits Pond area connecting into new sewer mains laid in the street under the provisions of contract one.

The North Cohasset project became problematic after bids for the work came in at $2.7 million more than the $6.6 million originally projected for the work.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris was also unhappy with the lawsuit.

"I think it's unfortunate that they filed the lawsuit," McMorris said. "The issue of who's in charge (of awarding sewer contracts) needs to be resolved. The lawsuit goes to the issues of

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Quonset huts to be razed

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The Quonset huts at 430 South Main St. known to neighbors as the "ugliest structures in Cohasset" are about to become one of the forgotten structures of Cohasset. Developer Noel Collins has sold the property to a builder so construction on five townhouses can begin just as soon as the Quonset huts are razed. Collins said he expects the Quonset huts to be torn down within the next few days. If all goes as planned, the townhouses will be built and sold by the end of the year.

Neighbors and abutters will breathe a sigh of relief when the Quonset huts are finally gone. A group of local residents are planning a small celebration when the demolition work begins. Corinne Cahill, a South Main Street resident just two houses over from the Quonset huts, has fought to eliminate the structures for decades. She said

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SCHOOL HUG



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Osgood pupil Emerson Orante gives the old school a big hug as the last day of school approached last week. For story, see page 13.

CHS principal gives 'the block' thumbs up

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset High principal Curtis Collins came out strong for block schedules. He told the school board Thursday why he likes the new system of dividing the school day into longer classes in fewer subjects. In a 90-minute romp through education history, the principal tried to put some perspective on a new system that pushes quality ahead of quantity but appears strange to parents and students.

"All people have agreed schools must change now. The demands of our society require it. We are no longer in the Industrial Age."
COHASSET HIGH PRINCIPAL CURTIS COLLINS

As he put it, society is undergoing a change from the Industrial Age to the Information Age, and the schools are under pressure to change with the times.

"All people have agreed schools must change now. The demands of our society require it. We are no longer in the Industrial Age." Moreover, these changes call for "systemic reform" not "tinkering." But the scope of the change may be the reason people feel uncomfortable. Block scheduling is one way to restructure the school day, and it is very different from anything most parents remember about their own education.

Collins was on the agenda to show the school committee the results of a survey about the block scheduling. Cohasset

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Closing of town hall parking lot

The town hall parking lot will be sealed and re-striped on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23 & 24, building commissioner Robert Egan said.

During that time, the lot will be blocked off and there will be no vehicle access.

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Sun. 28	2:45	10.7	9:05	3:24	9.7	9:21
Mon. 29	3:34	10.2	9:52	4:12	9.5	10:11
Tues. 30	4:24	9.7	10:40	5:01	9.4	11:04
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Public records request denied

Edward Fegreus, 25 N. Main St., and Deborah S. Cook, 281 King St. filed a public records request for documents relative to the train describing communications between Tech Environmental Inc. and the MBTA. Fegreus and Cook are both members of the Citizens Advisory Committee appointed by state Environmental Secretary Trudy Coxe to review the MBTA's environmental impact report on Greenbush.

At the selectmen's meeting two weeks ago, selectmen were in possession of a memorandum which reportedly related to a telephone conversation between Tech Environmental, the consultant hired by Cohasset to review the proposal to restore the train through town, and Andrew Brennan, environmental project manager with the MBTA.

At the meeting, Mary Ford, editor of the Cohasset Mariner, asked for a copy of the memo which was on the selectmen's desk. Town Manager Mark Haddad denied Ford's request saying the memo was confidential.

Haddad has also denied Cook's and Fegreus' written request saying the documents in question are interagency memoranda relating to policy positions being developed and are therefore exempt from public view.

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Cohasset residents may reach the animal control officer, Kathleen Maguire, by calling 383-9119.

Lunch at The Garage

Monday, June 29 at 12 noon at "The Garage" will be the first regularly scheduled lunch meeting of interested high school students who would like to share in the plans for The Garage project. Lunch will be donated by a local merchant. The project involves turning the old DPW garage in the town parking lot into a teen center.

Hard work is recognized

At its meeting last week, the Drug & Alcohol Committee presented John Small and Ken Thayer with commemorative plaques on behalf of their tireless efforts to coordinate the group's recent Car Show fund-raiser held on June 7 on the lot of South Shore Chevrolet on Route 3A. The two reported that the show "was a huge success for the town and the community with a great response from everyone who participated." In total, approximately 125 old and new cars, some valued at more than $50,000, entered into the competition which raised an estimated $6,000, half of which will go to the Drug & Alcohol Committee to donate to Cohasset's PALS Program.

New D&A committee chairman

D&A Committee Chairwoman Margo Aikens announced her resignation. Committee Co-Chairman the Rev. Cliff Cutler was voted in as the new chairperson effective immediately. The committee showed its appreciation for Aikens thanking her for her "hard work and dedicated efforts during her years of service." Cutler said that the committee is "actively searching" for at least two new members to join the Drug & Alcohol Committee for the 1998-1999 season. Interested parties should contact him at St. Stephen's Church office at 383-1083 for more information. The next scheduled meeting for the Committee will be on Wednesday, August 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

RTF closed July 4

The Cohasset Recycling Transfer Facility will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day. It will be open on the Friday before and Sunday following the holiday.

Dump permits on sale

1998-1999 RTF Permits are now on sale at the Public Works Garage at 91 Cedar St., Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They are also available at the Town Hall on Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vehicle registration or proof of residency (tax bill or rental lease is required.)

Regional Recycling Cooperative starts

State Senator Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, announced that legislation he has introduced establishing the South Shore Recycling Cooperative has been adopted along with the 1999 Senate Budget Recommendations. The plan proposed by Hedlund will allow South Shore towns participating in the cooperative to more effectively manage their solid waste and improve their existing recycling programs.

"The establishment of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative is a practical approach for securing a superior solid waste and recycling management plan," Hedlund stated. "This is crucial for the immediate preservation of the public convenience and protection of the environment."

The cooperative is governed by the terms of the "Intermunicipal Agreement for Recycling on the South Shore." Under the terms of the agreement, the cooperative will be authorized to negotiate the terms of regional contracts for the collection of recyclable materials. Towns initially participating in the cooperative include Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth.

The South Shore Regional Disposal Planning Board has conducted a pilot program over the past four years to study the benefits of a cooperative plan. The Board's success in the pilot program shows that the cooperative proposed n this legislation should provide significant cost savings and improved service to member towns.

Initially, the cooperative will be funded through a budget amendment secured by Hedlund, which provided a $70,000grant. This is a matching fund to finance up to half of the anticipated operating expenses for the first fiscal year. The grant is contingent upon each of the member towns paying a proportional share of the remainder of these expenses.

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New school is a work in progress

Construction continues at a brisk pace

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The calendar says it is only June. But inside the new Osgood School last week, the air smelled like September. New bulletin boards and blackboards stood stacked along the corridors. Clean maple cabinets huddled in the middle of classrooms, waiting to be arranged. With suspense building before the first day of school Sept. 2, the construction crews kept up a brisk pace. They steered wheelbarrows under ceilings stuffed with thick blue spaghetti-like strands of wire and cables. They painted halls and rooms in the sections where masons finished plastering. But in all the hurry, they still paid attention to the details and the quality of workmanship. For instance, when the shade of cream white paint in a second floor corridor did not look bright enough for the space, the painter consulted Simon Tempest, the town's project representative.

WINDOWS INTO COHASSET



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"All right, I'll pick a new color for you," Tempest said agreeing the color was not the right shade. Tempest acts as the town's surrogate eyes and ears on the project. He has built schools before when he worked as an architect in England. On this project, his insights about the purpose of color and interior design are helping to create vivid exciting classrooms.

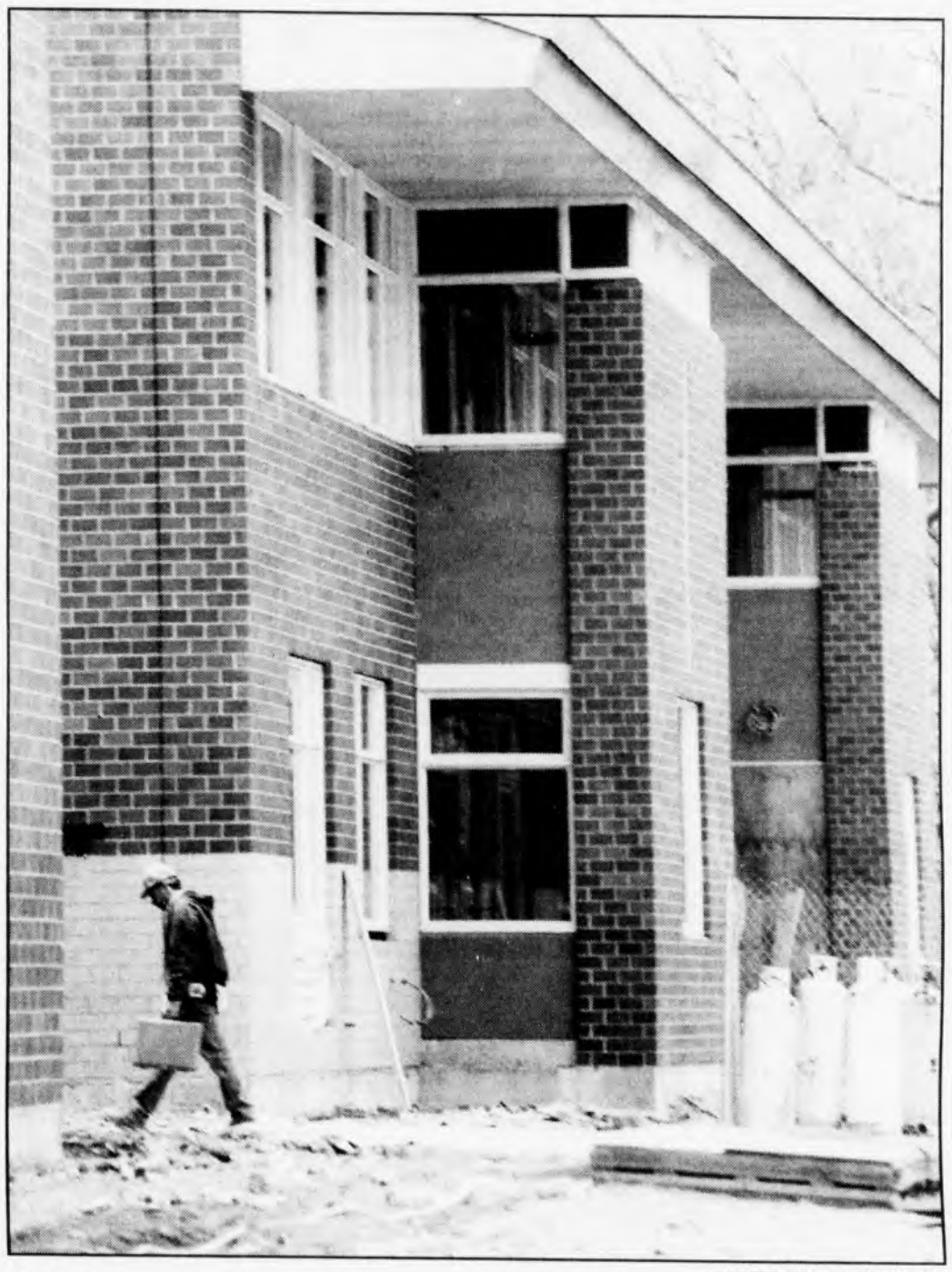
For instance, the colors on the classroom walls and in the corridors are more than decoration. Educators now feel the colors help keep younger children interested in school work and at ease in their surroundings. The 24 Osgood classrooms will be painted in deep pastels— purple blues, turquoise and aquamarine. They are the colors of the sky on autumn nights and the sea on summer days. The floors, still unfinished, wills repeat the colors in tile patterns.

"It's a pretty good design," he said. "It's a very simple building, a straight forward building with very good material." When the children finally arrive, they will see a new building that is similar in shape, color and materials to the Deer Hill School next door. The building is red brick like the Deer Hill but with a buff colored brick on the foundation for accent.

However, it is really much bigger. To look like a natural part of the surroundings, the school was designed to look smaller than it really is. For instance, the roof is partly concealed under a series of small pitched slopes built off projections above the roof line. Again to minimize the mass, the school stands two stories tall in the front but only one level high in the back. Even in the second floor classrooms, the view outside looks upward, much like being in a valley ringed by woods.

Nonetheless, the new Osgood School takes up 66,231 square feet, and it is hard to take in at a glance. Sections of the building jut out from the facade. These "bump outs" are mud rooms or activity rooms connected to the kindergarten classrooms, Tempest said. The school will have four kindergarten rooms on the first floor plus space for two collaborative kindergartens. Upstairs, there are 18 classrooms running off the "spine of the building," the three central corridors.

In the interior design, the architect has used the landscape to advantage. The classroom ceilings slope, and sections are made of wood, in a pattern made of laminated lumber and 3-inch solid pine decking. It gives a natural glow to the light in the room. Big picture windows open to the view of trees and woods in the back of the building, and many of the classrooms also have windows in the back walls. These create extra light and airiness.



STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

A school construction worker enters the new building for his shift.

The classroom entrances in the corridor have a similar feature. Most of these have been painted cream to accentuate the lightness. They each have an open foyer with a wood roof and a window to spill a pool of light at each end of the corridor.

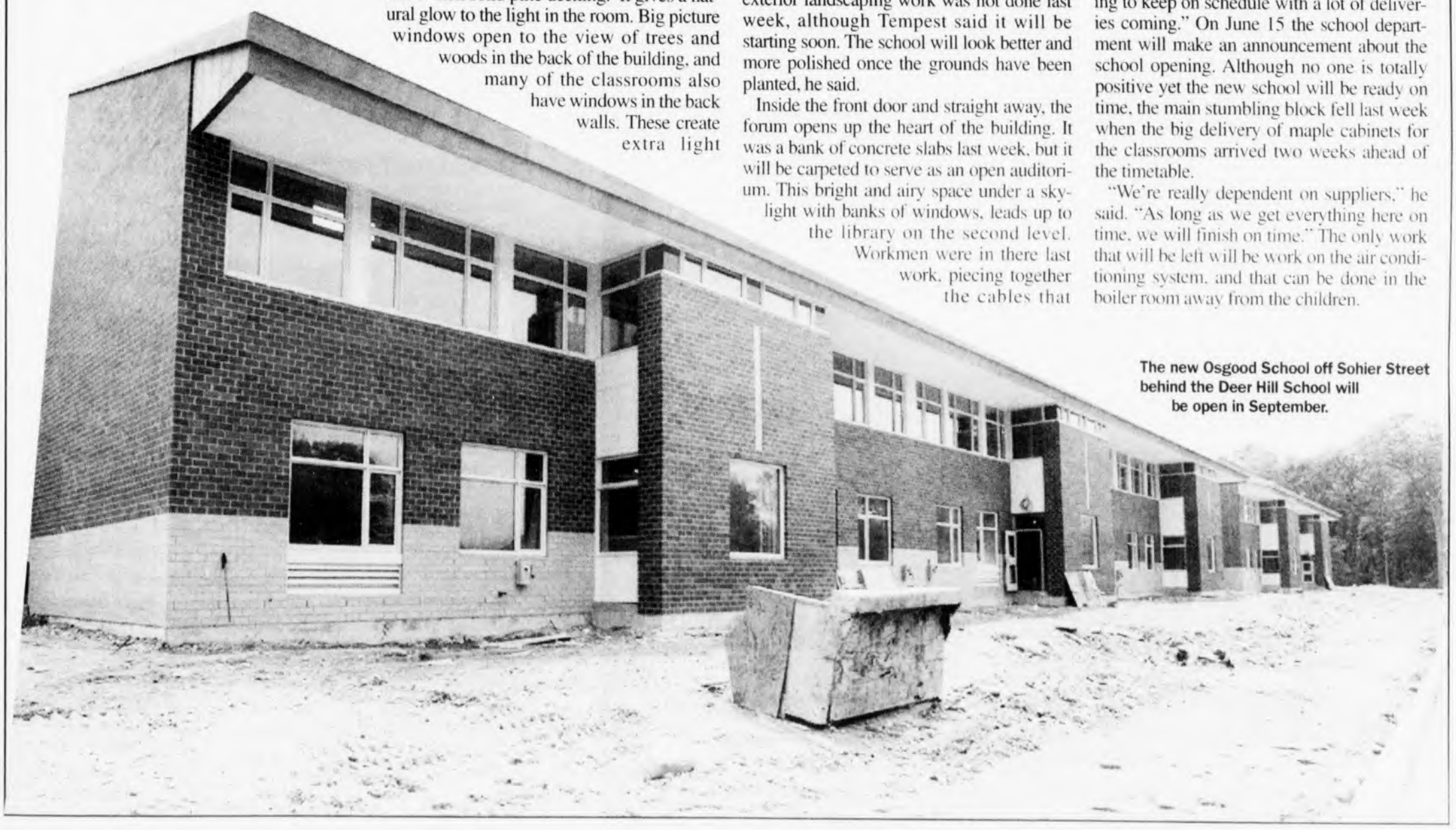
The ground was still cut open since the exterior landscaping work was not done last week, although Tempest said it will be starting soon. The school will look better and more polished once the grounds have been planted, he said.

Inside the front door and straight away, the forum opens up the heart of the building. It was a bank of concrete slabs last week, but it will be carpeted to serve as an open auditorium. This bright and airy space under a skylight with banks of windows, leads up to the library on the second level. Workmen were in there last work, piecing together the cables that will connect the media center to the rest if the school with state of the art technology.

Much is left to do. Punch lists have to be reviewed. But Tempest said Wednesday unless there is a strike of delivery truck drivers, he predicts the Osgood will be ready on the first day of school.

"We're on schedule," he said. "We're fighting to keep on schedule with a lot of deliveries coming." On June 15 the school department will make an announcement about the school opening. Although no one is totally positive yet the new school will be ready on time, the main stumbling block fell last week when the big delivery of maple cabinets for the classrooms arrived two weeks ahead of the timetable.

"We're really dependent on suppliers," he said. "As long as we get everything here on time, we will finish on time." The only work that will be left will be work on the air conditioning system, and that can be done in the boiler room away from the children.



The new Osgood School off Sohier Street behind the Deer Hill School will be open in September.

Quonset huts to be razed

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local residents are planning a small, outdoors, non-alcoholic champagne celebration when the Quonset huts finally tumble to the ground.

"On the day they bring in the wrecking ball, the neighbors are going to toast with non-alcoholic champagne as the huts crash to the ground," Cahill said. "I'm just ecstatic that they're about to be torn down. Of course, as with all things involving developers, I'll believe the huts are coming down when I see it happen."

The seller of the huts was listed as the Gulph Realty Trust. The property was listed for $625,000 and sold for $575,000 to Hingham builder John Murphy. The project will have to go back before the zoning board on July 6 because of some minor changes in the plan proposed by Murphy.

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COHASSET DEVELOPER

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For years, neighbors have complained that the huts — a pre-existing, non-conforming use in that neighborhood — have been the site of noisy and dangerous businesses. Zoning regulations allowed owners to operate most any kind of business out of the location. Until recently, Collins maintained a law office at the site and rented space to six tenants. He has since moved to a location on Scituate Hill.

Collins bought the 54,000 sq. ft. lot in 1996 planning to convert it from a commercial site to residential condominiums. The property is a non-conforming use, zoned for commercial use in the residential neighborhood. Because the buildings pre-date zoning regulations, the property had to be "grandfathered" and allowed to remain a commercial use. Collins' plan initially got bogged down by disagreements with the zoning board over how many units would be acceptable on the site. A strict interpretation of zoning bylaws would have limited the property to one house. Collins wanted 10 townhouses. The zoning board wanted four.

Last November, the zoning board reached a settlement with Collins and approved his plan to raze the Quonset huts and build five condominiums in three buildings on the site. Collins submitted plans to the zoning board to tear down all the structures and construct five condominiums in three buildings: two with two units and one single-unit.

The homes will be New England style colonials in the $350,000 to $400,000 range. There will be two double units, with two of the doubles on 1,240-square-foot footprints, and the others on a 1,120-square-foot footprint and a 1,050-square-foot footprint. The single unit will be on a 1,120-square-foot footprint. each townhouse will be a 2,400-square-foot unit.

The three buildings will occupy an area that is 10 percent smaller than the Quonset huts, preserving some open space. Each building will have clapboards, peaked roofs, porches, brick chimneys, shutters, three floors with garages on the first level and architecture consistent with the neighborhood.

Social Service League names new officers

The Social Service League of Cohasset held its annual meeting and luncheon May 11 at Walton Rodgers' Hall, St. Stephen's Church. Outgoing president Jane Russell announced the new officers and board of directors: president, Motoko Deane; vice president, Regina Schultz; treasurer, Kyle Lubitz; assistant treasurer, Denise Desmond; secretary, Carol Riley; personnel, Mary Hartwell.

Named to the board of directors were Jeff Steele (meals chair), Merle Graham (nursing chair), Margie Steele and Jane Russell (family service co-chairs), Annette Sawchuk, Peg Tis, Eleanor Smith, Lynne Layman, Peg Schroeder, Gail Stevens, Barbara Cook, Lillian Ketchum, Betty O'Sullivan, Sydney Peterson, Sue Reardon, Blanche Whitman, Marilyn McCunney and Moira Stansell.

Annual reports were delivered by Patricia Carleton, LICSW; public health nurse, Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N.; and consignment shop manager, Andrea Merrill.

The Cohasset High School Chorus, under the direction of Bryan Marks, performed a first-class musical program to an enthralled audience. Highlights were numbers from the Broadway musical, "Into the Woods," as well as several toe-tapping "swing" pieces.

The musical presentation was followed by a buffet luncheon for about 90 Social Service League Consignment Shop, Meals-on-Wheels volunteers and members of the community.

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Scituate selectmen call regional train 'summit'

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Scituate selectmen are calling for a "summit" with town officials in neighboring Cohasset and Hingham to discuss issues relating to the restoration of the MBTA's Greenbush commuter rail line. The meeting will be scheduled for July.

The recent reports issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the town of Cohasset evaluating the MBTA's environmental impact report — and finding inaccuracies in it — prompted selectman Joseph Norton to call for the summit. The MBTA plans to build a 17.7-mile rail line to South Shore, which would end in Scituate with a train layover facility. Train service is scheduled to begin in 2002.

"Recently it has become public knowledge what many of us expected all along. The figures given to us by the MBTA are at best flawed," said Norton.

Norton cited an example in which the MBTA used a formula to measure the level of noise from passing trains by spreading the sound out over a 24-hour period.

"We all know that's a completely different noise. You can't hear it," he said. "It's the type of thing we've been spoon fed for years."

Norton said he hopes the summit will provide the three towns' officials with an opportunity to finally discuss the noise, vibration and pollution issues that will directly affect all of them and then approach the MBTA with their mutual concerns.

"Cohasset and Hingham are falling in line and questioning the MBTA's validity," he said. "The noise in Cohasset is the same noise that will be in Scituate and the same noise in Hingham."

Members of the board supported meeting with Cohasset and Hingham on the issue.

"I think it's about time," said selectman Ralph Crossen. "The voice of a summit could have a major impact."

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— SCITUATE SELECTMAN RALPH CROSSEN.

Crossen said the MBTA has given unacceptable answers to the town's questions for years. He said that when he asked the MBTA about the increase in pollution levels to Scituate as a result of the train project, he was told by an official, "You have more trees."

"I can't think of one instance where (the MBTA) was helpful on an issue," Crossen said.

Selectmen Chairman Susan Phippen agreed that it's time for a summit, noting that the conclusions drawn in Cohasset's mitigation report were similar to those in Scituate's mitigation report.

"The Army Corps is asking the very questions that need to be answered," she added.

In its report the Corps questioned the ridership figures furnished by the MBTA.

"Without the ridership to sustain this, it shouldn't be a go," Phippen said.

Norton said the point of the rail summit goes beyond whether officials are for or against restoring commuter rail to the area.

"It's what you think is good for the town of Scituate," he said.

Norton cited the MBTA's prediction that the rail line will remove 2 percent of the cars commuting on the highway.

"You'll never notice it," he said.

But Scituate will be saddled with a 1,500-space parking lot to accommodate commuters from the towns of Marshfield, Norwell and Duxbury, Norton said.

"(The project) may good for other towns, but we live in Scituate. It's not a win-win situation for us. It's a big, big hit," he said. "From a regional point of view, it's wonderful. But for Scituate, it's a disaster."

Village Farmers' Market open Thursdays

The Cohasset Village Farmers' Market will run every Thursday through Oct. 15, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. The market once again takes place on Cohasset Common at the corner of South Main Street and Robert E. Jason Road in Cohasset Village.

The market sponsors different activities for families to enjoy including live folk music, cooking demonstrations, children's face painting, occasional pony rides and much more. Musicians and entertainers looking for free exposure are welcome.

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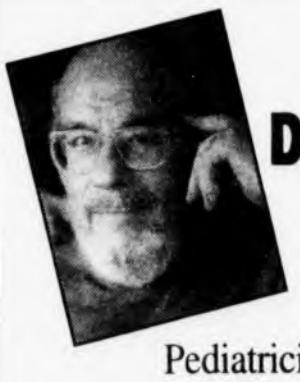
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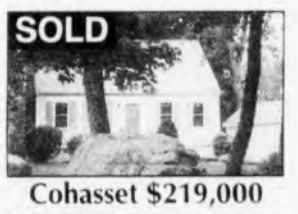


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CHS principal gives 'the block' thumbs up

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High tried the new system for the first time this school year, and parents, students and staff were quizzed about their experiences. In the principal's view, the results did not show much. Only 55 of the 260 surveyed returned the questionnaire.

"I had very little totally negative feedback," Collins said. "It was a whole lot of nothing either way." If the response meant anything, it appeared most parents were "taking a wait and see attitude" about the block. Overall, he felt the survey showed most people had faith the school knows what it is doing. The principal is now putting together a task force to find ways to improve the new system which he agreed is not perfect.

The debate heated up after parent Gary Vanderweil listed his doubts about the new regimen in an April letter to parents and school officials. Vanderweil also spoke at the May school board meeting and restated his view the school administration had not "done due diligence" before it began the block scheduling experiment.

However, the school board appeared to see a different picture in the survey numbers. The committee also heard last month from parents and teachers on both sides of the argument over the block. The debate heated up after parent Gary Vanderweil listed his doubts about the new regimen in an April letter to parents and school officials. His letter urged the community to undertake a study of the block schedule method and the alternatives. Vanderweil also spoke at the May school board meeting and restated his view the school administration had not "done due diligence" before it began the block scheduling experiment. He said math and science got shortchanged in the new system.

Collins answered some of the Vanderweil charges. But school board member Joseph McElroy chided the principal for putting gusto into his talk. He said the arguments the principal marshaled appeared to "bury" Vanderweil. With 20 percent or more people "on the negative side" on a variety of questions about the block, the numbers worried McElroy and Chairman Rick Shea.

"Clearly this survey indicates 25 to 40 percent of either students or parents felt they had an issue," Shea said. School board member Kathy Ofsthun also questioned why one-third of teachers said they could not cover the curriculum.

Collins on benefits of the block

According to CHS Principal Curtis Collins, the block schedule "does nothing by itself" but is a tool that allows educators to attack some common problems in the schools such as teachers who talk and lecture too much. The 90-minute class time exposes their weaknesses. Ideally, it forces them to improve.

The school day schedule has became an issue because it shows "the values of a school" in a list of the courses offered and the amount of time spent on each. Some courses do not require as much instructional time as others, and there is no good reason why all courses should be the same length.

Admittedly, these are relatively new ideas, and Collins said the schools might have gotten out too far ahead of the public on the issues of school restructuring. But Education Reform has been driving the administration to make changes.

"We're certainly being pressured by the Department of Education," he said.

Collins said Cohasset had adopted the four-by-four block. In that model, students take four courses in a term, and each of their classes lasts 90 minutes. There are other variations on block schedules, but the four-by-four model has proved effective. Collins said the school department did complete a long-term study before it started the block.

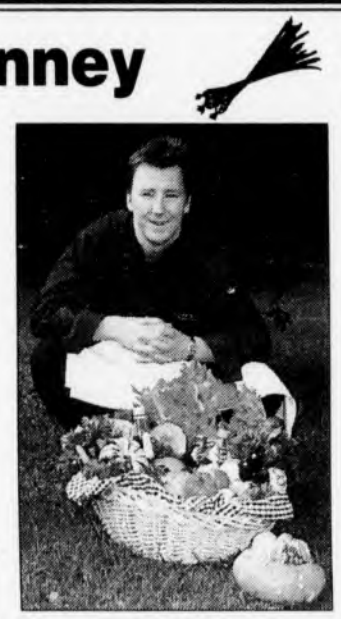
National debate over block scheduling

A national debate over block scheduling has spawned over 8,000 Internet pages, chock full of information and arguments for and against block scheduling. The language is seldom restrained. Here are some samples.

"I was a teacher in the Charlotte/Mecklenburg School System for nine years teaching Social Studies and coaching at a very progressive school... Our school began to discuss changing our schedule to the block... The change was one of the best experiences that happened in my teaching career. Our school experienced the following: An increase of students on the A and B honor roll; A decrease in the number of F's. A decrease in the number of both in school and out of school suspensions."— David H. Vawter.

"Where DO we get this unlimited supply of otherwise intelligent educators who are willing to try whatever unproven schoolhouse fad comes down the road? Why can't we find even one well-designed, peer-reviewed, longitudinal study showing that in the long run Block Scheduling actually helps academic performance?"—Jon Brooker of Merritt Island, Florida.









PICTURE THIS



Name: Linda Campbell

Occupation: Owner, Meredith's Floral Gallery in the village.

Goal: To provide Cohasset residents with an excellent floral shop for all their floral needs.

Best vacation: The Cotswolds in England.

Best day of your life: When we adopted our daughter from Korea.

Biggest worry: Trying to become a fixture in Cohasset Village.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: I love them all!

Favorite TV show: "Seinfeld."

Favorite movie: "Chariots of Fire."

Favorite book: Any good biography.

Favorite junk food: Potato chips.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Losing my car keys at a floral wholesaler in Taunton. My husband, who was recovering from pneumonia, had to come all the way from our home in Duxbury to rescue me because the dealer couldn't start the car.

Person you'd most like to meet: Hilary Rodham Clinton

Pet peeve: People who abuse animals.

Town meeting funds needed for third history book

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The committee on town history has reached an agreement with Town Manager Mark Haddad for a $76,000 budget over the next three years to publish the third volume of Cohasset's Town History. Haddad will place an article on the 1998 special town meeting warrant asking for $30,000 to continue work on the book. The committee will also need $30,000 more in October 1999 and about $6,000 in 2000.

The chairman of the committee on town history, Wigmore A. Pierson, said that much of the money provided by the town for the project will be returned to the local tax coffers.

"A significant percentage of the cost of publishing the book will be returned from sales of the third volume," Pierson said. "Every dollar we get will be returned."

Pierson said the exact cost of the book has not yet been determined, but he expects it the price to be in the mid-to-upper $20 range. In a letter to Haddad, Pierson thanked him for supporting the project.

The third volume will cover the years 1950 to the present. The "present" will actually be the year 2000, when the book is completed.

"Your enthusiastic and unequivocal support for this project and its budget is most appreciated and will certainly earn you a place in recorded history," Pierson wrote.

Pierson said he was very excited about the project, which was moving ahead on schedule. The third volume is expected to be published by the fourth quarter of 2000.

Recently, the committee chose Jacqueline Dormitzer to write the latest chapter in Cohasset's ongoing series of history books. The third volume will cover the years 1950 to the present. The "present" will actually be the year 2000, when the book is completed.

Pierson is also requesting that any residents with local photos from the last 50 years to consider contributing the pictures for the project. Anyone who would like to donate photos can contact Pierson at 383-6940. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17 at the Lothrop House. Members of the public are invited to attend and come in and talk to committee members.

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GRADUATING FROM BATES

Jessica C. Pyfrom and **Nicholas B. Terry** were among the 385 graduates to receive a bachelor's degree from Bates College during the college's 132nd commencement exercises.

Nicholas graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in history with honors. A dean's list student, he spent his junior year abroad in France from 1996 to 1997 and is the recipient of the Ernest P. Muller Prize in history, awarded to the graduating history major whose senior thesis is judged most outstanding by vote of the history faculty. He is a CHS grad, and the son of **David** and **Suzanne Terry** of Margin Street.

Jessica graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. She has been selected to participate in "Teach for America," which is part of Americorp. After five weeks' training in Texas, she will be teaching Special Needs in rural North Carolina. Jessica is a CHS grad and the daughter of **Anthony** and **Joan Pyfrom** of 84 Linden Dr.

BOSTON COLLEGE GRAD

And, we salute **Cilla Goff** this week, she graduated from Boston College after earning her Bachelor of Science in marketing from its Carroll School of Management. If anyone needs one hard-working, wonderful gal, Cilla is the one for you, she's wonderful. Cilla is the daughter of **Ed** and **Jane Goff**.

30TH ANNIVERSARY

Paul and **Joan (Edmonds) Lawrence** of Golden, Colo., are celebrating their 30th anniversary in a grand way, they will be biking through Ireland. With their packs on their mountain bikes, they are pedaling from B&B to B&B, with one night in a castle. After that adventure, they are planning to meet their sons, **Peter** and **David**, in Cohasset for the July 4th wedding of **Kerry O'Brien**, daughter of **Bill** and **Mary O'Brien**. That will be a special time, July 4th is also **Dutchie** and **Adelle Lawrence's** 58th wedding anniversary! Hopefully we will hear more about all of the good times that are sure to be had that week!

MRS. STANTON SAYS THANKS

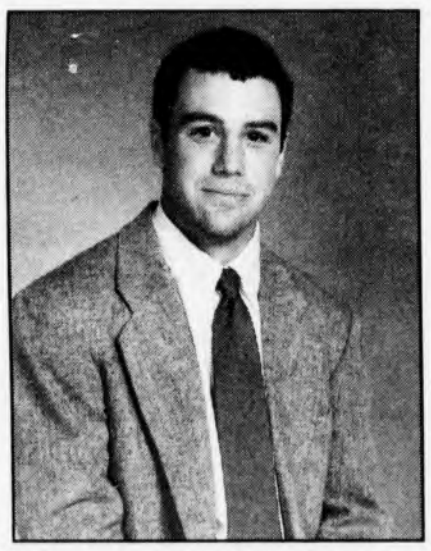
Spoke to **Catherine Stanton** this week, she was truly overwhelmed with all of the suitcases she received after the plea went out — she wishes to thank each and every one of you for your generosity, and assures you that the children will be thrilled with them. What a nice thing for all to do!

ON CHAMPIONSHIP SAILING TEAM

Sophomore **Nichole Peterson** was a member of the **Hobart** and **William Smith** sailing team that finished the regular season ranked number one in the country. The sailing team recently won the prestigious America's Trophy en route to their top ranking. The team competed at the Nationals June 1 to 3 at Tulane University; we haven't heard the results yet, we'll let you know the minute we do! Meanwhile, how exciting for Nicole!!

TABOR ACADEMY GRAD

Ryan L. Staszko, son of **Mr. Donald Staszko** and **Dr. Barbara O'Pray**, graduated from Tabor Academy May 30. Ryan plans to attend the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colo., next fall.



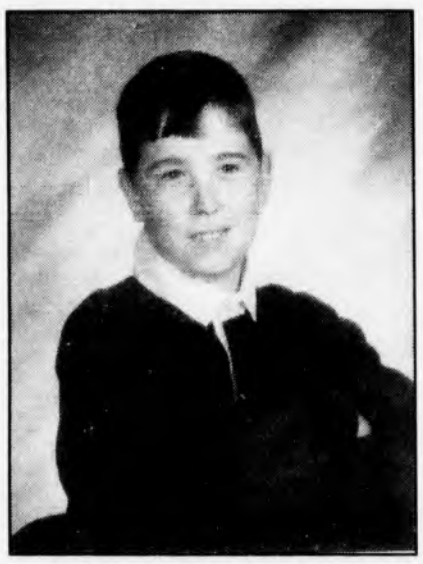
Tabor graduate, Ryan Staszko, plans to attend the University of Colorado.

REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY

Now that school is out, and summer begins in full swing, it's time to remember the Food Pantry! Of course, they can use anything you can give, but they also have a list of things they need! Mostly staples — toilet tissue, Kleenex, dishwashing and clothes soap, shampoo, sugar, coffee, tea and toothpaste. Don't forget to buy extra and share, okay? Think of the pantry the next time you make a trip to B.J's, we know of one gal who does that and we think she's pretty special!

HEADING TO HAWAII

Boy, is **Justin Runey** one special guy, and a lucky one, too! Justin has been invited to become



Justin Runey will head to Hawaii with the Greater Boston Student Ambassadors.

a member of the Greater Boston area delegation of Student Ambassadors who will be heading to Hawaii! The itinerary is designed specifically to meet the needs of sixth-grade students and combines unique cultural experiences with active outdoor learning. Each delegation of 30 students and three adult leaders will visit Hilo, Waimea and Kona on the "big" island of Hawaii in a program sponsored by the University of Hawaii at Hilo This program recently received the prestigious Kahill award from the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau

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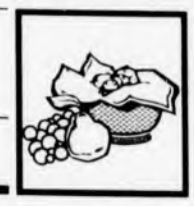
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Although the preparation involves a good deal of slicing and chopping, when you are finished, you have a complete meal and needn't fuss with side dishes! All the flavors enhance each other but each remains distinct!

Olive oil

1 striped bass, weighing about 6 pounds

juice of 2 lemons

salt and pepper

3 large onions, sliced thin

1 cup chopped parsley

2 green peppers, seeded and sliced thin

6 medium "boiling" potatoes, peeled and sliced paper thin

3 ripe tomatoes, sliced thin

Oil a shallow Pyrex or earthenware dish large enough to hold the fish. The fish should be cleaned with the backbone removed, but not split. The head may be cut off if you prefer. Wash the fish, dry it and rub inside and out with lemon juice and salt. Lay about 1/3 of the onions and 3 tablespoons of parsley in the fish's cavity. Saute the remaining onions and sliced green peppers until softened. Arrange potato slices on bottom of the baking dish, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Lay the fish on top of the potatoes and cover all with the sautéed onions and green peppers. Drizzle olive oil over the fish and veggies. Cover with a double thickness of foil and bake 40 mins. in a 400 degree oven. Uncover, baste with pan juices and arrange the sliced tomatoes over the top. Drizzle with oil and continue baking, uncovered for another 20 mins. Sprinkle with remaining parsley and serve in the baking dish. A good Aioli is a "must" with this fish!

Sauce Aioli

1 crustless slice of day-old bread (white)

3 Tbsp wine vinegar

4-6 cloves garlic, roughly chopped

1 egg yolk

pinch of salt

1 to 1-1/2 cups tepid olive oil

2 Tbsp lemon juice

3 Tbsp boiling water

Soak the bread in the vinegar about 10 minutes. Remove and squeeze dry. Put the garlic and bread into a mortar and pound with pestle until it is a smooth paste. Beat in the egg yolk and salt. When the mixture is thick and sticky, start adding the oil by droplets and when about 1/3 of it is used, you can pour a little faster and use a wire whisk to complete the beating. Add some lemon juice when the mixture becomes very heavy. Continue thinning with the boiling water as necessary. Aioli should be about the consistency of sour cream. (Aioli can be approximated by pounding the garlic to a smooth paste and adding it to 1-1/2 cups store-bought mayonnaise, but it won't be quite as good.) You may also use this sauce as a dip, surrounded by fresh raw summer vegetables..

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for its cultural authenticity, dedication to educational quality and its holistic and environmentally centered curriculum. Justin will be snorkeling at Kealakekua Bay, exploring Kilauea Crater and learning about volcanoes with a park ranger, going on a submarine dive on the Atlantic off the Kona Coast, visiting native Hawaiian elders and children, enjoying guided canoe lessons in Hilo, the list goes on! Oh, what a great way to learn! What a "blast" he will have.

The People to People Student Ambassador Program sure does great things, and Justin will serve them proud! Justin is a special guy, eager to learn about the world, committed to building leadership skills — he will be one grand representative, and we are all very proud of you, Justin! And you can bet that Mom and Dad (**Carol** and **Jim**) are proud of you, too!

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

That's the news for this week, hope to hear from you real soon! If you aren't too busy building arks, that is (isn't this rain terrible?!)

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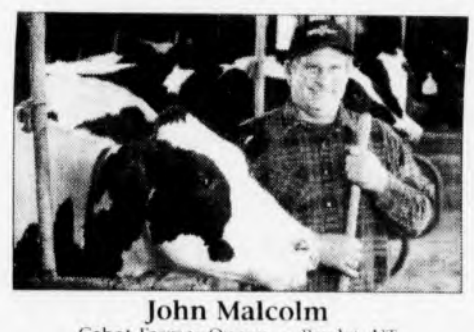
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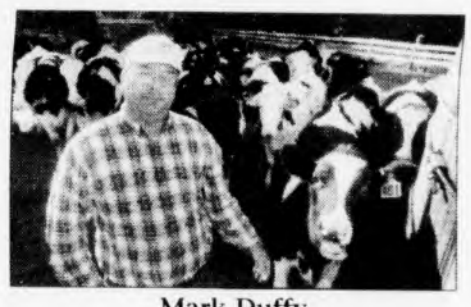
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EDITORIAL

Shop the village

The Village Renaissance Committee was the first to recognize a little creative touch here and there can go a long way. The grass-roots volunteer group, which started about 10 years ago, has added special enhancements to the village. The committee's major projects include building the town pump in front of Cohasset Hardware, developing the James Brook Walkway between the parking lot and South Main Street and orchestrating the creation of Shipcove Park, the "pocket park" next to Tedeschi's.

This was all in an effort to make the village a more attractive place to visit and shop.

Then about two years ago a handful of shop owners and interested citizens sat in French Memories to brainstorm about what else could be done to improve Cohasset Village.

Dean Rizzo, vice president of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, organized the meeting during which the ideas presented were all over the map.

Soon afterwards, however, a clear vision came into focus. The Village Revitalization Committee made up of local businesses and citizens was born and proved to be the impetus behind selectmen establishing the Village Task Force about 18 months later. The task force is a governmental entity with businesses having a seat at the table. Both groups have the common goal of turning Cohasset Village into a real gem.

Like a piece of silver that badly needs polishing — the potential has always been there: quaint, historical setting in small-town, Norman Rockwell America.

In the months that followed the French Memories meeting, the Chamber conducted a "charrette" — a village design session — which could lay the ground work for a master plan for the entire village area.

The Village Farmers' Market has evolved into a rite of spring which continues throughout the summer and into the fall.

And Mr. Rizzo and others have labored behind the scenes applying for grants. A $5,000 coastal access grant will set the stage for improved access between the harbor and village. An expected $165,000 state grant will pay for a new sidewalk along South Main Street in front of St. Stephen's Church And another exciting grant proposal seeks $60,000 to "link" Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Hull with improved transportation, signage and marketing to encourage people to travel between the four business districts.

Then, there's the anticipated reopening of the former Chart House restaurant at the harbor and the Red Lion Inn renovation project which, when completed, will be a real draw to the village.

We urge the selectmen to sell the unattractive, worn-looking Independence Building once the teen center vacates it. With a good dose of "TLC" the old structure could be transformed into an appealing shop and offices, adding spark to that part of South Main Street.

However, the most important element of all in the future of the village is a simple one: we must support our local merchants.

No matter how pretty the village becomes, it won't work if we don't shop there. So next time you need a gift, a meal, a bottle of wine, some flowers, gasoline or a nut or bolt — consider going downtown.

We can all agree that Cohasset Village is an important part of life in this town. But the village is made up of a host of small businesses which depend on your support for their very survival.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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Celebrating Bourke's life

DEAR COHASSET FRIENDS,

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You celebrated the life of our beloved Bourke by telling us what a treasure he was to all he touched.

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Rotary Club support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset Youth Resources would like to thank the Rotary Club of Cohasset for sponsoring a delicious Pancake Breakfast at Harborfest. Proceeds went to Cohasset teen projects and activities. Don Harrold, Ken Roth and many Rotarians were both master cooks on the grills and terrific hosts. (Mr. Harrold, how many pancakes did you flip that Saturday morning?) Pancakes were consumed by all ages and especially enjoyed by the Osgood Kids who were also celebrating the closing of their school. The Pancake Breakfast was truly enjoyed by the entire community.

Cohasset Youth Resources would also like to thank those who bought an ad for the placemats, as well as Peter Collins and his son, Pete, for assembling the speedball net in high winds, Michael Peraino for once again donating a radar gun to clock ball speeds, and Ted Carroll, Mike Peraino and Brad Potollichio for manning the speedball throw booth. Also, a heartfelt thank you to all teens and their parents for helping with this fund-raiser for the past three years. Without their commitment and support, and the interest and financial support of community organizations such as the Cohasset Rotary Club, the teens would not have a safe, drug-free center of their own.

COHASSET YOUTH RESOURCES
LIZ BATES, TONY BRAMBLETT, ROSE COLLINS, JEN LAGROTTERIA

Post prom party help thanked

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks to miles of silver mylar and twinkling lights, CHS corridors and gymnasium were transformed into a "Night With The Stars" for the first All-Night Post Prom Party. The magic happened through combined efforts of parents, organizations, and local businesses dedicated to providing a safe and fun evening for CHS 1998 graduates. Hats off to the following for supporting this successful evening:

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It's time to stick your head out the window and yell

MY VIEW

DAVID T. HANNAN

Remember the character Howard Beale, the news anchor in the movie "Network"? he implored his viewers: "I want you to go to the window, open it, stick your head out and yell: 'I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!' "

My window is open, my head is out, and I want you to join me.

It must have seemed like a good idea to somebody: balance the federal budget by cutting Medicare spending. But the $115 billion in Medicare cuts contained in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 are just plain stupid. The cuts actually cost more than they save. And then there is the more important cost: the government is trying to balance the budget on the backs of our nation's most frail and vulnerable — our sick, elderly, and disabled as well as those who care for them.

The devastating impact of the Balanced Budget Act on health care — particularly home care — is just starting to be felt across the Commonwealth. In Massachusetts, home health care is essential. Without it, thousands of frail, ill, and injured people might not get help or would have to leave their homes for much more expensive options, including nursing home care. And yet, the federal government will spend $100 million less on home health care this year in Massachusetts by cutting visits to the homes of the sick and dying.

Let's look at the devastating effect of the new Medicare reimbursement mechanism — called the Interim Payment System (IPS) — on just one home health agency, South Shore Visiting Nurse Association, part of the health care organization that I head. We will see an annual reduction in reimbursements of at least $4 million on a $20 million base. It has resulted in the elimination of 120 positions, which affected 50 nurses and support personnel. And we're not alone. Home health providers everywhere are struggling to meet the demands of the sick without adequate resources.

What do Medicare cuts mean for you, your family, and your businesses? It's likely that sick patients, after leaving the hospital, will either have to do without home health services — or will receive fewer visits. Family members will have to pitch in to continue patient care for days, weeks, months, or perhaps years after Medicare benefits run out.

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One of the most devastating impacts is the increased likelihood that frail seniors living alone and people with chronic health conditions will be admitted to nursing homes. Some skeptics think that this is deliberate by federal planners since Medicaid kicks in when personal assets are depleted, and half of Medicaid is paid for by the states. Home health care costs a fraction of skilled nursing home care, and generally produces better health outcomes. As a result, IPS may well end up costing taxpayers more, not less, as patients are forced to choose more expensive health care options.

On Monday, May 11, the Massachusetts Legislature got a first-hand look at what home care providers have been staring in the face since late last year. US Rep. James McGovern, D-Worcester, explained his proposal, a bill that would help mitigate the devastating impact of IPS. The proposed legislation, which every member of the Massachusetts congressional delegation has signed, would delay implementation of the reduced Medicare per-beneficiary limit to October, 1998 and use a more reasonable formula to calculate reimbursement. Rep. McGovern and all our Massachusetts members of Congress deserve thanks for trying to be part of the solution.

During a period sustained growth in the nation's economy and an apparent Federal budget surplus, we should invest more in health care and retirement security for our seniors — not less. Home care helps Massachusetts seniors live in their own homes for as long as possible. Slashing Medicare benefits will limit the independence enjoyed by thousands of people throughout the Commonwealth.

And so that's why it is time for all of us to speak out for commonsense. A balanced federal budget is a good idea but only if it is done right. Tell our elected representatives and the Clinton administration that you want them to show leadership on this issue. Tell them to reduce their obsession with Monica Lewinsky and Webster Hubbell, and to refocus energies on a more important issue — protecting our senior citizens from the unraveling of the safety net of home care that makes both human and financial sense.

David T. Hannan, a Hingham resident, is the president and chief executive officer of South Shore Hospital.

Viagra, an elixir for our senior citizens

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TOM HENSHAW



I don't think we have realized the full potential of this Viagra pill that promises to turn our seniorest citizens into reasonable facsimilies of Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Clinton.

Already the fun palaces of Nevada, where such goings on are legal, have noted an increase in customers, most of them in the 66 to 96 age group, some of them in wheelchairs.

A handicapped accessible brothel. Is that PC or what? But I digress . . .

"It has really done a lot to them physically, mentally and emotionally," said a working girl at the Moonlight Bunny Ranch. "They are paying more, staying longer. It totally has changed their self-esteem."

"It was a long night last night," another weary toiler at the Moonlight Bunny Ranch told the Associated Press. "But this is the best thing that's happened since prostitution was legalized in 1970."

Half a world away, already there is a black market in the little blue pill, which goes for $100 a pill in Kuwait and up to $800 a bottle in Turkey. The pill costs $10 per in the United States, where it was released to the eager public in March.

San Marino and Andorra, two fly specks on the map of Europe usually known only to stamp collectors, have experienced small but intense tourist booms as aging lotharios from France, Italy and Spain line up at the fountain of youth.

Italy hasn't made up its mind about Viagra yet and the national health system in Spain will pay for the drug only if doctors find "a condition that needs to be cured," whatever that means.

The final returns aren't in yet, but think of what Viagra is going to do to the folks who take sex polls.

Like the researchers at Bentley College in Waltham who studied 160 swimmers ages 40 to 80, compared the results to a less active group and found higher levels of sexual activity among the swimmers.

Nearly all of them, men and women alike, said they had sex at least once a week. They enjoy it more, too, at least that is what they said. And, says Professor Phillip Whitten, they socialize with younger people.

Or the team from Johns Hopkins University that found the old wives' tale that sex can leave you blind has some basis in fact. Five patients, ages 24 to 53, reported that they had blurred vision during or shortly after sex activity.

The Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality in San Francisco found that sexual activity is as good as aspirin or Tylenol when it comes to dealing with pain. Has anyone ever gotten a headache *after* sex? (See below)

It's probably too late now if you're a member of Mensa, but high school graduates average 59 sex acts a year while those who have been to graduate school average only 52.

The National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago also found that about one in five adults didn't have sex at all during the previous year — before Viagra, that is.

Dr. Ananias Diokno of Washtenaw County, Mich., surveyed 744 of his neighbors and found that 62 per cent of married women who drank one cup of coffee a day were sexually active but only 36 per cent of the men.

The Diamond Headache Clinic in Chicago turned up the alarming statistic that more men than women are likely to say, "Sorry, honey, I have a headache."

And then we discovered Viagra.

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Sewer commission clarifies meeting stance

TO MARK HADDAD, TOWN MANAGER

Confirming our phone conversation at mid-morning June 17, and with all due respect, neither the sewer commissioners nor their engineer will attend the meeting for the following reasons:

• Over the past three years the commissioners have held more than 15 public meetings in the town hall auditorium. In addition, we have held regular meetings on a more or less monthly basis for an approximate total of 45 to 50 public meetings in the three-year span. Clearly, no useful purpose would be served by yet another meeting.

• Judging from post meeting commentary, our most recent public meeting (6/4/98) was successful in clearing up the confusion on payment methods for the North Cohasset project. Having another meeting so close on the heels of the June 4 meeting will enhance the probability of reintroducing confusion which we would like to avoid. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30. Anyone who has questions, including selectmen, may ask them at that time.

• As I told you, the sewer commissioners do intend to hold another large public meeting in late September or early October. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the sewer warrant articles in the October STM. At that time, we expect to update the brochure distributed at our June 4 public meeting. In the updated brochure, we shall incorporate the actual low bid price received from our late August tenders so that Option One will be based on firm figures. In addition, the sewer commission intends to issue an informational pamphlet to future users in the North Cohasset system shortly after the solicitation of bids. This brochure will outline project specifics, how the system works, what components will be on private properties, owner responsibilities, electrical needs, board of health coordination and future system operation and maintenance concerns to reiterate the answers to those questions most frequently asked.

• Further on the question of public information concerning the sewer projects, you, of course, are fully aware that these projects have had ongoing, exhaustive coverage in all three of our local newspapers.

Finally, we realize that there are some people who have ignored our past public information efforts and only now are taking an interest, some very vocally. Recent misinformation being circulated has further aggravated the situation to such an extent that some people don't know if things have changed or what they should believe. The selectmen and the board of health should not be burdened with these issues. We have no problem answering their questions; however, to document the individuals and their concerns, all we ask is that the individuals put their questions in writing and address them to the sewer commission so that we can provide an adequate response.

EDWARD M. GUILD
CHAIRMAN
SEWER COMMISSION

Editor's note: The joint meeting with the sewer commission, health board and selectmen slated for tonight has been canceled.

Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

Sewer board sues for control of contracts

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overlapping jurisdiction, and money, and issues about the chief executive officer.

"There is some overlap of authority between some town boards and the board of selectmen. I think the issue has to go before town meeting. The town manager act was done through a citizen's initiative, and there is still some overlapping authority that needs to be worked out. As an example, the town manager was initially given control over some housing authority units which are actually under the state's control," she added.

Lisa Bumstead, spokesperson for Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions — a grass-roots organization searching for sewer solutions fair to the whole town — said the suit shows just how out of touch the sewer commissioners have become.

"The lawsuit is an embarrassment to the town," Bumstead said. "However, the more ridiculous this commission behaves, the more it more it validates the claims of citizens throughout town that this board has been out of control for a long time. This behavior is an indication of the need for selectmen to take an even more aggressive stance with this board. It definitely is going to be interesting."

Despite these objections, the sewer commissioners believe they are preserving their rights as set forth by the state Legislature, and hope for a quick resolution in their favor.

"Although the sewer commissioners find themselves in an adversarial position from a legal standpoint, there is no personal animosity whatsoever," Guild said. "We need to have the legal question resolved in our favor if we are to continue to function. In other words, this is not a turf war over some minor matter. This entails a very important aspect of the duties, responsibilities and authority of the Cohasset Sewer Commission."

Town meeting approved the project at $6.6 million with the town paying 50 percent of the cost of the work. A request by the sewer commission at last March's town meeting to borrow more money got 60 percent of the vote, but failed to gain the two-thirds vote needed for passage. The request failed even though the homeowners connecting to the system would have borne the entire additional $2.7 million cost. Selectmen later decided to cancel contracts two, three and four, lump them together, and send them out for another round of bids hoping to lower the cost of the North Cohasset project.

However, the sewer commission wanted to continue with contract two because the $6.6 million was more than enough to complete the connections around Straits Pond. Guild said the selectmen and Haddad have done nothing less than to usurp the authority of the sewer commission to perform a key part of its job.

"I made a change order to contract one and Haddad went through the roof, although he approved the change because he felt it was right," Guild said. "A project changes as you go along. I had 10 previous changes to the contract, none of which needed the selectmen's approval."

But Haddad said he canceled contract two based on town meeting's rejection of additional funding and town counsel's opinion that he had the authority to award or cancel sewer contracts.

"I absolutely have not usurped their power," Haddad said. "I'm responsible for the day-to-day operations of the town, and I'm not in any power-play and I adamantly deny and disagree with any such assertions. I'm just carrying out my responsibilities as town manager."

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SELECTMEN CHAIRMAN RONNIE MCMORRIS

Guild wrote a letter to selectmen stating his belief that the town manager did not have the right to award sewer contracts. Previously, Guild had asked the town to allow him to get a second opinion about DeRensis' reading of the Town Manager Act.

"Town counsel's legal opinion to the selectmen dated 4/24/98 makes it impossible for the sewer commission to discharge its duties and responsibilities as set forth in the special act of t he legislature that created the commission," Guild said.

Selectmen refused Guild's request for a second opinion and said they were satisfied with DeRensis' conclusions. The sewer commissioners acted on their own and got opinions from three former and current town counsels in other communities. Guild said all three attorneys disagreed with DeRensis' opinion and agreed that the sewer commission should award or cancel its own contracts. The sewer commissioners hired Marshfield Town Counsel Robert L. Marzelli to represent them in the suit against the selectmen and Haddad.

In his letter to selectmen, Guild stated that Haddad's contract awarding authority was restricted to items much smaller than sewer projects.

"Town counsel's primary basis for his opinion is that the town manager is authorized to award contracts for labor and materials (that is to say large contracts such as sewer projects) under the authority granted to him under the state procurement law which is generally referred to as '30B'," Guild said. "Actually, '30B' specifically is restricted to 'goods and services', namely the procurement of paper, pencils, office equipment, furniture and office spare parts, etc., etc. It does not cover contracting for labor and services."

Haddad was offended by Guild's assertion that he could only contract for office supplies.

"It's extremely insulting," Haddad said, angered by Guild's statements. "According to the sewer commission, it's my job to procure pens, pencils and paper."

Guild said stripping the sewer commission of its contract awarding authority is a serious conflict with its ability to establish a vision for the town's sewer system, and then to make that vision a reality.

"Our vision was compromised when they rejected contract two," Guild said. "If they take away our power to award contracts, then we become a board with no power as a sewer commission. They've left us without the power to implement a sewer program on a professional basis. Our hands are tied."

Haddad disagreed with Guild's assessment. He said it was quite feasible for the sewer commission to establish a vision for the town's sewer without awarding contracts.

"When town meeting rejected the request for $2.7 million, it was sending a clear message," Haddad said. "At that point, the vision for the sewers should have changed."

Haddad also refuted a claim by Guild that the lawsuit would not be costly for the town.

"Fortunately, for both parties this is not an expensive legal proceeding," Guild said. "Town counsel has already completed his legal work as set forth in his opinion dated April 24, 1998. The sewer commissioners agree with all the 'facts' as set forth in his opinion. Therefore, there will be no costly and time-consuming 'discovery' process."

Haddad said the lawsuit would cost the town money every time DeRensis had to work on the case.

"We have had to hire town counsel to defend us against this lawsuit at $120 an hour," Haddad said. "Currently, we have 20 days to respond to the lawsuit, and we have to pay $120 an hour for that response. When I asked town counsel to come in here Monday night, we paid him $120 an hour to be here."

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Last classes leave old Osgood School

With cheers and tears, the last classes left the Ripley Road Joseph Osgood School Friday, June 19.

There were cheers of "we're free" as students meeting parents for rides home eagerly burst out through the front doors. Behind the school, bus loads of singing children pulled out as a line of teachers did the "wave cheer," some stopping to dab tears from their eyes.

Inside Osgood and in the kindergarten classrooms currently housed at the Deer Hill School, the scene was one of volunteer parents, trying to find just the right box for everything from bags of building blocks and books to flip charts and quart-sized bottle of paint.

School may have just ended for the students, but for these parents thoughts were of the next school year and the expected move to the new Osgood School.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Members of past Osgood classes were on hand for an end of school celebration. From the classes of '36 &'37 are Eunice Brownell, Mary Keating, Libby Pompeo, Arthur Lehr, Tilly Nardo and Pauline Keating.

"It's a big task to move a whole school and I'm so grateful to all the people who have helped already and who will be helping in August," said Osgood Principal Marilee Cantelmo. "You know the saying, 'It takes a village to raise a child;' well, it takes a village to move a whole school."

While the physical aspects of moving equipment, furniture and boxes will be handled by Burkhardt Bros., Inc., the remaining packing up of classrooms and the unpacking at the new Osgood School will be handled entirely by volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to assist with packing in early August and then with unpacking later that month. To volunteer, call Cassandra Rioux at 383-2856.

Town government gets refined

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Whatever the outcome of the lawsuit the sewer commission has initiated against the selectmen and Town Manager Mark Haddad, town officials are still working on previous plans to refine local government.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris pointed out that when selectmen articulated their goals for the coming year, establishing a centralized public works department ranked high on that list. This proposal has been in the works for more than six months and was not initiated in response to the sewer commission's lawsuit.

McMorris said towns that adopt town manager government usually eliminate many local boards in the process. She said that didn't happen in Cohasset because the Town Manager Act was driven by a citizen's petition and the government structure committee didn't study issues related to the elimination or consolidation of town boards. But areas where the selectmen's authority overlaps with the authority of other boards demonstrates a need to examine the need for some possible consolidation, McMorris said.

When we were talking about goals for the year, one of the goals that Mark had was to consolidate some of our public works projects," McMorris said. "It makes sense as he consolidates services."

Haddad is still working on a proposal that could bring the sewers, public water and public works together under the direction of a paid professional, probably an engineer. Haddad said he is studying Chelmsford as a model for Cohasset. He also pointed out that consolidating public works projects under one paid professional would not necessarily eliminate sewer commissions or water commissions. Chelmsford has all public works projects under one person's authority, yet still has a sewer commission. Haddad said the Chelmsford sewer commission will stay in place until the town finishes laying new sewer pipes, sometime in the next five or six years.

Haddad said his chief concern is to deal with the maintenance of public buildings. Last year, Haddad made a presentation to selectmen to make the remaining elected boards into appointed boards, except for the library trustees and the water commissioners. Now he is working on a presentation for this October's town meeting to consolidate public works under one paid professional.

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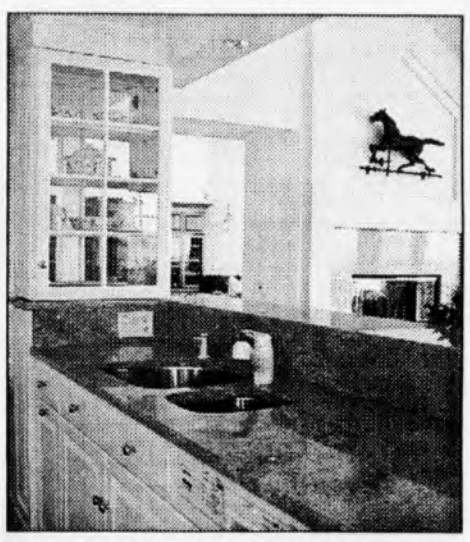
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Bob Motley and Peter Guild cook up hamburgers and hot dogs.



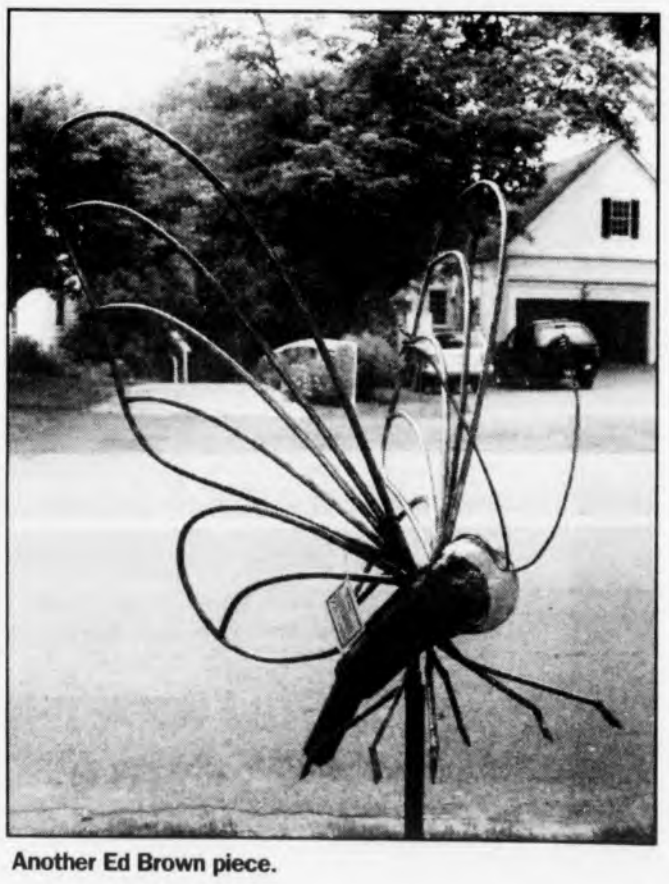
A range of pottery was available for those who came to shop.



This piece of copper art by Ed Brown of Rhode Island was an item of interest.



The town common resembles a tent city during the popular festival.



Another Ed Brown piece.



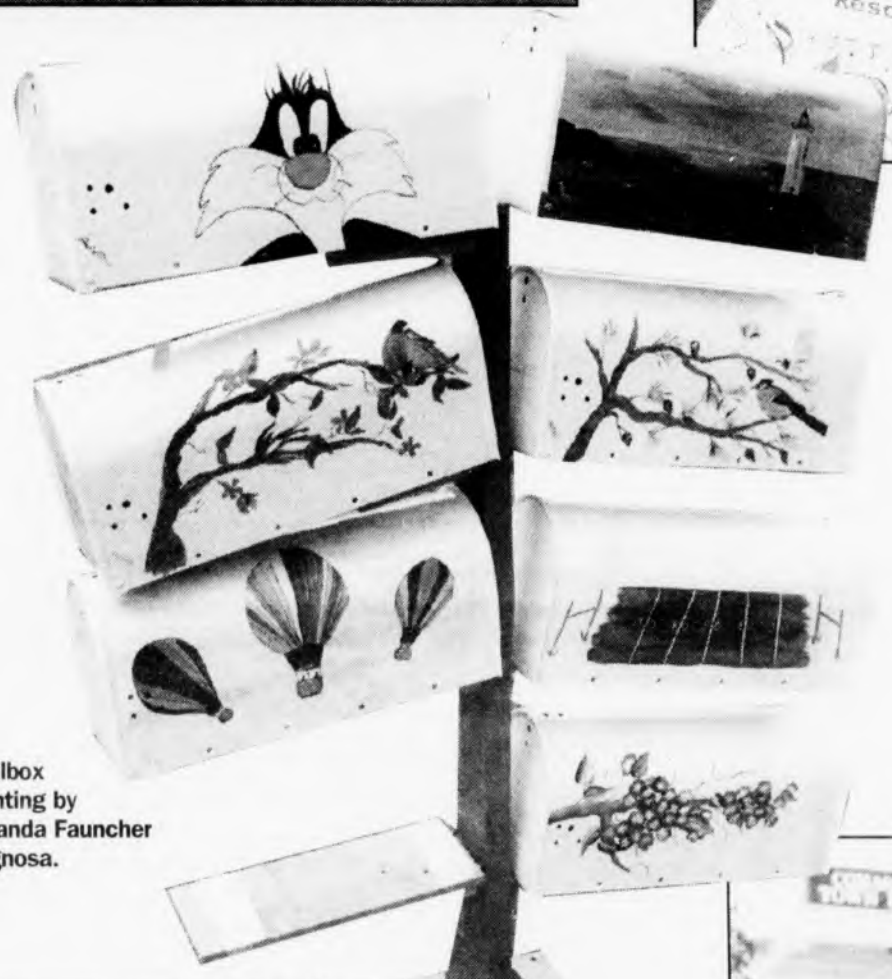
Two Festival visitors take a moment to enjoy some of the many paintings on exhibit.



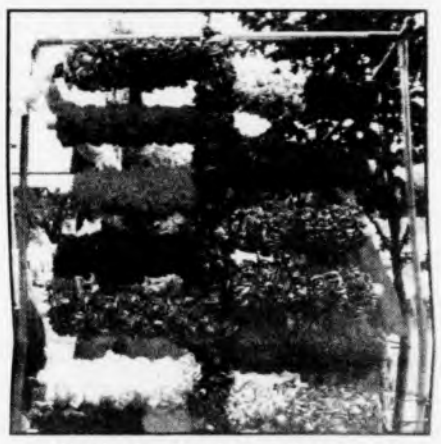
Kyle Kennedy and Meredith Bates sell yo-yos and flags to benefit Cohasset Youth Resources.



Bird art by Carol Lindakila was on display.



Mailbox painting by Rolanda Fauncher Mignosa.



The festival had something for everyone, including hundreds of "scrunchies."



Parker Berg takes a break from all the festivities inside the bus stop shelter at the edge of the town common.



A sample from Sandy Beardsley's "herb shed."



15-year-old Matthew Malloch of Weymouth plays a set of bagpipes that were made in 1912.

Strawberry Parfait celebrates 20 years

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

On the news the price of ice cream is going up, the time seemed right to splurge at the Strawberry Parfait where most things have either stayed the same or improved with age. The village ice cream shop at 2 Pleasant St. will celebrate its 20th year this summer. According to owner Carmine Carlucci, Cohasset is a swell place to do business, the trade in ice cream scoops is good, and his best sellers are still chocolate and vanilla.

"Vanilla and chocolate outsell all the other flavors 7-to-1," he said. In a week, he sells 33 gallons of each. The store stocks 40 flavors in case someone with a taste for an ice cream adventure shows up, and ice cream is not the only commodity. The regular menu includes hot dogs, burgers, children's meals and baked stuffed seafood. Specials feature scampi, swordfish and boneless prime rib.

Carlucci, who calls Hingham home, bought the six-month old Strawberry Parfait in 1978 and decided to keep the name even though the business was not established when he took over. For the first two years, he ran it part-time opening up after school and for the summer. The original Strawberry Parfait sold ice cream, parfaits, and cold sandwiches. But Carlucci branched out with an off-season catering business and then developed a year-round menu around family style chicken, fried plates and Bar-B-Q.

There have been other changes. The indoor seating area is gone, replaced by an outdoor "dining room" banked with flowers. Unfortunately, this year will be the last for the strawberry vine mural on the wall facing the garden. It is going to make room for a new walk-in freezer. But the flower garden is growing. Carlucci plants it himself, working early in the mornings before customers arrive.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Donna Ricks, owner Carmine Carlucci and Erin Devine outside the Strawberry Parfait.

"We started putting out flowers. People enjoyed it, so we did more," he said. Mixed in with the marigolds, the geraniums and the petunias, he adds "conversation pieces" such as a tomato plant. He also has a putting green, though "no one ever uses it." With a view of St. Stephen's tower in the background, the garden makes an idyllic spot to eat out on a summer night. That is the staple of Carlucci's business.

"I serve an excellent home-cooked meal at a very reasonable price," he said. Though his typical customer comes from Cohasset, people travel to get lobster salad and ice cream from the Strawberry Parfait. Carlucci has also opened up after hours for celebrities. Bill Cosby arrived one Saturday morning with Clark Chatterton, the manager of the Music Circus concession. Cosby had a burger and fries on special order. (Carlucci had been loading up a truck with catering supplies when they arrived.) Another time, he opened the shop after the show for Donny and Marie. The Osmonds ordered the fried chicken. And though The Witches of Eastwick picked a different store to film a scene in the movie, Jack Nicholson and other stars turned up to eat at the Strawberry Parfait.

Carlucci allowed he has run out to get an autograph every now and then. But the best part about having a store in Cohasset has been watching the youngsters grow up. Some of the youngsters who have worked for him were customers when they were children. He is planning a special children's day July 12 to celebrate the 20th year. A husband and wife clown duo will be on hand, and there will be balloons, face painting and magic shows.

The Strawberry Parfait is located on Pleasant Street across from the South Shore Arts Center.

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Hunt Pile tows Devin Buick and Whitney Cook along the dock at Community Boating on the Charles River in Boston, where the Cohasset Sailing team works out several times each week during their season.

Rain puts a damper on start to Legion season

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

The George H. Mealy Post 118 Legion baseball team was counting more than runs for the past couple of weeks.

The team was saying "How many days has it been since our last game?"

The bazillion gallons of rain that fell over the region lately has put the Legion team on the sidelines for 13 games as of Monday, according to coach Scott Arnold.

Before the biblical type rains started, the Scituate Post team was riding a 2-0 record, having defeated Randolph Post, 9-4, and Weymouth Post, 9-7. Pitcher Bill Fitzgerald of Scituate picked up the win against Randolph, while Ben Ketchum of Cohasset pitched all seven innings for the win over Weymouth.

Ketchum is a three-year veteran on the team, having joined in the team's first season following a 17-year layoff..

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According to Arnold, the team is anchored by such veterans as Mike Conroy of Scituate in centerfield; Larry Flynn, also of Scituate at shortstop; Joe Pergola of Cohasset at first base and Greg Taylor, also of Cohasset at second base.

Recapping the first two games, coach Arnold stated, "The Randolph win was just basic baseball. The kids were getting in shape and played nice baseball. The big man

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Cohasset sailors 'skippered' their way to a victorious season

The Cohasset sailing team proved again and again this season that Cohasset has produced some great sailors. Racing in the white division of the Massachusetts Bay Sailing League, they won their division championship, beating five other schools in a two-day tournament at the end of May. They also won four out of five individual meets during their regular sailing season, gaining them a trophy for second place, and they had impressive standings at the state championships as they competed with the best sailors from more than 20 schools.

Most races were held at Community Boating on the Charles River in Mercury and FJ sailboats. The 11-member team proved adept at sailing both kinds of boats, much to their credit because each boat requires different skills.

The sailing team, which had once been a powerhouse several years ago, had disbanded until it was revived last year. On this year's team were returning seniors Katie Buckley, Colin Pyfrom and Kyle Whiteley, and juniors Devin Buick and Hunt Pile. Newcomers this year were Andrew Ross, Ben Peterson, Melissa Pyfrom, Andrew McAuliffe and Tom Anderson.

Senior Andrew Ross was a true newcomer to sailing, having sailed only on a school-sponsored trip on a schooner in the Caribbean. However, he proved himself to be a capable crew, and he and Colin Pyfrom won several crucial races during the divisional tournament.

Although they often crewed this season, Andrew McAuliffe, Tom Anderson and Hunt Pile have also shown a tremendous ability to skipper boats to victory, and they will be heavily relied upon next year, as the team loses four seniors.

Sophomores Ben Peterson and Melissa Pyfrom proved time and again that they are skippers to watch next year. Both have a natural ability to get their boats moving right through the competition even when they have started the race at the 'back of the pack.'

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Kyle Whiteley deserves special mention for his loyalty to the team. He is the only team member who was on the team before it disbanded, and couldn't wait to join when he learned it was reforming last year. However, due to special circumstances, he wasn't able to sail then, so he made sure he was first to sign up this year, and rarely missed a practice or meet.

With equal ability as a crew and skipper, Devin Buick will also be one to watch next year. His enthusiasm and interest in sailing ensure that he will continue to mature into an experienced and talented skipper.

Seniors Katie Buckley, Whitney Cook and Colin Pyfrom contributed tremendously to the success of the team during the

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A PICTURE OF CONCENTRATION



STAFF PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Michael Dooley gives it his all as he goes to the plate in recent Cohasset Youth Baseball Association action.

Cohasset sailors' victorious season

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last two years. All three sailed consistently and usually finished in the top three places. Whitney Cook hopes to sail on the University of Vermont team and Katie Buckley has aspirations to sail at Harvard University. Colin Pyfrom will be landlocked as he goes to flight school in the Midwest.

Five sailors deserve special recognition for their showing in the state championships held at MIT May 21 and 22. Whitney Cook and Ben Peterson alternately skippered during the two-day regatta, placing seventh out of 22 schools in their division. Also racing in another division were Katie Buckley and Colin Pyfrom on the first day, and Katie and Devin Buick the second day. The wind was gusty and unpredictable, but the Cohasset sailors did a great job dealing with the difficult weather conditions and proving that they are able to compete with some of the best sailors in the state.

The future of the sailing team is very bright with so many talented, capable sailors who can skipper and crew equally well. However, with four departing seniors, next spring they will be looking for a few more enthusiastic members for the team.



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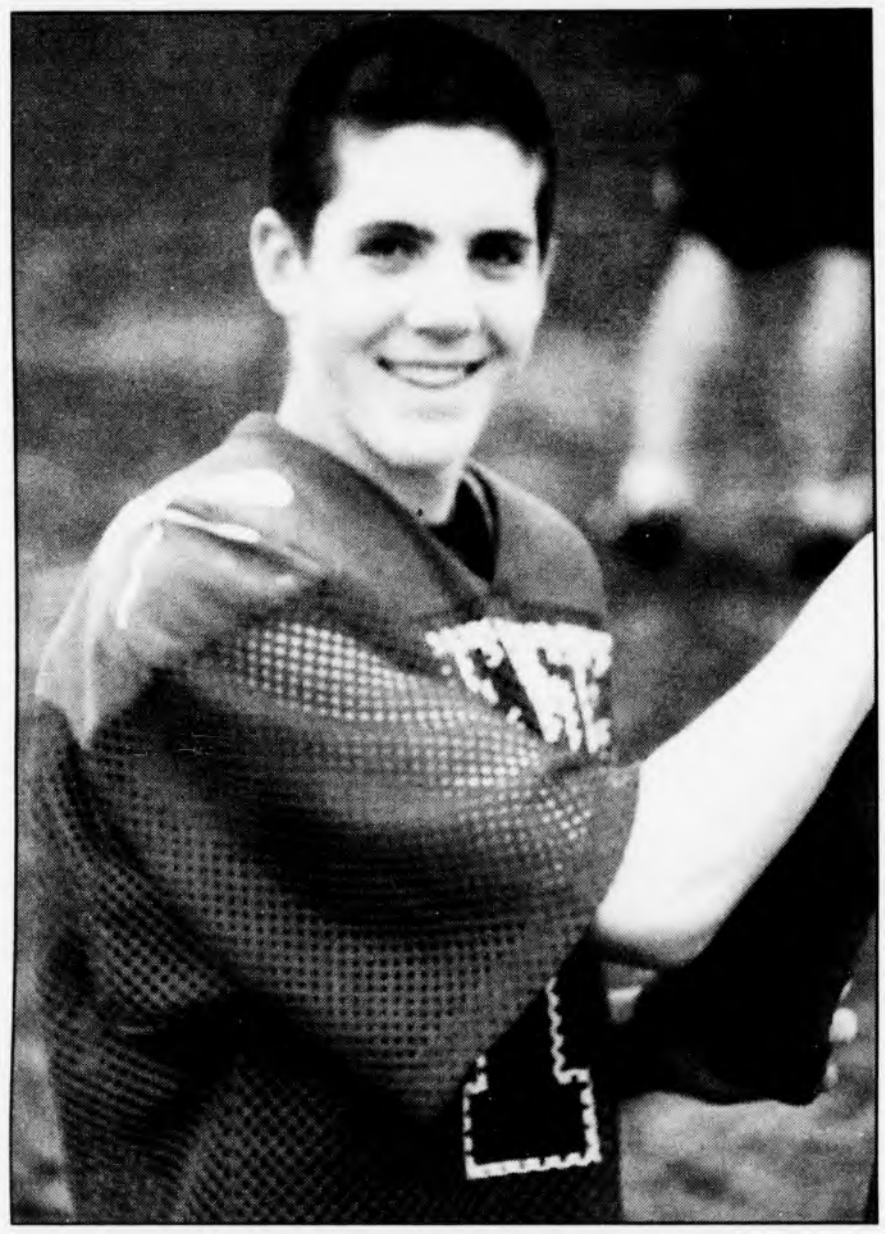
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Adam, a freshman attack man, scored 14 goals with five assists as Brewster won its last 10 games of the season.

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Female, 50+, enjoy gardening, the beach, fishing, dinner and dancing. Seeking a S/DWM, 50s, with same interests. ☎*30001*

Grounded Tinker Bell looking for Peter Pan. Female, 45, self-employed professional, 5'10" 125 lbs, enjoy outdoor playing adventures. Harley riders ok. No Captain Hook types. Nonsmoker, nondrinker. ☎*30018*

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SWF, 55, looking for someone to share times with. ☎*30002*

SWF, brown hair, brown eyes, enjoy dining, sports and dancing. Seeking a SWM, 40-62, for possible companionship and relationship. ☎*30014*

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

Caring, honest, secure, affectionate, fit, professional WM seeking a happy, loving, romantic, playful, lifetime friend and lover, 52-60, to share romance, outdoors, dancing, travel and the beach. ☎*30011*

Dream lover, come rescue me! Warm, caring, sensitive and compassionate DWM, 50, young, very fit, active, 5'6", 145 lbs. Seeking a down-to-earth WF for my best friend and a long-term relationship. ☎*30026*

Earth sign, eclectic, witty, well-built, professional DWM, 40s, 5'11", enjoy astrology, personal growth, outdoors, day trips, quiet times, the simpler things. Seeking S/DWF 38-48, similar interests, for possible relationship. Plymouth area. ☎*30021*

Falmouth Male, 61, 5'11", 145 lbs, retired military, no bad habits. Seeking a soulmate. Enjoy all of life. ☎*30024*

Fun-loving DWM, 26, 5'8", 165 lbs, Single dad, seeking professional S/DWF, 25-33, to share fun times, laughter, movies, camping and road trips. Must like Nickelodean. ☎*30027*

Humanist SWM, 69, 5'10", 145 lbs, n/s, retired social worker, Hawaiian snow bird, boating, swimming, hiking, antique autos, sing-along songs, dislike rock. Seeking slim, attractive, unencumbered Lady. Upper to mid-Cape preferred. ☎*30012*

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Practicing Catholic. SWM, 39, seeking SWF, 28-40, also a practicing Catholic, enjoys outdoors during the summer and quiet evenings at home, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Cape Cod, South Shore area. ☎*30013*

Recently retired Gentleman with easygoing disposition, love the ocean, enjoy dining and dancing. Would like to meet a happy-go-lucky Lady who shares the same interests. ☎*30030*

Rochester Male, youthful 58, 6', 180 lbs, retired military, neat, nice looks, graying, n/s, n/d, love the classics, seeking a soulmate. ☎*30007*

Romeo meets Juliet. Male, 22, 6', 185 lbs, brown/hazel. Looking for a relationship, possibly long-term. Enjoy boating, fishing, dancing, movies and walking on the beach. Looking for a SF, 22-29. ☎*30023*

Sagittarius sailor, wild eyes, great shape, sensitive, looking for an attractive, athletic sail mate, 28-38, for adventure and moonlit romance. Our little ship has enough room for skis and golf clubs. ☎*30005*

SM, 70, 5'5", 145 lbs, enjoy dancing, walking, bike riding, swimming and listening to jazz. Seeking a fun Lady. ☎*30004*

Tall, dark and handsome SWM, 34, 6'2", enjoy all the usual stuff, yada, yada, yada. Seeking an attractive SF, 25-37, n/s. ☎*30006*

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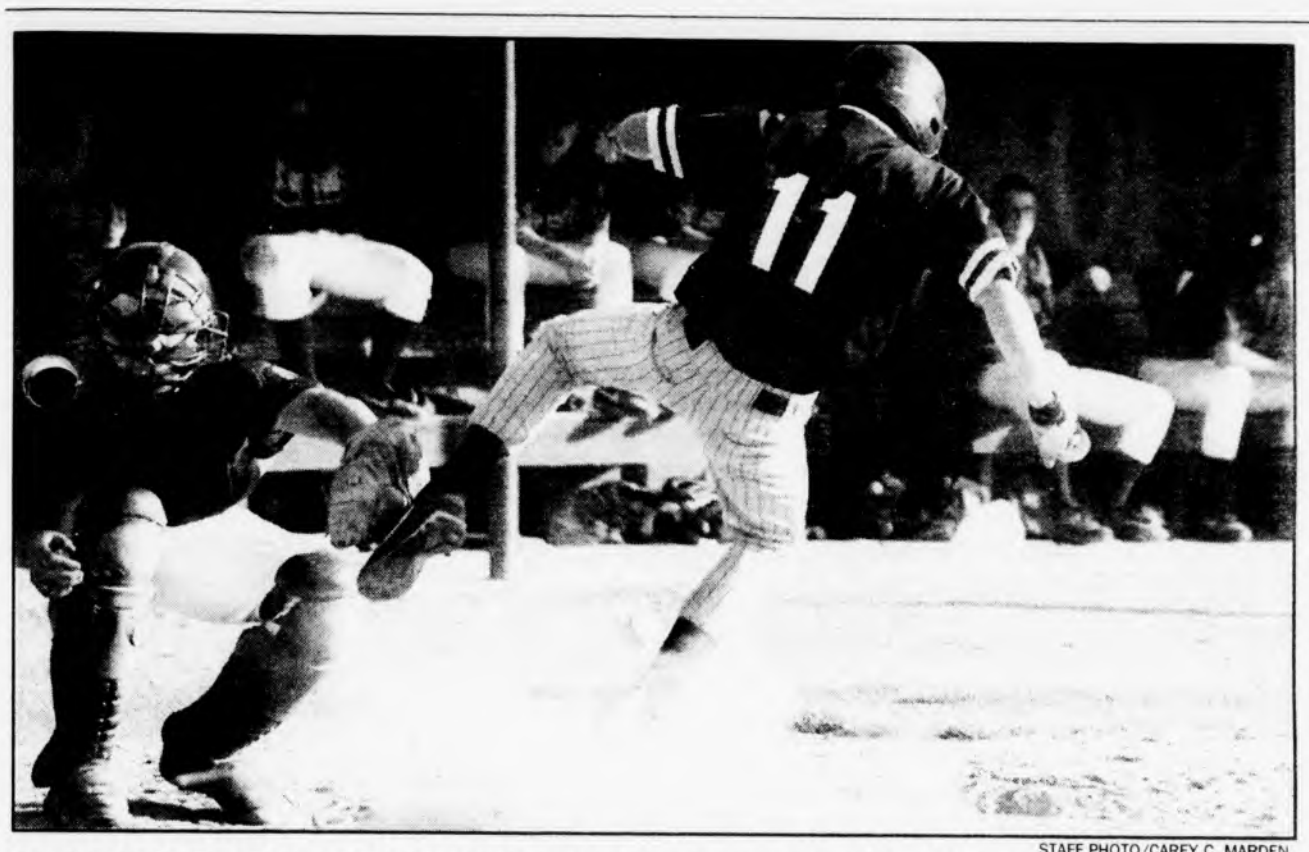
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American Legion Post George H. Mealy's batter Chris Ferris topples over after getting hit by a pitch against Weymouth.

Rain puts a damper on Legion season

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for us in that game was Ben McGuiness of Scituate, who hit a bases-clearing triple to put the game away for us.

"The second game was a lot different. We just fell behind right from the start, and the kids came through playing great ball.

"We had to play catch-up and the kids came through with a six-run fifth inning and a three-run sixth inning to give us the win.

"That fifth inning was quite an inning for us. Everybody in the lineup came through with a hit. So far I like what I have seen. This is a fighting team. Even when they were down by seven points, the kids just kept fighting back."

As for the rainouts, the coach was not too happy about that.

"The rainouts are killing us. The kids need work to stay sharp, and we just keep getting rained out. We were looking for a big year this season, and we appeared to be well on our way.

"The team has been improving every year since I brought it back three years ago. In our first year, we won three out of 20 games. Last year we jumped up four wins, winning seven of the 20 games.

"This year, we are looking for double digit wins, thanks to a number of veterans back with the team and some good looking newcomers."

The Scituate team owes a lot to Arnold, who took it upon himself three years ago to bring the team back the team three years ago.

"I played Legion ball myself, and really enjoyed the game. I talked to a number of teenagers around town who were looking for something to do in the summer, and the though struck me to bring back Legion ball." Said Arnold.

"I found a number of kids who were interested and sent a letter to the league, telling them we would like to start up a team and join the league.

"During the first two years I had John Carr coaching with me, and John really helped to get the program rolling. This year Ralph Berry has taken over the assistant coach duties and Ralph is quite familiar with Legion ball, having duties and Ralph is quite familiar with Legion ball, having been a player in another town, just a short while ago. The post has been very cooperative with us, so we have had a lot of good people getting behind the team. It's hard to believe the post went 17 years without a team, but that has all been changed now, and everybody is quite happy about the rebirth of the team."

Besides being the coach of the team, Arnold is also the Post's director of athletics.

Now, all the team needs is some nice sunny days, or at least rain free.

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Hoop it up at basketball camp

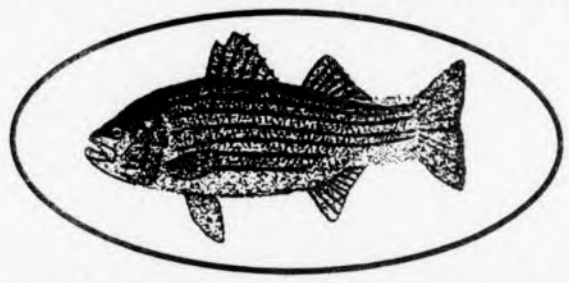
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Alternative medicine – is it for you?

By Esther Csapo Rastegari, RN, EdM
CORRESPONDENT

Three thousand years ago, people didn't have ultrasound or MRIs (magnetic resonance imaging), but they did get sick and were at times in pain. In China, they might have sought out an acupuncturist, who relieved their pains and healed their ills. In India, they might have sought treatment with a practitioner of Ayurveda.

For as long as people have been in existence, there have also existed those who attempted to heal them, some with better success than others, using the knowledge of those who had healed before and relying on resources in the environment, such as plants. Folklore and classic literature alike remind us of this: When Juliet seeks out the help of the Friar, he is gathering medicinal herbs.



Herbology roots

Modern Western medicine is not that far from its roots in herbology. Modern pharmacology may produce uniform pills today, but those pills are often purified extracts of plants. It was through trial, error and common knowledge that this science developed. What about the use of leeches to suck a patient's blood? Or performing surgery without anesthesia?

Medicine as we know it today has changed considerably in the past 100 to 150 years, but that really isn't so much time in the greater scheme of things.

We consider the care we receive in a hospital today as conventional and label everything else as unconventional or alternative. Alternative is often used to denote those treatments utilized instead of conventional ones. Another term, complementary, has come to mean those treatments used while having conventional care as well, such as when acupuncture is used to relieve the side effects of chemotherapy for cancer. Perhaps all these labels contribute to controversy and impede the process of dealing with the problem – getting the patient better.

The term alternative was often used to describe those therapies not taught in medical schools. A recent survey of medical schools, however, found courses describing the benefits of relaxation techniques in handling stress! Clearly the lines between conventional and CAM (complementary and alternative medicine) are blurring.

In 1992, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) opened a division to fund and investigate several areas of CAM. This alone says a lot about the field. Medical centers around the country are currently researching the safety and efficacy of alternative therapies for such chronic health problems as asthma, HIV/AIDS, addictions, cancer, stroke, aging, allergies, heart disease and low back pain. At one of the centers, the University of Maryland, preliminary results are showing that acupuncture is effective in dealing with the symptoms of osteoarthritis.

Seek an alternative?

Should you seek out alternative medicine? That depends a great deal on what ails you. Western medicine is at its best when battling acute trauma, emergency situations. Surgery and medication have helped give millions of people back their lives. But, the success rate with chronic, long-term conditions is more limited. This is the area where alternative medicine is often very effective.

Alternative therapies can be very helpful in the following areas: disease prevention, stress reduction, and preventing and controlling the side effects of conventional medicines. We are learning a great deal about the tremendous impact stress has on our health. While stress may not be the cause of a particular disease, it usually exacerbates it. Physicians' training hasn't traditionally focused on ways to reduce stress. A NIH panel of doctors, nurses, epidemiologists and statisticians found strong research evidence that mind-body techniques such as meditation, relaxation, hypnosis and biofeedback were effective against the chronic pain associated with back pain, headaches and arthritis.

If you are in the throes of a serious asthma attack, don't waste time. Get emergency help. You may, however, want to consider CAM when it comes to prevention. But don't engage in this process alone. In a survey of family practice patients, 50 percent of them had sought alternative therapies, but only 53 percent informed their physicians. Patients will seek out care that they feel will be helpful, even when that means paying out of their pockets. Why not tell their doctors? Many people feel their physician will not be supportive of their decision. Some don't feel connected to their doctors. They look for a practitioner who will listen to them, and make them feel heard. It is the basis of trust.

Alternative therapies are sometimes referred to as holistic, as they tend to focus of the whole person – physical, emotional, psychological, spiritual. Recognition of the mind-body connection is intrinsic in their nature. Health is not seen as the absence of disease, but rather as the ability to resist disease. Alternative medicine practitioners engage their patients in caring for their health, thus empowering them. This makes patients feel better about the care they are receiving.

Ask questions

Physicians should be knowledgeable about alternative treatments that would benefit their patients, and be able to refer them to reputable practitioners. Good health care is a team effort. If your physician can't refer you to a CAM practitioner, what should you look for? Check with the national organization of the therapy. Many have Web sites, and provide practitioner directories. Check credentials. Ask him or her whether they are licensed or certified, and what kind of training they had to undergo. Do they annually participate in any form of continuing education? Ask friends and family for referrals, but check out qualifications nonetheless.

Alternative treatments are big business, and someone who has hung out a shingle may not have the training to back it up. Any reputable practitioner would welcome the opportunity to explain their training. Be sure to ask what benefits you can expect from treatment and how long before positive effects will be noticed. Ask about any risks associated with the treatment, or side effects of herbal remedies. If you are currently under medical care for a particular condition, check for any contraindications.

Vocabulary hindrance

It is often awkward to describe alternative therapies using conventional terminology. Western medicine does not yet have the vocabulary or the tools to quantify "life force," but that does not negate its existence. As a practitioner of therapeutic touch, I know it works, yet cannot fully explain how. Many years ago, I was with a friend as she was dying of cancer. While stopping breathing was the physical sign of her death, a change occurred in how she looked. She did not appear to be sleeping, for that which had made her alive, that life force, was gone. Her essence, her spirit, had ascended, leaving behind her body, that now appeared as the shell that had housed the spirit for so many years.

The human body is truly a marvel – physical, emotional, spiritual. With all science knows, it could not yet create a human being. Scientists are working to understand what already exists. Life continues, regardless of being understood.

Know what to expect

Since complementary and alternative therapies are often quite different from conventional care, knowing what to expect is important.

Acupuncture. Practitioners may be medical physicians with acupuncture training, or may be non-medical practitioners. The philosophy is that health is dependent on the unencumbered flow of vital energy, or chi/qi. When the energy flow is impeded, disease results. Treatment consists in part in opening up the channels of energy along pathways referred to as meridians. Hair-thin needles are inserted at specific points along these meridians. While patients feel the prick of the needles, the treatment is not uncomfortable or painful. Sometimes there may be a sense of tingling along the pathway. Make sure sterile, disposable, single-use needles are being used.

Acupuncture was also shown to reduce the need for surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome and osteoarthritis of the knee. Used in conjunction with conventional medical care, acupuncture was able to reduce the need for medication and shorten the length of stay in treatment facilities. It was also beneficial in treating substance abuse, and in increasing blood flow to the brain following stroke and spinal cord injuries. No significant side effects were noted. Hopefully, it will soon be a covered insurance cost. Some acupuncturists are trained in Traditional Oriental Medicine (TOM), and may combine herbal treatments together with acupuncture.

Acupressure relies on a similar philosophy, but uses pressure applied to these meridian points instead of needles. The above-mentioned NIH panel found acupuncture to be effective against the nausea of cancer chemotherapy, post-surgical anesthesia and pregnancy. It was also effective in treating pain.

Ayurveda. Developed thousands of years ago in India, Ayurveda was revived by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, the founder of Transcendental Meditation. It was further popularized by Deepak Chopra, MD, trained in both conventional medicine and Ayurveda.

The philosophy focuses on body types, or prakriti. Certain body types are prone to particular diseases. Health is achieved through diet and exercise specific to the body type. Yoga exercises and herbal medicines are also used. Chopra's "Perfect Health" describes the system. Much can be done by the individual alone. There is a treatment center in Lancaster.

Manual, or hands-on treatments include chiropractic medicine, massage therapy, osteopathy, reflexology and therapeutic touch. The training of osteopaths is similar to that of medical physicians, with an emphasis on manipulation of the muscular-skeletal system to bring the body into balance. A reflexologist works on the feet, the philosophy being that points in the foot correspond to locations/organs in the body. By massaging these points, health is restored in the other parts of the body.

Therapeutic touch is a system developed by Dolores Krieger, a registered nurse and professor of nursing at New York University. It is based on the belief that there exists an energy field around the body. Practitioners use their hands to assess this energy field for imbalances, and then work to reestablish balance. When balance is restored, the body is able to rely on its own innate healing potential.



Blue upsets White in Cohasset junior lacrosse finale

After having the traditional season-ending Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League Jamboree rained out, the Cohasset junior lacrosse program finished its season June 19 with the Blue squad [illegible]tting the White 14-3.

Both teams were shorthanded due to Little League playoffs, and several of the White team's players switched sides to flesh out the Blue roster. Still, the White team had the better record and the moves should have made for a close game. Instead, it was a rout. Tim Pilczak scored two goals and Paul Digan added a goal and three assists as the Blue team jumped to a 6-0 lead that it never relinquished.

Pilczak finished with three goals and one assist, Digan two goals and three assists, Michael Hajjar two goals and an assist and Mark Davis, Robby Carpenter and Dewayne Morris two goals each for the Blue team. Garrett Curran, switching from the White team to play goaltender for the first time all season, made 12 saves in the Blue net.

Michael Rasmussen, as he has all season, led the White team in scoring, with two goals and an assist. Nick Murphy overcame a slow start to finish with 11 saves.

The teams played the game wearing black ribbons to honor the memory of Bourke Corcoran, the Cohasset High School senior killed in a car accident earlier in June. Corcoran, a member of the Cohasset varsity team, had supported the youth lacrosse program; the team had planned to wear the ribbons during the Jamboree, which was washed out the weekend after Corcoran's death.

The game ended a terrific season for Cohasset's two teams. Cohasset White finished 8-2, splitting games against the Blue team and dropping a one-goal game to Quincy. Cohasset Blue ended the season 3-5-1, dropping several close games late in the spring. The two teams combined to play as a unified team twice, going 1-0-1. This was the first time that the youth lacrosse program fielded two teams in the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League.

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"It was a very satisfying season," said coach Chuck Jaffe, who ran the junior program along with Bob Inman. "Going to two teams meant that we demanded more from these kids than any team we have had here, and these kids responded. We told them at the start of the season that those who stuck it out would be champions, and that's how these guys played."

The two squads placed seven players on the South Division II All-Star team. Rasmussen, Murphy, Digan, Robby Carpenter, Mike Ernst, Michael Devine and Stephen Davis made the All-Star squad, which played in an All-Star Jamboree June 20. In addition, Dewayne Morris was awarded a Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League scholarship to the Top Gun Lacrosse Camp.

Rasmussen shattered the junior program record for points in a season, scoring 36 goals and 17 assists for 53 points. No other Cohasset junior player has ever averaged more than four points per game.

Jaffe also praised his defensemen, Greg DeAngelo, Danny Roth, Reed Smith, Justin Runey, Stephen Davis, Casey Coleman, Dominic Strazzulla and Kirby Bukowski. "They don't get a lot of credit in the scorebook," Jaffe said, "but they really were the foundation on which everything rested this season. Casey, Dominic and Kirby — all fifth-graders — improved as much or more than anyone during the season, and it will be great to have them back next year."

Jaffe also is excited about next year's prospects because the team will return a lot of goal scoring. He noted that Rasmussen, Digan and Devine all "popped for a few goals as fifth-graders," and then became big scorers this year. That will give Pilczak, Greg Smith, Jon Grimm and Jake Previte something to shoot for.

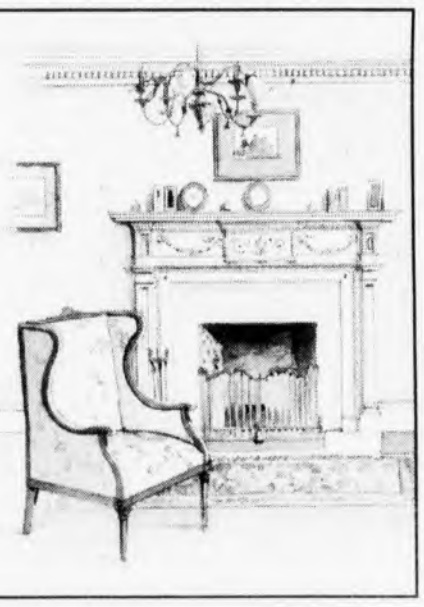
Here are the final scoring and goaltending statistics for Cohasset Blue and White teams in 1998:

Michael Rasmussen 36 goals, 17 assists, 53 points; Paul Digan 15-20-35; Michael Devine 13-4-17; Tim Pilczak 12-1-13; Mike Ernst 11-2-13; Robby Carpenter 11-1-12; Michael Hajjar 7-5-12; Garrett Curran 11-0-11; Dewayne Morris 7-1-8; Greg Smith 7-0-7; Mark Davis 7-0-7; Paul Cotter 3-4-7; Nick Murphy 6-0-6; D.J. Silvia 4-2-6; Mike Geddes 3-3-6; Jake Previte 5-0-5; Jon Grimm 4-1-5; Michael Martone 3-0-3; Malcolm Stansell 2-1-3; Jon Littauer 1-2-3; Andrew O'Keeffe 2-0-2; Chris Barber 2-0-2; Zach Markert 2-0-2; Ryan Tufts 1-1-2; Greg DeAngelo 1-0-1; Stephen Davis 1-0-1.

In the goal, Nick Murphy recorded 104 saves against 72 goals surrendered, for a save percentage of .577. Chris Simms stopped 45 of the 80 shots he faced, with Pilczak stopping 16 of 30 and Curran stopping 12 of 15 in the season's final game.

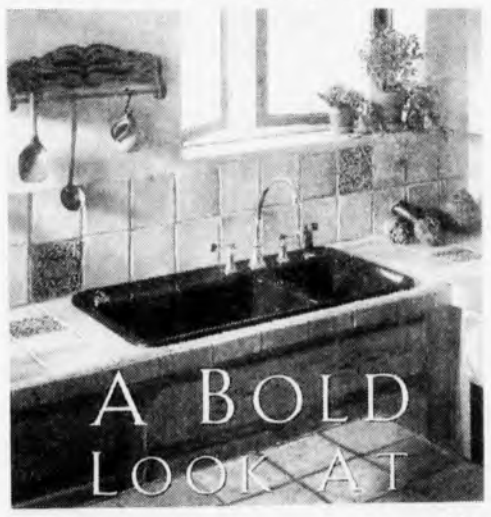
Jaffe and Inman will run the Cohasset Recreation Department summer lacrosse camp (beginning June 29) for players entering fifth- and sixth grades in the fall. The coaching duo currently plans to return to the program in 1999 — hopefully with the addition of at least one more coach — to once again field two teams in Mass Bay action. Registrations will be held in November or December.

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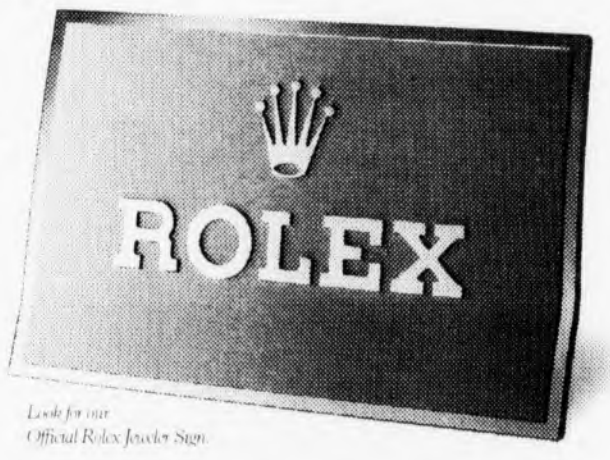
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Annual event drew upwards of 8,000

Festival heralds start of summer

By Jim Baggett
CORRESPONDENT

This past weekend more than 8,000 people enjoyed the arts and crafts that were showcased at the South Shore Art Center's Festival on the Common. Beginning on Friday at 2 p.m., the 43rd annual festival lasted the entire weekend and was a complete success, organizers said.

"The festival marks the beginning of the summer for a lot of people around town," said festival coordinator, Rhonda Myers. "The people really seem to love this weekend."

Surrounded by the colonial walls of Cohasset Village, the "old New England" themed art festival was able to capture many of the areas finer scenic points. Among the works were a number of artist's portrayals of Minot's Light which were found at the members' exhibition in the main tent.

"We had 20 pieces of artwork sold from the juried tent," said Myers. "We also had a silent auction in which eight pieces that were done by members were sold."

Proceeds — which average near $3,000 each year — from the main tent, go to SSAC scholarships, exhibitions, and the "Arts To Go" program. The Arts To Go program is set up to provide art classes for schools that have cut their program, but still wish to educate students in the area of art.

Aside from local artists' paintings, there were also 96 vendors booths on hand for the festival. The booths consisted of just about everything one could imagine from fine foods to quality craftsmanship. All of the crafts, which were on sale at the festival, were made entirely by hand and sold endlessly.

"By the end of the weekend many of the vendors had nothing left," said Myers. " Out of the 96 vendors that were on hand, 95 said that they would be returning to the festival next year."

Providing some great food at the festival was The Silver Spoon, which is located right on South Main street, adjacent to the Common. The restaurant provided a lobster dinner for those who signed up in advance and paid the $12. There was great participation for the dinner and was termed "a success" by those who were involved in the serving effort.

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"I try to take something ordinary and bring out the beauty so others can see it," said photographer Kristen Hand, whose booth consisted of a wide array of dramatic New England landscapes that she had captured on film.

Hand, of Scituate, said that what sets Cohasset's art festival apart from others is that there are more artisans participating in the festival.

The weekend's festival not only provided art for the eyes, but for the ears as well. Throughout the festival there were a number of concerts put on by local performers, which filled the air, including Matthew Malloch's Bagpipes, the South Shore Bay Band, and the Cohasset Common Fiddlers Gathering. The concerts gave those who were in attendance a chance to hear a variety of music and gave the festival its own mystique.

"There is a lot of variety here," said potter George Dalton. "I enjoy seeing the different types of art."

Dalton, who owns his own studio in Falmouth, has been doing pottery demos on the common for seven years and has been teaching pottery at the Art Center for 14. Onlookers to Dalton's demonstration were captivated by the process of creativity that took place on his potter's wheel.

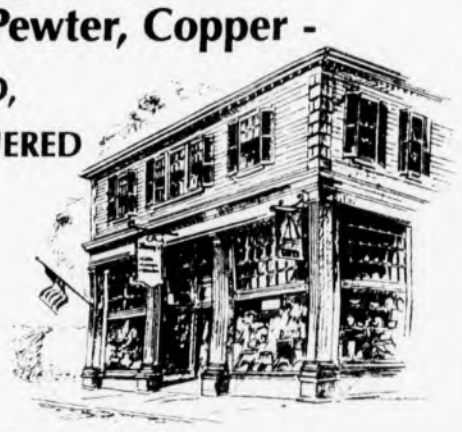
The talk of the festival seemed to be the Second Congregational Church Strawberry Festival. About 525 quarts of fresh strawberries were used over the weekend in the construction of more than 2,000 strawberry shortcakes, which were sold. The church was also able to sell more than 1,500 hot-dogs and hamburgers. Money raised from the Strawberry Festival benefits the church's outreach program and mission.

The success of this year's festival was mostly due in part to community participation and volunteer efforts. Organizers said $15,000 was raised by volunteers for local charities and that this year's festival was one of the best in recent years.

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A $10 donation will be requested at the door to support the general operation of the club.

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WITNESS, **David H. Kopelman,** Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this 12th day of June, 1998.

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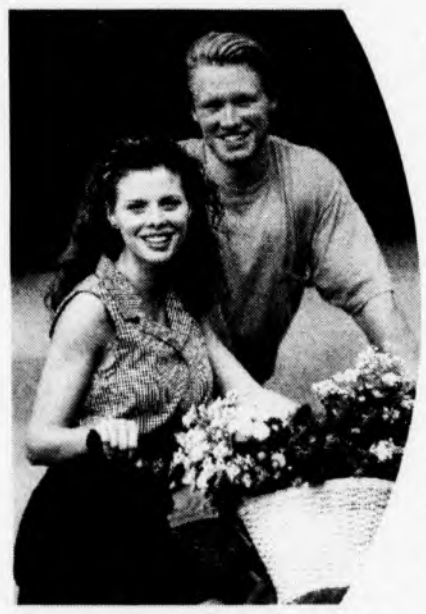
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7:05 p.m., medical aid, Parking Way, removed to hospital.

11:01 p.m., disturbance, area of 429 S. Main St., services rendered.

11:14 p.m., disturbance, King St., no police service necessary.

Friday, June 12

[redacted] a.m., animal complaint, Mt. Hope St., referred to other agency.

12:39 a.m., open door/window, King St., secured building.

8:37 a.m., suspicious (other), Forest Ave., area search negative.

12:07 p.m., disturbance, S. Main St., investigated/report taken.

4:05 p.m., disturbance, N. Main St., departmental action.

4:58 p.m., medical aid, King St., referred to other agency.

5:36 p.m., medical aid, Brewster Road, referred to other agency.

11:04 p.m., MV stop, S. Main & Beechwood St., traffic citation issued.

Saturday, June 13

12:06 a.m., general services, Church St. & Doane St., area search negative.

12:56 a.m., MV stop, N. Main St., verbal warning.

9:28 a.m., medical aid, S. Main St., removed to hospital.

10:41 a.m., medical aid, Elm St., removed to hospital.

1:53 p.m., MV stop, Ripley Road & Sohier St., traffic citation issued.

3:45 p.m., larceny, CJC Hwy., investigated/report taken.

4:20 p.m., MV stop, the Square, traffic citation/warning.

6:05 p.m., general services, CJC Hwy., services rendered.

6:26 p.m., parking violation, Linden Dr., departmental action.

Sunday, June 14

12:20 a.m., MV stop, CJC Hwy. Arrest: 16-year-old juvenile; charges: minor transporting/carrying alcoholice beverage, operating a MV without a license, state highway marked lanes violation, speeding in violation of

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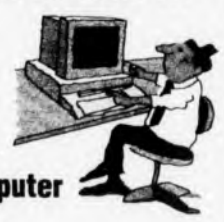
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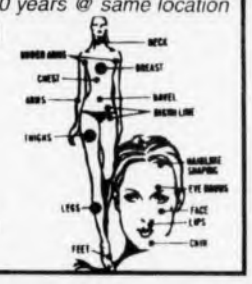
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12:26 a.m., disturbance family, Hobart Lane, departmental action.

[redacted] a.m., MV accident, Forest Ave., removed to hospital.

4:47 a.m., generals services, CJC Hwy., services rendered.

7:46 a.m., tree down, Sohier St., referred to other agency.

11:05 a.m., parking violation, Highland Ct. & Highland Ave., parking ticket issued.

11:18 a.m., suspicisous auto, S. Main St., departmental action.

5:41 p.m., fire outside, Beechwood St., fire extinguished.

7:44 p.m., medical aid, Beechwood St., removed to hospital.

8:22 p.m., medical aid, Howe Road, removed to hospital.

9:27 p.m., animal complaint, N. Main St., referred to other agency.

10:56 p.m., noise complaint, N. Main St., log entry information.

11:55 p.m., disturbance, CJC Hwy. 32-year-old female in protective custody.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

1:54 a.m. Assist other police department, Country Way, services rendered.

7:30 a.m. Medical aid, King St., removed to hospital.

5:25 p.m. Medical aid, Rust Way, removed to hospital.

5:32 p.m. Accident, motor vehicle, King St., investigated.

6:04 p.m. Accident, motor vehicle, Main St., removed to hospital.

9 p.m. Suspicious activity, South Main St., investigated.

11:20 p.m. Suspicious auto, Atlantic Ave., departmental action.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

9:44 a.m. Larceny, South Main St., investigated.

9:53 a.m. General services, Pleasant St., investigated.

4:43 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Elm St., area search negative.

4:55 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation, warning.

6:36 p.m. Animal complaint, Nichols Rd., area search negative.

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New prez brings fresh ideas to Cohasset Dramatic Club

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Scituate resident Jean Digiacomandrea never realized what she was missing.

A fan of classic horror films, Digiacomandrea saw an ad in 1996 for open auditions for parts in the Cohasset Dramatic Club's production of "Dracula" and hesitated.

Her father convinced her to give it a try. Brimming with a newfound confidence from a plus-size modeling course she had just completed, Digiacomandrea decided to audition.

"I figured if I could walk down a runway in front of a thousand people, I could do this," she recalled.

Digiacomandrea won the role of Nurse Cassidy — her very first experience acting on stage.

"I was hooked after that," she said.

In 1997, Digiacomandrea became the stage secretary for the "Wizard of Oz" and took care of Toto throughout the production. She also landed roles in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" and "You Can't Take It With You."

"This is something I wish I was involved in earlier. I wasted all these years. I wish I had been involved in it. It's so much fun," Digiacomandrea said.



PHOTO/JEN HORAN

Jean Digiacomandrea is the new president of the Cohasset Dramatic Club.

Then she joined the club's board of directors and co-produced last May's production of "Alice in Wonderland," which had a cast of almost 100.

"I've kind of had a hand in every part of it," Digiacomandrea said.

Following "Alice in Wonderland," the other members of the board of directors elected Digiacomandrea to a two-year term as president of the Cohasset Dramatic Club.

Digiacomandrea described herself as detail-oriented and organized — two traits she believes will help her in her new role as president of the club.

"So much has to be kept in order. If you're not organized, it can be a disaster," she said.

As the new president, Digiacomandrea has many new ideas to help the club continue its almost 80 years of success, she said.

Digiacomandrea takes over the reins from Dawn Rota of Scituate, who led the club the last four years.

"The club is in great shape. I want to keep it going on the right track," she said.

Now in its 78th season, the Cohasset Dramatic Club has traditionally produced three plays each year.

This year, the club plans to stage four plays, including its first ever interactive thriller. Digiacomandrea and the other board members are in the process of selecting a murder mystery that features audience participation for its October production, she said.

In February and March, the club will produce two children's one-act plays, followed by a comedy and a musical in the spring.

Auditions for the interactive murder mystery will be held in August and 10 performances of the show will be held at the Cohasset Town Hall auditorium during the last two weeks in October and the first week in November.

The Cohasset Town Hall auditorium has been home to the club since its inception. The club rehearses there two nights a week and on Sundays. On occasion, the club performs at Scituate High School because it has a bigger stage and more seating, she said.

Town meetings and elections are also held in the auditorium, which means the club must keep the hall and stage ship shape for official functions, she said.

"We leave the auditorium spotless and also clean the rest rooms. That's how they leave it for us," Digiacomandrea explained.

Digiacomandrea also hopes to bolster the club's productions by attracting both adults and children in the families that are already members. In many cases, parents of the young actors who have been in the club's plays have never considered themselves candidates for a life in the theater, she said.

Citing her own initial inexperi on the stage, Digiacomandr she would like to see the clut sor training sessions for rookie a during the summer.

Dramatic Club members work diligently during production season to make the different shows successful, she said. But Digiacomandrea wants to initiate a social club so that members can meet each other and celebrate as a group at other times throughout the year. With a membership of 200 families, many actors never have a chance to get to know each other because they are working on different productions, she said.

The case of the missing punch bowl

A longstanding tradition of the Cohasset Dramatic Club has been missing for several years.

The club's board of directors would like to see a sterling silver punch bowl with the names of past club presidents' names engraved on it returned to the club, said new president Jean Digiacomandrea.

"It could be in somebody's attic someplace. Who knows?" she said.

The club would hate to lose this piece of history that has been around since the club's inception 78 years ago, she said.

If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of the punch bowl, contact Digiacomandrea at 545-5094 or c/o the Cohasset Dramatic Club, P.O. Box 552, Scituate, 02066.

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Regional train talks slated

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Instead of going it alone, Cohasset now will join other communities to convince the MBTA the state must pay for the problems the coming Greenbush train will bring. Until this week, town officials avoided chances to team up with the four other towns along the track between Scituate and Braintree. But the selectmen Monday signaled they are ready to switch tracks and scrap the past year's go-it-alone approach.

"Send the invitations. The party is on July 29."
— Selectman Nan Roth

Moreover, in an apparent bid for leadership of the five towns, Cohasset invited the other communities to a meeting set for July 29.

In so doing it became the second of the five towns to call a summit on Greenbush in as many weeks. Scituate selectmen last week also asked for a regional meeting on the train. Both towns put issues about noise, air pollution and vibration on the agenda. But Cohasset also sent a copy of their report by consultant Peter Guldberg of Tech Environmental in Waltham. His

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Liquor hearing on tap

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen may decide to ask for a hearing on a liquor license violation at a Route 3A convenience store after all.

At their meeting Monday, selectmen opted to send a warning letter admonishing the management at Cohasset Food Mart in Jonathan Livingston Seagull Square for allegedly selling beer to a minor on June 20.

But after sleeping on it, Selectman Diane Sullivan contacted Town Manager Mark Haddad on Tuesday with her concerns that they had made the wrong decision, Haddad said.

In a telephone interview, Selectmen Chair-

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Dean Rizzo, owner of Aquarius Sunrooms, has been at the forefront of the effort to revitalize Cohasset Village.

A vision for the village

Rizzo fights to bring vitality back to town center

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The revitalization of Cohasset Village is beginning to move from a dream to a reality. The state is still expected to give final approval for a $165,000 grant to construct a new sidewalk and associated improvements in front of St. Stephen's church. A $5,000 grant is paying for a study of ways to connect the Village to the harbor. And there are other grants in the works, including a $60,000 request to study ways to connect the downtowns of Hingham, Hull, Scituate and Cohasset to attract consumers, tourists and visitors from neighboring communities.

A number of dedicated individuals have made worked hard on different projects aimed at revitalizing the village. But the one name that seems to pop-up in all of the various projects and committees working to renew the village is Dean Rizzo.

It is difficult to talk with Rizzo without bringing up the village. It seems that whenever there is a discussion of the village, Rizzo is the one leading the discussion. Revitalizing the village is no easy task. Businesses come and go; there are no large restaurants to attract diners; the sidewalks are not exactly suitable for pedestrian traffic; the village is within walking distance of the harbor, yet there are few connections between the two areas.

"It's a process that needs a sense of energy to get off the ground, and that energy is being created by a lot of other people and by me," Rizzo said.

Rizzo's passion for the village comes in part from his desire to convert the center of town into the heart of the community as it was in the past.

"Years ago, the village was the heart and spirit of the community. It was the place where people gathered daily to meet and talk and gather on community issues and do business."
— Dean Rizzo, village activist

"Years ago, the village was the heart and spirit of the community," Rizzo said. "It was the place where people gathered daily to meet and talk and gather on community issues and do business. It is my hope and the hope of the village revitalization committee to bring that sense of community back to the village."

And, as a merchant who owns a business in the village, Aquarius Sunrooms, Rizzo feels great empathy for other small businessman struggling to succeed downtown.

"I've been self-employed for a long time and know how hard it is to make a small business work," Rizzo said. "Small businessmen have to wear many hats and work after-hours doing the books or making customer calls. I've been there. Something inside me drives me to help those people."

So how did this quiet person who has lived in Cohasset for only five-and-one-half years come to be one of the driving forces behind the village revitalization? Eight years ago, Rizzo was still living in his hometown of Quincy as he prepared to graduate from the University of Massachusetts at Boston with a double major in economics and sociology.

"It was one of those things where I had to take six courses at the end to get a degree, so I saw that I could get a double-major if I took six sociology courses," Rizzo said.

After college, Rizzo established himself as an independent businessman, eventually

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Facilities audit forum Tuesday

Selectmen, school committee, capital budget committee, library trustees and advisory committee will meet at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 7 in the high school to discuss the recently completed town facilities audit with KFP Architects, hired to perform the study.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will also be televised live on cable-TV, Town Manager Mark Haddad said. For more information, call Haddad at 383-4105.

Old newspapers wanted for history

Selectman Diane Sullivan said the Committee on Town History is desperately seeking copies of the Cohasset Cottager, a local paper published between the years of 1950-1978. The committee also needs Cohasset Mariners from 1982-1984. The papers are being used as reference material for the new town history which will cover the years from 1950-2000. Please contact Sullivan in care of the selectmen's office at 383-4105 if you have any of the back issues being sought.

Sullivan, 708 Jerusalem Road, and the volume's author, Jacqueline Dormitzer, 334 S. Main St., are the newest additions to the town history committee.

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Sun. 5	8:52	8.5	2:40	9:09	9.7	2:50
Mon. 6	9:42	8.7	3:30	9:54	9.9	3:38
Tues. 7	10:30	8.8	4:17	10:39	10.2	4:24
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Thurs. 9	11:58	9.3	5:45	——	——	5:53

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Town hall holiday hours

The town hall will be closed Thursday, July 2, at 4:30 p.m. and Friday, July 3, in observance of the Fourth of July. Beach and RTF permits will be on sale Thursday, July 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and resume the normal schedule Monday, July 6 — Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beach stickers are $7 per vehicle, and $3 per vehicle for elders over 60. RTF stickers are 2 for $65, and for a sole resident $33.

Taverna liquor license ok'ed

Selectmen agreed to issue three, one-day liquor licenses to the Greek Orthodox Church for Taverna festival which will be held from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., July 3-5.

Mooring bids opened

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he is pleased with the bids received for removal of the town moorings during the upcoming harbor dredging project.

"We received six bids ranging from a low bid of $38,000 to a high bid of $120,000," he said. Three bids were in the $40,000 range. Haddad is in the process of checking the references of the three lowest bidders.

Town meeting appropriated $100,000 for the project. Should the low bidder be selected, Haddad suggested selectmen go back to town meeting to rescind that article and transfer the funds from the Boat Excise Tax Account to cover the cost of the project.

Village street realignment

The Town of Cohasset will be temporarily changing the roadway configuration at the intersection of Elm Street and South Main Street in Cohasset Village from Monday, July 13 through Saturday, July 19.

The purpose of this re-alignment is to monitor the impacts this proposed design change may have on vehicle and pedestrian traffic flow and to solicit public comments. This road re-alignment is proposed as part of the project to establish a new walkway along South Main Street from Robert E. Jason Road to the intersection of Elm Street. This project is a result of a $165,900 Transportation Enhancement Grant awarded to the town by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

Public input and comments are sought regarding this intersection design change, as well as on the entire project. Please send your comments to The Village Task Force Committee, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, Mass. 02025. The Village Task Force Committee will be conducting a public forum to review the project on Thursday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall auditorium.

Memorial flag pole plaques

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen that two plaques will be installed on the base of the new flag pole on the town common. One for the original donor, the Cocker family, and the other for the new donor, Pilgrim Cooperative Bank. The only issue left to be resolved is the exact placement of the plaques on the base, Haddad said.

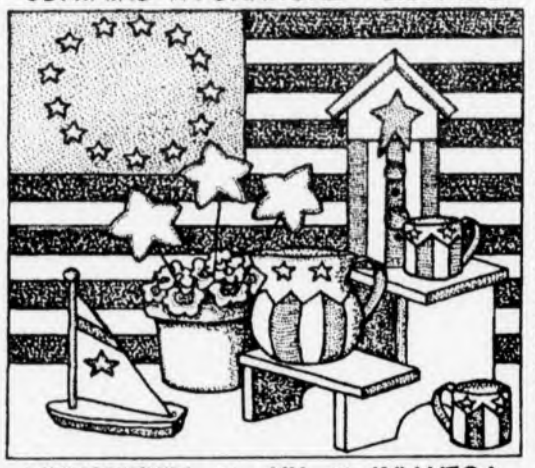
Barrow finds 'missing by-law'

Thanks to Richard Barrow, selectmen will need one less policy. At a prior meeting selectmen decided to establish a policy on terminating citizens from town boards after they had missed four consecutive meetings without an excuse. As it turns out the policy is redundant because the issue is already spelled out in subparagraph (v) of Section 3 of the Town Bylaws. Barrow brought the by-law to Town Manager Mark Haddad's attention.

The by-law says a committee may vote to petition selectmen in writing to remove a member who is absent for four consecutive meetings of the committee without the permission of its chairman.

Financial planning committee established

Selectmen have appointed a financial planning committee to begin long-range financial planning for the town. The committee will be made up of the Town Manager Mark Haddad, Town Accountant Michael Buckley, Selectman Nan Roth, and a representative from the school committee, advisory committee and capital budget committee.

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The Music Circus:

A place where memories are made

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

The Music Circus officially celebrates its 50th season this summer. Much has changed since 1951 when a green canvas tent was first raised on the "horse grounds" of the former Bancroft Estate. The tent is green and yellow now, and the theater seats are anchored in cement. But the glamorous summer evenings under the canopy still remind natives of the days, not too long ago, when people crowded the village streets on play night. A show opening night then meant parties at the private homes of the board of directors, a pre-show dinner at Hugo's or the Red Lion Inn and dessert or a nightcap afterwards. The event made the society columns and was "very swank," according to former selectman Peter Pratt.

WINDOWS INTO COHASSET



"You would dress to go to the summer theater," he said recalling the crowds decked out in straw hats and white bucks. Even the less formal affairs, the summer matinees, were important in the life of the community, he said.

"Many kids in the community went to the matinee, and it was their first exposure to live theater. Some were drawn into it and became apprentices," said Pratt who became the Music Circus' first "house manager" when he was a high school student. In his view, the continuing excellence of the drama program in the schools can be traced in part to the summer theater experience and the opportunity to study at the apprentice school run by Ruth Rawson.

Though the economy changed the kind of productions mounted at the Music Circus, the theater is still owned by the South Shore Playhouse Associates, the group that also now owns the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis. Originally, they intended to offer Broadway musicals and "summer stock" at the music theater. When the traveling companies became too expensive, the business changed to concerts featuring stars like Diana Ross and Julio Inlesias.

But in a way, the Music Circus is connected to a tradition of serious summer theater in Cohasset that started before the tent was raised. Cohasset's place in the "straw hat circuit" was established when the South Shore Playhouse Associates were founded in 1933. Their first summer theater company performed in the town hall. Humphrey Bogart was the "mainstay" of the 1934 summer season, according to the account in Burtram Pratt's Cohasset history. In a story Pratt omitted, the man who became a legendary actor left something of an impression on Hingham police chief Oscar Beck. When Beck stopped the actor and his first wife for reckless driving, his wife bit the police chief. Years later after Bogart won the Academy Award, Beck used to tell the story of his local escapade ending with the punch line, "That's how Humphrey got his first Oscar."

Bogart, Sam Jaffe and Van Heflin rank among the most famous actors who played Cohasset. But writers as well as actors distinguished the Cohasset summer theater. When Alexander Dean, the Yale University drama professor, took over as the artistic director, he encouraged novelists to try writing plays. Thornton Wilder's classic "Our Town" had its premiere in Cohasset. Its significance to American literature is noted by the critic Brooks Atkinson.

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PETER PRATT

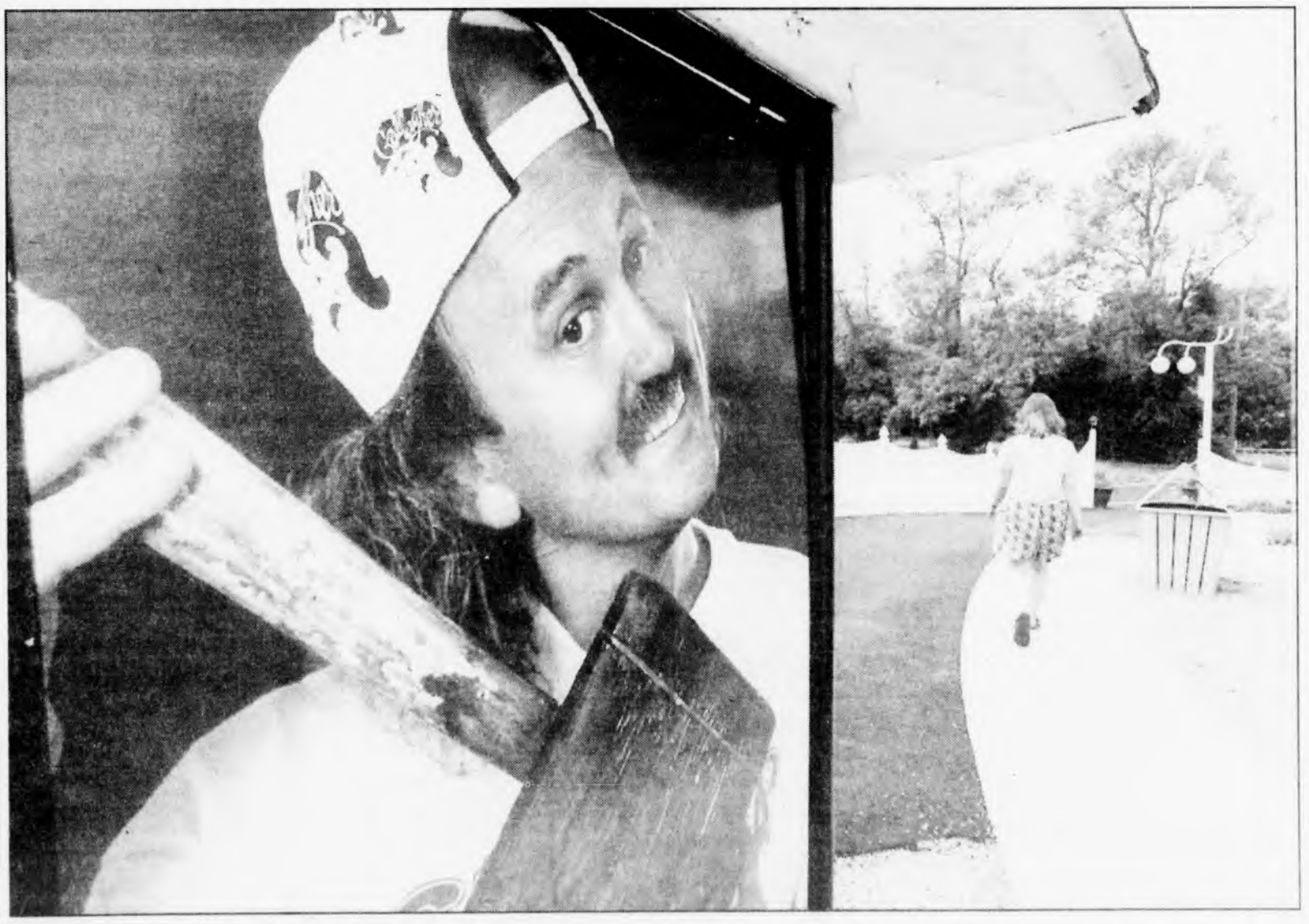
"If Thornton Wilder had never written anything except "Our Town," Atkinson wrote, "he would still have received the highest respect of the American people. "Our Town" is an inspired allegory of human life—beautiful, merciful, and touching, but also familiar and reassuring. 'Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it—every, every minute?' one of the chief characters inquires in the last act. 'No,' the commentator replies. 'The saints and the poets, maybe—they do some.' Also Thornton Wilder—he knew the worth of life in 1938—in the middle of the Depression, incidentally."

Moreover, Wilder was not the only novelist turned playwright to debut in Cohasset. With less success, the world premiere of "It Can't Happen Here" by Sinclair Lewis did happen in Cohasset. And even though the reviews disappointed him, Lewis went back to the typewriter and wrote a novel "Bethal Merriday" about his summer in town.

Peter Pratt said the "flavor" of the artists' colony is no longer part of the summer theater scene in Cohasset. But the Music Circus is still a place where memories are being made and is among only a handful of tent theaters left in the nation. The raising of the tent, one of the signs of spring, is on a par with the blooming of the forsythia in Cohasset. It takes two days and 18 workers to hoist it above the 2,300 seat theater. There is not a bad seat in the house because the wood stage revolves during the performance, doing at least one full turn, so everybody has a good view of the performers.



STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN
Assistant group sales director Grace Beath walks by the Music Circus tent.



Kiosks at the Music Circus trumpet upcoming performers, in this case, Gallagher.

Rizzo fights to bring vitality back to town center

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moving to Cohasset and opening Aquarius Sunrooms, a sunroom dealer and installer. Rizzo also works for the South Chamber of Commerce, located in Quincy, a position that allows him to view challenges to local businesses with an eye on solutions that benefit the entire region.

As a small local businessman, Rizzo quickly became involved with the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce where he learned about efforts to revitalize the stagnant business atmosphere in the village.

He also became involved in many local committees. He is a former member of the Cohasset MBTA Mitigation Committee. However, selectmen asked Rizzo to leave that committee because they believed his views were not in line with their own. Currently, he is chairman of the village revitalization committee, which is run by the chamber of commerce, and the village revitalization task force, which is a committee appointed by the selectmen.

Rizzo met many people interested in revitalizing the village. He is quick to give a lot of other people just as much credit for village revitalization projects as himself. He points to architect Jim Sandell as one of the driving forces behind the Village revitalization. He also mentions Jim Shipsky, who is performing the study looking at ways to connect the Village and the Harbor.

"Jim [Shipsky] possesses a great vision and hope for the Village," Rizzo said. "He just let's his mind go and is really a dedicated person."

Then there is Neil Murphy of Murphy associates, who donated some of the engineering work for the St. Stephen's sidewalk project. Rizzo praises the board of selectmen for believing in the sidewalk project and putting up $10,000 in seed money. And he also praises many other agencies who have helped the ongoing efforts to revitalize the Village with grants, including the Rotary Club, the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, and even the MBTA.

Rizzo is adamant that revitalizing the village as a community center and a place for businesses to thrive requires the efforts of many people, especially residents.

"Residents are the main cog that support the village," Rizzo said. "We want residents to be part of the energy that was once there. It's important to have input from town officials, businesses and the community. We need input from all of those groups to implement goals for the village based on the desires of the community. With a diverse group, you have a better chance of making it happen. It's also important to have community involvement to qualify for government grants."

Rizzo concedes that it won't be easy, and there are many obstacles. The village is "off the beaten path", as Rizzo points out. People who come to the village really need a reason for being there. There is also a lack in the variety of stores that can serve the needs of residents.

Rizzo said residents need to let the business community know what kind of businesses they are willing to support regularly, although many residents have requested a desire for restaurants. The Red Lion Inn could serve that need if the current owners can make the historic business work.

There are basic infrastructure problems in the area, such as poor signage, inadequate parking, poor sidewalks and a lack of appropriate lighting.

"There will also be differences of opinion, and ideas that may be good or bad," Rizzo said. "We want people to get involved and come into the process with an open mind and an understanding that there will be changes, and compromises to make this a successful endeavor."

But none of these challenges are insurmountable. And the two village committees are hard at work on grants, master plans, resident surveys, public meetings, and a host of plans that could transform the village into a quaint downtown center attractive to everyone.

"There is so much potential and natural beauty in the village for residents and others," Rizzo said. "If we can expand on that beauty and enhance the public's awareness of what we have and make it more inviting, we can revitalize the village. People won't just pull in with their cars, take care of their business and leave. It could be a place where people want to walk around and enjoy the atmosphere and see the beauty of a New England town."

Regional train talks slated

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review found the T underestimated the train's impact on the quality of life. Guldberg's report was copied to a web site on Greenbush earlier. The web site is connected to anti-train activist Alexander Macmillan of Hingham.

Selectwoman Nan Roth, a liaison to the Greenbush Mitigation Committee, said Cohasset had an opportunity to set the agenda for the five towns by hosting the meeting.

"Send the invitations. The party is on July 29," she said. But Roth was not entirely optimistic the towns could work together effectively. Nor were other members of the panel formed to negotiate with the T. In particular, selectwoman Diane Sullivan restated her doubts a united stand by the five towns would benefit Cohasset.

"I've stated this many times, and I'll repeat myself," she said. "I feel if we join up with Hingham, their agenda is entirely different." In past efforts, Hingham's Macmillan on the Citizens Advisory Committee has made it clear he is looking for the other towns to help supply information to derail the train.

"That hasn't been our focus at all," she said because the Cohasset selectmen have operated on the assumption the train is coming.

Ironically, a private meeting with Macmillan held by Town Manager Mark Haddad, selectmen Chairwoman Ronnie McMorris and selectman Merle Brown was one of the catalysts for the apparent change in policy. Brown attended the mitigation board's meeting Thursday to explain the outcome of the earlier talks and present his views on bringing at least some of the towns together to strike a deal with the T.

"If we make the same request from the T as a larger group, I feel we have more impact," Brown said. However, Cohasset should not take a stand on issues like the proposed Hingham tunnel or the Scituate parking lot.

"I wouldn't want to get involved with those," he said.

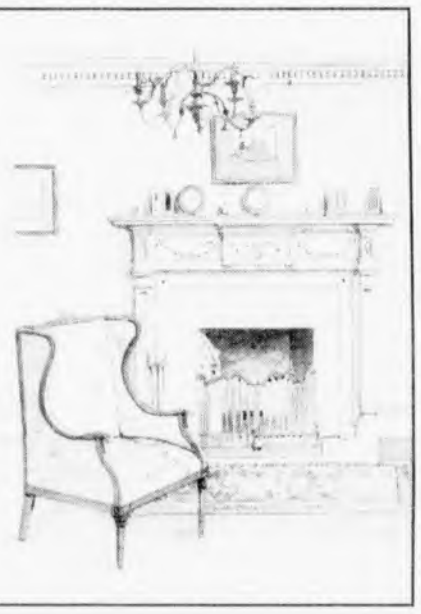
Committee Chairman Thomas Gruber favored making an effort to join the other towns. But like Sullivan, he remembered the disappointing past efforts.

"Everything Diane said is true," said Gruber. "Unfortunately, it seemed we couldn't get anything going."

Mitigation board member Michael Dick also sounded a cautious note. He doubted the T would "respond positively" but said a summit would at least attract attention from legislators and publicize the fact the towns are struggling with the T over Greenbush.

"We go on record as being overwhelmed by this process," he said. "The environmental impact review process is a sham."

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Truck ban possible on King Street

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen will seek input from the traffic study committee on the possibility of a truck ban on King Street and other traffic flow changes on the narrow street.

At their meeting this week, Town Manager Mark Haddad said he had been approached by several residents requesting the town impose a truck ban on the street. (see related letter, page 10).

Although only five trucks over 2-1/2 tons traveled the road during a 24-hour survey conducted in 1993 by the Norfolk County Engineers, selectmen think it's unnecessary for any trucks to travel on King Street which runs in the same approximate direction as Route 3A.

"There is no reason for trucks on that road, it's way too narrow," Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said. "Eliminating trucks would improve one measure of safety on that road."

Selectmen will also ask the traffic study committee to look at making part of King Street one way.

The cement posts damaged in a June 9 fatal accident on the street have been repaired.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said replacing the posts with a steel guard rail would cost $8,800.

Driver to be arraigned on MV charges

William Leigh Atherton, 18, of Clay Spring Road will be arraigned on a charge of motor vehicle homicide by negligence later this month, the Norfolk County District Attorney's office said.

At a show cause hearing June 26 at Quincy District Court, Atherton was also charged with speeding, failure to stay in marked lane and driving to endanger.

On June 9, Atherton was driving a 1995 Nissan 200 SX which was involved in an accident on King Street that claimed the life of his passenger and Cohasset High classmate, Bourke Corcoran, also 18.

Police said Atherton's car was traveling in excess of 70 mph when it careened out of control at about 11 p.m. and hit five pilings at the side of the road, airplaned into a tree, ricocheted into a second tree and crashed down an embankment along King Street.

Motor vehicle homicide is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 2-1/2 years in prison, police said.

The Registry of Motor Vehicles indefinitely revoked Atherton's license June 11, police said.

At Friday's hearing, Assistant District Attorney Courtney Cahill and Atherton's lawyer, Daniel O'Malley of Quincy, agreed to issue the four charges, the district attorney's office said.

The specific arraignment date was not immediately available.

O'Malley did not return phone calls by press time.

According to records obtained from the registry, Atherton had three speeding tickets and one written warning for speeding in the past 18 months and was involved in a "surchargeable" single car accident. His license was suspended in August 1997 for having three tickets within a year. It was reinstated in October.

DeGiacomo steps down from zoning board

Zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo called it quits Monday. DeGiacomo logged 14 years on the quasi-judicial committee but decided to resign to devote his attention to his school board duties. He was elected to the school committee this April. In a telephone interview Tuesday he said he intended to leave the zoning board after he won the school board election but ìstayed on for a few months to finish up businessî connected to St. Anthonyís Parish House and Cohasset Heights Landfill isuses.

ìThe decision writingî (for the zoning board) ìtakes an awful lot of time if you do it right. And the meetings often go past midnight. It was too much with the school committee and baseball,î he said. (DeGiacomo is vice-president of the Little League.)

His seat has been taken by Ben Lacy, a former associate member. Lacy moves up and becomes a full member of the zoning board. Lisa Hewitt has become the new associate member.

Barbara Power has also resigned as a regular member of the zoning board but will serve as an alternate on that board along with Hewitt. Also, newly appointed from alternate to regular members is J. Anson Whealler.

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Rainfall, pollution cause closing of shellfish beds

By Jennifer R. Horan and Lesley Mahoney
STAFF WRITERS

As of Saturday at 5 a.m., the shellfishing beds along the coastline of Scituate tested clean and were reopened for harvesting. Shellfish beds in Scituate and Cohasset as well as throughout New England closed June 15 due to record rainfalls and contamination.

By Monday, most of the major embayments along the South Shore had been reopened as well. The state Division of Marine Fisheries is steadily reopening flats as they test clean.

In Cohasset, however, the levels of bacteria are still too high to allow shellfishing. Bassings Beach in Cohasset Harbor — which falls under Scituate's jurisdiction — also remains closed.

But Cohasset's closures had no effect on recreational shellfishing because the beds have been closed due to pollution for about 10 years, said Cohasset Harbormaster John Winters. The areas are tested in the spring, fall and summer, but remained closed due to high levels of fecal coliform bacteria.

"We don't have any clams in Cohasset. I don't know why. Maybe it's pollution," Winters said. "If we opened up every clam flat in Cohasset, it wouldn't be worth going. There's nothing there."

Neil Churchill, a biologist from the state Division of Marine Fisheries, said the shellfish beds in Cohasset have been tested repeatedly in conjunction with the town's conservation commission and the Massachusetts Bay Project. Their studies have not located the source of pollution that is causing bacteria levels well over the highest rate the state division tests for — 50 colonies per 100 milliliters. Until the source is located and dealt with, the levels will remain unacceptably high, preventing the reopening of the beds, Churchill said.

From the New Hampshire border to the Cape Cod Canal, shellfish beds were shut down June 15 when fecal coliform bacteria exceeded the maximum allowable level of 14 colonies per 100 milliliters, according to Frank Germano, senior shellfish biologist for the state Division of Marine Fisheries' shellfish project out of Pocasset, which covers from Boston to Rhode Island, including Cape Cod and the Islands.

The hikes in bacteria were caused by fresh water run-off from things like flooded septic systems and basements into embayments, Churchill said.

Fecal coliform bacteria are indicator organisms of waste, Churchill said. Any reading of more than 14 colonies presents a health risk, Germano said, adding that the standard is a conservative one and was set with the young, elderly and those with the weakest immune systems in mind.

While an inconvenience for shellfishermen, no one disputes that the shut-downs were necessary precautions in the interest of public health.

"While we're trying to open as many areas as fast as possible, our number one concern is public health," Germano said.

When an area tests clean, the state agency waits three days before reopening that area to shellfishing. That time frame gives shellfish time to "purge and purify any contamination," Germano said.

"We can't do anything because it's Mother Nature," said Scituate Shellfish Warden Joseph Strazdes. "It's frustrating for clammers, but it's better to be safe than sorry."

Ingesting contaminated clams could cause a variety of health problems, including hepatitis and other viruses, he said.

"We can do without that kind of risk," Strazdes said.

Despite the temporary closure of the shellfish beds, clammers have had few opportunities to harvest due to repeated rain. Town bylaws only allow shellfishing once a week in Scituate, on either Thursday or Sunday.

"We've had more than our share of rain," Strazdes said. "Summertime is a busy time for families to go clamming. It's unfortunate that the resource hasn't been available."

Last week's closings mark the first time since October of 1996 when as many shellfish beds were closed.

"They're calling it a 50-year event, but unfortunately in the last 10 years, we've had five 50-year events. We see an event like this every three to five years," Germano said.

Prior to the 1996 closings, the "No Name" storm of October 1991 also forced clam beds to shut down, he said.

The frequency of the storms, however, provides the state with a reserve of knowledge to deal with future events.

"We have enough data now to go in and do a large-scale closing and be confident what we do leave open is safe," Germano said.

Liquor hearing

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man Ronnie McMorris said she will ask the board to seek a hearing on the matter.

"We felt we could accomplish the same thing with a warning," McMorris said.

But in retrospect, she said a hearing is needed to make the store aware how serious the violation is.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said at about 11 p.m. on June 20, Officer Gregory Lennon observed a young man, who did not appear to be 21, standing in front of the counter at Cohasset Food Mart with a 30 pack of Bud Lite.

When Lennon questioned the youth after leaving the store, he first said he was 21 and then admitted he was 19, Noonan said.

"He had shown a false ID in the past to the clerk but had shown nothing this time," the chief said.

Further investigation revealed a six pack of Bud Ice in a paper bag in the car where three other minors were waiting.

"They had beer and were getting more," Noonan said.

Paul Orrall, 59, the night manager who sold the beer to the minor, said it was an oversight on his part.

He said he had carded the youth in the past but did not do so this time.

Orrall said all employees at the store are aware that they should ask for identification of anyone who looks under 30. There are signs posted to that effect, he said.

"We will definitely be more careful in the future," he said.

McMorris said she will ask selectmen to vote to hold a hearing at the board's meeting Tuesday. The hearing could be scheduled for their subsequent meeting July 14, she said.

Arrested in the incident and charged with minors transporting alcohol were Erik Zukauskas, 19; Matthew Taylor, 20; and Steven Walsh, 20, all of Scituate and David Demoracski, 20, of East Longmeadow, Ma.

Noonan said he would like the Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee to promote training programs among all license holders in town to help ensure that minors cannot obtain alcohol.

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Favorite TV show: "ER" (Bob); "Saturday Night Live" (Justin).

Favorite movie: "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure" (Bob); "Braveheart" (Justin).

Favorite book: "Crime and Punishment" (Bob); Any good Nancy Drew mystery (Justin).

Favorite junk food: Power Bars (Bob); Snowballs (Justin).

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Person you'd most like to meet: Thomas Jefferson (Bob); Papa Gino (Justin).

Pet peeve: People who don't listen (Bob); answering these questions (Justin)!

'Sleeping Beauty' sign-ups

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold Music Circus registrations for "Sleeping Beauty" Thursday, July 9. The Music Circus children's show registrations will be open to children in the playground program and the show date for "Sleeping Beauty" is Thursday, July 23.

Music Circus registrations are held at the recreation office, first floor, Town Hall. Registrations will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 7 p.m. All tickets for the Music Circus are $5.25.

Registrations are held each Thursday according to the above times, two weeks prior to the actual show date. The next registration, for "Beauty and the Beast" will be held Thursday, July 16.

Volunteers sought for Osgood School move

The Joseph Osgood School Move Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the move to the new school. To save money, volunteers will be responsible for the packing and unpacking of classrooms and various offices, although the physical move of boxes will be handled professionally. Specifically, the committee is looking for volunteers on the following dates:

Packing of classrooms and offices at Joseph Osgood, Aug. 10 and 11 (Monday and Tuesday), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Unpacking at new school, Aug. 27 and 28, (Thursday and Friday), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Performing will be the 30-piece South Shore concert band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

The next concert is scheduled for Tuesday evening, Aug. 11, at 7:30 p.m., on the Cohasset Common.

Concerts are available via the generosity of the South Shore Playhouse Associates Inc. of Cohasset and a matching fund grant from the American Federation of Musicians of New York City.

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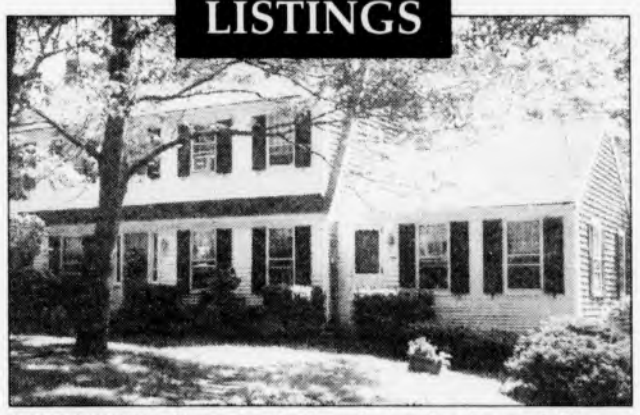
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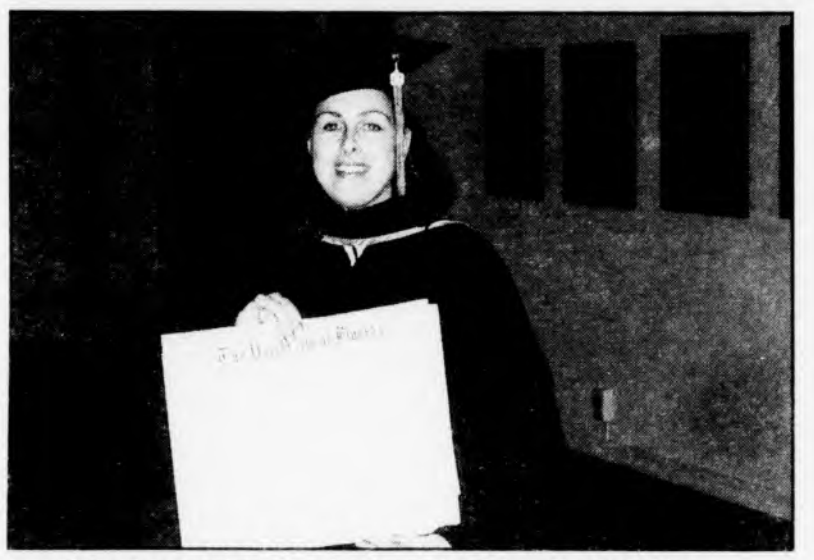
'Tis the season for news of graduates, and Cohasset can certainly be proud of many — here we go.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

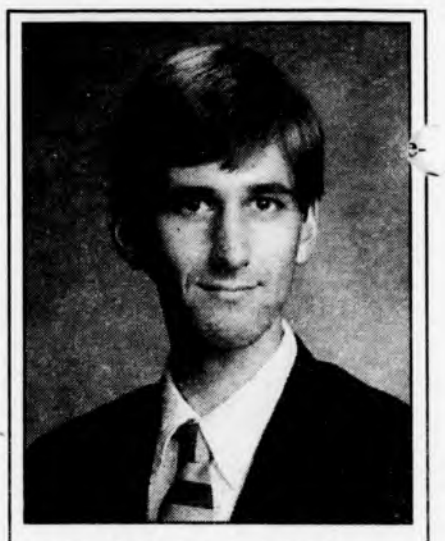
Worcester Polytechnic Institute informs us that **Scott Nelson Theriault** received his degree, he majored in mechanical engineering. Scott was a member of Phi Gamma Delta; he is the son of **James** and **Sandra Theriault** of 42 Stockbridge St. Scott will be going to Boston University Graduate School, where he will major in mechanical engineering Continued success in your chosen field, Scott!

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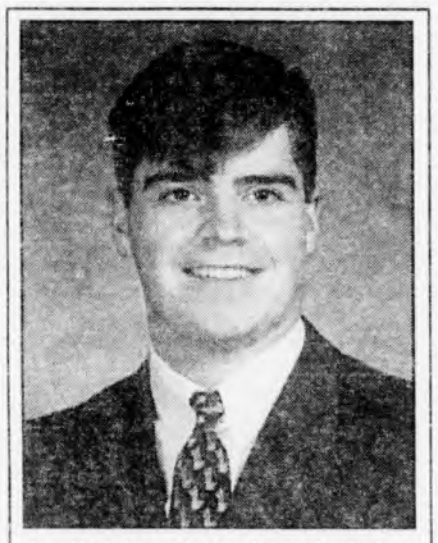
Tara P. Volungis, daughter of **Judy** and **Dan Volungis** of Forest Avenue, received the degree of Juris Doctor with honors from the University of Florida College of Law May 16. Tara is a 1991 graduate of Cohasset High School and a 1994 graduate of Boston University.



Tara Volungis earned her law degree at the University of Florida.



Gerhard W. Lubitz graduated from Williams College.



Scott Nelson Theriault graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute

GEOLOGY MAJOR

Charles Endris, son of **Steve** and **Ellen Endris** of Black Rock Road, received a bachelor of arts degree from Hamilton College in commencement exercises Sunday, May 24. A geology major at Hamilton, Endris is a graduate of Cohasset High School.

BU GRADUATES

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 3,726 students this spring. Receiving degrees were Cohasset residents **Christian N. Ford**, B.A. in history, magna cum laude; **Kevin R. McCarthy**, JD in law.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Gerhard W. Lubitz, son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Edward Lubitz** of Cohasset, received a B.A. from Williams College at the college's 209th commencement exercises Sunday, June 7. Gerhard's major was economics, also history.

HONORS AT COLBY

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set, was one of 441 seniors who received bachelor of arts degrees at Colby College May 24. Rebecca's majors were international studies and anthropology; she also made the honor roll for the spring semester of the 1997-98 academic year. She was also a member of the swim team and the water polo club.

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

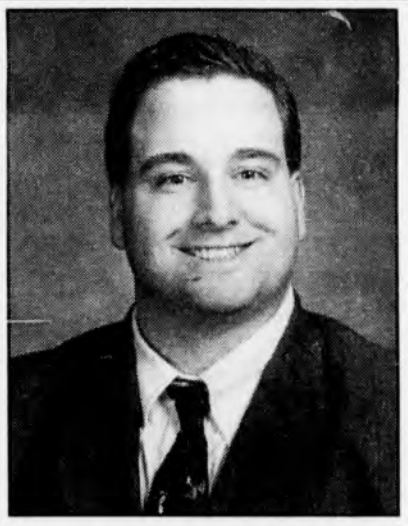
Three Cohassetites graduated from Providence College May 17. **Katherine Ridge** of 30 Norfolk Rd was awarded a bachelor's degree in social work; **Megan Staunton** of 30 Rustic Dr. was awarded a bachelor's degree in social science; and **Christopher Stevens** of 86 Beach St., was awarded a bachelor's degree in management.

EARNED DOCTORATE

Matthew Drinkwater, a 1989 graduate of Cohasset High School, received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Brown University in Providence, R.I. Matthew completed his dissertation entitled "From Trait Attribution to Behavioral Prediction: How Dispositional Knowledge Can Strengthen and Undermine Valid Social Inference."

MARINE BIOLOGY

Michael Figueiredo earned his BS degree with a major in biology/marine biology from UMass/Dartmouth June 7.



Michael A. Figueiredo graduated from UMass Dartmouth.

BS IN MANAGEMENT

Christopher M. Goodman, son of **Ms. Karen Sullivan**, graduated from Babson with a BS in management information systems.

NURSING DEGREE

Joanne Hill was among 292 candidates who received degrees during the Regis College 68th Annual Commencement Saturday, May 16. Hill received a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

B.C. GRADUATES

Cohasset residents who received their degrees from Boston College are: **Sean P. Campbell,** son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Richard Campbell**, who received a BS from the School of Arts and Sciences with a major in biology; **Priscilla A. Goff,** daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Edward Goff**, received her BS from the School of Management with a major in marketing; and **Elizabeth Graves O'Brien**, daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Thomas W. O'Brien**, received an AB from the School of Arts and Sciences with majors in theater arts and English.

FITCHBURG STATE

Matthew J. Graves earned his BS in business administration from Fitchburg State College at the college's 102nd commencement exercises.

HONORS AT DUKE

Michael Anthony Riley, son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Robert Edward Riley**, graduated magna cum laude from Duke University with a bachelor of arts degree. Former President George Bush delivered the commencement address.

THAYER COMMENCEMENT

Thayer Academy held its 121st commencement ceremony June 6, and two Cohasset residents made the list: **Garrick Towle**, who will be attending Roanoke College in the fall, and **Ashley Wilfand** (winner of the Ward S. Donner Award), who will be attending Cornell University in the fall.



Ashley Wilfand and Garrick Towle are the 1998 Thayer grads from Cohasset. Also shown are Thayer Headmaster Eric M. Swan, right, and Upper School Head Michael L. Clarke, left.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Here's to a wonderful, happy and fulfilled life for all of you grads, you all deserve the best! You are a credit to your families, your town, all of us, and we are ever so proud of you! Keep in touch, let us know what the next steps in your lives will be! It's interesting and fun to hear all about you!

Please let me know your news too, should be lots out there now that summer is under way!

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Finally summer

Just in time for the Fourth of July holiday weekend, weather forecasters are predicting a break in the series of storms that have been soaking the South Shore of late. And it's about time. After a pretty lousy spring, weather-wise, we've also been deprived of any decent summer weather up till now.

We're told by forecasters that El Nino is waning. And it's just our luck, because those same forecasters tell us that the exit of El Nino heralds a more active hurricane season in the Atlantic Ocean.

But if El Nino has taken a powder, on what weather phenomenon do we have to blame all this rain and mugginess of late. It seems like we've been waiting for the sun forever.

The lack of any good beach days is especially hard to take here in Cohasset and Scituate where we have some of the best strands on the South Shore. From expansive Humarock and crescent shaped Pegotty, to the rocky shores of Egypt and Sand Hills and to Cohasset's Sandy Beach, local residents and visitors have good reason to celebrate summer and especially our nation's birthday.

Memorial Day may be the official start of the season, but for families it's the Fourth of July that brings summer in with a bang. The Fourth is quiet in Cohasset. Backyard barbecues and a busy beach will be the main attraction in town. But in neighboring communities throughout the South Shore there will be parades stepping off and dazzling fireworks lighting up the evening sky. If the clear weather holds, fireworks enthusiasts can catch displays in Abington, Weymouth and Hingham on two separate nights this weekend — July 3 in Weymouth and Abington and July 5 in Hingham.

Hingham also hosts one of the biggest and best parades around on the Fourth. The Hingham parade marches down Main Street at 10 a.m. on the heels of the town's recreation department annual road race which begins at 7 a.m. Late risers can head down to Duxbury which hosts its Fourth of July parade at 2 p.m.

If your kids can't wait for the carnival to come to town Abington is hosting one beginning at 4 p.m. on July 3. Fun and delicious food is cooking up in Cohasset for the annual Taverna, a Greek Festival, at the Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church on Jerusalem road.

Those interested in celebrating the nation's 222 birthday by brushing up on their history can travel to Quincy to the Adams National Historic Site "Old House" where visitors will play delegates to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. Two sessions of congress will be held, one from 1 to 3 p.m. the other from 7 to 9 p.m.. and afterward delegates will have an opportunity to ring the Liberty Bell and take home a copy of the Declaration of Independence.

After a gloomy June, this weekend's Fourth of July events promises to kick off summer with flare.

—Alice Coyle.

Alice Coyle is editor of the Scituate Mariner, one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please, save uniqueness at World's End

TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS

I have observed the subtle changes to World's End for nearly four decades. In the last few years I have noticed large areas of open field turning into a thicket-filled wilderness that is neither open fields or forest. Having observed the process of open fields growing up in Vermont and other areas where abandoned farmland turns back into forest, I recognize the symptoms.

First, the bushes fill in the fields and the area becomes an impenetrable tangle until 50 years or so later the taller trees dominate and shade the underbrush. It is my belief that between 50 and 65 percent of all the open fields of World's End are quickly turning back into a thicket. Given current trends, they will be unmowable in a few years as the bushes and small trees will have grown too thick.

I believe World's End to be a unique environment. It is neither completely natural nor developed. It is rather a man-made (Olmsted-designed) paradise which recreates an 18th century rural landscape of alternating fields, forest and dirt roads. This makes it unique, particularly in Massachusetts, where we have lost most of our farmland to either forest or development. With the fact that World's End is surrounded by water, the end result is even more unique and captivating as the views are enhanced by the open fields.

I do not know the reason for the near abandonment of the open fields and allowing them to return to brush. Surely if left to continue at its present pace the views across open fields to the sea, which are the hallmark of World's End, will gradually disappear. Olmsted's special place and plan will become an overgrown thicket resembling the vegetation on most of the Harbor Islands; too thick to walk through, too high to see across.

I believe that would be a shame. I understand it is costly to mow the fields. I have also been advised by your staff that the bird watchers have demanded that the fields not be mowed.

As one looks from Planters Hill, you can see the overdevelopment of Hull and areas of Hingham. You can also see the wild woodlands stretching around Turkey Hill. World's End, as envisioned by Olmsted, is neither a wild woodland nor an overdeveloped area. With the generosity of many citizens, you saved it in 1967 from the latter; I urge you not to abandon it to the former.

Please save the fields, the views and the uniqueness that is World's End.

Paul W. Losordo
11 Talbot Road

Mr. Losordo provided the Journal with a copy of his letter.

Relay for Life support appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the entire Relay for Life Planning Committee, I would like to express my most sincere thanks to the Cohasset Community for their support of and participation in the 1998 Second Annual Relay for Life held at Cohasset High School. Despite a brief thunderstorm, all went better than we could have imagined. To date, we have collected more than $40,000 to help fund our local programs and services to cancer patients.

I would particularly like to thank Pilgrim Coop Bank, Jade Forrest Kung Fu & Tai Chi, Papa Gino's Pizza, Hub Shipping, Petals the Clown, Sparkles the Clown, Cohasset School Committee and Cohasset High School for their dedication of time, talent and encouragement. A very special thanks to all of the cancer survivors who participated in the Survivor Lap. You are an inspiration to all of us!

On Monday, June 15, awards were distributed to the following participants:

The Chiefs, led by Jacqui Goyette, received awards for Team Spirit and Highest Fund-raiser Team ($6,608).

Bob Clifford, Hingham, received the award for the Highest Fund-raiser, Adult ($1,185).

Jeff Garber, Cohasset, received the award for Highest Fund-raiser, Student ($1,069).

Tim Baird, Cohasset, received an award for Outstanding Team Leader.

Jeanne Pierce, Cohasset High School Cafe, for her contribution to the Pancake Breakfast.

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HEALTH NOTES

The environmental price of a perfect lawn

Health Notes

Recently, a gardener spread 35 pounds of fertilizer on the lawn around the garden on a small plot bordering upper Little Harbor. This plot has been used as a garden for at least 100 years. Only recently, however, have large amounts of fertilizer been used on its lawn. In June, after days of perfect warm weather, it rained, and the water all over Little Harbor, particularly next to the garden, began to show signs of algae growth. A thick mat of green algae has begun filling areas where algae has almost never appeared before. This algae mat will flourish and grow. This summer, we may see more evidence of algae in Little Harbor than we have for years. Soon, because of a state mandate, the town will be studying the water quality in Little Harbor, and if lawn chemicals are found to be a problem, a bit of voluntary restraint would be far superior to a much more expensive program of control of nitrogen in our groundwater.

Affluent Cohasset has many perfect lawns, green, automatically watered throughout the summer, but what price are we paying for this perfection?

Some neighbors saw a pigeon staggering around on a lawn which had the telltale orange flags which tells people not to use the lawn for a few days until the poisons have dissipated into the soil, and killed all the harmful weeds and grubs. The problem is that these insects provide the food for birds which seem to be disappearing from our trees, lawns and back yards. Grackles starlings and robins quickly adapt, and merely move to lawns which are not poisoned.

Migrating songbirds also probably learn where their best chances of food exist. There they go about their business of ridding the lawn of grubs and larvae, while the worms which have not been killed go about preparing the soil for an enthusiastic if less perfect crop of grass.

"But," you say, "my gardener insists that he's using exactly the right stuff." Application rates provided by experts in chemical companies intent on selling lawn chemicals to a greedy and believing market. It must be said that there are gardeners who understand eutrophication, the process of killing a pond by supplying nutrients to the soil surrounding it until an algae bloom results. There are gardeners who know that the beautiful grass, such as Kentucky Blue grass, they recommend may not be the most hardy for this climate. There are those for whom a lawn going dormant in the summer is not the end of the world. There are hosts of people and many lawn care professionals who subscribe to the latest crop production science, IPM, short for Integrated Pest Management which uses mostly natural means to control, not stamp out, insects.

And so, it's up to you, Mr. and Mrs. Homeowner. Do you have to have that perfect lawn, or can you do with one less perfect that may be of considerably greater benefit to the environment?

More on sewers and septics

Recently, there were two important meetings in town about sewers. The important thing about these meetings is that they represent a heightened recognition that the town cannot afford to make the wrong choices about wastewater treatment. The result could be a real health threat or costs which no one can afford. In this context, the Board of Health seeks to work with the Sewer Commission to reexamine options that may be available to those people who are scheduled for sewer connections. Also, we are proposing to the Sewer Commission that priorities be established relating to the relative health risk for locations which may have the opportunity to connect to the new sewer systems going up in North and Central Cohasset.

When sewers were proposed for North Cohasset, homeowners with septics which met state Title 5 requirements, were given the option not to hook up to the sewer. We hope to reevaluate that option with a view to expanding it. Moreover, we would like to provide broader options for hookups and to provide guidance for more economical and practical wastewater options such as joint connections (several homes using one retaining tank and one grinder pump), joint use of efficient wastewater treatment facilities, etc., and other similar approaches to more efficient and economical connections to the sewer systems.

A recent visit to Gloucester by town officials, the Sewer Commission, and representatives of your Board of Health gave us a number of ideas for initiatives which may save money on sewer and other wastewater processing methods. Look at future Health Notes for more on this approach to our wastewater problems.

A newsletter from the Board of Health

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merable dedicated hours from its citizenry.

The Cohasset Sewage Commission is a non-salaried, tax-paying body elected by us all. One of them was just recently reelected. Two are equipped with extensive career experience in engineering, water problems and the necessary financing involved. How fortunate we are!

Yet, our selectmen and their legal advisor have interpreted a still debatable town meeting article in a way to cancel the jurisdiction of the commission which is well into a serious financial commitment based upon years of thorough and well-publicized study.

A very positive observation results from this unfortunate experience:

If we are to depend on capable volunteers to help run our town, we should not discourage this fortuitous resource by second-guessing and countermanding their studied decisions — and in this instance, let us rather salute and thank the sewage people for difficult and conscientious service.

Edward F. Woods, D.M.D.
231 Jerusalem Road

Traffic on King Street

TO THE SELECTMEN:

I write (once again) concerning the matter of traffic on King Street. The recent accident, though a special incident, has focused the attention of residents on this matter, though we have been concerned for some time.

Some years ago, the residents came together and met with and petitioned the selectmen for attention to the traffic problem on the street. We were promised then, that heavy trucks would be excluded, and the street properly posted for speed limits.

Neither of these promises has as yet been acted upon. Large trucks still use the street; and there are no speed-limit signs on the entire length of the street (a couple for "children," and one for "road narrows."

At the time of meeting with the selectmen, the residents arranged to have an article in the Town Meeting warrant, to make King Street one way, at least from Pond Street to 3A. But this was defeated.

In earlier correspondence, I have suggested "speed bumps" at strategic locations, which we have observed in use and effective in other communities and towns elsewhere.

The police have watched on the street from time to time, and we appreciate that effort. But they have not been here usually, at peek traffic times — early morning rush and later afternoon for coming home.

The most noticeable, for us at least, is that the traffic "whips" over the hill (somewhat past the Bailey residence), and then "flies" down toward the lights at 3A. This area has become in effect a real "speedway!"

PLEASE, give some attention to this matter. We surely don't want to wait for some accident, to alert our officials to the matter!

The Rev. John M. Gallop
250 King St., Cohasset

This letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Tebbetts to chair Cutler campaign

Longtime Cohasset resident and former State Senate candidate Chartis Langmaid Tebbetts will serve as chairperson of the Josh Cutler campaign.

Tebbetts has been an activist and community educator for 25 years in the areas of housing, education, legislative reform, energy policy, fiscal policy and waste management. Tebbetts was a volunteer staff member of the original South Weymouth Naval Air Station Study Committee. She is a member and past chairwoman and treasurer of the Cohasset Democratic Town Committee, and active in the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus and Emily's List. Tebbetts is a member of the Hingham League of Women Voters, and has been a league member for 30 years. She has also been active in the First Parish Church Cohasset and is currently chairperson of the Social Concerns/Outreach Committee.

Tebbetts is married to Edwin Tebbetts, a former chairman of the Cohasset Board of Selectman. She holds a bachelor's degree from Wellesley College and a certificate from the Program for Women in Politics and Public Policy of the McCormack Institute, UMass/Boston.

Tebbetts joins a growing campaign staff, which includes campaign manager Ann Marie Farrell, town coordinator Melissa Buis, and treasurer Suzanne Cutler, all of Hingham.

Cutler is a democratic candidate for state representative for the Third Plymouth District, which includes the towns of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. Cutler is running to bring a proactive voice to the State Legislature on issues such as education reform, environmental protection and health care reform. For more information about the Cutler Campaign, call (781) 749-3342 or visit the Cutler Campaign website at www.jcutler.com.

Little known trivia from 1776

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Would it hurt you to learn, on the eve of the 222nd Fourth Of July, that none of the Founding Fathers really enjoyed splitting a flagon of nut brown ale with John Adams?

"He is vain, irritable, and a bad calculator of the force and probable effect of the motives which govern men," said Tom Jefferson, who is often described as John's close friend.

"Well-known are his disgusting egotism, distempered jealousy, ungovernable indiscretions and vanity without bounds," added Alexander Hamilton, who later died in a duel for saying similar things about Aaron Burr.

"It has been the political career for this man to begin with hypocrisy, proceed with arrogance and finish with contempt." wrote Tom Paine, who dealt more gently with George III of England.

It was Richard Henry Lee, the delegate from Virginia, who offered the motion for independence in the Continental Congress on June 6, 1776. It was tabled, then revived in a ground swell of public support.

The Congress on June 11 named a committee of five — Adams, Jefferson, Ben Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert Livingston — to write a rough draft of the declaration.

The committee treated their assignment like a black bean. Jefferson proposed that Adams handle it Adams turned down the honor.

"I am obnoxious, suspected and unpopular," said Adams, who showed himself the be a keen judge of men. ""You are much otherwise. You can write 10 times better than I."

Jefferson produced a declaration of 1,817 carefully chosen words. Then the congressmen had a crack at it. They made 66 changes and cut 480 words, which the proud author referred to as "mutilations."

His original draft accused George III of hiring "Scotch and other foreign mercenaries," which was quickly erased at the horrified urging of Jim Wilson and John Witherspoon, natives of Scotland.

And when he accused George III forcing slavery on the oppressed colonists, that was dumped when Georgia and South Carolina threatened to to pull out of the convention.

Not everyone liked it.

"There is not an idea in it but what had been hackneyed in Congress for two years before," sniffed John Adams.

"I did not consider it as any part of my charge to invent new ideas altogether," replied Jefferson.

Lee's resolve for independence was finally passed 12-0, with New York abstaining, on July 2, formally read on July 3 and passed on to the printer.

The printer, one John Dunlap, promptly lost the original document but fortunately a copy was made first and that is the document that is in the National Archives right now.

The actual signing was on Aug. 2 after Congress had ordered a parchment copy made. Last to sign was Thomas McKean of Delaware. He was on duty with Washington's army in July, 1776. He finally signed in 1781.

The names of those who signed the declaration were not revealed for nearly a year, despite the fact that the home office in Old Blighty was offering a $2,500 reward for the identities.

The Brits had declared that just signing the document was an act of high treason, punishable by death.

Benjamin Harrison of Virginia, who rarely missed a meal, joked about it with his skinny colleague from Massachusetts, Elbridge Gerry.

"When the hanging comes," he said, "it will be over with me in a minute but you will be kicking the air for an hour after I'm gone."

The average Englishman couldn't care less.

The Declaration of Independence got six lines below the fold in the London Morning Post.

Rep. Hynes takes aim at party hosts

New bill requires adults to be responsible for minors

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

In response to the drunk driving death of a Marshfield teen two summers ago, state Rep. Frank Hynes, D-Marshfield, has filed legislation to prevent future tragedies of this kind by obligating party hosts to take action against underage drinking.

The bill Hynes has drafted, called the social host bill, amends the Massachusetts' law prohibiting the transferal of alcoholic beverages to minors.

The amendment obligates parents to supervise and control parties where alcohol is being served to make sure minors are not drinking.

"In some cases, parents look the other way," Hynes explained.

Under current law, conveying or delivering alcohol to persons under 21 is illegal but hosting a party where minors are present and consuming alcoholic beverages is not, Hynes pointed out.

"We need to tell kids who are under age that alcohol is illegal, unhealthy and if they drink and drive, there can be disastrous consequences," Hynes said.

He said parents would be required to "take reasonable action" against illegal consumption of alcohol. If not, they could face the same penalties associated with delivering alcohol to a minor: a $2,000 fine and/or six months in jail.

The amendment obligates parents to supervise and control parties where alcohol is being served to make sure minors are not drinking.

Making a public statement or posting a sign at a gathering reminding guests of state law would constitute taking a reasonable action, Hynes said.

Two years ago last week, 18-year-old Gregory D. Smith of Marshfield died in a drunk driving accident on the way home from a party in Cohasset. At the time of his death, Smith's blood alcohol level was .19. The legal limit for those under 21 is .02. The legal limit for drivers over the age of 21 is .08.

Marshfield Police estimated Smith was traveling 56 miles per hour before his Chevrolet Blazer crashed into a telephone pole on Summer Street.

Hynes said he believed the adult hosts of that party did not take adequate action to prevent teens from drinking at the party, which was a joint celebration for graduates from college as well as high school.

A jury acquitted party host John Lennon of Cohasset in 1997 for lack of evidence that he had served minors at the party.

Some underage witnesses testified that they had brought their own beer to the party while others said they drank from a keg on the Lennons' back porch in full view of a yard full of adults.

"There was an inference that the adults and the hosts knew there was drinking going on, but there's no penalty in the law unless you can prove there was delivery," Hynes said.

Smith had graduated from Thayer Academy in Braintree two weeks before the accident. He had received a scholarship to attend Norwich University in Vermont and planned to pursue a career in the military.

His father, Donald Smith, has been a strong advocate for Hynes' bill promoting social host responsibility.

"(Gregory) would want me to pursue this so no other young man has to leave this place without living a full life," he said Tuesday, the anniversary of his son's death. "I believe he's beside me."

Donald Smith said he does not want to see children stripped of their good judgment because adults have given them a false sense of security by condoning drinking. He said he has received many calls from people who also support the bill.

"The law is a must to make the kind of people who do this think twice before allowing it to happen," he said. "Some adults think they're doing the right thing, but they're sending kids off with the wrong impression. Kids have enough hurdles in life. They don't need additional hurdles. Letting other parents make decisions for your children is archaic and wrong."

Donald Smith posted a sign on the Summer Street telephone pole where Gregory lost his life two years ago.

"I hope nobody has to go through this pain we are going through," he said. "It was an abrupt end and a devastation that will never leave us. It's been difficult to even face the next day."

In Pennsylvania, state legislators enacted a series of laws against underage drinking that included penalties against social hosts. That series of laws resulted in a 27 percent decline in alcohol related deaths of minors.

The law made it a misdemeanor to "sell or furnish" alcoholic beverages to a minor. Pennsylvania's crimes code defines the word "furnish" as: "To supply, give or provide to, or to allow a minor to possess on premises or property owned or controlled by the person charged."

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OBITUARIES

Patricia K. Barlow

Patricia K. (Keith) Barlow, 69, of Cohasset, former owner of an antiques shop in Cohasset, died June 22 at home after a long illness.

Mrs. Barlow owned an antiques shop on Route 3 for several years.

She was born and educated in Boston and lived in Cohasset for the last 30 years.

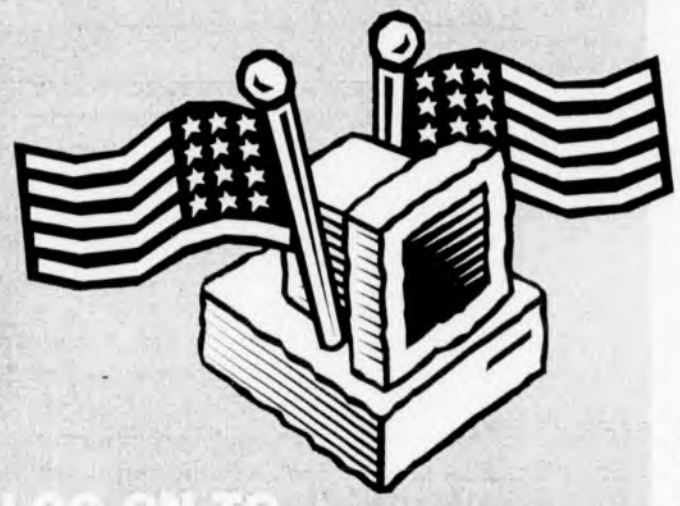
She enjoyed painting and restoring old pictures.

Mrs. Barlow leaves her husband, Dr. Charles F. Barlow; two daughters, Ellen B. Boyavian of North Easton and Margaret C. Barlow of Cohasset; and two grandchildren. She was also the mother of the late John K. Barlow.

A memorial service was held at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave. Interment was private.

Donations may be made to Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston.

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★ Chat with **Dorothy Kelly Gay, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor.** She is currently serving as the Governor's Councillor for the sixth district covering twenty cities and towns including Arlington, Boston, Cambridge & Lexington.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST FROM 7-8 PM

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CHL asks court to overturn Area V expansion

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The owners of the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill are going to court once again to keep alive their proposed Area V expansion of the facility. The health board rejected the expansion more than two years ago, a decision which CHL appealed to Norfolk Superior Court. Last April, Superior Court Judge Isaac Borenstein upheld the health board's decision. CHL attorney Anton Moehrke has asked the state Appeals Court to overturn Borenstein's decision.

This latest development is just one in a series of maneuvers by the owners of the landfill, Paul and John Barry, to stay open, expand the facility and defy shut-down orders. CHL has delayed two court dates in Quincy District Court on a request by Building Inspector Robert Egan to file criminal charges against CHL for defying a shut-down order. Egan ordered the landfill closed for a permit violation. Also, CHL has taken the town to land court in an attempt to overturn that order.

John K. McNabb Jr., vice president of the anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE), said the latest appeal is just another futile attempt by CHL to expand the operation.

"This gives them one thin ray of hope to save their expansion," McNabb said. "As far as I'm concerned, the Area V expansion is dead as a door nail unless they are the recipients of some sort of miracle. CHL is just wasting everyone's time and money by continuing this charade."

Meanwhile, McNabb said the Department of Environmental Protection has projected that CHL would close on June 30 (Tuesday). The facility was still open on July 1.

"CHL must have finally reached their maximum approved height of 190 feet above sea level," McNabb wrote in a press release. "This is a legal requirement that CHL cannot get around— once they reach their maximum permitted height, CHL's DEP operating permit becomes invalid, forcing them to close."

In a letter dated Dec. 12, 1997, from CHL's engineer, A. Raymond Quinn, to DEP, he states that as of January, 1997, CHL had enough height left to accept 45,000 tons of material. As of October 1997, CHL had accepted an additional 29,229 tons of material, leaving it with room for an additional 15,771 tons of material. McNabb said that CHL's own reports show that it accepted more than 21,000 tons of material between October, 1997 and May, 1998. Additionally, the health board has discovered that CHL illegally overfilled the slopes of the landfill with as much as 140,000 tons of material.

At a recent health board meeting, owner Paul Barry said that he had submitted drawings of the slopes to DEP on time every month as required by law. Barry pointed out that DEP never disputed the height of the slopes. He told the health board that in the day to day operations at the landfill he eyeballed the slopes while depositing material to monitor their height.

CHL had also asked the state to approve a 20-foot vertical expansion, but Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe said DEP could approve that request only if CHL removed material it illegally dumped in a part of the landfill, Area IV-B, not approved for landfilling. Coxe also required all of CHL's permits to be in good standing for the vertical expansion to proceed.

However, CHL still has not fulfilled Coxe's conditions for the vertical expansion. Egan ordered the landfill to shut down because former owner James Tyeryar never filed a special permit issued in 1978 with the Registry of Deeds. The Barrys also failed to file the permit when they bought the landfill. State law says that permits not filed with the Registry of Deeds are invalid. Egan ruled that the invalid permit meant CHL could not claim pre-existing status in the town's water protection district, which was created in 1987 and prohibits landfills. CHL believed it had a valid special permit and had the right to claim "grandfathered" status in the district.

In addition to the permit issue, CHL still has not removed the material from Area IV-B. CHL is still in discussions with the health board about what to do with the material. CHL has maintained that removing the material could be harmful to the environment.

The health board is planning to hold site assignment hearings to determine whether to modify or rescind CHL's right to operate a landfill in town. Health board members agreed to hold the hearings at SAFE's request because of CHL's numerous violations.

Liquor license denial challenged

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Verc Mobil on Sohier Street is appealing the selectmen's decision denying its request for a liquor license.

Selectmen held public hearings on the matter on May 18 and June 15.

They were cool to the proposal because Police Chief Brian Noonan was against granting the license.

In denying the request, selectmen also said there was no need for an additional liquor license in town, especially along Route 3A whose Cohasset section includes two package stores, a convenience store and a fish market that sell alcohol.

In a letter to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) in Boston, Richard A. Henderson - the attorney for Verc Enterprises, Inc. - said there are licenses available because Cohasset has not issued the maximum number of beer and wine licenses for a town of its population.

Henderson pointed out that the police chief did not appear at either hearing although he had sent a letter to selectmen detailing a number of complaints that had been received by police with respect to loitering and/or other disturbances at the site.

"Evidence offered by the petitioner later in the hearing confirmed that all of these complaints were initiated by the petitioner itself," Henderson wrote.

Verc Mobil owner, Paul Vercollone, said at the hearings that the complaints were generated by store employees who were following the company policy of not allowing groups and cars to congregate there.

Henderson said two petitions were presented to selectmen — one signed by about 100 residents and another by about 100 non residents — indicating it would be convenient for Verc Mobil to sell beer and wine.

Vercollone also offered evidence with respect to the experience of the manager to operate a retail outlet as well as his background in the alcoholic beverage industry.

"The petitioner demonstrated the moral quality, the business experience and the responsibility to be allowed to sell beers and wines at retail," Henderson said.

Selectman Tom Callahan said selectmen, who are the licensing authority, are under no obligation to issue liquor licenses.

"The license is not a right," he said.

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Darlene Steverman sells strawberries at the Farmers' Market Thursday on the Town Common.



Jeanette MacKenzie sells herbs, vegetables and "just about anything" at her booth at the Cohasset Farmers' Market.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman



"Pushkin" wanders around the Farmers' Market making friends.



Denise Bismore chalks up a selection of goodies available at the Silver Spoon booth.

COHASSET SPORTS

Capt. Morgan keeps those burgers coming

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Hugh Morgan has very little time during the summer months to peek out the small window behind him onto the neatly manicured grass and take in the action at the Harold F. Barnes Field. A few free moments to yourself can be all the tougher to find when you have a line of hungry Cohasset Youth Baseball League fans looking to dig into your piping hot hamburgers, sausages and chicken fingers between innings.

Morgan, though, does his best to follow at least snippets of the action.

"In between burgers I try to catch a batter or two," said Morgan, "but sometimes it just gets too busy."

And as if he isn't busy enough with the baseball fans at the field, there are other orders to be filled. "I have neighbors who call in for a sandwich and come over," he said.

Such are the summers for the man known lovingly by the kids around town as "Captain."

Morgan has been running the concession stand, aptly named "Captain Morgan's Dugout Galley" for the past four years. And despite the long days and hectic pace that comes with the job, Morgan looks forward to every new season as much as the kids who take to the field.

"I love it and look forward to it every year," said Morgan, who drives a school bus the rest of the year. "It's very rewarding. There's a lot of work involved, but people get a good value."



STAFF PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Hugh Morgan, AKA The Captain, serves food up hot and fresh at the Barnes Field concession stand.

From April through mid-August, the "Galley" is Morgan's second home. Weekends are the longest and most taxing. Morgan arrives at the stand no later than 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays and preps the various items on the menu for what can be up to a 13-hour day. His Sundays begin at noon and end at 8 or 9 that night. Weekdays are a little more forgiving with Morgan running the Galley from 5 to 8:45 p.m.

The amount of food the spectators put away is staggering. During some weeks, up to 130 pounds of chicken fingers are devoured. Morgan has also averaged 150 pounds of french fries and 150 more of popcorn per season over the four years.

The people he meets, both young and old, make Morgan's job all the more satisfying. When you're dealing with as many people as Morgan is, after all, a people person is a prerequisite for the job.

"I love all the kids there," he said. "I know most of them anyway from driving the bus."

He also has a great deal of respect for the league officials and is impressed with the commitment and care they take for every youngster who dons a little league uniform in Cohasset. Morgan has seen, firsthand, the league's leadership grow over the past several seasons.

"I can't say enough for the board of directors, [President] Dan Leahy and the job they all do for the kids," he said.

Morgan's involvement with the league began innocently enough. He took over the concession stand when some little league parents approached him while selling hot dogs at Sandy Beach. They asked Morgan if he'd be interested in the job and he jumped at the chance. Since then he has added sausages and chicken fingers to his menu and collected more than a fair share of priceless memories.

Morgan kiddingly told one woman who ordered chicken fingers that they were all out. Instead, he recommended she and her children sample the "rooster tails," assuring the group they were just as tasty as the more familiar order. Rooster tails never have.

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Having a ball with lacrosse

Sport continues to grow in Cohasset

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

How to explain lacrosse in 15 words or less, by Chuck Jaffe.

"It is basketball's offense with hockey's action in a game played on a soccer field."

Any questions?

It is the exciting action as well as the contact inherent to the game that seems to be drawing kids of all ages to lacrosse, the fastest growing game on two feet right now in the country.

"I think kids like the contact as well as the fact that it's the type of game where you are always moving," said Jaffe, a New Jersey native who played the game up and down the Eastern seaboard before settling down in Cohasset. "It's a really fun game to play."

You wouldn't find many to disagree with his assessment at the lacrosse camp that Jaffe is currently running on Monday evenings with the Cohasset recreation department.

"I really like the contact," said 10-year-old Zach Markert, who plays the grueling midfielder position where he is expected to have an impact on both the offensive and defensive parts of the game. "This is a lot more exciting than some of the other games that you can play."

"Hitting people is the best part of the game," admitted Michael Devlin, who plays at the attack forward spot. "Scoring goals is pretty awesome, too."

"It's a game of adrenaline. A lot of the other sports the kids are playing are fairly sedentary most of the time, but lacrosse is a game of action. If you're doing it right you are always moving in one manner or another. It's an up-and-down game and I think that's what the kids find most exciting about the game."
LACROSSE COACH KEN EKBERG

For John Lowe, Monday evening was his first foray into the world of lacrosse.

"A lot of my friends are playing the game and I decided to give it a shot," said the ten-year-old. "I think it's a pretty cool sport. I'm ready to play wherever they decide to put me."

Lacrosse is not without its critics, though, as some wonder if even the players and the officials know why the whistle is blown at times.

For the uninitiated, here's a quick refresher course. Although men and women use the same name for the game, there are some differences.

There are ten players in a boys game: usually one goalie, three defenseman, three midfielders and three attackmen. The girls play with eleven aside.

Equipment differs also with men wearing padding that covers most of the body from the waist up while the ladies are required to wear safety goggles and a mouth guard.

What is the same, though, is the action that goes along with the games that are filled with offensive rushes similar to those of hockey as well as the more precise set-up or motion offense styles you might see on the basketball court.

As for the aforementioned hitting that goes along with the game, it's heavy but well-regulated. You can only hit a player who either has the ball or is within five yards of a loose ball with a check from the side or the front between the knees and the shoulders.



STAFF PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Coach Chuck Jaffe offers pointers on the game of lacrosse to some eager youngsters Monday evening in a program sponsored by the Cohasset recreation department.

Local resident Ken Ekberg is credited as being the founding father of lacrosse in Cohasset, retiring as the varsity coach at the high school before last season. Ekberg recorded more than 100 wins in his career and picked up an award for being the coach of the year in the Pilgrim Conference.

His team went 15-2 in his last year at the helm and were ranked #10th in Eastern Mass polls.

"It's a game of adrenaline," said Ekberg, who coached at the youth league level this season. "A lot of the other sports the kids are playing are fairly sedentary most of the time, but lacrosse is a game of action. If you're doing it right you are always moving in one manner or another. It's an up-and-down game and I think that's what the kids find most exciting about the game."

Growing from when it was just a chance for some kids to get together and throw the ball around a little

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Capt. Morgan keeps those burgers coming

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nor never will be on the Galley's menu, but the woman decided to give them a try anyway, not knowing they were chicken fingers.

Morgan proved to be very convincing.

"She took them of course," Morgan said with a laugh. "She was pretty gullible but a very nice lady. We have a lot of fun there."

Morgan has a pair of two young workers, Brendan and Jeff Barrett, whom he relies on when it comes to picking out candy and the flavors of slush to sell. "I take them with me when I go to the wholesaler," Morgan said. "They know better than me what kind of candy is popular with the kids."

Morgan said he is very fond of the two boys and got them T-shirts, one with "CEO" printed on it and the other with "President."

"They're very trustworthy, good kids," Morgan said. "And they work very hard."

There is a "possibility" Morgan will be working the concession stand at Milliken Field on Saturdays this fall during the youth soccer season. He's considering the job now and will make a decision in the coming weeks.

For now, however, there are plenty of mouths to feed near the baseball diamond. The busiest time at the Galley comes when a game ends. The crowd at the window can be so great, Morgan said, he'll take orders and give people their food and change without even looking up.

"On a hot summer night with no air conditioning it's very hot," Morgan said, then added half-kiddingly, "Seven days I'm down there. I look for a rainy day once in a while. But my main concern is the kids and they are taken care of."

Morgan vowed to himself when he began running the Galley that no one would ever leave the field hungry. As long as he is running the concession stand it doesn't matter if a person is a quarter short or flat out broke, Morgan takes care of him.

"They don't go away hungry," he said. "I've known some of these kids since kindergarten."

After all, those are the "Captain's" orders and he's in charge of this galley.

Young players having a ball with lacrosse

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more than a decade ago, lacrosse is now an athletic endeavor that more than one local student has ridden to a Division 1 college on sports scholarship and is now more than ever a major factor when it comes to sports choices and getting the top athletes to take up the game.

"Even though we are the smallest school with a lacrosse program in the state, we are sending kids to big schools on athletic scholarships," said Jaffe while pointing out that one of his assistants at the camp, Ken Leahy, would be a junior captain in September at Providence College.

And he is not alone.

Jon Lacks joins him at P.C.

Ely Kahn is playing goalie at Harvard.

Ben Redfield was an all New England selection at Roger Williams University.

Jaffe points to the popularity of the junior lacrosse program in Cohasset as proof that the best may still be yet to come. Jaffee and Bob Inman ran the youth program this season.

"The game is growing everywhere you look," added Ekberg. "Every time that you turn around another school is looking to add it on."

In fact, said Ekberg, with the proliferation of youth leagues, high school teams and semi-pro teams, one of the biggest problems the sport now faces is not having enough qualified people to officiate the games.

Jaffe points out that the lacrosse bug has not bitten just the male members of the population. The fairer sex has jumped on the bandwagon as well.

"Everyone seems to be getting into the act, both boys and girls, which I this is great for the game," said Jaffe. "I remember everyone had their hands in the huddle once and the top hand had purple nail polish on it. That takes you back for a second, but it just shows you how the game is growing."

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by Dr. Debra M. Tranberg
Chiropractor



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The Cell Boys pulled off a triple play at sunny Beechwood ball park, but they lost 18-1! Jim Gordon of the Dog Pound hit a towering home run into Magee's yard nut they lost 13-4! Young Timmy Farrell was seen swinging a bat with Conor Dooley even though Timmy had a cast on his broken arm.

All in all it was an entertaining week for the players, wives and kids.

The Standings

Who's on First	2	0
Last Call	2	1
Dog Pound	1	1
Grinders	1	1
Cell Boys	0	3

VIP Soccer Camp registration is open

The Cohasset Recreation Department is accepting registrations for VIP Soccer Camp for children ages 4 to 7 years old.

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Both VIP programs will be held this year at the front field of Cohasset High School.

For brochures and registration forms, come to the Cohasset Recreation Department office, first floor, Town Hall.

Rainy days and skeeters always get me down

My wife swirled out the door, kiss damp on her cheek, with daughter number one in tow. The ladies were off to another day of toil as I settled into the chair to bring you the latest in fishing activity in and around the South Shore.

THE FISH STORY



MARK TRASK

The fresh cup of coffee rattled from a close shot of thunder and the heavens opened, again. As I scanned my notes, the rain pelted the house with a dull roar. I glanced at the clock and got up to double-check windows, doors and skylights; it was 8:03 a.m.

Passing by my daughters' room I saw water cascading down the screen of the deck door. My anxiety heightened as I realized the gutters had not yet been cleaned. After a hunt for the step ladder, I spent the next few hours perched around the corners of the house, soaked through and through. I peeled my sodden clothing on the deck and eyed the rain gauge as I hung them dripping over the line.

Four-and-one-half inches! My eyes popped. I had just emptied it last night! The clock read 11:30 a.m. as I spattered my way back indoors. What is going on with the weather?

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Though the weather is starting to take on the look of a Biblical plague, there are anglers getting their time in between monsoons and mosquito typhoons. Note: planning on being outdoors? Be ready for the skeeters. In areas that drain large volumes of these warm tropical rains, the adjacent fishing areas seem to be doing very well.

From Wessagusset to World's End, Cohasset Harbor and the nearby ledges, the North River from Mary's Boat Livery downstream and out to the Bell, the South River, Green Harbor and the Creek, from Howlands Landing out to and beyond Browne's Bank, and from the outlet of the Eel River in Plymouth the fish are hitting bait and trolled lures and quite a variety of spoons, flies and plugs.

Dan Collins selected a new spinning rig with a Penn 704 and promptly christened it upstream from Mill Bridge with a 36-inch striper. "Difficult fight in that current?" "Sure was," Dan replied. Several days later the big one went over the falls. SNAP!

Next trip Dan and Andy took the skiff out for a rock and roll tour just outside the harbor. The snotty conditions kept most people at their moorings. They towed redhead CD 18 Rapalas and hoochies and found themselves tangled with some battling bluefish.

Dan's went 12 pounds, Andy's 8. Perfect size for grilling.

Meanwhile, back in the harbor, the new retiree, Cliff Jones, was on a roll. Striper after striper banged his squid pieces over a two-and-a-half hour period. The 36-incher he brought in was destined for fine cuisine.

The cuisine was disappearing fast at Jamie's Pub the other night when we got to talking about how persistent the fog had been. Jamie had flown to the Hamptons the previous day to meet Roland Nasrey and Roland's new 46' Post.

Roland was on the final leg of a run from Florida to Weymouthport. The conditions were gorgeous according to Jamie as they crossed by Block Island and into Buzzards Bay.

As we came out of the end of the canal, it was like we hit a wall of fog. It was getting dark and to compound things all the navigational instruments, radar, loran and GPS decided to quit all at once. "We were out in the bay," said Jamie, "but we didn't have any idea where we were after that." So they inched their way on a northerly course for a couple of hours and when they figured they were off Scituate called the Coast Guard for advice.

The Coast Guard located them using radio direction finding equipment and dispatched SeaTow to guide them in, from just east of Graves Ledges! All's well when things end well.

Back to the blues. Several anglers reported having the line part on them, including Harry, fishing from the Government Island float. Time to remember to bring along some wire leaders and wire snelled hooks. Don Schneider reported a hard fighting fish stripped his spool nearly empty before the line parted. Don's having a good spring, catching numerous fish on almost every trip.

Kevin Callahan hauled back on a big boy. Using a tube and seaworm rig, Kevin was on a 27-pound 8-ounce bass that taped out at 42 inches! Nice. "Righty" Sullivan of Scituate, a disciple of flyfishing guru "Lefty" Kreh, flipped a chartreuse Deceiver into the briny at the Scituate Harbor Jetty and brought in a keeper. John Villarde took some time off from his duties as chef and haunted the shores of the canal near the Bourne Bridge. John caught and released a slew of bass and blues, the largest 38 inches.

A nearby angler captured a 44-inch bass from the swift current. Must have seemed like a 60. Ted Abbadessa used his trademark pogie to capture a 24-pounder early in the week and was back with another in a couple of days. A mackerel chunk was gulped by a 32-1/2 pound bass around the rocks north of Allerton. Nice fish.

Michelle LeMaire, age 10, of Cohasset, hauled in her first keeper of the season on a mackerel chunk. Squirrel brought in a fine bass for the shop-bound anglers to enjoy. Jim Hearn was seen hauling a 38-inch bass up the beach in Minot.

Over at Aaron River Reservoir Anthony Wigmore's shiner was gobbled by a 4-pound 4-ounce bass. Tim Pilzcak used his shiners efficiently catching 32 fish on 36 shiners. "What happened with the other four shiners?" Harry teased. "I think the trees got them." Tim smiled.

On the sweetwater trail, Chris Trachik of Scituate bagged an eating-size calico on a rubber worm at Tack Pond. Meanwhile, across the street, Fisherman Jack finally captured the big one. Brushy Hill gave up a 6-pound largemouth to Jack's blackback Rebel.

As Jack was swapping fish stories with another angler, the trunk closed with an exaggerated click. Yes, the keys were still inside. That's another story.

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The hour-long recital begins at 6 p.m. and is free of charge. Listeners are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics. In case of rain, the carillon may be heard from parked cars. Printed programs, concert schedules and descriptive brochures will be available, both in a stand near the church courtyard on Highland Avenue, and will also be handed out on the Common and at other listening locations listed on the back of the program. Following the recital, a tour of the tower and demonstration of the carillon will be offered for those interested in climbing the 45 steps to the instrument.

For more information, call Sally Slade Warner, St. Stephen's carillonneur, at (978) 475-2599, Mary Kennedy, assistant carillonneur, at (781) 383-9599, or the church office at (781) 383-1083.

MEETING THE GOVERNOR



Martin St. John of Cohasset, whose great, great, great grandfather married one of the survivors of the Irish Brig, St. John, was one of the readers of the eight narrative plaques at the Irish Famine Memorial in Boston, Sunday, June 28. Martin and Gov. Paul Cellucci are standing in front of the beautiful bronze memorial.

Summer programs at Paul Pratt Memorial Library

All children are invited to participate in the statewide summer reading program, "Unlock the Mystery — Read!" This program begins Friday, June 19, and goes through the summer. It is not necessary to sign up, just come to the library and begin reading. Children record books as they read during the summer on cards or in log books supplied by the library. For each five books recorded and turned in to the library, a "Key" is added to the reader's "keyring" on display in the library. Those who read 20 books will be awarded a free paperback book. All participants will receive a certificate at the end of the summer. Also available are coupons for reduced admissions to a variety of Massachusetts cultural and recreational institutions, generous supporters of the state summer reading program.

The library will also offer a "Twilight Hour" story hour for younger children, ages 3 and up and their families. This will be held Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m., July 21, 28 and Aug. 4 and 11. No registration is required.

There will also be two special programs during the summer. Bob E. Thomas, storyteller and dancer, will present "The Animals Danced" Tuesday, July 14, at 7 p.m. at the library. This program is for all ages and admission is free.

The second program will be presented by Alicia Quintano, a storyteller, who will perform "The Mysterious Stranger" and other stories Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at the library. This program is for ages 9 and under, and admission is free.

Both of these special programs are sponsored by the Cohasset Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Osgood School ceiling chunk caves in

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

A chunk of ceiling caved in at the Osgood School June 24 raining plaster and debris down a hallway near the cafeteria. No one was injured, but children had been playing in the area minutes before the 10-foot section of the canopy crashed down.

"It's amazing my kids weren't standing there," said parent Janyce Brown. "They would have been in the hospital if they had been." Brown was in school with her children to help teachers pack up supplies for the coming move to the new elementary school. The episode made her wonder if school authorities knew how bad conditions were.

The school department is charged with taking care of maintenance in the buildings. Public works chief Harold Litchfield said his department does no repairs on buildings. The town hires a contractor when work has to be done.

"They put it out to bid, or the janitors do it," Litchfield said. Though many other communities channel building maintenance through public works, Cohasset has not made a move to do so.

"It's coming," he predicted. "But it's not here yet."

School had closed for summer vacation before the cave in. But while school was still in session, sections of the corridors were roped off because "little pieces of ceiling were falling down," Brown said.

The damage from a leak in the roof loosed the ceiling of the original gym and auditorium. Part of it dried out and fell through the drop ceiling 15 feet below it. The old ceiling has been covered up by a drop ceiling under it since the gym and meeting hall were converted to classrooms. Both the plaster and pieces of the drop ceiling landed on the floor.

A confirmation about the ropes came from schools superintendent Stephen Hart, but the halls were cordoned off only on the last day of school, he said.

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Hart doubted the cave in would affect the sale of the Osgood School building. The Osgood School building on Ripley Road is to be sold after the move to the new elementary building off Sohier Street.

Building Inspector Bob Egan said he inspected the school building before school started last September. He did not remember seeing anything dangerous about the original ceiling. It can be seen through an open section in the teacher's room upstairs.

"Sometimes things just happen," he said. However, Egan did remark about the condition of the windows.

"Over the years I've sent basically the same letter about deficiencies at the Osgood school. But with the new school opening, the maintenance was probably deferred even more."

$2K grant to kick off D&A help line

By Stacey K. Powers
CORRESPONDENT

A $2,000 grant from the Bell Atlantic Foundation was formally presented to the Drug & Alcohol Committee at the selectmen's meeting on Monday, June 29. The money will be used for costs related to establishing a drug and alcohol help line in the Social Service League office of St. Stephen's Church. The group announced its intention to create this community service in January and the grant will enable it to be up and running before the end of the summer.

Staffed by committee member Bob Harold, a professional drug and alcohol counselor, the help line will be open on Tuesday nights from 6 to 10 p.m. for substance abuse help. Citizens are encouraged to call in with any questions regarding substance abuse problems pertaining to the individual of family members. Any callers who need assistance outside those hours of operation can leave a confidential message which will be checked and returned by Harold on a regular basis.



PHOTO/MARY FORD

The Rev. Cliff Cutler, chairman of the Drug & Alcohol Committee, accepts a $2,000 donation from Bell Atlantic's Robert C. Noble at the selectmen's meeting Monday.

The Rev. Cliff Cutler of St. Stephen's Church, who is chairman of the Drug and Alcohol Committee, accepted the $2,000 donation at the selectmen's meeting Monday from Robert C. Noble of Bell Atlantic.

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, who helped start the original drug and alcohol committee when she was a Cohasset selectmen many years ago, approached Bell Atlantic for the donation.

"We need this more today than ever," Murray said.

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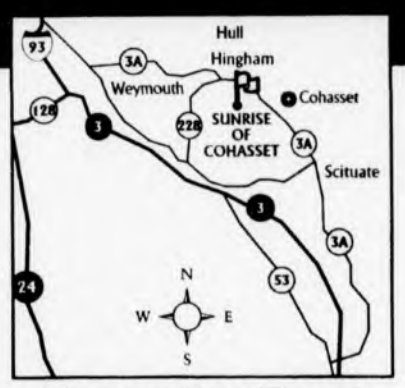
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9:50 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., verbal warning.

11:23 p.m. Suspicious activity, Highland Ave., area search negative.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

2:29 a.m. Suspicious auto, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., departmental action.

8:34 a.m. Vandalism, Hull St., referred to other agency.

8:36 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., traffic citation, warning.

9:05 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., verbal warning.

10:09 a.m. Vandalism, Sohier St., departmental action.

10:55 a.m. Vandalism, Sohier St., investigated, report taken.

2:48 p.m. Medical aid, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., removed to hospital.

3:56 p.m. Missing person, Surrey Dr., returned to home or family.

4:30 p.m. Animal complaint, Hammond Ave., log entry information.

8:16 p.m. Animal complaint, Arrowwood Rd., referred to other agency.

8:52 p.m. Medical aid, Spring St., removed to hospital.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

4:07 a.m. General services, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., log entry information.

9:13 a.m. Assist citizen, Ledgewood Dr., services rendered.

9:17 a.m. Assist citizen, Jerusalem Rd., services rendered.

9:22 a.m. General services, Pleasant St., services rendered.

12:20 p.m. Assist citizen, South Main St., services rendered.

12:28 p.m. Fire, structure, Elm St., fire extinguished.

1:09 p.m. Fire, structure, Ledgewood Dr., fire extinguished.

1:09 p.m. Serve restraining order, N. Main St., departmental action.

1:39 p.m. Serve restraining order, N. Main St., services rendered.

2:44 p.m. Medical aid, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., removed to hospital.

3:20 p.m. General services, S. Main St., services rendered.

4:46 p.m. Animal complaint, Atlantic Ave. and Sandy Beach, area search negative.

6:25 p.m. Suspicious activity, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., area search negative

6:36 p.m. General services, Elm St., departmental action.

9:53 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Doane St., area search negative.

11:28 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Doane St., area search negative.

11:52 p.m. Noise complaint, Forest Ave., area search negative.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

12:07 a.m. Noise complaint, North Main St., departmental action.

1:44 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd., traffic citation, warning.

2:26 a.m. Assist other police department, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., services rendered.

7:03 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Mendel Rd. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation issued.

7:24 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Mendel Rd., and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation issued.

7:36 a.m. General services, Highland Ave., departmental action.

9:08 a.m. General services, Parkingway, departmental action.

11:55 a.m. Larceny, Forest Ave., investigated.

12:13 p.m. Accident, motor vehicle, Norfolk and Cushing rds., investigated.

12:39 p.m. Assist citizen, Atlantic Ave., referred to other agency.

3:24 p.m. Disabled auto, King St., vehicle stored, impounded.

3:54 p.m. Parking violation, Highland Ave. and Beach St., departmental action.

4:48 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Sohier St., traffic citation, warning.

7:45 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Sandy Beach, dispersed gathering.

8:40 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Beechwood St., verbal warning.

8:48 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Ridge Top Rd., traffic citation issued.

9:18 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Whitney Woods Ln., dispersed gathering.

9:35 p.m. Disabled auto, Forest Ave., services rendered.

10:23 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., traffic citation, warning.

10:34 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., vehicle stored, impounded.

11:22 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic citation, warning.

11:36 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, King St. and Schofield Rd., traffic citation, warning.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

12:23 a.m. Suspicious auto, King St., log entry information.

12:58 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., arrest: Robert J. Chipman, 52, 13 Boston St., South Boston. Chgs.: operating under influence of liquor, operating MV while drinking alcohol, failure to stay within marked lanes.

1:17 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., departmental action.

2:34 a.m. Open door, window, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigated, report taken.

7:37 a.m. Suspicious auto, Old Coach Rd., investigated, report taken.

7:43 a.m. General services, Sohier St., area search negative.

9:45 a.m. General services, Spring St., log entry information.

10:17 a.m. General services, Jerusalem Rd., log entry information.

11:45 a.m. Assist citizen, Forest Ave., log entry information.

11:55 a.m. General services, HQ, log entry information.

12:24 p.m. Transport, Jerusalem Rd. and Forest Ave., services rendered.

1:15 p.m. Larceny, South Main St., investigated, report taken.

2:35 p.m. General services, Highland Ave., log entry information.

3:01 p.m. Parking violation, Highland Ave., parking ticket issued.

3:10 p.m. Animal complaint, Border St., departmental action.

3:39 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., vehicle stored, impounded.

4:39 p.m. Parking violation, Highland Ave., departmental action.

4:46 p.m. Animal complaint, N. Main St., departmental action.

5:35 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., verbal warning.

5:40 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic citation, warning.

5:43 p.m. Medical aid, Old Pasture Rd., removed to hospital.

6:24 p.m. Medical aid, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., removed to hospital.

6:58 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Sohier St., traffic citation issued.

7:33 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, King St., departmental action.

8:49 p.m. Missing person, Lamberts Ln., no police service necessary.

9:19 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Forest Ave., verbal warning.

9:34 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Forest Ave., traffic citation, warning.

9:56 p.m. Animal complaint, Woodland Dr., departmental action.

10:23 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., traffic citation, warning.

10:40 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., verbal warning.

10:52 p.m. Liquor law violations, King St., arrest: Erik V. Zukauskas, 19, 27 Sylvester Rd., Scituate. Chgs.: minor transporting, carrying alcoholic beverage. David Demoracski, 20, 49 Redin Dr., E. Longmeadow. Chgs.: minor transporting, carrying alcoholic beverage. Matthew B. Talor, 20, 119 River St., Humarock. Chgs.: minor transporting, carrying alcoholic beverage. Steven Walsh, 20, 6 Cliff Estates Rd., Scituate. Chgs.: minor transporting, carrying alcoholic beverage.

11:45 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Doane St., area search negative.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

12:25 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic citation issued.

12:33 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., departmental action.

1:10 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., arrest: James H. Harmon, 43, 14 Dayton Rd., Scituate. Chgs.: operating under influence of liquor (second offense), failure to stay within marked lanes, operating a MV while drinking alcohol, WMS warrant.

1:30 a.m. Suspicious activity, Summer St., area search negative.

1:50 a.m. General services, South Main St. and Beechwood St., departmental action.

4:07 a.m. Suspicious auto, Sohier St., log entry information.

4:47 a.m. Medical aid, Norman Todd Ln., removed to hospital.

7:15 a.m. General services, HQ, departmental action.

11 a.m. Assist motorist, Cedar St., services rendered.

11:56 a.m. Medical aid, Flintlock Ridge Rd., removed to hospital.

2:37 p.m. Motor vehicle violations, The Hillside, investigated, report taken.

5:22 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Beechwood St., verbal warning.

6:05 p.m. Missing person, N. Main St., returned to home or family.

7:57 p.m. Motor vehicle violations, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., log entry information.

8:14 p.m. Vandalism, King St., investigated, report taken.

8:35 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Summer St., traffic citation, warning.

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Police marine patrols over holiday

Through boat patrols, police will keep a close watch on Bassings Beach off Cohasset Harbor over the holiday weekend, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

There will be no open fires and no camping allowed.

Jackson said grills will be allowed but campfires will not be permitted.

"We don't want to prevent anyone from enjoying the day with normal recreational activities," he said.

But in the past a lot of people have gathered at Bassings Beach where there have been disturbances, illegal fireworks, vandalism and underage drinking, Jackson said.

Seven Cohasset officers have been certified for boat patrols through a federal grant, he said.

Vandalism in pocket park

Selectman Nan Roth said there have been continued acts of vandalism in the park between French Memories and Tedeschis in the village including in Donna Green's garden.

She said although police have been asked to keep watch in the area, Roth wants parents to remind their children to be respectful of private and public property.

"It's unfortunate that it's happened here and we hope it stops," Roth said.

Police chief's contract renewed

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen Monday that he has renewed Police Chief Brian Noonan's contract for another three years.

Noonan, who has served 20 years with the Cohasset Police Department — six as chief, is eligible for up to a five percent increase in each of the three years.

Noonan's salary is $59,000 effective July 1, which includes a 4.8 percent increase voted at town meeting. Haddad said he also increased Noonan's annual vacation from four weeks to five.

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9:03 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Hull St., traffic citation, warning.
9:18 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Hull St., traffic citation, warning.
9:32 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Hull St., traffic citation issued.
9: 45 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Hull St., verbal warning.
9:52 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Hull St., verbal warning.
9:53 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Surrey Dr., dispersed gathering.
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MONDAY, JUNE 22

1:03 a.m. MV stop, Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd., traffic citation, warning.
2:45 a.m. Medical aid, Elm St., removed to hospital.
4:13 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation issued.
5:36 a.m. Vandalism, North Main St., departmental action.
6:11 a.m. Medical aid, Fairoaks Lane, removed to hospital.
10:09 a.m. Suspicious person, North Main St., no fire service necessary.
4:53 p.m. MV stop, CJC Way by lower King St., vehicle stored, impounded.
4:56 p.m. MV stop, Forest Ave., traffic citation/warning.
5:21 p.m. MV stop, South Main St. and River Rd., traffic citation issued.
5:45 p.m. MV stop, King St., traffic citation issued.
5:59 p.m. MV stop, King St., traffic citation/warning.
6:14 p.m. MV stop, Beechwood St. and Bound Brook Lane, traffic citation, warning.
6:40 p.m. MV stop, N. Main St. by ballfield, traffic citation/warning.
8:43 p.m. General services, South Main St., departmental action.
9:07 p.m. MV stop, King St., traffic citation issued.
10:07 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., verbal warning.
10:12 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic citation issued.
10:29 p.m. Animal complaint, South Main St., area search negative.
10:33 p.m. MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:06 p.m. Suspicious auto, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigated, report taken.
11:13 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., verbal warning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

6:32 a.m. Larceny, Howard Gleason Rd., departmental action.
8:34 a.m. Vandalism, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., departmental action.
8:46 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, S. Main St., area search negative.
9:07 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation issued.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

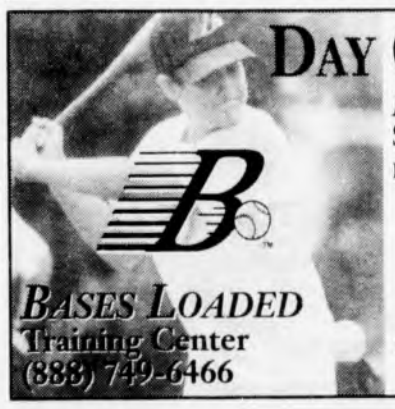
3:38 a.m. Suspicious auto, Pond St., services rendered.
12:13 p.m. Assist motorist, across from 388 King St., services rendered.
1:38 p.m. Disturbance, Mill Bridge, dispersed gathering.
3:10 p.m. Disturbance, Border St., dispersed gathering.
3:15 p.m. MV stop, Atlantic Ave. and Hobart Ln., traffic citation issued.
3:25 p.m. Disturbance, Atlantic Ave., dispersed gathering.
4:30 p.m. Assist citizen, N. Main St., services rendered.
8:34 p.m. Animal complaint, Hammond Ave., departmental action.
11:47 p.m. Suspicious person, North Main St., area search negative.
11:50 p.m. Noise complaint, Lothrop Ln., investigated, report taken.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

12:28 a.m. MV stop, Hull St. and Cedar St., traffic citation, warning.
1:06 a.m. MV stop, Lamberts Lane and Hull St., traffic citation, warning.
2:08 a.m. MV stop, Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd., departmental action.
6:29 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic citation, warning.
6:40 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., traffic citation issued.
6:48 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Red Fox Lane, traffic citation, warning.
7:05 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., traffic citation issued.
7:10 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., traffic citation issued.
11:13 a.m. Larceny, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigated, report taken.
11:53 a.m. Medical aid, Jerusalem Rd., referred to other agency.
2:06 p.m. Assist citizen, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., vehicle stored, impounded.
3:07 p.m. Assist citizen, N. Main St., services rendered.
4:44 p.m. Medical aid, Parkingway, removed to hospital.
5:26 p.m. MV stop, S. Main St., traffic citation issued.
6:03 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., referred to other agency.
6:15 p.m. Disturbance, Border St., dispersed gathering.
6:48 p.m. MV stop, S. Main St. and Beechwood St., traffic citation issued.
8:36 p.m. Animal complaint, Hammond Ave., departmental action.
8:38 p.m. Noise complaint, Atlantic Ave., area search negative.
8:54 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., departmental action.
9:19 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., departmental action.
9:29 p.m. MV stop, Beechwood St. and King St., traffic citation issued.
9:37 p.m. Animal complaint, Cedar Acres Dr., departmental action.
9:40 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., verbal warning.
9:43 p.m. Assist citizen, Elm Ct., services rendered.
9:43 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Pleasant St., departmental action.
9:52 p.m. MV stop, Beechwood St., verbal warning.
9:55 p.m. MV stop, North Main St., traffic citation, warning.
10:01 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, King St., departmental action.
10:16 p.m. MV stop, Forest Ave. and North Main St., verbal warning.
10:18 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation, warning.
10:39 p.m. Vandalism, King St., departmental action.
11:05 p.m. General services, Forest Ave., departmental action.
11:07 p.m. Vandalism, Spring St., area search negative.
11:21 p.m. Vandalism, Lamberts Lane, departmental action.
11:29 p.m. Suspicious (other), Hammond Ave., departmental action.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

12:13 a.m. Family disturbance, Hobart Ln., departmental action.
12:14 a.m. Noise complaint, The Hillside, area search negative.



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Bubbly, plus-sized SWF, professional, 45, 5'3", nonsmoker, nondrinker, like fresh air, sunshine, walks with the dogs, sharing good sense of humor, honesty and commitment. Middleboro area. ☎ *30003*

Catholic SWF, 52, 5'2", slightly stocky build. Enjoy bowling, walking, reading and going out for dinner. Seeking a S/DWM, 35-55, n/s, light drinker, for friendship and possibly more. ☎ *30025*

Confidant and secure SWF, retired, 50, 5'6", 112 lbs, confidant, busy, secure and happy. Looking for the same in a nonsmoking Professional M, 45-58. ☎ *30028*

Dreamer desired by SF, 43, trim, active, creative writer. Seeking in shape SM, 40-50, 5'10"+, who enjoys bicycling, the beach and weekend fun. Must be openhearted and ready for anything. ☎ *30000*

Elaine seeking Jerry Kramer, combo, SWF, social drinker, smoker, seeking SWM, 36-40, with a great sense of humor and big strong arms for bear hugs, enjoys movies, dining out and laughter. ☎ *30015*

Feeling old, lonely and in need of a friend. Attractive, active and mature DWF, 60s, enjoy poetry, movies and dining out. Seeking a tall, humorous Man, 60s, n/s, n/d. ☎ *30017*

Female, 50+, enjoy gardening, the beach, fishing, dinner and dancing. Seeking a S/DWM, 50s, with same interests. ☎ *30001*

Friendly, full-figured Female, 41, nonsmoker, social drinker, love animals, country music, volunteering and being outside. Seeking a mature Man who has similar interests. Kids ok. ☎ *30040*

Full-figured beauty SWF, 29, 5'8". ISO a kindhearted, stable SM, 29-40, for cuddling and conversation. Sincerity and honesty are musts. ☎ *30039*

Grounded Tinker Bell looking for Peter Pan. Female, 45, self-employed professional, 5'10" 125 lbs, enjoy outdoor playing adventures. Harley riders ok. No Captain Hook types. Nonsmoker, nondrinker. ☎ *30018*

Hoping to find an honest and sincere Male, 40-60. I'm a SWF in my early 40s, who's 5'4" and 115 lbs. I like movies and beaches. ☎ *30034*

Lively WWWF, 5'3", brown/brown, part-time nanny. Enjoy oldies, dancing, dining out, beach walks and drives. Seeking a S/D/WWWM, 50-60. Hope to hear from you. ☎ *30029*

Romantic Lady, early 50s, medium build, enjoy Cape Cod, travel, beaches, et cetera. Looking for a sincere, nonsmoking, romantic SM for partner. ☎ *30022*

Seeking Mister Right. SWF, 22, 5'3", brown/brown. Seeking a SWM, 18-30, who doesn't do drugs and likes to do fun things. ☎ *30031*

Single, humorous, attractive blonde, mid-50s, 5'5", 125 lbs, enjoy all aspects of life. Seeking slender Gentleman, 5'10"+, who communicates well, to take my hand so we can walk through life together. ☎ *30016*

SWF, 55, looking for someone to share times with. ☎ *30002*

SWF, brown hair, brown eyes, enjoy dining, sports and dancing. Seeking a SWM, 40-62, for possible companionship and relationship. ☎ *30014*

All-American Girl. Romantic, sensitive, fun, outgoing, humorous SWF, 33, 5'4", brown/brown, n/s, like beaches, movies, sports, concerts and dining out. Seeking the same in a SWM, 33-39. ☎ *35077*

Alluring attorney, pretty, petite, very pretty, very thin SJF, 40s, classy, sincere, fit, feminine, enjoy tennis. Seeking an intelligent, fit, successful, handsome Man with integrity. ☎ *35002*

Are you a JM seeking a steamy, romantic relationship with an attractive, affectionate JF, 40s? Why wait? Let's enjoy what life has to offer! ☎ *35006*

Attractive, caring WJF, 60s, financially independent and full of fun. Love tennis, golf, bridge, travel and whatever. Seeking a Gentleman with a good sense of humor. ☎ *35005*

Attractive White Female, 41, 5'2", 145 lbs, blonde/hazel, seeking a good looking, free spirited, animal-loving, jeans wearing, Harley Davidson kind of Guy. ☎ *35024*

Attractive, petite DWF, young 47, intelligent, fun and love to dance. Looking for the same. Boston area. ☎ *35013*

Attractive, athletic, active Female, 30s, brown hair and eyes, very fit, petite, healthy and confident. Enjoy exercise, tennis, kids, movies, dancing, reading, a good sense of humor. Seeking attractive S/DWM, 28-40, 5'9", n/s, with similar interests. ☎ *35000*

Attractive Widowed WF, 52, 5'7", brown/green, professional, enjoy walks, travel, theater, dining out and cooking. Seeking an attractive, kind, considerate WM to share life and good times. ☎ *35081*

Attractive SWF, 40. Let my smile light up your life. I enjoy dining out, arts, music, quiet times, boating, horseback riding, hunt seat, walks, friendship. Seeking SWM, 37-50, for fun together. ☎ *35009*

Attractive and sincere, professional DWF, 49, 5'5", 135 lbs, blonde/blue, n/s, North Shore, seeking an honest, nice Guy, over 45, with a sense of humor, for friendship and relationship. ☎ *35141*

Attractrive SWF, 38, blonde, medical professional, enjoy healthy lifestyle, outdoor and social activities, extended family and humor. Looking for a handsome, active, honest and marriage-minded SWM, 35-45. ☎ *35014*

Azure, alizarin, uncultivated August wildflower, early fifth generative decade, seeking a spirited self-aware, adventurous complement to develop unique, prized hybrid. ☎ *35003*

Beautiful, intelligent, petite, fit, professional DWF, 39, no children, n/s, seeking the same in a physically active, professional DWM, 35-50. Friendship leading to committed long-term relationship. ☎ *35075*

Black Afro queen, petite, attractive and full of life. Seeking a handsome, sincere, caring, healthy and professional Male for short walks and movies. ☎ *35034*

Born-again Christian DWF, 49, look 39, 5'3", very attractive, fit, lots of fun, romantic, affectionate, down-to-earth, trustworthy. Seeking attractive, fit, financially secure, born-again Christian SWM, 48-55, 5'9"-6', for friendship, possibly more. ☎ *35178*

Caring, compassionate White Widowed Female, 63, 5'11", blonde-blue, attractive, n/s, social drinker, like theater, camping, dining out, movies and tv. Seeking tall, romantic Gentleman for friend, companion, possible loving long-term relationship. ☎ *35020*

Caring, sensitive, pretty, proportionate SWF, 39, enjoy camping, hiking, beach, casual dining and quiet times. Seeking a sincere, fun-loving, easygoing S/DWM, 35-45, for a possible relationship. Must like kids. ☎ *35158*

Ceciliano? Perhaps? Italian Man, foreigner, self-employed only. For warm, witty, wonderful, effusive, fascinating, zoftig, Jewish Girl in sensual Savannah, Georgia. You're 35-48, charming, chubby, cherubic. ☎ *3515*

Challenge to a professional S/DWM, 32-42, who can balance his professional life, is good-looking, in good shape, eclectic, with prospective. DWF, 33, 5'4", 115 lbs, strawberry blonde/blue. Will answer all calls. ☎ *35147*

Cherish this ad. Attractive, goodhearted SWF, dark hair, enjoy dining out, art, music and travel. Seeking a sincere, kind SM, 30-50, to share laughter, fun, romance and life. ☎ *35091*

Chinese-American DF, professional, 50, 5'9", seeking a well-educated, French-speaking S/DWM companion, 50+, 6'+, to enjoy fine dining, operas, concerts and ballroom dancing. ☎ *35032*

Classy, attractive Single Greek Woman, 41, n/s, childless, full of energy and love to share. Seeking a Greek or Italian Man! Eastern Orthodox a plus! ☎ *35026*

Come play with me. Join my 50th celebration. Petite SWF is ready to share a fulfilling relationship as I rejoice in my 50th year. ☎ *35011*

Cute, romantic, funny DWF, 34, 5'4", 110 lbs, seeking an honest DWM, 34-39, for friendship, movies, music and summer fun. Must have a good sense of humor, like kids and animals. ☎ *35035*

DWF, 33, 5'1", 180 lbs, mom of two, love to dance and have fun. Looking for love! ☎ *35188*

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First Mate seeking Captain. Slim SWF, 5'5", brunette, enjoy travel, boating, outdoor activities, dining, dancing, snuggling and laughter. Seeking a Male, 38-48, for friendship, laughter and love. ☎ *35189*

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Looking for love. SWF, 23, 5'5", auburn/brown, smoker, enjoy plays, long walks on the beach, talks, dining in or out and quiet evenings at home. Seeking SM, 24-30, who's patient, attractive and likes animals. ☎ *35084*

Looking for Mister Right. SWF, 23, brown/hazel, like long walks, camping and the outdoors. Seeking a SWM, 25-35, with similar interests, to share fun, adventure, friendship and possible long-term relationship. ☎ *35096*

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Lovely Lady with a sense of humor, seeking a nice Gentleman, 45-65, to share similar interests, for friendship, companionship and loving relationship. ☎ *35089*

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Loving, bright, beautiful outside and in, successful non-workaholic, nurturing adventurer, outdoorsy, family-oriented feminine JF seeking an upbeat, attractive Man, 45-60, of integrity, caring and intellect, who loves life too. ☎ *35019*

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

38-year-old SM, 5'7", brown/green, 160 lbs, enjoy hiking, fishing and traveling. Seeking a down-to-earth WF, 28-40, with similar interests. ☎ *30033*

Caring, honest, secure, affectionate, fit, professional WM seeking a happy, loving, romantic, playful, lifetime friend and lover, 52-60, to share romance, outdoors, dancing, travel and the beach. ☎ *30011*

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Dream lover, come rescue me! Warm, caring, sensitive and compassionate DWM, 50, young, very fit, active, 5'6", 145 lbs. Seeking a down-to-earth WF for my best friend and a long-term relationship. ☎ *30026*

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Expect an exceptional lifetime partner. Tall, handsome Christian, chaste, fit, leader, 35, desires skinny Christian Woman with small features, morals and personality for lifetime of adventure, passion and purpose. Michigan. ☎ *30035*

Falmouth Male, 61, 5'11", 145 lbs, retired military, no bad habits. Seeking a soulmate. Enjoy all of life. ☎ *30024*

Friendly, full-figured Female, 41, love animals, country music, volunteering and being outside. Nonsmoker, social drinker. Seek mature Man who has similar interests, kids ok. ☎ *30038*

Fun-loving DWM, 26, 5'8", 165 lbs, Single dad, seeking professional S/DWF, 25-33, to share fun times, laughter, movies, camping and road trips. Must like Nickelodeon. ☎ *30027*

Humanist SWM, 69, 5'10", 145 lbs, n/s, retired social worker, Hawaiian snow bird, boating, swimming, hiking, antique autos, sing-along songs, dislike rock. Seeking slim, attractive, unencumbered Lady. Upper to mid-Cape preferred. ☎ *30012*

Outer Cape area. Professional, tall, dark, handsome SWM, brown/brown, honest, sincere and easygoing, like outdoors, camping, ocean, car rides and travel. Seeking great, height and weight proportionate SWF for fun, companionship. ☎ *30019*

Practicing Catholic. SWM, 39, seeking SWF, 28-40, also a practicing Catholic, enjoys outdoors during the summer and quiet evenings at home, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Cape Cod, South Shore area. ☎ *30013*

Practicing Catholic. SWM, 39, seeking SWF, 28-40, also a practicing Catholic. Enjoy outdoors during the summer and quiet evenings at home, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Cape Cod, South Shore area. ☎ *30013*

Recently retired Gentleman with easygoing disposition, love the ocean, enjoy dining and dancing. Would like to meet a happy-go-lucky Lady who shares the same interests. ☎ *30030*

Rochester Male, youthful 58, 6', 180 lbs, retired military, neat, nice looks, graying, n/s, n/d, love the classics, seeking a soulmate. ☎ *30007*

Romeo meets Juliet. Male, 22, 6', 185 lbs, brown/hazel. Looking for a relationship, possibly long-term. Enjoy boating, fishing, dancing, movies and walking on the beach. Looking for a SF, 22-29. ☎ *30023*

Sagittarius sailor, wild eyes, great shape, sensitive, looking for an attractive, athletic sail mate, 28-38, for adventure and moonlit romance. Our little ship has enough room for skis and golf clubs. ☎ *30005*

SM, 70, 5'5", 145 lbs, enjoy dancing, walking, bike riding, swimming and listening to jazz. Seeking a fun Lady. ☎ *30004*

Tall, dark and handsome SWM, 34, 6'2", enjoy all the usual stuff, yada, yada, yada. Seeking an attractive SF, 25-37, n/s. ☎ *30006*

Walks by the sea, dancing until dawn. SJM, 53, 5'9", seeking a financially secure Jewish Lady, 40s-50s, to join me. ☎ *30037*

Adventurous, romantic, athletic SJM, 34, with dimples, love to cook Italian, dog lover. Seeking a spontaneous, romantic, slender Female, 27-34, for possible long-term relationship. ☎ *35048*

Adventurous SWM, 37, seeking an unpretentious SF, 30-38, who likes the outdoors, travel, film, music and especially loves to laugh and enjoy life. ☎ *35049*

Affectionate Male, 50, 5'8", 165 lbs, honest, caring, like the ocean, boating, sunbathing and just being together. Seeking a slim WF, 35-50, with similar interests, for possible long-term relationship. ☎ *35127*

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Are you my soulmate? Adorable, warm, kind, attractive and considerate SWM, 27, seeking a passionate, spiritual, cute and in shape SWF, 20-29, for possible long-term relationship, romantic walks and further possibilities. ☎ *35148*

Are you ready to meet a DJM in 40s, 5'6", 145 lbs, who's handsome, humorous, athletic, romantic and spontaneous? A petite, nonsmoking SWF with a positive attitude should respond immediately! ☎ *35145*

Attractive SWM, 35, 5'10", 145 lbs, dark hair and eyes, caring, appreciate, friendly. Turn ons: smiles and laughing. Creative fun: candles and wine. Turn offs: negative people, crowds and traffic. ☎ *35131*

Attractive SWM, 5'11", brown/hazel, medium build, seeking an attractive and intelligent Female with a sense of humor, for good times. ☎ *35177*

Average Guy looking for an average Woman. North Shore DWM, 45, blonde/blue, 5'9", very affectionate, romantic, easygoing, kind, enjoy walks on the beach, quiet evenings. Seeking similar Female, 35-45, similar interests. ☎ *35183*

Bam Bam seeking Pebbles. No Dinos, please. WM, 30, 6'2", 220 lbs, blonde/blue, love sports and kids. Seeking a spontaneous and attractive, outgoing Female, to share laughs. ☎ *35053*

Charming WWWM, mid-60s, 5'8", salt and pepper/brown, nondrinker. Enjoy dining out, day trips, bowling, dancing. Seeking attractive Woman, 50-63, 5'-5'8", height/weight proportionate, nonsmoker. Light drinker ok. Open to your interests. Thanks. ☎ *35192*

Check this out. Absolutely spontaneous, extremely adventurous SWM, 36, n/s, open-minded, athletic and honest, seeking a SWF, with similar qualities. Call for more! ☎ *35111*

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Down-to-earth, tall, ruggedly-built Italian Male, 40-ish, kind, caring and upbeat. Seeking a pretty, upbeat Woman for friendship, occasional coffee, conversation, dating and laughs! ☎ *35060*

Easygoing and caring. I'm 54, 5'8", 160 lbs, easygoing, caring, like outdoors, travel, walks and weekend getaways. Seeking a thin, attractive, spiritual, kind Woman, for long term relationship. ☎ *35043*

Easygoing, professional SWM, 28, 5'9", fit, active, enjoy movies and music. Seeking a down-to-earth Female, 33-46, near the Salem area. ☎ *35180*

Expect an exceptional lifetime partner. Tall, handsome Christian, chaste, fit, leader, 35, desires skinny Christian Woman with small features, morals and personality for lifetime of adventure, passion and purpose. Michigan. ☎ *35181*

Flight instructor. Attractive, affectionate SWM, 34, dark brown/hazel, fit, never-married, no dependents, n/s. Seeking an honest, caring, affectionate, romantic S/DWF with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. Kids welcome. ☎ *35119*

Friendly SWM, 40, 5'9", 180 lbs, enjoy movies, fishing, bocce, dining out and dancing. Seeking a compatible SWF, 30-45, with similar interests, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. ☎ *35108*

Fun-loving, friendly SWM, 35, brown/brown, 5'11", n/s, seeks companionship with Lady, 27-38, to enjoy Boston, traveling and more. I have a weakness for brunettes with glasses! ☎ *35186*

Good out on life. SWM, 39, 5'8", brown hair with a little salt-n-pepper, positive outlook and good sense of humor. Seeking SWF with a good sense of humor. Must enjoy boating, the ocean and various activities. ☎ *35113*

Handsome, recent Widower, 50s, 6', 175 lbs, seeking a special, pretty Woman, 40-60, with time on her hands. ☎ *35152*

Hi, over here. Fun, nice-looking, honest, sincere, warm, tender SWM, 29, into club dancing, alternative and rock music. Seeking a sweet, sexy SF, 18-24, for ultimate romance and long-lasting relationship. ☎ *35138*

Hispanic Woman sought. Loving, tender, open SWM, 29, seeking a sweet, pretty, thin and warm SHF, 21-29, to explore this town and share walks, love, romance and laughter. ☎ *35171*

Hit the bell, prize every time. A kind, caring, lovable, fun, laugh-filled, spontaneous, positive, self-employed Male, 39, seeking partner, 25-45, for happiness, romance, long-term relationship, good things in life. Won't be disappointed. Thanks! ☎ *35121*

Honest and sincere SWM, 37, 5'10", 145 lbs, brown/green, clean-shaven, nonsmoker, nondrinker, enjoy disco, rock and roll, dining out, travel, the beach. Seeking SWF, 30-40, n/drugs, smoker/drinker ok. Must have similar interests, good personality. ☎ *35112*

Honest and sincere SWM, 37, 5'10", 145 lbs, light brown/green, clean-shaven, nonsmoker, nondrinker. Enjoy disco, rock and roll, dining out, travel and the beach. Seeking SWF, 30-40, drug-free. Smoker, drinker ok. ☎ *35167*

Honest, loyal, handsome SWM, 37, 5'8", seeking soulmate for friendship, long-term relationship. Enjoy exercising, talking, walks, movies, beach, unconventional stuff as well. Seeking attractive, curvy SWF, under 44. Serious replies only. ☎ *35046*

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I'm all yours. Shy, caring SWJM, 29, seeking a kind, cute and fit SF, 18-32. Bring me out of my shell. ☎ *35161*

I'm waiting... for a sweet, sexy SF, 21-33, to call this nice, kind SWM, 30, for friendship, companionship and a lot more. ☎ *35164*

Insatiably curious, intelligent, appealing SWM, 41, 6', 170 lbs, seeking provocative, educated, trim, and attractive Female, n/s, for conversation, adventure and romance. Interests include film, musics, sports and travel. ☎ *35054*

Intelligent DJM, 57, attractive, fit and slim. Seeking a comfortable relationship with a petite WF counterpart, under 57. ☎ *35057*

Jewish Woman sought. SJM, 32, not into games. Seeking a a non-phony SJF, 21-33, who wants a serious relationship that will lead to marriage. Serious inquiries only. ☎ *35163*

Laid-back, attractive SWM, 32, 5'10", 195 lbs, brown/hazel, love the outdoors, mountain biking, weight-lifting and travel. Seeking someone special, 28-34, to call a friend. ☎ *35104*

Let's celebrate life! Handsome, fit, professional SWM, 32, n/s, seeking a charming, slim, intelligent Woman, 28-33, to share music, beaches, dancing and romance. Let's make some memories. ☎ *35159*

Let's share life together. Slim DWM, 45, 5'7", blonde/blue, seeking a slim DWF, 40s, for special times. I enjoy dancing, the outdoors, romance and being a Gentleman. ☎ *35114*

Lonely Gentleman, 60, quiet, laid-back, average-looking DWM, 5'10", 200 lbs, homebody, enjoy travel, candlelight dinners and communication. Seeking a SB/WF, 25-65, for friendship, intimacy, companionship. ☎ *35103*

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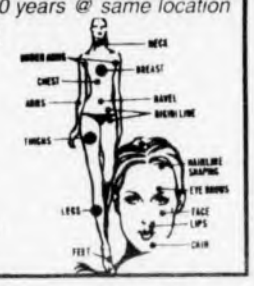
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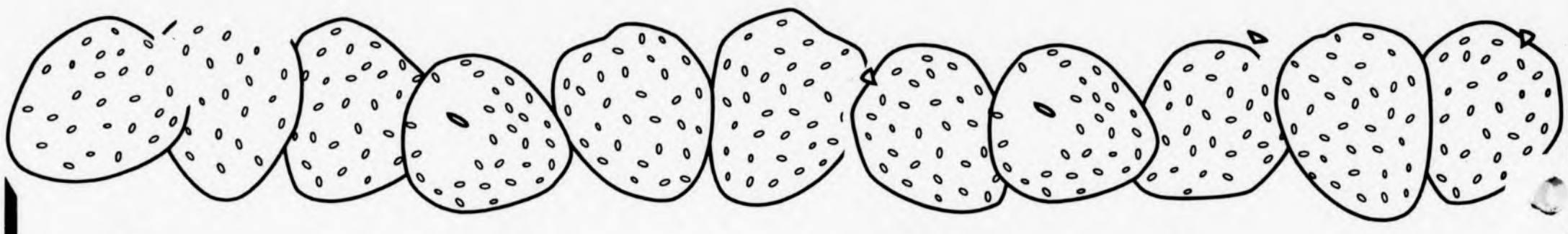
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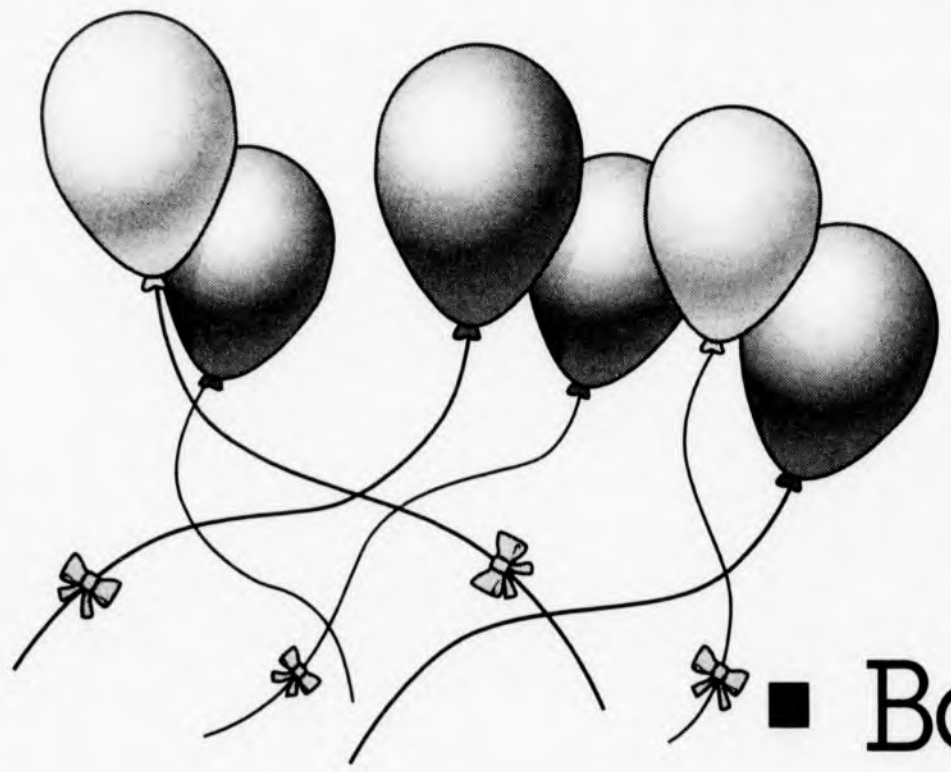




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CHL shuts down landfill operation

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Space constraints have forced Cohasset Heights Limited to shut down its landfill operations.

One of the owners of CHL, Paul Barry, confirmed that he stopped accepting refuse as of last Thursday, July 2. Barry confirmed that the landfill was pretty much out of space.

"It was at its end," Barry said.

This decision comes close on the heels of the formation of a sub-committee of town officials working with CHL to settle all outstanding legal issues, remediation matters and closure details. Health Board member Kevin Ulmer serves as chairman of the new sub-committee, which he said was formed by the board of selectmen after a recent selectmen's meeting. The CHL sub-committee met for the first time on July 1, in executive session only, just one day before CHL closed down.

"They [CHL] did stop accepting refuse last Thursday night," said CHL-attorney Anton Moehrke. "We are in discussions with the town to try and resolve outstanding issues. As part of the discussion, the town asked us to cease operations and we agreed. Frankly, we were rapidly running out of capacity, but the timing of the closing was an indication that we wanted to work with the town to resolve matters."

When asked whether CHL had closed down, Ulmer would only say that he "had heard that."

The sub-committee is made up of six members: Ulmer, Selectman Ronnie McMorris, former zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo, conservation committee chairman Jeff Waal, and water commissioner John K. McNabb Jr. Ulmer said that all meetings between the sub-committee and CHL would be held in executive sessions because of outstanding lawsuits and several other legal matters.

Town Manager Mark Haddad and McNabb, who is also member of the anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE), declined to comment on the work of the sub-committee, referring all questions to Ulmer.

"We don't want this to play out in the news-

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PHOTO/MARGO SULLIVAN

Cohasset Heights Landfill ceased operations last week.

Quonset huts condos are put off

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Abutters to the Quonset Huts at 430 S. Main St. are going to have to stare at the ugly structures a while longer.

The zoning board of appeals did not approve modifications to the design of five townhouse condominiums planned for the site this week.

"This (zoning board decision) puts everything on hold."

— John Murphy, builder

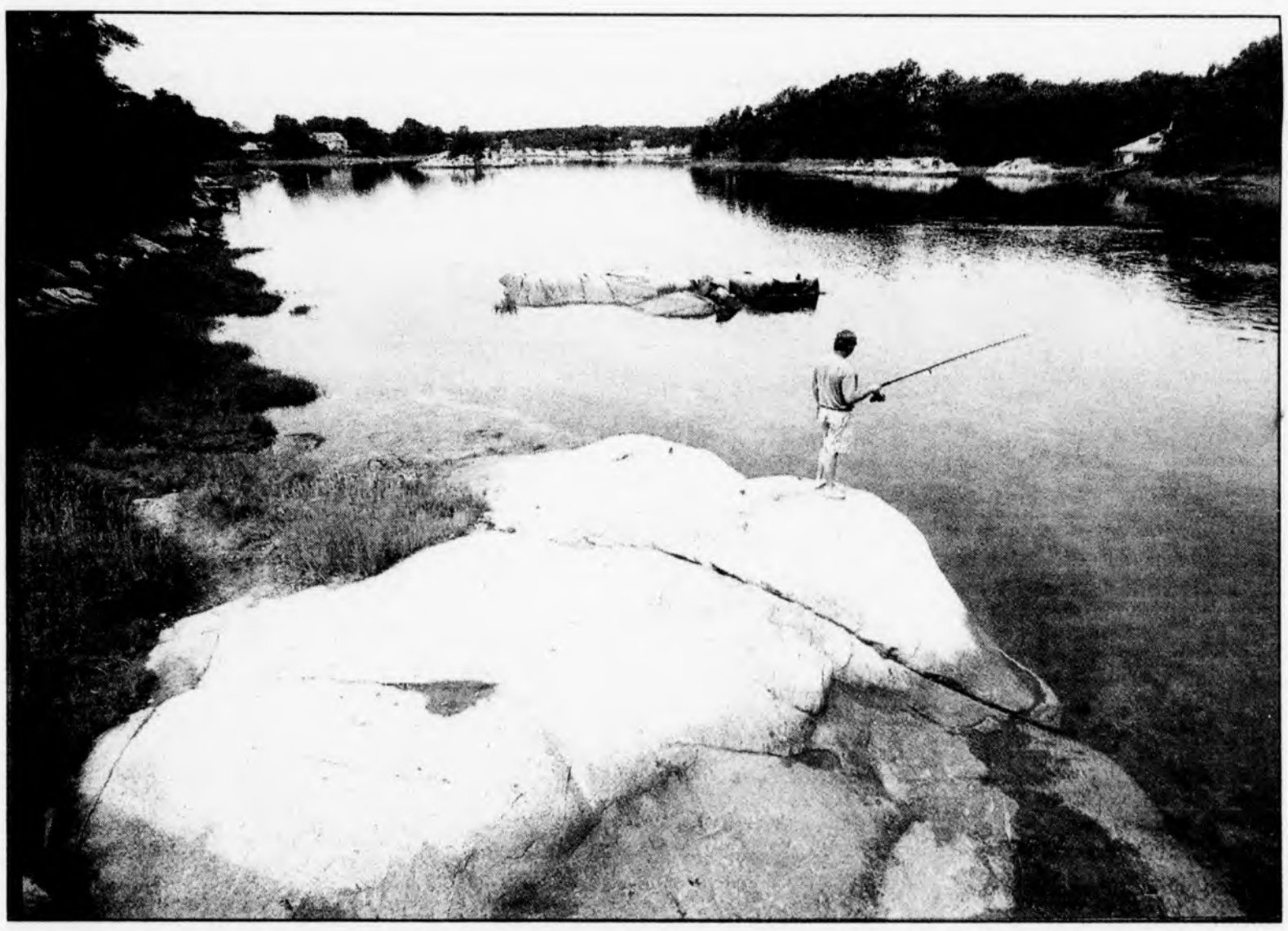
Instead, the board opted to send the plans to the design review board for input - a process which could delay the project for up to a month or more.

In the meantime, builder and owner John Murphy, who is carrying the loan for the property, would like to get rolling.

"I'm extremely disappointed," Murphy said in a telephone interview. "I understand the appeals board is acting on behalf of the town and abutters and will rely on the design review board which has the design and architectural background in dealing with these problems on

QUONSET HUTS, PAGE 12

GONE FISHING



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Tom Cook takes advantage of the sunny weather to try a little fishing in Little Harbor.

Town buildings rehab carries hefty price tag

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Money, a plan and time are what it will take to shore up five municipal buildings to last until the year 2025. Those are the conclusions of an independent report about the condition of public buildings here. According to KFP Associates of Weymouth, Cohasset needs to put up $15.2 million for special construction, if the town wants to prevent public buildings from crumbling. The town also must adopt a regular maintenance plan and phase in the repairs and renovations over 10 years.

Left out of the multimillion dollar grand total was money for normal upkeep, however. The estimate did cover contingency funds, payment to architects and administrative costs, reportedly 30 to 45 percent of the budget. It also reflected inflation at three percent.

KFP Associates sent three architects and two engineers to assess the situation at the Deer Hill School and the middle/high school, the Town Hall, the library and the police/fire station. Their audit "took the logical approach" and cataloged the projects to be undertaken, putting the most critical jobs in the first three years of the program. Architect Steven Devine summarized the findings. Architects Kenneth and Kevin Parry and engineers James Sullivan and Steven Karan also attended the Tuesday night meeting.

The most urgent repairs appeared to be needed at the middle/high school where $4.1 million could be spent over three years alone, with another $3 million spread out later. But the other projects followed the same pattern of spending most of the money early. In all, almost two-thirds of the $13.2 million would be paid out during the initial three years. At the Deer Hill School, the recommended schedule calls for spending about $3 million, with $1.8 million paid out in the first three years. The library repairs and upgrade were estimated at $2 million, while the Town Hall accounted for about $700,000 of the total and the police/fire station about $500,000.

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Zoning rules and regulations

The zoning board upped its requirement for an engineering deposit from $1,000 to $2,000 for comprehensive permits, the board voted this week. The comprehensive permit - which streamlines the permitting process for developers who set aside a certain percentage of their housing units for affordable housing — involves an inordinate amount of paper work, clerk Barbara Power said

Zoning board reorganizes

Woody Chittick, 98 S. Main St., is the new chairman of the zoning board of appeals. Anson Whealler, 619 Jerusalem Road, is the vice chairman, and associate member Barbara Power, 74 Beach St. is the clerk. The board, which also consists of regular member Benjamin Lacy, 181 Jerusalem Road, and associate members, Jane Goedecke, 10 Nichols Road; Linda Hewitt Dick, 3 Arrowwood Road, elected its new officers Monday.

Music Circus sign gets nod

The zoning board approved a replacement sign for the Music Circus on Sohier Street this week. The new sign is smaller than the existing sign, clerk Barbara Power said.

"It's a handsome sign," said Power who saw the sign at Hassan's Signs off Route 3A.

Savings bank hours posted

The zoning board had no objections to the posting of the hours of operation of the Abington Savings Bank in a 2 ft. by 15 in. area on the entrance doors to Shaw's supermarket.

White letters painted on the glass door will tell shoppers the lobby hours of the bank which is housed inside the Route 3A supermarket.

Work on veterans memorial

Austin L. Ahearn wrote to selectmen that Cohasset Historical Military Memorial, Inc. voted at its last meeting to proceed with the honor rolls at Veterans Memorial Park. The group plans to install honor rolls with names of the veterans of World War I, Korea and Vietnam. The group installed the World War II Memorial several years ago but the memorial was the subject of controversy because it excluded the names of soldiers who served in the occupational forces. Selectmen have said those names must be added to the memorial.

Village street realignment

The Town of Cohasset will be temporarily changing the roadway configuration at the intersection of Elm Street and South Main Street in Cohasset Village from Monday, July 13 through Saturday, July 19.

The purpose of this re-alignment is to monitor the impacts this proposed design change may have on vehicle and pedestrian traffic flow and to solicit public comments. This road re-alignment is proposed as part of the project to establish a new walkway along South Main Street from Robert E. Jason Road to the intersection of Elm Street. This project is a result of a $165,900 Transportation Enhancement Grant awarded to the town by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

Public input and comments are sought regarding this intersection design change, as well as on the entire project. Please send your comments to The Village Task Force Committee, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, Mass. 02025. The Village Task Force Committee will be conducting a public forum to review the project on Thursday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall auditorium.

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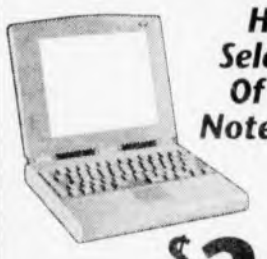
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Part of public tradition and private memories

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

These days when Dick Hayes looks over the building where he spent 29 years as head librarian, he measures the polished wood arches and columns in the reading room and sees "old charm" and a place lawyers will like. The unsentimental Hayes, who recently retired as director of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, says

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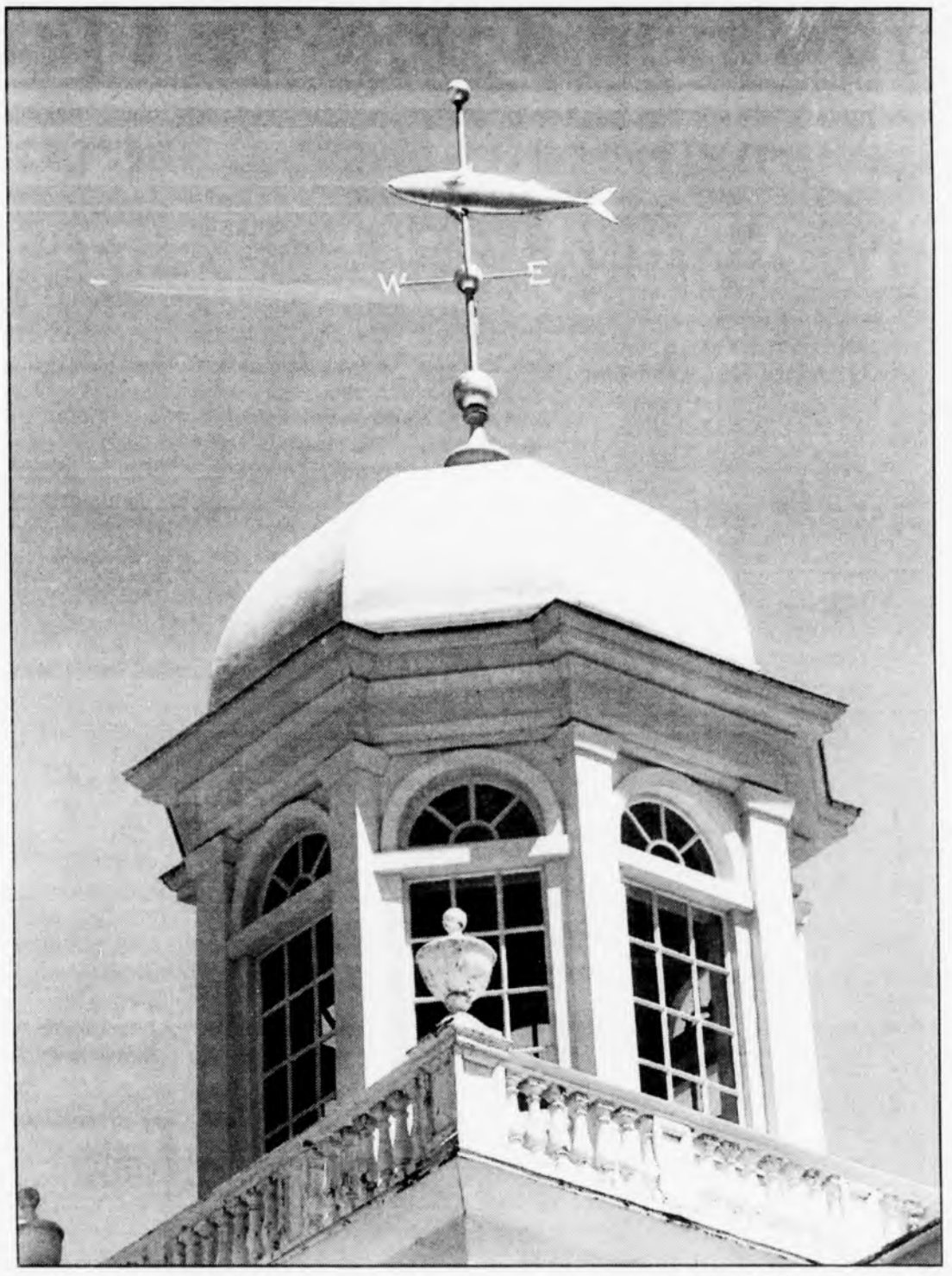


the 95-year old building would make a great spot for a law firm or a doctor's office. But he doubts it should serve as a library anymore. Before he stepped down last month, he came out for moving the library to a new location, hopefully the Osgood School on Ripley Road. That building will be empty next September when the new elementary school opens. Since Joseph Osgood actually started the town's first public library, a move there will be like going back to roots.

The first public library in town was housed 120 years ago in two rooms at the town hall. Paul Pratt, "one of those inspired far-sighted individuals," wanted the library to have a building of its own. He left money in his will and directions to his daughters who both served as library trustees. The yellow brick building on South Main Street was constructed in 1903, and the town did not pay anything to get it built, said Hayes. And though it was designed after the best architecture of the early 20th century, the Paul Pratt is no longer the most suitable type of place to put a library.

"It's time to move on," he said earlier. "This building has served the town very well for 95 years. That's a good life for a building in this remarkable century."

Patience Towle and the other Library Trustees have been leaning in the direction of moving the library, perhaps to the Osgood School after it is vacant. In a way it comes down to a choice between time spent bringing a first-rate service to the public or time spent "scraping mildew and calling plumbers." But it is still not an easy decision to give up a building that is part of public tradition and private memories. Though small, the Paul Pratt Memorial Library is very much a public edifice. Outside, the clipper ship clock and the mackerel weathervane seem to hail the past Cohasset where the shipping and fishing industries were once strong. The library has a rotunda with murals



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The cupola with its mackerel weathervane recalls Cohasset's past when mackerel fishing was one of the town's main industries.

depicting scenes from the past, such as the harbor and the granting of land deeds. There are two reading rooms off the center, a design similar to many of the nation's public libraries financed by Carnegie. There are small details too, Towle said.

"I love the little reading nook by the fireplace," she said. The fireplace is marble in the colors of an agate, and the tall magnificent windows rain natural light down. The trustees hoped to take advantage of that space, but there was so little room for books, the plan never materialized. It was a story repeated far too often.

"We're torn," she said during a tour of the building Tuesday. "We love our building. If our site were better, we'd figure out how to stay." But the price of renovating the building and expanding the parking just seemed too high for too little gain. For instance, her board wants a library that is contained on a single floor with no upstairs or downstairs. They prefer not to spend money to build bathrooms and elevators through a building of several stories, work that would be necessary to bring the library up to code. Moreover, to find space for parking, the town would have to seize neighbors' land by eminent domain. Doing that seemed unfair, Towle said.

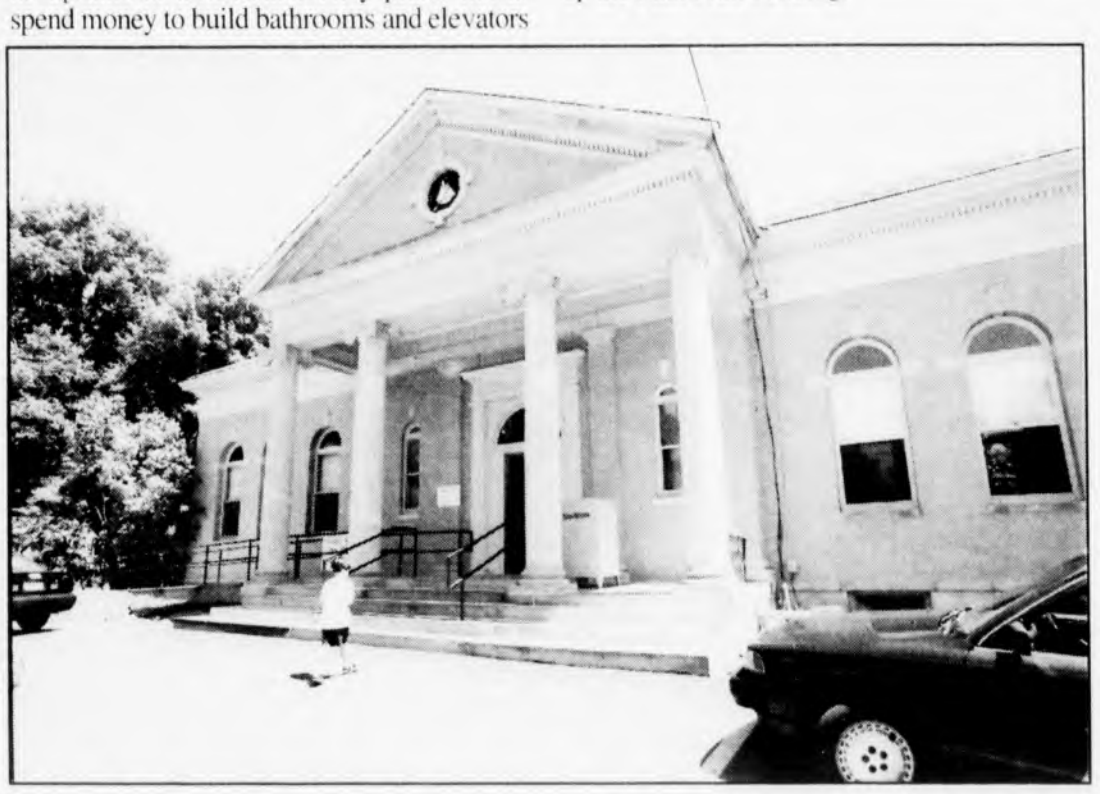
Tuesday, consultants put a number on the price of staying in the yellow brick building. Over 10 years, it will cost at least $2 million to fix up the building, according to estimates this week from KFP Associates, the company hired to study the condition of municipal and school buildings. Their appraisal did not include the price of land taking to make room for parking. Moreover, KFP architect Steven Devine came close to recommending the library should go to new location and take advantage of state aid. The government program could save the town 40 percent of the construction costs to retrofit the Osgood School, he said. But there is no state aid to fix up the Paul Pratt building.

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— Patience Towle, library trustees chairman



Debbie Shadd walks beneath one of the McIver Reddy murals documenting Cohasset's history in the rotunda at the library.



The Paul Pratt Memorial Library, built in 1903, may be sold if the town opts for a new library site.

Town buildings fix up has hefty price tag

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Devine's talk lasted about two hours and earned mostly positive feedback along with a smattering of applause. Town Manager Mark Haddad and the selectmen praised the "comprehensive" scope of the Capital Asset Assessment. In particular, selectman Thomas Callahan deemed the audit "great." The town has never had such an outline to work from before, he said. But Dick Avery, a member of the town finance committee, sounded a doubtful note when he questioned whether the consultants answered the questions they were hired to investigate. Cohasset paid $25,000 for the audit.

"There is some discomfort about discerning priorities," Avery said. "Does this document satisfy a facilities audit? Or is there still a piece of work missing."

After selectwoman Nan Roth pointed out, only one job in the whole report had been identified as priority number one, other people expressed doubts about the consultants' reliability. The only high priority job was to clean drains in the Deer Hill School parking lot. Devine and school board member Kathy Ofsthun defended the way KFP tagged high priority work. Rather than looking at the "priority" code, people should focus on the schedule. The jobs slated for the first three years were high priority, they said.

Earlier Devine defined the priority codes. The priority one jobs, such as replacing failed systems or repairing leaks, were "recommended for the continued operation" of the building. The lower priorities were to extend the "useful life" of the building and bring it up to standards or improve the general appearance. A fourth and lowest priority code dealt with space needs. But later Devine said space needs were outside the scope of the KFP report.

The most urgent repairs appeared to be needed at the middle/high school where $4.1 million could be spent over three years alone, with another $3 million spread out later.

But the lack of high priority codes on other jobs seemed to rankle many observers. Fixing drains seemed less important than dealing with safety hazards, said Frederick Johansen of 20 King St.

"You might want to rethink some of this," he told Devine after the consultant said Cohasset could face lawsuits if the town did not make buildings accessible to the disabled. Johansen said the work to make buildings convenient for the disabled should be a top priority.

But Johansen also drew groans when he charged the whole report was launched because the town has violated the Americans with Disabilities Act and "not because people were concerned with maintenance." He said the ADA compliance was a moral issue. Former school board Chairwoman Maureen Jerz also said the town was "disenfranchising people" with handicaps. She questioned how the consultants could justify delaying any of the work to help the handicapped.

Town Manager Haddad has formed a sub-committee to study the financial impact of a 10-year commitment to sprucing up buildings and making them safe. But the new board's composition drew some criticism, since some officials, such as the library trustees, appeared to be un-represented. Moreover, selectman Merle Brown challenged Haddad's decision to invite a member of the Advisory Committee to the finance powwows. The Advisory Committee is supposed to stay independent of other boards, Brown cautioned.

"You're breaking the rules," he told the town manager. "They're not supposed to be involved." Haddad groaned and agreed to un-invite the Advisory Committee.

About 30 people, mostly board members, turned up to hear out the consultants.

Upcoming meetings are noted

The following meetings are scheduled:

Advisory committee, 8 p.m., July 14;

Board of Health, 7 p.m., July 14 & 28;

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Drug & alcohol committee, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 12

Osgood reuse committee, 10 a.m., July 16;

Planning board, 8 p.m., July 15;

School committee, 7:30 p.m., July 13, CHS AV studio;

Sewer commission, 6:30 p.m., Aug. 4;

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Whiton House lease inked

Restaurant to open in September

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Restaurateur Kristie Henriksen of Cohasset will open another Siro's in Hingham. She recently landed a 20-year lease to the Whiton House, bringing her goal to own three restaurants on the South Shore closer to reality. Henriksen, whose first restaurant at Marina Bay drew high profile "regulars" like US Rep. William Delahunt, expects to launch the second Siro's in September. Like the Quincy eatery, the Hingham restaurant has the potential to become a magnet for the local movers and shakers.

"It's time again for this to become *the* place," she said recently while she studied rug samples from a contractor.

Though the previous establishment, the Whiton House restaurant, closed after business dropped off, Henriksen is confident the new place will stir up excitement in Hingham.

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Henriksen, who logged 20 years in the business, will follow some examples set by five-star restaurants when she and husband Tom Fallon renovate the inside of the Colonial building. For instance, like the dining rooms at Lutece on New York's East Side, the rooms in the Siro's of Main Street will each be unique. Henriksen plans to hire a separate interior designer for each dining room. Moreover, like the Windows on the World restaurant atop the New York World Trade Center, the private dining rooms will be leased to businesses. Frank Messina, a local developer, has taken one of the six rooms. Billy O'Connell, her landlord at Marina Bay, has signed up for another room, she said.

They will have a private wine bin, their own china and crystal, plus a say in the interior decor. The dues are based on the number of seats in the room, though she did not disclose how much the private leases cost.

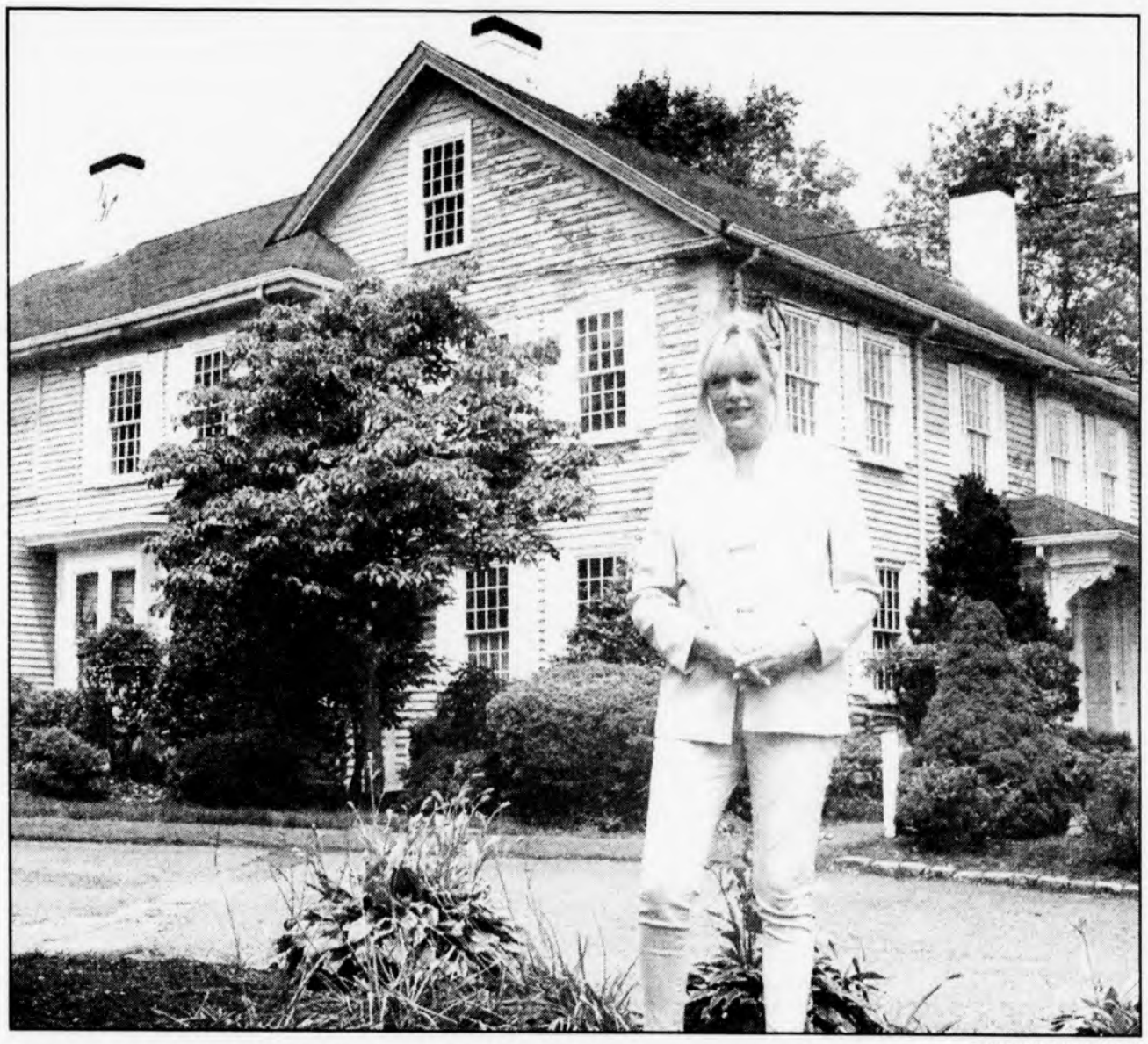
Like the arrangement at Windows, which is closed to the public only for lunch, the private rooms at Siro's will be open to the public at various times.

Finally, she is following her own recipe for success at the Marina Bay Siro's. The new restaurant might have a "more involved wine list" because she will have more space in Hingham, but the menu, emphasizing seafood and nouvelle Italian dishes, will be pretty close to the "casual fine dining" in the first Siro's.

The main dining room, which seated 350 when the Whiton House was open, will be downsized to accommodate about 250. Plans call for a "cozy" lounge to take advantage of the smoking ban. The rest of the renovations, costing $350,000 reportedly, include a new interior design.

"We're not moving any walls," she

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Kristie Henriksen of Cohasset stands by the former Whiton House on Main Street in Hingham. Henriksen plans to open Siro's of Hingham there in September.

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Cohasset Heights shuts down landfill operation

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papers," Ulmer said. "The town wants a formal group to take responsibility for this and deal with the various issues. This is a formal subcommittee of the town convened to meet with CHL and negotiate the settlement of all outstanding legal issues. We'll see if it's do-able and we hope to reach a global settlement that is acceptable to everyone."

Barry had little to say about the attempt by the town to reach a "global" settlement.

"I don't know how far it [discussions] will get," he said.

Ulmer said there is no timetable on the completion of the work of the subcommittee. He said town officials would try to resolve the legal matters as quickly as possible to save money. According to Ulmer, all lawsuits and legal actions or appeals would continue while the sub-committee tries to negotiate a settlement with CHL.

Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik said the health board is still planning to hold site assignment hearings. The health board voted last month to hold site assignment hearings to address numerous environmental and procedural problems at the landfill. The site assignment is the chief approval that allows CHL to operate a landfill in town. The first hearing is scheduled for Aug. 4.

However, at least one legal action has been placed on hold while the sub-committee performs its work. Building Inspector Robert Egan confirmed that the town's criminal complaint against CHL for ignoring a shut-down order has been postponed.

"We are in discussions with the town to try and resolve outstanding issues. As part of the discussion, the town asked us to cease operations and we agreed."

CHL attorney Anton Moehrke

"We feel enough progress is being made on significant issues," Egan said.

Egan added that the complaint has not been dismissed. The town could pursue criminal charges if a global settlement is not reached.

The sub-committee has quite a bit of work to reach an all-encompassing settlement. There are at least five court cases still unsettled. CHL is pursuing legal action against the conservation commission in two cases. The first case is an appeal in Norfolk Superior Court of the health board's order of conditions demanding zero-discharge from the landfill into the Lily Pond watershed.

In a related matter, the state Department of Environmental Protection ruled on the same issue and said the town could not require zero-discharge. DEP said the town could limit the discharge to only 80 percent. If the courts rule in the town's favor, the zero-discharge ruling would be upheld and would overrule DEP. The second case against the conservation commission is a complaint by CHL that it failed to hold a hearing on problems at the town's landfill within 21 days as required by law. CHL has also taken the board of health to Norfolk Superior Court for denying its request to expand Area V by 27.5 acres.

Two other cases are still pending in land court. In CHL vs. the Town of Cohasset, the landfill owners claim the town's water resource district, established in 1986, is illegal. CHL claims the lines of the district were drawn to limit the expansion of the landfill and the action amounts to an illegal eminent domain land-taking of a portion of the facility.

The most recent case in land court, CHL vs. the Cohasset Zoning Board of Appeals, is an appeal of the order by Egan, upheld by the ZBA, ordering CHL to shut down earlier this year because of a permit violation. The former owner of the landfill, James Tyeryar, failed to file a town-issued special permit with the Registry of Deeds in 1976 as required by state law. CHL also failed to file the permit when it purchased the landfill, although the permit was filed earlier this year. Because the permit was legally filed after the creation of the water protection district, CHL could not uphold its claim to pre-existing status. Landfills are prohibited from the district unless a facility was legally operating before the water protection law was enacted.

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ZBA boathouse approval is appealed

By David Tibbetts
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Stephen Bobo of 11 Sheldon Road wants to replace an unattractive building he uses to store and repair boats with a new boathouse more in character with his neighborhood. Bobo received a special permit from the zoning board of appeals (ZBA) allowing him to build the structure if it is approved by the building inspector. But neighbors have opposed the project from the beginning and one of them, Samuel Wakeman of 255 Atlantic Ave., has filed an appeal of the ZBA decision in Norfolk Superior Court to block the construction of the boathouse.

In the appeal, Wakeman argues that the ZBA exceeded its authority by approving the special permit. Wakeman's claims the boathouse violates town bylaws restricting work involving power tools which would create a use inconsistent with the welfare, comfort and convenience of the community. Wakeman could not be reached by telephone for comment.

Bobo was reached by telephone, and he said that the appeal could delay construction of the boathouse for a long-time, possibly even a year. He added that Wakeman's attorney, Richard A. Henderson, has sent a letter to Bobo offering to withdraw the appeal if certain conditions are met. Bobo could not elaborate on the conditions, but said he would study the terms during the next few weeks.

Bobo currently has a plastic greenhouse-like structure on his property that his family uses to store, build and repair boats. Bobo plans to replace the greenhouse with a 24-foot-high boathouse, which would include a 40-foot by 22-foot main area, a 16-by-26-square-foot workshop, and a 16-by-8-square-foot deck. The new boathouse has been designed with Victorian-style architecture that is in character with the neighborhood.

On June 1, the ZBA approved Bobo's request for a special permit to build the new boathouse on his property. Building Inspector Robert Egan originally rejected the request because Bobo's house is on a non-conforming lot; the required lot size for the area is 60,000 square feet, but Bobo's property is only about 40,000 square feet. Boathouses are allowed on conforming lots in residential neighborhoods as a matter of right. But at approximately 40,000 square feet, Bobo's combined lots fall short of the 60,000 square foot minimum.

Stephen Bobo said that the appeal could delay construction of the boathouse for a long-time, possibly even a year.

At a ZBA hearing conducted last April, Bobo's attorney, Charles Humphreys, said that Bobo's property was originally made up of two connected, but legally separate lots. Bobo received a building permit in June, 1997 for a different structure. When Bobo stated his intention to build the boathouse instead, Egan told him it would be better to combine the two lots into one large lot. When Bobo combined the lots and applied for a new permit, Egan rejected the project.

Bobo appealed Egan's decision, but the ZBA upheld Egan's determination in the same ruling that approved the special permit. Bobo must still receive a building permit for the project.

Several abutters opposed the project at the April hearing.

"We're faced with a situation where an individual is trying to build a truly massive structure," Wakeman said at the April hearing. "I truly believe the applicant and his father will build steel boats. I heard the senior Bobo (health board member Stephen Bobo) talk of building steel boats. This is a quiet neighborhood."

Other neighbors argued that the boathouse would detract from the area by increasing the density of the neighborhood beyond acceptable limits.

The ZBA rejected the neighbors arguments that the boathouse would be detrimental to the character of the neighborhood, pointing out that the use of similar structures is widespread in Cohasset. The ZBA also ruled that constructing the boathouse would not increase the lot coverage beyond 30 percent, the threshold for density in residential zones.

ZBA members also rejected arguments that the boathouse was for a commercial operation that would be used to construct steel boats and disrupt the neighborhood with materials deliveries. The ZBA said that it believed Bobo when he said he had no intention, now or in the future, to make boats commercially or to construct steel boats. Deliveries of materials to build boats would be no more disruptive to the neighborhood than deliveries of housing materials, the ZBA ruled.

Any failure to comply with the conditions of the special permit would result in its nullification, according to the decision. Bobo said he was satisfied with the decision, which he called "well-written."

Liquor hearing is July 14

In a reversal of an earlier decision, the selectmen voted to hold a hearing on Tuesday July 14 on the Cohasset Food Mart's alleged sale of alcohol to a minor on June 20. Originally, the selectmen planned to handle the matter by issuing a written warning that it might take away the store's liquor license if violations occurred again. But the board voted Monday to reconsider that decision and hold a hearing instead.

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USHERS CORPS

Chris Adams, a junior at Connecticut College, was a member of the Ushers Corps at Connecticut College's 80th Commencement May 23. The Ushers Corps is made up of men from the junior class and they led the graduating seniors to their seats at the start of the ceremony. Chris is a 1995 graduate of CHS and the son of **H. William Adams III** and **Marilyn Adams**.

FESTIVAL TIME



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Marion Pappas leads folk dancers at the Greek Orthodox Church during the annual Taverna over the holiday weekend. For more photos, see page 11.

HONORS AT KENYON

Tyler A. Studds, son of **Mary Lou** and **Colin Studds** of Black Horse Lane in Cohasset, was named a recipient of the Biology Independent Study Prize at the recent Honors Day Convocation at Kenyon College. The prize is awarded in recognition of an outstanding research project in the current year. In addition, Studds has been inducted into membership in Sigma Xi, a scientific research society, nominations for which are made by Kenyon faculty members on the basis of student achievement and promise in scientific research. A graduate of Middlesex School, Studds is a senior majoring in biology at Kenyon, a private liberal-arts college in central Ohio.

NEW ARRIVAL

Joe and **Mary Beth Masci** of 106 Doane St., along with big brother "Jake," are pleased and proud to announce the birth of **Teresa Anna** ("Tess"), who was born May 23 at St.

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SALLYANN CHATTERTON

Chilled soups are great company fare

As I begin this week's recipes, the sun is out and the weather is warm! Hip, hip, hooray! In honor of the event, I thought you might like to try a few chilled soups that are easy and elegant enough for company fare! They are made early in the day, before it heats up too much to cook, and all family members seem to enjoy them. Hope you'll try and enjoy these yummy soups!

GARDEN TOMATO SOUP

4 large tomatoes
1 cup canned chicken broth
4 green onions, chopped
1 small cucumber, thinly sliced
1/2 cup diced green pepper
1 can canned tomato juice
juice of 1 lemon
2 tsp. granulated sugar
1 tbsp. seasoned salt
1/4 tsp. seasoned pepper

Early in the day: Dip each tomato into boiling water for about 1 minute, then into cold water for 1 minute. With paring knife, slip off skin; cut tomatoes into chunks.

In large saucepan, in chicken broth, simmer green onions, cucumber slices, green pepper and tomatoes, covered, 5 mins. Add tomato juice, lemon juice, sugar, salt and pepper; simmer, covered, 10 minutes. Transfer to large bowl; cover; refrigerate. I use a large glass bowl, it looks so pretty; serve in soup bowls. Makes 6 servings.

APPLE-AND-ONION SOUP

1/4 cup butter or margarine
3 10-ounce cans condensed beef consommé
1 large Bermuda onion, thinly sliced
2 large green apples, pared, cored, thinly sliced
1/2 tsp. curry
1 cup heavy or whipping cream

Early in the day: In large saucepan, melt butter; sauté onion slices till soft, about 5 minutes. Add apple slices; cook 5 minutes longer. Add undiluted consommé and curry; cover; simmer gently 25 minutes.

Slowly pour some of hot mixture into blender, blend at low speed until creamy; then transfer to bowl; repeat until all soup is blended. Pour blended mixture back into saucepan; add cream; heat over low heat about 5 minutes.

Cool; refrigerate. Stir well; serve in chilled mugs. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

AROUND TOWN

Elizabeth's Medical Center. Tess weighed in at 6 pounds 12 ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches long! Proud grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Neville of Concord, N.H., and Mr. Nicholas Masci of Sanibel Island, Fla., and Mrs. Esperanza Masci of Wyckoff, N.J. Here's a huge kiss and hug from all of Cohasset to you, Tess; and a reminder to **Jake** to take really good care of his new baby sister!

POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations to all of the fourth-graders who participated in the recent World No Tobacco Day poster contest. The first-place winner in Cohasset is **Kelsey Bell**. The second-place winner is **Callie Ernst** and the third-place winner is **Nathan Needle** — all students at the Deer Hill School.

DEAN'S LIST AT BRYANT

The spring semester dean's list at Bryant College included **Erin E. Devine,** a junior accounting major, of Cohasset. We're proud of you, Erin!

COLBY HONORS

Colby College has announced that **Chloe J. Chittick** was named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement for the spring semester. Chloe is a sophomore majoring in anthropology and the daughter of **Stanley** and **JoAnne Chittick**. Great work, Chloe!

HONORS AT NOBLES

The Noble and Greenough School headmaster announces, that three Cohasset residents have achieved academic honors for their second semester grades — **Taylor Devin,** a senior (Distinction); and High Distinction went to **Rachel Eisenhaure** (a senior) and **Joseph Palone** (a freshman). We congratulate you all for your efforts!

HIGH ACADEMICS

Natalie P. Perova, daughter of **Dr. Pol Perova,** was named to the dean's list at Newman Preparatory School in Boston, an accomplishment to be proud of, indeed!

THAYER NEWS

Lauren Smith, Class of 2001, received the French Prize June 5 at Thayer Academy's Last Chapel, an annual ceremony that recognizes students for their various achievements. Congratulations to you, Lauren!

CALL WITH NEWS

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EDITORIAL

A noble profession

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Maybe you didn't summarize a passage or parse a sentence to the approval of the magic markers.

You had no idea what the test would entail. You were told the results wouldn't count this year. It was just a trial run.

Then when the results came in, all H-E-TWO-CROOKED-LETTERS broke loose.

You were bashed on the talk shows, called idiots by a politician and illiterate by the experts.

Don't let it get you down.

If you have a fire to share knowledge with children and help them grow, be a teacher.

Brush up on your parsing, your participles, your prepositions and your summary skills. You must know all of these things to teach our children. Then take the test again.

You have chosen the noblest of professions.

A teacher is so much more than what a test can gauge.

A teacher is a counselor, a nurse, a healer of broken hearts.

A teacher is a police officer watching out for our children's safety.

A teacher is a locksmith unlocking a wonderful world of knowledge.

A teacher is a guide in the adventure of learning.

A teacher is a straight man, a comedian, an actor, a storyteller, a puppeteer.

A teacher is a carpenter with a bulletin board, a bookbinder with Scotch tape, a sanitation worker with the waste basket.

A teacher is a banker keeping track of lunch money, ice cream money and milk money.

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A teacher is a hair stylist when a pony tail falls down, a dentist when a tooth falls out, a fix-it man when the pencil sharpener falls apart.

A teacher is a waitress at snacktime, a referee at recess time, a doorkeeper at dismissal time.

A teacher is a press agent, a proofreader, a peace-maker, a playmate.

A teacher is a detective searching for clues, a lawyer settling disputes, a judge making decisions.

A teacher is a coach, a caretaker, a cheerleader.

A teacher is a psychiatrist fostering self esteem, an optometrist helping children see clearly, a neurologist soothing frayed nervous systems.

A teacher is a wizard squeezing small shoes into smaller boots.

A teacher is an X-ray technician reading minds, a publisher at the Xerox machine, a partner with parents in the adventure of education.

A teacher is a miracle worker taking straight and curved lines and making them into letters, taking letters and making them into words, and taking works and making them into ideas.

A teacher is the first one to take the tiny hand of the frightened kindergartner and the last one to shake the proud hand of the high school graduate.

God bless our teachers.

—Cathy Conley

Cathy Conley is editor of Braintree Forum and the Holbrook Sun, two of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help with invoices appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

Taxpayers have received their first quarter FY99 Real Estate Tax bills. These bills were produced on the new computer program the fall special town meeting approved. There are a few changes that will have to be made, such as the taxes are due Aug. 3 not due now.

With this new program, the assessors and collector computers can talk to each other. To bring the program on-line in time to mail the bills required a lot of dedicated effort and cooperation between assessors, collector, and Gemini, the provider of the program.

However, even with all this high tech, we still had to call on the following senior citizens to prepare the invoices for mailing: Maria Perroncello, Olga Sawchuk, Mary Andracchio, Phyllis Leighton, Steve Leighton, Sarah Marmo, Connie Tolman, Peter Tolman, Pat Hanlon, Louise Smullen, Tilly Nardo, Louise Ward and Libby Pompeo.

This time the seniors were joined by: Kristen James, Katlin James, Rachel McElroy and Kerry Long.

These young ladies are members of Cohasset Girl Scouts who volunteer at the senior center.

This certainly displays what a wonderful town Cohasset is and how young and old are willing to pitch in and volunteer to be helpful.

Thank you all,

Joe Buckley,
Treasurer/Collector

Thanks for thoughtfulness

TO THE EDITOR,

I would like to thank all my friends for their cards and phone calls that were given to me for my recent accident.

Virginia Anderson
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Care of World's End clarified

Mr. Paul W. Losordo
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DEAR MR. LOSORDO,

Thank you for sharing with Hingham and wider South Shore community your observations regarding changes you perceive in the management of fields at World's End.

As Superintendent of World's End for 18 years, with responsibility for all aspects of its management (including field mowing), I was baffled by the claims you made in your letter. While informed, constructive criticism is always welcome, I can find no basis in fact for you alarmist concern that "large areas of open field [are] turning into a thicket filled-wilderness that is neither open fields or forest."

Are we talking about the same place?

At least once a year, my crew and I mow every field — in its entirety — at World's End. What I think you are mistaking as neglect is actually a relatively new field management approach which involves delaying and staggering our field mowing program. As you astutely noted, rural landscapes are rapidly being lost all across the state. Consequently, open field wildlife habitat — dominated by grasses and wildflowers — is also being lost…and so are those birds, insects, and mammals which intimately depend upon it food, shelter, or nesting. By delaying and staggering our mowing program, we can use World's End compensate — in some small way — for this loss of open field, and, equally importantly, still preserve the scenic and historic character of Olmsted's unique landscape. As a member of the Trustees, you are well aware that our mission is three-fold: to protect the scenic, historic, and ecological resources of our now 80 reservations across the state.

As a nonprofit conservation organization, The Trustees of Reservations depend upon the support and good will of the public to carry out our mission. I only wish you had taken a few minutes to call me first before firing off copies of your letter to every newspaper. Hopefully, those who read your *Letter to the Editor* will also read mine, if not, your mistaken notion of what you perceive to be happening at World's End will prevail, making it even more difficult for my crew and I to take care of the very landscape you care so much about.

Al Yalenezian
Superintendent, World's End
The Trustees of Reservations

Editor's note: Mr. Yalenezian sent a copy of his letter to the Cohasset Mariner for publication. It is in response to Mr. Losordo's letter which was printed last week.

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Feasting at the Greek Festival

Taverna!

Staff photos by
Alan Chapman



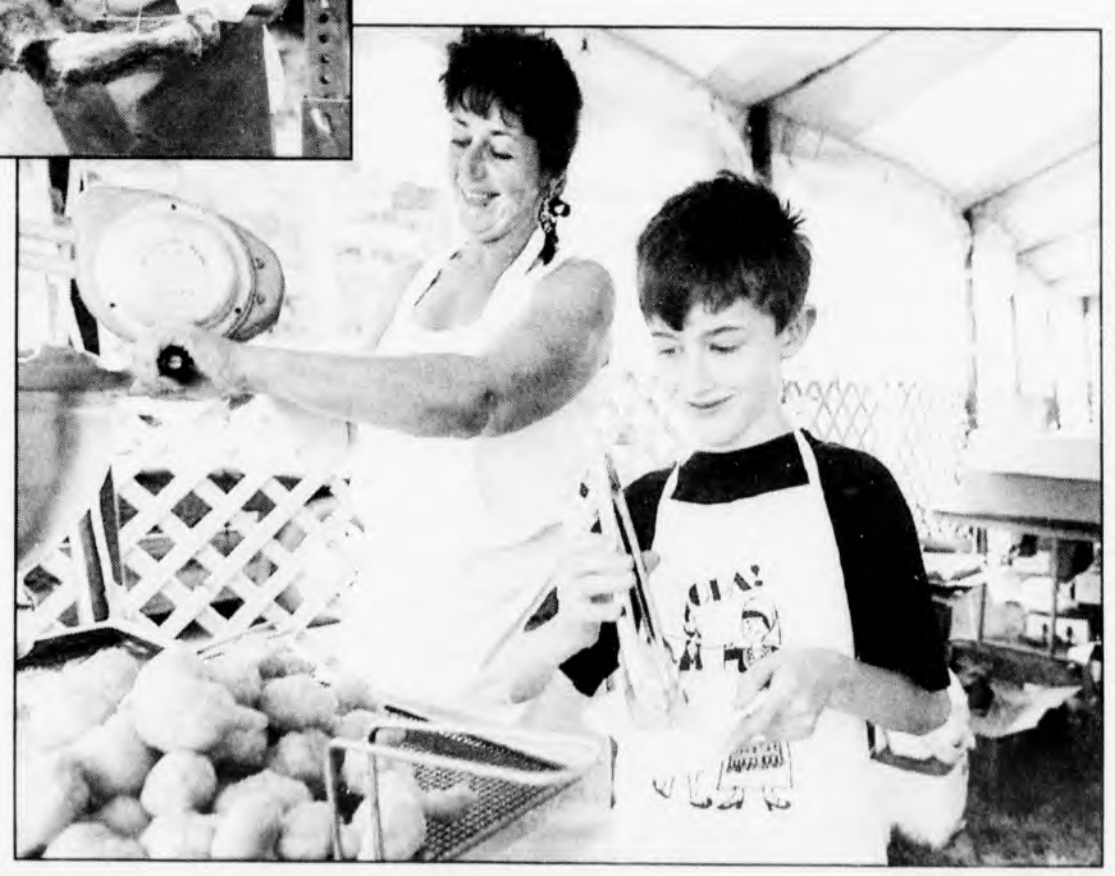




Top of page. Phyllis Barkos and Zina Keramiothiou enjoy the food, fun and camaraderie at the annual Taverna held over the holiday weekend. Above, Demetra Booras and Demetra Pappas serve the baklava. At left, Peter Tassiopoulos bastes the lamb used in many of the succulent Greek dishes.



Above, Donna Rumble dances in traditional garb at the annual Taverna at the Greek Orthodox Church on Jerusalem Road. Far right, Luke Casey prepares loukoumathes on angel puffs with his mother, Deborah. At right, Sara Johnson applauds the Greek dancers, who included her mother.



Quonset huts condos' design is scrutinized

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a more frequent basis.

"This is a personal financial setback," he said. "However, I'm confident that the design board will be sensitive to my continuing financial hardship and schedule a meeting as soon as possible."

Murphy left Monday's meeting after the zoning board said it would take the matter under advisement.

Hence, he was not present during the board's deliberations later that evening when the zoning board refused to modify the variance to allow a cosmetic roof overhang to intrude about three feet into the 13-foot sideline setback on building one. Plans are to house the five condos in three buildings.

Calling it "barracks-like" board members also trashed the look of the new design which incorporates a double-gabled roof effect. The old plan featured large sloping roofs on the buildings.

"It's much uglier," said member Benjamin Lacy.

Members said they preferred the design of the original architect, Jim Shipsky, who made the condominiums look like five different dwellings, they said. Last November, the zoning board reached a settlement with former owner Noel Collins and approved his plans to raze the Quonset huts and build five condominiums at the site.

This week they said their approval was tied to Shipsky's design.

"I am truly disappointed," said member Barbara Power while noting that a new owner is allowed to have his own architect.

Earlier, Murphy — who bought the 54,000 square-foot site recently for $575,000 from Collins — pointed out that his plans do not increase the footprint of any of the buildings. He also rotated the building, which will house units four and five, to provide more than the 16-feet required between that building and the middle building. In an apparent error, the previous plans actually showed only 12 feet between the buildings.

Murphy said he realizes design is a very subjective matter but was surprised the zoning board took such a negative view.

"I realize what is a rose to you could be a dandelion to me," Murphy said. "But I've had nothing but positive feedback from abutters and potential buyers."

Murphy said he had hoped to raze the Quonset huts this week and start framing the structures in August.

"This (zoning board decision) puts everything on hold," said Murphy, adding he was about to call the design review board chairman, Gordon Hislop, to urge him to call a meeting as soon as possible.

The condos will sell in the $420,000 to $490,000 range, Murphy said. There will be two double units and a single unit.

Neighbors, who were all contacted by registered letter, offered no objections to the new design.

Whiton House lease inked

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said. "But every inch will be renovated. We're bringing in all new furniture and all new fixtures," she said.

By arrangement, A.W. Perry will repair and repaint the exterior to fit Siro's chocolate brown and white color scheme. The building is now gray with white trim and a pastel pink front door. Henriksen said she wanted white and no trim to "fit in with the other houses on Main Street." The door, the new awning and the sign will be brown.

Henriksen also has plans to bring back outdoor dining on the patio eventually, but that will probably not happen the first year. She is also holding off on scheduling wedding parties for the "back yard," a spacious lawn ringed by trees.

The Hingham location was the second in the area she considered. This spring she lost her bid to buy the Chart House in Cohasset. It was sold to Peter Roy. The news about the Hingham deal probably means no Siro's for Cohasset since she is building her third establishment in Braintree. The last Siro's is coming next spring.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Flower boxes look super

To the Editor:

Have you noticed the great looking flower boxes in front of the stores in the Village?

Well, a big thank you goes out to the members and friends of the Village Renaissance Committee: Jackie Dormitzer, Anna Abbruzzese, Anne Whelan, Mary Flaherty, AnneÕs sister and a true look alike, and Sarah Murphy for ensuring the flowers have enough water during the summer.

The various merchants purchased the flowers and these dedicated individuals contributed their valuable time and energy to plant them. Their generosity is so important, yet it can be easily overlooked.

We appreciate their continuous commitment over the years to maintain a sense of pride and energy in our Village environment. As you see them around town, please let them know what a great job they are doing!

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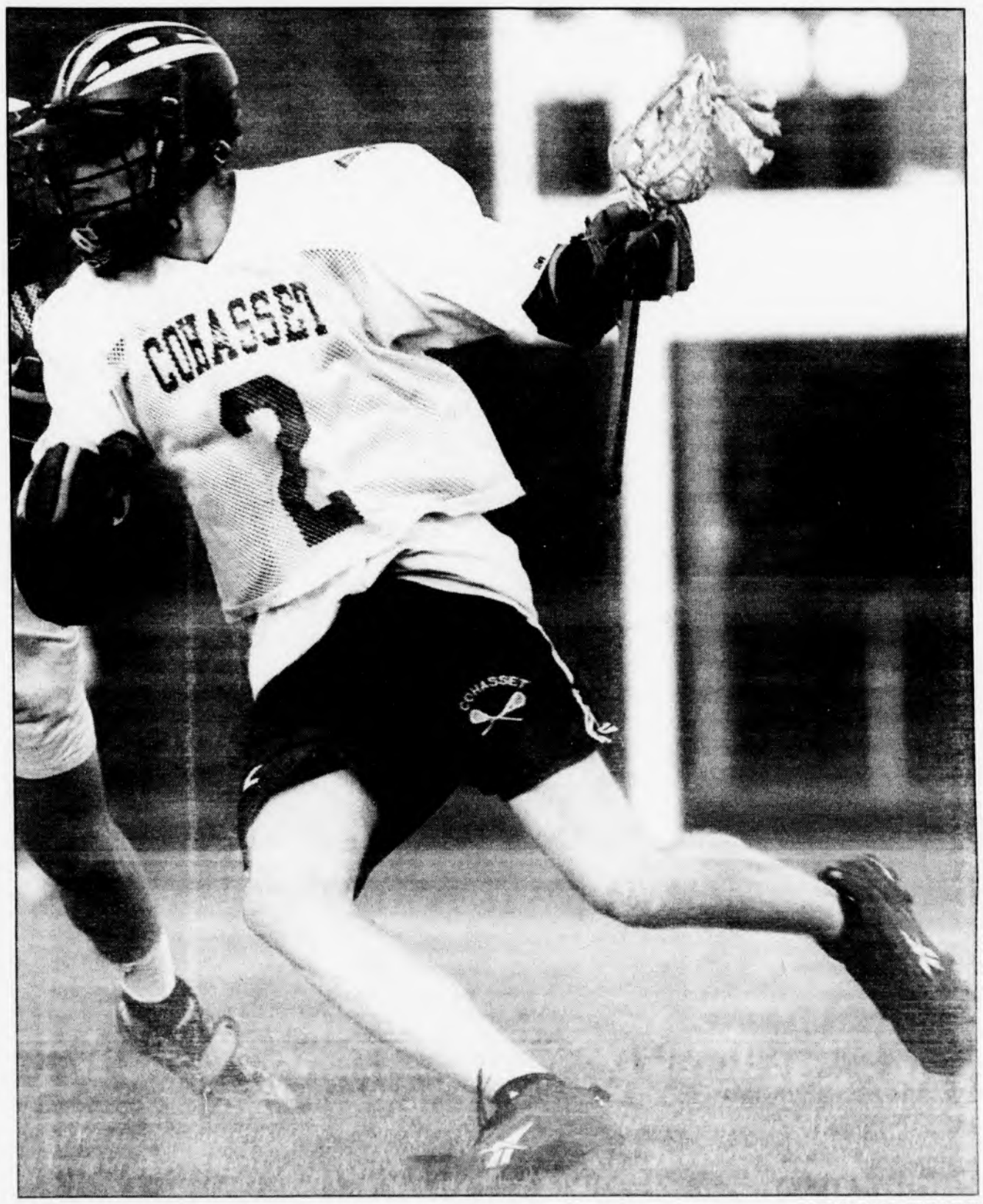
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Jaime Buick recently completed a stellar career at Cohasset High, taking over as a leader on both the lacrosse and football squads. The attack forward will be taking his lacrosse skills to Ohio-Wesleyan in the fall.

'Snake' Buick was a driving force at CHS

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

When writing a profile article, it's helpful, and customary, to focus on one characteristic of the athlete, and focus on that characteristic throughout the article. When writing and article about Jamie Buick, focusing on one characteristic would not only be a disservice to the reader, but also impossible.

The article first started keyed in on Buick's grace and effortlessness on the playing field. After discussing Buick with his friend and teammate Justin Golden the focus shifted to his modesty and attitude towards sports. Later, thinking about his accomplishments and talent, those became too big to leave un-credited. Finally, I arrived at the conclusion that my only options were to either not write the article at all, or try to bumble through a description which could not possibly do justice to the enigma that is Buick in six hundred words.

Not that Snake (his movement on the field is similar to the gliding, slithering, reptile) was any help.

When asked about his sixty six point lacrosse season, a fantastic total for a player on a sub .500 team. And how he performed this season, Buick replied "Pretty well" but only after much coaxing.

Questioned as to whether or not he wanted to say anything further about his season, Buick responded simply, "Nope." Which brings us to the subject of modesty.

Well-liked by his teammates, Buick is often complimented on his play. His usual reaction is a bashful smile and self-depreciating laugh, followed by a compliment on the admirer's play. Golden marveled at Buick's persona.

"Jamie has more modesty and character than anyone I have ever played with. In my opinion, modesty and character are the two most important qualities an athlete must have," said Golden.

Golden's comment was on target, and these qualities became apparent as Snake was named a captain on both the football team and the lacrosse team. Of course, personality goes a long way, but, when combined with skill and ability, the result can be fun to sit back and watch.

Buick was voted best athlete in a senior class which included a 1,000 point-scoring basketball player and a nationally-ranked, All-American swimmer. As impressive as his sixty-six points this year seem, they pale when compared to last year's mind-blowing 103 points. This year, because the team was not as talented, defenses were able to spend more of their energy containing, or trying to contain the Snake.

Nonetheless, he was voted the Pil-

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Cohasset swim team opens with a big win

Grab those goggles, the Cohasset swim team opened another season with a win at the Knights of Columbus, Scituate, July 3. The final score was 343 to 278. Spirits were high as veteran swimmers mixed with newcomers. Long-time champ Kate O'Brien stressed the importance of encouraging freshmen swimmers and being a mentor, which is all part of the reason why Cohasset has such a consistently strong team. Welcome to all new swimmers!

The next swim meet will be at home Wednesday, July 8, at 8 a.m., followed by a second home meet this week Friday, July 10, at 1 p.m. against the Scituate YMCA. The Marshfield meet will be a real challenge since this is a year-round, developmental team. Get that adrenaline flowing, Cohasset!

Head coach Allison Hughes, a top swimmer in New England and a standout performer for Boston College, returns this summer. Allison's goals for the season are to have swimmers improve stroke techniques and timings and to give everyone an opportunity to participate in a competitive sport. Most of all, she hopes that everyone has fun. Assisting Allison this year is coach Greg Bilton who started his swimming career at the Cohasset Swim Center and went on to achieve national and New England titles. Keep a look out for a special Mariner article on Greg.

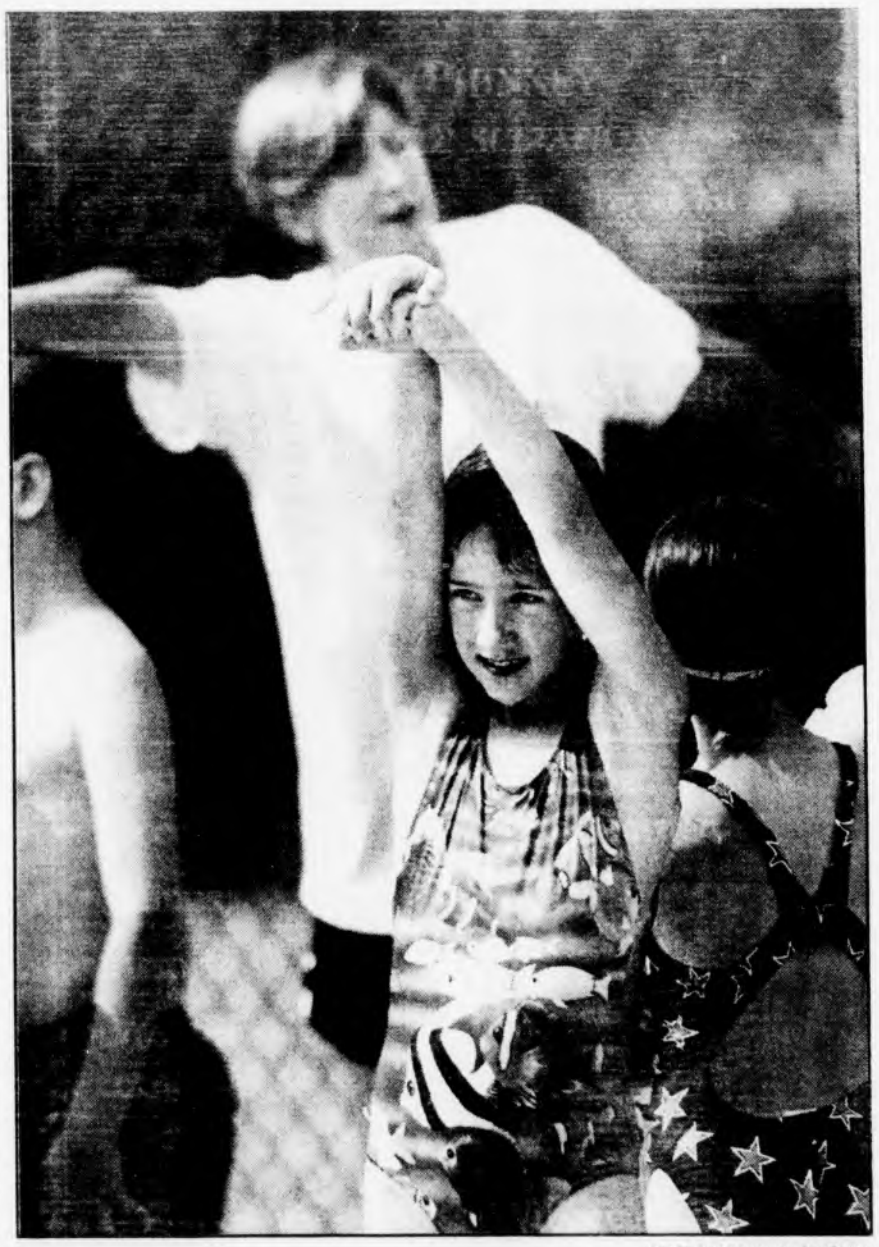
Each week this article will include some swimmers' tips. Younger competitors should avoid diving deep. Stick with a surface dive and break into your stroke quickly. Mid-group swimmers should aim to keep the head straight without too much movement in order to keep the body in line. Older swimmers need to keep their personal goal times in mind and make sure that they do not disqualify on a technical issue.

While some Cohasset swimmers winced as they scraped their toes on the shallow end of the K of C pool during the home stretch or scrunched up to make those flip turns in 3 feet of water, everyone braved the elements to achieve the win. Here are the results from last Friday's meet against the Knights of Columbus:

In the boys 8 and Under Medley Relay, the team of Alexander Hunt, Chase, Wesley Ulmer and Cameron Cunningham came in first, and the team of Chris Kuppens, Cliff Musto, Trip Harper and Jon Drybanski came in fourth.

In the girls 8 and Under Medley Relay the team of Alyssa Campbell, Abby Markert, Megan Sacks and Emma Hernan came in first, and the team of Meg Anderson, Rebecca Dickinson, Samantha Lehr and Sally Meehan came in third.

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

May McCarthy practices her diving form under the watchful eye of instructor Allison Hughes during a recent practice for the Cohasset eight-and-under swimming team.

Fishing is easy when you have the blues

The sun warmed our arms as we sliced squid into halves, preparing to bait our 6/0 Octopus hooks. The float rocked gently from the movement of other anglers, eager to find the best position.

THE FISH STORY



MARK TRASK

Shannon was using a 12-foot Ugly-Stik surf rod fitted out with a Penn 704Z reel. A large enough rig to tangle with the best of stripers.

My Penn Spinfisher, a 12-foot conventional rigged rod with an Abu-Garcia 7000 reel and a full fresh load of 30-pound Davron line. Shortly a pair of sweet dripping pieces of squid were sailing through the air on a short arc towards Frank Carey's boatyard.

The swift current boiling out over the Gulph River falls picked up the tiny baits and swept them down toward the Carthouse. Halfway to the Margie, bails clicked over and the squids settled into the swirl in a long sinking arc. Little marsh gnats kept us company as a dozen anglers performed an angling ballet of casting, retrieving and rebaiting in a too small area.

Slowly I inch away from the falls, lifting my bait occasionally from hungry crabs, WHAM! The rod tip arced towards the foamy water and then back hard as I set the hook. When I felt the fish shooting about below, I called to Shannon to come over and reel it in.

She lay the 12-foot Ugly onto the deck and nervously took over my rod, seeking control as the hooked fish below zoomed to and fro berserkly.

After a couple minutes of pumping and reeling, the fish swirled on the surface 20 feet out. The leader wrapped firmly around my hand as I hoisted all 22 dripping inches clear of the briny. A pair of needlenose pliers was needed to disgorge the hook and the silvery striper was back in the harbor, ready to capture another easy meal.

We'd moved to the end of the dock to make way for a lobsterboat unloading a day's catch. This time I heard Shannon say, "Whoa," and watched her rod bend into a bow, the tip bobbing hard.

"Set the hook," I whispered, and she gave it a good pull, which was answered by a whirr of drag. She kept the rodtip up and after five minutes another striper was in sight on the surface. The late afternoon sun beamed as did her smile as she lifted her first striper for all to see.

A few hundred yards off Pt. Allerton, Kevin Conway was trolling a 9er rig. A 42-inch striper shot out of the depths and slammed the rig hard. The bass tipped the scale at 22 pounds 10 ounces.

A customer was in picking out some fake shads to dress his trolling rig. "These are great," he said. "Last time out I had three bass whack the rig simultaneously. Talk about pandemonium on board!"

Liza Parker of Cohasset flipped a mackerel chunk into the wash around the Willies. A hungry 18-pound 8-ounce, 38-inch striper gulped her bait. Pete Flaherty cruised in early Independence Day with a 47-inch linesider to weigh. Tube and seaworm, Pete's trademark fishing method did the trick again. The fish dropped the scale to 33 pounds and 8 ounces.

Commercial season started at midnight July 5 and the rush for bait was on. Seaworms were scarce due to short tides and the monsoon rains only compounded the situation. Most distributors were only able to get a tenth of their normal orders.

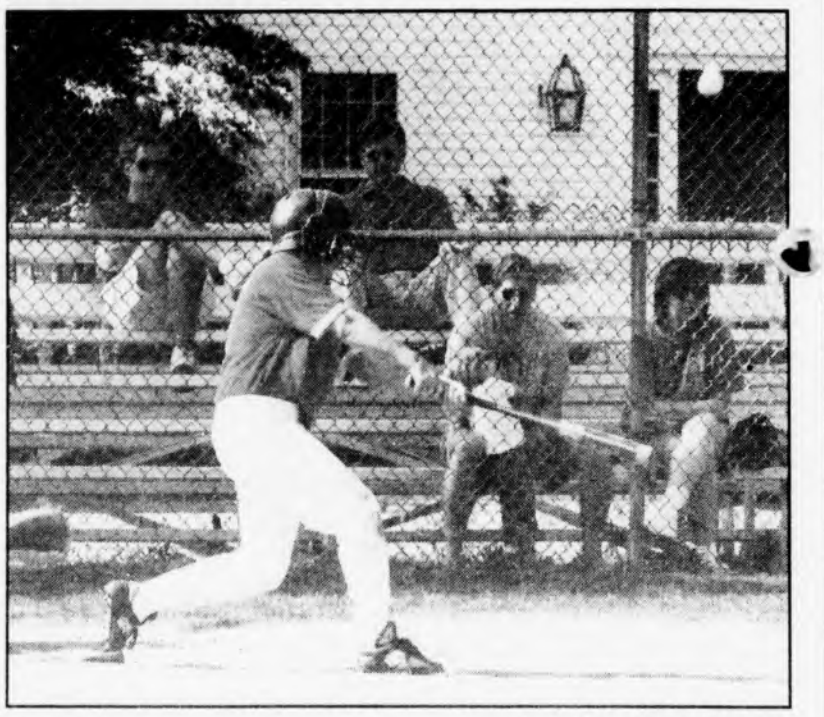
Pogies, mackerel, squid, herring and clams filled the gap for many. Pete had a good start according to the manager of the Anchorage. All I could come up with were schoolies. Ah, but in a few short years those schoolies will be keepers!

Bluefish are once again setting anglers abuzz in the area. A fairly steady school has been trolled and popped over just off Strawberry Point. These wicked fighters have been taking deep running Rapala Magnums, bright Hoochy Trolls and bait destined for stripers.

Further off several boats have been reporting seeing huge schools of blues on the surface. Super thick was one report. Another reported the blues just sank away as they approached. Some easterly breezes midweek ought to bring them within reasonable range.

Catch one that's hard to carry!

KING OF SWING



STAFF PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

John Oronte of the Cardinals takes his best Mark McGwire swing in local little league action.

'Snake' Buick was a driving force at CHS

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grim Conference's best attack man and named a Pilgrim Conference All-Star for the second consecutive year. Next fall Buick will bring his talents and his inimitable style to Ohio-Wesleyan University, where he will undoubtedly excel on the lacrosse squad.

Watching Buick play football or lacrosse or until this year, basketball, is similar to watching a Gretzky, a Jordan, or a Griffey. The spectator marvels that the amount of visible effort does not seen to match the level of performance. Buick's loping strides and graceful hang time sometimes appear to be coordinated with a full symphony.

Last fall, he undertook the ludicrous task of being a receiving tight end while playing with a broken hand. Never complaining, Snake was the team's most dangerous offensive weapon even inspiring Coach Silvia to name a ply for him, Snakepass. But Buick's best sport is lacrosse, and his talent was never more apparent than during last winter's indoor lacrosse season, at the South Shore Center.

Snake seemed to toy with his opponents. Behind-the-back shots, behind-the-head- shots were the norm. On one particular play, near the end of the half, Buick took a long pass from goalie Keith DeVito. As he leapt, he was sandwiched by two defenders, and hit by the goalie, who had charged out of the net.

Buick landed and, stunned, prepared to shoot. By this time, the goalie had responded and smashed Buick with a helmet-on-helmet check. As the Snake went down, he fired an overhand shot, which found the back of the net. Quite simply, and amazing play. Two year linemate Ted Goff recalled a play this spring in which Buick feigned bringing the ball out from in front of the opponent's net, then slung a no-look, behind the back pass to Goff, who put it home for the goal.

"Snake make a hard game so easy. He was just fun to play with," remarked Goff.

Trying to capture the essence of such a versatile, talented athlete in one article was tough, and this reporter isn't up to the job. But, hopefully, the reader will gain a vague appreciation for a genuine nice guy, loping gazelle-like down a lacrosse field, dodging defenders, and gracefully flicking a no-look crank shot into the net's upper left corner.

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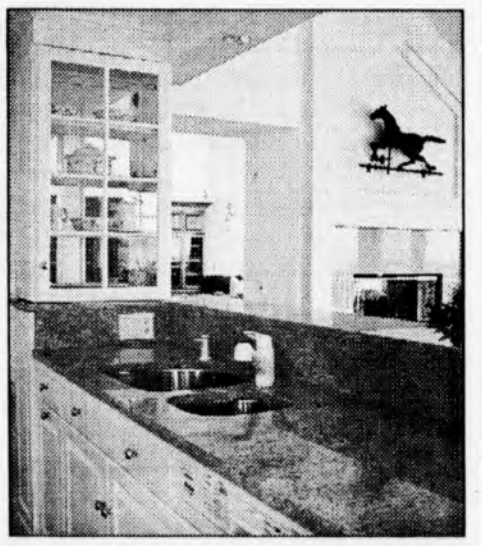


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Games host Cohasset's top amateur athletes

Bay State Games kick off July 16

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Enough with all this summer fun, go wake grandma and the kids because it's time to get serious. Get the burgers and hot dogs off the grill and strap on your soccer cleats. It's time for the 1998 edition of the Bay State Summer Games.

Cohasset will be well represented at the 17th annual Olympic-style athletic competition designed for the best that the amateur sports scene has to offer as a place to showcase their talents. The 10-day sports festival kicks off on Thursday, July 16 with a special opening ceremony at the FleetCenter beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Special guest speakers scheduled for the evening will include U.S. Gold medal winning hockey player and Harvard student A.J. Mleczko as well as Boston Globe sports columnist Dan Shaughnessy.

Mleczko's appearance coincides with the addition of the 23rd sport to the games this year, girls' scholastic ice hockey.

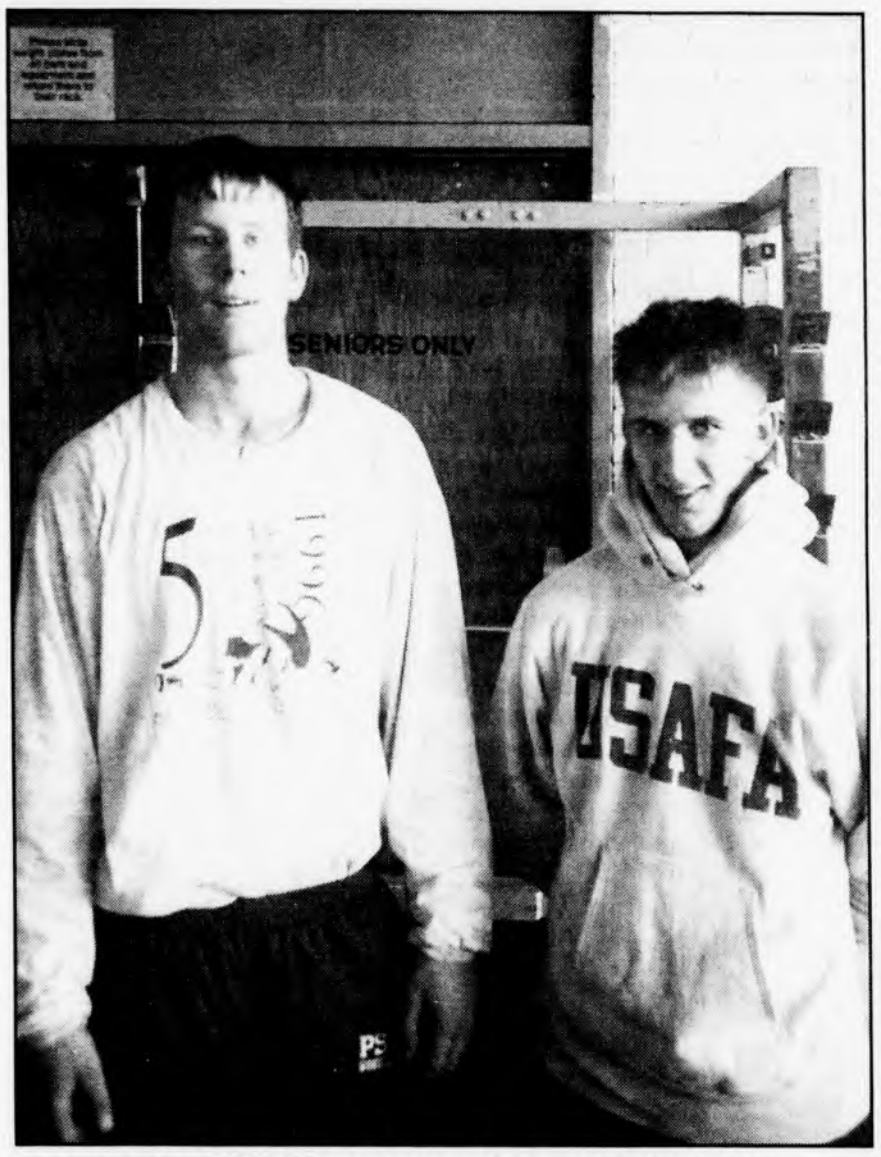
"The success of the U.S. Women's Hockey team in Nagano has had a huge impact on the number of female athletes interested in ice hockey and is a major reason why it was added to this year's competition," said Kris Hultgren of the Bay State Games.

In particular, it most probable that the eyes of Cohasset will be focused upon the gymnastics division as well as on the wrestling mats.

The young gymnastic trio of Carlie Carter, Caitlin Flint and Kristin Sheerin will all be taking a tumble or two in order to pick up a little Bay State gold.

All 13-year's-old, Carter and Flint will be competing in the junior division while Sheerin will be giving it her all as a scholastic competitor.

The CHS varsity grappling squad will be represented by Craig Sheerin, J.P. Laugelle, Luke Caldwell and Mike Baird, all of whom will be doing battle in the scholastic division.



Luke Caldwell and Mike Baird are just two of a number of athletes from Cohasset that will be competing in the upcoming Bay State Games.

Not to be left out, 15-year-old John Crowley-Buck will also be representing Cohasset in the scholastic diving competition

Established in 1982, the Bay State Games was started to promote and nurture opportunities for personal development through amateur sports.

Over 110,000 athletes have competed in the games since its start.

Rockland High School senior Rich Cormier was honored as one of the winners of the Bell Atlantic Future Scholarship winners last Thursday on Bay State Games Night at Fenway Park.

Cormier, a returning varsity player on the RHS basketball team, was honored for his contributions to his community as well as for his work in the classroom and on the playing field.

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Cohasset swim team opens with a win over Scituate

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In the girls 10 and Under Medley Relay the team of Caitlin Sanchez, Caren Garber, Lindsay Durkin, and Lisa Musto came in first, and the team of Vanessa Plante, Daley, Melissa Crowley-Buck and Mary Previte came in third.

In the Boys 12 and Under Medley Relay the team of Will McCarthy, Bryan Bilton, Chris Flynn and Jake Previte came in first, and the team of Kayvon Tehranian, Colin Regan, Chris Simms and Evan Sacks came in third.

In the girls 12 and Under Medley Relay the team of Elisa Jerome, Sarah Lambert, Rebecca Lehr and Jenna Larson came in first, and the team of Ashley Faber, Yasmine Afshar, Rachel Garber and Casey Anderson came in second.

In the boys 17 and Under Medley Relay the team of Scott Faber, John Crowley-Buck, Chris Golden and Alex Berg came in second, and the team of Kevin Roach, David Crowley-Buck, Jon Grimm and David Ingber came in fourth.

In the girls 17 and Under Medley Relay the team of Alexis Bugley, Kate Grimm, Kate O'Brien and Ashley Ulmer came in second, and the team of Anna Roche, Julie Shea, Arianna Dedes and Caroline Carter came in fourth.

In the boys 8 and Under Free Relay the team of Harper, Chase, Drybanski, and Hunt came in second, and the team of LeMaire Grimm, Porter and Kenny Muir came in fourth.

In the girls 8 and Under Free Relay the team of Meghan Sacks, Abby Markert, Emma Hernan and Alyssa Campbell came in first, and the team of Baugmartin, Fortin, Regan and Spelman came in third.

In the boys 10 and Under Free Relay the team of McCarthy, Markert, Nick Zappolo and Parker Berg came in first, and the team of Bryce Rafferty, Mike Pecca, Kevin Roach and Nils Sceery came in third.

In the girls 10 and under Free Relay the team of Lindsay Durkin, Shalea Daley, Caren Garber, and Lisa Musto came in first, and the team of Michelle Madge, Christie Muir, Charlotte Sida and Emilie Shea came in fourth.

In the boys 12 and Under Free Relay the team of Jake Previte, Chris Flynn, Will McCarthy and Bryan Bilton came in first, and the team of Colin Regan, Jon Grimm, Chris Simmons and Kayvon Tehranian came in third.

In the girls 12 and Under Free Relay the team of Yasmine Afshar, Ashley Faber, Emily Simmons and Casey Anderson came in first, and the team of Jacqueline Chase, Muir, Delia Regan and Nicole Turgiss came in third.

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In the girls 17 and Under Free Relay the team of Ashley Ulmer, Arianna Dedes, Caroline Carter and Kate Grimm came in second, and the team of Alexis Bugley, Laura Kondrat, S. Maley and Anna Roche came in third.

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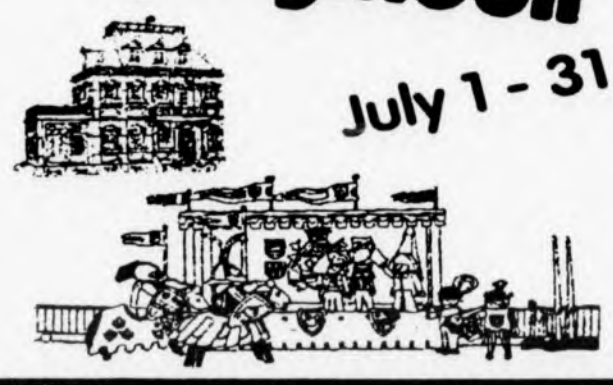
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	3. Cory Faber	3. E. Shea
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	2. Colin Regan	2. C. Anderson
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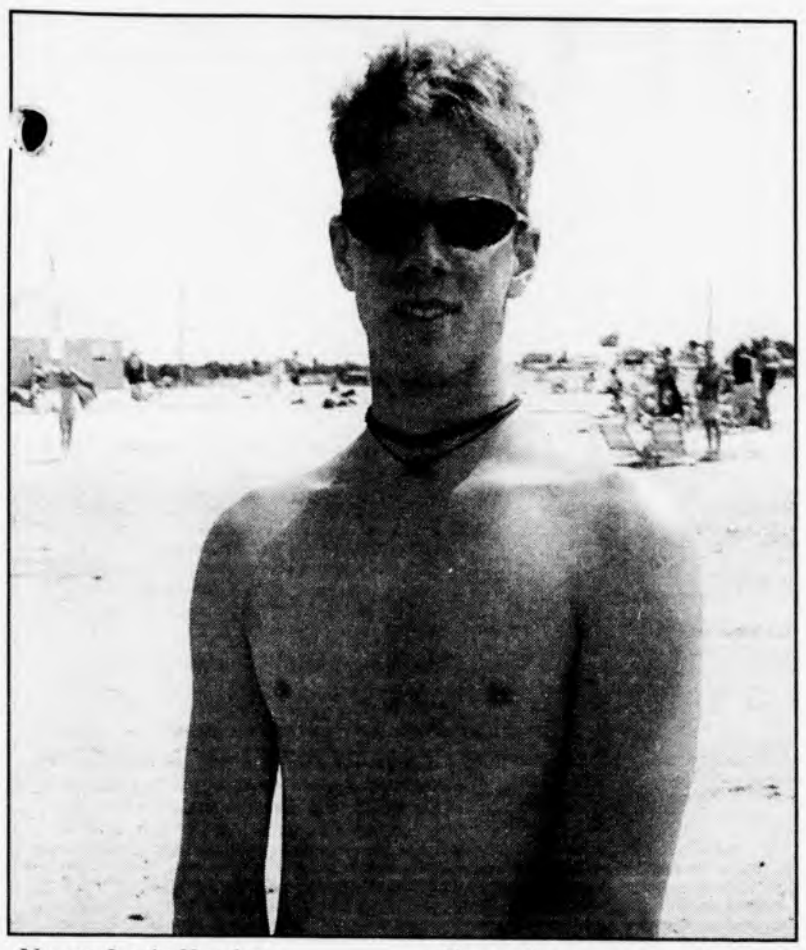
Registrations for South Shore Soccer Camp have begun for boys and girls ages 8 to 18. This is the South Shore Soccer Camp's eighth year of operation in Cohasset. If you are interested in registering, it is suggested that you contact the Cohasset Recreation Department; first floor, Town Hall, or call 383-4109. Brochures and registration forms are available at the recreation office.

South Shore soccer will be offered to both boys and girls during the week of Monday through Friday, Aug. 3 to 7, and Aug. 10 to 14.

Should a camper wish to attend both camps, this is now possible. In order to choose the week of camp you desire, early registration is advised as both camps must be restricted in number.

Camp meets daily, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cohasset's Miliken Field. The cost for the camp is $195 per week and discounts for multiple weeks and subsequent children are available. South Shore soccer camp represents topflight training, delivered by top college and high school coaches and players for the New England area.

PICTURE THIS



Name: Jamie Kondrat

Occupation: Lifeguard at Sandy Beach and junior at Fairfield University.

Goal: To maintain safety at Sandy Beach.

Best vacation: Every summer vacation from school.

Best day of your life: It hasn't happened yet.

Biggest worry: Not being successful.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving.

Favorite season: Summer.

Favorite TV show: EPSN Sports Center.

Favorite movie: Anything with John Candy.

Favorite book: "Machiavelli."

Favorite junk food: Snowballs.

Most embarrassing moment: Falling off my bike in a crowd!

Person you'd most like to meet: James Taylor.

Pet peeve: People who wear really big sunglasses.

IT'S HAPPENING

'Sleeping Beauty' sign-ups

The Cohasset Recreation Department will hold Music Circus registrations for "Sleeping Beauty" Thursday, July 9. The Music Circus children's show registrations will be open to children in the playground program and the show date for "Sleeping Beauty" is Thursday, July 23.

Music Circus registrations are held at the recreation office, first floor, Town Hall. Registrations will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 7 p.m. All tickets for the Music Circus are $5.25.

Registrations are held each Thursday according to the above times, two weeks prior to the actual show date. The next registration, for "Beauty and the Beast" will be held Thursday, July 16.

Senior Center happenings

Keep these dates in mind...

- July 10 — Caregivers' Support Group — at the air-conditioned Senior Center
- July 22 — Boat Ride to Boston on Harbor Express — luncheon at the Marriott Hotel, $11.95

Yet to come — tickets will be available to Ragtime. Saturday matinee on March 27, 1999. Deposit of $25 will hold your place.

The Senior Center is filled with activities for July:

- Water Aerobics Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 a.m. at the Cohasset Town Pool.
- Step Aerobics Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 a.m.
- Transportation to the Farmers' Market is available every week.
- Drop In Bridge every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

COA Board meeting July 13, 8:30 a.m. Please call the Senior Center at 383-9112 for registering all activities.

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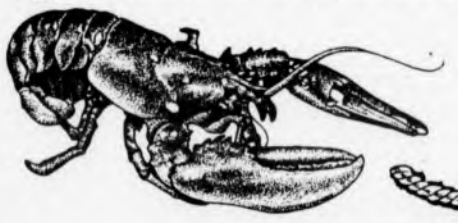
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Attractive WWWF, 58, height and weight proportionate. Would like to meet someone honest, caring and friendly, to date and go on from there. ☎ *30020*

Bubbly, plus-sized SWF, professional, 45, 5'3", nonsmoker, nondrinker, like fresh air, sunshine, walks with the dogs, sharing good sense of humor, honesty and commitment. Middleboro area. ☎ *30003*

Catholic SWF, 52, 5'2", slightly stocky build. Enjoy bowling, walking, reading and going out for dinner. Seeking a S/DWM, 35-55, n/s, light drinker, for friendship and possibly more. ☎ *30025*

Confident and secure SWF, retired, 50, 5'6", 112 lbs, busy, secure and happy. Looking for the same in a nonsmoking, professional Male, 45-58. ☎ *30028*

Dreamer desired by SF, 43, trim, active, creative writer. Seeking in shape SM, 40-50, 5'10"+, who enjoys bicycling, the beach and weekend fun. Must be openhearted and ready for anything. ☎ *30000*

Elaine seeking Jerry/Kramer combo. SWF, social drinker, smoker, seeking SWM, 36-40, with a great sense of humor and big strong arms for bear hugs, enjoys movies, dining out and laughter. ☎ *30015*

Feeling old, lonely and in need of a friend. Attractive, active and mature DWF, 60s, enjoy poetry, movies and dining out. Seeking a tall, humorous Man, 60s, n/s, n/d. ☎ *30017*

Female, 50+, enjoy gardening, the beach, fishing, dinner and dancing. Seeking a S/DWM, 50s, with same interests. ☎ *30001*

Friendly, full-figured Female, 41, nonsmoker, social drinker, love animals, country music, volunteering and being outside. Seeking a mature Man who has similar interests. Kids ok. ☎ *30040*

Full-figured beauty SWF, 29, 5'8", ISO a kind-hearted, stable SM, 29-40, for cuddling and conversation. Sincerity and honesty are musts. ☎ *30039*

Grounded Tinker Bell looking for Peter Pan. Female, 45, self-employed professional, 5'10" 125 lbs, enjoy outdoor playing adventures. Harley riders ok. No Captain Hook types. Nonsmoker, non-drinker. ☎ *30018*

Hoping to find an honest and sincere Male, 40-60. I'm a SWF in my early 40s, who's 5'4" and 115 lbs. I like movies and beaches. ☎ *30034*

Lively WWWF, 5'3", brown/brown, part-time nanny. Enjoy oldies, dancing, dining out, beach walks and drives. Seeking a S/D/WWWM, 50-60. Hope to hear from you. ☎ *30029*

Romantic Lady, early 50s, medium build, enjoy Cape Cod, travel, beaches, et cetera. Looking for a sincere, nonsmoking, romantic SM for partner. ☎ *30022*

Seeking Mister Right. SWF, 22, 5'3", brown/brown. Seeking a SWM, 18-30, who doesn't do drugs and likes to do fun things. ☎ *30031*

Single, humorous, attractive blonde, mid-50s, 5'5", 125 lbs, enjoy all aspects of life. Seeking slender Gentleman, 5'10"+, who communicates well, to take my hand so we can walk through life together. ☎ *30016*

SWF, 55, looking for someone to share times with. ☎ *30002*

SWF, brown hair, brown eyes, enjoy dining, sports and dancing. Seeking a SWM, 40-62, for possible companionship and relationship. ☎ *30014*

61-year-old Lady, brown/hazel, young-at-heart, like simple things in life, walks on the beach, movies, et cetera. Looking for a long-term relationship with an honest, sincere Man. ☎ *40112*

A special heart! I'm 39, attractive, brown/blue, slim, disabled. I love dancing, talking, quiet times and just having fun. Seeking nice-looking Guy, 36-40, with an open mind and big heart, to share friendship, possible relationship. Take a chance! ☎ *40036*

A way to a Man's heart... SJF, 30s, passionate, attractive, athletic, professional. Seeking a great Guy, 38+, with similar qualities, for summer fun including weekends hiking in Maine, picnics at the beach, exploring quaint inns and restaurants. ☎ *35017*

Adam's rib, shapely, passionate, warm DWF, 59, 5'2", seeking an affectionate, bright, educated, confident and down-to-earth WM, 55-65. ☎ *40096*

Adventurous, active, petite DWF, 48, blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoy sailing, wind surfing, skiing, dining, traveling, dancing, intelligence honesty and humor. Seeking a compatible friend. ☎ *40008*

Alluring attorney, pretty, petite, very pretty, very thin SJF, 40s, classy, sincere, fit and feminine, enjoy tennis. Seeking an intelligent, fit, successful and handsome Man with integrity. ☎ *35002*

Are we ready now? We raised our children, settled in our careers. Are we ready now? Framingham area SWF, 41, 5'10", seeking tall, handsome, mature SBM who's rooted and strong, wants to commit to another level in life, enjoys picnics to evening wear. ☎ *40030*

Are you a JM seeking a steamy, romantic relationship with an attractive, affectionate JF, 40s? Why wait? Let's enjoy what life has to offer! ☎ *35006*

Attractive, athletic, active Female, 30s, brown hair and eyes, very fit, petite, healthy and confident. Enjoy exercise, tennis, kids, movies, dancing, reading, a good sense of humor. Seeking attractive S/DWM, 28-40, 5'9"+, n/s, with similar interests. ☎ *35000*

Attractive, petite DWF, young 47, intelligent, fun and love to dance. Looking for the same in a Male. Boston area. ☎ *35013*

Attractive White Female, 41, 5'2", 145 lbs, blonde/hazel, seeking a good-looking, free-spirited, animal-loving, jeans wearing, Harley Davidson kind of Guy. ☎ *35024*

Attractive, caring WJF, 60s, financially independent and full of fun. Love tennis, golf, bridge, travel and whatever. Seeking a Gentleman with a good sense of humor. ☎ *35005*

Attractive, young 52, no children. Love the outdoors, day trips and conversation. Seeking a fit, positive, honest, nonsmoking Gentleman for a long-term relationship. ☎ *40025*

Attractive redhead, 41, look 31, fit, intelligent, like alternative and progressive rock. Seeking a hip Male, 38 plus, average height and weight, with hair. ☎ *40024*

Attractive, affectionate, outgoing redhead, 46, 5'3", 140 lbs, professional, enjoy mountain views, walks in the woods, ocean waves, books, theater and music. Seeking Male with positive sense of self and humor, for friendship and more. ☎ *40004*

Attractive 52-year-old Woman looking for a Male companion who will accept a warm, outdoorsy animal lover who's willing to give kindness, honesty and friendship. ☎ *40031*

Attractive, easygoing. Why is an attractive, professional, slender, 30-year-old mom of one looking for a date? Well, if you're an attractive, tall, professional Male, 32-40, please give me a call and find out! ☎ *40003*

Attractive, slim, upbeat SWF, enjoy life in the city, many interests. Seeking a professional, financially secure SWM, 55-60s, nonsmoker, with similar interests. ☎ *40019*

Attractive and classy. DWF flight attendant, 38, 5'5", 110 lbs, blonde, upbeat, positive, love golf, boating and tennis. Seeking a stable, attractive, sensitive SWM soulmate, 38-55, for a long-term relationship. ☎ *40132*

Attractive BF, 25, 5'5", short black hair, beautiful brown eyes, intelligent, independent, down-to-earth, fun-loving. Love cooking, travel and movies. Seeking a down-to-earth, adventurous, intelligent, hardworking, sincere, nonsmoking WM. No drugs. ☎ *40134*

Attractive, slim SWF, 39, ISO a nice, attractive, fit and outgoing SBM, 35-45, with a sense of humor, who enjoys travel and sports. ☎ *40138*

Austin Female, 56, 5'11", short black hair, brown eyes, people say I look like Liz Walker (Channel 4 News Lady). Seeking a WM for friendship, maybe more. ☎ *40129*

Azure, alizarin, uncultivated August wildflower, early fifth generative decade, seeking spirited self-aware, adventurous complement to develop unique, prized hybrid. ☎ *35003*

Beautiful JF, 42, 5'3", 110 lbs, fit, love the finer things in life, all that nature has to offer. Seeking handsome, fit, financially secure JM, 38-50, who likes himself. Metro West. ☎ *40017*

Black Afro queen, petite, attractive and full of life. Seeking a handsome, sincere, caring, healthy, professional Male for short walks and movies. ☎ *35034*

Blonde SWF, 38, attractive medical professional, enjoy healthy lifestyle, outdoor and social activities, extended family and humor. Looking for a handsome, active, honest, marriage-minded SWM, 35-45. ☎ *35014*

Blue jean baby, Birkenstock Girl, plus-sized Woman seeking true companionship. SWF, 33, love reading, movies, ethnic dining and most cultural activities. I speak a little Spanish. ☎ *40150*

Caring, compassionate White Widowed Female, 63, 5'11", blonde/blue, attractive, n/s, social drinker, like theater, camping, dining out, movies and tv. Seeking tall, romantic Gentleman for friend, companion, possible loving long-term relationship. ☎ *35020*

Charming, educated DWF, northern European-American transplant, full of life, sense of humor, health-conscious, like to travel. Seeking DWM, 50-60, who's interested in culture, secure emotionally and financially, for friendship maybe more. ☎ *40011*

Classy, attractive Single Greek Woman, 41, n/s, childless, full of energy and love to share. Seeking a Greek or Italian Man! Eastern Orthodox a plus! ☎ *35026*

Come play with me. Join my 50th celebration. Petite SWF is ready to share a fulfilling relationship as I rejoice in my 50th year. ☎ *35011*

Cute, romantic, funny DWF, 34, 5'4", 110 lbs, seeking an honest DWM, 34-39, for friendship, movies, music and summer fun. Must have good sense of humor, like kids and animals. ☎ *35035*

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

38-year-old SM, 5'7", brown/green, 160 lbs, enjoy hiking, fishing and traveling. Seeking a down-to-earth WF, 28-40, with similar interests. ☎ *30033*

Caring, honest, secure, affectionate, fit, professional WM seeking a happy, loving, romantic, playful, lifetime friend and lover, 52-60, to share romance, outdoors, dancing, travel and the beach. ☎ *30011*

Civil War buff. Retired Single Gentleman, 72, disabled American veteran, seeking a kind WF. ☎ *30032*

Divorced, broke, looking anyway. DWM, 48, medium build, n/s, n/d, outdoor Guy. Have a real job, no bills. Are you tall, thin, ready to meet a nice Guy? ☎ *30036*

Dream lover, come rescue me! Warm, caring, sensitive and compassionate DWM, 50, young, very fit, active, 5'6", 145 lbs. Seeking a down-to-earth WF for my best friend and a long-term relationship. ☎ *30026*

Earth sign, eclectic, witty, well-built, professional DWM, 40s, 5'11", enjoy astrology, personal growth, outdoors, day trips, quiet times, the simpler things. Seeking S/DWF 38-48, similar interests, for possible relationship. Plymouth area. ☎ *30021*

Expect an exceptional lifetime partner. Tall, handsome Christian, chaste, fit, leader, 35, desires skinny Christian Woman with small features, morals and personality for lifetime of adventure, passion and purpose. Michigan. ☎ *30035*

Falmouth Male, 61, 5'11", 145 lbs, retired military, no bad habits. Seeking a soulmate. Enjoy all of life. ☎ *30024*

Friendly, full-figured Female, 41, love animals, country music, volunteering and being outside. Nonsmoker, social drinker. Seek mature Man who has similar interests, kids ok. ☎ *30038*

Fun-loving DWM, 26, 5'8", 165 lbs, Single dad, seeking professional S/DWF, 25-33, to share fun times, laughter, movies, camping and road trips. Must like Nickelodean. ☎ *30027*

Humanist SWM, 69, 5'10", 145 lbs, n/s, retired social worker, Hawaiian snow bird, boating, swimming, hiking, antique autos, sing-along songs, dislike rock. Seeking slim, attractive, unencumbered Lady. Upper to mid-Cape preferred. ☎ *30012*

Outer Cape area. Professional, tall, dark, handsome SWM, brown/brown, honest, sincere and easygoing, like outdoors, camping, ocean, car rides and travel. Seeking great, height and weight proportionate SWF for fun, companionship. ☎ *30019*

Practicing Catholic. SWM, 39, seeking SWF, 28-40, also a practicing Catholic. Enjoy outdoors during the summer and quiet evenings at home, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Cape Cod, South Shore area. ☎ *30013*

Recently retired Gentleman with easygoing disposition, love the ocean, enjoy dining and dancing. Would like to meet a happy-go-lucky Lady who shares the same interests. ☎ *30030*

Rochester Male, youthful 58, 6', 180 lbs, retired military, neat, nice looks, graying, n/s, n/d, love the classics, seeking a soulmate. ☎ *30007*

Romeo meets Juliet. Male, 22, 6', 185 lbs, brown/hazel. Looking for a relationship, possibly long-term. Enjoy boating, fishing, dancing, movies and walking on the beach. Looking for a SF, 22-29. ☎ *30023*

Sagittarius sailor, wild eyes, great shape, sensitive, looking for an attractive, athletic sail mate, 28-38, for adventure and moonlit romance. Our little ship has enough room for skis and golf clubs. ☎ *30005*

SM, 70, 5'5", 145 lbs, enjoy dancing, walking, bike riding, swimming and listening to jazz. Seeking a fun Lady. ☎ *30004*

Tall, dark and handsome SWM, 34, 6'2", enjoy all the usual stuff, yada, yada, yada. Seeking an attractive SF, 25-37, n/s. ☎ *30006*

Walks by the sea, dancing until dawn. SJM, 53, 5'9", seeking a financially secure Jewish Lady, 40s-50s, to join me. ☎ *30037*

A really nice, attractive Guy. Young-looking DWM, close to 50, financially secure and fun, seeking the right young-looking, slim, very attractive Female, 35-48, to share dance, travel, dining and things. ☎ *40104*

Adventurous, handsome, successful, young, fit DWM, 41, 5'11", 180 lbs, blue eyes, n/s, professional. Love spontaneity, travel, candlelit dinners, good wine, champagne, concerts, theater, music, dancing, summers on the beach. Needham. ☎ *40089*

Affable, compassionate, erudite SWM, 43, wishes SF, 29-49, musicologist, traveler, skier and bon vivant would put down her espresso and biscotti and answer this advertisement. Anglophile and cineast; call now. ☎ *40067*

AFFECTIONATE, EASYGOING SJM, 39, 5'10", 190 lbs, clean-cut, enjoy dining, dancing, beaches and sports. Seeking a fit, outgoing and pretty SWF, 25-39. ☎ *40151*

Alive and kicking. DWM, 37, 6'3", 170 lbs, professional, handsome, full of energy and life, love kids, animals, the outdoors, family and meeting new people. Single moms encouraged. Metro West preferred. ☎ *40133*

Asian-American/WF sought by attractive, athletic, personable, fun SWM, 41, 5'9", 170 lbs, n/s, with a neat appearance. I enjoy sports, music, arts, the outdoors and travel. ☎ *40152*

Athletic, handsome, professional DM wishes for friendship with a fit, attractive WF, 35-45. Hoping my voice touches your heart so I might have this dance for the rest of my life. ☎ *40126*

Attractive, 43-year-old WM, 5'10", 175 lbs, brown/blue, athletic and well-educated. Looking for an attractive, dark HF, 26-42, for a long-term relationship, possibly marriage. ☎ *40116*

Attractive, romantic SWM, 36, 5'9", 185 lbs, sincere, down-to-earth, enjoy working out, travel, dancing and laughter. Seeking a petite SF, 25-35, with similar interests. ☎ *40148*

Baby hunger? Handsome, healthy SWM, 45, 5'9", Irish, Catholic, youthful, fun, fit, kind, romantic, sincere, successful, spiritual, twelve steps. Seeking slender soulmate and best friend who's ready to start a family! ☎ *40122*

Bam Bam seeking Pebbles. No Dinos, please. WM, 30, 6'2", 220 lbs, blonde/blue, love sports and kids. Seeking a spontaneous, attractive and outgoing Female to share laughs. ☎ *35053*

Best friend wanted. Accomplished, athletic, loyal DWM, 40, 6', brown/blue, clean, healthy, seeking a slender, blonde, blue-eyed Female, 28-40, for nature, sports, motorcycle rides, honesty, passion, best friend. Plus: Route 93 North area. ☎ *40057*

Black gold SBM, 38, handsome, artist, seeking a SBF, nonsmoker, in good shape, for fun in the sun, romance under the stars and adventure all year round. ☎ *40046*

Boston professional, businessman SWM, 6'1", fit, romantic, upbeat, n/s. Seeking a professional, athletic, beautiful and smart S/DWF, 34-44. ☎ *40081*

Brave, eternal optimist SWM, 30s, 5'9", 180 lbs, brown/brown, attracive, honest, affectionate and passionate, love kids, my family, sports and animals, especially my two puppies. Seeking something magical. ☎ *40086*

Carefree travel sought with enlightened, practical, educated, funky Female. Me: fit WM, 32, Seinfieldian but kind, irreverent designer. Exotic destinations, plus platonic romance. Intrigued? ☎ *40101*

Caring, handsome, warmhearted SWM, 38, 6'1", 205 lbs, brown/green. Enjoy movies, dining out, reading, cooking and day trips. Seeking attractive, bright, outgoing SWF, 30-45, for friendship, possible relationship. Prefer 617/781 area. ☎ *40091*

Cultured SWM. I speak French and enjoy traveling, music, good conversation, movies, literature and much more. Seeking Asian or White Female, 25-40, who's sensitive, open minded and stable, for possible relationship. ☎ *40056*

Divorced White Male, 60, 195 lbs, average-looking, laid-back and easygoing. Seeking Black or White Female, 35-60, for friendship, companionship, long-term relationship. Prefer quiet evenings at home. Easily adjustable to any situation. ☎ *40040*

Domesticated SWM, 42, with feminine side, into travel, photography and Sox games. Seeking an understanding, assertive and open-minded Woman, 25-45. ☎ *40073*

Down-to-earth, tall, ruggedly-built Italian Male, 40-ish, kind, caring and upbeat. Seeking a pretty, upbeat Woman for friendship, occasional coffee, conversation, dating and laughs! ☎ *35060*

Down-to-earth SWM, 30s, quiet, enjoy occasionally dining out, movies, walking and reading. Looking for a down-to-earth SWF, 20-26, with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎ *40082*

DWCM, 50-ish, 5'7", Metro West businessman of means, seeking a Woman, 40-55, for mutual caring and long-term relationship. Interests: yard sales to opera. ☎ *40099*

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Youths arrested on Summer Street

Police arrested four Cohasset youths at about 11 p.m. Saturday, July 4, when they were seen walking on Summer Street in the vicinity of the American Legion with alcohol, police said.

Some were drinking and carrying red plastic cups with beer, Police Officer Richard Yocum said.

Charged with minor transporting alcohol and public drinking were Robert A. Stansell III, 19, of 23 Cedar Lane; Joseph P. Manger, 19, of 46 Elm Court.; and Michael J. Kearney, 19, of 1 Forest Ave. Also charged with minor transporting alcohol was Matthew B. Rossi, 20, of 48 Oak St.

Police suspect the youths may have left an unsupervised party but there were no disturbance calls to that effect.

Police Sergeant Robert Jackson said the youths were on a public sidewalk when the control officer stopped them to inquire about what was going on.

Boat patrols in harbor

Safety Officer Richard Yocum said police conducted more than 40 hours of boat patrols over the holiday weekend.

"Things went well," Yocum said.

Police towed one disabled boat, issued one written warning, and gave several verbal warnings.

They boarded three vessels which were stopped for speeding and checked for any safety violations including making sure they had the right number of lifejackets and seeing that the boats were registered properly.

Police wrote the operator of a jet ski a written warning for speeding and not displaying the proper registration, Yocum said.

"Things went very well. We plan on being out there as much as possible," he said.

Police are assisted by the assistant harbormasters when on harbor patrol. This weekend both the harbormaster's and the pump-out boats were used.

Yocum said the harbor was very crowded with upwards of 50 boats at the spit at Bassings Beach.

A taste for tartar sauce

A skunk with a liking for tartar sauce caused a stir at a Ripley Road home last week, police said.

Police dispatcher David Weeks said a woman called 9-1-1 to report that a skunk was in distress because it had a tartar sauce jar stuck on its head.

"At first I yelled at her for calling 9-1-1 and then she called me back on the business line and explained what was going on," Weeks said.

Officer Shellee Peters was dispatched to the scene. Peters, who was wearing gloves, got into a tug of war with the skunk and once it was freed - Peters and the skunk took off in different directions.

Police cautioned that any citizen who spots an animal in distress or one acting strangely should call the police at 383-1055 or the animal control officer at 383-9119. Due to the rabies epidemic, dealing with wild animals should be left up to public safety officials, police said.

POLICE LOG

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

1:26 a.m. General services, Rocky Lane, services rendered.

1:34 a.m. Noise complaint, Beechwood St., area search negative.

2:29 a.m. Tree down, Jerusalem Rd. and Atlantic Ave., referred to other agency.

7:23 a.m. Medical aid, Little Harbor Rd., removed to hospital.

9:18 a.m. Property found, Sohier St., safekeeping.

11:01 a.m. Parking violation, Jerusalem Rd. by Roy's, area search negative.

11:22 a.m. General services, Red Gate Lane, message/summons not. del.

11:43 a.m. Medical aid, Pleasant St., canceled before arrival.

12:07 p.m. Assist citizen, King St., services rendered.

1:56 p.m. Fire (misc.), Beechwood St., false, accidental fire A.

2:25 p.m. Disturbance, Border St., dispersed gathering.

4:26 p.m. Missing person, Forest Ave., returned to home or fam.

4:30 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. Arrest: Mark Steverman Jr., DOB 2/10/79, 150 Mann Lot Rd., Scituate. Charges: operating after license or right to op. suspended, operating a MV without license in possession, failing to display plates while operating a MV.

5:15 p.m. Vandalism, Border St., log entry information.

6:10 p.m. Parking violation, Summer St., parking ticket issued.

6:29 p.m. Medical aid, Norman Todd Lane, patient sign off.

6:52 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation issued.

7 p.m. Medical aid, Lamberts Lane, removed to hospital.

7:06 p.m. MV stop, King St., verbal warning.

7:50 p.m. Animal complaint, Hammond Ave., referred to other agency.

8:16 p.m. MV stop, N. Main St. and Forest Ave., verbal warning.

9:10 p.m. Assist citizen, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., referred to other agency.

9:49 p.m. Disturbance, Cushing Rd. and Spring St., dispersed gathering.

10 p.m. Animal complaint, Ash and Hill Sts., area search negative.

10:07 p.m. MV stop, Beechwood St., verbal warning.

10:22 p.m. Disturbance, Aaron River Rd., dispersed gathering.

11:21 p.m. MV stop, Beechwood and S. Main Sts., verbal warning.

11:30 p.m. Disturbance, Beechwood St., investigated, report taken.

11:31 p.m. MV stop, Beechwood St., verbal warning.

11:56 p.m. Disturbance, Government Island. Arrest: 17-year-old Cohasset male in protective custody and Brian A. Donovan, DOB 6/3/80, 422 King St., Cohasset. Charges: disorderly person.

10:24 p.m. Assist other PD, Jerusalem Rd., area search negative.

10:41 p.m. MV stop, N. Main St. and Highland Ave., traffic citation issued.

11:24 p.m. Assist other PD, Jerusalem Rd., area search negative.

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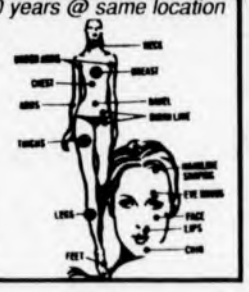
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Rhode Island EEE case is cause for concern, officials say

A July 3 communication from the Massachusetts State Laboratory Institute — Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Surveillance Program stated that, "On July 1, the state of Rhode Island reported a case of EEE in a 44-year-old resident who died June 21. He became ill June 17. This is the first human case of EEE in Rhode Island since 1993 and the earliest documented case in the northeast region."

The report concludes as follows: "The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is recommending that the public, especially in the EEE risk area, take personal precautions to protect themselves from mosquito bites. The State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board is coordinating increased vector control activities among the State Mosquito Control Districts." To date, no EEE virus has been isolated from mosquitoes found at the 16 regular trapping sites in Plymouth, Bristol, Norfolk, Middlesex and eastern Worcester counties.

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The Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee urges all Cohasset residents to acquaint themselves with background information on EEE, particularly as it relates to protecting the very young and the elderly. Informational packets are available at the Town Hall, the Community Center, and the Paul Pratt Library. Notify the Cohasset Board of Health (383-4116) or leave a message in the Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee (CMCC) box at the town hall if additional information or packets are required.

Immediate measures such as the following should be taken:

(1) If you have a birdbath, shallow wading pool, pet's water dish, or any similar outdoor water container, change the water every two or three days.

(2) If your gutters are clogged with leaves or debris so that water does not flow freely through the downspouts during a rain storm, clean the gutters.

(3) If you have a stream or ditch running through your property, make sure that the water is free-flowing. Remove debris, stones, brush, leaves or other material which may clog the watercourse. Mosquitoes breed only in stagnant water.

(4) If you have a small pond (100 square feet or less), growth of mosquito larvae can be contr treating the water with a pro taining Bacillus thuringien lensis (Bti) or a similar strain. Such products include Mosquito Dunks, Vectobac, Bionide (Bti), etc. Bacillus thuringiensis is not harmful to humans, pets or other species which may feed upon mosquito larvae. These products are usually available at hardware stores or garden centers.

(5) If you have a larger pond on, or adjacent to, your property, it can be treated with the same larvicide by the Plymouth County Mosquito Control District (PCMCD), Dr. Kenneth Ludlam, Superintendent, (508) 585-5450. The PCMCD will treat such areas with larvicide only if larvae exist in numbers sufficient to justify the application.

Mosquitoes are most prevalent during early morning and early evening, their natural feeding times. If possible, stay indoors during these hours and keep children indoors as well. If they are allowed to play outside at these critical times, make sure they wear long-sleeved shirts and long trousers.

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Summer fun at the library

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library offers a "Twilight Hour" story hour this summer for children ages 3 and up and their families. They will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m., July 21, 28 and August 4 and 11. No registration is required.

There are also two special programs during the summer.

Bob E. Thomas, storyteller and dancer, presents "The Animals Danced" on Tuesday, July 14, at 7 p.m., and the second program, presented by Alicia Quintano, storyteller, performing "The Mysterious Stranger" and other stories, takes place on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. at the library. These programs are for all ages and admission is free.

Both special programs are sponsored by the Cohasset Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information, call the library at 781-383-1348.

Summer band concert series

The Cohasset Recreation Department's first Concert on the Common for the 1998 season will be Tuesday evening, July 14, at 7:30 p.m., Town Common.

Performing will be the 30-piece South Shore Concert band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

The next concert is scheduled for Tuesday evening, Aug. 11, at 7:30 p.m., on the Cohasset Common. The concerts are free and open to the public.

Animal control number

Cohasset residents may reach the animal control officer, Kathleen Maguire, by calling 383-9119.

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On the water with the Sailing Club

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Boston-bound love boat commute

Catamaran to set sail this week

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Commuting by boat — even a slow one — sure beats driving and taking the Red Line.

That was the consensus of those interviewed Monday on the 5:20 p.m. commute from Rowe's Wharf in Boston to Hingham.

"Every time I drive to Boston, it's a horrible experience. It's so awful, I don't know how people do it on a daily basis," said Brian Morris of Hingham.

"There are no stresses. It's very relaxed. I'd take it over any other source of commuting."

— Dan Miele of Scituate

Taking the T isn't much better.

"The commuter boat sure beats the Red Line. That's a bad dream." said Dan Miele who sometimes rides his bike from his home in Scituate to Hewitt's Cove in the Hingham Shipyard where the boat departs.

"This is a very enjoyable way to commute. There are no stresses. It's very relaxed. I'd take it over any other source of commuting," Miele said.

Some of Hingham's estimated 1,600-1,800 boat commuters have mixed feelings about the route's first high-speed catamaran due to start service this week. A few interviewed said they enjoy the slow boat and didn't know how the catamaran would handle in rough weather. Others said they look forward to a brand-new vessel and being able to shave precious minutes of the commute.

A ceremonial christening and first official voyage of the 121-foot catamaran "Millennium" took place yesterday at Rowe's Wharf. The vessel, which is equipped with cocktail

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DOUG MCFADD PHOTO

Hingham-bound commuters enjoy the sun on the deck atop the John J. Doherty on the 5 p.m. trip Monday leaving Rowe's Wharf in Boston. The Harborlights concert venue is in the background.

Towns not in accord over Greenbush summit agenda

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

A breakdown in communication may derail a planned discussion of the proposed Greenbush commuter rail restoration project scheduled for next week.

Cohasset officials have invited selectmen from the four other towns along the 17.7-mile rail corridor to a joint meeting Wednesday to discuss issues they have in common — including the noise, pollution and vibration restored commuter rail will bring to their communities.

Although environmental review of the project has not been completed, the MBTA is still moving forward on its $285 million proposal to restore commuter rail service from Boston to Scituate. The T estimates trains could roll on the line by 2002.

While officials from Braintree, Cohasset, Scituate and Weymouth are expected to attend the meeting scheduled for July 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall, Hingham officials have questioned the format of the meeting.

Next Wednesday's agenda called for a discussion of the issues common to the Greenbush corridor towns, including the effects of noise, vibration and air pollution resulting from passing locomotives as well as what future action to take in terms of mitigating these impacts.

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Landfill opposition group at a crossroads

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE) has existed since 1991 for the sole purpose of halting environmental violations at the privately owned Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill. As long as CHL remained open, SAFE vowed to fight expansions, damage to the environment, even the landfill's right to operate. But now the landfill is closed and SAFE has seen one of its major goals achieved. Although SAFE did not close down CHL, it certainly contributed to CHL's closure by investigating the landfill's activities and reporting numerous violations to local and state officials.

Now that the landfill is closed, what's next for SAFE? One of the group's key members, John K. McNabb Jr., said the closure has placed the group at a crossroads, with some people convinced the battle against CHL is over and others certain that it will continue for a long time.

"We met after CHL closed, and there is a lot of skepticism in the group over the closure," McNabb said. "CHL could re-open tomorrow and what could we do to stop them? On the other hand, the other reaction we're getting from people is 'Congratulations. It's closed.

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Blind Drive sign sought

Rita Morton, 303 Forest Ave., wrote to the selectmen's office July 8 to request installation of a "Blind Drive" sign on the right-hand side of the street immediately following 301 Forest Ave.

"Traffic has increased tremendously and, because we can't see what's coming from the left because of a dip in the road, getting out of our driveway has become difficult and dangerous," Morton wrote.

Morton and her husband have been residents of 303 Forest Ave. for 43 years, she said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he gave DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield the go ahead to install the sign.

Ambulance billing update

In fiscal year 1998, which ended June 30, the town collected $115,617.54 out of a possible $143,025.93 in ambulance bills for a collection rate of 68 percent as of July 1. (Receipts can be applied to prior year bills).

The fire department had an usually busy June with 50 ambulance transports, an all-time record.

One-way traffic plan nixed

DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield has requested that Atlantic Avenue to Beach Street be made one-way during the drainage construction for traffic traveling northwest.

"There is no money for police details during this project," Litchfield said in a memo to the selectmen's office. "We will be excavating and blasting daily causing some inconvenience to some residents."

But Town Manager Mark Haddad said he looked over the situation with police, and decided for public safety reasons it was not prudent to make the street one-way. The town will pay for the details, Haddad said, and will recoup the money at the fall town meeting. He estimated the details will cost $5,000 for the two weeks.

Underground utilities in Village

Town Manager Mark Haddad wrote to Eastern Utilities July 9 to inquire about the procedure to following regarding installing underground utilities in Cohasset Village.

"The town of Cohasset is currently in the process of applying for several state grants and establishing other funding to enhance the village," Haddad wrote. "One of the goals of the town and its village revitalization committee is to provide underground utilities in the village area."

Haddad asked Lynne Larson, consumer services representative with Eastern Utilities, for any pertinent information that the town needs to have in order to accomplish this goal.

Village street realignment

The Town of Cohasset is temporarily changing the roadway configuration at the intersection of Elm Street and South Main Street in Cohasset Village from Monday, July 13 through Saturday, July 19.

The purpose of this re-alignment is to monitor the impacts this proposed design change may have on vehicle and pedestrian traffic flow and to solicit public comments. This road re-alignment is proposed as part of the project to establish a new walkway along South Main Street from Robert E. Jason Road to the intersection of Elm Street. This project is a result of a $165,900 Transportation Enhancement Grant awarded to the town by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

Public input and comments are sought regarding this intersection design change, as well as on the entire project. Please send your comments to The Village Task Force Committee, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave., Cohasset, Mass. 02025. The Village Task Force Committee will be conducting a public forum to review the project on Thursday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall auditorium.

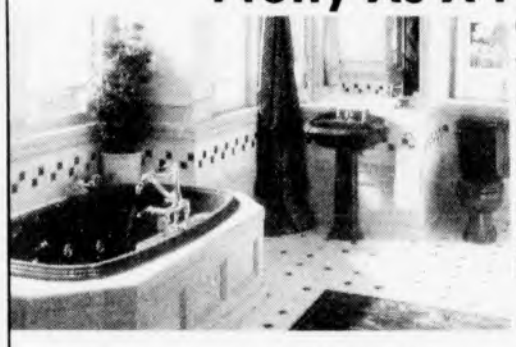
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Mon. 20	9:06	9.6	2:52	9:25	11.1	3:06
Tues. 21	10:06	9.7	3:51	10:21	11.2	4:02
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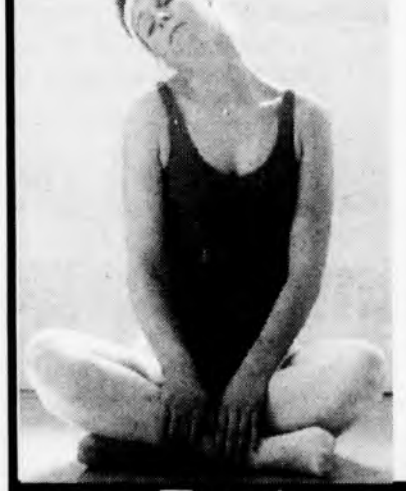
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WINDOWS INTO COHASSET

Lightkeepers' house reflects community spirit

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

In a perfect world, the address of the Lightkeepers House would be 1-4-3 Government Island. The Lightkeepers Residence was home for some of the families of the men who guarded the flame at the lighthouse and the men themselves when they were not on duty. The 1-4-3 stands for the unique code the government picked for the signal at Minot Light— one flash, then four and then three, so navigators at sea could identify their location. Though 1-4-3 is otherwise meaningless, navigators for generation have read a meaning into the pattern, as if the lighthouse were saying, "I love you."

This is the same message many people in Cohasset now read by land, instead of by sea, in the story of the Lightkeepers Residence.

"The Lighthouse sends the message 'I love you,'" according to Polly Logan, and the Lightkeepers House is another way the message is understood.

"It is a wonderful example of what people that live together can accomplish. It gives you hope for the next millennium."

Logan, who took charge of raising money for the $250,000 restoration, said of all the causes she has taken on, the most worthwhile was this rescue of a bit of Cohasset history. Once shambling, neglected and headed for demolition, the building was saved and restored for the community by a band of determined citizens led by Herb Towle and Joseph McElroy. They founded the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation in 1992 to restore and operate the house. Since 1994, the Bancroft Room on the first floor has been used for free by non-profit organizations and been rented for very modest fees to Cohasset residents. All the work and the funds to save the house came from private citizens who did it without a dime from the town. As they got together, the house became a symbol of the kind of community spirit that made America great, Logan said. Almost 1,000 people, a true cross-section of the town, either had a hand in the job or gave money to help save the white house with the three gables. She compared it to the early settlers who used to raise a barn for newlyweds or plow a field for a farmer who was sick. That kind of sharing knitted the community together then and now, even in a town where people who have lived here 40 years are still considered "newcomers."

The same theme was sounded by several others. Kit Bryant, who took charge of decorations and is now the organization's vice-president, said though she came to Cohasset in the 1960's, she still felt like an outsider until the Lightkeepers House got her involved.

"It's been the most wonderful thing to be a member of," she said. "I really loved doing it, and it's been a highlight for the town. If your daughter gets engaged, the first thing you do is run down and get a date reserved."

Joseph McElroy, the man whose determination was indispensable to the job's success, also said the project made him feel Cohasset was his home town.

"As a relatively new arrival to Cohasset, it was a wonderful opportunity to get to know so many people." He was a member of the Capital Budget Committee when the town started to consider demolishing the house.

"It was a shame," he said, but then he discovered there was a "tremendous amount of sentiment" in Cohasset to save the house. With the financial acumen to figure out how to make the house eventually pay for itself, he joined forces with Herb Towle.

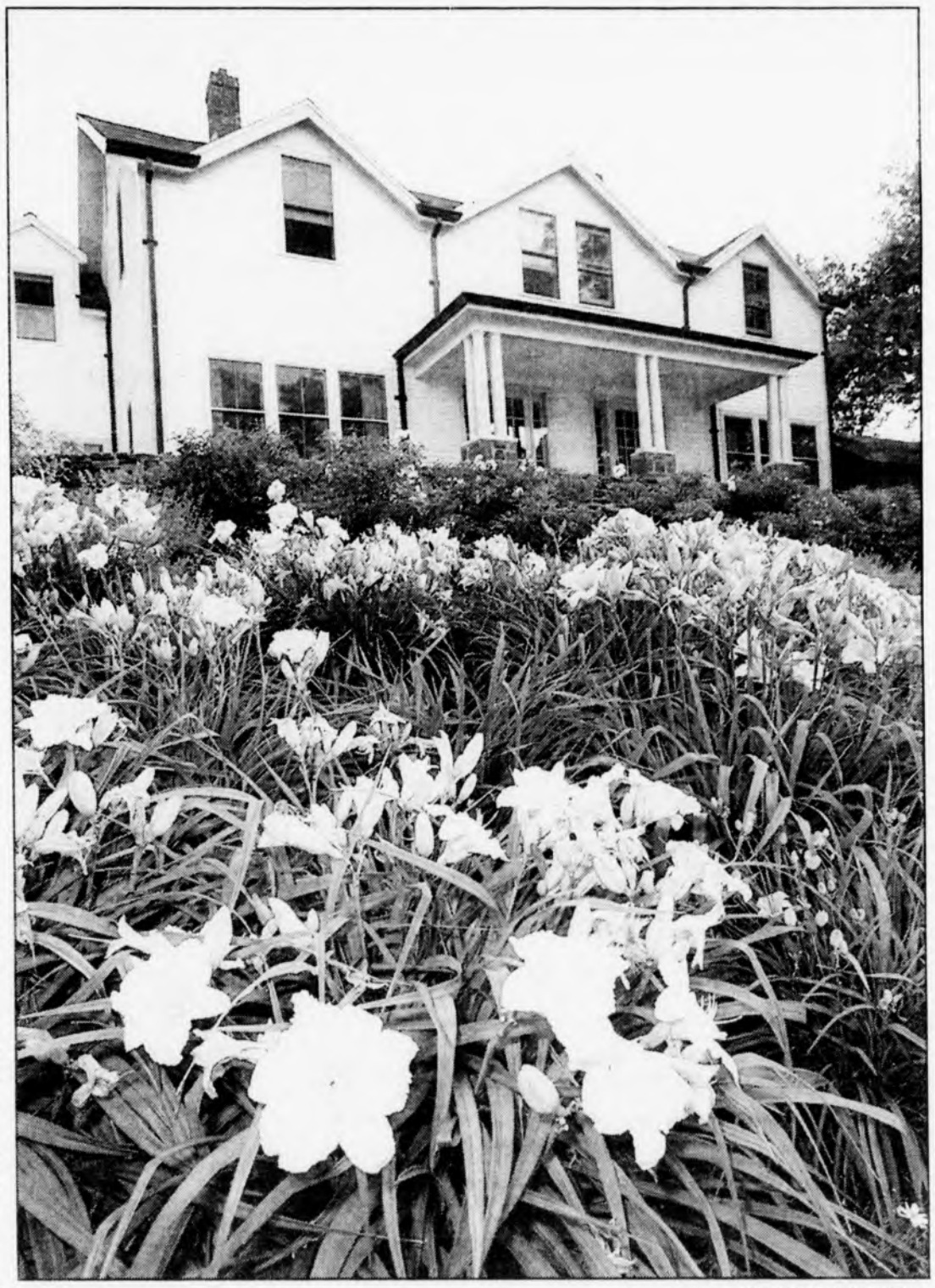
"We're all very proud of the project and how it came out," McElroy said. "We get a tremendous amount of satisfaction knowing it's used by a wide variety of organizations and is on a sound financial footing."

Herb Towle, who sparked the passion to save the house, said it might have been his idea originally but an awful lot of people helped out. When Towle found out the town was seriously thinking about tearing the house down, he started thinking about a way to get the old place back in shape.

"The town's thinking was it was just not worth money to waste it on. But now it's a nice place. It just seemed senseless to tear it down," he said. "It was just such a beautiful spot—the view, the location, the building." He and a half dozen other men started the hard work of gutting the house which used to be a duplex.. The interior wall was removed to make it all one house.

"Six or eight of us got in there and tore out that stuff that had to be got rid of, the plaster and partitions. It was just plain donkey work and breathing in an awful lot of plaster and dust. But I wanted to see the thing get done."

Towle said people pitched in to help. One day while he was pulling out the old house's stuffing of plaster, Patrick Plante came around.



STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

The restoration of the Lightkeepers' Residence on Government Island was a labor of love by many in Cohasset.

"He showed up and stuck his head in the door and said, 'Do you need some help?' I said, 'Come in. Join us.'" It was Plante who "did the pretty work in the floor of the Bancroft Room." The compass rose, inlaid in the floor, is oriented true north, besides being the aesthetic highlight of the building.

"It is a wonderful example of what people that live together can accomplish. It gives you hope for the next millennium."
— Polly Logan

The whole project did not seem like an impossible mission to Towle who had the confidence to take on the job partly because he had succeeded with the Cohasset Sailing Club founded 40 years ago. Over 8,000 students over the years have joined the club and learned how to handle a boat there. He also had a couple of personal connections to the house. For one, the sailing club he founded was housed in the little red building where the oil used to be stored for Minot Light. For another, he grew up in a house but 1,000 yards away from the Lightkeepers Residence and knew the families.

"There were five very pretty girls that lived in that house," he said. "So I knew the people who were there." One of the girls hoped to move back to Cohasset and rent an apartment in her childhood home, but the price was more than she could afford, he said.

Some of the keepers' grown children attended the 1994 opening and told a story their father used to beam the light at the residence to say good-night while he was on duty. According to Towle, he might have flashed some kind of light from the rocks but it was not the lighthouse signal.

"He couldn't have," he explained. "The light is a great big series of lenses that float on a bed of mercury and rotate. An oil flame in front of a reflector was the source of the light

The Minot Lightkeepers Residence was one of two houses on Government Island where the families of the lighthouse keepers lived. In all there were four men who maintained Minot Light, but only two were on duty at one time. The other two were on shore and stayed with their families in the residences. After World War II when lighthouse signals were automated, the federal government sold Government Island and the houses to the town which neglected the maintenance. One of the houses was demolished. The town was about to raze the Lightkeepers House when a band of citizens led by Towle and McElroy came up with a proposal to save it as a community room.

The building is important to the community because "it provides a function room in a beautiful setting at no charge to non-profit organizations," said Murray Campbell, the president of the Cohasset Lightkeepers Association. The view is his favorite part of the house, and it is the reason why the Bancroft Room is unadorned.

"It's just a bare room," he said. "We deliberately kept it rather plain because we figured the real embellishment was the view."

Campbell was drawn into the group because of McElroy and Towle.

"I knew Joe McElroy from another adventure trying to get money for the town," he said. When Towle and McElroy came up with the idea, Campbell was in.

About 300 functions are held at the Lightkeepers House every year, and the board receives a rental fee from a little less than half of them. The money from private rentals plus the income from two apartments upstairs goes to pay the operating costs, roughly $50,000 a year, he said. The apartments rent for $875 a month, and the fees for the function room varies. Non-profits get in for free, although some make a donation and all are now being asked to submit a security deposit to cover cleanup costs. Cohasset residents pay $200 for the room on holidays and Thursdays through Sundays. The charge is only $100 on the other weekdays. Non-residents pay $500 for the holidays and $300 on Monday through Wednesday.

The board has lowered the rates three times since they started renting the hall in 1994. Campbell said the objective was to cover expenses, not to make a lot of money.

"We charged more than we should have at the beginning," he said. "But we didn't have the experience with balancing income and expenses.

Campbell said the popularity of the house was growing. Almost all the weekends are booked through the summer of 1999 for weddings.



Amy Cutler of the Cohasset Community Garden Club admires a floral design in the "By the Sea" flower show, one of dozens of events held throughout the year at Bancroft Hall in the Lightkeepers' Residence.

Landfill opposition group at a crossroads

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It's over'. Some people feel that the battle is over. Some members have felt the battle has been over since we started winning court cases opposing the Area V expansion and the water district."

McNabb said his own feeling is that the battle with CHL is far from over, and SAFE would continue to try and rescind CHL's site assignment and then get a proper post-closure deal.

The health board voted on Tuesday night to reschedule site assignment hearings from Aug. 4 to Sept. 1, 2, and 3 because of a scheduling conflict with CHL attorneys.

CHL owner Paul Barry could not be reached for comment. But CHL attorney Anton Moehrke has said that the closure is an effort by CHL to work together with the town to resolve outstanding legal and environmental issues related to the landfill.

McNabb said the battle will be over for SAFE when three conditions are met: rescinding CHL's site assignment to make sure it never opens again, resolving all threats to wetlands and the Lily Pond watershed, and relieving the threats posed by an underground pocket of methane caused by emissions at the landfill.

"We want to keep it closed because we're not satisfied that it's closed now," McNabb said. "If the site assignment is rescinded, then we will have shut it down for good. If we could rescind the site assignment, get the required protections for the wetlands and the Lily Pond watershed, and take care of the methane gas, then it's over."

According to McNabb, the feeling that CHL may not really be closed extends beyond some of the members of SAFE to the general population.

"In the group and from citizens, the universal reaction has been, 'How can we really believe it's closed'," McNabb said. "Even though they are under orders to close, in their minds they closed voluntarily.

"The state is running out of landfill space. Under current conditions, DEP could tell CHL they've got 10 more feet to fill and they would be back in business."

— John McNabb, of SAFE

"People need to know it's not closed until the site assignment is rescinded. The state is running out of landfill space. Under current conditions, DEP could tell CHL they've got 10 more feet to fill and they would be back in business."

Despite the uncertainty over the closure, McNabb said the closure is a great event for the town and for SAFE.

The roots of SAFE extend back to the late 1980s and a precursor group called Concerned Citizens for Cohasset. Concerned Citizens formed out of concern for some of the activities of CHL and its proposal to expand Area V of the landfill. Members of Concerned Citizens believed that CHL's record of violations proved that it didn't care about any alleged adverse effects from the landfill. The only viable option seemed to be preventing CHL from expanding, and monitoring its actions to find future violations.

It soon became obvious to members of Concerned Citizens that a group was needed to monitor CHL. Group members also believed that needed a more organized front to prevent CHL from expanding. In 1991, SAFE was formed with 10 or 12 members. The group has grown from a core membership of 10 to 12 people to a list of 700 to 800 people who have donated money to the group, sent letters to DEP or publicly opposed CHL in some way.

SAFE has uncovered numerous violations at the landfill, from illegal dumping in areas of the landfill not authorized for landfilling to CHL's failure to file a special permit, a discovery which eventually led to the building inspector ordering CHL to shut down permanently.

Now the town has formed its CHL subcommittee to settle five outstanding lawsuits and achieve a "global" agreement that solves all outstanding legal and environmental matters in one package.

The town tapped McNabb to serve on the selectmen's CHL subcommittee, and he is not allowed to publicly discuss anything that comes out of those meetings. The sub-committee's groups are all being held in executive session, off-limits to the public and the press. But as the vice-president of SAFE and CHL's most vocal opponent, McNabb is adamant that the town should not go easy on CHL just because of the negotiations in the sub-committee. He said that his role on the subcommittee will not conflict with his commitment as vice-president of SAFE to force CHL to correct any violations and environmental damage.

"There is no overall compromise for me within the committee," McNabb said. "If the members agreed to something I found unacceptable, I would raise hell within the committee. But I will work first as a town official within the committee. SAFE is dealing with this as a public process and that is how it should be done."

And as the chief critic of CHL for SAFE, McNabb is continuing his efforts to convince people to take the final step of closing CHL for good by testifying at the site assignment hearings.

"No matter what happens in the sub-committee's negotiations, SAFE plans to pull people in to testify," McNabb said.

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Taking a step back in time

Dormitzer to pen town history



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Jacqueline Dormitzer with some of her resource material including 1950s Scituate Herald and Cohasset Town Reports.

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Jacqueline Dormitzer is the third person to try and write the history of Cohasset. Actually, she is writing the third of a three-volume history of Cohasset chronicling events from 1950 to the present. The first two volumes were written by E. Victor Bigelow and Burt Pratt.

The third volume may also come in a format undreamed of when the previous two volumes were written: a CD-ROM version. Dormitzer said the committee is seriously considering creating a computer version of the latest volume of the town's history. But before a computer version can be created, the book has to be written.

Earlier this year, the committee on town history chose Dormitzer to write the volume, and it is a job that she has taken to with great relish.

"I find the whole thing very fascinating," Dormitzer said. "This is a very interesting period to research."

Everyone might not agree with Dormitzer's definition of interesting. She has started researching the book in earnest by reading town reports for the last 48 years and poring over back issues of The Cohasset Mariner which date back to 1978.

"I thought town reports would be boring, but its turned our to be very interesting," she said. "The superintendent of schools reports turned out to be quite detailed and informative. My next step is to read other books describing the era of the fifties so I can try to put Cohasset in the context of what was going on in the world at that time."

Although Dormitzer was not asked to reveal her age, she admitted that she is old enough to have first-hand memories of many of the national and international events that highlighted the 1950s and later decades. Dormitzer did not move to Cohasset until 1967, so she plans to interview residents for information about their memories of life in Cohasset over the last 48 years.

"I have a very good perspective on history, and have always been interested in the history of Cohasset and important events," Dormitzer said. "I have my own collection of newspaper clippings that I've saved over the years which will help me with my research."

Even though she finds the job of writing history fascinating, Dormitzer admits that its a lot of hard work. She said writing a history book involves collecting a mountain of information, then sifting through that mountain with the help of her committee to choose the most important items.

Writing a volume that encompasses the present may seem like an easier task than writing about events that happened centuries in the past, but Dormitzer was quick to dispel that notion.

"The 1990s are still happening and we don't have a lot of perspective on this period," Dormitzer said. "I don't always know if things that are important to us now will be important in the future. But over the past, there have been so many continuities that I can pick up the threads of the past and bring them into the present."

Dormitzer has chosen to write the book in a chronological fashion, rather than earlier plans to write the book by topics. She said there may

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Cohasset memorabilia wanted

Old photographs and old copies of the Cohasset Mariner and other newspapers are being sought by the committee working to preserve town history. According to Selectman Diane Sullivan, the board is still interested in hearing from people who have Cohasset memorabilia. Pictures will be returned if the donor requests. Call the selectmen's office at 383-4105 if you can help.

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Selectmen warn store after liquor license violation

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

Stern words from selectwoman Diane Sullivan Tuesday served to put the owners of the Cohasset Food Mart on notice. They will be caught if they sell alcohol to teenagers again.

Though the selectmen did not suspend the store's license because of this incident, Sullivan indicated she would vote to take away the license if another illegal sale happened.

"Understand now and forever, your store will be observed very closely," she said. "Four young people were handcuffed and probably taken to the police station and fingerprinted. They will have this arrest on their record because the clerk did something wrong. These youths came from out of town and went directly to the Food Mart. Could it be they did so because they had good luck there before? What was the potential for harm to these young men and anyone else they might have struck (if they had an accident due to driving under the influence of alcohol)."

Sullivan said she wanted people to understand both the clerk and "the children who tried to do this" were at fault. Her remarks came at a public hearing on an alleged sale of beer to a person under age. She had convinced the board to call the formal hearing. Initially, after learning a store clerk reportedly sold beer to a minor June 20, the selectmen directed Town Manager Mark Haddad to send the store a letter warning the board could suspend their license to sell liquor. The criminal sale is grounds for the loss of a license as well.

"Understand now and forever, your store will be observed very closely."
— Selectman Diane Sullivan

Selectmen Chairwoman Ronnie McMorris said this was the first time this board held a public hearing on a liquor violation. The board voted unanimously to formalize the warning and require the store employees to take a class on recognizing underage people. Patrolman Gregory Lennon, who made the arrests at the Food Mart, said the boy who bought the beer was obviously underage.

"I looked twice because he looked so young to me," the officer said. He saw the sale from the parking lot and arrested a carload of four underaged youths. One adult, age 21, in the car was not arrested.

The store owners agreed the police officer's description of the sale was accurate.

"The young man was not asked for an ID," said co-owner and manager Josephine Boles. "He had been in several times before and shown an ID. But that's no excuse. It happened. It shouldn't have happened."

Another co-owner Alice Myers said the fake identification cards are very realistic. But the selectmen dismissed her statement because the clerk did not ask for any identification.

"We card everybody," said Boles who allowed some fakes are easy to spot. "We have passed every tobacco sting." Boles said the boy should not have been in the store because the door was roped off and the store was closing.

Really Great Pizza in Village

Breakfast pizza that tastes like quiche and apple pie pizzas that taste like dessert could sweep the nation if Cohasset residents think they're "really great." This is the hope of Jennifer and Charles Peterson who plan to open RPG Really Great Pizza in the Samuel Bates House in the space formerly occupied by Zinnia's Cafe. The pair received a license from the selectmen Tuesday, contingent on a gas inspection. They said they hoped to be open within two weeks.

The new managers also wrung an agreement from the board to allow customers to bring their own bottle of alcohol during dinner hours of 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. seven nights a week. Selectwoman Diane Sullivan voted against granting the license. She appeared to feel it was unfair to allow the BYOB policy seven nights a week at the new restaurant when an older establishment nearby had only two nights when BYOB was approved.

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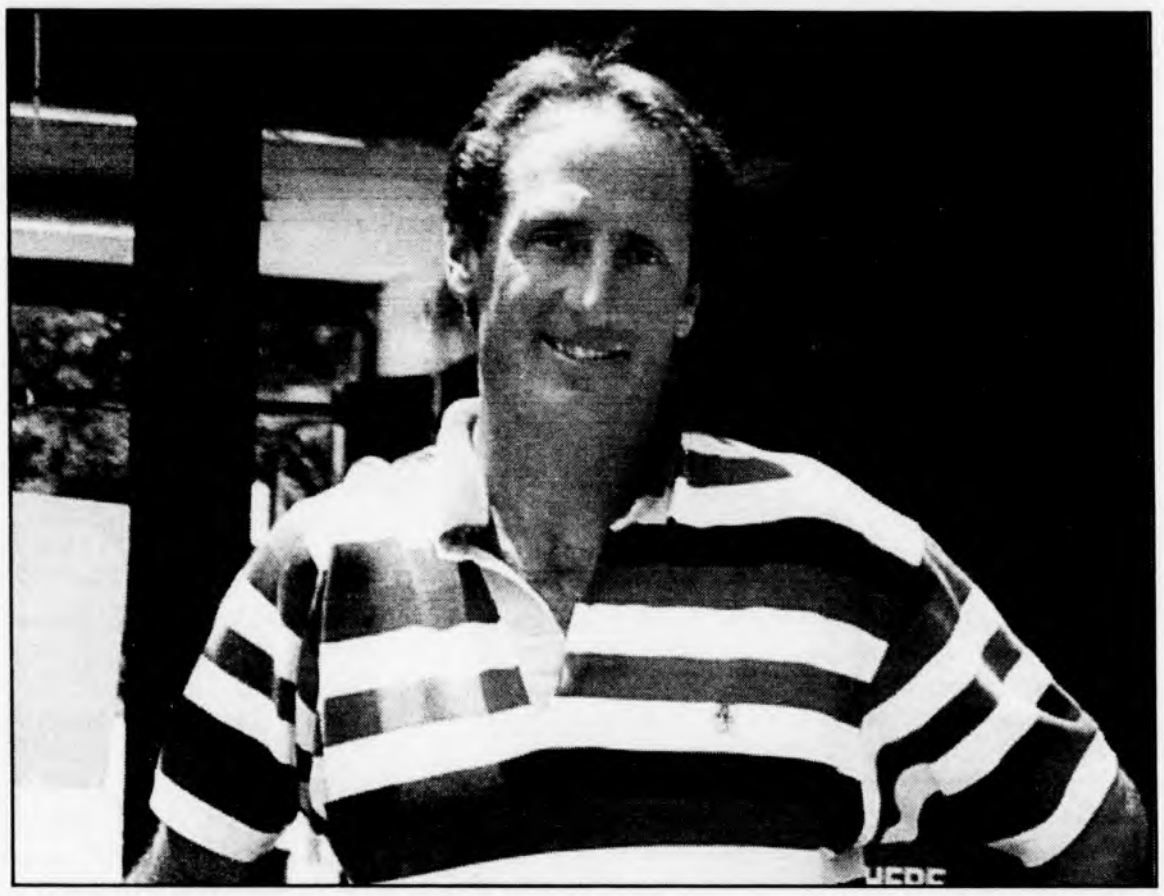
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Goal: Getting into school administration and continuing to teach.

Best vacation: Grand Cayman Islands.

Best day of your life: My first day of teaching 12 years ago.

Biggest worry: That everyone is not having a good time and enjoying themselves at the swim center.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Baseball season! (Kevin played semi-pro baseball).

Favorite TV show: The news magazines shows like Dateline.

Favorite movie: "The Rainmaker."

Favorite book: Anything by John Grisham.

Favorite junk food: French fries.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Going to the wrong school building on the wrong day.

Person you'd most like to meet: President Clinton.

Pet peeve: People who get stressed out over the little things in life.

Grant benefits conservatory

The South Shore Conservatory announces that it has received a generous grant from the Community Trust of the South Shore Playhouse Associates to help underwrite the workstations of its new audio recording and music technology program at the Duxbury campus at the Ellison Center for the Arts. Phase I of the program will begin this fall and will include courses in studio production and music production.. Program director Paul Caruso is busy coordinating the installation of the new equipment and is proud that the conservatory will be the first community music school in the country to offer this cutting edge program. Interested participants may call (781) 934-2731, Ext. 10 for information on courses and registration

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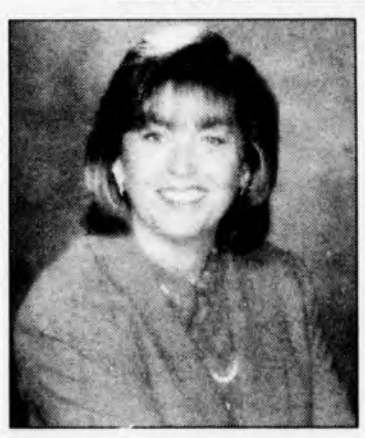
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Abigail Kornet, daughter of John and Diana Kornet, recently graduated from Northfield Mount Hermon School.

DEAN'S LIST AT EMERSON

Holly Brennock, a broadcasting major who resides in Cohasset, has been named to the dean's list at Emerson College for the spring 1998 semester. Students receiving dean's list recognition must earn a minimum 3.45 grade point average for the semester, based on a four-point grade system, and Holly made the grade! We congratulate you for your efforts, Holly!

NEW ARRIVAL

Kerri and **Tom Tower** are parents of a daughter, **Allison Nicole**, born May 20 at South Shore Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 ozs. and was 20-1/2 inches long. Her big brother Jake is 4 and just loves her! Proud grandparents are **Kathy Rhodes** of Cohasset, **Jack Rhodes** of Hull and **Frank Tower** of Marshfield. **Tom** and **Peggy Hernan** of Cohasset are her great-grandparents and **Laura Waldron** of Florida is her great-great-grandmother! Happy days to all of you, have lots of "summer fun" with Allison!

HONORS AT DERBY

Congratulations to **Kate Lewis**, a seventh-grader at Derby Academy who won an Honor Book Award in recognition of having earned an A- or above in each academic subject for the entire school year! Also, **Charles Anderson, Kristen Deane, Kara Gaughen, Emily Larson** and **Kate Schroeder** were awarded certificates; and, **Carter Noon** was presented with the James Hall/Hingham Historical Society History Prize. Great job, everyone!

HOLDERNESS STANDOUT

Alexander Gaston, a junior at the Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H., was inducted into the Cum Laude Society at that school's recent commencements exercises. Gaston was one of only three in his class to achieve the difficult feat of induction in the junior year. This spring, Gaston also was named to the fourth quarter honor roll, served as a crew leader in Holderness' on-campus student jobs program, was elected the house leader of his dormitory for next year, sang in the school chorus and played on the boys' varsity tennis team. He is the son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. John M. Gaston III** of Cohasset, who must be extremely proud of him and his many abilities! We certainly are!

HONORS AT HOLDERNESS

Neely Wakeman also made quite a name for herself at the Holderness School — she was named to that school's fourth quarter honor roll, posting an academic average of better than 85. This spring, Neely also served as a crew chief in the school's campus-wide student jobs program, was elected the house leader of her dormitory for next year and earned Lakes Region prep school all-star honors for her play on the girls' varsity lacrosse team. Neely is the daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Samuel H. Wakeman** of Cohasset and quite a gal!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Let's take time out to wish two very special ladies wonderful birthday greetings — **Olive Weisenfluh** and **Anne Muir,** who share July 23 as their birthday dates.

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It's standing ovation time, and all of our kudos go to **Ann Leonard**! Anne competed in the Senior Olympics recently held in Quincy recently, and she earned four Gold Medals for her efforts! They were in the Javelin Shot-put, Standard Long Jump and Running Long Jump. Is she not the most incredible woman you know? She certainly has put Cohasset on the map, and all who know her adore her! Congratulations!

BC HIGH HONOR ROLL

Boston College High School sent us a list of Cohasset residents who made the fourth term honor roll, and here they are: **John R. Crowley-Buck** and **Evan M. McCaffrey,** both made Honors; **Robert C. Morgan** and **Benjamin T. Smoot** earned themselves High Honors. Great job, everyone!

BOSTON TRIP

The last item for this week is a reminder that July 22, seniors are invited to Ride the Boat to Boston on the Harbor Express and enjoy luncheon at the Marriott Hotel, all for $11.95. What fun that will be! And, don't forget that the Senior Center is filled with activities for July: Water aerobics, Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. at the Cohasset town pool; step aerobics, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 a.m.; transportation is available to the Farmers' Market every Thursday; and you can play bridge every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

IT'S ALL GOOD NEWS

Please don't forget to call me with all of your news! Your vacations (upon your return please), your houseguests, your busy events, etc. It's all good news!

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Gymnastics in motion at camp

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Teen summer dance slated

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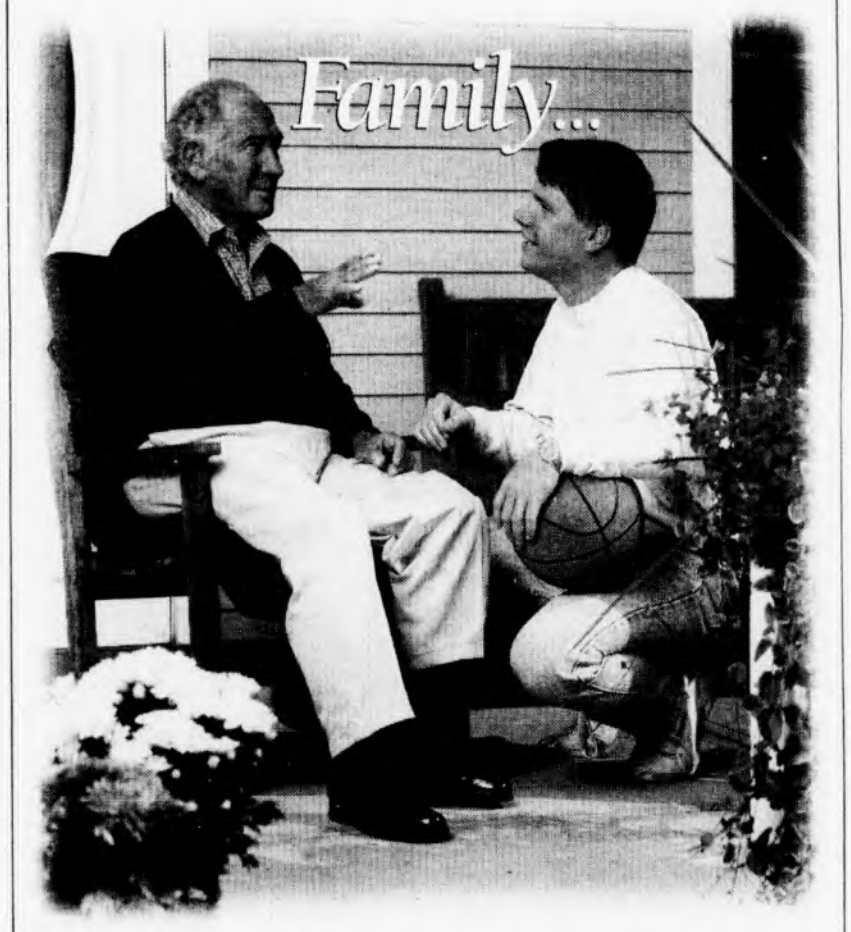
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Transportation options

"Pssst — come here," said a boat commuter, calling us over while looking to see if anyone was listening.

"I'd like to see the train come back," he said in a whisper because Greenbush can be a politically incorrect topic when tied to Hingham.

While there's no doubt boat commuters love their boats, several told us on our jaunt from Hingham to Rowe's Wharf and back on Monday the train would be a valuable commuting option.

Take Dan Miele of Scituate, for example. He works at 40 Rowe's Wharf, just a few minutes walk from the dock. His wife, on the other hand, works across town. If she takes the boat to work, she'd have to walk to the Blue Line and then switch to the Green Line. So, she commutes by car.

As Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate and possibly Braintree and Weymouth selectmen ready for their summit on Greenbush — we hope they'll think of the beleaguered commuter.

We worry the proposed meeting among the towns could set the stage for a new anti-Greenbush push.

Hey, we readily admit that the blame for what appears to be a rise in the anti-train tide in our towns rests squarely on the MBTA's shoulders. The T has screwed up royally, especially in its recent dealings with Cohasset which took a positive approach with the train. Cohasset's Mitigation Committee set forth with a clear understanding that its goal was not to oppose the train but to work with the T to get the best possible deal for Cohasset regarding noise, pollution abatement and safety measures. But what it got in return is a lot of inaccurate data and a lack of cooperation from the agency.

Nevertheless, putting the T's bad behavior aside, we're curious as to how many selectmen or other town appointees dealing with Greenbush issues commute to the city?

Here at the Cohasset Mariner, we don't. So while Monday's trek to Boston and back was a fun way to research a story on the commuter boats, it also made us wonder if the voice of the commuter is being heard in the ongoing train debate.

There's no doubt in our minds that America's love affair with the automobile as a means of getting to work in the city lost its passion years ago.

After all, with car prices rivaling the down payment for a home — who wants to subject their state-of-the-art vehicles to the terrors of expressway traffic and infamous Massachusetts drivers?

As Brian Morris, a physician, of Hingham told us, "Every time I drive, it's a horrible experience. So awful, that I don't know how people do it on a daily basis."

Dr. Morris said the train would be a nice option because he prefers not to take the boat in rough weather.

And Janet Rose of Weymouth said when she has to work late, she'd like the option of being able to take the train home.

There are undoubtedly thousands of others — who don't have the option of commuting by boat like Mr. Miele's wife — for whom the train would be a blessing.

During train talks, selectmen should keep in mind the simple fact that — while we all want safety, less pollution and minimal noise — Greenbush is really about providing public transportation options.

— Mary Ford
Editor

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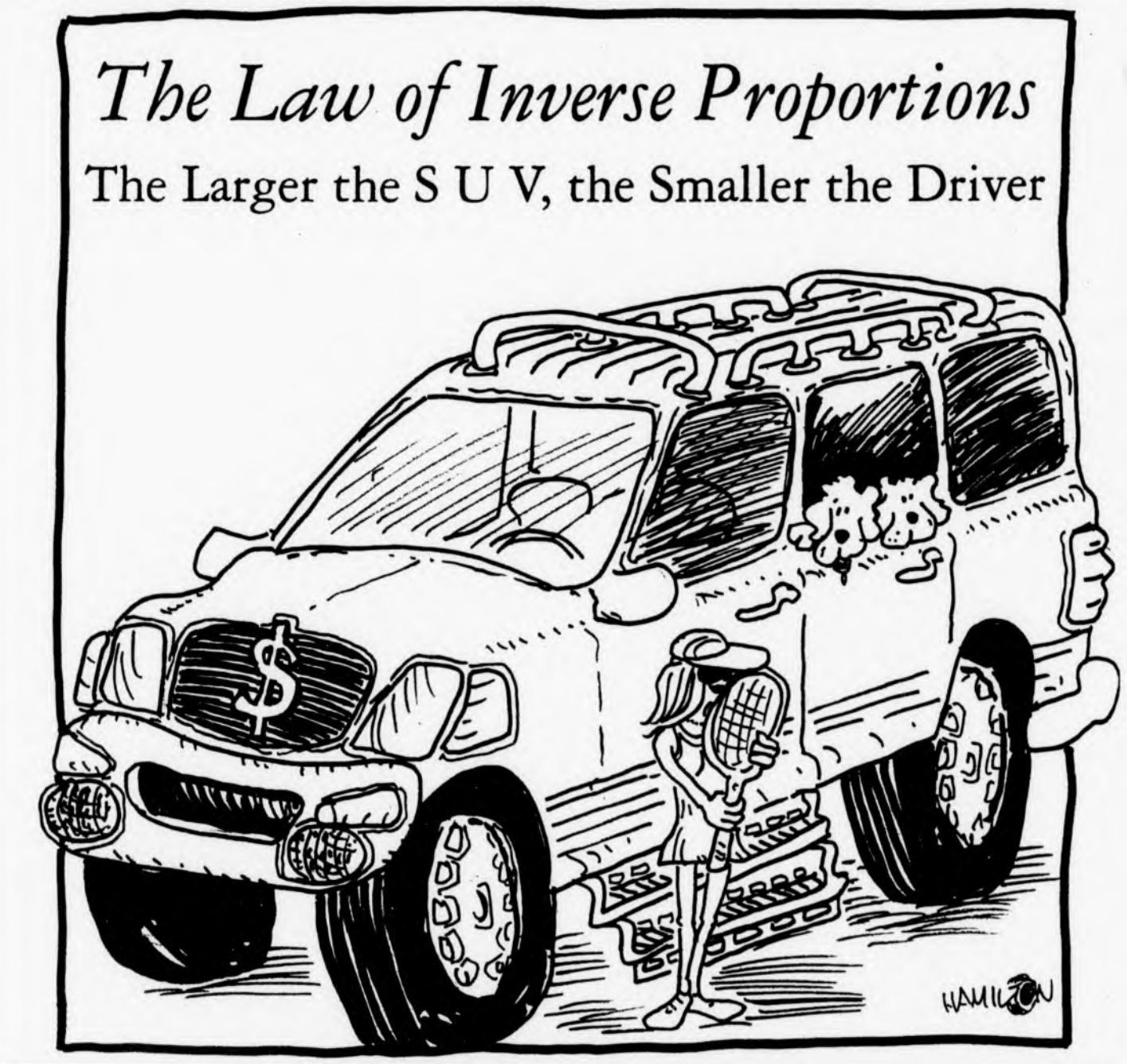
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Farmer's Market keeps growing!

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks to so many supporters and volunteers, the Cohasset Village Farmers' Market is enjoying its best season. The Village Revitalization Committee of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is a proud sponsor of the market, which was created as part of their ongoing efforts to revitalize the village business district. We encourage you to stop by and enjoy the fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, plants, baked goods, live music, cooking demonstrations and occasional face painting and pony rides for the kids. We have more than 20 vendors participating in this year's market. Don't forget, the market happens every Thursday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the Common.

The chamber is indebted to Anna Abbruzzese and Barbara Anglin for organizing the market for the third year in a row. Every Thursday you can find Anna and Barbara spending their valuable time organizing the vendors and running the market. If you see them around, please give them a well-deserved thank you.

There are many to thank. Ruth Delay, Colly Gear and Cosimo Cambi are quick to answer the call if needed. Emily Malone and Domenic Micarelli for giving cooking demonstrations. The following help every week by putting the small road signs out on the day of the market: Adrienne McCarthy, Mary Goodwin, Walter Ross, Ham Tewksbury, Leo's Exxon, Olympic Texaco and Reflections Antiques. We would also like to acknowledge the following town officials and departments for their invaluable assistance and support: Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Health Department, Police Department, Fire Department and Steve Wigmore for providing the electricity. Thanks to the Cohasset Mariner, The Patriot Ledger and Media One for helping us spread the word about the market. We would especially like to thank the residents who live around the Common and are impacted by the market activity. Their patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

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And finally, thanks to all of you who make the market possible by supporting the many different vendors every week.

Dean Rizzo
Cohasset Chamber of Commerce
Village Revitalization Committee

Rep. Murray to seek reelection

Saying that she looks forward to a campaign of "issues and ideas that will take us into the next century," and to the opportunity to "continue the old-fashioned public service that never goes out of style," state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray has announced her campaign for re-election to the 3rd Plymouth District which includes Cohasset, Hingham and Hull.

A United States Marine veteran, former Cohasset selectman and Housing Authority chairman, Girl Scout Leader, Cub Scout Den mother, CYO Advisor and American Red Cross Home Service Chairman, Rep. Murray has made public service her life and accessibility and constituent services her priority as a legislator.

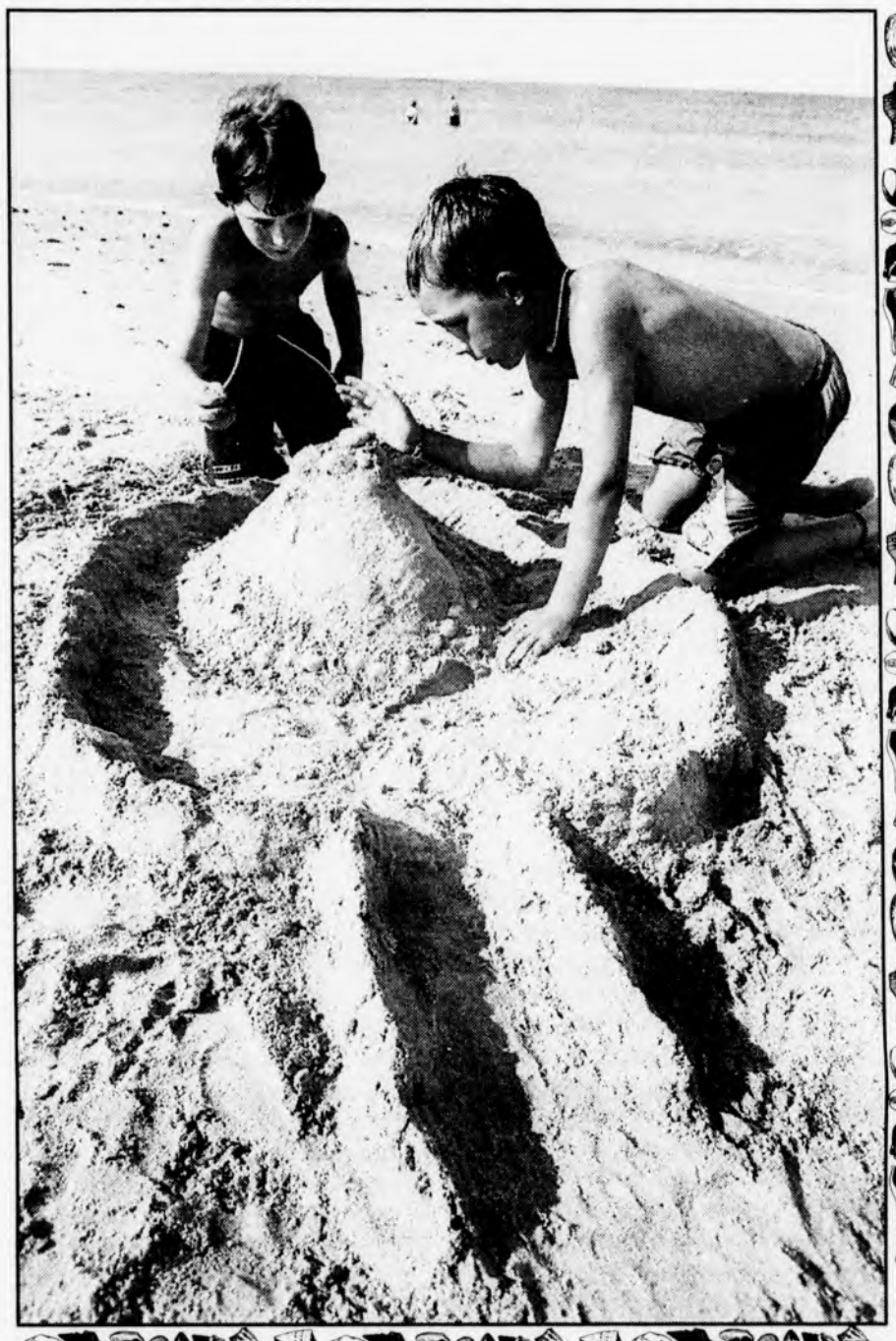
"You can't do this job effectively unless you are out there, among the people, hearing what they have to say, knowing what is going on in their lives and neighborhoods," Murray said.

Murray is the ranking member on the Committee on Counties and the Committee on Local Affairs and was the first woman elected president of the Massachusetts Legislators' Association. She has also served on the Committees on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, Taxation and Ethics during her tenure as state representative. Murray is also a member of the Committee on Third Reading. Among her many legislative appointments, Murray has served as Chairman on the Special Committee to study building problems at the Boston Harbor campus of the University of Massachusetts, is a member of the special Committee to study County Government and the Special Committee on Veterans.

Life's a beach

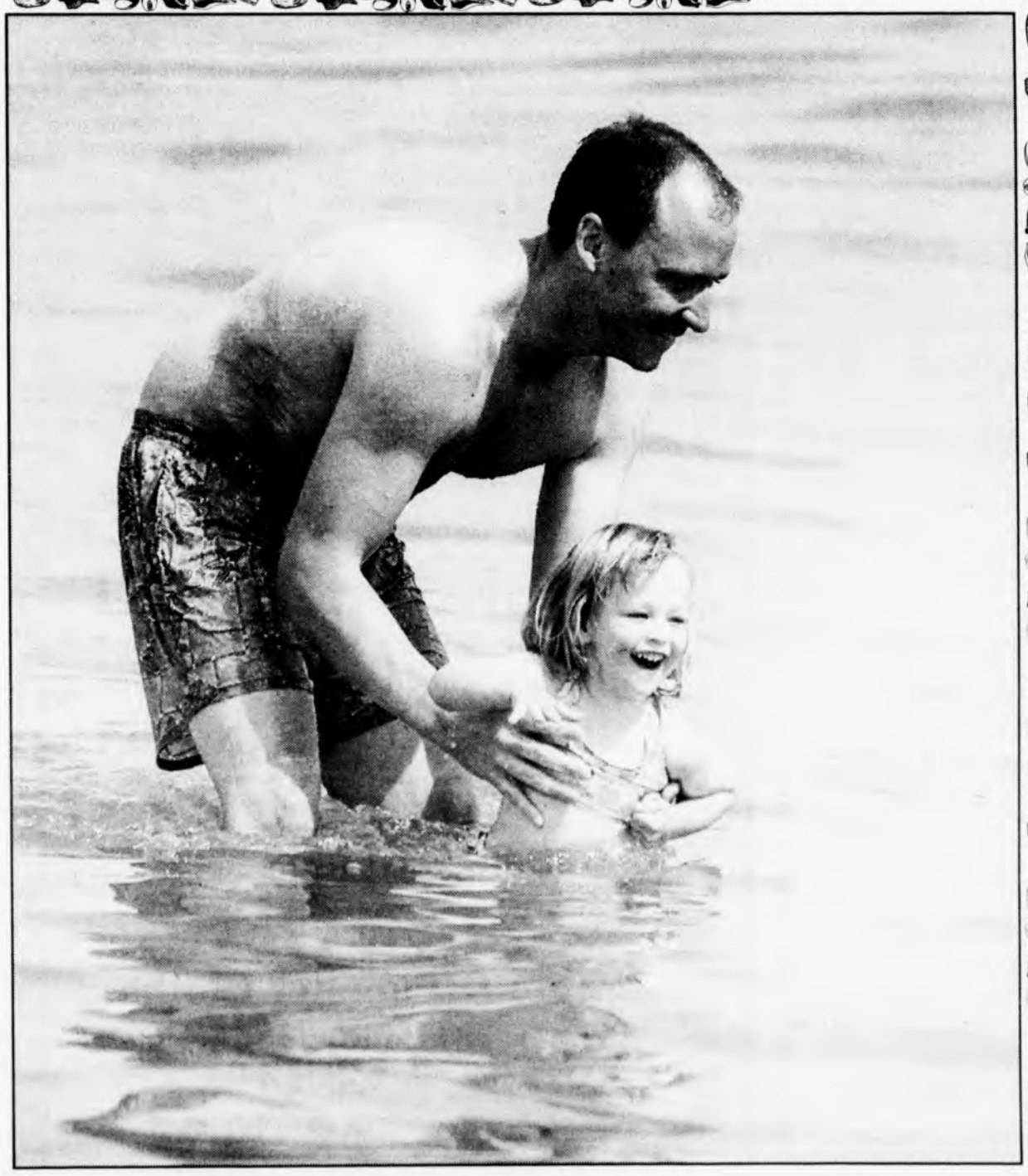
Sun and fun at the shore

Clockwise: Zoe Whilton gets soaked in the crashing surf. Megan Richardson holds her collection of sea treasures gathered during the community center's Coast Exploration Camp at Sandy Beach. Jamie Dalgleish gets a cooling dip from Chip Dilbeck. Tyler Kennedy and Chris Higgins put the finishing touches on their sandcastle.





Staff photos/Alan Chapman





Catamaran to be added to commuter boat fleet

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and food service bars on both decks and is fully accessible, will reduce the 45 minute trip by about 15 minutes.

A second catamaran for the Hingham-Boston commute is slated to come on line in October.

Monday's packed homeward bound voyage on the John J. Doherty where commuters sunned themselves on the deck, slept, read novels or newspapers, did needlepoint or chatted at the bar seemed a far cry from the boat wars of last summer.

A year ago, Hingham commuter boat riders found themselves at the center of a firestorm of controversy when the MBTA which subsidizes the service awarded the five-year contract to a new provider and low bidder, Boston Harbor Cruises. On a hot summer evening tempers flared as commuters staged a rally at Hewitt's Cove airing their complaints about the new service with T and state officials.

The prior carrier subsequently joined with Mass. Bay Lines to form the Hingham Commuterboat which tried to compete with the subsidized T boats during peak times. But the Hingham Commuterboat pulled the plug on the service this spring when they didn't attract the numbers to stay competitive although Mass. Bay Lines continues to run several trips a day.

In the height of the battle for customers, the competing companies tried to lure passengers by offering free doughnuts, croissants and coffee in the morning and other gastronomic delights in the evening for the return trip.

Once winning the contract, Harbor Cruises scrambled to get its fleet to the standard — including the cushioned seats and comfortable cabins — that the discriminating Hingham boat commuters were accustomed to. And although some commuters still say the boats and service are inferior to the prior carrier's — the boats do offer more comforts than most forms of public transportation.

The Doherty, which staffers from The Hingham Journal took this week, is equipped with a snack bar (beer and wine are $1), airplane-like seating, rest-rooms and carpeting. Prints of clipper ships adorn the walls and so does a wallpaper border that picks up the color scheme in the seats and carpeting. When the weather is fine there are ample portable chairs on the top deck for those seeking fresh air and sunshine.

Senior deck hand Seth Batchelder expected to find some animosity when he first came on board last winter, but said the boat battles of a year ago are now just a memory for most commuters.

"I've been here five months and I've heard nothing," said Batchelder who points out there is really nothing to compare with commuting by boat.

"Where else can you take the T which is cleaned after every single trip, which has bathroom facilities and offers coffee?

"It's a different life," he said. "You miss all the traffic, can park for free in Hingham and hang out on the boat."

Janet Rose of Weymouth has been commuting by boat for five years. Formerly from Franklin where she commuted by train, Rose said she would like to see the Greenbush railroad return so there are more choices for commuters.

"More options would be nice, you don't want to travel Route 3," she said. "This is beautiful, there are bathrooms, coffee and tea. It's a comfortable commute.

"The rail is the same way. I got used to the train, you never knew it was there," she said.

Scituate's Dan Nolan travels from Hingham to Rowe's Wharf and then he takes another boat to the Charlestown Navy Yard where he works. He's looking forward to the catamaran which will be a time saver. But despite his 1-1/2 hour daily trek (each way), he would not consider going back to the automobile.

"It's still worth it," Nolan said. "When you drive, it feels like you started work hours ago."

Greenbush summit agenda

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The Hingham Board of Selectmen sent a letter to the chairmen of the Cohasset and Scituate boards asking for clarification of the upcoming meeting's agenda.

"The location, the list of participants and the agenda now differ from what we understood would be the case" when the board accepted an invitation to the meeting on July 1, said the letter from Hingham Selectmen Chairman Katharine Reardon.

The letter suggested scheduling a preliminary meeting of board representatives to discuss and plan the format of the upcoming joint meeting, including where the meeting would be held, by whom it would be run and what the agenda would be.

"Rather than the detailed mitigation agenda proposed by the Cohasset Board, our assumption was that the discussion would be broad and that all views could be candidly expressed," the letter stated. "The broad range of potential participants and their differing goals and expectations suggest that further preparation is necessary before such a meeting takes place."

As of Wednesday — when the Mariner went to press — Cohasset Selectmen Chairman Roseanne McMorris said it was unclear whether the meeting would be held or delayed so a preparatory meeting could be held. She said that Weymouth and Braintree officials had not yet responded to the initial meeting invitation.

Scituate Selectmen Chairman Susan Phippen questioned how productive the meeting would be — if held at all — with obvious dissension among the ranks.

"If we're having this much difficulty arranging this meeting, I don't know how productive it's going to be," Phippen said.

The meeting is open to the public and all members of the Scituate board are expected to attend, Phippen said. Although concerned about Hingham's possible absence from the meeting, Phippen said she is "not adverse to sitting and talking with them."

At its June 23 meeting, the Scituate Board of Selectmen recognized the need for what member Joseph Norton called a "summit" meeting with neighboring Cohasset and Hingham.

Cohasset officials had the same idea that week and took responsibility for hosting the meeting. Members decided to add the towns of Weymouth and Braintree to the list of invited guests since they are also Greenbush corridor towns.

McMorris said the board included noise, vibration and air quality on the agenda because they are issues common to the towns invited to the meeting.

"We're trying to deal with the 'T' as a group on this. We thought we might be a little more effective as a team," McMorris said.

In November 1995, former Gov. William Weld announced the plan to restore passenger service — which was discontinued in 1959 — to the South Shore. Since the decision came down, few regional meetings including local town officials have been held on the proposal. No organized meetings of towns' boards of selectmen have been held.

In recent months, various evaluations of the train's environmental impact have been released, claiming that the MBTA's plans are flawed. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as well as the towns of Scituate and Cohasset have filed reports pointing out inaccuracies in the MBTA's environmental impact study.

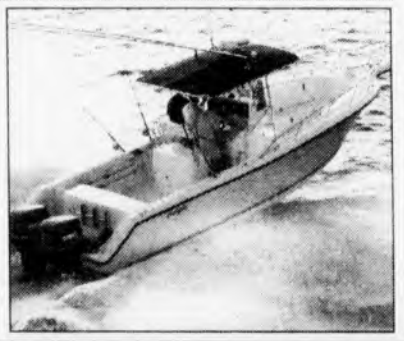
Many residents along the line have also been unhappy with the information provided on the project and the responses they have received from the MBTA about their concerns.

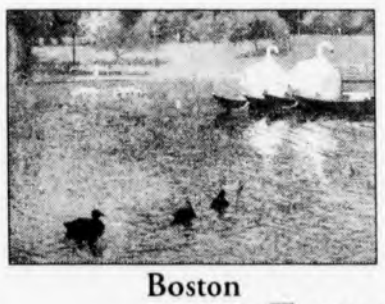
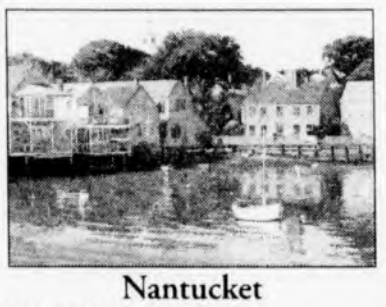
The MBTA still has not announced what site will be used for a train layover station in Scituate. Scituate Selectmen have voted to oppose all proposed sites including a plan to use the town's landfill.

Despite repeated attempts at cooperation, Cohasset officials have "hit a brick wall" with the MBTA, McMorris said.

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Lamberts Lane school bus issue stalled

By Margo Sullivan
STAFF WRITER

School bus service down Lamberts Lane by September appeared to be a dead issue Thursday as the school board acted to try to at least prevent the bus question from turning into a "hot potato" between selectmen and the school committee. After months of discussion by both selectmen and the school board, the possible solutions have come down to only two options—either making Lamberts Lane a public street instead of a private way or gaining an agreement with the Cohasset Golf Club to allow the bus to use its parking lot for a turnaround.

Previously, the club officials did not favor granting permission because of legal liability unless the town agreed to "hold the club harmless" if an accident happened.

But that condition was unacceptable to the school board because it would open the door to lawsuits against the schools in the event of property or personal damage. Now it is up to selectmen, school board member Joseph McElroy said, to cut a decent deal with the club or allow Lamberts Lane to be accepted as a public street.

Selectmen have sided with the Private Ways committee and said Lamberts Lane is not an accepted street but a private way. If it were accepted, the town could ask the public works department to produce an engineering solution to the grade problems. But public money is not used to repair or rebuild private ways.

"I don't think we have the wherewithal of charter to resolve that problem when elected boards disagree. We all want a solution. Sooner or later we're going to have a tragedy on that street."

JOSEPH MCELROY, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

However, the planning board has said Lamberts Lane is a public street based on information provided by a previous town clerk. That certification was produced by a developer who said it meant his plans did not come under the rules for subdivisions.

"The planning board did not want to take the lead," said McElroy who looked to that board for help with the Lamberts Lane dilemma. "The selectmen did want to take the lead." The difficulty was beyond the school board's power to resolve.

"I don't think we have the wherewithal of charter to resolve that problem when elected boards disagree," he said. "We all want a solution. Sooner or later we're going to have a tragedy on that street."

School board member Mark DeGiacomo doubted the selectmen would do more on Lamberts Lane.

"The reality is, they're not going to," he said. Other school committee members affirmed they had a "moral obligation" to make the trip to school safe for the children even though the alternatives appeared to be few.

A turnaround at the end of the lane was ruled out due to safety issues. The school department also nixed a plan to run a smaller bus for Lamberts Lane.

"We agree a smaller bus is not economically practical," McElroy said.

Taking a step back in time

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be a few separate chapters focusing on the schools or churches, but she isn't yet sure.

"This needs a strong chronological framework because I want to tell the history of the town in an orderly fashion," Dormitzer said.

So, what kind of information might end up in the book? Dormitzer provided a little sample of a few events that have caught her attention.

"Between 1950 and 1960, the population jumped 57 percent," Dormitzer said. "This had a great impact on the town and placed a lot of pressure on the schools and the town. Another interesting event is the increasing role of state government in local affairs as agencies like the Department of Environmental Protection became involved in Cohasset's environmental actions."

One event that stands out for Dormitzer from the 1947-1960 period was a decision made at the 1947 annual town meeting to sell a 20-acre portion of the town farm to veteran's returning from World War II at not more than $100 a lot. The town paid to develop the roads and infrastructure, and this event signaled the beginning of the break-up of big estates and large tracts of land in town. The farm itself was also an interesting piece of history because it served as the town's poor house prior to the creation of social security.

"I really like looking at the town as it was in the 1950s and the great changes that took place after that," she said. "Before the fifties, it was a small town and everyone felt like they knew each other. Then the commuters came and Cohasset became a residential suburb. It's still a beautiful old town, but a lot of old-timers are nostalgic for the past."

Back in the present, Dormitzer will continue to compile her material while the residents of Cohasset live and create history. Just don't expect to see too much of Dormitzer except for her interviews. She'll be busy for quite a while reading old, dusty tomes, surfing the Internet for information and adding to her mountain of information.

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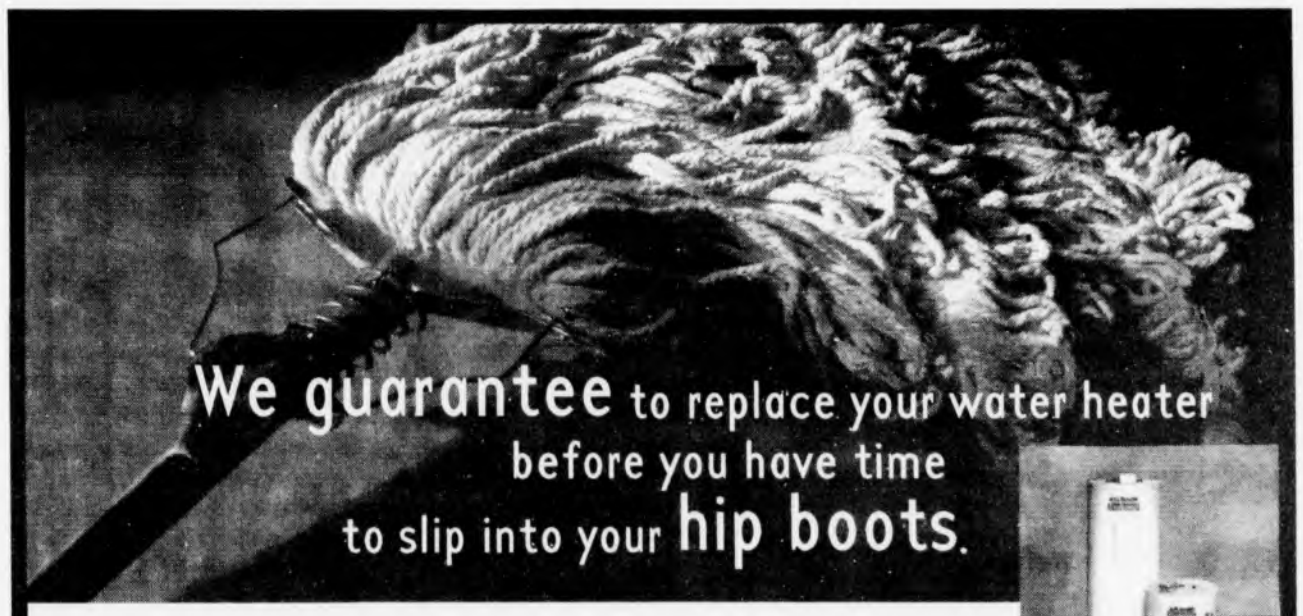


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Tickets go on sale for the Children's Drama Workshop production of "Anastasia" Monday, July 27, at the Cohasset Recreation Department, Town Hall.

Tickets are $5 in advance and $7 at the door. The production involves 92 children from Cohasset and surrounding towns. Performances are Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., and Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Paint the town plein-air

Christopher Gallery, located at Jonathan Livingston Square, on Route 3A in Cohasset, announces its next event — Paint the Town Plein-Air. It is a community-oriented, educational group show including many of its family of artists.

A double feature event is planned for Saturday, July 18. The public is encouraged to see the many artists paint outdoors (plein-air) near the Village and Harbor in Cohasset from noon to 4 p.m. Location maps will be available at the gallery. There will be an open house reception in the evening from 7 to 10 p.m. where collectors are invited to purchase the finished paintings and visit with the artists. (Careful, wet paint!)

Last year, the gallery made a donation to the Cohasset Food Pantry of $750 for paintings sold. This year, part of the proceeds will benefit the Art Scholarship Fund.

Artists painting the town plein-air will be: William Bartlett, Jared Clackner, T.A. Charron, Robert Farris Jr., Michael Graves, Lois Griffel, John Kilroy, Margaret McWethy, Diane Scott, Douglas Smith and more. Guest artists: Allan R. Banks, Joan DaGradi, Dean Morrissey and Marjorie Whorf.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Collectors, students and browsers are welcome to visit the ongoing selection of paintings by artists including: Francis Golden, Robert Douglas Hunter, Tom Hughes, Jim Lamb, Kevin Macpherson, Clement Micarelli, William F. Reese, Timothy Thies and Charles Vickery.

For more information, call (800) 383-1801.



Cohasset Garden Club president Mary Hartshorne (left) and Jane Goedecke, garden club conservation chairman, assist Al Yalenezian, superintendent of the South Shore Management Unit of the Trustees of Reservations in planting one of the trees at Turkey Hill.

Cohasset Garden Club helps landscape Turkey Hill

The Cohasset Garden Club has announced a gift of $5,000 to the Trustees of Reservations for landscaping at Turkey Hill, the property recently purchased jointly by the trustees and the towns of Cohasset and Hingham, the Hingham Land Conservation Trust, the Cohasset Conservation Trust, the State of Massachusetts and approximately 300 individual donors.

The gift represents the club's participation in Project 2000, a national undertaking by the Garden Club of America to commemorate the beginning of a new millenium.

"Member clubs all over the country are planting tress, starting gardens, developing education projects and finding new ways to celebrate the richness of our environment and our hope for its future," said Mary Hartshorne, club president "By providing funding to enhance the entrance to Turkey Hill, we want to show our commitment to conservation and to the spirit of cooperation embodied in this project."

In addition to this special project, the Cohasset Garden Club participates in a variety of horticulture and conservation activities, including the creation and maintenance of gardens at the Historic Museum and the Lightkeeper's Residence.

A visit to Gallops and George's Islands

The Cohasset Historical Society plans "A Visit to Gallops and George's Islands" Sunday, Aug. 9.

The adult member price is $20, non-member $22 and child reservations (under 12 years old) $15.

Please make checks payable to Cohasset Historical Society, and send them to the Society at 14 Summer St., Cohasset, 02025.

The telephone number is (781) 383-1434 or 383-1448.

The boat will depart from Hewitt's Cove in Hingham at 10 a.m. Check-in is at 9:15 a.m.

The boat will return to Hewitt's Cove at 5:45 p.m.

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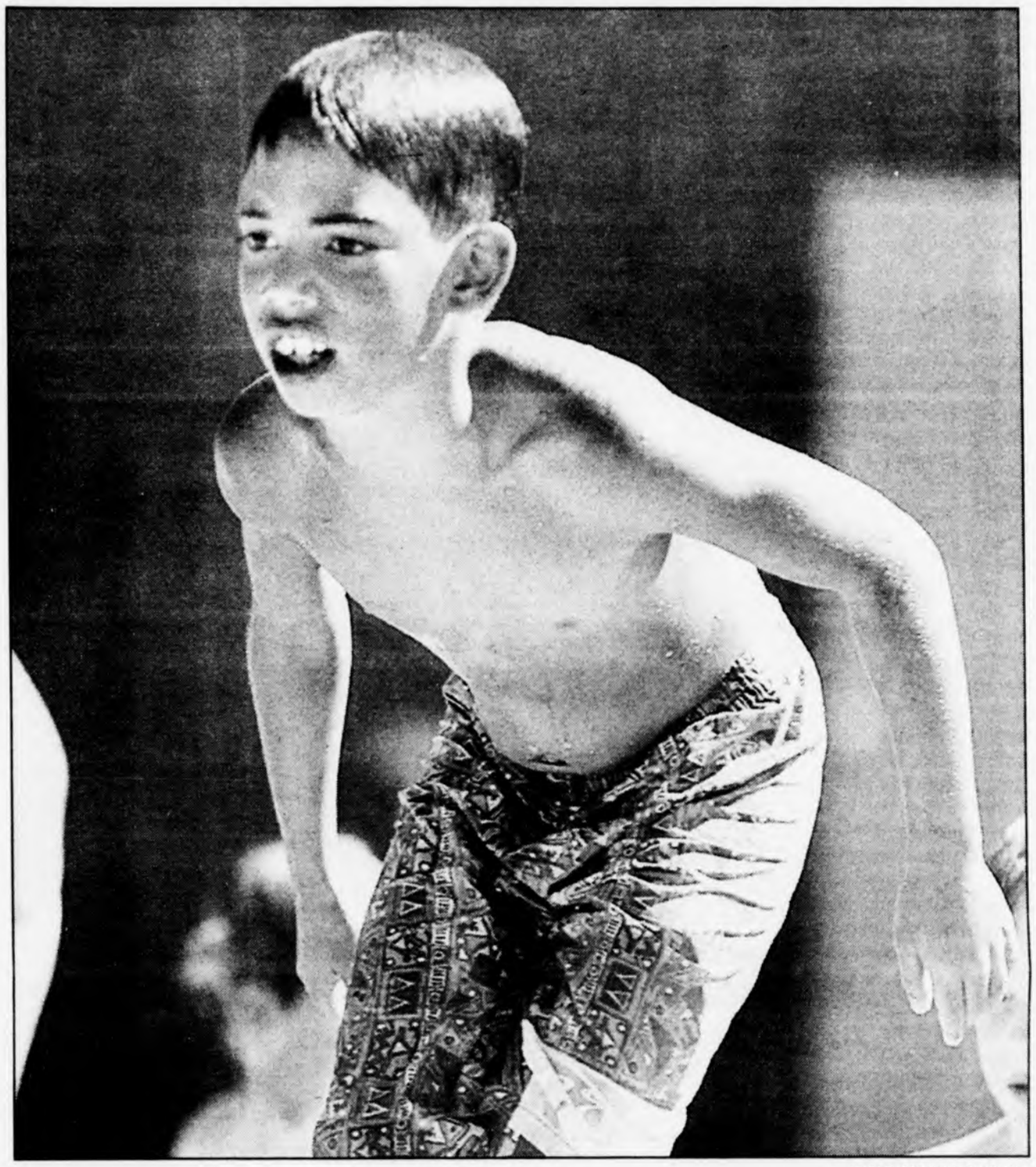
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Trip Harper is on the blocks in the under-10 race for the Cohasset Swim Team.

O'Sullivan responds to call for pitching arms

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

Just about everyone has heard about the "Man of Steel" from Metropolis!!

How many have heard about the "Man of Iron" from Cohasset?

You're about to hear it here. The "Man of Iron" is Jim O'Sullivan, the number four pitcher on the Cohasset American Legion Post 118 baseball team.

Some times in the "olden" days when major league baseball pitchers were not involved with multi-million dollar contracts they were called upon to pitch back-to-back games. Thus, the term "Iron Man Role" came about.

If you can think back more than 40 years ago, a pitcher named Don Newcomb, if the Brooklyn Dodgers pitched both ends of a double header and won both.

O'Sullivan, a senior to be at Cohasset High, did something similar last week, when he stepped in and pitched a complete game on Thursday and came right back on Friday to pitch another complete game.

A crush of games due to a number of earlier rainouts found Cohasset coach Scott Arnold out of pitchers.

"O'Sullivan asked to pitch the next day's game," following his Thursday win. "If the kid was willing to step up and give it a shot, I had no alternative but to go along with him."

"It was really something to see. Halfway through that second game he was throwing nothing but garbage. His arm had just about given up, but he kept getting batters out with his soft deliveries.

"It was really something to see. The kid pitched 14 innings and won the two games and pulled us out of a big hole. We really needed those wins."

Due to a host of early spring rainouts, Cohasset like a number of other Legion teams in the area, found itself with just about an impossible schedule last week. Playing six games in four days.

The schedule had them playing one game on Tuesday, a double header on Wednesday, a double header on Thursday and a single game on Friday.

When all was said and done, the squad had won four of the six games, two of them coming through the efforts of O'Sullivan.

On Tuesday, they beat Canton. On Wednesday, Arnold's team played two at home, beating Randolph in the opener and losing to West Roxbury in the second.

On Thursday, they traveled to Milton Academy losing to the Milton Legion and then getting right back on the bus for a ride to Quincy.

Victory number four Friday was against Weymouth.

When the road show was finally over, Post 118 was left with an overall record of six wins, 11 losses and one tie, and an excellent shot at making the playoffs.

Braintree at 12-1 and Milton at 11-4 were locked into the playoffs, while remaining three spots were pretty much up for grabs.

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Cohasset swim team meets its match with Marshfield

The day began with a robin's egg blue sky, but the clouds eventually prevailed and Cohasset met a sobering match in the powerful Marshfield swim team. As soon as everyone arrived at the meet, there was a different feeling in the air as each team checked out its opponent with attitude. With some mild discomfort, Cohasset played the hospitable host and let Marshfield choose the odd lanes (1,3,5) which are the big blue's psychological "home turf." We can swim in even-numbered lanes! The final score of this competitive match was Marshfield 359 and Cohasset 264. We'll address this temporary setback when we get a second chance at Marshfield in the championships.

Highlights of the match were the strong races from the older boys, a phenomenal race by Greg himself (our assistant coach) that inspired his protégés, and solid performances by the girls who met some real competition. Sarah Markert challenged the 8 and under girls with the promise of receiving "Wilbur Wheels" if they beat the Marshfield team in their age group. The swimmers especially enjoyed the free swim time since the two teams took up nearly every square inch of the pool as they jumped in for a refresher at the half-way point. The spirit of the Cohasset swim team came alive as the bystanders raised the usual pitch of their support to combat the tough competition.

Did you know that the "I.M" in the results that follow stands for "individual medley?" Chris Flynn explained that this involves a single swimmer who races one length of butterfly, followed by backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle. Swimmers who do this medley must be in top form. How many laps does each age group do each morning? The answer is 15 to 20 or more. Have you tried this lately? It's excellent exercise, but if you haven't been doing laps in a while, expect some huffing and puffing. These Cohasset swimmers are in good shape!

Swimmers tips for this week: Work on stroke precision. If you keep a steady, consistent stroke, you lose less time and keep your body tight, aimed for the finish. Avoid slapping the hands into the water with freestyle and instead cut evenly into the pool water. Bend the elbows and slice. If you have a problem, younger swimmers, crashing into the lane lines with backstroke, learn your individual stroke count from the backstroke flags. This will give you the confidence to complete the event instead of worrying about hitting your head at the finish.

Here are the results from Friday's meet against Marshfield:

In the boys 8 and Under Medley Relay Austen Lanzillotti, Ryan Poh, Jon Drybanksi and Wesley Ulmer came in third, the team of Tyler Kelly, Chris Kuppens, Thomas Lemaire and Trip Harper came in fourth, and the team of Adam Yeager, Michael Grimm, Owne Stevenson and Cameron Cunningham came in fifth.

In the girls 8 and Under Medley Relay the team of Megan Sacks, Abigail Markert, Alyssa Campbell and Emma Hernan came in first, the team of Elizabeth Spelman, Meg Anderson, Samantha Lehr and Samantha Fortin came in third, and the team of Maura Regan, Alexx Hoholik, Rebecca Dickinson and Ellie Baugmartin came in sixth.

In the boys 10 and Under Medley Relay the team of Noah Wilcox, Dan McCarthy, Parker Berg and Zach Markert came in second, and the team of Colin Conway, Ben Flynn, Nils Sceery and Tyler Kennedy came in fifth.

In the girls 10 and Under Medley Relay the team of Roxanne Tehranian, Caren Garber, Lindsay Durkin and Mary Previte came in third, the team of Jessica Wheelwright, Emilie Shea, Caitlin Sanchez and Kate Spelman came in fifth, and the team of Charlotte Sida, Michelle Lemaire, Vanessa

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Picking the right lure for the right fish

THE FISH STORY



MARK TRASK

Kevin Conway's bass swung from the scale, dropping it over 22 pounds, while we talked about the lure he had used to catch it. He had been trolling the channel north of Point Allerton, an umbrella rig loaded with 9er shad in the water behind him. Kevin related that he had seen a group of fish following the rig moments before the big one crashed it.

The amazing thing, said Kevin, was the fish we caught had managed to grab 3 of the 4 shad imitations in its mouth! Talk about hungry.

What other lures are doing well so far this season? The umbrella rigged 9er style is a proven producer. Straight bar rigs can be rigged similarly. There are a wide variety of sizes and patterns of fish that can be attached to the rigs. Kalins and 9ers both produce several realistic patterns imitating mackerel, pogies and others in the food chain.

Only the lack of imagination limits how the bars and umbrellas can be rigged. Small rubber squids are available in a rainbow of colors. Larger squids are used for trolled tuna bars. Green, amber, natural, black and a host of wild new color combinations make the bars look more like art than functional fish finders. But they work.

Also in the bar and umbrella rigging box we find the simple teaser. Frequently they are rigged with a long shank hook with split rings directly to the bar. Experimenting with longer teasers, Zing-type skirted teasers, and teasers dropped back on wire or mono leaders can create different looks.

Four hoochies on the corners with a dropped back Rapala chasing up the center is my favorite of this type of rig.

Another favorite type of lure is the swimmer. Literally hundreds of swimmers are produced in every imaginable color, pattern, size, material and swim design. From shiny black backed Rebels, just over an inch long to the monster Rapala 26 Series that measures well over a foot long, the choices are endless, fascinating, and truly mind-boggling for

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On the water with the Cohasset Sailing Club

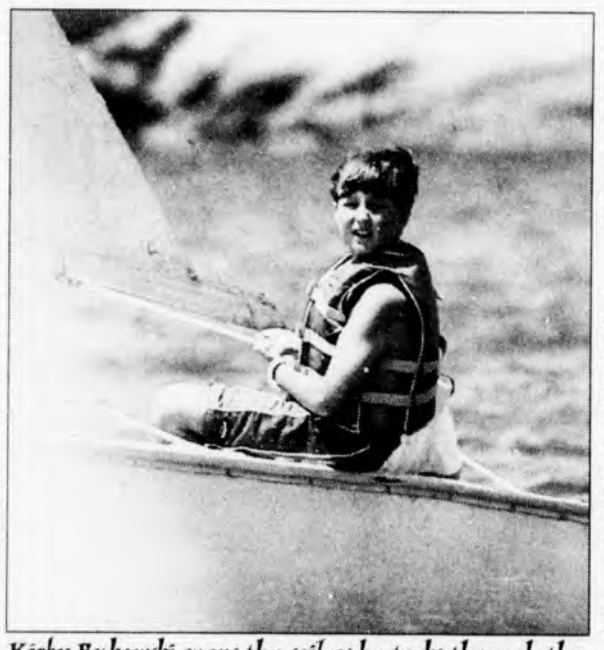
By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

The words "Commodore" and "sailing" mean a great deal more to Cohasset's Chuck Peterson than just a reference to some really tacky pop music that came out of the 1980s.

They instead are a way of life for Peterson, a life-long sailor who has been the Commodore at the Cohasset Sailing Club for two years now.

Sitting on the porch at the club while enjoying a view of the harbor that could only be properly described in a Jimmy Buffett song, Peterson spoke about how important the founders of the CSC are to the success that it is enjoying today.

"Without the people who stepped forward in the beginning to put this together in 1960, we wouldn't be anywhere near where we are today," said Peterson. "You can still see some of the original organizers checking up on us from time to time.



Kirby Bukowski mans the sail as he tacks through the course at the entrance to Cohasset Harbor.

"The men and women that laid the groundwork for this club really deserve all of the credit for what we have been able to do for the children of Cohasset," he added. "We are just here to keep the ball rolling and get the word out to people about our little diamond in the rough.

"We continue to be a 100 percent volunteer operation to this day," said Peterson, who grew up sailing with friends during the summer at Gun Rock in Hull. "We do have a paid staff, but we do it all with private funding."

Today, the sailing club entertains more than 150 Cohasset youngsters each day as instructors send the sailors of all experience levels out to learn their craft. From initial purchases and donations of six 12-foot Sprite's for the kids to practice on, the club now boasts an impressive stable of boats including 10 Mercury's, three Laser's, two 420's and a Flying Scot.

"Over the years the club has become a tradition in this town. It's almost a rite of summer that at one time or another every kid who lives in Cohasset takes advantage of the opportunity we provide here," explained Peterson. "The club is based on the premise that we would give every child in Cohasset the chance to learn how to sail with low cost accessibility to the water..

"Some stay and some don't stay, but we are always here as an option for the kids."

The sailing club opens its door almost immediately after school closes down each year but this year will only be running until August 24. They have to be all packed up and stowed away by September 1 so the harbor dredging project can move forward without impediment.

Even with the shortened season, all the CSC has to do is supply the boats and they know that the youngsters will come for a summer of fun on the water.

"The younger groups are the ones really big this season. That's a trend we see all over town with above average numbers for that age group," said Peterson. "The first- and second-year sailors are really getting into the program."

For those young sailors the appeal is simple. A summer spent on the beach with your friends while learning to sail while picking up some independence along the way.

"The program has these kids learning about responsibility and respect and they don't even know it," said Peterson with a chuckle. "Sailing is great day out in the sunshine and the fresh air for a kid, but the more long-term benefit are that it teaches a kid how to make good decisions at an early age.

"Anytime you are out on a boat you need a have a healthy respect for the ocean and the knowledge that you are out of your element," he added. "Something as little as leaving a dock is a decision you have to make when operating a boat. They might not realize it at the time, but they become more and more responsible for their own actions as they become better sailors."

As they work through the program, the students are afforded opportunities to see how they compete against the other students as well as some boatmen from other local sailing clubs.



STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Some young sailors enjoy a picturesque view of Cohasset Harbor.

The Waaser Cup, named after former CSC member Charlie Waaser, is where the Skippers, Captains and Sailing Masters go out every Wednesday after in teams of two or three in the Mercury boats to compete against each other through the summer to determine a winner.

As well, held each Sunday night are competitions for the Stanton Cup, where family members team together to try and take the top overall prize at the end of the season.

"A lot of us here have done this race with our kids at one time or another," said Peterson. "It's probably my favorite of all the races. It's a great opportunity for the parents and kids to learn a lot about each other while having some fun on the water."

In addition, the sailing club is also involved with a racing series with many of the other sailing clubs around the area.

Sailing Club race results

Wasser Cup — Junior Sailor Racing Series

All junior sailors in the Captain & Sailing Master classes are eligible to compete in the Wasser Cup.

Crew and points:

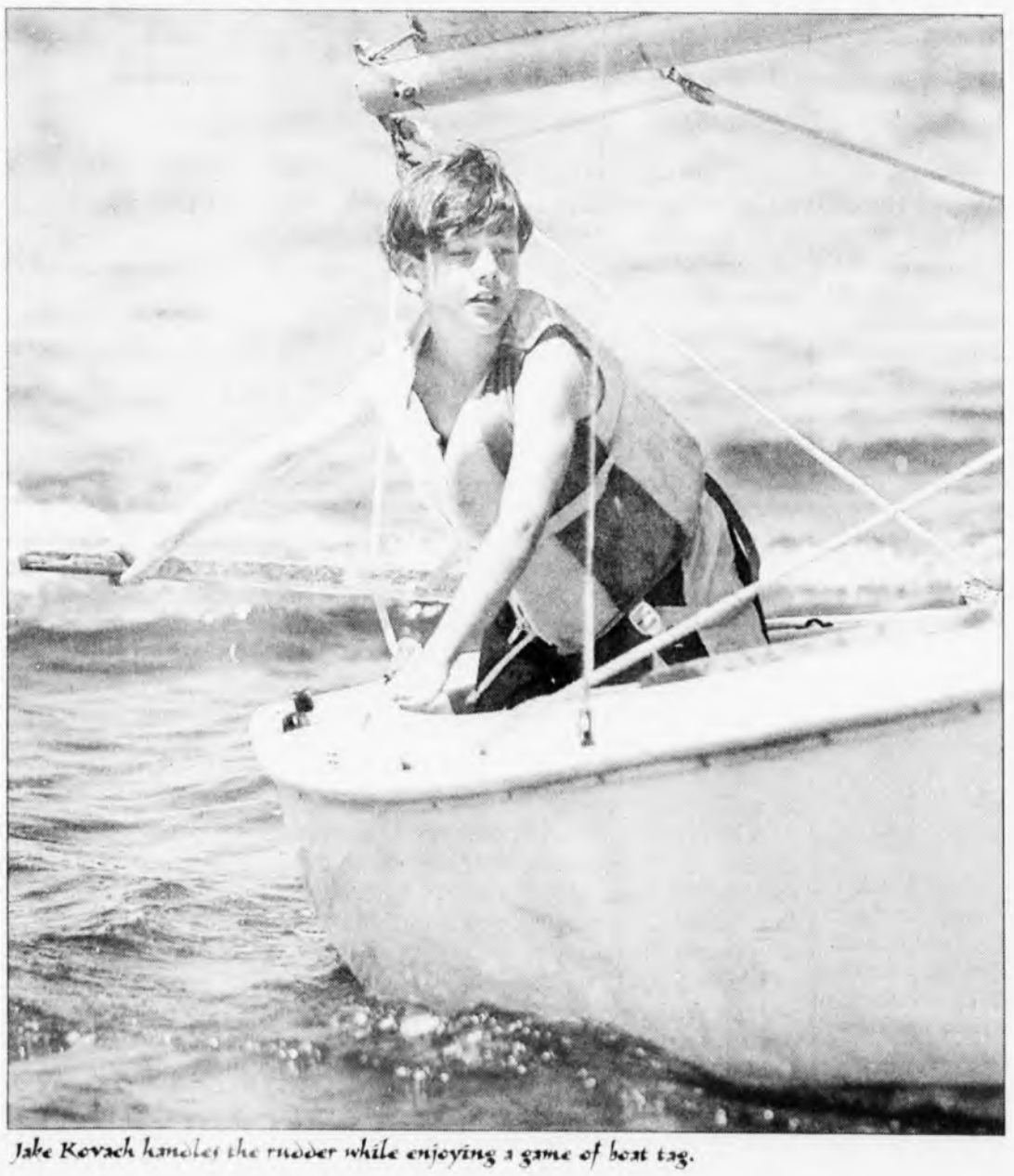
1. Elisa Ninde-Jerome, Rachel Doyle, Daniell Pinkus, 5.5 points,
2. Betsy Reynolds, Laura Genello, Rachel McElroy, 6.75 points,
3. Martha Henderson, Courtney Anton, 7.75 points.

Stanton Series — Parent/Child Racing Series

All Club members are invited to compete in this "just-for-fun" family racing on Sundays at 5 p.m.

Crew and points:

1. Bob and Cameron Cunningham, 4.5 points,
2. Kevin and Owen McDonnell, 6 points,
3. Rich, Chirs, Connor and Carolyn Ofsthun, 6.75 points.



Jake Kovach handles the rudder while enjoying a game of boat tag.



Cohasset Sailing Club instructor Caitlin Donovan keeps an eye on the sailors.

Cohasset swim team meets its match with Marshfield

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Plante and Kaleigh Swain came in sixth.

In the Boys 12 and Under Medley Relay the team of Bryan Bilton, Kayvon Tehranian, Chris Flynn and Jake Previte came in first, and the team of Colin Regan, Jon Grimm and Chris Simms, and Tommy Myers came in third.

In the girls 12 and Under Medley Relay the team of Elisa Jerome, Yasmine Afshar, Casey Anderson and Caren Garber came in second.

In the boys 17 and Under Medley Relay the team of Bryan Bilton, Derek Bugley, Justin Golden and Chris Golden came in first.

In the girls 17 and Under Medley Relay the team of Alex Berg, Kate O'Brien, Caroline Carter and Cara Foley came in first.

In the boys 8 and Under Free Relay the team of Jon Drybanski, Alexander Hunt, Wesley Ulmer and Austen Lanzillotti came in second, the team of Tommy Harper, Tyler Kelly, Adam Yeager came in fourth, and the team of Ryan Daly, Will Harper, Thomas LeMaire and Nathan Porter came in fifth.

In the girls 8 and Under Free Relay the team of Meghan Sacks, Abby Markert, Emma Hernan and Alyssa Campbell came in second, and the team of Samantha Lehr, Sally Meehan, May McCarthy and Elizabeth Spelman came in fourth.

In the boys 10 and Under Free Relay the team of Dan McCarthy, Zach Markert, Nick Zappolo, and Parker Berg came in first, the team of Reed Dickinson, Michael Pecca, Bryce Rafferty and Noah Wilcox came in third, and the team of Brent Daly, Ben Flynn, John McCarthy and Kevin Roach came in fifth.

In the girls 10 and under Free Relay the team of Lindsay Durkin, Mary Previte, Caren Garber and Caitlin Sanchez came in third, and the team of Michelle Madge, Caitlyn O'Connell, Anna Speed and Devin Smith came in fourth, and the team of Whitney Condon, Michelle LeMaire, Vanessa Plante, Kaleigh Swain came in fifth.

In the boys 12 and Under Free Relay the team of Jake Previte, Chris Flynn, Kayvon Tehranian and Bryan Bilton came in first, and the team of Colin Regan, Tommy Myers, Chris Simms and Joey Durkin came in third.

In the girls 12 and Under Free Relay the team of Elisa Jerome, Tess Foley, Melissa Orsini and Jenna Larson came in second, and the team of Mackenzie Holway, Lindsay Kennedy, Katie Roche and Molly Ogrodnik came in fifth.

In the boys 17 and Under Free Relay the team of John Crowley-Buck, David Bugley, Chris Golden and Justin Golden came in second, and the team of David Crowley-Buck, Jody Roach, Craig Blackburn and Terry Hurley came in third.

In the girls 17 and Under Free Relay the team of Caroline Carter, Ashley Ulmer, Wahle and Cara Foley came in fourth, the team of Julie Shea, Sarah Motley, Kate Grimm and Brooke Baker came in fifth, and the team of Emily Dean, Nicole Needle, Anna Roche and Katie Portanova.

The Cohasset Swim Team has 179 members. This may well be the biggest team ever. As a result, there are many races with second and third heats. Congratulations to all who swam in these meets. Whenever time and space will allow, we will include their names.

EVENT	BOYS	GIRLS
50 YARD FREESTYLE		
10 and under	3. Noah Wilcox	3. Lindsay Durkin
	4. Parker Berg	4. Emilie Shea
	5. Dan McCarthy	6. Jess Wheelwright
100 YARD I.M.		
17 and under	1. Bryan Bilton	1. Allison Berg
	3. Chris Golden	5. Ashley Ulmer
		6. S. Motley
14 and under	1. Alex Berg	1. Kate O'Brien
	2. David Ingber	4. Alexis Bugley
		5. Julia Shea
12 and under	2. Bryan Bilton	3. Rebecca Lehr
	4. Chris Flynn	4. Elisa Jerome
	5. Jake Previte	6. Rachel Garber
FREESTYLE		
8 and under	1. Alexander Hunt	1. Alyssa Campbell
	4. Adam Yeager	3. Sally Meehan
	5. Austen Lanzillotti	4. Emma Hernan
10 and under	2. Zach Markert	3. Caitlin Sanchez
	4. Nick Zappolo	4. Mary Previte
	5. Cory Faber	5. R. Tehranian
12 and under	1. Kayvon Tehranian	3. Rebecca Lehr
	3. Jake Previte	4. Melisa Orsini
	5. Colin Regan	5. Yasmine Afshar
14 and under	1. Rob Lehr	3. Cara Foley
	2. Alex Berg	4. Wahle
	4. Scott Faber	5. Caroline Carter
17 and under	1. Derek Bugley	3. Jesse Zerendow
	5. Jody Roach	4. Ashley Ulmer
	6. Craig Blackburn	6. Anna Roche
EVENT	**BOYS**	**GIRLS**
BUTTERFLY		
8 and under	2. Alexander Hunt	2. Alyssa Campbell
	5. Wheelwright	2. Sally Meehan
	6. Wesley Ulmer	5. Abby Markert
10 and under	3. Parker Berg	2. Caren Garber
	4. Reed Dickinson	4. Caitlin Sanchez
	5. Nick Zappolo	6. M. Crowley-Buck
12 and under	1. Chris Flynn	3. Rachel Garber
	3. Tommy Myers	4. Jenna Larson
	4. Colin Regan	5. Ashley Faber
14 and under	2. Rob Lehr	3. Caroline Carter
	3. Alex Berg	5. Anna Roche
	4. Terence Hurley	6. Laura Kondrat
17 and under	1. Bryan Bilton	3. Allison Berg
	3. Chris Golden	5. Brooke Baker
		6. Alexis Bugley
BREASTSTROKE		
8 and under	3. Alex Hunt	3. Abby Markert
	6. Austen Lanzillotti	5. Meg Anderson
		6. Megan Sacks
10 and under	3. Zach Markert	2. Lindsay Durkin
	4. Reed Dickinson	4. Charlotte Sida
	5. Cory Faber	5. Emilie Shea
12 and under	2. Bryan Bilton	3. Casey Anderson
	3. Tommy Myers	4. Yasmine Afshar
	5. Jon Grimm	6. Ashley Faber
14 and under	1. David Crowley-Buck	1. Kate O'Brien
	2. Scott Faber	5. Arianna Dedes
	3. Rob Lehr	6. Wahle
17 and under	1. Derek Bugley	1. Kate Grimm
	2. John Crowley-Buck	2. Ashley Ulmer
		4. Julie Shea
BACKSTROKE		
8 and under	2. Ryan Poh	1. Emma Hernan
	5. Jon Drybanski	4. Megan Sacks
	6. Owen Stevenson	6. E. Spelman
10 and under	2. Dan McCarthy	2. Caren Garber
	4. Noah Wilcox	4. R. Tehranian
	5. Mike Pecca	6. Mary Previte
12 and under	2. Kayvon Tehranian	2. Elisa Jerome
	5. Joey Durkin	5. Jenna Larson
		6. Amanda Barrow
14 and under	2. David Crowley-Buck	1. Kate O'Brien
	3. David Ingber	3. Alexis Bugley
	5. Terry Hurley	6. Cara Foley
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Cohasset swim team glides past Hanover for big win

The Cohasset Swim Team made short work of their competition against Hanover. The final score was Cohasset, 313; and Hanover; 192. While it was something of a rout, most swimmers aimed to beat individual times. A few of the Hanover 17 and under boys decided to do some hotdog dives to embellish their efforts in a no-win situation. All those on the sidelines enjoyed the extra splash.

The end of the year banquet and dance for the swim team is scheduled for Aug. 7 at the Cohasset High School cafeteria. The dinner and awards will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and the dance will follow until about 10 p.m. in the school gym. We look forward to having all parents participate in this big event. Save the date now.

Here are the results from last Wednesday's meet against Hanover:

In the boys 8 and Under Medley Relay the team of Kenny Muir, Austen Lanzilloti, Alexander Hunt and Cameron Cunningham came in first, the team of Ryan Poh, Adam Yeager, Chris Cuppens and Trip Harper came in second, and the team of Teddy Galligan, Michael Grimm, Tyler Kelly and F. Wheelwright came in third.

In the girls 8 and Under Medley Relay the team of Megan Sacks, Abigail Markert, Alyssa Campbell and Emma Hernan came in first, the te[illegible] of Elizabeth Spelman, Meg And[illegible] son, Samantha Lehr and Samantha Fortin came in third, and the team of Maura Regan, Alexx Hoholik, Claire McCarthy and Kaley Madge came in fourth.

In the boys 10 and Under Medley Relay the team of Noah Wilcox, Dan McCarthy, Parker Berg and Jeffrey Brown came in first, and the team of Cory Faber, Bryce Rafferty, Mike Pecca and Nils Sceery came in second.

In the girls 10 and Under Medley Relay the team of Caitlin Sanchez, Caren Garber, Lindsay Durkin and Kate Spelman came in first, the team of Charlotte Sida, Roxanne Tehranian, Michelle Madge, and Caitlin Hurley came in third, and the team of Caitlin O'Connell, Whitney Condon, Jessica Wheelwright and Kaleigh Swain came in sixth.

In the Boys 12 and Under Medley Relay the team of Bryan Bilton, Kayvon Tehranian, Tommy Myers and Jake Previte came in first, and the team of Chris Flynn, Colin Regan, Jon Grimm and Joey Durkin came in second.

In the girls 12 and Under Medley Relay the team of Elisa Jerome, Yasmine Afshar, Casey Anderson and Rebecca Lehr came in first, and the team of Amanda Barrow, Ashley Faber, Caren Garber and Jenna Larson came in third.

In the boys 17 and Under Medley Relay the team of John Crowley-Buck, David Crowley-Buck, Chris Golden and Alex Berg came in first, and the team of Scott Faber, Kevin Roach, David Ingber, Rob Lehr and Jody Roach came in second.

In the girls 17 and Under Medley Relay the team of Alexis Bugley, Kate Grimm, Kate O'Brien and Julie Shea came in first, and the team of Brooke Baker, Caroline Carter, Cara Foley and Sarah Motley came in second.

In the boys 8 and Under Free Relay the team of Devon Bell, Leonard Brown, Kenny Muir and Owen Stevenson came in second, the team of C. Kuppens, Tyler Kelly, F. Wheelwright and Will Harper came in third, and the team of Austen Lanzillotti, Alex Hunt, Jon Drybanski and Ryan Poh came in fourth.

In the girls 8 and Under Free Relay the team of Meghan Sacks, Abby Markert, Samantha Lehr and Alyssa Campbell came in first, and the team of Sally Meehan, Maura Regan, Emma Hernan and Elizabeth Spelman came in second, and the team of Meg Anderson, Ellie Baugmartin, Alexx Hoholik and Kaley Madge came in fifth.

In the boys 10 and Under Free Relay the team of Dan McCarthy, Noah Wilcox, Nick Zappolo and Parker Berg came in first, the team of Jeffrey Brown, Cory Faber, Nils Sceery and Bryce Rafferty came in second, and the team of Jeremy Simms, Tyler Kennedy, Mike Pecca and Kevin Roach came in third.

In the girls 10 and under Free Relay the team of Lindsay Durkin, Mary Previte, Caren Garber and Caitlin Sanchez came in first, and the team of Michelle Madge, Christie Muir, Kate Spelman and Emilie Shea came in third, and the team of Katie Kuppens, Kaitlyn James, Katie Jenkins and Michele LeMaire came in fifth.

In the boys 12 and Under Free Relay the team of Jake Previte, Chris Flynn, Tommy Myers and Bryan

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	4. Bryce Rafferty	
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	2. David Engber	2. Ashley Ulmer
		3. S. Motley
14 and under	1. Alex Berg	1. Kate O'Brien
	2. David Crowley-Buck	2. Cara Foley
		4. Alexis Bugley
12 and under	1. Chris Flynn	1. Rebecca Lehr
	2. Jake Previte	2. Melisa Orsini
	4. Colin Regan	3. Casey Anderson
FREESTYLE		
8 and under	1. Alexander Hunt	1. Alyssa Campbell
	2. Cameron Cunningham	3. Samantha Lehr
10 and under	1. Noah Wilcox (tie)	1. Lindsay Durkin
	1. Dan McCarthy (tie)	4. Mary Previte
	3. Nick Zappolo	6. Kate Spelman
12 and under	2. Jake Previte	1. Jenna Larson
	3. Kayvon Tehranian	2. Rachel Garber
	4. Joey Durkin	3. Ashley Faber
14 and under	1. Rob Lehr	2. C. Wahle
	2. David Ingber	3. Caroline Carter
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	3. Nils Sceery	3. Caitlin Sanchez
	4. Nick Zappolo	5. Caitlin O'Connell
12 and under	1. Chris Flynn	1. Rachel Garber
	2. Bryan Bilton	2. Yazmin Afshar
	3. Colin Regan	3. Rebecca Lehr
14 and under	1. Alex Berg	1. Caroline Carter
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		2. Ashley Ulmer

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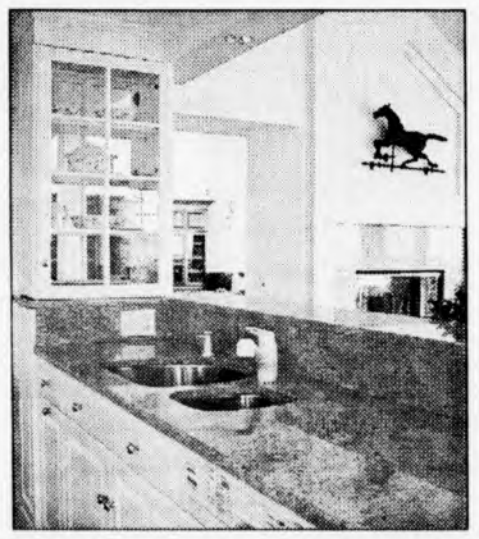
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Picking the right lure for the right fish

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the beginner.

When looking to use a swimmer, it is probably best to match them to what your are seeking for fish, what kind of conditions you expect to find, and how you plan to employ the lure.

Saltwater fishing generally calls for larger swimmers in the 6-7 inch range with colors typical of the environment. Mackerel patterns, blue and black back patterns are common.

Some lures now such as the Bombers and Mambos have very realistic herring characteristics and do quite well. Larger plugs such as these work well for trolling. Lures with plastic lips will run from 2-4 feet under the surface depending upon the speed they are retrieved or trolled. Heavier metal-lipped trollers will run as deep as 10 or more feet again dependent on speed.

Those seeking even greater depth can employ inline weights or trolling weights. Others may use wire line or leadcore line to help get greater depth. Once trolling from the Tar-Pouch north to the 21 Buoy aboard Ed Corbo's Easy Rider, we experimented with trolling weights and found the combination of a 6 ounce trolling lead and a Rapala Magnum CD 18 was kissing the bottom at 45 feet. Other ways to increase depth is the use of diving planers or downriggers.

Those who wish to cast around the ledges and in the rivers, harbors and estuaries, will find shallow diving swimmers more to their liking. Smaller profile lures in the 4- to six-inch size range, and decorated with natural coloring seem to do quite well in these areas.

Rebels and Bombers are particularly effective. Others in this group include Mambos, Normans and smaller Rapalas.

Again the depth is a function of design, most having a small plastic lip to limit them from running deep in the weed near shore. Nothing beats the thrill of seeing a big fish following the lure, mere inches away, and suddenly have it gulped out of sight! The fight is on!

Another large group of lures to consider is the spoons. A spoon is generally made of metal with a ring on the lead end to attach your line or leader, and a treble or single style hook bringing up the rear. Most spoons are designed to be cast and retrieved. Some of the popular models are Kastmasters, Hopkins, Cleos, Thomas' and Luhr Jensen's. These lures are available in a wide variety of sizes, colors and patterns.

Casting, letting them sink a bit, and retrieving at a varying rate is a good way to fish them. Others may choose to jig them in schools of mackerel and bluefish or off the bottom for fluke. Others that fit into this family somewhat are the big jigging lures such as the Bead Chain and Solvroken cod jigs and larger wobbling spoons such as Accettas and the alewife types.

Stripers love the big trolled spoons and bluefish slam them with no regard for delicacy whatsoever.

Rounding the corner we come to poppers. Whether constructed from wood or styro or plastic, these lures are especially effective in shallow water areas when fish are feeding. Some ingenious patterns have been produced recently giving these lures a highly realistic look of baits.

Typically used by shore fishermen, these lures are cast far and retrieved with a variety of reeling and popping sequences designed to entice the hungry striper or blue to take a whack at it. Boaters will use these lures in the green water wash around the ledges and jetties to get the big ones. Most are designed to float such as the Atoms, Gibbs and Zilonis plugs.

Others have more weight in them than buoyancy allows but the distance cast tradeoff is worth it. Cotton Cordell Red Spots are a sinker if you don't keep them moving. Most poppers are distinguished by a small cup in the forward end of the lure that creates noisy splashing as it's retrieved.

Others rely on the angler to create a dancing splashing retrieve through their skill at handling the rod. Sizewise the big poppers range up to four ounces. Those fishing the inshore creeks and rivers may wish to size down to poppers as light as the 3/8 ouncer that Atom produces A light rod and a 3/8 popper and you're setting yourself up to test your angling skills.

Bucktails and parachutes are popular lures that have a lot of history behind them. A molded chunk of lead with a bucktail of some fashion and colors of every imagination pretty well defines this group of lures. Frequently dressed with a pork rind or squid strip, these lures are dropped to and hopped along the bottom to catch the hungry eye of feeding bass. They may be as small as a Reliable 1/4 ounce or as big as a mammoth 16 ounce C&C parachute.

Then there are tube and worm rigs, and flies, and spinners and . . . I think it's time to go fishing.

Catch one that's hard to carry!

O'Sullivan responds to call for pitching arms

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According to the schedule, the Legion playoffs were slated to get underway on July 15, but it was still unknown if all the teams would have made up their postponed games by that date.

As for the local nine, coach Arnold just kept repeating, "This club is fighting every inch of the way. They just hang in there and keep slugging away.

"No matter how the season turns out, I'm extremely proud of the kids and the effort they have been putting into the games."



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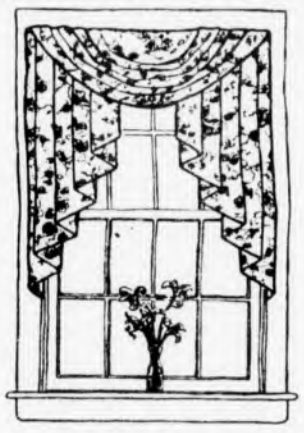
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Attractive WWWF, 58, height and weight proportionate. Would like to meet someone honest, caring and friendly, to date and go on from there. ☎30020

Bubbly, plus-sized SWF, professional, 45, 5'3", nonsmoker, nondrinker, like fresh air, sunshine, walks with the dogs, sharing good sense of humor, honesty and commitment. Middleboro area. ☎30003

Catholic SWF, 52, 5'2", slightly stocky build. Enjoy bowling, walking, reading and going out for dinner. Seeking a S/DWM, 35-55, n/s, light drinker, for friendship and possibly more. ☎30025

Confident and secure SWF, retired, 50, 5'6", 112 lbs, busy, secure and happy. Looking for the same in a nonsmoking, professional Male, 45-58. ☎30028

Dreamer desired by SF, 43, trim, active, creative writer. Seeking in shape SM, 40-50, 5'10"+, who enjoys bicycling, the beach and weekend fun. Must be openhearted and ready for anything. ☎30000

Elaine seeking Jerry/Kramer combo. SWF, social drinker, smoker, seeking SWM, 36-40, with a great sense of humor and big strong arms for bear hugs, enjoys movies, dining out and laughter. ☎30015

Feeling old, lonely and in need of a friend. Attractive, active and mature DWF, 60s, enjoy poetry, movies and dining out. Seeking a tall, humorous Man, 60s, n/s, n/d. ☎30017

Female, 50+, enjoy gardening, the beach, fishing, dinner and dancing. Seeking a S/DWM, 50s, with same interests. ☎30001

Friendly, full-figured Female, 41, nonsmoker, social drinker, love animals, country music, volunteering and being outside. Seeking a mature Man who has similar interests. Kids ok. ☎30040

Full-figured beauty SWF, 29, 5'8". ISO a kindhearted, stable SM, 29-40, for cuddling and conversation. Sincerity and honesty are musts. ☎30039

Grounded Tinker Bell looking for Peter Pan. Female, 45, self-employed professional, 5'10" 125 lbs, enjoy outdoor playing adventures. Harley riders ok. No Captain Hook types. Nonsmoker, nondrinker. ☎30018

Hoping to find an honest and sincere Male, 40-60. I'm a SWF in my early 40s, who's 5'4" and 115 lbs. I like movies and beaches. ☎30034

Lively WWWF, 5'3", brown/brown, part-time nanny. Enjoy oldies, dancing, dining out, beach walks and drives. Seeking a S/D/WWWM, 50-60. Hope to hear from you. ☎30029

Romantic Lady, early 50s, medium build, enjoy Cape Cod, travel, beaches, et cetera. Looking for a sincere, nonsmoking, romantic SM for partner. ☎30022

Seeking Mister Right. SWF, 22, 5'3", brown/brown. Seeking a SWM, 18-30, who doesn't do drugs and likes to do fun things. ☎30031

Single, humorous, attractive blonde, mid-50s, 5'5", 125 lbs, enjoy all aspects of life. Seeking slender Gentleman, 5'10"+, who communicates well, to take my hand so we can walk through life together. ☎30016

Striking, green-eyed, red-head, 40s, tall, refined, feminine, fun, height/weight proportionate, extremely intelligent. Seeks attractive, S/DWM, 6'+, 45-55, well-educated, sensitive but masculine. Enjoys sports, fishing, philosophy and romance. For friendship first. ☎30047

SWF, 55, looking for someone to share times with. ☎30002

SWF, brown hair, brown eyes, enjoy dining, sports and dancing. Seeking a SWM, 40-62, for possible companionship and relationship. ☎30014

Tall, attractive, DWCF, 54. Enjoys outdoors, walking, casual dining and quiet evenings at home. Seeks S/DWCM, n/s, n/d. Life is not easy sometimes must be able to share feelings and have fun. ☎30046

Upper Cape Female. Attractive, professional WWWF, 62 years young, emotionally and financially secure, naples Florida snowbird. Enjoys beach, tennis, theater, exotic travel. Seeking humorous, n/s, 6'+ Male, 57-67, similar interests. ☎30045

61-year-old Lady, brown/hazel, young-at-heart, like simple things in life: walks on the beach, movies, et cetera. Looking for a long-term relationship with an honest, sincere Man. ☎40112

A special heart! I'm 39, attractive, brown/blue, slim, disabled. I love dancing, talking, quiet times and just having fun. Seeking nice-looking Guy, 36-40, with an open mind and big heart, to share friendship, possible relationship. Take a chance! ☎40036

A way to a Man's heart... SJF, 30s, passionate, attractive, athletic, professional. Seeking a great Guy, 38+, with similar qualities, for summer fun including weekends hiking in Maine, picnics at the beach, exploring quaint inns and restaurants. ☎35017

Active interior designer, well-traveled, spiritual, slender WF, over 50, 5'2", enjoy golfing, music and museums. Seeking an educated Male, similar age, with a kind and generous heart. ☎40165

Adam's rib, shapely, passionate, warm DWF, 59, 5'2", seeking an affectionate, bright, educated, confident and down-to-earth WM, 55-65. ☎40096

Adventurous, active, petite DWF, 48, blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoy sailing, wind surfing, skiing, dining, traveling, dancing, intelligence honesty and humor. Seeking a compatible friend. ☎40008

Alluring attorney, pretty, petite, very pretty, very thin SJF, 40s, classy, sincere, fit and feminine, enjoy tennis. Seeking an intelligent, fit, successful and handsome Man with integrity. ☎35002

Are we ready now? We raised our children, settled in our careers. Are we ready now? Framingham area SWF, 41, 5'10", seeking tall, handsome, mature SBM who's rooted and strong, wants to commit to another level in life, enjoys picnics to evening wear. ☎40030

Are you a JM seeking a steamy, romantic relationship with an attractive, affectionate JF, 40s? Why wait? Let's enjoy what life has to offer! ☎35006

Attractive, athletic, active Female, 30s, brown hair and eyes, very fit, petite, healthy and confident. Enjoy exercise, tennis, kids, movies, dancing, reading, a good sense of humor. Seeking attractive S/DWM, 28-40, 5'9"+, n/s, with similar interests. ☎35000

Attractive, petite DWF, young 47, intelligent, fun and love to dance. Looking for the same in a Male. Boston area. ☎35013

Attractive White Female, 41, 5'2", 145 lbs, blonde/hazel, seeking a good-looking, free-spirited, animal-loving, jeans wearing, Harley Davidson kind of Guy. ☎35024

Attractive, caring WJF, 60s, financially independent and full of fun. Love tennis, golf, bridge, travel and whatever. Seeking a Gentleman with a good sense of humor. ☎35005

Attractive, young 52, no children. Love the outdoors, day trips and conversation. Seeking a fit, positive, honest, non-smoking Gentleman for a long-term relationship. ☎40025

Attractive redhead, 41, look 31, fit, intelligent, like alternative and progressive rock. Seeking a hip Male, 38 plus, average height and weight, with hair. ☎40024

Attractive, affectionate, outgoing redhead, 46, 5'3", 140 lbs, professional, enjoy mountain views, walks in the woods, ocean waves, books, theater and music. Seeking Male with positive sense of self and humor, for friendship and more. ☎40004

Attractive 52-year-old Woman looking for a Male companion who will accept a warm, outdoorsy animal lover who's willing to give kindness, honesty and friendship. ☎40031

Attractive, easygoing. Why is an attractive, professional, slender, 30-year-old mom of one looking for a date? Well, if you're an attractive, tall, professional Male, 32-40, please give me a call and find out! ☎40003

Attractive, slim, upbeat SWF, enjoy life in the city, many interests. Seeking a professional, financially secure SWM, 55-60s, nonsmoker, with similar interests. ☎40019

Attractive and classy. DWF, flight attendant, 38, 5'5", 110 lbs, blonde, upbeat, positive, love golf, boating and tennis. Seeking a stable, attractive, sensitive SWM soulmate, 38-55, for a long-term relationship. ☎40132

Attractive BF, 25, 5'5", short black hair, beautiful brown eyes, intelligent, independent, down-to-earth, fun-loving. Love cooking, travel and movies. Seeking a down-to-earth, adventurous, intelligent, hardworking, sincere, nonsmoking WM. No drugs. ☎40134

Attractive, slim SWF, 39, ISO a nice, attractive, fit and outgoing SBM, 35-45, with a sense of humor, who enjoys travel and sports. ☎40138

Attractive, educated, European Female, 5'5", 135 lbs, seeking a nonsmoking, nondrinking, handsome, professional SAM, 35+, into classical music, for friendship and more. ☎40159

Austin Female, 56, 5'11", short black hair, brown eyes, people say I look like Liz Walker (Channel 4 News Lady). Seeking a WM for friendship, maybe more. ☎40129

Azure, alizarin, uncultivated August wildflower, early fifth generative decade, seeking spirited self-aware, adventurous complement to develop unique, prized hybrid. ☎35003

Beautiful JF, 42, 5'3", 110 lbs, fit, love the finer things in life, all that nature has to offer. Seeking handsome, fit, financially secure JM, 38-50, who likes himself. Metro West. ☎40017

Black Afro queen, petite, attractive and full of life. Seeking a handsome, sincere, caring, healthy, professional Male for short walks and movies. ☎35034

Blonde SWF, 38, attractive, medical professional, enjoy healthy lifestyle, outdoor and social activities, extended family and humor. Looking for a handsome, active, honest, marriage-minded SWM, 35-45. ☎35014

Blue jean baby, Birkenstock Girl, plus-sized Woman seeking true companionship. SWF, 33, love reading, movies, ethnic dining and most cultural activities. I speak a little Spanish. ☎40150

Breath taking JF professional, exciting, classy, alluring, and passionate. Seeks handsome, happy, romantic, sensitive, successful, n/s, 45+ JM. ☎40173

Caring, compassionate White Widowed Female, 63, 5'11", blonde/blue, attractive, n/s, social drinker, like theater, camping, dining out, movies and tv. Seeking tall, romantic Gentleman for friend, companion, possible loving long-term relationship. ☎35020

Charming, educated DWF, northern European-American transplant, full of life, sense of humor, health-conscious, like to travel. Seeking DWM, 50-60, who's interested in culture, secure emotionally and financially, for friendship maybe more. ☎40011

Chinese-American DF, professional, 50, 5'9", seeking a well-educated, French-speaking S/DWM companion, 50+, 6'+, to enjoy fine dining, operas, concerts and ballroom dancing. ☎40167

Classy, attractive Single Greek Woman, 41, n/s, childless, full of energy and love to share. Seeking a Greek or Italian Man! Eastern Orthodox a plus! ☎35026

Come play with me. Join my 50th celebration. Petite SWF is ready to share a fulfilling relationship as I rejoice in my 50th year. ☎35011

Cute, romantic, funny DWF, 34, 5'4", 110 lbs, seeking an honest DWM, 34-39, for friendship, movies, music and summer fun. Must have good sense of humor, like kids and animals. ☎35035

DJF with full and happy life seeking a JM, 50-55, to share long walks, close friends and family, kids (yours and mine). Please be over 5'10", slim, and a nonsmoker. ☎40141

European-born SWF, 5'6", 40s, romantic, sensible, passionate. Love travel and all that nature has to offer. Seeking an attractive Man with similar interests. Boston area. ☎40144

Exquisite, intelligent, green-eyed, redheaded SWF, 25, enjoy classical music, dancing and elegant dining. Seeking an intelligent, family-oriented, successful, professional SWM, 35+, n/s, for a serious relationship. With child a plus. ☎40097

Framingham area Female, 35, n/s, Divorced parent, hard-working professional, family-oriented, caring and honest. Enjoy movies, dancing, the outdoors and quiet times. Seeking someone similar for friendship or possibly more. ☎40022

Franklin area. 29-year-old SWF, 5' tall, cute brunette, fit, cheerful and athletic. Enjoy dining out, beaches and dancing. Seeking handsome, fit, professional, nonsmoking SWM, 28-34, 5'8"-5'11", for possible long-term relationship. ☎40083

From a place of wholeness, radiant, youthful Jewish Lady, over 39, is creating a totally committed love partnership with an awesome Man. Are you that Man? ☎40075

From the nice part of town. DWF, 40s, n/s, good sense of humor. I'll make great best friend. I'm kind, caring and romantic. My ultimate dream is to ride off into the sunset on the back of a Harley, but the handlebars of a Huffy is fine. ☎35023

Fun-loving, young-thinking WJF, 53, 5'5", in great shape. Looking for one Man, 47-59, who still feels that true love is possible. Enjoy dining out, movies and travel. Newton or surrounding area. ☎35037

Heart like mine. Merrimack Valley DWF, 52, 5'8", proportionate, attractive blonde with baby blue eyes, optimistic, independent and caring. Love life, creative, independent and caring, n/s. Enjoy movies, trips, dancing, crafts, reading, concerts. ☎40005

Hi, if you are a handsome, honest, spontaneous, down-to-earth kind of Guy who's financially and emotionally stable, and you are looking for a friendship or a long-term relationship with a beautiful Woman, 36, call me. ☎35030

Hiking partner sought. Fit outdoorsy Woman, 52, 5'7", pretty and slim. Entrepreneur, part time professor. Seeking a fun, fit, together Man, 45-60, to share summer's joys. Love of wine helpful. ☎40147

Home and hearth. Beautiful, mature, adroit, creative, painter and poet seeking a noble, gentle, highly conscious Gentleman, 45-65, with simple heartfelt values. ☎40015

Irreverent, passionate, fit Female, 49, accomplished director and teacher, offbeat qualities, playful nature. Myriad intellectual interests matched by strong attraction to music, the outdoors, NPR, bright progressive men, sense of humor, compassion. Dads welcome. ☎40092

Italian DWF, 43, no kids, attractive, bright, hardworking, long reddish brown hair, brown eyes, slender, size six, n/s, health-conscious, fun to be with. Seeking good-looking, fit, sincere, secure DWM for friendship and relationship. ☎40020

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

38-year-old SM, 5'7", brown/green, 160 lbs, enjoy hiking, fishing and traveling. Seeking a down-to-earth WF, 28-40, with similar interests. ☎30033

Caring, honest, secure, affectionate, fit, professional WM seeking a happy, loving, romantic, playful, lifetime friend and lover, 52-60, to share romance, outdoors, dancing, travel and the beach. ☎30011

Civil War buff. Retired Single Gentleman, 72, disabled American veteran, seeking a kind WF. ☎30032

Divorced, broke, looking anyway. DWM, 48, medium build, n/s, n/d, outdoor Guy. Have a real job, no bills. Are you tall, thin, ready to meet a nice Guy? ☎30036

Dream lover, come rescue me! Warm, caring, sensitive and compassionate DWM, 50, young, very fit, active, 5'6", 145 lbs. Seeking a down-to-earth WF for my best friend and a long-term relationship. ☎30026

Earth sign, eclectic, witty, well-built, professional DWM, 40s, 5'11", enjoy astrology, personal growth, outdoors, day trips, quiet times, the simpler things. Seeking S/DWF 38-48, similar interests, for possible relationship. Plymouth area. ☎30021

Expect an exceptional lifetime partner. Tall, handsome Christian, chaste, fit, leader, 35, desires skinny Christian Woman with small features, morals and personality for lifetime of adventure, passion and purpose. Michigan. ☎30035

Falmouth Male, 61, 5'11", 145 lbs, retired military, no bad habits. Seeking a soulmate. Enjoy all of life. ☎30024

Friendly, full-figured Female, 41, love animals, country music, volunteering and being outside. Nonsmoker, social drinker. Seek mature Man who has similar interests, kids ok. ☎30038

Fun-loving DWM, 26, 5'8", 165 lbs, Single dad, seeking professional S/DWF, 25-33, to share fun times, laughter, movies, camping and road trips. Must like Nickelodean. ☎30027

Haunted by mysteries of life, intrigued by fears of the heart, drama, joy, illusion, romance, laughter. Being is simple or complicated as we make it. If you're a thinking Gal, call. ☎30043

Humanist SWM, 69, 5'10", 145 lbs, n/s, retired social worker, Hawaiian snow bird, boating, swimming, hiking, antique autos, sing-along songs, dislike rock. Seeking slim, attractive, unencumbered Lady. Upper to mid-Cape preferred. ☎30012

I am Portuguese and Italian, medium build, brown/brown, 165 lbs. Interests: cars, four-wheel drive, cooking, dancing, pool, movies, auto mechanics, social smoker/drinker, 6-year-old son. Military technician, seeking Woman, 30-50. ☎30044

Mid Cape area. SWM, 50, 5'11", 185 lbs, sincere, fun-loving, loves the outdoors, long walks on the beach and just talking. Seeking the same in a nice Lady, for companionship and good times. ☎30048

One-Woman Man, Black hair, brown eyes, 41, in great shape. Love body building and trying new things. Seeking work out partner in petite Lady, 36-42, family-oriented, old-fashioned morals. Kids great. ☎30051

Outer Cape area. Professional, tall, dark, handsome SWM, brown/brown, honest, sincere and easygoing, like outdoors, camping, ocean, car rides and travel. Seeking great, height and weight proportionate SWF for fun, companionship. ☎30019

Practicing Catholic. SWM, 39, seeking SWF, 28-40, also a practicing Catholic. Enjoy outdoors during the summer and quiet evenings at home, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Cape Cod, South Shore area. ☎30013

Recently retired Gentleman with easygoing disposition, love the ocean, enjoy dining and dancing. Would like to meet a happy-go-lucky Lady who shares the same interests. ☎30030

Rochester Male, youthful 58, 6', 180 lbs, retired military, neat, nice looks, graying, n/s, n/d, love the classics, seeking a soulmate. ☎30007

Romeo meets Juliet. Male, 22, 6', 185 lbs, brown/hazel. Looking for a relationship, possibly long-term. Enjoy boating, fishing, dancing, movies and walking on the beach. Looking for a SF, 22-29. ☎30023

Sagittarius sailor, wild eyes, great shape, sensitive, looking for an attractive, athletic sail mate, 28-38, for adventure and moonlit romance. Our little ship has enough room for skis and golf clubs. ☎30005

SM, 70, 5'5", 145 lbs, enjoy dancing, walking, bike riding, swimming and listening to jazz. Seeking a fun Lady. ☎30004

Tall, dark and handsome SWM, 34, 6'2", enjoy all the usual stuff, yada, yada, yada. Seeking an attractive SF, 25-37, n/s. ☎30006

Two thumbs up. "Humorous, creative, fun, sensitive, communicative, sweet and cute." SWM, 37, 5'11", 170 lbs, desires similar SF, 21-40. ☎30050

Walks by the sea, dancing until dawn. SJM, 53, 5'9", seeking a financially secure Jewish Lady, 40s-50s, to join me. ☎30037

A really nice, attractive Guy. Young-looking DWM, close to 50, financially secure and fun, seeking the right young-looking, slim, very attractive Female, 35-48, to share dance, travel, dining and things. ☎40104

Adventurous, handsome, successful, young, fit DWM, 41, 5'11", 180 lbs, blue eyes, n/s, professional. Love spontaneity, travel, candlelit dinners, good wine, champagne, concerts, theater, music, dancing, summers on the beach. Needham. ☎40089

Affable, compassionate, erudite SWM, 43, wishes SF, 29-49, musicologist, traveler, skier and bon vivant would put down her espresso and biscotti and answer this advertisement. Anglophile and cineast: call now. ☎40067

Alive and kicking. DWM, 37, 6'3", 170 lbs, professional, handsome, full of energy and life, love kids, animals, the outdoors, family and meeting new people. Single moms encouraged. Metro West preferred. ☎40133

Appreciates touch, eye contact, emotional responsiveness, verbal and nonverbal communication. Playful, tender, musical, youthful, spiritual idealist seeking a slender, similar soul, 30-45, for an intimate, loving partnership. ☎40164

Asian-American/WF sought by attractive, athletic, personable, fun SWM, 41, 5'9", 170 lbs, n/s, with a neat appearance. I enjoy sports, music, arts, the outdoors and travel. ☎40152

Athletic, handsome, professional DM wishes for friendship with a fit, attractive WF, 35-45. Hoping my voice touches your heart so I might have this dance for the rest of my life. ☎40126

Attractive, romantic SWM, 36, 5'9", 185 lbs, sincere, down-to-earth, enjoy working out, travel, dancing and laughter. Seeking a petite SF, 25-35, with similar interests. ☎40148

Attractive, 43-year-old WM, 5'10", 175 lbs, brown/blue, athletic and well-educated. Looking for an attractive, dark HF, 26-42, for a long-term relationship, possibly marriage. ☎40116

Attractive DWM, 39, 5'10", fit fun, sincere, sociable, open-minded, enjoys dancing, movies,and travel. Seeking attractive, fit, n/s WF, 30-40, for a healthy relationship. ☎40172

Available now! Metrowest, down-to-earth, professional DJM, one son, 39, n/s, fit, 5'4", likes movies, biking, skiing, hiking, seeks S/DWF, 35-42, for fun and who knows. ☎40160

Baby hunger? Handsome, healthy SWM, 45, 5'9", Irish, Catholic, youthful, fun, fit, kind, romantic, sincere, successful, spiritual, twelve steps. Seeking slender soulmate and best friend who's ready to start a family! ☎40122

Bam Bam seeking Pebbles. No Dinos, please. WM, 30, 6'2", 220 lbs, blonde/blue, love sports and kids. Seeking a spontaneous, attractive and outgoing Female to share laughs. ☎35053

Best friend wanted. Accomplished, athletic, loyal DWM, 40, 6', brown/blue, clean, healthy, seeking a slender, blonde, blue-eyed Female, 28-40, for nature, sports, motorcycle rides, honesty, passion, best friend. Plus: Route 93 North area. ☎40057

Black gold SBM, 38, handsome, artist, seeking a SBF, nonsmoker, in good shape, for fun in the sun, romance under the stars and adventure all year round. ☎40046

Boston professional, businessman SWM, 6'1", fit, romantic, upbeat, n/s. Seeking a professional, athletic, beautiful and smart S/DWF, 34-44. ☎40081

Brave, eternal optimist SWM, 30s, 5'9", 180 lbs, brown/brown, attracive, honest, affectionate and passionate, love kids, my family, sports and animals, especially my two puppies. Seeking something magical. ☎40086

Carefree travel sought with enlightened, practical, educated, funky Female. Me: fit WM, 32, Seinfieldian but kind, irreverent designer. Exotic destinations, plus platonic romance. Intrigued? ☎40101

Caring, handsome, warmhearted SWM, 38, 6'1", 205 lbs, brown/green. Enjoy movies, dining out, reading, cooking and day trips. Seeking attractive, bright, outgoing SWF, 30-45, for friendship, possible relationship. Prefer 617/781 area. ☎40091

Cultured SWM, I speak French and enjoy traveling, music, good conversation, movies, literature and much more. Seeking Asian or White Female, 25-40, who's sensitive, open minded and stable, for possible relationship. ☎40056

Divorced White Male, 60, 195 lbs, average-looking, laid-back and easygoing. Seeking Black or White Female, 35-60, for friendship, companionship, long-term relationship. Prefer quiet evenings at home. Easily adjustable to any situation. ☎40040

Domesticated SWM, 42, with feminine side, into travel, photography and Sox games. Seeking an understanding, assertive and open-minded Woman, 25-45. ☎40073

Down-to-earth, tall, ruggedly-built Italian Male, 40-ish, kind, caring and upbeat. Seeking a pretty, upbeat Woman for friendship, occasional coffee, conversation, dating and laughs! ☎35060

Down-to-earth SWM, 30s, quiet, enjoy occasionally dining out, movies, walking and reading. Looking for a down-to-earth SWF, 20-26, with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎40082

DWCM, 50-ish, 5'7", Metro West businessman of means, seeking a Woman, 40-55, for mutual caring and long-term relationship. Interests: yard sales to opera. ☎40099

DWM, 40-year-old mind and 52-year-old body, professional, well-educated, spontaneous and fun-loving. Seeking someone with a variety of interests. Like to go out, but enjoy quiet, quality time also. ☎40077

Easygoing and caring. I'm 54, 5'8", 160 lbs, easygoing, caring, like the outdoors, travel, walks and weekend getaways. Seeking a thin, attractive, spiritual, kind Woman for long-term relationship. ☎35043

Easygoing Male, 46, enjoy travel, beaches, clubs, reading and dancing. Would like to meet a Lady, 30-50, who's open-minded and likes to be adventurous. ☎40121

Editor, 28, workaholic, type A, curious, fun, like the outdoors and intensity in others. Looking for a Woman, 25-35, who gets black humor and doesn't sweat small stuff. ☎40074

Emotionally available, premium SJM, 40+, 5'9", great shape, good-looking, successful, intelligent. Seeking Newton area, slim, nonsmoking SJF, 40-55, for loving, dancing, caring, caretaker, sharing. Your call will be returned. ☎40072

Expect an exceptional lifetime partner. Tall, handsome Christian, chaste, fit, leader, 35, desires skinny Christian Woman with small features, morals and personality for lifetime of adventure, passion and purpose. Michigan. ☎40120

Federal professional SWM, 40s, fit, very good-looking, seeking an intelligent, attractive and slim SWF, 35-46, for friendship and romance. NPR, book or music fans get a plus. ☎40078

Federal professional SWM, 40s, fit, very good-looking, seeking an intelligent, attractive and slim SWF, 35-46, for friendship and romance. NPR, book or music fans get a plus.

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41-year-old GWM, 5'7", 157 lbs, hirsute, interested in meeting a similar Male, n/s, n/drugs, for enjoying life. No attitudes need apply. ☎30042

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Swim team glides past Hanover

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Bilton came in first, and the team of Colin Regan, Evan Sacks, Chris Simmons and Kayvon Tehranian came in third.

In the girls 12 and Under Free Relay the team of Yasmine Afshar, Rebecca Lehr, Melissa Orsini and Casey Anderson came in first, and the team of Ashley Faber, Sarah Lambert, Rachel Garber and Jenna Larson came in second.

In the boys 17 and Under Free Relay the team of Scott Faber, David Inger, Alex Berg and Chris Golden came in first, and the team of David Crowley-Buck, Jody Roach, Craig Blackburn and Rob Lehr came in second.

In the girls 17 and Under Free Relay the team of Caroline Carter, Julie Shea, S. Motley and Cara Foley came in first, the team of Alex Coffey, Alexis Bugley, Anna Roche and C. Wahle came in second, and the team of Kate Grimm, Laura Kondrat, Arianna Dedes and Sera Genovese came in third.

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	2. Tommy Myers	2. Casey Anderson
	5. Jon Grimm	3. Ashley Faber
14 and under	1. Scott Faber	1. Kate Grimm
	3. Craig Blackburn	4. Laura Kondrat
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SPORTS BRIEFS

More Cohasset athletes in the Bay State Games

Due to incomplete information supplied to the paper last week, some local residents who will be participating in the Bay State Games were not listed in last week's preview story.

Ken Leahy and Andrew Collins will be playing in the open lacrosse games, while Jaqueline Kahn, Adam Leahy and Matt Verrochi all are in the scholastic lacrosse division.

The Bay State Games kick off with opening ceremonies at the FleetCenter tonight (Thursday) and will continue for the next two weeks.

Cohasset men's softball league

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon for the players, families, and friends. The league is shaping up although most of the players are not.

The Cell Boys (who had not won a game yet) exploded, for eleven runs in one inning! Jeff Pinkus was 6 for 6! They ended up losing 22-18 to the defending champs "Last Call."

Kenny Snow baffled the Who's on First team 23-3! His wife, Mary could not keep up with her score keeping sheet as the players kept circling the bases!

The Dog Pound submarined the Grinders in the late game. I don't know the score because I had to take my kids home.

Standings

Dog Pound	3-1
Last Call	3-1
Who's on First	3-1
Grinders	1-2

Hoop it up at basketball camp

The Cohasset Recreation Department in conjunction with the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club will sponsor a Summer Basketball camp, under the direction of Ron Ford.

The fee for the four-day camp is $120. The full week camp, for boys and girls ages 12 through 15, will be held Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17, at the Sullivan Gymnasium. The fee for the five-day camp is $150.

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POLICE LOG

MONDAY, JUNE 29

6:55 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Arrest: Donna A. Cogan, 42, of 142 Arlington St., Marshfield. Charges: operating after license suspended, state highway red light.

9:06 a.m. Old Pasture Road, officer wanted. Services rendered.

9:57 a.m. Meadow Lane, MV violation. Departmental action.

2:50 p.m. Unknown, larceny. Departmental action.

5:50 p.m. Hull Street, medical aid. Removed to hospital.

6:03 p.m. Beechwood Street, animal complaint. Report taken.

6:52 p.m. Sheldon Road, disturbance, gathering. Area search, negative.

9:52 p.m. Black Rock Road, suspicious, other. Report taken.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

12:03 a.m. Howard Gleason Road, suspicious auto. Departmental action.

12:05 a.m. Spring Street and Cushing Road, suspicious person. Area search, negative.

6:03 a.m. Cushing Road, animal complaint. referred to other agency.

6:21 a.m. Vandalism, town parking lot. Report taken.

8:53 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, traffic citation/warning issued.

11:22 a.m. Cushing Road, assist to other agency. Referred to other agency.

1:59 p.m. Border Street, medical aid. Removed to hospital.

7:00 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist citizen. Canceled before arrival.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

12:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious, other. Departmental action.

6:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop, traffic citation/warning issued.

6:30 a.m. Forest Avenue, MV stop, traffic citation/warning issued.

6:35 a.m. Brook Street, larceny. Investigated/report taken.

8:59 a.m. Atlantic Avenue, MV violations. Departmental action.

10:19 a.m. Ripley Road, suspicious, other. Field investigation report.

10:34 a.m. Pond Street, MV stop. Verbal warning issued.

12:34 p.m. Forest Avenue and N. Main, MV accident. Investigated/report taken.

12:53 p.m. Atlantic Avenue, MV violations. Investigated/report taken.

1:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV accident. Investigated/report taken.

3:13 p.m. S. Main Street, MV stop. Traffic citation issued.

4:05 p.m. N. Main Street, medical aid. removed to hospital.

4:37 p.m. Elm Street, medical aid. Patient sign off.

8:45 p.m. Sandy Beach, assist motorist. Services rendered.

8:53 p.m. Cushing Road, animal complaint. Referred to other agency.

9:09 p.m. Kane Drive, assist to other PD. Departmental action.

11:21 p.m. Doane Steet, noise complaint. Departmental action.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

12:02 a.m. N. Main Street, vandalism. Departmental action.

2:00 a.m. Norfolk Road, animal complaint. Area search, negative.

2:28 a.m. Headquarters, assist citizen. Departmental action.

9:17 a.m. Sohier Street, animal complaint. Referred to other agency.

9:20 a.m. Nichols Road, animal complaint. Services rendered.

9:47 a.m. S. Main Street, disturbance. Investigated/report taken.

10:11 a.m. Main Street, MV stop. Verbal warning issued.

10:21 a.m. Jerusalem Road, vandalism. Log entry information.

11:34 a.m. N. Main Street, disturbance. Investigated/report taken.

12:16 p.m. James Lane, animal complaint. Services rendered.

1:27 p.m. N. Main Street, served res[illegible]g order. Message/summons not delivered.

2:26 p.m. Border Street, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed gathering.

2:38 p.m. Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road, medical aid. Referred to other agency.

3:16 p.m. Sohier Street, medical aid. Referred to other agency.

4:22 p.m. Border Street, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed gathering.

4:59 p.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid. Removed to hospital.

5:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, transport. Services rendered.

6:19 p.m. N. Main Street, served restraining order. Services rendered.

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Man assaults police officer at RTF

Responding to complaints from residents about people dumping trash without a valid permit, police officers were on hand at the RTF over the weekend checking for the stickers.

Sunday morning, police said Jack Silvia, 80, of 43 Border St., assaulted Officer James McLean who tried to question him about his sticker.

Sgt. Robert Jackson said Silvia — who has been charged with assault & battery with a dangerous weapon, assault & battery on a police officer, disorderly person, resisting arrest and malicious destruction of property over $250 — ripped the officer's shirt, hit him in the face and broke his classes.

Jackson said Silvia was arraigned on the charges Monday in Quincy District Court where a plea of not guilty was entered on his behalf. A pre-trial conference is slated for 9 a.m., Sept. 16.

Police said Silvia sped by McLean in a 1988 Mazda pickup truck on his way into the RTF. When McLean caught up to Silvia, he told him could not leave his trash without a permit whereupon police said Silvia swore at McLean and struck him in the face with his free hand, Jackson said.

In a telephone interview, Silvia emphatically denied hitting the officer. He said the officers who were called to assist McLean broke his ribs because they were very sore. Silvia said he borrowed his son's truck to go to the dump. Although a sticker had been purchased for the truck, his son had not put it on the window, he explained.

Despite the incident, police will continue to check vehicles for valid annual RTF permits which are for sale for $65 ($33 for senior citizens) at the RTF and at town hall.

Stolen car suspects caught

Two men who allegedly stole a 1995 BMW M3, valued at $26,000, from Cohasset Imports last week were apprehended in Weymouth later the same day.

Officer Richard Yocum said a break-in at the Route 3A dealership was reported at about 11:30 a.m., July 6. Investigation revealed that several sets of keys, an undermined amount of cash and the BMW were stolen.

At 2 p.m., police recovered a 1983 Chevy Malibu, allegedly stolen from Weymouth, in the woods almost across the street from Cohasset Imports.

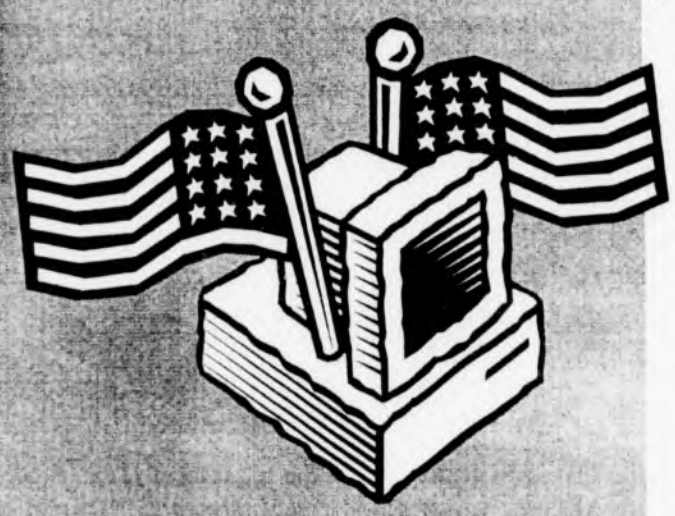
Plymouth County Bureau of Investigation assisted in the investigation obtaining fingerprints from a window sill and the Malibu, Yocum said.

At about 7 p.m., Weymouth police pursued the stolen BMW and arrested Michael F. Lawson, 19, of 198 Lake St., East Weymouth and George Dabrolet, Jr., 18, of 27 Harrington Ave., Weymouth.

Cohasset police are waiting for lab results on the fingerprints but said they have probable cause to charge the two men with breaking & entering in the daytime, larceny of a motor vehicle, receiving stolen property and malicious damage to property.

The men are being held in the Dedham House of Correction, Yocum said.

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POLICE LOG

9:05 p.m. Atlantic Avenue, MV stop. Verbal warning issued.

9:32 p.m. Jerusalem Road, assist to citizen. Removed to hospital.

11:00 p.m. Summer Street, disturbance. Arrest: Robert A. Stansell III, 19, of 23 Cedar Ln., Cohasset. Charges: minor transporting/carrying al[illegible] public drinking. Arrest: Joseph P. Magner, [illegible]f 46 Elm St., Cohasset. Charges: minor transporting/carrying alcohol, public drinking. Arrest: Michael J. Kearney, 19, of 1 Forest Ave., Cohasset. Charges: minor transporting/carrying alcohol, public drinking. Arrest: Matthew B. Rossi, 20, of 48 Oak St., Cohasset. Charges: minor transporting/carrying alcohol.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

1:19 a.m. Hull Street, MV violations. Area search, negative.

11:44 a.m. N. Main Street, animal complaint. Referred to other agency.

6:47 a.m. Mendel Road, MV stop. Traffic citation issued.

6:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Traffic citation issued.

8:34 a.m. South Main Street, vandalism. Investigated/report taken.

11:13 a.m. N. Main Street, annoying phone calls. Departmental actions.

12:30 p.m. South Main Street, suspicious other. Departmental action.

1:00 p.m. N. Main Street, summons service. Summons delivered.

1:48 p.m. The Square, parking violation. parking ticket issued.

2:21 p.m. Elm Street. medical aid. Removed to hospital.

2:30 p.m. The Harbor, harbor enforcement/services. Services rendered.

2:37 p.m. The Common, suspicious other. Dispersed gathering.

3:00 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny. Investigated/report taken.

4:03 p.m. Harbor, harbor enforcement services. Verbal warning issued.

4:12 p.m. Old Coach Road, animal complaint. Referred to other agency.

4:40 p.m. Border Street, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed gathering.

4:43 p.m. Sohier Street, MV stop. Verbal waning issued.

5:29 p.m. Atlantic Avenue, suspicious person. No police services necessary.

5:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed gathering.

7:04 p.m. Harbor, harbor enforcement, verbal warning issued.

7:22 p.m. King Street, MV stop. Verbal warning issued.

7:29 p.m. Sohier Street, MV stop. Arrest: Rory J. MacDonald, 35, of 109 Cross St., Hanover. Charges: operating MV after license suspended, loud muffler.

8:14 p.m. Howe Road, animal complaint. Referred to other agency.

9:39 p.m. North Main Street, suspicious auto. Investigated/report taken.

10:05 p.m. Elm Street, medical aid. Patient sign off.

11:36 p.m. South Main Street, MC stop. Verbal warning issued.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

12:20 a.m. Sumit Avenue., assist to other PD. Services rendered.

12:47 a.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person. Area search, negative.

1:20 a.m. Jerusalem Road, medical aid. Removed to hospital.

11:20 a.m. The Harbor, harbor enforcement, verbal warning issued.

12:12 p.m. Stanton Road, medical aid. Referred to other agency.

2:17 p.m. Border Street, parking violation. Parking ticket issued.

3:24 p.m. N. Main Street, general disturbance. Peace restored.

4:06 p.m. Lamberts Lane, medical aid. Removed to hospital.

8:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, threats, other. Investigated/report taken.

8:48 p.m. Harbor Area, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed gathering.

9:02 p.m. Black Rock Beach, by law violation. Departmental action.

9:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Traffic citation/warning issued.

10:06 p.m. West Corner, MV stop. Departmental action.

10:38 p.m. Sohier Street, disturbance. Dispersed gathering.

11:48 p.m. Aaron River Road, disturbance, gathering. Area search, negative.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

12:50 a.m. The Hillside, animal complaint. Departmental action.

7:51 a.m. The Square, assist motorist. Referred to other agency.

9:51 a.m. King Street, vandalism. No police service necessary.

9:56 a.m. Summer Street, medical aid. Patient sign off.

11:00 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Traffic citation issued.

11:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Traffic citation/warning issued.

11:35 a.m. CJC Way by Stop & Shop, arrest: Mac A. Abraham, 44, of 5 Cedar St., Kingston.

12:00 p.m. Border Street, trespassing. Log entry information.

5:25 p.m. Cedar Street, suspicious other. Area search, negative.

5:57 p.m. Cushing Road, missing person. Returned to home or family.

6:36 p.m. Summer Street, parking violation. Parking ticket issued.

9:11 p.m. Forest Avenue, suspicious, other. Log entry information.

MONDAY, JULY 6

10:02 a.m. MV stop, Sohier St., traffic citation/warning.

10:13 a.m. MV stop, arrest: Michelle M. Anderson, DOB 9-3-66, 780 Broad St., East Weymouth. Charges: two warrants.

10:29 a.m. Medical aid, Sohier St., returned to home or family.

10:30 a.m. Larceny, Beechwood St., investigated, report taken.

11:26 a.m. Vandalism, Elm St., investigated, report taken.

11:29 a.m. B&E, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigated, report taken.

1:10 p.m. Vandalism, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigated, report taken.

1:48 p.m. Transport, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., services rendered.

2 p.m. Recovered MV, Ridge Top Rd. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigated, report taken.

3:32 p.m. Animal complaint, Cedarledge Village, referred to other agency.

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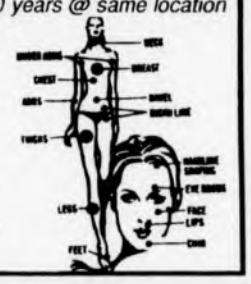
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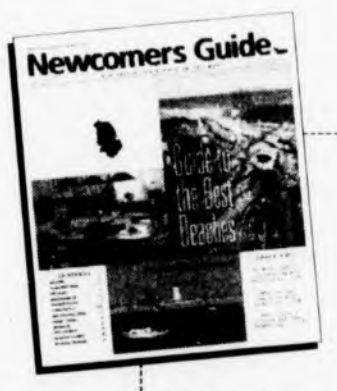


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Forum to pave way for a new sidewalk

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Next Thursday, members of the Village Task Force want a big turnout for their forum on the St. Stephen's sidewalk proposal.

They hope to keep the momentum going for village improvements while at the same time proceeding cautiously, so each revitalized piece of Cohasset's "downtown" fits into an overall vision.

The town has some wiggle room with the $165K state grant to pay for the sidewalk which will go along South Main Street from the edge of the common near the bus shelter to Elm Street. It doesn't have to spend the money for 18 months which allows time to fine-tune the design if need be, task force chairman Dean Rizzo said.

The task force met Tuesday to grapple with a game plan to present to the sidewalk forum slated for 7:30 p.m., July 30 in the town hall auditorium.

To overcome traffic flow concerns from the fire, police and highway departments, the group scaled back the proposed "big bump" in the sidewalk in front of Lilac Antiques. For the past two weeks, sandbags and barrels have delineated where the "small bump" would be in

SIDEWALK, PAGE 4

Signs could help harbor access

Architect Jim Shipsky is hard at work designing a way to improve access to the harbor. The project is being paid for by a Coastal Access Grant awarded to the town.

At a meeting of the Village Task Force on Tuesday, Shipsky suggested a simple, inexpensive way to improve access is to post "public is welcome" signs at harbor areas that are town-owned.

He said many people may not realize that the lobsterman's wharf and sailing club on Government Island, the Hagerty Property off Parker Avenue, Lawrence Wharf off Border Street and the wharf between Kimball's and the Roy property on Margin Street are town-owned.

"Something as simple as five signs would drastically increase public access to the water," he said.

Shipsky said he would like to make the harbor "as wonderful as the common is" in its feeling of ownership and accessibility by town residents.

His report to the task force is due in September.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Allan Banks of Tampa, Florida found the harbor to be the perfect subject for his "plein air" painting.

Art showcase is a breath of fresh air

By Stacie Charbonneau Gregory
CORRESPONDENT

Anyone who attended the second annual "Paint the Town Plein Air" sponsored by the Christopher Gallery off Route 3A last Saturday can attest to its success. Not only was it a splendid Saturday afternoon, sunny and warm with a gentle breeze, but a lovely day to recreate the town's activity — the ships in the harbor, the quaint side streets — on canvas. The event included about 20 artists from as close as Hingham and as far as Florida who gathered on the Harbor and in the village to capture in a painting their perception of life on this particular day.

"Plein Air" in French means "open air" and it describes the type of spontaneous location painting many attribute to Paris, with life exploding right before one's eyes on the sidewalk or in a café, or along the riverbanks. The artists who practice this technique get swept up in the moment and must work quickly before the light changes. What is perhaps most special about "Plein Air" painting is the spectator becomes involved with a "work in progress"— a rare treat in the world of art. As noted by the Christopher Gallery, "Once people are captivated by the immediacy and spontaneity of plein air work, they come to treasure the paintings as a reflection of the soul of the person who created them."

Though not Paris, Cohasset served as a beautiful backdrop for the artists to recreate the liberating feeling of uncensored self-expression. One brave artist, Robert Farris Jr., stood alone in front of his easel in the vil-

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Preserving Cohasset Harbor's Bassing Beach

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

It has been official since 1968, but the three new signs installed on Scituate's Bassing Beach this July 3 clearly delineate a large portion of that property as the possession of Cohasset Conservation Trust. The signs also request that visitors treat the area in such a way that will protect the land's natural beauty.

"Traditionally, people would go out to Bassing Beach and camp, have bonfires and what not and leave a lot of trash around," explained Bob Baggs, assistant Cohasset harbor master. "The Trust decided they weren't going to allow for that anymore, and they put up signs to that effect."

The 2.5 foot by 2.5 foot forest green signs are situated at the high ground on the west end of the beach, near the foot of the breakwater, and about 1,000 feet east of the breakwater. (The beach itself is located in Cohasset harbor, starting at Bailey's Creek which abuts one part of the marshland-connected "island", and is abutted on its other side by the outer harbor.)

"We hope that the signs will make a difference but it's awfully soon to tell, said John Hartshorne, president of the Cohasset Conservation Trust." "We wanted the signs to not be intrusive. In fact, they're rather hard to see but that's intentional. We didn't want the signs to stare people in the face but we did want them to be visible enough to get the message across. Their purpose is to encourage people to treat the land respectfully in the interest of themselves and others."

Baggs is pleased with the results so far. "There was no big mess left behind this year

BASSING BEACH, PAGE 6

THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

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Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held on alternate Tuesdays.

The next selectmen's meeting is Tuesday, July 28.

Public reading packet available

In an effort to promote communication, the school department provides a public reading packet and makes it available to local citizens.

The packet, which is available in the superintendent's office, contains recent correspondence and other documents. There is also an index of documents including items such as teacher contracts and school handbooks, so people will know how to access those.

Driver arraigned on MV charges

William Leigh Atherton, 18, of Clay Spring Road, was arraigned in Quincy District Court Tuesday on motor vehicle charges relating to the fatal June 9 car crash that claimed the life of his friend and Cohasset High School classmate.

Bourke Cocoran, 18, was killed when police said the 1995 Nissan 200 SX, Atherton was driving, careened out of control and crashed down an embankment on King Street.

Police said Atherton's car was traveling in excess of 70 mph when the accident occurred at about 11 p.m. that night.

Atherton is charged with motor vehicle homicide, speeding, failure to stay in marked lane and driving to endanger.

He sat quietly in the court room next to his parents. A single television camera was on hand and filmed Atherton when he stood with his attorney, Daniel O'Malley of Quincy, to hear the charges. Judge Charles Black presided. A plea of not guilty was entered on Atherton's behalf. A pre-trial conference is scheduled for 9 a.m., Sept. 1.

Motor vehicle homicide is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 2-1/2 years in prison. The Registry of Motor Vehicles indefinitely revoked Atherton's driver's license June 11. Before the June 9 accident, Atherton had had three speeding tickets and one written warning for speeding and had been involved in a single car accident last winter. His license was suspended in Aug. 1997 for having three moving violations within a year. It was reinstated in October.

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Mon. 27	2:19	10.5	8:35	2:51	9.8	8:52
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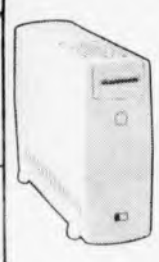
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Making connections

Group provides network for business women

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

What do a book store owner, financial advisor and health care provider have in common?

A lot, according to Nancy Boyle of Hingham.

They are all small businesses run by women and therefore, not only share the problems and perks of "entrepreneurship" but are venturing in increasing numbers into what was formerly a "man's world."

The South Shore Women's Business Network has filled a void that Boyle, who is full-time director and a former president of the organization, knows all too well.

Her business, which started as a typing service run from her home and turned into a company with employees and overhead, didn't survive the recession in 1991.

"There was not support system, I didn't have a net around me. When the economy fell down, a lot didn't know where to turn," the Hingham resident recalled.

At about the same time, the SSWBN was born — the brainchild of a handful of women, including Boyle — who believed there was a need for an organization to provide networking opportunities for women doing business on the South Shore.

The organization has grown from a fledgling group of eight women in May of 1991 to more than 570 members today.

Through its educational forums, breakfast and luncheon meetings, golf tournaments, its annual Business Expo sponsored by BankBoston and more — the SSWBN is reaching out to the small business person (men are also welcome to join).

Members not only share enthusiasm and encourage one another but they also develop networking skills, and find resources and referrals, Boyle explained.

Practical help such as understanding how to access government contracts which have set asides for women and minority-owned businesses and employee law are examples of educational programs sponsored by SSWBN.

Boyle said large companies often provide that kind of assistance "in house" but that's not the case for the small business owner.

Susan Pett epitomizes the small business entrepreneur. She operates Woods Web, which does Web site consulting and systems development, from her Hingham home. She's a company of one.

> **"Women are really nice to do business with, we know what we're doing, we're smart and that's a wonderful thing."**
> Nancy Boyle, SSWBN director

Pett, who balances her work with the needs of two young children, joined SSWBN about 1-1/2 years ago.

"Obviously I like to get business from it," she said. "But it's also a nice way to talk to other people starting their own business. It's a nice way to have peers in a one-person company. It's the only way someone like me who works by themselves can get marketing and sales ideas and things like that."

Betsy Detwiler, who owns Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham, said SSWBN is very inclusive.

"They treat everyone the same," Detwiler said. "The people just getting started out of their house are treated with just as much respect as someone who is an executive at a bank."

She praised the monthly breakfast meetings in which a SSBWN facilitator sits at each table to make sure everyone gets acquainted and swaps business cards.

Cohasset's Dorothy Keville, president of Peace Meal Bread, said she made a good business connection through the SSWBN.

She hooked up with Cindy Rice, owner of International Brownie in Braintree.

"I was renting space at another bakery and it was too expensive," Keville recalled. "Cindy has the baking facility, so she is baking my bread for me.

"This is women helping women," Keville said.

Jodee Doyle of Cohasset, who is a sales rep for Dalton Spring Water, said the SSWBN membership directory is a great resource.

"I use it to find services, everything from financial to the Internet," she said.

At the organization's annual Expo in November, members can exhibit their products and services for the public. There will be an educational workshop at the Expo in which one can learn about sales and marketing through technology.

SSWBN also sponsors an annual golf tournament along with the Abington Savings Bank where the majority of participants are female.

"It's a business networking event," Boyle said. "Golf is a growing sport and it's a wonderful business tool."

Rockland Trust is a partner with SSBWN and eight company employees are members.

Boyle said local companies realize that women in business are an important economic force.

"Women are spending money as well as providing jobs and contributing to the growth of the economy," she said.

And that's not all.

"Women are really nice to do business with, we know what we're doing, we're smart and that's a wonderful thing," she said.

As SSWBN continues to grow, Boyle said a challenge is meeting the needs of its range of members. For example, those who have been in business five years have different issues than someone starting a company up.

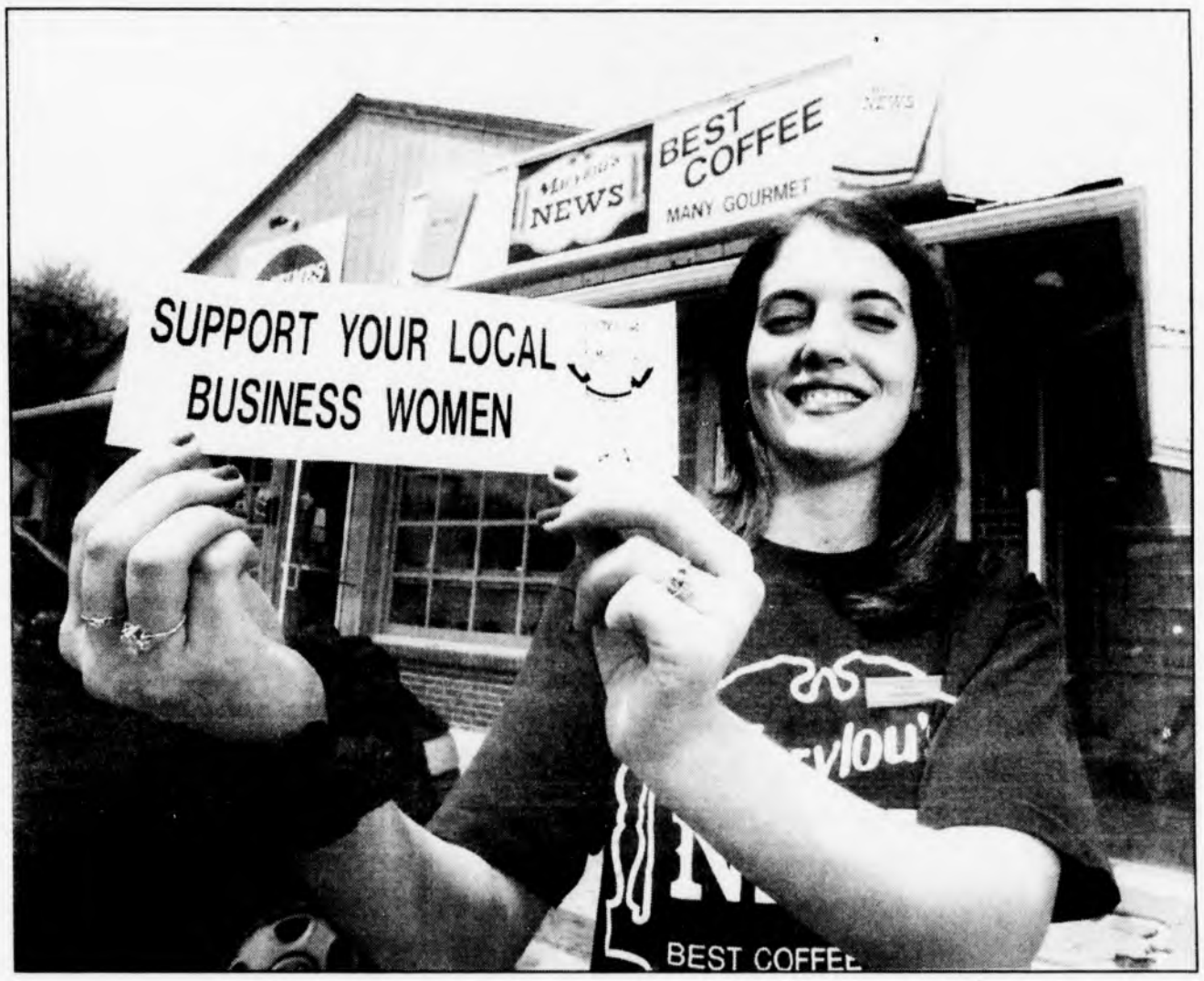
"Our challenge is to look to the future and be there even before our members in terms of information," she said.

Moving members into the larger community of cyberspace and seeing Web sites linked to the SSWBN's so more information can be shared lies ahead.

Boyle would like to see the membership double in the next three years.

"Every time there's a new face in the room, there's a new resource for someone," she said. "And in this day and age, you can't have too many resources available."

For more information, the SSWBN can be reached by phone at 781-749-8883; e-mail at sswbn@dreamcom.net; or at its Website at sswbn.org.



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Paula Donnelly, supervisor at Mary Lou's News off Route 3A in Cohasset, holds a bumper sticker promoting women in business. Proceeds from the sale of the bumper stickers benefit the South Shore Women's Business Network which is based on Whiting Street in Hingham. Mary Lou's is owned my Marylou Sandry, a member of SSWBN.



Nancy Boyle, director of the South Shore Women's Business Network, answers the phone at the organization's headquarters on Whiting Street in Hingham.

The economic facts

- *In the greater Boston area, women-owned businesses are growing faster than those in any other city in the United States. More than 1/3 of all Boston-area businesses are owned by women – an increase of almost 50 percent over five years. Those companies do $1.4 billion annually in gross revenues.*

- *Women make or influence more than 80 percent of all purchases, including durable goods, such as automobiles. Women are now buying hardware, financial services, technology and other traditionally male products in record numbers (more than 1 million chain saws last year).*

- *Women-owned businesses in the US employ 35 percent more people than are employed worldwide by all Fortune 500 companies.*

- *7.7 million women-owned businesses employing 15.5 million workers are doing $1.4 trillion in sales.*

(Source: South Shore Women's Business Network).

Forum to pave way for a new sidewalk

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order to solicit public opinion.

Ed and Barbara Hinckley, owners of Lilac Antiques, aren't happy with any "bump" — which is an area where the sidewalk becomes wider — in front of their shop. It would eliminate the ability to park temporarily near their front door to load and unload furniture and other items. They also worry that landscaping planned for the sidewalk would block or detract from the display windows which attract customers.

"We are the most impacted," Barbara Hinckley said. "Windows for a retail business are very important."

Neil Murphy, a local engineer from Cohasset, said the task force should put the breaks on any improvements until it comes up with a master plan.

"The problem comes when you design little pieces of the village," he said. "You should design it altogether so you don't have to go back and redesign to fit those pieces."

Task force member Jim Sandell, an architect, suggested they reexamine the circulation plan in the village so it is more pedestrian friendly by making Elm Street one-way.

But member Jackie Dormitzer said the village must be an easy place for people to access.

All agreed that the sidewalk area in front of St. Stephen's Church and the Teen Center was dangerous and needed improvement.

"I can't imagine any circumstance where we wouldn't want to do that," Sandell said.

They felt that area could be improved even if the sidewalk stopped just before it reached Lilac Antiques, with the idea that piece could be added later when a master plan is developed.

But Rizzo is concerned that a change in the scope of the project could jeopardize the grant which is based on making a dangerous intersection safer for pedestrians and traffic.

At next Thursday's forum, the task force also expects to hear concerns about removing some of the ledge below St. Stephen's in order to widen the sidewalk.

Task Force member Jim Shipsky, an architect, told the committee the ledge can be removed by "the heat and cold water method" and would not require blasting. This method would maintain a natural profile to the rock.



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The proposed "bump out" on the sidewalk in the village in front of Lilac Antiques is on the agenda for the July 30 forum on village revitalization.



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Deveney sisters are running the show

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

For 10 years, the sister team of Sarah, Beth and Grace Deveney has been producing theatrical performances in Cohasset. They are the driving force behind the Cohasset Recreation Department's drama program, which will perform "Anastasia," Aug. 11 and 12 at the Cohasset High School auditorium.

The now-twentysomething Deveneys' rise to community fame began in their younger years with "Pleasant Street Productions," which they operated out of their family's garage on Pleasant Street.

Beth, then 12 years old, directed her younger sister Grace who had the starring role in "Alice in Wonderland," and played the Mad Hatter herself while Sarah, the oldest, designed the scenery for the play. Family, friends and neighbors attended the debut performance of the Pleasant Street players.



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The Deveney sisters, (from right) Sarah, Beth and Grace, have been the driving force behind the Cohasset Recreation Department's drama program since it began eight years ago.

The following year, the Deveneys took their act outside — after their father kicked them out of the garage — and performed "Peter Pan," using sheets and a clothesline to construct a makeshift curtain.

> **"I could never do it without (my sisters). We all work together really well."**
> — BETH DEVENEY, DIRECTOR OF COHASSET RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S DRAMA PROGRAM.

The productions were such a hit that their parents convinced them to go public. That summer, eight years ago, the Deveney sisters pitched an idea for a children's drama program to the Cohasset Recreation Department — which had no summer drama program at the time.

The Deveneys have been running the show ever since.

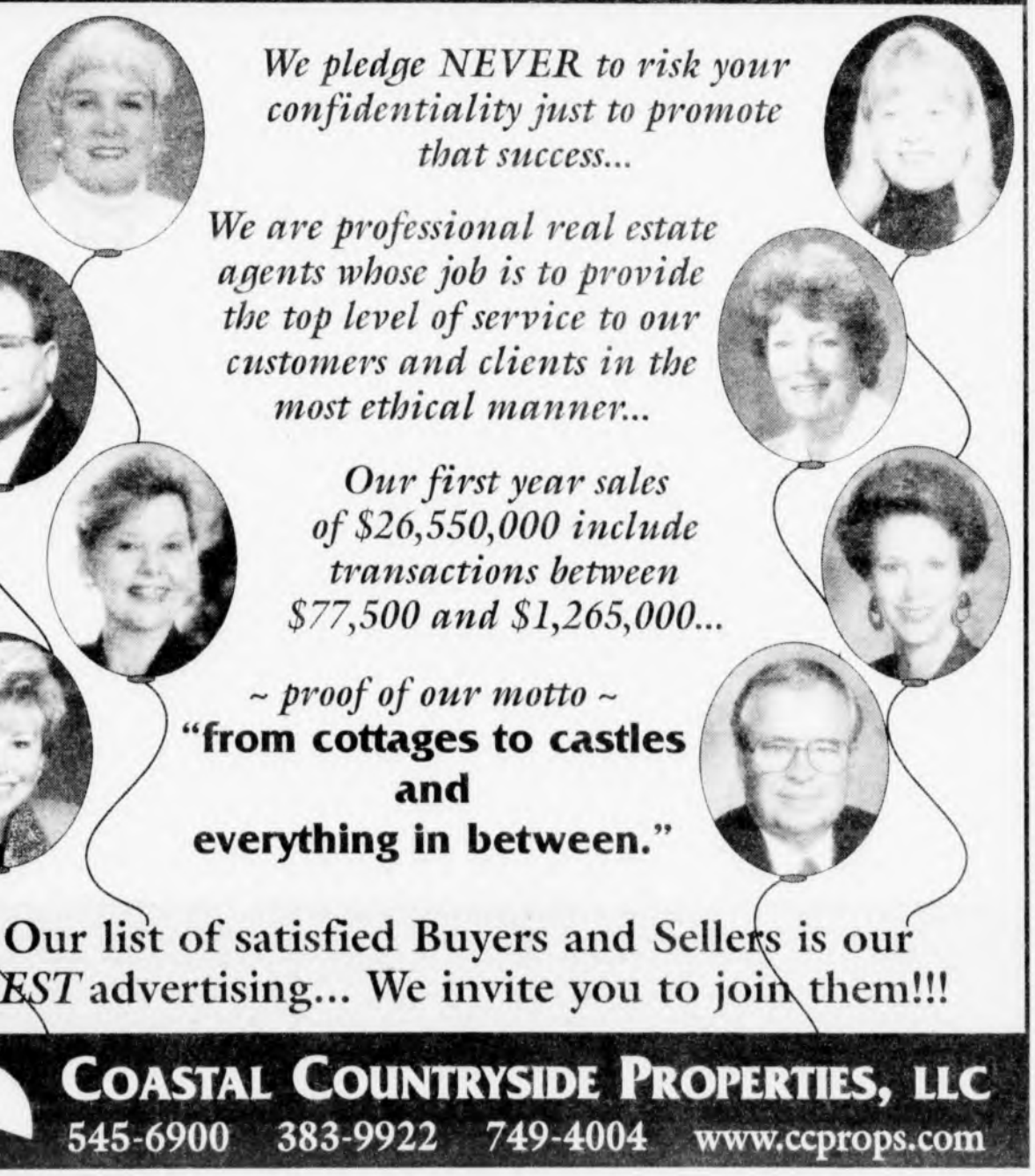
That first year, eight children between the ages of 5 and 13 registered for the program and performed "Cinderella" and the "Wizard of Oz." By 1993, when the troupe performed "The Little Mermaid," the program had grown to 50 young actors. This

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Preserving harbor's Bassing Beach

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from the July 4th weekend. We used to have boat loads of debris that people would leave behind. Now it can be controlled—no big, open fires, uncontrolled camping or anything like that. People like to visit the beach for a getaway near the ocean. These changes will make it great for them," he said.

One factor that provided a boost for the signs' message was a federal grant for seven Cohasset police officers to be certified for boat patrol. The timing was such that the patrols were in gear for the July 4th weekend when the signs were first posted.

Bassing Beach is just one of 13 land holdings owned by the Cohasset Conservation Trust, a private organization whose aim is to "preserve land while making it available for recreational use by the public," said Hartshorne.

The beach is bound in the Trust's history as it was one of the first grants of land donated to the group in the late 1960s and early 1970s by Parker Schofield, who had acquired large parts of the beach himself only a few years prior to passing it on.

Two dilapidated houses there—one of which had been a year-found residence for a family whose children used to row to Cohasset to attend school—were not knocked down thanks to the interest of John Muncey and fellow Bassing Beach campers.

Muncey had long been making the short trip to Bassing Beach in the summers before he proposed the idea of fixing the houses to the trustees. Muncey and his friends formed the Bassing Beach Tenants Association, working out a deal with the Trustees where the tenants were given funds to fix up and maintain the two buildings which could then be rented out through the warm weather months.

"We rebuilt the place," said Muncey proudly. Originally, the houses were available from mid-June through Labor Day but due to the popularity of the site—there are 35 people now on the waiting list—the cottages are now open from Memorial Day through the 20th of September.

Muncey used to camp on the Bassing Beach using only a 40' x 30' panel from the original Music Circus as a lean-to. "We were the only ones there then. A couple at the Marina used to joke and call us 'gypsies' because there were about 10 to 12 of us on any given weekend," laughed Muncey.

The Tenants Association has updated the cottage's plumbing, reshingled the exteriors, and put new roofs on. While most of their funding comes from the Trustees for the larger repair jobs, smaller fix-its such as broken glass panes and the like are done out of the renter's pocket.

Interesting historical notes about Bassing Beach:

- Bassing Beach's name derives from the popularity of the site for bass fishing.
- The 80 acres of salt marsh at the back of the beach was a source of contention at a 1630 meeting of delegates from the Mass Bay Colony in Boston and from Plymouth Colony, both vying for cattle grazing land. The outcome was a border between the two colonies that runs down the center of the Gulf River and continues on out Cohasset Harbor. That tidal stream is called the Four Score Creek, "four score" being common parlance in the 1600s for 80 acres.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Signs on Bassing Beach encourage beach-goers to help protect the area's fragile environment.

With so much work invested in the beach, it's no wonder that the debris left behind by visitors to the island last July 4 angered Muncey, so much so that he took pictures to show the damage to the Trustees. "Most people pick up after themselves," Muncey said, "but last year it was a stinking mess. I don't know who left what. Unless you're there to see them doing it, you don't know if it's just kids, but I found some dirty diapers in the junk left behind so it must be adults leaving the mess, too."

Such environmental damage is what the Conservation Trust is trying to prevent on all of their property holdings, such as pieces of shoreline (Scotts Shores at the juncture of Jerusalem Road and Atlantic Avenue; half of Black Rock Beach) and marshland (a piece of Jacob's Meadow, reachable at the end of Sankey Road off Summer Street and another bit of marshland bordering the southwest of Lily Pond).

There is also an 18-acre stretch of the Great Brewster Woods in back of Cohasset's town hall. "That area provides a pleasant woodland walk in the heart of the village but remote from civilization," said Hartshorne.

Getting away from it all while remaining near the heart of the village is what Muncey counts as one of Bassing Beach's many merits. "You're not in the wilds of Canada. If your daughter suddenly gets sick, well, you can just get her to a doctor in about five minutes. All that, and you can still enjoy all that beautiful scenery."

'Anastasia' tickets to go on sale

Tickets go on sale for the Children's Drama Workshop production of "Anastasia" Monday, July 27, at the Cohasset Recreation Department, Town Hall.

Tickets are $5 in advance and $7 at the door. The production involves 92 children from Cohasset and surrounding towns. Performances are Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., and Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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Biggest worry: That parents don't have enough time to share and enjoy all the special moments of their children's ages.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite TV show: The Oldies on Nick at Night.

Favorite movie: "Gone With the Wind."

Favorite book: The one I'm reading now.

Favorite junk food: M&Ms and Diet Coke.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: No comment!

Person you'd most like to meet: Abigail Adams.

Pet peeve: People who don't show respect for the thoughts and feelings of others.

Unusual shrub stolen from yard

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Margy Charles had patiently waited since May for a new shrub for her yard.

"With the rain, they were so backed up," the Linden Drive resident said.

The thread maple shrub, which was a gift, was purchased from Kennedy's Country Gardens which planted it last week.

Charles lovingly watered the shrub that night. When she got home the next day, it was gone.

"The hole was there but no plant," said Charles, who called the police.

Police encourage residents to report any thefts.

Chief Brian Noonan said in Cohasset there haven't been an awful lot of incidents of stolen plants on private property but public property is another matter.

"Larceny of plants from cemeteries is a problem," he said, explaining that around Memorial Day and the Christmas holidays the thefts increase.

Noonan said groups come in and hit a town, cleaning out a cemetery and then apparently sell the plants to greenhouses.

"I hope whoever it was delivered to will appreciate it."
MARGY CHARLES

"It's rather profitable," he said.

Noonan said it's hard to catch the thieves because they act so quickly.

Chris Kennedy, who manages the nursery at Kennedy's in Scituate, said Kennedy's is not immune to the problem.

This spring, nine Alberta spruces which were displayed in whiskey barrels at the store, were stolen.

He said it's easy to re-plant container plants because the roots are contained and that may make them attractive to thieves. He said Christmas trees and shrubs have also been stolen.

Kennedy said Charles' thread maple shrub is a "high end" shrub that one doesn't see everyday.

"It's kind of rare and unusual," he said.

Charles said Linden Drive was especially private that day with the road being torn up for the sewer work.

In her letter-to-the-editor this week, she warns other gardeners to beware of plant thefts while hoping her shrub has a bright future.

"I hope whoever it was delivered to will appreciate it," she said.

Summer band concert series

The next concert on the common is scheduled for Tuesday evening, Aug. 11, at 7:30 p.m.. The concert, which is sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Department, is free and open to the public.

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SEPTIC TANK

Phil Junior was new to the workplace, but willing to tackle any job that I asked him to do. He was an excellent mechanic but overly anxious at times to learn the trade and to please the older mechanics. The first call one morning was to snake out a main drain down on Surfside Road. When we arrived, the septic tank was chock full, so I informed the homeowner that he would have to call the pumping truck and have the tank emptied before we could do anything about cleaning the main drain. We then left and returned later that afternoon. The tank was now empty but the drain pipe had not let loose. We tried in vain to snake the line from inside the house. We then decided to snake from the tank end. There was no way we could force the line around and up into the main out at the tank, so we were stumped again.

Phil said he was willing to climb down into the tank and work the snake from there. I asked him if he was sure he wanted to do this and he said, "No problem." We lowered a ladder down through the tank cover and tied a rope harness around the *victim* in case he ran into a problem while in HADES. The *test dummy* entered the tank. Immediately, he said, "No problemo," as he easily sent the snake up the pipe from that angle. The real problem developed when he shoved the snake in, because he unclogged the drain and three stories of human waste was let go. He frantically tried to make the ladder to escape, but it was in vain. He was completely covered with filth before we could get him out. He was fine, but I didn't think he should continue working that day because he smelled like HECK!

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ENGAGEMENT

Lots of you will remember **Kathy Haase**, daughter of **Debbie** and **Don Haase**, and CHS graduate, class of 1987 — well, Kathy has wonderful news to share with all of us, she wants to announce her engagement to **Theodore A. Nelson** of Wells, Maine. Kathy is a graduate of Southeastern Massachusetts University, and is currently working for Bob's Stores as a human resource manager in stores located in Billerica and Leominster. Ted is currently working as a mechanical coordinator for Northeastern Sheet Metal, of Goffstown, N.H. Ted also serves in the Army Reserve. They are living in Manchester, N.H., and are planning an October wedding. Hopefully we will hear all about it after the big event! Meanwhile, we wish you the very best, Kathy and Ted!

CHS 30TH REUNION

The Cohasset High School Class of 1968 is having its 30th reunion Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Cohasset Lightkeepers House from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost is $30 per person, $50 per couple. They are seeking some of the members they don't have addresses for, and hope that you can help! The members are: **Sally Bohmer, Charlie (Biff) Donovan, James Feran, Bob Flanagan, Denise Grant, Alison Hatheway, Margie Hubbard, Jim Hurley, David LeDoux, Sue McIntyre, John McNeil, Ann Spinzola** and **Karen Walsh**. If you know their whereabouts, or have contact with people who do, call (781) 383-2570 (leave message with phone number or address.) They all will thank you!

DEAN'S LIST

The following two students have been named to Dean's Honors for the 1998 spring semester at Connecticut College. **Christopher Adams**, Class of 1999, of 178 North Main St.; and **Brooke Lombardy**, Class of 2000, of 27 Windy Hill Rd. We congratulate both of you excellent students, and are proud of you and your efforts!

HONOR ROLL

Neely Wakeman, a junior at the Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H., has been named to that school's fourth quarter honor roll, posting an academic average of better than 85. This spring Neely also served as a crew chief in the school's campus-wide student jobs program, was elected the house leader of her dormitory for next year, and earned Lakes Region prep school all-star honors for her play on the girls' varsity lacrosse team. In the fall Neely will return as a varsity tri-captain in field hockey, ice hockey and lacrosse. Neely is the daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Samuel H. Wakeman** of Cohasset, who are very proud of her, and so are we!

COLLEGE GRAD

Katie O'Connor, daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Kevin O'Connor** of 55 Lantern Lane, recently graduated from Assumption College in Worcester. Katie was awarded a degree in social studies and rehabilitation services.

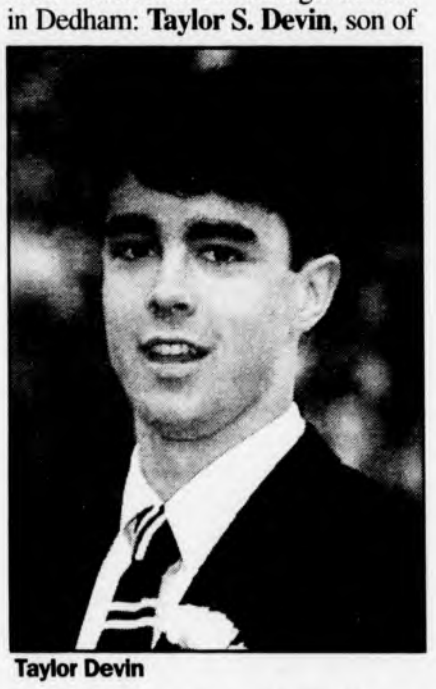
FASHION SHOW



Nicole Santoro, left, of Cohasset and Linda Federico of Needham were among the models who volunteered their time and talents for the fourth annual Benefit Fashion Show sponsored by Charlotte Phinney of Charlotte's Salon & Boutiques on June 22. The show raised more than $4,000 for hospice care.

NOBLE'S GRADS

Four Cohasset residents graduated from Noble and Greenough School in Dedham: **Taylor S. Devin**, son of



Taylor Devin

Rob Devin and **Sheila Sullivan**, who graduated with Academic Distinction and will attend Williams College; **Rachel J. Eisenhaure,**



Rachel Eisenhaure

daughter of **David** and **Mary Eisenhaure**, graduated with High Academic Distinction and was recently inducted into the school's Cum Laude



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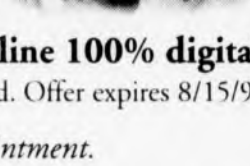
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Society. A National Merit Scholarship finalist, Rachel was extremely active in the performing arts. She recently acted in the Noble and Greenough mainstage productions of Henry V. Durang, Durang and Oliver, and directed and starred in Euripides' "Medea." Rachel, who was a member of the school's junior varsity soccer and crew teams, has also been an active volunteer at the Cohasset Knoll Nursing Home where she played the piano and harp. She will attend Harvard in the fall; **Maura K. MacLeod**, daughter of **Donald** and **Virginia MacLeod,** graduated with Academic Distinction and will attend Boston College; and, **Russell B. "Scott" MacPherson**, son of **Russ** and **Susie MacPherson,** was awarded the Davis Cup for Sportsmanship and consistent work in athletics at the school's Prize Night in June. He also received a Faculty Commendation for his achievements in the study of history. MacPherson, who is working towards attaining a private pilot's license, was captain of the varsity cross country, skiing and lacrosse teams and achieved all-league status in both skiing and lacrosse. He will attend Colby College in the fall.



Scott MacPherson

DERBY NEWS

We have some news from Derby Academy! Three sixth-graders were recognized for high achievement in the Mathematical Olympiad and **Lindsay Deane** of Cohasset achieved the school's top score and received a trophy for individual scoring. She also received a silver pin in recognition of her score! **Kristen Deane,** an eighth-grader, was the recipient of the girls' varsity softball Coaches Award, and **Gillian Simons** was the winner of the sixth-grade softball Coaches' Award! Congratulations to all of you!

COLLEGE HONORS

Good news from Fitchburg State College is that **Matthew J. Graves** made the dean's list for the spring semester. His major is business administration. Good work!!

COLLEGE IN SPAIN

Erik Henry has been accepted for a year of study at the Universidad de Barcelona, Spain, with Brethren Colleges Abroad. He is the son of **Charles** and **Gerry Henry**, and a student at Bowdoin College. Only students maintaining high academic standards are eligible for BCA studies abroad. Hopefully, we will hear from Erik during his year in Spain, what an experience that will be! And, we'll bet that Mom and Dad will start a special account so that they can go for at least one visit during that time!

KEEP US INFORMED

That's the news from here, hopefully I will hear from you with your latest newsworthy item! Keep us informed!

Sallyann Chatterton
383-0560

MAY I PRESENT

SALLYANN CHATTERTON

Yummy curried chicken salad

The hot weather has finally arrived, summer is here! People, however, are still hungry!! If you are a little tired of the cookout, the deli, or tuna, try this yummy curried chicken salad! It is lovely to look at and heaven to eat — a spiced chicken mixture with the traditional curry accompaniments.

Curry accompaniments:
Flaked coconut, canned French-fried onion rings, salted peanuts, currant jelly and tomato wedges. Or you may add one or all of these: chutney, raisins, chopped parsley, crisp bacon bits, chopped hard-cooked eggs, sweet or sour pickles, sliced avocados or grated orange peel.

CURRIED CHICKEN SALAD

7 cups cooked rice
1 cup raw cauliflowerets, cut in 1/4-inch slices
1 8-oz. bottle creamy style French dressing
1 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon curry powder
1 tablespoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup milk
7 cups cooked chicken, in large chunks (6 lbs. uncooked)
1 cup thin green pepper strips
2 cups celery, cut on angle
1 cup thinly sliced red onions
pineapple shells or romaine lettuce

Early in the day, toss rice with raw cauliflowerets and French dressing; cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours.

In large bowl, combine mayonnaise, curry powder, salt and pepper; slowly stir in milk; add chicken; toss. Cover; refrigerate at least 2 hours.

Just before serving: in large bowl, combine rice mix with chicken mixture, then add green pepper, celery and onions. Serve in pineapple shells or turn out into platter lined with romaine leaves. Makes 12 servings. Nice served with some or all of the curry accompaniments.

Children's illustrator to sign

Illustrator Ruth Tietjen Councell will draw with children and sign copies of her illustrated children's books, "Once Upon a Bedtime Story," by Jane Yolen and "Country Bear's Surprise," by Larry Brimmer, Tuesday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to noon at Buttonwood Books and Toys, Route 3A, Cohasset. No sign-up necessary.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Take advantage of the park

What has 3,500 acres and is in our own backyard?

Wompatuck State Park.

Over the Fourth of July weekend, no less than 718 people set up tents in the camping area. That leads us to believe that many from afar seek out the park as a wonderful respite from the rigors of daily life.

But many of us here in Cohasset don't appreciate the park's rocky terrain, small fishing ponds, birds, meadows, shade trees and miles of hiking and bicycle trails. Wompatuck is so close that we take it for granted. Next time you're planning a camping trip to the Cape or New Hampshire, keep Wompatuck in mind. You don't need to go far to find a natural retreat.

"This land was made for you and me."
Woody Guthrie

"The park is special. It's a forest set in the middle of suburbia, and we're lucky this piece of property was saved for this purpose," says park supervisor Stephen Gammon. Take a walk or an early morning bike ride and you're bound to come across some wonderful wildlife. Woodchucks foraging or a group of deer enjoying a light breakfast of leaves and grass. The park is a sanctuary for animals and humans alike.

Visitors can pick up maps by the visitors' center near the entrance off Union Street in Hingham.

The park is open from 7:30 am to 8 p.m. for day use. The gates are open until 10 p.m. for campers to check in.

Already expansive, Wompatuck is going to grow. The Department of Housing and Urban Development approved Hingham's base reuse plan to incorporate the 125-acre Hingham Annex, which was used as an ammunition depot in World War II, into the state park once the dilapidated buildings are removed.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of "our" park. Show it off to visitors or enjoy a Sunday hike along its trails with your family.

You won't be disappointed and it might just be good for you and best of all, it's free!

As Mr. Gammon says, "Wompatuck is one of the larger state parks. It's a gem — a big one."

— Mary Ford
Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'A job well done'

TO THE EDITOR,

First I wish to commend the Cohasset Mariner's series "Windows into Cohasset" and the recent article written by Margo Sullivan on the Lightkeeper's house. The writer captured the rich history of the house and the outstanding esprit de corps of the residences of Cohasset who saved this important landmark that now enriches the community and provides an attractive function and meeting room for all the citizens.

Secondly, I wish to point out that the leader of the fund raising and the one who worked tirelessly and whom we all wanted to emulate was Joe McElroy. He energized all of us and our fund raising projects, but without his vision — and dedication, combined with his army of volunteers of which I was just one of many, we would not have been successful or reached the goals which have been so beneficial to the town of Cohasset.

All who participated in the Lightkeepers' beginning were proud of being a member of Joe McElroy's team and as the Navy says "A job well done."

Polly Logan
121 Nichols Road

A safer King Street sought

TO THE EDITOR:

For some time those of us who live on the 1-1/2 mile strip of King Street between Beechwood Street and Route 3A have been watching in dismay as traffic on this narrow winding road has grown because more and more cars are using it as a bypass to Route 3A. There are too many speeding cars and the accident rate has been prohibitive.

We have already had a tragic accident on this road . . . it is clear we need to act before we have another one!

A group of concerned homeowners who live on the road met July 13 at the home of Justine and Victor Vanderlugt and have formed a group, ASK! (A Safer King street) who seek to find and implement the right answers for safety on King Street.

ASK! is a citizens' group with no formal structure whose only objective is to calm the traffic on King Street by developing solutions to three basic problems: 1) Pedestrian/bicycle/horse safety, 2) Excessive speed, 3) Traffic volume.

A meeting of ASK! will be held Monday, July 27, at the home of Ed and Betsy Connelly, 1 Lily Pond Lane at 7:30 p.m. All interested residents are invited to participate and to bring their thoughts and suggestions.

Galt and Sue Grant
388 King St.

Parking lot expansion

TO THE EDITOR:

As an abutter to Government Island, this is to advise of a hearing by the Cohasset Conservation Commission at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, on floor 2B in the Town Hall.

The hearing is in response to an application by the non-profit Cohasset Lightkeepers' Corporation to expand the Edwin Young parking lot by an area 75 ft. by 75 ft. at the end remote from the ocean by removal of several trees, leveling the area and surfacing with crushed stone, and to remove scrub vegetation and dead trees from a portion of the slope between the other end of the parking lot and the ocean, and stabilize the slope with attractive plantings.

The Cohasset Lightkeepers' Corporation renovated the former lightkeepers' house into a community function facility (Bancroft Hall) under a long-term lease with the town. The facility is available at no charge to non-profit organizations; operating expenses and set-asides for capital improvements are recovered from fees charged for private functions and from rental of two small apartments on the second floor.

The cost of the improvements in the referenced application would be borne by Cohasset Lightkeepers' Corporation, with some incidental labor provided by the Cohasset DPW.

The principal use of the parking lot is parking by users of Bancroft Hall, but it is used also for boat trailers and tow vehicles and by other visitors to Government Island with town permits. It is desirable to expand the lot before next spring, in order to accommodate the expected displacement of vehicles from the Parker Avenue parking lot during renovation of the former Cohasset Colonials building. Expansion is desirable in any case because of parking overload from some of the more heavily attended functions at Bancroft Hall.

R. M. Campbell, President
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Local DAR is growing in numbers and spirit

By Susan Hagstrom
CORRESPONDENT

This Fourth of July, Americans all over the country will proudly display their patriotism. They'll wear red, white and blue, go to parades and salute the flag. There is a group of women who feel strongly enough about their country that they exhibit their patriotism year-round. Since merging in 1997, the Cohasset and Hingham chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) have been recognized for having the second largest increase in membership by application from January 1996 to January 1997. The group now has over 40 members and continues to grow and to find new ways to promote their motto of "God, Home and Country."

The DAR is a national, non-profit organization, which was founded October 11, 1890. It has approximately 190,000 members and lists historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavors amongst its objectives. The annual membership fee is $35.

According to DAR literature, women join, "To participate in efforts to preserve American heritage through education, to promote and assist in the celebration of commemorative patriotic and historical events, to preserve the memory and tradition of your own Revolutionary ancestors in a permanent genealogical record...and to join with others who cherish our priceless heritage so that we can more effectively protect our American way of life, defend our democratic form of government and promote the ideals of patriotism and love of country."

The Cohasset chapter, or Colonel Thomas Lothrop chapter, was founded in 1896 and the Hingham chapter, or Old Colony chapter was founded on Feb. 14, 1894. The recent merger seemed natural to many members, considering that Cohasset was once a precinct of Hingham. As a longtime resident of Hingham and DAR member for 15 years, Betty Cole said she can remember the times when being patriotic was really fashionable.

"It used to be quite a bit more of a social activity," Cole said. "My mother-in-law and her mother were both members and in their time the group even ran a three-ring circus! It was a very prominent club and being a member was really considered 'in.'"

According to Nancy O'Toole, the chapter's Regent, the group meets once a month on a Sunday, at the Minot Lightkeepers' residence on Governor's Island in Cohasset. Not too long ago, Sundays were chosen as the meeting time in order to attract younger members who are working during the week.

"There are a lot of people out there floating around who think that they could join but think it's an older group of women. That is changing," O'Toole said.

In order to be eligible for membership, a woman has to prove that she is descended from a man or a woman who served the American cause during the American Revolution. Helping a prospective member work on proving her lineage is a big part of being in the DAR.

"Sometimes it's easy and sometimes it takes quite a bit of research," said Barbara Dillon. Dillon has been the group's treasurer, is in charge of membership and is also somewhat of a genealogy expert. "After we get all of the paperwork filled out we send it off to Washington. Sometimes they need more information but if they feel it's complete, they will send us a certificate."

After weeks or months of preparation, it gets very exciting as the time draws near to send the information to Washington. Kate Colasanti of Weymouth has been working on her genealogy for close to two years. She said a cousin on her Mother's side had done a lot of research and now Colasanti is ready to prove that she is a descendant of Francis LeBaron. Coincidentally, LeBaron, born in 1668, was married to Mary Wilder of Hingham. Colasanti said she is thrilled to be completing her research.

"I think I've always been interested in listening to people tell stories about history," Colasanti said. "This group of women is a fabulous group and the patriotism goes back so far. I'm excited because I know that once I become an official member it will be easy for my daughter to become one. She'll just basically have to prove her relationship to me. It's neat to be a part of this group too, because everyone kind of feels related through their ancestors."



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Betty Cole, left, of Hingham and Nancy O'Toole of Cohasset are members of the recently combined towns' chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

Both Colasanti and Cole said they enjoy the camaraderie of the group. Another common thread is the shared love of their country.

"Today, patriotism seems to be waning," O'Toole said. "This is our heritage. One of the focuses of the DAR is education and we hope that kids in school today are learning about our history and are proud of it."

The group helps to support the Hillside School for boys, supports other school programs, gives gifts to veterans during the holidays and also gives out annual Good Citizen Awards. This year, four local high school seniors were honored for academic and athletic achievements and contributions to the community. In April, pins were awarded to Alia S. Afshar of Cohasset, Wendy Ciovacco of Hinham, Stephen Muzrall of Rockland and Deborah Fleck of Hull.

In recognition of Independence Day, the some local DAR members will take part in a state-sponsored program called, "In Search of the Signers." On this patriotic pilgrimage members will visit the Church of the Presidents in Quincy, the Old Statehouse and continue on to the Old Granary Burying Ground.

O'Toole said she has her sights set on increasing the chapter's membership to 100 and they way things are going, she feels they can do it. To become a member, call O'Toole at 383-1547 or Dillon at 383-0025.

HEALTH NOTES

Little Harbor study to determine pollution sources

A newsletter created by volunteer staff issued periodically by the Board of Health.

This fall, in cooperation with the State's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), a study will begin to determine sources of pollution in Little Harbor. It is a common misconception that Little Harbor has been cleaned up because of the DEP's Title 5 regulations. While Little Harbor showed some improvement after Title 5 took effect, the pollution of Little Harbor was slowed, but not stopped. In 1981, the clam flats were closed by the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), and in only one year of those in which measurements were made, 1989, have fecal coliform counts decreased below that necessary for shellfish harvesting.

Coliform standards for various water bodies as taken from the DEP water quality standards are shown in the table below. The measurements in Little Harbor by the DMF were only made up to 60 colonies per hundred milliliters. Standards for swimming are confusing since they vary from different bodies of water. Secondary contact standards cover boating and other non-immersion activities. Standards for boating, may exist in some local ordinances. Shellfishing requires a count lower than 14 except when shellfish are treated.

No one really knows what is causing the pollution in Little Harbor, but most experts blame the effluent from septic systems and the increased use of lawn fertilizers and pesticides in Little Harbor watershed. Also, pollution seems to be associated with increased construction activity and reduction of foliage cover.

Hopefully the Little Harbor study will give us some answers about the causes of pollution and their solution.

As we come closer to the time the Little Harbor study will begin, we'll provide some more details about what it will entail.

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Quality Level	*Use*	*Fecal Coliform Colonies/100ml*
a	Public Water Supply (raw or untreated)	20
b	Fishing, Recreation, swimming	200
c	Secondary contact recreation (i.e. boating, birding, etc.)	1000

Coastal and Marine

Quality Level	*Use*	*Fecal Coliform Colonies/100ml*
sa	Fishing, aquatic wildlife, shellfish, swimming	14
sb	Fish, limited shellfishing, swimming	88
sc	Secondary contact recreation (i.e. boating, birding, etc.)	1000

Which is best, septics or sewers?

As to which wastewater treatment is best, septic systems or sewers, modern innovative/advanced (so-called I/A) septic systems are more like sewer treatment plants than any other form of treatments since much of the technology is taken from such modern plants. More over, the effluent from a properly operating Title 5 septic system should be about the same as a properly operating treatment plant or I/A system with a coliform count below about 200, although other parameters may be higher. Under certain circumstances, older wastewater treatment systems can do the job. But under stress, such as in flooding conditions all systems undergo degraded performance.

This summer, we hope to have a brief workshop on wastewater treatment in which some of the tradeoffs will be discussed. The Workshop will be addressed by experts in sewers, wastewater treatment facilities and designers of on site systems who can give information about the most reliable economical expedients for waste-water treatment for the different situations they've encountered. They'll also give some hints on system maintenance.

The more we know about waste water treatment, the better equipped we'll be to make the right decisions about its control and treatment to provide the best environmental solutions at the lowest cost to taxpayers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Thief takes new shrub

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a sad warning to gardeners. Be wary of theft in the daytime!

A thread maple shrub was a gift to me and planted by Kennedys Tuesday, July 14, in the afternoon. I had very carefully chosen its site so it could be seen from my kitchen. Of course, I watered it carefully that night and the next morning. At 5 p.m. the next day, my neighbor noticed that I must have changed the site because it was gone!

I did not return home until 8 p.m. and hastened out to water it. The hole was there but no plant.

All who have heard my sad tale are horrified; so if you have any suspicions of how such a thing could happen, do let me know. It was such a bold theft, I am disheartened.

I hope whoever it was delivered to will appreciate it.

Margy Charles
85 Linden Dr.

Correction

The following names were inadvertently omitted from last week's Farmers' Market thank you letter: Building Inspector Bob Egan and the Cohasset Zoning Board of Appeals.

Developer considering all options for Scituate Hill site

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Local attorney and developer Noel Collins believes the top of Scituate Hill on the Webb-Norfolk property has one of the nicest views in Cohasset. For this reason, Collins believes the 62-acre Webb-Norfolk property is one of the best locations in town for a residential development.

"My office is up here now and all I can see is ocean and trees without a hint of noise from Route 3A," Collins said. "This is a beautiful site. If it's developed residentially, people won't feel like they're living on the side of a hill; Scituate Hill is so expansive they'll feel like they're living on the top of a hill."

Collins is working on a plan with the owner of the property, Suzi and Sons, to build residential homes on the land. However, the land is zoned light residential and would require a zoning change for residential homes. Collins said he hopes to work with town officials to develop a zoning proposal creating multi-family dwelling district to include the Webb-Norfolk site.

At a recent zoning board meeting, former ZBA Chairman Mark DeGiacomo mentioned that he thought Collins was considering applying for a comprehensive permit to develop the site with affordable housing. Collins said all options are being considered, including a comprehensive permit, but the development team is still exploring all its options.

"This project is still in its infancy," Collins said.

Collins added that he had considered a comprehensive permit, but it definitely was not the preferred alternative.

"The comprehensive permit is a grand thing, but it has many drawbacks for developers," Collins said. "There is a 20 percent limit on profits and an awful lot of other restrictions. When interest rates go down, people express a lot of interest in comprehensive permits. That ends when rates jump and the stock market falls. I'd much rather see Cohasset develop its own multi-family dwelling district."

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—Noel Collins, developer

A comprehensive permit is a controversial state development option that allows developers to bypass many local boards in exchange for dedicating 25 percent of the project to affordable housing. The comprehensive permit even allows developers to bypass some zoning regulations and build residential developments in industrial and commercial zones.

Developers who build projects using comprehensive permits appear only before the local zoning board. The local board can add conditions to the project, and even reject the entire proposal. However, if the project is rejected by the local zoning board, the developer can appeal to the state.

Sometimes referred to as anti-snob legislation, the comprehensive permit forces affluent towns like Cohasset or Wellesley to build affordable housing.

Robert Engler of Stockard, Engler and Brigham in Cambridge, is a partner in an affordable housing consulting firm. Last January, he represented a developer who is building a 112-unit residential development in Canton under the terms of the comprehensive permit. Twenty-five percent of the units will be set aside for affordable housing. Engler said the affordable units would be sold to families who earned 80 percent or less of the Boston-area median income.

The median income in Boston is $60,000, so the units would be available to families earning $48,000 or less. The affordable units would se' for around $80,000 to $90,000. The remaining units would be priced at market rates, currently about $190,000 for comparable townhouses.

A restriction would be placed on the deeds so the affordable units could not be re-sold at market rates. The restriction would ensure that the affordable units always remain affordable.

Comprehensive permits apply only in communities that have less than 10 percent of the total home stock devoted to affordable housing. According to state figures, only 2.8 percent of Cohasset's homes are classified as affordable.

DeGiacomo said he had seen only two applications for comprehensive permits in his 14 years on the zoning board. Neither project was built.

Collins said while he is considering options with the property owner to also look at an option for an industrial park, residential development remains the preferred option.

"This market favors residential development," Collins said. "It would be a shame to use for industrial purposes; I don't think Cohasset favors light industrial development. There are no residential sites nearby that would be affected; our largest abutter is the trustee of reservations."

In a related matter, a proposal to build a two-million gallon water tank on Scituate Hill has been on hold while the water commissioners have been dealing with more pressing matters. Collins offered a site for $1 on the back of Scituate Hill for a tank, but the water commissioners felt the cost of building on that site was too high. Collins is trying to help the town find a site for the tank other than the water commissioners preferred site on Bear Hill. Any development on Scituate Hill will require a large amount of water that could be provided by a new water tank.

Water commissioner John K. McNabb Jr. said Collins called him on Wednesday to re-start talks on a possible site on Scituate Hill at no cost to the town.

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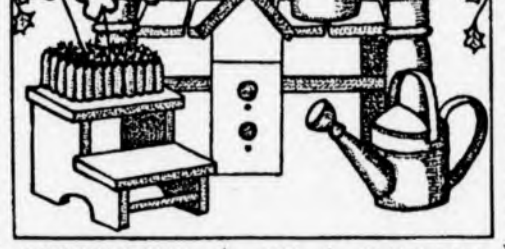
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The menu will include chowder with oyster crackers, steamers with drawn butter, native corn on the cob, sweet grilled sausage, coleslaw, assorted rolls and chilled watermelon for dessert. The main attraction is choice of a 12-oz. sirloin steak or a 1-1/4 lb. select lobster — either meal cooked to perfection. A 7 p.m. arrival time is recommended in order to grab your table and get your dinner tickets. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:30 p.m.

The cost of the dinner is $30 per person and participants should bring their own beverages.

For more information, or more importantly, to volunteer to help with this outstanding social occasion, call Lyn Previte at 383-9723.

Landfill gases could pose a safety hazard, McNabb says

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill may be closed, but environmental and safety problems at the facility are far from resolved. The landfill must be capped, and there are reports compiled by environmental officials and the anti-landfill citizen's group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE) detailing potential threats to wetlands and the Lily Pond watershed. But the most serious problem, according to members of SAFE and the health board, may be methane and other gases originating at the landfill and migrating off-site underground.

John K. McNabb Jr., vice president of SAFE, believes that methane emissions at the landfill are creating the potential for an explosion that could hurt someone. Explosions from landfill gas sounds unlikely, but the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has documented more than 40 explosions caused by methane from landfills. According to EPA, a 1969 explosion in Winston-Salem North Carolina that killed three people was caused by methane that had leaked from a landfill into the basement of an armory.

Reached by telephone, DHL owner Paul Barry declined to comment.

CHL is required to monitor methane and other organic gases originating at the landfill from the decomposition of refuse. Monitoring of the explosive gas at the facility indicates that the levels of methane currently are 1,300 percent higher than the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) standards for safety. DEP sets a "lower explosive level" (LEL) which it considers to be the maximum amount of gas that should be produced by refuse in an unlined, municipal landfill to protect the public from an explosion.

CHL is not a municipal landfill and it is lined. However, DEP requires action at municipal landfills when methane levels exceed 25 percent of the LEL. The latest reading at CHL taken last February shows methane levels more than 1,300 percent higher than the LEL.

Last month, the health board voted to hold site assignment hearings based on information from SAFE about environmental and legal violations. At that same meeting, health board Chairman Kevin Ulmer said he was troubled by the gas collecting underground. In a telephone interview on Tuesday, Ulmer explained some of his concerns about the methane.

"The problem is gas migration off-site," Ulmer said. "CHL has landfilled right up to the property line, while most landfills leave some kind of buffer zone. The main area is at the back of the landfill which borders the Webb-Norfolk property. I don't think there is an imminent hazard, but there is a proposal afoot to develop that parcel."

A local developer is hoping to build a large residential development on Scituate Hill, possibly within DEP's 1,000-foot range.

"So now there is talk of [health agent] Dr. Godzik going out to the Webb-Norfolk site and doing perk tests," McNabb said. "So if he drills a hole, hits a rock and creates a spark, there is the potential for him to set off a methane explosion."

McNabb said that much of the landfill is lined, causing the gas to migrate sideways through the soil. McNabb said the gas collects in permeable sections of the soil. Some of the gas dissipates in the atmosphere, some is eliminated microbially and some stays trapped.

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- Health board chairman Kevin Ulmer

According to EPA, methane from landfills can travel underground as much as 1,500 feet from a landfill and collect in basements. DEP's regulations state that there is a hazard if the methane emission exceeds 15 percent of the LEL and there are buildings within 1,000 feet of the facility. There are no homes that close to CHL, but there is a building on Scituate Hill and the Mass. Highway building.

McNabb said that CHL has indicated that the gas does not migrate more than 200 feet beyond the landfill. However, McNabb characterized CHL's estimate as nothing more than an "engineering guess."

Eliminating the potential threat of explosion posed by the gas is one of the items the town's CHL sub-committee is discussing with the owners of the landfill, Paul and John Barry. Now that the landfill is closed, the CHL sub-committee is working on a comprehensive agreement with the Barrys to resolve five outstanding lawsuits, several other legal matters and a host of environmental issues.

Ulmer said the methane will have to be vented in some way to reduce the threat of explosion, possibly by digging a large venting trench where the gas levels are highest. McNabb said CHL has received authorization from DEP to install vent pipes in the landfill to let some of the methane escape.

Another potential problem is the presence of large levels of hydrogen sulfide mixed in with the methane. Hydrogen sulfide creates the rotten egg smell that hovers over many landfills. Through much of its history, CHL has accepted mainly construction and demolition refuse. Gypsum board gives of hydrogen sulfide as it deteriorates, and may be contributing to the high levels of the bad-smelling substance at the landfill.

McNabb said once the threat of a methane explosion is eliminated, work can begin to make sure the landfill doesn't cause offensive odors in town.

"People have complained about odors from the landfill for years," McNabb said. "Don't forget, that material will be there forever."

There are many ways to eliminate the odors, McNabb said. Gas can be collected through pipes and forced through a filtering system or burned with methane at the top of a chimney.

McNabb said the methane gas will be one of the main topics at the health board's site assignment hearings, scheduled for Sept. 1. SAFE convinced the health board to hold the site assignment hearings to address alleged environmental and legal violations at the landfill.

"I'm glad the health board recognizes the seriousness of this [methane]," McNabb said.

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Cohasset art showcase is a breath of fresh air

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lage, which was one of four spots designated for the tour. He had arrived a half hour early (11:30) and was prepared to stay late (the tour ended at four) if needed to finish a detailed village scene, but had to work somewhat by memory because the afternoon light had changed his scene. In contrast, guest artist Allan Banks of Tampa, Florida had one painting finished and framed and was sketching a base for another by 1:30.

Banks and his wife painted along Cohasset Harbor, as did most of this year's artists. From one end of the harbor to the other about 12 artists stood, all painting basically the same image. As a spectator, what was most striking to see was how each image varied from canvas to canvas. For example, whereas local artist Michael Graves' painted his sailboats using heavy, Van Gogh style strokes — a recent addition to the South Shore, Margaret McWethey portrayed a more realistic close-up image of the boats on her canvas. Both "visions" were beautiful to behold, and I envy the collector who walked home with either painting after the reception Saturday night, which showcased the works of the day.



PHOTOS/FRED ROBERTSON

Douglas Smith of Lime, Conn. paints the village.



John Kilroy of Hull sets up to paint "en plein air."

Part of the proceeds raised at the reception will be used to sponsor one lucky person to attend a workshop with one of the artists involved in "Paint the Town." Christopher Gallery, which is located in Jonathan Livingston Seagull Square, has created this "art scholarship" as another of the ways it supports art in the community.

Entries for Mail Art Show

The South Shore Art Center is announcing an open call for entries for their national show in the month of August, which will venture into the realm of "mail art," "Dog Days of Summer," July 31 to Sept. 13. Opening reception is held July 31, 6 to 8 p.m.

The guidelines are as follows:

1. Only mail delivered by the United States Postal Service will be accepted. (No faxes or e-mail, please)
2. No entry fee.
3. No works will be returned.
4. Documentation from the show will be sent to artists who provide a self-addressed stamped envelope for that purpose.
5. Reviews and selected pieces will be displayed on the SSAC website, www.ssac.org.
6. Only one piece of work per artist will be accepted.
7. Works will be displayed as they are received. No envelope or parcel will be opened unless stipulated by the artist in an explanatory note. Otherwise, the exterior of the piece will be construed to be the artwork.
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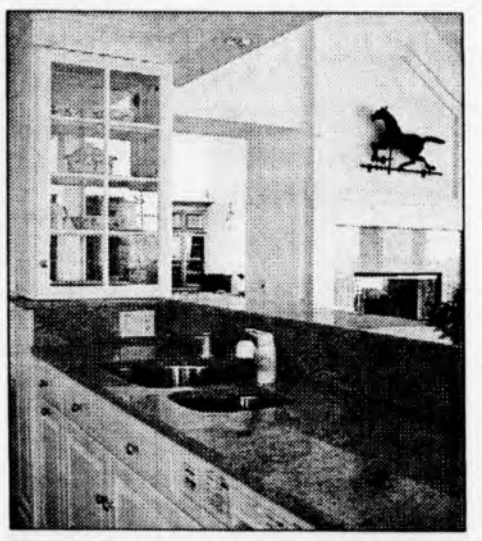
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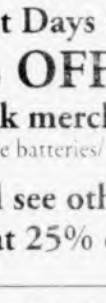
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Cardinal Cushing School volunteer receives special award

Several hundred individuals attended the annual St. Coletta's of Massachusetts, Inc. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in May.

Al Odermatt of Cohasset received a special recognition award for his efforts as a fund-raiser and a diligent supporter of the school. He has continued to be one of the driving forces behind the Annual Outdoor Mass that attracts people from all over for a single day of prayer, according to Paul Murphy, Vice President of External Affairs for the school.

"Al Odermatt is one of the first people I met when I came to work here in 1982. This special award is in gratitude for his many, many years of commitment to the Cardinal Cushing School," Murphy continued. "Al's work on behalf of the students resonates throughout this campus."

Odermatt has also donated to the school by volunteering at bingo, assisting at the annual Christmas bazaar, and providing support for mailings.

In fact, Odermatt met his wife Marian in 1972 at the first Outdoor Mass held at the school. He retired in 1974 from John Hancock Insurance where he was employed as an actuary since 1948. Odermatt also served as Director of the Cardinal Cushing Charity Fund for many years.

Al Odermatt and his wife, Marian, at the St. Coletta's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Deveney sisters are running the show

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year, the cast of "Anastasia" had to be capped at 95, with more children on a waiting list.

"It's a really popular program, which is rather unusual for such a specialized thing, like drama," said Jack Worley, director of the Cohasset Recreation Department.

Worley said the drama program is the only one of the department's programs that is run by three sisters.

"The three of them together really put on a great show," he said. "They're really terrific."

Beth, 22, a recent graduate of Catholic University, directs the play and choreographs the show's four musical numbers. Her training in performance arts has inspired many of the plays' dance numbers over the years.

"It kind of comes to me. I take from what I've learned," she said, explaining that many of the moves undergo some sort of change once she sees how they look on stage.

Grace, 20, a junior at Boston College studying nursing, coaches the actors who have principal roles to make sure they have all their lines, motivations and movements correct.

"We've gotten so much more organized over the years and we know what we're doing," said Grace. "The kids are adorable. They really enjoy it and that's the most important part."

A graduate of Holy Cross working on her master's degree in psychology at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, Sarah, 24, still takes the time to play the same role in the production she has had since her early teens — set designer. The scenery — which is based largely on the movie — comes together during the last two weeks of rehearsals, she said.

"The three of them together really put on a great show."
— JACK WORLEY, DIRECTOR OF COHASSET RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

"It's really only hard the last two weeks. I'm up here late at night splashing paint around," Sarah said.

For all three sisters, working with each other for seven weeks of the summer gets a standing ovation.

"That's the best part," said Beth. "The both have great ideas. Well, first I say no to their ideas and then five minutes later I'm saying, 'I have an idea that'll work.' I could never do it without them. We all work together really well."

"We all have such different personalities that mesh really well. It works out well somehow," agreed Sarah.

At home, away from the 95 young thespians and the high school auditorium, the Deveney sisters still find themselves engaged in conversations about "Anastasia."

"We get into a play zone. It's all we talk about at home," Sarah said.

But discussing the play away from the stage often leads to improvements, Beth pointed out.

"We all see different aspects of the play and we give each other good feedback," she said.

Performances of "Anastasia," the story of a lost Russian princess's quest for her true identity, are scheduled for Aug. 11 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Aug. 12 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Cohasset High School auditorium. The drama club will put on a special sneak preview show for members of the Scituate Recreation Department on Aug. 6.



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Goooooaaaallllll!!!! Chris Gentile is one happy camper after scoring a goal Monday at the VIP Soccer Camp at Cohasset High School.

Is sports plate too full for pro soccer?

EXTRA POINTS

DAVID WOLCOTT



Sadly, yes. That's the only answer I can give to the question posed above to all of the soccer fanatics out there who are still wondering why the world's most popular sport is nowhere close to that level on these shores.

As I sit here writing this, across the world people are dancing in the streets and partying past the brink of dawn in Brazil while celebrating their World Cup win while most of the viewing public here is still struggling with the differences between a grapefruit and a properly executed banana kick.

Please don't get me wrong. I am a fan of the game. I played it in my youth and I tuned into more than my fair share of the World Cup games because they sure as heck beat those stupid X Games "contests" that ESPN and "The Deuce" have been showing seemingly on end for the past month.

But I digress.

What people need to realize is that soccer is not going to sweep across the Atlantic and take over the nation like the Beatles three decades past. Even with all the millions of people playing the game from youth leagues through high school, college and the semi-pro leagues, instant success is just not an option in this case.

Pro soccer right now is not unlike the seating arrangement you go through every Thanksgiving dinner: It's getting the turkey and cranberry sauce at the rickety folding card table while waiting for someone at the big table to give up their seat.

Translated, America isn't ready right now to accept professional soccer on the same level as the other major leagues because the average sports fan just doesn't have the time to be properly introduced to the game.

Instead, I'd put it in the same company as other fine sports options such as pro breach volleyball and auto racing. Popular? Yes, but not yet for the big dance.

Let's look at the cold hard facts. By the time the baseball season winds down each October both college and professional football have gotten rid of the cobwebs and are in the full swing of things. Then after the first of the year when they've wound down, it's time for hockey and pro hoops to take center stage.

And by the time that the March Madness of college basketball takes center stage, guess what? It's time to play baseball again. And don't forget about all those fans who spend their weekends sitting on the couch getting their golf fix.

There it is, the circle of sports life in America explained in less than 100 words.

I don't see professional soccer breaking into that chain unless, just like at Thanksgiving, someone at the big table checks out. Despite the present pro basketball lock-out and the way hockey may struggle with escalating salaries, a spot at the table doesn't look to be opening anytime in the near future.

Instead of lamenting about the fact that their sport may not be on the same level as the others, I say that soccer loyalists should celebrate how far they have come.

On the local level, you cannot bring up youth or scholastic sports on the South Shore without thinking of soccer excellence at all levels in a sport that has grown from a one-season diversion for people

SOCCER, PAGE 21

A Bay State gold rush

Laugelle reigns as top dog on the mats

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

After the first weekend of competition in the Bay State Summer Games there has been a lot of precious medals headed south on Route 3 from Boston to Cohasset.

Andrew Collins, Matt Belson and Ken Leahy avenged a loss in last year's finals to take home gold in the mens' open lacrosse division..

Not to be outdone, Cohasset High lacrosse standout's Jacqueline Kahn and Caitlin Donovan helped their squad to the top step of the winners platform.

Taking a silver were Adam Leahy and Matt Verrochi for the scholastic lacrosse squad.

On the individual level, J.P. Laugelle defeated all that dared to cross his path on his way to winning the heavyweight division of the scholastic wrestling competition.

His CHS wrestling teammate Craig Sheerin took a second spot (112 lb) and Luke Caldwell took fourth place in the 189 lb. class.

Also competing this year were Carlie Carter, Caitlin Flint and Kristen Sheerin (gymnastics) and John Crowley-Buck (diving).

The Summer Games continued a string of good luck for Laugelle, who will be a senior at Cohasset High come September.

The grappler had a strong season for head coach Torin Sweeney on the mats for the Skippers and he continued that nice roll earlier this season when he came out on top in a Framingham invitational tourney.

Three straight wins at the Bay State Games put an exclamation point on Laugelle's recent run of success.

"I felt good going into the competition," said Laugelle, who also sees time on both sides of the line during the football season and takes part in the throwing events for CHS during the spring track season. "I'm in pretty good shape right now and I was ready to wrestle."

Laugelle attributes his recent success to a little blood, sweat and tears in the weight room and some intense training with the Orange Crush wrestling club in Hingham.

"All the work is helping me to become a much better wrestler than I've been in the

LAUGELLE, PAGE 21

Ken Leahy helps lead S.E. lacrosse to victory

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

After falling in the title game last year to the West, the Southeastern mens' open lacrosse would have no part of a sequel this time around.

Cohasset High grad Ken Leahy led the way with two goals (nine total in the four-game tourney) to help his team to a thrilling 9-8 victory on Sunday in bringing home to gold for the Southeast team at the Bay State Games.

Leahy, 20, was joined on the team by fellow Cohasset natives Andrew Collins and Matt Belson.

"I t was good to get the win this time," said Leahy, who will be entering his junior year at Providence College come September. "We had a lot of players on the team from last year and we wanted to come out on top this time."

A standout soccer and lacrosse player at CHS, the 1996 graduate started the tourney off a little slowly with but a single goal in the opening game but responded with a pair of hat trick's in games two and three and then added two tallies in the gold medal contest.

After competing in his first Bay State's last year, Leahy said strong competition and old friends brought him back again this year for another try.

"It's a great way to keep in shape during the summer months," said Leahy, who besides helping out with the Cohasset youth lacrosse practices every Monday night also plays in a local college league at Babson once a week to keep his skills sharpened.

"I also like the fact that you get to play with a lot of guys you played against in high school," he added. "We had guys on the team from Marshfield, Hingham and Weymouth among other towns this year. It's fun to have a chance to play with them after going against them so many times."

The name Leahy has become synonymous with lacrosse around town.

The patriarch, David Sr., is president of the Cohasset Lacrosse boosters group.

David Jr., was a lacrosse standout at CHS and then at the University of New Hampshire.

And Ken was followed at CHS by his twin

LEAHY, PAGE 21

Cohasset swim team takes another against Scituate Harbor Yacht Club

By Jennifer Rafferty

Cohasset came through last Friday's swim meet against the Scituate Harbor Yacht Club with flying colors. Final score: 407 to 211. There were a few heated competitive moments like the 12 and under girls' medley relay, but overall Cohasset sailed through the meet.

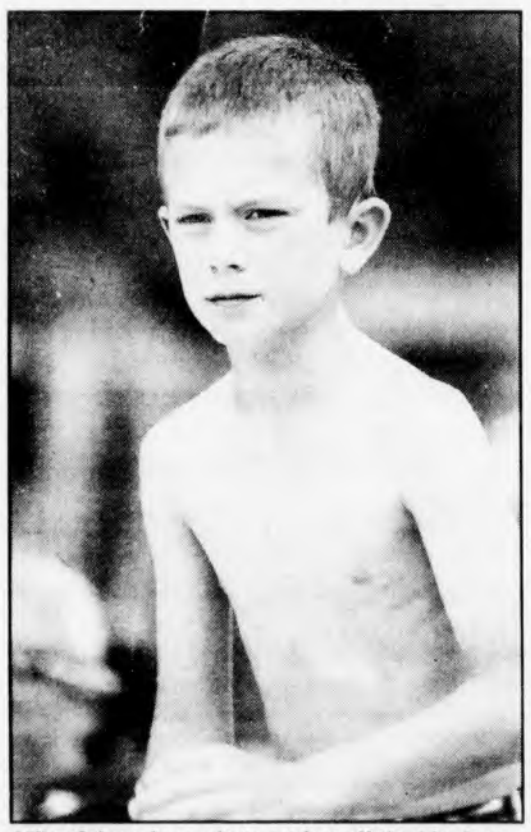
What is the odyssey of a Cohasset swimmer? Several of the older swimmers reflected at the meet about how they got started swimming and what sustained their passion for summer competition. Chris Golden began swimming for Cohasset at the age of five. He remembered that swimming was always a "family event," so it brought everyone together. While Chris has started to swim for Cohasset High School in the winter, his brother Justin smiled and commented, "I'm just a summer swimmer." This raised one of the more interesting questions about whether to swim year round or wait until the summer months. Most of the swimmers stressed the importance of beginning in a healthy, fun environment. As they got older and entered junior and senior high, some started to swim in the winter months. Yet in the 12 and under and 10 and under groups, the trend is to swim more often year round since the competition is getting steeper with the larger swim team. Many younger swimmers now take lessons in addition to the swim team, while older swimmers relied on the daily practices for stroke correction. Greg Bilton spoke of the inspiration he received from former Cohasset swimmer John DeLima and Justin Golden recalled his sister Becky, John Jackson and Eric Karcher as inspiring mentors. Kate Grimm, Sarah Motley, Cara Foley, Carlie Carter, Ashley Ulmer, and Brooke Baker hit on some common themes for their motivation to compete: staying in shape, socializing with friends, racing without pressure, and getting to know the "little kids."



Chris Flynn gets the job done with the breaststroke in the 12-and-under medley race.

Swimmer's tips for this week are to work on carving some seconds off your start and finish. Come off the block quickly; practice your surface dive. Allison says to "use your legs off the block and streamline your kicking." To finish, race to the wall and reach out!

Make sure that you remember the end of the year banquet and dance for the swim team scheduled for Aug. 7 at the Cohasset High School cafeteria. The dinner and awards will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m., and the dance will follow until about 10 p.m. in the school gym. We look forward to having all parents participate in this big event. Save the date now.



Mike Grimm is ready to spring off the block as he awaits the starter's gun in a meet last week against the Scituate Harbor Yacht Club.

Here are the results from last Friday's meet against the Scituate Yacht Club:

In the boys 8 and Under Medley Relay the team of Alex Shipp, Trip Harper, Peter Ernt, and Cameron Cunningham came in first, and the team of Owen Stevenson, Adam Yeager, Austen Lanzilotti and Will Harper came in second.

In the girls 8 and Under Medley Relay the team of Megan Sacks, Abigail Markert, Alyssa Campbell and May McCarthy came in first, and the team of Elizabeth Spelman, Meg Anderson, Samantha Lehr and Claire McCarthy came in second.

In the boys 10 and Under Medley Relay the team of Noah Wilcox, Dan McCarthy, Parker Berg and Zach Markert came in 1st, the team of Cory Faber, Bryce Rafferty, Nick Zappolo and Reed Dickinson came in second, and the team of Micahel Pecca, Brent Daly, Nils Sceery and John Coffey came in third.

In the girls 10 and Under Medley Relay the team of Caitlin Sanchez, Caren Garber, Lindsay Durkin and Kate Spelman came in first, the team of Charlotte Sida, Roxanne Tehranian, Michelle Madge and Caitlin Hurley came in third, and the team of Caitlin O'Connell, Whitney Condon, Jessica Wheelwright and Kaleigh Swain came in sixth.

In the Boys 12 and Under Medley Relay the team of Bryan Bilton, Dan McCarthy, Tommy Myers and Jake Previte came in second, and the team of Colin Regan, Chris Flynn, Jon Grimm and Chris Simms came in third.

In the girls 12 and Under Medley Relay the team of Elisa Jerome, Yasmine Afshar, Casey Anderson and Caren Garber came in second, and the team of Delia Regan, Ashley Faber, Rebecca Lehr and Jenna Larson came in third.

In the boys 17 and Under Medley Relay the team of John Crowley-Buck, David Crowley-Buck, Chris Golden, and Justin Golden came in first, and the team of Scott Faber, Kevin Roach, David Ingber, Alex Berg and Jody Roach came in second.



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Ashley Faber swims the free-style leg of the medley relay.

In the girls 17 and Under Medley Relay the team of Alexis Bugley, Kate Grimm, Caroline Carter and Cara Foley came in second.

In the boys 8 and Under Free Relay the team of Alex Hunt, Cameron Cunningham, Peter Ernst and Adam Yeager came in first, the team of Owen Stevenson, Trip Harper, Michael Grimm and Teddy Galligan came in third.

In the girls 8 and Under Free Relay the team of Meghan Sacks, Abby Markert, Samantha Lehr and Alyssa Campbell came in first, and the team of Meg Anderson, May McCarthy, Emma Hernan and Elizabeth Spelman came in second.

In the boys 10 and Under Free Relay the team of Dan McCarthy, Noah Wilcox, Zach Markert and Parker Berg came in first, the team of Reed Dickinson, John McCarthy, Nils Sceery and Nick Zappolo came in second.

In the girls 10 and under Free Relay the team of Emilie Shea, Caren Garber, Caitlin Sanchez and Catherine Ernst came in first, and the team of Michele LeMaire, Shalea Daly, Remy Lee and Kaleigh Swain came in third.

In the boys 12 and Under Free Relay the team of Jake Previte, Will McCarthy, Tommy Myers and Bryan Bilton came in first, and the team of Colin Regan, Evan Sacks, Chris Simmons and Chris Flynn came in third.

In the girls 12 and Under Free Relay the team of Jenna Larson, Rebecca Lehr, Rachel Garber and Casey Anderson came in second, and the team of Ashley Faber, Delia Regan and Elisa Jerome came in third.

In the boys 17 and Under Free Relay the team of Scott Faber, Rob Lehr, Alex Berg and Chris Golden came in first, and the team of David Ingber, Jody Roach, Craig Blackburn and Terry Hurley came in third.

In the girls 17 and Under Free Relay the team of Caroline Carter, Brooke Baker, Ashley Ulmer and Cara Foley came in second.

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17 and under	1. J. Crowley-Buck 2. Terry Hurley 3. Craig Blackburn	1. Brooke Baker 3. Anna Roche

Ken Leahy helps lead S.E. lacrosse to victory

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hers Tom and Patrick, who was a co-captain on the lacrosse team this year.

As well, Ken was joined at the Bay State Games this year by his cousin Adam Leahy, who took home a silver medal in the scholastic lacrosse competition.

"I guess it all started with my brother David," said Ken. "I used to watch him play in various lacrosse tourneys and I became interested in the game Something about lacrosse really hit a nerve with me and I decided that this was something that I wanted to be a part of."

The choice has worked out well for Leahy who topped a fine freshman year of 44 points with a 35 goals, 17 assist effort for 52 points, avoiding any resemblance to a sophomore slump for the Friars, a Division 1 team that competes in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

His effort did not go unnoticed by his teammates who have elected him to serve as a tri-captain for the upcoming lacrosse season.

"It really is an honor. Something that I didn't expect to happen so fast," said Leahy, who captained the lacrosse team at CHS his senior year. "I'm not going to be a yeller and a screamer, but more of a leader by example. If I'm going to talk to someone I'd much rather do it one-on-one rather that in front of the whole group.

"The one thing that I'm going to stress is team effort," he added. "Nobody has to do it all. You can get much more accomplished when you are working together as a team."

One of his first jobs as captain will be to try and better the team's 6-9 record from last season under head coach Bill Pymm..

"We dropped a lot of games in overtime last year and things just didn't seem to go out way," said Leahy. "We also had a dozen freshmen on the team last year, many of whom played an important role on the team. This year they are going to be a year older and will have that much more experience under their belt.."

One of the incoming freshman that Leahy will be leading in the spring is his brother Patrick .

Thomas will head off to St. Joseph's College in Pennsylvania.

"It's a fun thing more than anything else," said Ken about sharing the field with his brother. "Whether it was with David or with the twins it seems that I've always been playing with one of my brothers. It makes everything that much more fun for me."

A Social Science major at P.C., Leahy said one of the biggest difference in the jump from high school to college is the intensity and time commitment needed to get everything done at the university level.

A member of the peer counseling group and the vice-president of his class for four years at CHS, Leahy said he just doesn't have the time to take part is similar projects at college.

"It's not that I wouldn't like to experience different clubs and groups, but I just don't really have the time to do it," said Leahy. "There's a big difference in the quality of commitment when you make the jump to college."

Laugelle reigns as top dog on the mats

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past," said the 230 lb. Laugelle of the two nights a week he spends during the summer with the Orange Crush. "I like working out with the club. It's intense and there is some great competition among the wrestlers."

It's that intensity that initially brought Laugelle onto the mats as an eighth grader, saying that he especially enjoyed the one-on-one nature of the sport.

Laugelle competed last year at the Games in the 215 lb. weight class without much success.

This year would be different as Laugelle got wins by pin over Rockland's Alan MacDonald (second period) and top seeded Paul Hurley in the third period before moving onto the finals and getting a solid 13-4 win in the gold medal round.

"It's a good experience for the athletes," said Laugelle of his time with the Bay State Games. "The competition is strong and it's a great way to round into shape for the upcoming season."

After the first weekend of competition the Metro team led the medal count with six gold and five bronze. Still left to be competed are boys and girls scholastic ice hockey, 7-on-7 soccer, 7-on-7 field hockey, track and field as well as archery.

Plate too full?

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who didn;t want to play football to something that the top booters work on all year long. Not only are the youth leagues and the high school programs bursting at the seems, but club soccer is now more popular than even.

As well, the Major League Soccer's New England Revolution have drawn reasonably well since their inception despite not having the best of success at winning games.

I compare the plight of the MLS to that of the two fledgling women's basketball leagues, the ABL and the WNBA, rather than failed experiments such as the United States Football League and World Hockey League.

All three of them have received some solid network television exposure and are in the process of adding to their fan base slowly, but surely. Soccer fans should be happy with that slow and steady growth while waiting for the chance to dine at the big table.

That chance may come or it may not, only time will tell. But they used to make fun of the American Football League, didn't they?

SPORTS BRIEFS

Hockey skills workshops in Hingham

Hockey Skills Development Workshops is offering a High Speed Skills program for Mites and Squirts. Skating Wednesday nights this summer for 8 weeks at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham.

The camp is directed by experienced College and High School coaches that truly believe Skill Development is a craft. All programs feature a positive learning environment, limited class sizes, and are focused towards skills actually used in playing the game.

Hockey skills competition

One On One Multimedia Productions is hosting a hockey skills competition Aug. 23, at the Bridgewater Ice Rink in Bridgewater.

This competition will be similar in format to the pros on TV, with all the glitz and glamour. The kids will have a lot of fun and be able to show off their stuff.

Dave Shea, announcer for the Boston Bruins, will be the master of ceremonies and there will be many celebrities, coaches, scouts, recruiters and other hockey VIPs on hand.

One On One Multimedia Productions specializes in Broadcast Quality Digital Video Productions to highlight your athlete or team, so there will be plenty of video to offer to the parents, hopefully at no charge.

This will be used as a fund-raising opportunity for the individual programs so they will be donating back to the organization in which that player participates.

Sponsorships are available for the program book, and again, an opportunity to raise more funds for the organizations by acquiring sponsors is tremendous.

All levels are invited including Town, Metro, NECDL and Junior.

Events will include fastest skater, best skater, best stickhandler, most accurate shot, best slapshot and best goalie.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Junior lacrosse program wishes for old equipment

The Cohasset Junior Lacrosse program is accepting donations of old sticks, gloves, helmets, arm pads and goaltending equipment, hoping to make life a bit easier for players and parents.

Currently, the team has no extra equipment to carry to games or lend to players. That has, in the past, meant that players who have forgotten some or all of their gear have wound up driving home — often from several towns away — or have been forced to sit out.

"We can't let a player on the field without proper equipment," says junior team coach Chuck Jaffe. "The best we can hope for is to share, which is tricky given how often kids come on and off the field."

The club is particularly interested in helmets, gloves, armpads and goaltending equipment. Jaffe noted that sticks are the one thing most players have when they start out in the game, "although we would accept stick donations too."

The youth program is hoping to secure enough equipment to help out players in its summer camp, so that children who are just testing out the sport won't go whole hog on gear, only to find out they would rather play something else.

"Lacrosse equipment isn't cheap," Jaffe says. "We're just hoping that people who have some of it lying around in their basement, or whose children have outgrown youth equipment, can help us move the game along and support the junior club and lacrosse booster program in the process."

To donate lacrosse equipment to the Cohasset Junior program, call Jaffe at 383-9858.

Get your kicks at the South Shore Soccer Camp

Registrations for South Shore Soccer Camp have begun for boys and girls ages 8 to 18. This is the South Shore Soccer Camp's eighth year of operation in Cohasset. If you are interested in registering, it is suggested that you contact the Cohasset Recreation Department; first floor, Town Hall, or call 383-4109. Brochures and registration forms are available at the recreation office.

South Shore soccer will be offered to both boys and girls during the week of Monday through Friday, Aug. 3 to 7, and Aug. 10 to 14.

Should a camper wish to attend both camps, this is now possible. In order to choose the week of camp you desire, early registration is advised as both camps must be restricted in number.

Camp meets daily, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cohasset's Miliken Field. The cost for the camp is $195 per week and discounts for multiple weeks and subsequent children are available. South Shore soccer camp represents topflight training, delivered by top college and high school coaches and players for the New England area.

Cohasset Men's Softball League

The hot temperatures took a toll on the players. Especially the Who's on First squad.

It was like they didn't show up! The Grinders claimed victory in game #1, and Last Call shut out the "Where's Who's on Firsts" in game #2.

Jay Fiori lit up his victory cigar after the heated battle and Mark St. John strutted off the field as the winning pitcher of game #1.

The Dog Pound howled after they trounced the Cell(ar) Boys. Bruce Maynard played in his 300th softball game and was awarded the game ball.

Standings	
Dog Pound	4-1
Last Call	4-1
Grinders	2-2
Who's on First	2-3
Cell Boys	0-5

Cohasset Sailing Club weekly race results

Wasser Cup —
Junior Sailor Racing Series
July 8

All junior sailors in the Captain & Sailing Master classes are eligible to compete in the Wasser Cup.

Crew:

1. Betsy Reynolds, Laura Genello, Rachel McElroy,
2. Elisa Ninde-Jerome, Rachel Doyle, Danielle Pinkus,
3. Martha Henderson, Courtney Anton and Kisten Creighton.

July 15

1. Betsy Reynolds, Laura Genello, Rachel McElroy,
2. Elisa Ninde-Jerome, Rachel Doyle, Danielle Pinkus,
3. Nate Wilcox and Owen McDonnell.

Season Standings

Betsy Reynolds is in First Place with 27 points. Elisa Ninde-Jerome is in Second Place with 39 points, and Martha Henderson is in Third with 53 points. The team of Nate Wilcox and Owen McDonnell is fourth with 72 points, but they are starting to give the leading teams some strong competition.

Stanton Series — Parent/Child
Racing Series

All Club members are invited to compete in this "just-for-fun" family racing on Sundays at 5 p.m.

July 12

Race 1
1. Cunningham
2. Tristler/O'Connell
3. Reynolds

Race 2
1. Cunningham
2. Reynolds
3. Tristler/O'Connell

Race 3
1. Reynolds
2. Cunningham

July 19

Four very close races were sailed in excellent conditions by 5 boats, our largest fleet of this year. The starts were very competitive, and the jibe mark was more that a little exciting with up to four boats rounding together. The results were:

First Place Ryan and Rich Ofsthun.

Second Place Bob Deutsch, Katie and Emily Larkin.

Third Place Cameron and Bob Cunningham

Hingham Bay Junior Regatta
July 23 and 24

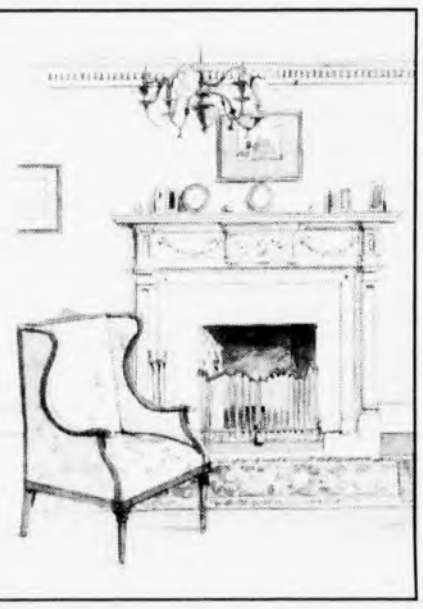
Racing coach Amy Logue reports that five crews will race in the Turnabout Fleet this week in the Junior Regatta sponsored by the Hingham Yacht Club. Racing for CSC will be:

1. Phil Strazzulla and John Dewaal
2. Rachel Doyle and Elisa Jerome
3. Martha Henderson and Kristen Creighton
4. Julie Shea and Kelly Hurley
5. Betsey Reynolds and Mike Haajar

Racing in the 420 Fleet will be the veteran team of Robin Cunningham & Lane Forrer. Good luck to all the Cohasset sailors, and look for the race results in next week's Mariner.

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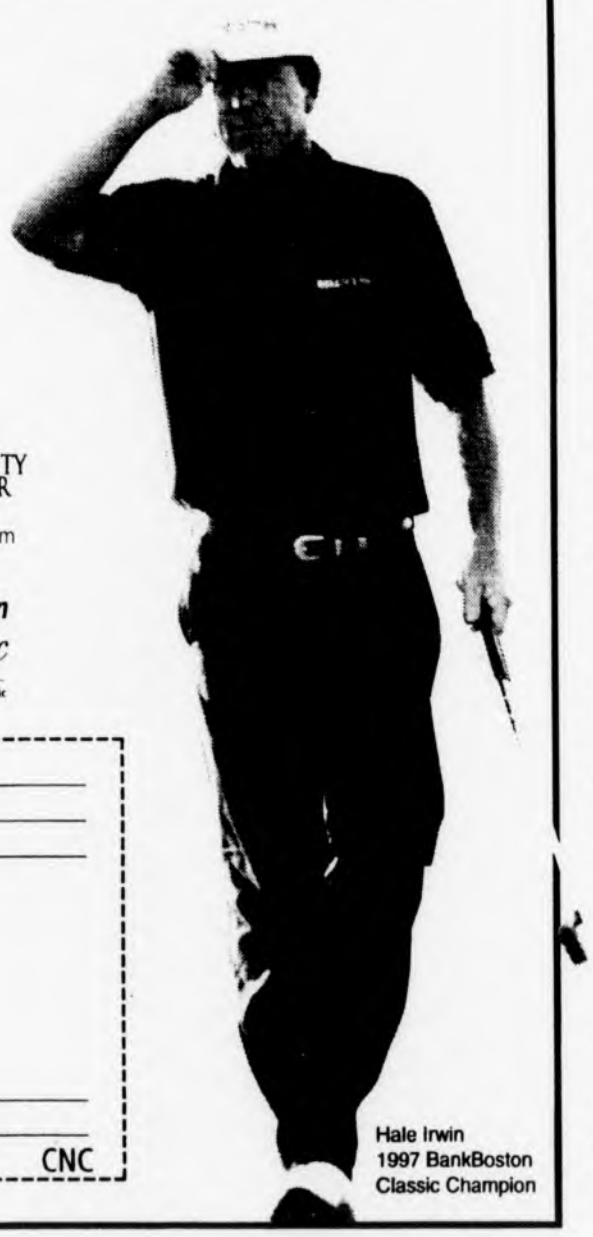
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Mariner launches sports e-mail site

In an effort to be more in touch with area sports fans, the Mariner has established an e-mail site. The address to is:

mariner.sports@cnc.com

The Mariner encourages youth coaches and organizers, high school coaches, players and parents (who have access to an e-mail system) to send us your sports information, stories and schedules at this address.

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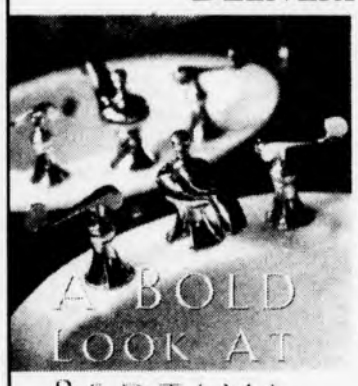


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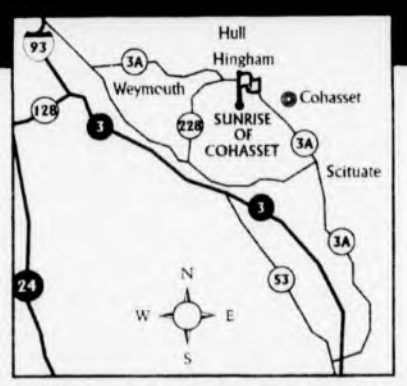
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Bubbly, plus-sized SWF, professional, 45, 5'3", nonsmoker, nondrinker, like fresh air, sunshine, walks with the dogs, sharing good sense of humor, honesty and commitment. Middleboro area. ☎*30003*

Catholic SWF, 52, 5'2", slightly stocky build. Enjoy bowling, walking, reading and going out for dinner. Seeking a S/DWM, 35-55, n/s, light drinker, for friendship and possibly more. ☎*30025*

Confident and secure SWF, retired, 50, 5'6", 112 lbs, busy, secure and happy. Looking for the same in a nonsmoking, professional Male, 45-58. ☎*30028*

Dinner and dancing. Attractive DWF, 35, who enjoys BBQ parties, weekend getaways and movies at home. Looking for DWM, around 40, to share new adventures. ☎*30052*

Dreamer desired by SF, 43, trim, active, creative writer. Seeking in shape SM, 40-50, 5'10"+, who enjoys bicycling, the beach and weekend fun. Must be openhearted and ready for anything. ☎*30000*

Elaine seeking Jerry/Kramer combo. SWF, social drinker, smoker, seeking SWM, 36-40, with a great sense of humor and big strong arms for bear hugs, enjoys movies, dining out and laughter. ☎*30015*

Feeling old, lonely and in need of a friend. Attractive, active and mature DWF, 60s, enjoy poetry, movies and dining out. Seeking a tall, humorous Man, 60s, n/s, n/d. ☎*30017*

Female, 50+, enjoy gardening, the beach, fishing, dinner and dancing. Seeking a S/DWM, 50s, with same interests. ☎*30001*

Fire and rain, Celtic style. Raven Cerdwen, longing for balance, enjoying the simple things in life. ☎*30058*

Friendly, full-figured Female, 41, nonsmoker, social drinker, love animals, country music, volunteering and being outside. Seeking a mature Man who has similar interests. Kids ok. ☎*30040*

Full-figured beauty SWF, 29, 5'8". ISO a kindhearted, stable SM, 29-40, for cuddling and conversation. Sincerity and honesty are musts. ☎*30039*

Grounded Tinker Bell looking for Peter Pan. Female, 45, self-employed, professional, 5'10", 125 lbs, enjoy outdoor playing adventures. Harley riders ok. No Captain Hook types. Nonsmoker, nondrinker. ☎*30018*

Hoping to find an honest and sincere Male, 40-60. I'm a SWF in my early 40s, who's 5'4" and 115 lbs. I like movies and beaches. ☎*30034*

Lively WWWF, 5'3", brown/brown, part-time nanny. Enjoy oldies, dancing, dining out, beach walks and drives. Seeking a S/D/WWWM, 50-60. Hope to hear from you. ☎*30029*

Romantic Lady, early 50s, medium build, enjoy Cape Cod, travel, beaches, et cetera. Looking for a sincere, nonsmoking, romantic SM for partner. ☎*30022*

SDF, 37, 5'4", 135lbs, business owner, nonsmoking, seeking S/DM, 30-50, likes children, quiet, homebody type preferred. ☎*30063*

Seeking Mister Right. SWF, 22, 5'3", brown/brown. Seeking a SWM, 18-30, who doesn't do drugs and likes to do fun things. ☎*30031*

Single, humorous, attractive blonde, mid-50s, 5'5", 125 lbs, enjoy all aspects of life. Seeking slender Gentleman, 5'10"+, who communicates well, to take my hand so we can walk through life together. ☎*30016*

Striking, green-eyed, red-head, 40s, tall, refined, feminine, fun, height/weight proportionate, extremely intelligent. Seeks attractive, S/DWM, 6'+, 45-55, well-educated, sensitive but masculine. Enjoys sports, fishing, philosophy, and romance. For friendship first. ☎*30047*

SWF, 55, looking for someone to share times with. ☎*30002*

SWF, brown hair, brown eyes, enjoy dining, sports and dancing. Seeking a SWM, 40-62, for possible companionship and relationship. ☎*30014*

Tall, attractive, DWCF, 54. Enjoys outdoors, walking, casual dining and quiet evenings at home. Seeks S/DWCM, n/s, n/d. Life is not easy, sometimes must be able to share feelings and have fun. ☎*30046*

Upper Cape Female. Attractive, professional WWWF, 62 years young, emotionally and financially secure, naples Florida snowbird. Enjoys beach, tennis, theater, exotic travel. Seeking humorous, n/s, 6'+ Male, 57-67, similar interests. ☎*30045*

61-year-old Lady, brown/hazel, young-at-heart, like simple things in life, walks on the beach, movies, et cetera. Looking for a long-term relationship with an honest, sincere Man. ☎*40112*

A Man who makes me laugh. Very intelligent, talented, pretty writer, 43, slim, sexy and fun, a real sweetheart. Seeks excellent, 52+ Man to form a loving, lifelong relationship. ☎*40196*

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Attractive, slim, upbeat SWF, enjoy life in the city, many interests. Seeking a professional, financially secure SWM, 55-60s, nonsmoker, with similar interests. ☎*40019*

Attractive and classy. DWF, flight attendant, 38, 5'5", 110 lbs, blonde, upbeat, positive, love golf, boating and tennis. Seeking a stable, attractive, sensitive SWM soulmate, 38-55, for a long-term relationship. ☎*40132*

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Attractive, affectionate, outgoing redhead, 46, 5'3", 140 lbs, professional, enjoy mountain views, walks in the woods, ocean waves, books, theater and music. Seeking Male with positive sense of self and humor, for friendship and more. ☎*40004*

Attractive redhead, 41, look 31, fit, intelligent, like alternative and progressive rock. Seeking a hip Male, 38 plus, average height and weight, with hair. ☎*40024*

Attractive, young 52, no children. Love the outdoors, day trips and conversation. Seeking a fit, positive, honest, nonsmoking Gentleman for a long-term relationship. ☎*40025*

Attractive 52-year-old Woman looking for a Male companion who will accept a warm, outdoorsy animal lover who's willing to give kindness, honesty and friendship. ☎*40031*

Attractive, athletic, active Female, 30s, brown hair and eyes, very fit, petite, healthy and confident. Enjoy exercise, tennis, kids, movies, dancing, reading, a good sense of humor. Seeking attractive S/DWM, 28-40, 5'9"+, n/s, with similar interests. ☎*35000*

Attractive, petite DWF, young 47, intelligent, fun and love to dance. Looking for the same in a Male, Boston area. ☎*35013*

Attractive White Female, 41, 5'2", 145 lbs, blonde/hazel, seeking a good-looking, free-spirited, animal-loving, jeans wearing, Harley Davidson kind of Guy. ☎*35024*

Attractive, caring WJF, 60s, financially independent and full of fun. Love tennis, golf, bridge, travel and whatever. Seeking a Gentleman with a good sense of humor. ☎*35005*

Attractive, educated, European Female, 5'5", 135 lbs, seeking a nonsmoking, nondrinking, handsome, professional SAM, 35+, into classical music, for friendship and more. ☎*40159*

Austin Female, 56, 5'11", short black hair, brown eyes, people say I look like Liz Walker (Channel 4 News Lady). Seeking a WM for friendship, maybe more. ☎*40129*

Azure, alizarin, uncultivated August wildflower, early fifth generative decade, seeking spirited self-aware, adventurous complement to develop unique, prized hybrid. ☎*35003*

Beautiful JF, 42, 5'3", 110 lbs, fit, love the finer things in life, all that nature has to offer. Seeking handsome, fit, financially secure JM, 38-50, who likes himself. Metro West. ☎*40017*

Black Afro queen, petite, attractive and full of life. Seeking a handsome, sincere, caring, healthy, professional Male for short walks and movies. ☎*35034*

Blonde SWF, 38, attractive, medical professional, enjoy healthy lifestyle, outdoor and social activities, extended family and humor. Looking for a handsome, active, honest, marriage-minded SWM, 35-45. ☎*35014*

Blue jean baby, Birkenstock Girl, plus-sized Woman seeking true companionship. SWF, 33, love reading, movies, ethnic dining and most cultural activities. I speak a little Spanish. ☎*40150*

Breath taking JF professional, exciting, classy, alluring, and passionate. Seeks handsome, happy, romantic, sensitive, successful, n/s, 45+ JM. ☎*40173*

Caring, compassionate White Widowed Female, 63, 5'11", blonde/blue, attractive, n/s, social drinker, like theater, camping, dining out, movies and tv. Seeking tall, romantic Gentleman for friend, companion, possible loving long-term relationship. ☎*35020*

Charming, educated DWF, northern European-American transplant, full of life, sense of humor, health-conscious, like to travel. Seeking DWM, 50-60, who's interested in culture, secure emotionally and financially, for friendship maybe more. ☎*40011*

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DJF with full and happy life seeking a JM, 50-55, to share long walks, close friends and family, kids (yours and mine). Please be over 5'10", slim, and a nonsmoker. ☎*40141*

European-born SWF, 5'6", 40s, romantic, sensible, passionate. Love travel and all that nature has to offer. Seeking an attractive Man with similar interests. Boston area. ☎*40144*

Exquisite, intelligent, green-eyed, redheaded SWF, 25, enjoy classical music, dancing and elegant dining. Seeking an intelligent, family-oriented, successful, professional SWM, 35+, n/s, for a serious relationship. With child a plus. ☎*40097*

Framingham area Female, 35, n/s. Divorced parent, hardworking professional, family-oriented, caring and honest. Enjoy movies, dancing, the outdoors and quiet times. Seeking someone similar for friendship or possibly more. ☎*40022*

Franklin area. 29-year-old SWF, 5' tall, cute brunette, fit, cheerful and athletic. Enjoy dining out, beaches and dancing. Seeking handsome, fit, professional, nonsmoking SWM, 28-34, 5'8"-5'11", for possible long-term relationship. ☎*40083*

From a place of wholeness, radiant, youthful Jewish Lady, over 39, is creating a totally committed love partnership with an awesome Man. Are you that Man? ☎*40075*

From the nice part of town. DWF, 40s, n/s, good sense of humor. I'll make great best friend. I'm kind, caring and romantic. My ultimate dream is to ride off into the sunset on the back of a Harley, but the handlebars of a Huffy is fine. ☎*35023*

Fun-loving, young-thinking WJF, 53, 5'5", in great shape. Looking for one Man, 47-59, who still feels that true love is possible. Enjoy dining out, movies and travel. Newton or surrounding area. ☎*35037*

Heart like mine. Merrimack Valley DWF, 52, 5'8", proportionate, attractive blonde with baby blue eyes, optimistic, independent and caring. Love life, creative, independent and caring, n/s. Enjoy movies, trips, dancing, crafts, reading, concerts. ☎*40005*

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

38-year-old SM, 5'7", brown/green, 160 lbs, enjoy hiking, fishing and traveling. Seeking a down-to-earth WF, 28-40 with similar interests. ☎*30033*

Caring, honest, secure, affectionate, fit, professional WM seeking a happy, loving, romantic, playful, lifetime friend and lover, 52-60, to share romance, outdoors, dancing, travel and the beach. ☎*30011*

Civil War buff. Retired Single Gentleman, 72, disabled American veteran, seeking a kind WF. ☎*30032*

Divorced, broke, looking anyway. DWM, 48, medium build, n/s, n/d, outdoor Guy. Have a real job, no bills. Are you tall, thin, ready to meet a nice Guy? ☎*30036*

Do wanta dance? SWM, young-looking 32, 5'8", 140 lbs brown/brown, nice, n/s, like music, video games and model railroading, ISO Female, 18-33, n/s, for serious relationship. Plymouth/Wareham area. ☎*30059*

Dream lover, come rescue me! Warm, caring, sensitive and compassionate DWM, 50, young, very fit, active, 5'6", 145 lbs. Seeking a down-to-earth WF for my best friend and a long-term relationship. ☎*30026*

Earth sign, eclectic, witty, well-built, professional DWM, 40s, 5'11", enjoy astrology, personal growth, outdoors, day trips, quiet times, the simpler things. Seeking S/DWF 38-48, similar interests, for possible relationship. Plymouth area. ☎*30021*

Expect an exceptional lifetime partner. Tall, handsome Christian, chaste, fit, leader, 35, desires skinny Christian Woman with small features, morals and personality for lifetime of adventure, passion and purpose. Michigan. ☎*30035*

Falmouth Male, 61, 5'11", 145 lbs, retired military, no bad habits. Seeking a soulmate. Enjoy all of life. ☎*30024*

Friendly, full-figured Female, 41, love animals, country music, volunteering and being outside. Nonsmoker, social drinker. Seek mature Man who has similar interests, kids ok. ☎*30038*

Fun-loving DWM, 26, 5'8", 165 lbs. Single dad, seeking professional S/DWF, 25-33, to share fun times, laughter, movies, camping and road trips. Must like Nickelodean. ☎*30027*

Good looks for a late 60s WM, enjoys cooking, walking, dancing, playing Blackjack plus. Good sense of humor, 6'3", trim and positive thinking, seeking attractive, well-proportioned, 5'4"+, DWF. ☎*30053*

Haunted by mysteries of life, intrigued by fears of the heart, drama, joy, illusion, romance, laughter. Being is simple or complicated as we make it. If you're a thinking Gal, call. ☎*30043*

Humanist SWM, 69, 5'10", 145 lbs, n/s, retired social worker, Hawaiian snow bird, boating, swimming, hiking, antique autos, sing-along songs, dislike rock. Seeking slim, attractive, unencumbered Lady. Upper to mid-Cape preferred. ☎*30012*

I am Portuguese and Italian, medium build, brown/brown, 165 lbs. Interests: cars, four-wheel drive, cooking, dancing, pool, movies, auto mechanics, social smoker/drinker, 6-year-old son. Military technician, seeking Woman, 30-50. ☎*30044*

Intelligent, artistic, adventurous, easy-going, handsome Man, seeks to meet, beautiful, laughing Woman, mid 30s. ☎*30054*

Let's get together, SWM, 59, looking for SWF, similar age, who's up front, likes dancing, romancing, music, traveling, singing, eating in and out, full of fun and happiness, no children. ☎*30057*

Mid Cape area, SWM, 50, 5'11", 185 lbs, sincere, fun-loving, loves the outdoors, long walks on the beach and just talking. Seeking the same in a nice Lady, for companionship and good times. ☎*30048*

One-Woman Man, Black hair, brown eyes, 41, in great shape. Love body building and trying new things. Seeking work out partner in petite Lady, 36-42, family-oriented, old-fashioned morals. Kids great. ☎*30051*

Outer Cape area. Professional, tall, dark, handsome SWM, brown/brown, honest, sincere and easygoing, like outdoors, camping, ocean, car rides and travel. Seeking great height and weight proportionate SWF, for fun, companionship. ☎*30019*

Practicing Catholic, SWM, 39, seeking SWF, 28-40, also a practicing Catholic. Enjoy outdoors during the summer and quiet evenings at home, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Cape Cod, South Shore area. ☎*30013*

Professional, attractive, athletic DWM, 40, looks younger, enjoys boating, movies, dining. Looking for sincere, attractive, fit Female, 30-38. No head games, please. ☎*30061*

Professional SWM, nonsmoker, enjoys sports, travel, day trips. Looking for slender, nonsmoking SWF, 45-55, who is honest, open and looking for a long-term relationship. ☎*30062*

Recently retired Gentleman with easygoing disposition, love the ocean, enjoy dining and dancing. Would like to meet a happy-go-lucky Lady who shares the same interests. ☎*30030*

RECENTLY WIDOWED WM, 64, trying to get on with life. Seeking companionship and friendship with attractive, slender WF, 55-62, n/drugs. Onset area. ☎*30055*

Rochester Male, youthful 58, 6', 180 lbs, retired military, neat, nice looks, graying, n/s, n/d, love the classics, seeking a soulmate. ☎*30007*

Romeo meets Juliet. Male, 22, 6', 185 lbs, brown/hazel. Looking for a relationship, possibly long-term. Enjoy boating, fishing, dancing, movies and walking on the beach. Looking for a SF, 22-29. ☎*30023*

Sagittarius sailor, wild eyes, great shape, sensitive, looking for an attractive, athletic sail mate, 28-38, for adventure and moonlit romance. Our little ship has enough room for skis and golf clubs. ☎*30005*

SM, 70, 5'5", 145 lbs, enjoy dancing, walking, bike riding, swimming and listening to jazz. Seeking a fun Lady. ☎*30004*

Tall, dark and handsome SWM, 34, 6'2", enjoy all the usual stuff, yada, yada, yada. Seeking an attractive SF, 25-37, n/s. ☎*30006*

Two thumbs up. "Humorous, creative, fun, sensitive, communicative, sweet and cute." SWM, 37, 5'11", 170 lbs, desires similar SF, 21-40. ☎*30050*

Walks by the sea, dancing until dawn. SJM, 53, 5'9", seeking a financially secure Jewish Lady, 40s-50s, to join me. ☎*30037*

A really nice, attractive Guy. Young-looking DWM, close to 50, financially secure and fun, seeking the right young-looking, slim, very attractive Female, 35-48, to share dance, travel, dining and things. ☎*40104*

ABSOLUTELY BELIEVABLE. SEEKING wife. SWM, 40, 5'11", 165 lbs, brown hair and brown eyes, moustache, very versatile, hard worker, fit. Seeking thin, marriage-minded Female, 30-35, for a long-term relationship. ☎*40055*

Adventurous, handsome, successful, young, fit DWM, 41, 5'11", 180 lbs, blue eyes, n/s, professional. Love spontaneity, travel, candlelit dinners, good wine, champagne, concerts, theater, music, dancing, summers on the beach. Needham. ☎*40089*

Affable, compassionate, erudite SWM, 43, wishes SF, 29-49, musicologist, traveler, skier and bon vivant would put down her espresso and biscotti and answer this advertisement. Anglophile and cineast; call now. ☎*40067*

Alive and kicking. DWM, 37, 6'3", 170 lbs, professional, handsome, full of energy and life, love kids, animals, the outdoors, family and meeting new people. Single moms encouraged. Metro West preferred. ☎*40133*

Appreciates touch, eye contact, emotional responsiveness, verbal and nonverbal communication. Playful, tender, musical, youthful, spiritual idealist seeking a slender, similar soul, 30-45, for an intimate, loving partnership. ☎*40164*

Asian-American/WF sought by attractive, athletic, personable, fun SWM, 41, 5'9", 170 lbs, n/s, with a neat appearance. I enjoy sports, music, arts, the outdoors and travel. ☎*40152*

Athletic, amiable, attractive, SWM, 35, 6'1", 195 lbs, dark-blue, professional, hard-working and playing, enjoys travel, art, sports, water, dancing, animals, adventure, sun, seeking tall, professional, elegant SWF to enjoy life's finer things. ☎*40180*

Athletic, handsome, professional DM wishes for friendship with a fit, attractive WF, 35-45. Hoping my voice touches your heart so I might have this dance for the rest of my life. ☎*40126*

Attractive, professional, SWM, 35, 6'1", strong family values, honesty, sincerity. Interest include, fitness, dining out, sports, travel, and music. Seeking attractive SWF, 30-38 with similar interests for possible LTR. ☎*40184*

Attractive, romantic SWM, 36, 5'9", 185 lbs, sincere, down-to-earth, enjoy working out, travel, dancing and laughter. Seeking a petite SF, 25-35, with similar interests. ☎*40148*

Attractive, 43-year-old WM, 5'10", 175 lbs, brown/blue, athletic and well-educated. Looking for an attractive, dark HF, 26-42, for a long-term relationship, possibly marriage. ☎*40116*

Attractive DWM, 39, 5'10", fit fun, sincere, sociable, open-minded, enjoys dancing, movies and travel. Seeking attractive, fit, n/s WF, 30-40, for a healthy relationship. ☎*40172*

Available now! Metrowest, down-to-earth, professional DJM, one son, 39, n/s, fit, 5'4", likes movies, biking, skiing, hiking, seeks S/DWF, 35-42, for fun and who knows. ☎*40160*

Baby hunger? Handsome, healthy SWM, 45, 5'9", Irish Catholic, youthful, fun, fit, kind, romantic, sincere, successful, spiritual, twelve steps. Seeking slender soulmate and best friend who's ready to start a family! ☎*40122*

Bam Bam seeking Pebbles. No Dinos, please. WM, 30, 6'2", 220 lbs, blonde/blue, love sports and kids. Seeking a spontaneous, attractive and outgoing Female to share laughs. ☎*35053*

Best friend wanted. Accomplished, athletic, loyal DWM, 40, 6', brown/blue, clean, healthy, seeking a slender, blonde, blue-eyed Female, 28-40, for nature, sports, motorcycle rides, honesty, passion, best friend. Plus: Route 93 North area. ☎*40057*

Black gold SBM, 38, handsome, artist, seeking a SBF, nonsmoker, in good shape, for fun in the sun, romance under the stars and adventure all year round. ☎*40046*

Blue-eyed blonde, 6', looking for friend, good partner, to have fun with. Working out and in good physical condition is a plus. ☎*40174*

MEN SEEKING MEN

41-year-old GWM, 5'7", 157 lbs, hirsute, interested in meeting a similar Male, n/s, n/drugs, for enjoying life. No attitudes need apply. ☎*30042*

55-year-old SM, 5'11", 175 lbs, interests include hiking, biking, movies and dance. Seeking a Man in the South Shore or Penbrook area. ☎*30008*

Compatible Male, WM, 60-ish, n/s, 6', 175 lbs, discreet, enjoys varied activities. Upper Cape area a plus. ☎*30056*

Hairy chest, high and tight, ex-trucker, 40, 5'11", 200 lbs, brown/brown, seeking Man, preferable with tatoos, smooth chest and crew cut, for friendship and possible long-term relationship. ☎*30060*

WOMEN SEEKING WOMEN

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FOR YOUR HEALTH

Back attack! Or how to fight back

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What do the grocery cashier, the cello player, the writer and the surgeon have in common? They are all at risk of a back attack! Why? Their jobs require standing or sitting for prolonged periods of time. For the back to hold a certain position for a long time requires the back muscles to contract. Too much time spent in contraction leads to spasm. And spasm means pain.

What about you? Maybe you bent over to pick up a paper clip, or coughed or sneezed, and then couldn't move. The pain was paralyzing. And the fear of making the pain worse further immobilized you. Was the culprit the paper clip? No, it was the last straw — years of misuse, of no use.

Want to learn how to avoid the searing pain? Read on.

If you have suffered back pain, you are not alone. Before the age of 50, 80 percent of Americans will have had some back problem. It is one of the leading reasons for missed time from work. According to a University of Florida study, back injuries cost $10 to $14 billion in worker's compensation costs. Every year, 100 million work days are lost. (And these statistics don't include all those whose work is at home.) That's a lot of paper clips! It is one of the main reasons people visit their doctor. And what about all those people who suffer in silence? What is the problem? Is the back of faulty design?

The back isn't one piece of equipment. It is a complex interaction of bones, muscles, tendons, ligaments and nerves (and, of course, the gift wrap — the skin). And to top it off, it's connected to the head, the arms and the legs. Think of an orchestra. When all the instruments are playing the correct notes, the sound can be heavenly. But if one, or a few musicians are off key, the whole orchestra sounds off. If the musicians haven't practiced sufficiently or if the piece is of a difficulty beyond their present ability, the resulting sound can be horrendous. So it is with the back. When the muscles are strong, they can support the work of the back. If the muscles are weak, injury can result. Back pain can be acute (newly injured) or chronic (you've been suffering for more than three months).

The acute attack. An example of an acute attack is mentioned above — you bend over to pick up a paper clip, or a piece of paper, or a dirty sock, and you freeze. The pain is a 15 on a scale of 0 to 10. Panic sets in. You fear any movement, because it might mean increasing your pain. Somehow you grab onto a chair, or slump to the floor, and just stay there. Breathing hurts. If you are lucky, someone finds you in this rather undignified position, and helps. You may end up at the doctor's office or perhaps even the emergency room. While your wish is for a magic wand to instantaneously take the pain away, you probably leave with instructions to stay in bed and take medication to relieve the pain or relax the muscle spasms. How long do you rest? Studies have shown that two days of bed rest provide the same degree of relief as seven days. After a few days of limited mobility, however, muscle strength starts to decrease and a host of other problems crop up.

In other words, don't stay in bed more than a couple of days. And how should you lie in bed? Never on your stomach — that increases the curve in the lower back. If on your back, use one or two pillows under your knees. This allows the back to relax. Another good position is lying on your side, knees bent and with a pillow between them. Use another pillow to support your top arm. The pillow under your head should be small enough so that the spine is relatively straight when viewed from the side.

The key to getting better is a gradual increase of activity. While lying in bed you can start to stretch the back. Begin with what's called a pelvic tilt. Pull your abdomen towards your back, while curving your hips under — you should feel the lower back stretch and lengthen. Before getting out of bed, roll over to your side and push up with your arms while bringing your legs down to the floor. This puts you in a sitting position on your bed. From that position, stand up.

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For a few days, just walking around the house may be as much as you can tolerate. Of course, you want to follow your doctor's orders in terms of activity level. Not all recommend bed rest. Some emphasize movement to avoid muscles from stiffening. About 70 percent of acute attacks resolve in a few days to a few weeks. About 90 percent will resolve in three months. Resolve doesn't mean your back is strong. It just means the spasms have relaxed, and you are able to start to go about your business. If you don't institute a consistent plan to strengthen your back and the supporting structures, another attack is just around the corner.

The chronic back. The life of a chronic back pain sufferer is hard. First, there's the pain. There are no days that are pain free, but the level of pain fluctuates throughout the day. Constant pain is exhausting.

Life revolves around avoiding more pain. You can't sit through a movie, stand in a line, carry groceries or lift laundry. Doing the bare minimum takes forever, because you have to keep lying down to prevent the spasms from getting worse. Perhaps you are no longer at work or are on a limited schedule. You feel isolated socially and may have driven away friends because all you can talk about is your pain. You are depressed and discouraged because you have seen all different kinds of professionals, and the pain remains.

Well, there really is hope. Most chronic back pain can be overcome, but it will take a lot of work on your part. Look for a program that uses a multi-dimensional approach. Constant monitoring by qualified professionals is critical. The program should emphasize strengthening, flexibility and conditioning. All three components together create success. Many hospitals, especially rehabilitation ones, offer this approach. They can be very expensive, so know your insurance coverage. Worker's comp should cover it, but check first.

You can expect to be seen by physical therapists (PT), nurses and physiatrists, who are physicians with special training in this area. Expect to work hard. A program may last three months and require a commitment of several hours a week. Strength training will include lifting weights — yes, weights. You may start out with an empty laundry basket, but gradually the load will increase. Flexibility will mean stretching exercises. Conditioning will mean aerobic activity, such as walking, swimming or low-impact aerobics. Ask to visit the program. Those who guide you should be positive, warm and encouraging. Find a program where you feel comfortable. All this may sound impossible, but it really is possible. I've been there. I know the pain. I understand the fear. When I started, I was afraid to lift a load of laundry. By the time I left, I could lift 40 pounds. But more importantly, I lost the fear of movement, for it's the fear that truly cripples your life.

If insurance doesn't cover the program, they may cover PT visits. With a physical therapist, you can design a program to cover the three elements on your own. You can rent videos for stretching and aerobics. (The American Yoga Association's Beginner's Manual is excellent for flexibility exercises.

Divided into three levels of 10 weeks each, you can progress at your own pace.) Canned foods can replace weights. There is a way to do it. Find a buddy to keep you motivated.

Prevention and maintenance. The three-pronged program mentioned above is the key to preventing back problems. A sedentary lifestyle is a risk factor for back problems. It has been estimated that four out of five backaches are preventable. To have a strong back, one needs strong abdominal muscles, legs and arms. If these are weak, we overuse the back. This is why the weight training becomes important. To strengthen the upper thigh muscles (quadriceps/quads): Stand against a wall, with parallel feet about 24 inches from the wall. Slide your back down the wall as if to sit in an imaginary chair. Hold. In the beginning, a few seconds may be all you can handle. With time you can build up to a minute or more. Make sure you are not wearing just socks, to avoid your feet sliding out from under you. With practice, you may also find that the knee pain you had may disappear, as this exercise strengthens the muscles holding the knee in proper alignment.

In addition to a regular routine of stretching and strengthening, it is important to make the work and home environments back-friendly. At work: Think of your shoes. Do they offer enough cushioning? Do you wear heels that tighten the calf muscles, and alter proper alignment of the spine? If you do a lot of sitting, elevate your knees to be above your hips. Use a footstool or telephone books to help. Get up and walk around frequently. Have a chair that provides enough support to the lower back. Periodically bend forward as if to pick up something from the floor (while remaining seated) to stretch the back muscles. Instead of standing in one place, walk around, it places less stress on the muscles. If you have to stand, see if there is something six inches off the ground on which you can alternately rest one foot. While riding the elevator, lean against the wall instead of standing straight. Keeping the back muscles tense leads to spasm, frequently moving the muscles gives relief.

At home, make the bed by kneeling on it, not bending over it. When carrying groceries, request that the bags be packed light and of equal weight. Instead of one gallon of milk, buy two half gallons, so you can carry one in each hand. It's not several trips from the car to the kitchen that will harm your back, it's the weight. As you get stronger, you will be able to handle more weight. When washing dishes, open up the cabinet underneath and rest your foot on the shelf. Use an upright vacuum if possible; It requires less bending and less force. Carry the laundry basket close to your body, and to pick it up or put it down, bend your knees. When taking laundry out of the dryer, bend those knees — squat. Your legs should be doing the lifting, not your back. To relax the back, lie on the floor, resting your calves on a chair. Your hips and knees should form right angles.

Before an activity, run through it in your mind. Think about making your actions back-smart. Ask for assistance in carrying something heavy. If you are alone and have to move it, place it on a tablecloth and drag it. Like the musicians in the orchestra, don't ask your body to do something beyond its present ability, but strive towards it.

Warm up before-hand, prepare it with the tools of conditioning, flexibility and strength. Then you and your back can make beautiful music together.



Alumni and present CHS students meet in 'The Dining Room'

"And this is the dining room." With these words A.R. Gurney has a real estate agent open the play "The Dining Room," and with these words the Cohasset Drama Workshop opens its first student and alumni production July 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. in the Cohasset High School auditorium. Tickets for the play are only $5.

Appearing in multiple roles in "The Dining Room" are Margaret Barlow ('77), Grace Gardner ('00), Ali Kinchla ('98), Ron Nicynski ('99), Kevin O'Donnell ('95), Meredith O'Hayre ('99), Stewart Replogle ('77), Stephen Reynolds ('99), and Alli Ritts ('96). The production is directed by Ron Emmons. The author of "The Dining Room" is perhaps best known for his play "Love Letters," which was a success both in New York and Boston.

"The Dining Room" is set in the dining room of a typical well-to-do household, the place where the family assembled daily for breakfast and dinner and for any and all special occasions The action is comprised of a mosaic of interrelated scenes — some funny, some touching, some rueful — which, taken together, create an in-depth portrait of what Gurney calls a vanishing species: the upper-middle class WASP. The actors change roles, personalities and ages as they portray a wide variety of characters, from little boys to stern grandfathers, and from giggling teenage girls to Irish housemaids. Each vignette introduces a new set of people and events: a father lectures his son on grammar and politics; a girl returns home from boarding school to discover her mother's infidelity; a senile grandmother doesn't recognize her own sons at Thanksgiving dinner; a daughter, her marriage a shambles, pleads futilely to return home; etc. Dovetailing swiftly and smoothly, the varied scenes coalesce, ultimately, into a theatrical experience of exceptional range, compassionate humor and abundant humanity.

The intent of this summer theatre project is to give present students a chance to work with and learn from graduates who have gone on to work in theatre at both the college and professional level and to give alumni a chance to continue to grow by dealing with challenging roles. It is hoped that this production will be the start of an annual occurrence.

"I hope some alumni who catch this production will let me know that they are interested in continuing the project next summer," Emmons says. "I was lucky to have run into Margaret, Stewart, Alli and Kevin, but I know there are a lot of other alumni actors out there."

To accent the feeling of intimacy in "The Dining Room," this production will be staged with the audien[illegible]n all sides of the acting area and with no audience member more than 10 feet away from the performers. To enable this to be done, seating will be extremely limited with only 60 seats available for each performance. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m., and performances will begin promptly at 8 p.m.

LIBRARY CORNER

Boston at its best

Be sure to visit the library and see the current display of artwork called "Painters of Boston," with Ros Farbush. Rosalind Farbush, Cohasset resident, was educated at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, where she also taught drawing and painting for more than 30 years. Farbush has had dozens of solo exhibits and juried group exhibitions during her career and won many awards.

This is truly a colorful collection of several local artists who have painted many familiar scenes of Boston in a class conducted by Ros Farbush. The artists on display are; Elizabeth Burke, Joanne Chittick, Patricia McCarthy, Rod Peterson, Page Railsback and Mary Ann Wall. The exhibit will continue until the end of July.

Museum passes

Passes are available for Cohasset residents to the following museums: Museum of Fine Arts; Children's Museum; Computer Museum, John F. Kennedy Library and Museum; Aquarium (not available for July or August), the Museum of Science and the newest pass to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. All of these are a gift from the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Other passes available for Plimoth Plantation and the USS Constitution are a gift of Lucille McLoughlin. Please give the library at least 24 hour notification before securing passes.

Summer hours

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library summer hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Wednesday and Sunday.

Book sale success

John Flanagan, Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library member and head of this year's annual book sale drive, reported a huge success of approximately $2,000 in sales from books sold from the library stacks. Proceeds from the sale will be used to fund various projects for the library throughout the year. Thanks to all the residents who supported the book sale and to the volunteers who helped set up and sold books.

New library director

Janet Husband has officially become the new director of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library as of July 1. Mrs. Husband was formerly director at the Rockland Public Library in Rockland for the past 13 years, where she provided library service to a town of more than 16,000. Currently a Member-at-Large representative to Old Colony Network Executive Board, Husband also served as secretary to the Massachusetts Library Association from 1987-1989. Husband received her Masters in Library Science from Rutgers Graduate School of Library Science. She succeeds Richard Hayes who retired as director of Paul Pratt Library after 29 years of service.

Calling all book groups

We're looking for existing book groups who might like to share what they are reading this summer with the community. If you belong to a local book group and would like to swap reading ideas, call Catherine Davis at 383-2570.

The Lovely and Literate book group in Scituate is now reading "Behind the Scenes at the Museum," by British author Kate Atkinson. This is a very original and comical story about a young girl's life beginning at her conception and following her family experiences to maturity. This first novel by Atkinson won the 1995 Whitbread Book of the Year.

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DOCKET NO. 98P1683E1

ESTATE OF
PATRICIA BARLOW
LATE OF COHASSET
IN THE COUNTY
OF NORFOLK
NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above - captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that CHARLES F. BARLOW of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executor named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on **August 25, 1998.**

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

Witness, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham, this thirteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.

THOMAS PATRICK HUGHES
Register of Probate

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OBITUARIES

Drexel W. Gibson

Mr. Drexel W. Gibson, 85, died at his home in Naples, Fla., May 2. He was awarded the U.S. Medal of Freedom and the Vasco Nunez de Balboa in Panama for his WWII work in Panama where he served as liaison between the governor of the Panama Canal Zone and the Republic of Panama. He subsequently worked for the Displaced Persons in Hamburg, Germany and Austria. On his return to the U.S. he joined the Berlitz School of Languages and retired as vice president in Boston.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, Mary K. (Icaza) Gibson; daughter M. Kathryn Gibson of Spring Creek, Fla.; a son, Drexel B. Gibson of Victor, Idaho; and a granddaughter, Aura Sisson. He was a member of the Cohasset Central Cemetery, the Cohasset Historical Society and The Old Goats Club.

Interment was in Cohasset Central Cemetery.

Kirk S. Giffen

Kirk S. Giffen, 86, of Takoma Park, Md., formerly a 30-year resident of Cohasset, died June 24.

Mr. Giffen was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

He attended Suffolk Law School and was a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association for more than 50 years.

Mr. Giffin was a veteran of WW II, served 20 years in the Judge Advocates of the Army Reserve and retired as Lt. Colonel.

His wife of 52 years, Marjorie B., died in 1995.

Mr. Giffen leaves a son, R. Alec Giffen of Hollowell, Maine, two daughters, Laina Georgianne Clugston of Silver Spring, Md., and Marne G. Snyder of Rode Island; a brother, Herbert C. Giffen of Wareham and a sister, Inez G. Laffey of Reading; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was held July 1 at the First Parish Universalist Unitarian Church, 300 First Parish Rd., Scituate.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset, handled arrangements.

Contributions may be made to Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, 130 Prospect St., Cambridge, 02139.

Clarence J. Vater

Clarence J. Vater, 65, of Norwood, died suddenly of a heart attack Saturday, July 11, at the VA Medical Center, W. Roxbury.

Born in Boston May 27, 1933, he was the son of the late Clarence J. Vater and Annie (Ryan) Vater of West Roxbury.

He graduated from Boston Tech and then from Wentworth in 1958. He served with the United States Navy during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Vater founded Vater Percussion Inc. of Holbrook, a drumstick manufacturing company. Prior to that, he had been the owner of C. Vater Music Center of Norwood from 1971 to '78. He had worked for Honeywell for many years.

In 1988 he traveled to Washington and the White House, representing Massachusetts as the Small Business Person of the Year. He had been a member of the De Molay, Odd Fellows, a lifetime member of the D.A.V., and a member of the West Roxbury VA swim team.

He enjoyed boating and computers.

He and his wife Joan H. (Adams) married Sept. 12, 1953. Besides his wife and mother, he leaves two sons, Ronnie of Norwood and Alan of Cohasset; a sister, Dorothy Berry of Newton and two grandsons, Eric and Dante of Norwood.

A funeral service was held at the Grace Episcopal Church, 150 Chapel St., Norwood. The Rev. David G. Robinson Jr., rector, officiated. Interment was private.

The Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole St., Route 1A, Norwood, handled arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to CMT International, one Springbank Dr., St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada L2S 2K1.

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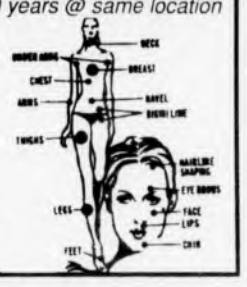
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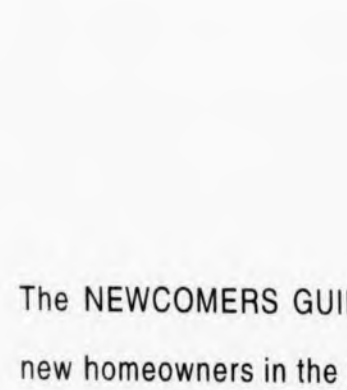


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Red Lion owner buys Lilac House

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

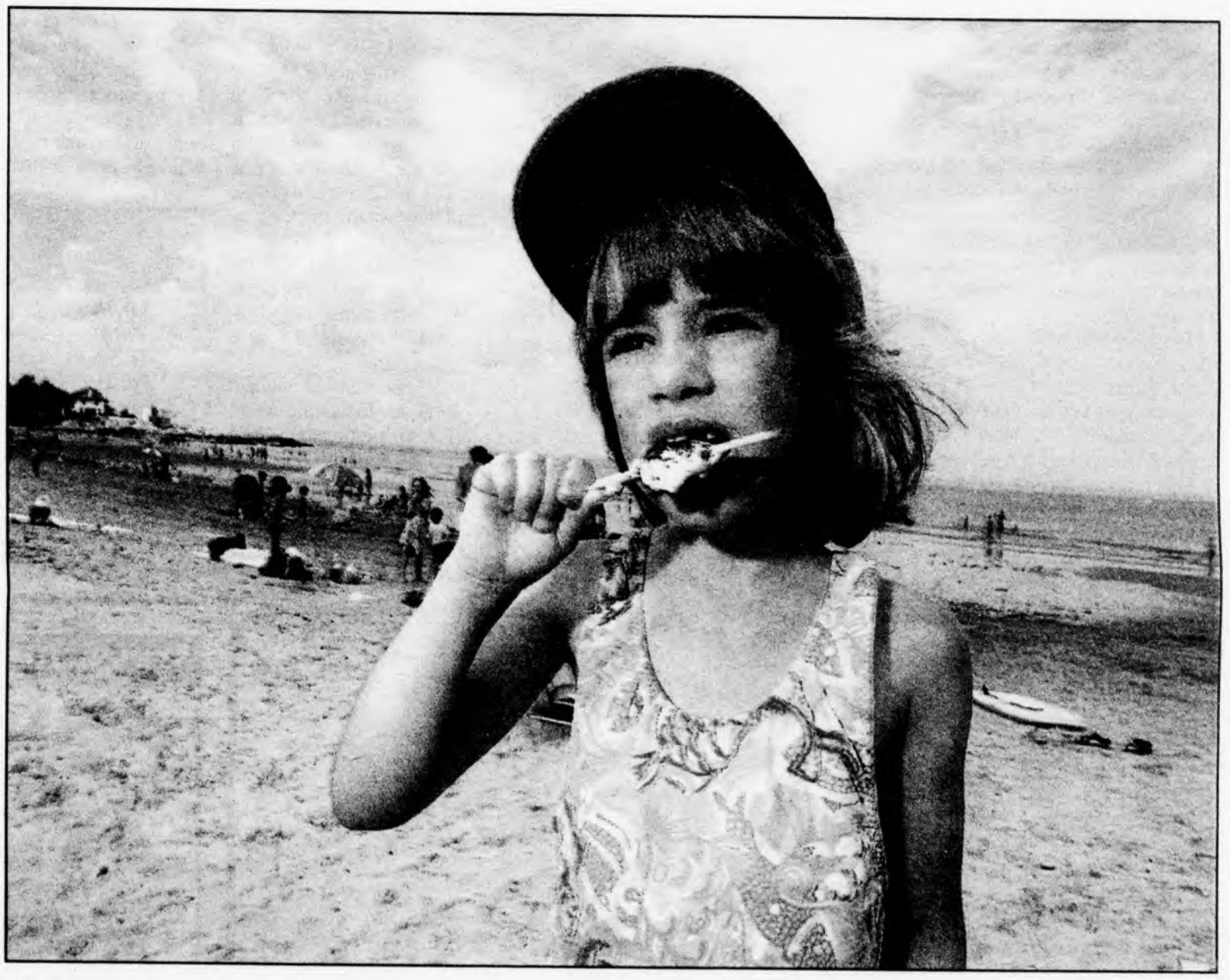
The prospects for the Red Lion Inn staging a successful comeback are looking better with each passing month despite numerous delays. The long-awaited demolition of the back portion of the building is expected to get underway sometime between Sept.1 and the end of the year. Owner Gerde Ordelheide appears determined to re-open the inn despite threats to leave town after a run-in with Cohasset Police on July 3 involving patrons drinking outside. Ordelheide has even obtained reluctant approval from the planning board to renovate the building using architecture that some board members found distasteful. The latest positive development came earlier this month when Gene and Marie Price sold a house next to the inn to Ordelheide for $600,000.

The house that Ordelheide bought sits next to the Red Lion Inn at 83-85 South Main Street. The Prices sold the house, which is assessed at $324,300, after owning it for 18 years. Built in 1789, Ordelheide said he plans to use the house as an extension of the Red Lion Inn.

"I was approached by the owner, and buying the house made a heck-of-a-lot of sense," Ordelheide said by telephone. "My intention is to put in a cafe/bistro and a retail

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STAYING COOL



Lisa Vialle enjoys an ice cream while trying to stay cool at Sandy Beach.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Vandalism in the village angers local merchants

New teen center may solve problem

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

Business owners in Cohasset Village are usually happy to see crowds of people headed to their stores — but not when those people are four-foot-tall males with skateboards and bad attitudes.

For years, the area has been the vandalism target of a group of nomadic teenagers, who roam the area with nothing to do but cause needless damage to businesses, said children's book illustrator Donna Green, who has a studio in the village.

"I love children, but the ironic thing is that they're probably going to force me out of town," Green said.

When Green moved into her studio four years ago, she and her husband transformed the vacant lot behind her business into a garden with a brick patio that her husband hand-laid. That garden is now a shadow of its former self: young teens have trampled through the garden, uprooted flowers from their window boxes, strewn litter along the walkway and chipped away at the patio with rocks, she said. A bench that Green had placed in the garden disappeared along with a handmade ceramic bird cottage and rocks have been thrown at her windows, she added.

Green said she plans to take her original paintings out of the studio because she feels they are no longer safe there.

Her business neighbor across the street at Fleming's, Frank Smith, has had his awnings slit, his locks super-glued and his tires slashed in the parking lot behind his store. Other stores in the village have experienced similar problems — a fire at Tedeschi's, broken glass at the Texaco station and tables and chairs destroyed at French Memories, he added.

"They're bored and they're trying to fill their time," said Smith, who co-owns the store.

But relief may be in sight for both the teens and the businesses as soon as September, when a new teen center is set to open.

"The teen center could be the best thing

VANDALISM, PAGE 7

Liquor license approved for Ripley Road bistro

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Sheila and Bernard O'Neil have been given a green light to add liquor to their menu at their new bistro-style restaurant.

This week the town approved the request for an all-alcoholic common victualer's license for the hours of 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. It is anticipated that 20 percent of the business's gross sales will come from liquor business alone.

Ms. O'Neil had pointed out to the board while making her request, that most businesses that attempt to operate without a liquor license fold.

A stipulation that the board attached to the license is that certification must be provided for anyone working there within 90 days of employment; "certification" meaning that the workers must have completed TIPS, the board-approved liquor law training program.

Ms. O'Neil will serve as the restaurant's manager and will hold a 51 percent ownership of the business. Her husband, Bernard O'Neil, owns the other half. (As a Canadian citizen , Mr. O'Neil cannot legally hold the majority interest in the restaurant.)

An initial five-day week for the restaurant is expected for the opening of the establishment. "If we're successful," Ms. O'Neil explained, "we'd like to extend for two additional days. We'd also like to be open to lease for functions like luncheons."

"It will be great to have a nice restaurant here in Cohasset."
— Selectman Nan Roth

The bistro-style restaurant will open mid- to late-August at 107 Ripley Road where the old Log and Line had been. She said it will be similar to Hull's highly-praised Saporito's Florence Club Cafe, with a small, rather intimate atmosphere. The seating capacity should fit about 48 patrons.

It should come as no surprise that the O'Neil's eatery will resemble Saporito's, since Mr. O'Neil worked there as a cook and sous chef about four years ago.

"Bernie's a good cook," said Saporito's owner, Andrew Boothroyd.

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Clarifications are noted

In a front-page story last week about signs helping harbor access, the Cohasset Mariner reported that the Cohasset Sailing Club is public property. In fact, the sailing club is on town-owned land but the club's two wooden structures, gangway, boats, floats and motors are the property of the Cohasset Sailing Club, Inc. a non-profit organization, trustee Robert M. Davenport said.

The article quoted local architect Jim Shipsky who is designing ways to improve public access to the harbor, as suggesting signs saying the "Public is Welcome" at town-owned areas would be an inexpensive way to accomplish that objective.

A story about Bassing Beach may have been confusing about the border that now exists between Scituate and Cohasset. The Mariner reported that in 1630, the Plymouth and Mass. Bay colonies were vying for cattle grazing land and the outcome was a border that runs down the Gulf River into the harbor.

Davenport said while that was possibly the case in 1630, the border between Scituate and Cohasset goes along the center of the Gulf River to the area opposite Otis Avenue. The town line then goes overland parallel to Otis Avenue into Bailey's Creek where it runs through the center of Bailey's Creek to the harbor.

Library feasibility study

Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library have selected Stahl Associates Architects, Boston, to complete a feasibility study regarding use of the Joseph Osgood School as a new location for Cohasset's public library. Stahl Associates has extensive experience in designing public libraries which have received both Town Meeting approvals and state funding. Some of their recent successful designs include libraries in Medfield, Groton, Wrentham and North Andover.

For Cohasset, their study will include testing the trustees' conclusion that the current library building is inadequate for current and future needs. Stahl Associates will also determine the feasibility of using the Osgood building for Cohasset's library, and/or the feasibility of building a new library on the Osgood property. They will evaluate the Osgood site relative to other town-owned sites, and provide cost estimates for viable options.

Patience Towle, trustees' chairman, explained that this feasibility study will help determine the recommendations which the trustees will bring to Town Meeting in October.

Grant money for village

Dean Rizzo of the Village Task Force got the go ahead Tuesday from selectmen to apply for a $1 million state grant for infrastructure improvements in the village.

He explained the grant is designed to improve infrastructure such as sidewalks and streets when those improvements are tied to an economic development program.

Rizzo said the grant doesn't come with strings attached. For example, the grant wouldn't require the town to change the angled parking along South Main Street to parallel parking.

"We can dictate our own destiny," he said.

Rizzo estimated $100K would be spent on engineering and $900K on construction. What makes the town look good in the eyes of the state, is that it has already been awarded a $165K grant for a sidewalk at one end of South Main Street and private money will improve the sidewalk by the Red Lion Inn.

The money could be used to fund a "mini-master plan" for the rest of the village, said Rizzo, adding that ideally all the sidewalks would be done at the same time.

Also, DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield was agreeable to dedicating about $50K of the town's estimated $360K in state highway funds to boost the project which also demonstrates the town's commitment.

"Spending $50,000 to get a million makes sense," Rizzo said.

In a related matter, a village forum is slated for 7:30 p.m. tonight at town hall to discuss the proposed St. Stephen's sidewalk improvement.

Marina expansion back on the table

Several selectmen met at 8 a.m. Saturday with the harbor committee to tour Bailey's Creek where Cohasset Harbor Marina off Parker Avenue would like to expand its operation.

Paul Trendowicz, owner of the marina, has revised his expansion plans which were rejected by selectmen last spring. Selectmen cited the following reasons in their decision: loss of town moorings, safety issues at the congested mouth of Bailey's Creek and objections from Parker Avenue neighbors concerned about increased parking and traffic.

Trendowicz will present his new plans to the harbor committee Aug. 6 and to selectmen Aug. 11, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

The plans will ask the town to move the federal anchorage line about 25 feet.

This would allow Trendowicz to lessen the impact on the inter-tidal area by reducing the inter-tidal area to be dredged by more than 50 percent.

Trendowicz, who wants to add 50 more slips to his boat docks, had asked that the federal line be moved about 40 feet after learning that his request to dredge the inter-tidal zone on the shore side of the marina as turned down by the state for environmental reasons.

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St. Stephen's 74th Carillon Recital Series:

Of carillonneurs, tubular bells and Elvis

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

For 74 summers now, Cohasset residents and visitors have spread out over the Common on Sunday evenings to enjoy the carillon recitals that ring out from the tower of Saint Stephen's Church.

This year, the recital series started June 28 and will run through August 30.

Individual carillonneurs, visiting from throughout the United States and as far away as Canberra, Australia, will each display their musical talent in an hour-long performance. The performers' programs contain music ranging in diversity from classical to New Age "Tubular Bells", from Spanish guitar to Elvis Presley.

Last, but not least, will be Sally Slade Warner, the church's official carillonneur. She is accepting music requests in advance of her August 30 performance.

Though a good night only draws about 100 listeners, there was a time that the area around the church was surrounded by carillon enthusiasts.

"There's an aerial photograph somewhere that shows thousands of people in attendance some time in the 1920s," said Mary Kennedy, assistant carillonneur.

The rise in popularity, Kennedy theorized, had to do with World War I veterans returning home with memories of carillons they had heard in Belgium and Holland.

"Suddenly, the carillon became sort of popular," said Kennedy.

So many people made the trek to hear St. Stephen's recitals that extra trains were put on line in Maine and New Hampshire, according to Kennedy. Traffic along the streets near the Common were also forbidden during the recital hour.

Kennedy is unabashedly proud of the 57-bell carillon, proclaiming it "one of the finest in the world, especially now that it was renovated and refurbished in the early 1990s."

It was in 1924 that Mrs. Jane Bancroft donated the 23-bell carillon to St. Stephen's Church in memory of her mother, Mrs. Jessie M. Barron. Over the years, donations have added on bells adding up to the current 57 which makes it the largest carillon in New England by number of bells. Yale University's 53-bell carillon is largest by weight.

The carillon bells hang in a fixed position, with their clappers resting an inch from the inside bell wall where they connect to the keyboard. The keyboard is located in an enclosed playing cabin in the tower, one level below the belfry.

So many people made the trek to hear St. Stephen's recitals that extra trains were put on line in Maine and New Hampshire. Traffic along the streets near the Common were also forbidden during the recital hour.

Much like an organ, the carillon's foot pedals duplicate the other manual keys, but are used to operate the largest of the bells. This leaves the carillonneur's hands free to play the middle and upper range keys. The softness or stridency with which the player hits the keyboard determines the bell's resonance.

According to both Warner and Kennedy, the best listening spot for the recital, despite tradition, is not the Common.

Kennedy recommends the Highland Avenue courtyard tucked in by the church where the bells are at their loudest. Free parking is also available here. Microphones can transmit enthusiastic applause or car horn-honking up to the playing cabin. "We appreciate the feedback," said Kennedy.

Warner thinks the courtyard area is too blaring and prefers the Stagecoach Way area (the pedestrian passage just across Main Street from the tower and next to Hunneman Realty). The tower openings should be in view in order to hear the carillon at its best.

But if you must go with tradition go the Common route, both Warner and Kennedy recommend that you keep away from the splashing sounds of the fountain and try to find a spot where trees aren't blocking the tower windows and the music coming from them.

After the hour-long performance is through, Warner waits for visitors who wish to tour the tower and perhaps try their hand at the carillon. Groups of 12 are invited to follow the carillonneur as she shows the way up the steep tower stairs to the playing cabin. "She wants everyone to get their chance so she just keeps taking groups up until everyone has had a chance to see the tower and cabin," said Kennedy.

Kennedy, who lives near the church, can hear the carillons from her home and considers herself lucky .

Those not as fortunate can content themselves with attending the oldest continuing carillon recital series in North America here at St. Stephen's.

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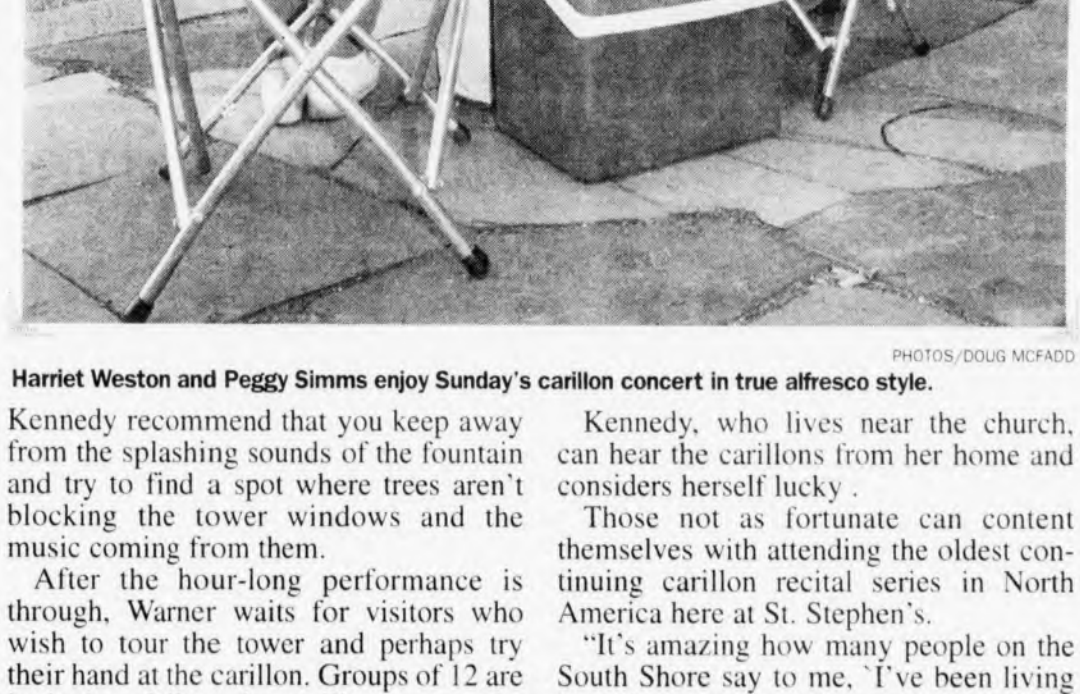


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Harriet Weston and Peggy Simms enjoy Sunday's carillon concert in true alfresco style.



Lisa Lonie, carillon player at St. Stephen's Sunday, shows off the organ used to play the bells. Lonie's concert included arrangements of American folk songs.



Bill Nason of Cohasset, Joan Doscher and Mary Barclay of Duxbury and Rosemary Nason sit in the courtyard outside St. Stephen's to enjoy the concert.

Are one-day liquor licenses needed?

There was some confusion at this week's board meeting as to how it has come to pass that liquor is served at Cohasset Lightkeepers' Residence even though this public property does not have a license from the town board.

Town manager Mark Haddad indicated that a liquor license would be needed when renting out public property, even if the caterers were certified.

"We are not `serving' liquor," explained Murray Campbell the following day, in response to that question. "The caterers or bar service companies that serve liquor on our premises have a liquor license. They are all TIPS certified. We are the landlords and as such, we are covered as 'additional insured' by the caterer's liability company. Since we don't serve liquor ourselves, we've never applied for a license."

According to information Campbell said he received from Arthur Roebuck, owner of Arthur Roebuck Caterers and The British Relief in Hingham, a one-day license for liquor isn't necessary unless you're selling liquor by the drink. Efforts to reach Mr. Roebuck at The British Relief failed due to a busy signal at that number throughout the day.

"We don't have cash bars at our functions," said Campbell.. "Generally, our functions are hosted by somebody, like for a wedding or something. They pay for the food and the drinks. People just come and drink it up."

But a spokesman from the Massachusetts Alcohol Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) explained that "someone has to have a one-day license if liquor is being served on public property."

The selectmen's office said that so far as they know, no one has applied for a one-day license to serve liquor on the lightkeepers' property. Haddad is expected to pursue the issue.

About TIPS

The first TIPS program was developed in 1982 by Dr. Morris Chafetz, founding director of the National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse . His aim was to give bartenders and waiters the skills and confidence needed to stop customers from becoming inebriated.

TIPS currently offers five versions of the TIPS program designed for commercial establishments.

The On Premise program is a six-hour session recommended for servers at restaurants, hotels, bars or any establishment where alcohol is consumed on site.

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The TIPS program trains servers and sellers of alcohol to detect and prevent intoxication in their customers before it causes a problem.

TIPS workshops are conducted by TIPS certified trainers. The training sessions include an information period and an interactive class discussion covering topics such as the effects of alcohol; strategies to prevent customers from drinking too much; intervention techniques; preventing underage drinking and the legal and social responsibilities of servers of alcohol

Courts recognize TIPS as a standard server training program and insurance companies grant TIPS certified clients discounts of up to 25% off of liquor liability premiums.

Liquor license approved

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The O'Neil's will be putting in $10,000 worth of redecorating in the dining area and bathroom, as well as in the kitchen. Construction work is anticipated to last two to three weeks prior to opening.

"It will be great to have a nice restaurant here in Cohasset," said board member Nancy Roth.

Trustees seek input from library patrons

The Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library have released a consumer survey (please see this issue of the Mariner for survey insert) for Cohasset residents or for any patron of the library. Since there is a strong possibility that the library may have to relocate as a result of the laws of handicap accessibility, which require major space changes, the library trustees are seeking input from Cohasset residents and library users to help them make some difficult decisions.

Copies of the survey are also available at the circulation desk of the library, the community center, town hall, the Social Service League office, Buttonwood Books, the Hingham Library and several other locations around town.

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King Street neighbors want a safer street

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

A group of King Street neighbors is taking matters into their own hands.

Fed up with the speeding and high accident rate on what was once a quiet, bucolic street, they've banded together to try to reach a consensus on possible steps to be taken to make King Street safer.

About 25 concerned residents met at the home of Ed and Betsy Connolly Monday to grapple with solutions that range from cutting King Street off to all through traffic to installing stop signs and speed bumps.

"People are breaking up into committees to look at the options," Ed Connolly said.

Connolly said problems with traffic on King Street began about the time that the Super Stop & Shop was built more than a decade ago.

To avoid traffic and traffic lights on Route 3A, more cars are using the narrow, winding road as a cut-through. King Street runs almost parallel to 3A and has no stop signs, traffic lights or speed limit signs along its 1-1/4-mile length.

The neighbors, whose group is called ASK! (A Safer King Street), will meet again in August and hope to formulate a plan which may be presented to October's special town meeting to seek money for the proposed improvements.

"With 21 accidents in 24 months, something has to be done."
— Ed Connolly, 1 Lily Pond Lane

At the meeting, Safety Officer Richard Yocum said there have been 21 accidents on King Street in two years.

"With 21 accidents in 24 months, something has to be done," Connolly said.

Under consideration are the following options:

- Making a cul de sac at the Route 3A end of King Street and closing the Beechwood end off to traffic except for school buses, snow plows and emergency vehicles;
- Prohibiting right turns from Route 3A onto King Street between 5 and 9 p.m. and left turns from Beechwood from 6 to 9 a.m., installing speed bumps, speed limit signs and stop signs at Pond and Schofield;
- Installing stop signs, speed limit signs and a traffic circle at the intersection of Pond and King streets.

Connolly said the redesigned intersection at Beechwood and Route 3A may have exacerbated the problem. The widened intersection has become a speedway and some drivers can bypass it by taking King Street.

At their meeting Tuesday, selectmen heard a report from board member Tom Callahan on the ASK! meeting which he attended. Callahan questioned how the neighbors could get speed limit signs.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said speed limit signs cannot be installed without a posting order from the Massachusetts Highway Department.

THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Guard rails proposed in certain areas

Selectmen will determine where guard rails are needed around town. At their request, Town Manager Mark Haddad and DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield came up with 13 specific locations at a total cost of about $46,000. The locations include five areas on North Main Street; three areas on King Street; and five areas along Jerusalem Road.

Haddad said aesthetics may be an issue.

"Guard rails aren't as pleasantly appealing but they are safer (than white posts)," he said.

Selectmen asked he send the report to the traffic committee for comment.

Parking at swim center a concern

Town Manager Mark Haddad is looking into ways to improve the parking area by the swim center at its access off N. Main Street. Selectmen are concerned that it is too congested especially during Little League games at the nearby Barnes Field. They are especially concerned about the possibility of drivers of sport utility vehicles not being able to see small children when they back up.

Haddad said he will report back to the board on the matter.

Local aid figures for Cohasset

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, and state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, announced that the Legislature has passed the Fiscal Year 1999 state budget. Contained within the FY '99 state budget are the official local aid figures for the town of Cohasset. The local aid figures are as follows:

School Aid (Chapter 70), $921,759; Additional Assistance, $209,013; Lottery Distribution, $346,166; a total of $1,476,938.

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Red Lion owner buys the Lilac House next door

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bakery on the first floor, and maybe extend some rooms upstairs." A business in the house, "Flowers by Joann", has moved to 39A South Main St.

Ordelheide also hopes to use some of the land for additional parking, expanded function facilities including a garden, a larger outdoor dining area and for better landscaping.

"I started an extensive landscaping project, but had to cut corners because of limited space," Ordelheide said. "Also, this gives me a better situation for functions so neighbors won't be bothered by music or noise."

Planning board Chairman Al Moore said Ordelheide might have to come before the planning board for changes at the new house depending on what he intends to do with the property. The house is located in a mixed-use zone, which gives Ordelheide some flexibility when planning uses for the property. Moore said he may not have to appear before the planning board if he uses the house as an extension of the existing business.

"For anything substantial, he would have to come before us," Moore said.

Moore added that he thought the plans to expand the existing structure combined with the purchase of the new house would make for an excellent combination.

"In concept, it would be awesome," Moore said about a bistro/cafe at the "Lilac House."

Meanwhile, plans to renovate the existing structure are still in the planning stages. Ordelheide said he has selected a contractor and hopes to sign a contract by the end of this week. If all goes according to plan, the contractor will submit final plans to Ordelheide in three or four weeks so work can begin on Sept. 1.

Red Lion Inn manager Joe Dooley said it looks like Ordelheide plans to use Callahan-Hoffman of Hanover to do the work. Dooley said the renovation plans require the contractor to demolish the rear two-thirds of the building, leaving the historic front intact as well as the dining room and most of the bar.

"It's taking a lot longer than Gerry (Ordelheide) would like, or myself or the town for that matter," Dooley said. "But when it's done, it will be a fantastic, elegant country inn. We're looking at a ballpark reopening date of April 1, 1999. We're trying to be realistic."



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Brian Stroughn and Peter Ernst race by the Lilac House on their bikes.

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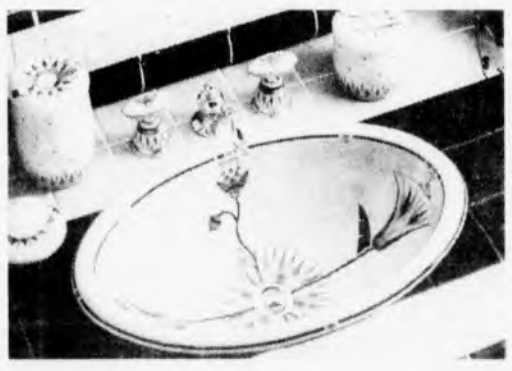
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A visit from Tom Jones

Where does Tom Jones go in Cohasset to quench his thirst after performing at the South Shore Music Circus? The Red Lion Inn, of course. Jones stopped in to the Red Lion Inn on Tuesday, July 14 Sept. 1 for a few pints with the locals according to a letter from manager Joe Dooley.

Red Lion Inn owner Gerde Ordelheide was in the bar when Jones stopped by. Ordelheide didn't know at first who Jones was, but knew something was afoot when most of the women in the bar started whispering and pointing at the singer.

"He stayed for a while and had a few beers," Ordelheide said. "He's a very nice man."

Dooley said Jones was looking for something to do while he was in town for a show at the Music Circus. Someone suggested whale watching, or golfing, but Jones apparently wanted to sample a local pub.

"He said 'Cohasset is one of the most beautiful towns I've ever seen in my travels' and said it reminded him of Wales," Dooley said.

Later, a few members of Jones' band came in looking for something to eat. There was no food at the inn, so Dooley called Victoria's Pizza for a delivery. Dooley said Victoria's manager Matt Kuhn had shut off the ovens, but when he heard Tom Jones and his band were present and hungry, he promised to fire up the oven and deliver a pizza. Dooley said Kuhn delivered the pizza himself in a most unique manner. According to Dooley, Kuhn entered the inn with the pizza over his head singing, "It's a pizza; whoa, whoa, whoa, it's a pizza," to the tune of Jones' song, "She's a Lady."

"He was singing really loud and it was just a great time," Dooley said. "I'm still waiting to get my pictures back."

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Vandalism in the village angers local merchants

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that's happened in years," said Police Chief Brian Noonan.

Noonan said officers have tried to control vandalism by teens with bike patrols and cruisers as well as a pair of seasonal officers on walking beats in the village. But the police also have to cover the beach and the bridges in town, he said.

A group of student volunteers are working in conjunction with the town's recreation department to renovate the former DPW garage behind the Red Lion Inn and transform the building into a haven for teenagers. Plans for the 68x40-foot structure include a dance hall with a platform for deejays and bands as well as a snack bar and a lounge with a seating area and a television set.

"We were looking for safe activities for the kids that are substance-free," said Cohasset High School senior Tony Bramblett, one of the organizers of the project. "We asked the kids what they wanted at the center and they said they wanted a place to hang out, to have dances and watch movies with their friends."

The center, which is aptly named "The Garage," will be supervised by Cohasset native Jennifer Lagrotteria, 27.

"It'll be great once we open it," she said. "I wish I had an opportunity like this when I grew up here. There's so little to do. This is a fabulous idea. It's a safe environment where the kids can be guided and they can grow."

The key to the proposed teen center will be supervision — Noonan suggested Lagrotteria apply for the job — and parental involvement, Noonan said. Parents need to make sure their children are actually going to the center, he said.

"You can't just drop the kids off and forget about them," Noonan said.

"The Garage" will replace the current teen center – called Independence Hall. Bramblett said Independence Hall, which has been up and running for about three years, is too small, run down and badly located on South Main Street.

"(The new center) will have room for activities and everyone can be right here," said Bramblett.

In the past, parents would drop their kids off in the middle of the square instead of delivering them to the current teen center, Noonan said.

"The new center can help tremendously or it can be an addition to an already bad problem," he said. "If it's not controlled, there could be a real mess down there."

Bramblett and Lagrotteria are planning to keep teens busy at the center with occasional speakers and visiting artists — whoever the kids want to invite, they said.

"The kids have all kinds of ideas," Bramblett said.

One idea and a future project in the works is a skate board park, he said. But for now, the group's main focus is on the teen center, he added.

"This is the mother ship," Bramblett said. "We're starting here and then we'll plan for the future. Once this place is set up, we'll have an arm in the community and from there we can launch other projects."

Lagrotteria predicts that the new teen center will be an overwhelming success.

"It's going to be phenomenal because the kids are so behind it. There's no way it won't be successful. It'll be their castle," she said.

"The Garage" project has received numerous donations of labor and materials from local contractors, Bramblett said. Cohasset native Jay Flanagan, who owns Amex in South Boston, offered to power wash the entire building. Services have also been donated by Hancock Paint in Cohasset, Varasso Plumbing in Braintree and Cohasset Plumbing and Heating.

So far, the estimated $15,000 project is all fundraiser-driven, Bramblett said.

Organizers are holding a teen dance Friday night at town hall from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and a garage sale at "The Garage" Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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Donna Green says the recurring vandalism in the garden behind her village studio may force her out of town.

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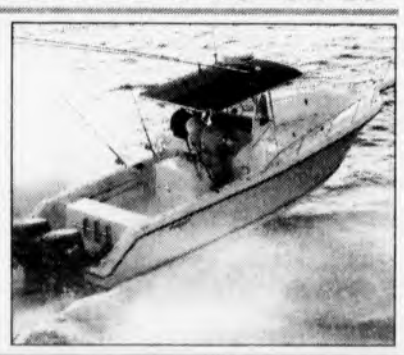


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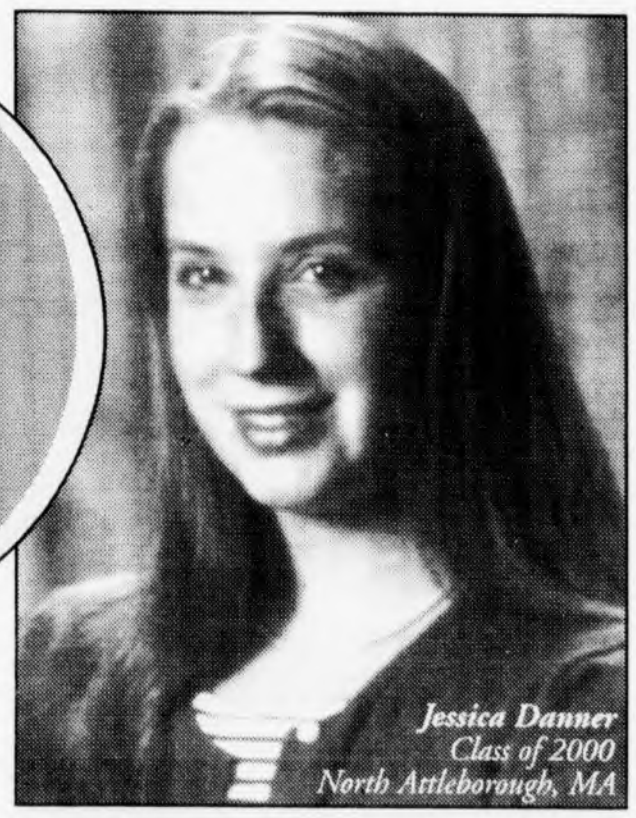


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'BROADWAY TONIGHT'

The Saint Joseph Villa Retreat Center is holding its third fund-raiser Saturday evening, Aug. 8 — it will be held in conjunction with the South Shore Music Circus; they have reserved tickets for "Broadway Tonight," music from the musicals that America loves, featuring Anna Maria Alberghetti and John Raitt. It will be held Aug. 8; in addition to this performance the Sisters will once again include an oceanside supper at the Retreat Center before the performance (limited to the first 50 respondents) and a raffle to be drawn Sunday, Aug. 9. The proceeds from this gala will go to the staff, utilities and maintenance of the facility — the Villa sure has been looking more and more wonderful! You can be part of the St. Joseph Villa's fund-raiser, the tickets are $30 each for the performance or $100 each for the performance and pre-performance supper at the Retreat Center. For information, call (781) 383-6024, for tickets write Sisters of St. Joseph, 339 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset MA 02025. Tickets for reserved seats will be picked up on the evening of the performance at a special table at the Music Circus.

LIBRARY SURVEYS

This week we'll start off by giving everyone a little "homework" assignment — our Paul Pratt Memorial Library Trustees have just released a consumer survey asking patrons for their thoughts and suggestions for the future of that fine library. Be sure to look for the survey insert in today's issue of the Mariner. There are also copies at the circulation desk of the library, Town Hall, Hingham Public Library, the Community Center, Buttonwood Books and several other locations around town. Help our trustees out with your visions for our library's future, everyone will benefit!

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

While we are on the subject of our community, don't forget the Food Pantry Wish List! The needed items are: Laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, toothpaste, toilet tissue, paper towels, feminine products, regular coffee, tea, fruit juices and granulated sugar. Just drop the items off at the Pantry, located at the Second Congregational Church.

LITTLE STEPS



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Eleven-month-old Lilly McCarthy gets some help as she learns to walk along Sandy Beach.

FARMERS' MARKET

Have you been to the Farmer's Market yet? Oh what fun it is! Held every Thursday afternoon on the Cohasset Common, beginning at 2:30 p.m., you can purchase just about anything you need in the way of flowers, herbs, veggies — even seafood (fresh, natch). Meet tons of people, get tons of goodies, and have fun (some form of entertainment is always there). Oh yes, bring the kiddos, they love it, too!

RECOGNITION DESERVED

Robert W. Simms of Cohasset was honored at Boston University's recent Employee Service Recognition Dinner. The ceremony recognizes employees who are retiring or who have given 10 or 25 years of service to the university. Simms, an associate professor at the School of Medicine, was presented with a crystal bowl for 10 years of service.

ATTENTION SOCCER PLAYERS

Attention all of you soccer players — The South Shore Soccer Camp, Session I, begins Monday, Aug. 3; its Session II begins Aug. 10. The camp is located in Cohasset at Cohasset High School. Outdoor facilities include three full size playing fields along with two smaller fields. They also have the indoor facilities of Cohasset High School at their disposal; locker rooms will be available for campers to use. The staff is made up of college and high school coaches along with college players to ensure a staff/camper ratio of 1:8. They strive to improve skills, knowledge of the game, and confidence in all players. They have Junior Developmental for the young developing soccer player, and Senior Advanced Academy, for the player desiring intensive, advanced tactical and technical training. Players are grouped ac-

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Names: Denise Nilosek, Jennifer Thorell, & Gretchen Carney.

Occupation: Coordinators of the Cohasset Recreation Dept. Summer Playground

Goal: "To be a good Mom" (Denise is expecting her first child in December); "to become a classroom teacher" (Jen & Gretchen).

Best vacation: Honeymoon in Aruba (Denise); backpacking through Europe for a month (Jen); Aruba (Gretchen).

Best day of your life: The day I got married and the day I found out I was pregnant (Denise); the day I graduated from Stonehill (Jen); graduating from Wheelock (Gretchen).

Biggest worry: Kids not having enough time to be social and to play due to the demands of their families' schedules (Denise); violence in society (Jen); education in America (Gretchen).

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving (Denise); Fourth of July (Jen); Christmas (Gretchen).

Favorite season: Summer!

Favorite TV show: "Mad About You" (Denise); "Dawson's Creek" (Jen); "Friends" (Gretchen).

Favorite movie: "It's a Wonderful Life" (Denise); "Good Will Hunting" (Jen); "Grease" (Gretchen).

Favorite book: "The Christmas Box" (Denise); Oprah's books (Jen); "Chicken Soup for the Soul" (Gretchen).

Favorite junk food: Potato chips (Denise).Pizza & frozen yogurt (Jen); soft-serve ice cream (Gretchen).

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Sending home a report card with the wrong pupil (Denise); not checking my oil so my car died on a rotary (Jen); giving a $20 at the toll booth on the Mass Pike and getting 50 cents back instead of $19.50 (Gretchen).

Person you'd most like to meet: Steven Spielberg (Denise); Ben Affleck (Jen); my grandfather (Gretchen).

Pet peeve: When people stop on a rotary and don't keep going around (Denise); people who get upset about the little things in life (Jen); people who don't keep commitments (Gretchen).

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cording to age and ability in order to receive the proper instruction. Those still wishing to register should either call Jack Worley at the recreation department or call Larry Shultz at 383-0597.

DEAN'S LIST

The University of Massachusetts at Amherst announces that **Brian D. Duffy** and **Megan R. Fahey** have both made the dean's list for the spring semester at that school. We congratulate both of you!

BEST WISHES

It is good news to report that **Marjorie Ritter** is at home now, recovering from her recent surgery — hopefully you will be up and around real soon, Marge, and this heat doesn't hinder your progress!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CLARK

Be sure to wish **Clark** a happy birthday this week, his day was yesterday (July 29). Give him a big birthday hug when you see him "around town!"

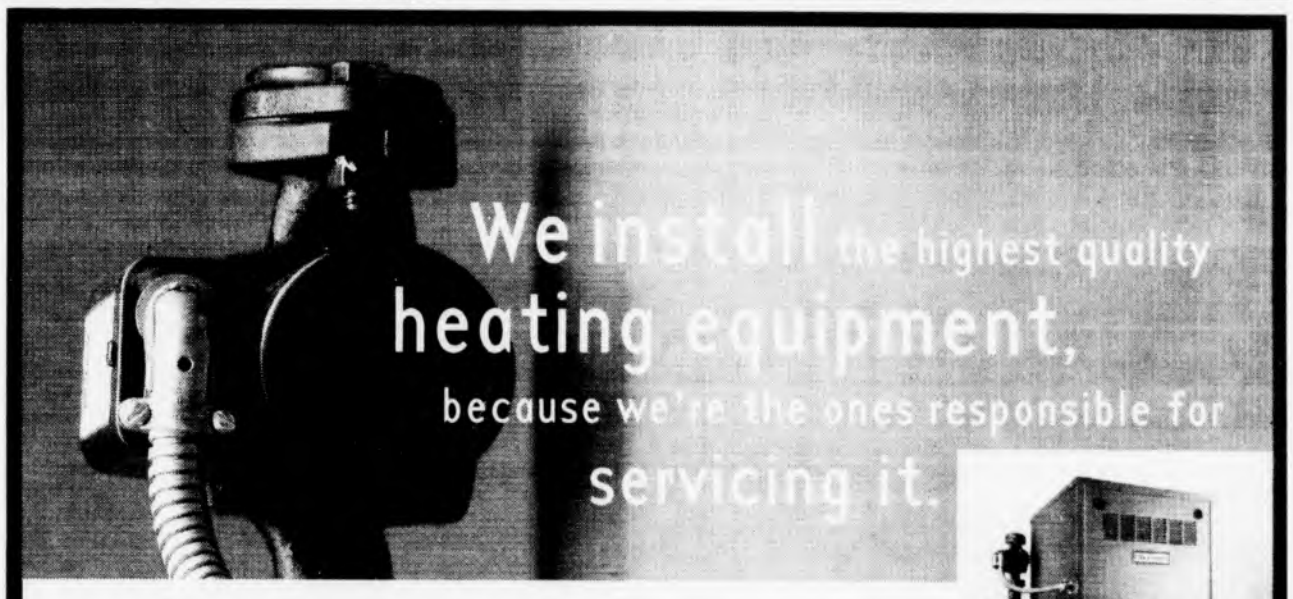
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

New hope for the village

Years ago, we had the opportunity to live in New Hope, Minnesota. It was a great town and a new one by New England standards. As we recall, it was incorporated sometime after World War II.

New Hope had beautiful bike trails and parks, and lovely neighborhoods with wide streets, cul de sacs and sidewalks — all part of a carefully crafted master plan.

But there were few twisting, narrow roads and no old Colonials, Capes or Victorian farmhouses dotting the landscape.

There was another important thing missing: a downtown.

After moving in, we drove around trying to find one. The only area that qualified was a shopping mall anchored by a K-Mart store.

Few can argue that here in Cohasset we have something special.

Cohasset Village is one of the many jewels in this quaint New England town of which we are all so proud.

But like so many of America's main streets — which are disappearing — it's a fragile place.

The businesses and shops are small "Mom & Pop" operations for the most part. They depend on visitors and residents to survive.

Route 3A will continue to be a draw, so improving the village has been at the forefront of many merchants' minds so that you and I will go out of our way to shop there.

At 7:30p.m., tonight at town hall, a village forum is slated seeking public input on a new sidewalk proposed for the stretch of South Main Street from Jason Road to its intersection with Elm Street. A $165K state grant will pay for the project.

However, some want to sideline the sidewalk proposal. They say the brakes should be put on any village infrastructure improvements until an overall master plan can be developed.

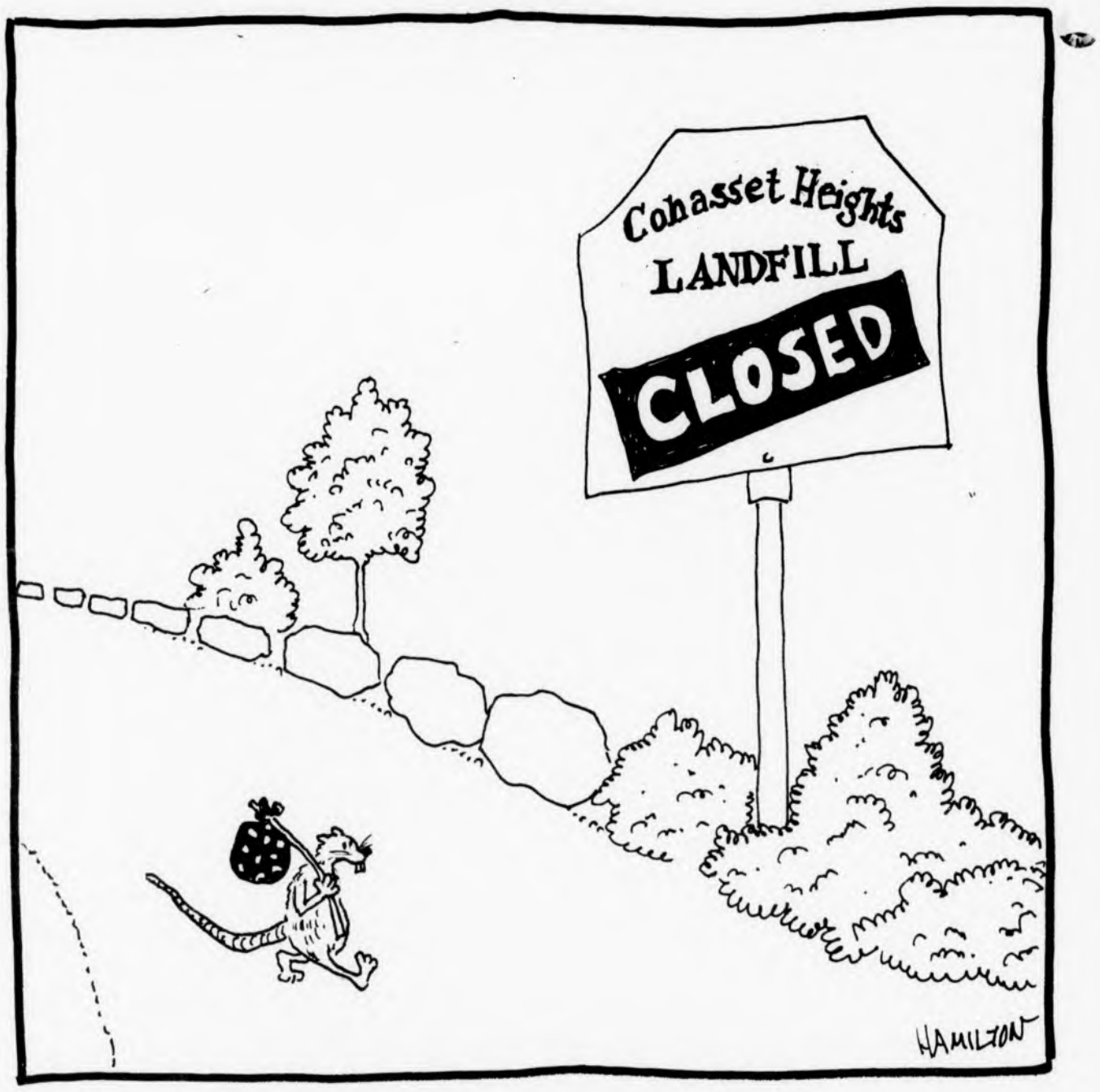
In an ideal world, we'd be inclined to agree. But the fact of the matter is, master plans work when you can start from scratch, like in New Hope, which was once an open field waiting for an architect with a design. It didn't evolve over time, like Cohasset did.

We worry grand master plans not only cost a lot of money but they more often than not end up on the shelf.

New sidewalks, curbing, parking and more can be done on a "piecemeal" basis when intelligent people who share a common vision work together.

It's critical that we keep the village momentum going, so Cohasset's "downtown" can thrive. We wholeheartedly support moving ahead with the St. Stephen's sidewalk which will not only make that part of South Main Street more attractive, but will certainly make the street safer for pedestrians.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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CANDIDATES CORNER

Cutler coffee hours

Democratic state representative candidate Josh Cutler will attend neighborhood coffee hours throughout Hingham, Hull and Cohasset to talk with voters about issues such as health care, education and environmental protection.

Upcoming coffee hours will be hosted by the following: July 30, 7:30 p.m., Edith Howard, 45 Middle St., Hingham; Aug. 2, 12 p.m., Dennis Zaia, 49 Beach Ave., Hull; Aug. 2, 7 p.m., Ken and Denise Patts, 56 Main St., Hull; Aug. 5, 7 p.m., Lory Newmyer and Steve Cooper, 52 Highland Ave., Hull; Aug. 6, 7 p.m., Winston Hall, 11 Downing St., Hingham; Aug. 11, 7 p.m., Peter Larsen, 1 Warfield Ave., Hull; Aug. 13, 7 p.m., Victoria Baldasarre, 1 Forget-Me-Not Lane, Hingham; Aug. 18, 7 p.m. John Ford, 27 Holbrook Ave., Hull; Aug. 23, at 4 p.m., Charlie and Dot Donahue, 136 Samoset Ave., Hull; Aug. 26, 7 p.m., Paula Gibson, 589 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset.

If you would like to attend a coffee or find out more about the Cutler campaign please call the campaign headquarters at 741-9889 or visit at 110 North St. in Hingham Square.

Bradley questions Murray vote on Gun Safety Bill

State Rep. candidate Garret Bradley took issue with Representative Mary Jeannette Murray's vote against the recent gun safety bill that was passed by the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Bradley, a former Assistant District Attorney in Plymouth County believes that the legislation would help protect children and reduce violence in neighborhoods.

"The legislation that Representative Murray voted against would make gun owners responsible for the safe use and storage of their firearms," said Bradley. "The bill mandates the safe storage of all guns and calls for all assault and other large capacity weapons that are sold in our state to include safety devices designed to prevent the discharge of the weapons by and unauthorized user. This legislation would without a doubt help to prevent the needless deaths of children and others who are killed each year in gun related accidents."

"The legislation is not denying people the right to own guns, but rather asking those who choose to own guns to be responsible for the safety of their family and the surrounding community."

The legislation increases the punishment for those criminals who use guns when committing felonies. The bill also provides for cost-effective ways for responsible gun owners to secure their weapons, including the provision of gunlocks and other safety devices, Bradley said.

Cutler supports managed care reform

State Rep. candidate Josh Cutler supports managed care reform legislation that is currently stalled in the State Legislature.

"It's time to put the care back in managed care," Cutler said. "The current state of managed care forces our doctors to practice defensive medicine and provides incentives that encourage doctors to put profits ahead of patients."

"Seriously ill patients often cannot get access to treatments or specialists their doctors recommend. Disclosure of vital information on HMO retention rates, coverage, and treatment availability is unavailable, and there is no standard appeals process or grievance procedure. It's no wonder consumers lack confidence in HMOs," Cutler said.

The legislation currently under consideration at the Statehouse seeks to improve access to care, strengthen the patient-provider relationship, and safeguard the rights of managed care enrollees. Entitled "An Act to Protect Consumers in Managed Health Care Plans in the Commonwealth," the current bill is co-sponsored by the chairs of the House and Senate Health Care Committee, and is supported by a coalition of leading health care advocates across the state.

Key provisions of the legislation include adoption of the "prudent layperson" standard in determining the appropriateness of emergency room treatment. Patients would be entitled to visit specialists when recommended by their doctors.

Consumers would have the option of purchasing a "point-of-service" plan. This option would allow consumers to have coverage (usually at a higher co-payment) for providers outside the managed care network.

If the bill is not acted on by the close of the legislative session July 31, the legislation will have to be refiled next year.

Bradley coffee hours

Assistant District Attorney and state Rep. Candidate Garrett Bradley continues to host "coffees" during the summer.

Aug. 2, noon, Bob and Ellen Garrow, 7 Partridge Dr., Hingham; Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m., Jean Marie Fleck, 3 W St., Hull; Aug. 5, 10 a.m., Judy O'Donnell, 175 Beach Ave., Hull; Aug 12, 7:30 p.m., John and Mary Sullivan, 12 Chamberlain Run, Hingham; Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m., Rick and Lynn Linehan, 7 Harvest Ln., Hingham; Aug. 21, 6 p.m., David Raftery and Barbara Webster, 1 Point Allerton Ave., Hull; Aug. 25, 7:30 p.m., Jean and Jay Driscoll, 1 Winthrop Rd., Hingham; Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m., Phil and Deborah Edmunson, 55 Cottage St., Hingham.

If you would like to attend a "coffee" or need information about the Bradley campaign, please call 741-9998.

HEALTH NOTES

A newsletter created by a volunteer staff issued periodically by the Board of Health.

Can Mosquitoes Transmit Aids?

Recently, the health board was asked if one could get AIDS from mosquitoes. The answer is that experts don't think so. In theory, the answer is yes, but it would require the mosquito to contract AIDS, assimilate the virus into its system and then transmit it as a part of its next bite of a human being. No one has ever found a mosquito carrying the AIDS virus, and there is no evidence that the virus can survive in mosquitoes or that anyone with AIDS got it from a mosquito. Other viral infections such as Yellow Fever, and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), yes, but not AIDS.

EEE and Lyme Disease

Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) is a rare but devastating illness transmitted by mosquitoes. Lyme disease is primarily carried by Deer ticks.

EEE has been found in eastern and southeastern Massachusetts. Human cases have most frequently occurred in Plymouth and Bristol counties. On July 1, a case was reported in Rhode Island in a 44 year old resident who died on June 21. He became ill on June 17. The last previous case was an infant in Springfield who died in 1995. The mortality rate for those infected is high, and survivors often suffer severe neurological damage. Symptoms include: acute distress at onset, high fever, altered level of consciousness and neurological dysfunction

The Massachusetts EEE surveillance program traps mosquitoes throughout the season to assess mosquito population levels and EEE viral carriage in high risk areas. You can help. Report any cases of encephaletic-like illnesses through your doctor to the health agent.

For more information contact your health agent.

Lyme Disease has been in the news recently because several competing drug companies have announced a vaccine for it. Carried by several species of small ticks, Lyme disease can cause arthritis, heart problems and nerve damage. Prevalent on the Atlantic coast between Massachusetts and Maryland, the first instances of infection were reported in Lyme Connecticut.

Principal symptoms are an annular rash around the site of infection(tick bite). Other symptoms are malaise, fatigue, fever, stiff neck, lasting several weeks or more in untreated patients. Treatment is effective if detected early and treated over a period of weeks with antibiotics.

Vaccines for Lyme disease, and any other bacteria-like infection are less effective than vaccines for viral infections such as Chicken pox. Accordingly the best defense against Lyme disease is full clothing cover and frequent inspections for the presence of ticks. Early removal is important.. For more information on Lyme disease, contact the Health Office.

Mosquito Control Committee Joins the Board of Health

Recently, the Mosquito Control Committee (CMCC), Chaired by Charles Gainor of Sohier street requested that the Committee be included under the Board of Health. At its June 24th meeting the Board voted to accept the CMCC's recommendation. The board of Health will promote the goals of the CMCC, which are:

To reduce the likelihood of an outbreak of Eastern Equine Encephalitis

To reduce the need for using chemical pesticides in the control of Mosquito populations.

For information about mosquito control, contact the Plymouth County Mosquito Control District office at 781 585-5450 or the Board of Health

Chickenpox Vaccinations

Healthy children continue to die from Chickenpox, which is the leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths in children in the United States, despite the availability of vaccine and strong recommendations for its use. In Massachusetts, Vaccinations are now mandatory for children entering Day Care before August 1, this year. For Kindergarten children, the mandatory date is September 1999.

School project money ahead of schedule

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITERS

The $31.8 million increase recently allotted to the School Building Assistance Fund as part of the Fiscal year 1999 state budget means that communities can expect reimbursement for their school construction costs sooner than anticipated.

Superintendent Stephen Hart is pleased with the news. "State reimbursement wasn't really anticipated until 2002 but now we're expecting the first payment this year. If you need an example to translate that, it's like paying off your mortgage sooner—the sooner it's paid off, the less interest you have to pay.

"This will have some impact on the overall cost for the new school construction at the elementary school since there will be less interest accrued. It's also helpful because interest rates are lower now and we'll get a better rate than we'd projected in 1996."

This is good news for taxpayers.

"This reimbursement cuts the construction-related tax increase to Cohasseters by a third for the years 2000 and 2001," Town Accountant Michael Buckley said.

That means the owner of a $300,000 home will pay about $120 less over those two years than he would have if the reimbursement wasn't coming in two years ahead of schedule.

"When we originally presented this plan to the voters, we had to set it in the worst possible scenario," explained Buckley, adding "but now we can shave two years off of our projection, which was set for five years."

Towns such as Cohasset are able to take on such pricey construction thanks to the School Building Assistance Bureau (SBAB) first established by the Massachusetts legislature in 1948.

The SBAB was established to help burgeoning post-war communities build schools for the baby boom segment of their population.

However the program has not been enough to convince some local towns to approve new construction projects. That's because most cities and towns don't have the kind of money that the state does.

Compounding this conundrum is that much of the SBAB's money is slated for urban schools to help desegregate students. This means that most suburban schools are not on the high priority list for the SBAB.

With the old figures based on the median valuation of a home at $300,000, the increase in the median tax bill would have been about $180 in 2000 and 2001. With the earlier reimbursement, that increase will be about $60 less in each of those years.

The School Building Assistance Act prioritizes reimbursement schedules for school construction based on specific criteria that fall into three categories. Category One building is the priority category and projects in this niche are guaranteed 90% reimbursement of total project costs. Such construction is undertaken to help correct racial imbalance in schools.

Category Two (in which Cohasset Elementary falls and which will cover about 60 percent of the cost of the project) encompasses construction to accommodate a growing student population or "to provide a full range of educational programs and to maintain full accreditation," according to the Department of Education fact sheet which outlines the Act.

Category Three covers facility projects.

The SBAB does have its critics who argue that school departments may make unnecessary renovations or build new schools when only smaller renovations are needed because the SBAB won't cover lesser renovations.

School committee chairman Rick Shea would argue with that, in light of the discussions leading up to town approval for the new Osgood School two years ago.

"In the discussion leading up to that approval, there were a lot of discussions about what the timing of the state reimbursement would be. At that time, the projection was that it would take five years. Many opponents of the school project painted some worse-case scenarios of the state funding taking longer or whether funding would be available at all and that was part of their objection to it.

"In fact, there was some concern at that time whether the SBAB would continue to be funded because of fiscal issues at the time. The school facilities committee used in its estimate the full cost with a five-year wait for reimbursement. In fact, it's been two years and the town is now going to be receiving its reimbursement."

With the old figures based on the median valuation of a home at $300,000, the increase in the median tax bill would have been about $180 in 2000 and 2001. With the earlier reimbursement, that increase will be about $120 less over two years (or $60 a year).

"If you look at all of the assumptions that the school committee came in with in terms of total impact, time of completion, receipt of the reimbursement from the state and interest, all of their assumptions have either been met or exceeded," said Shea. "I would like to say that all of this points to what a super job the school facilities committee did in planning the project and estimating the cost.

"It also illustrates what a disappointment it is that the original proposal of the school's facilities committee to include renovation of the Deer Hill School with the Osgood School was rejected by the voters. It was rejected by the voters based upon certain people in town questioning the conclusions of the school facilities committee. I think time has shown that the original recommendation was the best choice for the town," he said. (Deer Hill renovations would have also been eligible for reimbursement from the SBAB.)

Statehouse reporter Steve LeBlanc contributed to this story.

The fine art of bad writing

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I know this will come as a shock to most of you but I have never been considered for a Pulitzer Prize.

Oh. I once wrote captions for a series that was nominated for one but it lost and the author didn't win one for another 20 years, long after I had ridden off into the sunrise.

Robert is a corporate lawyer by trade, which gives him a leg up on the rest of us since he's been writing in legalese for the past 20-some years. The rest of us call it Greek.

How unfortunate that I should learn so late in life that there is an award well within my range of accomplishment.

For the past 17 years, Scott Rice of the San Jose State English Department has held the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest for the worst opening sentence in an imaginary novel.

And you thought San Jose State was best known throughout the land for its football team!

The winner of the 1998 prize, announced last week, was Robert Perry of Milton.

Robert is a corporate lawyer by trade, which gives him a leg up on the rest of us since he's been writing in legalese for the past 20-some years. The rest of us call it Greek.

His contribution to the decline of the English language is the opening line — you're only allowed one sentence — of a detective novel in which the victim of murder most foul is a food critic for a newspaper.

If the critic wasn't dead already, then the first sentence in Robert's novel would certainly have finished him.

"The corpse exuded the irresistible aroma of a piquant, ancho chili glaze enticingly enhanced with a hint of fresh cilantro as it lay before him, coyly garnished by a garland of variegated radicchio and carmelized onions . . ."

There's more but, well, you get the idea.

The award itself is named for Edward George Bulwer-Lytton (1801-72), an English writer who once turned out historical novels like Bob Parker turns out Spensers.

His most memorable work was "The Last Days of Pompeii," but he is best remembered for, as one critic put it, "his seemingly endless convoluted sentences."

"The Last Days of Pompeii" was made into a major motion picture 63 years ago but cinema afficionados still recall it best for the wrist watches worn by Roman soldiers in 79 AD.

Bulwer-Lytton also had the misfortune to begin one of his novels with the phrase, "It was a dark and stormy night . . ."

It originated with Bulwer-Lytton but it has since become such a cliche for bad writing that it is the standard opening for one of Snoopy's unpublished novels in the comic strip "Peanuts."

Hence, the annual Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest.

It is a maxim in the writing business that one should keep one's work brief, unadorned and, in some cases, understood by your average 12-year-old, if there is such a thing.

Sometimes, in those places where writers gather, you'll see a sign that says "KISS." Before you scream "sexual harassment," it merely stands for "Keep It Simple, Stupid."

Some editors go to great lengths to make sure their writers keep their opening sentences brief.

One frustrated obituary writer found the least common denominator when he wrote:

"Dead.

"That's what John Jones is today."

No Bulwer-Lytton award there.

Greenbush Line towns to take MBTA on

Tri-town rail report to be drafted

By Jennifer R. Horan
STAFF WRITER

In an unprecedented move, officials in Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate are co-authoring a document detailing their towns' concerns about the proposed restoration of commuter rail service to the South Shore. They plan to use the document as fuel for discussions with state and federal officials about how they feel their towns have been mistreated by the MBTA.

"We all agree that the T isn't dealing with us in good faith and when they do give us information, it's lousy," said Cohasset Selectman Thomas Callahan.

Selectmen from the three communities agreed at a July 22 meeting that the MBTA has not fairly dealt with their towns since the restoration of the 17.7-mile Greenbush commuter line was proposed. They hope that by joining together and speaking with one voice, they can appeal to officials who may have some influence on the MBTA to furnish them with accurate data and information about the project.

"We need to find the community bonds that we can unite behind and get the leverage we need to improve the situation for our towns," said Cohasset Mitigation Committee Chairman Tom Gruber.

The towns want to meet with officials from the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to find out what other measures they can take to get the information they need to properly mitigate the effects of rail on their communities — if the project comes to fruition.

The MBTA proposes to begin service from Boston to Scituate by the year 2002.

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Selectmen from the three towns agreed that inviting officials to speak with them would be the most effective route to take.

"They would have to be impressed listening to a group of 15 people representing their towns with concerns," said Scituate Selectman Joseph Norton.

Having officials in the same room would force them to deal with the issue, rather than skimming the report submitted by the three towns and brushing it aside, added Cohasset Selectman Merle Brown.

"If they're here listening to us, then they have to answer us directly," he said.

Hingham Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan suggested asking Trudy Coxe, the state Secretary of Environmental Affairs, to request that the MBTA submit a supplemental environmental impact report — a document which reviews the trains' effects on the local environment.

Macmillan said an update would be warranted because five years have passed since the last report and that changes in plans and new information have been presented during that time.

Callahan advised lobbying non-governmental agencies, such as the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, as well as state legislators to let them know the sentiments of the three communities.

"We should do it on all possible fronts. I don't know if the T answers to anybody, but it's the only way to get into a confrontational mode," he said.

During the nearly three-hour discussion last week, officials cited examples of their encounters with the MBTA on the Greenbush project.

In Scituate, where the MBTA plans to end the commuter line and build a train layover station, officials are frustrated.

Selectman Shawn Harris said the MBTA's plans are inaccurate, with hundred-year-old homes missing on the project maps. Harris also said he thought the MBTA had taken too many "short cuts" in deciding where to locate the layover station in Scituate.

Hingham Selectmen Chairman Katharine Reardon echoed other selectmen's concerns about the MBTA's evaluation of noise impacts to the area. She called the MBTA's practice of measuring the average noise impact over a 24-hour period "absurd." She added that other transportation alternatives must also be looked at.

Two members of Braintree's mitigation committee also attended the meeting. Michael Lang and Bill Reed said their committee had come to the same conclusions about the MBTA as Cohasset, Scituate and Hingham.

"You can put a spin on any report," said Michael Lang. "A lot of the material in (the MBTA's) report is kind of the truth, but it's not worth building a train for."

Lang, who said his committee didn't have as much difficulty obtaining information from the T, said Braintree's committee would gladly share with the three towns the information it has gathered about the project thus far in the process.

Each of the three boards will appoint one or two representatives to serve on the subcommittee that will draft the tri-town document. Selectmen said they hoped to have the report finished within a matter of weeks. The group is tentatively scheduled to meet Aug. 5 at Cohasset Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Support Cohasset youth

The recreation commission is sponsoring a dance from 7 to 10 p.m., Friday, July 31, at the town hall. Admission is $5 per person.

A garage sale will be held at the Town Garage, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 1. Proceeds will benefit "Project Garage." Help support our youth.

Supervisors are needed for the Teen Center, hours are flexible. The salary is $7 per hour. Applicants must be responsible, patient and caring. Call Jen Lagrotteria, Director of the Teen Center at 383-7003 or the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-4109.


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Samantha Lehr wades her way through the water.

Local riders accept the Pan-Mass Challenge

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

While the Tour de France winds down to its final stages a native Frenchman will be biking his way from Sturbridge to Provincetown this weekend to raise money for the Jimmy Fund for cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Cohasset resident Francois-Laurent Nivaud will be joining what organizers expect will be more that 2,000 other bikers this weekend who will be traveling across the state as part of the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC).

The group hopes to raise upwards of $5.75 million this year for the Jimmy Fund in what has turned into the largest fund-raiser for the group annually, raising as much as 35 percent of the money donated to the organization each year.

The most successful venture of its kind and the oldest now going in New England, the PMC has raised $27 million for the Jimmy Fund since the race was started in 1980.

Nivaud himself has been a vital cog to the effort, raising $101,000 since 1995 when he accepted a dare from Pan-Mass founder Billy Starr to take part in the event that year.

With only 100 days to get into shape for the nearly 200-mile ride, Nivaud, the managing director of the Boston Harbor Hotel, locked himself into the hotel's gym and came out 20 lb. lighter and with his biking skills back in tact.

In that first year Nivaud raised $22,000 for the cause by selling stripes on a French flag that was mounted to the back of his bike. A driving wind and rain made the flag much heavier than expected, but the determined gentleman would not be denied the satisfaction of crossing the finish line.

"At these events I meet people who are very committed to this cause," said Nivaud. "I am always impressed by their level of emotion. People share their hopes, fears and personal reasons for riding."

After a little friendly persuasion with his supporters at the hotel Nivaud convinced 13 of his fellow workers to do the race with him last year. In all the group raised $75,000 in 1997.

Nivaud has chipped in some other ways as well. In addition to hosting retreats and other events for the PMC, his hotel also donated some 2,000 shower caps last year to help keep the bike seats dry before the race.

Riders can take the challenge in either a one-day or a two-day package and have a choice of six routes they can take including Sturbridge-Provincetown (the original 194-mile route) and the Sturbridge-Bourne-Boston (187-mile) route.

The average rider is 39-years-old, trains for three months, solicits 40 sponsors and raises more than $2,500. More than 80 percent of the riders are close to someone who has battled cancer or are recovering from the disease themselves.

As well, more than 1,600 volunteers from over 100 sponsoring groups donate their time and effort to the event.

The race has grown at an incredible rate since 1980 when 36 riders raised $10,200 for the cause.

By 1990 almost 1,000 riders had raised $1.3 million.

The goals for this year is 2,200 riders pedaling their little hearts out for a new annual record of $5.75 million. Donations and riders have both increased every year so far.

Many of those in the race have

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Cohasset swim team dunks Duxbury Aquadux

By Jennifer Rafferty
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Big Blue scored another win against the Duxbury Aquadux last Friday in Cohasset. Congratulations to the 8 and under girls for some particularly strong swimming during this meet! The final score was Cohasset 355 and the Duxbury Aquadux 251. The next meet is at home Friday at 1 p.m. against the Duxbury Yacht Club.

Did you know that our Cohasset swim team is renowned for its excellence in training and competition? Newcomer Helen Daley mentioned that the Boston College swim coach recommended Cohasset as a town with a superior swim team for serious swimmers. This was one of the many reasons why Helen chose Cohasset when her family moved here a year ago from Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Her daughter Mamme swims in the 10 and under group. Apologies to Mamme for the numerous errors in this column which identified her first name incorrectly. Mamme has placed in many recent races for Cohasset including freestyle, backstroke and medley relays. Mamme says that Cohasset requires more laps in practice and more overall practice time than her swim team in Chagrin Falls, yet Chagrin boasts a larger pool. Thanks to her sister Jenne for working as a runner during the last meet and welcome to Cohasset for all of the Daley family. Newcomer Colin Conway swims in the 10 and under boys' group. He arrived in Cohasset from Maryland six weeks ago and this is his first experience on a swim team. Colin prefers backstroke and freestyle. Make sure that you take the opportunity to meet any swimmers who are new to town.

The swimmer's tip for this week is to avoid looking at your competitors while you are racing. Keep your eyes focused on the end of your lane! When you take the time to look at another lane and swimmer, you lose valuable seconds. In the 10 and above age groups, you also should be aware that you can be disqualified if you touch the pool bottom or make a mistake with your stroke.

Here are the results from last Friday's meet against the Duxbury Aquadux:

In the boys 8 and Under Medley Relay the team of Alex Shipp, Alex Hunt, Peter Ernst and Cameron Cunningham came in first, and the team of Trip Harper, Kenny Muir, Cliff Musto, and Viner came in second.

In the girls 8 and Under Medley Relay the team of Megan Sacks, Abigail Markert, Alyssa Campbell and Emma Hernan came in first, the team of Sally Meehan, Alexx Hoholik, Samantha Lehr and McKenna Teague came in second, and the team of May McCarthy, Maura Regan, Elizabeth Spelman and Meg Anderson came in third.

In the boys 10 and Under Medley Relay the team of Noah Wilcox, Dan McCarthy, Parker Berg and Zach

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A PIRATE TREASURE



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Allie Dempster, Kimberly Ulmer and Jesse Guild prepare for a day of fun on the high seas of Cohasset Harbor during the Cohasset Yacht Club's annual Pirate Day celebration.

Cohasset sailors salute USS Constitution

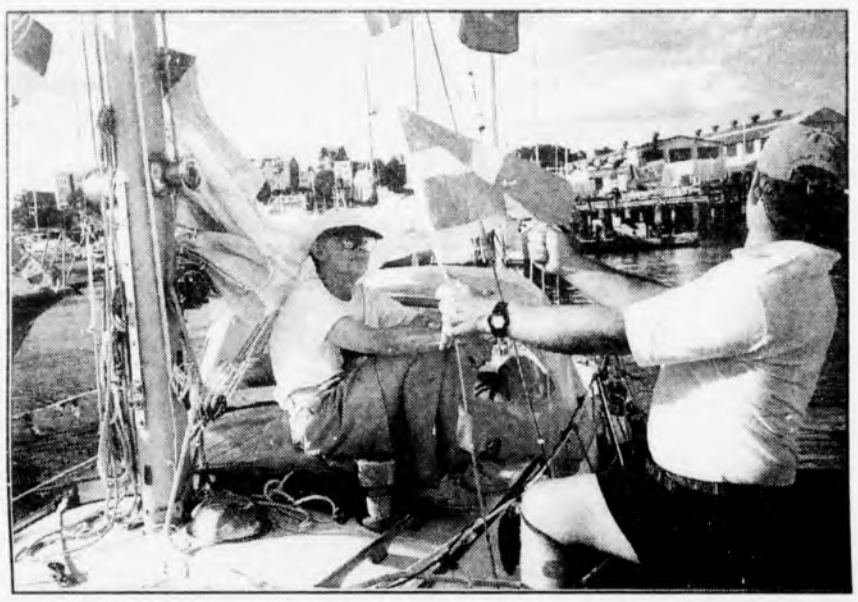
Four boats from the Cohasset Yacht Club participated in last week's Bicentennial Salute for the USS Constitution. The bicentennial events started Thursday, July 23, when the Navy's oldest existing warship was turned around in Boston Harbor. Friday, July 24, events included a crew parade in downtown Boston and visits from international tall ships and foreign navys. Saturday, July 25, featured a harborside concert by the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, a lighted parade of 30 invited private vessels and a fireworks display in Boston Harbor.

The Cohasset Yacht Club was asked to participate by the parade organizers after the club's strong showing last August during the parade of lights at the Boston Harbor Hotel on the occasion of the hotel's 10th anniversary celebration.

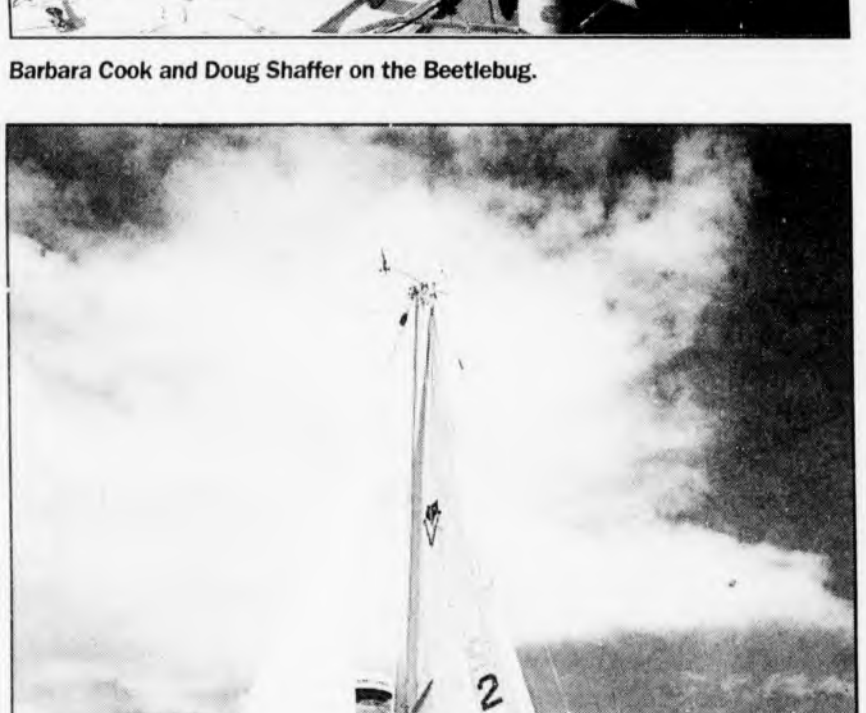
The club's representative boats were the sailboats Beetlebung, owned by Ken Cook; Max, co-owned by Robin Lawrence and Jim Hamilton; and the motorboats Jester, owned by Dick Karoff; and Saucy Fox, owned by Al Weisenfluh. Lights were strung along the boats' standing rigging, signal flags up the shrouds, the club burgee from the mast of Max and an American flag flying from Beetlebung's mizzon mast. Each boat was introduced in front of a review stand just off the pier of the Constitution in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Cohasset residents on the four representative boats were Laurie Hamilton, Suzie Neer, Sandy Manzella and Barbara Cook. Deck work and able assistance was provided by Doug and Sue Shaffer from the Charlestown Marina, Sue Borra and Jill Hamilton of Charlestown and Rob Lawrence Jr. of Cambridge. Conventures of Boston organized the events and helped provide lights and slips for the Cohasset contingent.



The Max crew enjoys a little sun in Boston Harbor during a recent visit with the Tall Ships.



Barbara Cook and Doug Shaffer on the Beetlebug.



The Beetlebug sails through the Boston Harbor Islands



Jill, Laurie and Jim Hamilton are all smiles as they prepare for their great adventure.



Jill Hamilton, Rob Lawrence Jr. and Sue Borra enjoy a beautiful sunset.

EVENT	BOYS	GIRLS
50 YARD FREESTYLE		
10 and under	2. Noah Wilcox	2. Catherine Ernst 3. Lisa Musto
100 YARD I.M.		
17 and under	1. Greg Bilton 2. John Crowley-Buck	2. Brooke Baker 3. Laura Kondrat
14 and under	1. Alex Berg 3. Scott Faber	3. Yasmine Afshar
12 and under	2. Chris Flynn	3. Rebecca Lehr
FREESTYLE		
8 and under	1. Alexander Hunt 2. Cameron Cunningham 3. Adam Yeager	1. Samantha Lehr 2. A. Campbell 3. Emma Hernan
10 and under	1. Parker Berg 3. Nick Zappolo	2. Catherine Ernst 3. Caitlin Sanchez
12 and under	2. Jake Previte 3. Will McCarthy	3. Rachel Garber
14 and under	1. Rob Lehr 2. Scott Faber 3. David Ingber	1. Tess Foley 3. Cara Wahle
17 and under	1. Chris Golden 3. Jody Roach	2. Alexis Bugley 3. Ashley Ulmer
EVENT	**BOYS**	**GIRLS**
BUTTERFLY		
8 and under	1. Cameron Cunningham 2. Wesley Ulmer 3. Peter Ernst	1. Sally Meehan 2. Alyssa Campbell 3. Megan Sacks
10 and under	2. Parker Berg 3. Reed Dickinson	2. Caren Garber 3. Lisa Musto
12 and under	2. Colin Regan	1. Rachel Garber 2. Yasmine Afshar
14 and under	1. David Crowley-Buck 2. Rob Lehr	2. Caroline Carter 3. Kate O'Brien
17 and under	1. Greg Bilton 3. Craig Blackburn	2. Brooke Baker 3. Laura Kondrat
BREASTSTROKE		
8 and under	1. Alex Hunt 2. Cliff Musto 3. Jon Drybanski	1. Abby Markert 2. Meg Anderson
10 and under	1. Zach Markert 3. Jeff Brown	2. Lindsay Durkin
12 and under	2. Chris Flynn 3. Jon Grimm	1. Yasmine Afshar 2. Rebecca Lehr
14 and under	1. David Crowley-Buck 2. Scott Faber	3. Cara Foley
17 and under	1. John Crowley-Buck 3. Craig Blackburn	2. Nicole Needle
BACKSTROKE		
8 and under	1. Kenny Muir 2. Peter Ernst 3. Alex Shipp	1. Emma Hernan 2. Megan Sacks 3. Abby Markert
10 and under	1. Noah Wilcox 2. John McCarthy	2. Caren Garber 3. Emilie Shea
12 and under	2. Will McCarthy	1. Jenna Larson
14 and under	1. Alex Berg 2. David Crowley-Buck	2. Alexis Bugley
17 and under	1. Greg Bilton 3. Terry Hurley	2. Brooke Baker

Cohasset dunks Duxbury Aquadux

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Markert came in second, the team of Jeff Brown, Bryce Rafferty, Nick Zappolo and Reed Dickinson came in third.

In the girls 10 and Under Medley Relay the team of Lindsay Durkin, Caren Garber, Catherine Ernst and Lisa Musto came in first, the team of Caitlin Sanchez, Mary Previte, Emilie Shea and Kate Spelman came in second.

In the Boys 12 and Under Medley Relay the team of Chris Flynn, Dan McCarthy, Colin Regan and Jake Previte came in first.

In the girls 12 and Under Medley Relay the team of Jenna Larson, Yasmine Afshar, Casey Anderson and Caren Garber came in first, and the team of Delia Regan, Ashley Faber, Rebecca Lehr and Tess Foley came in second.

In the boys 17 and Under Medley Relay the team of Crowley-Buck, Golden, Bilton and Lehr came in first, and the team of Scott Faber, David Ingber, Crowley-Buck and Alex Berg came in second.

In the girls 17 and Under Medley Relay the team of Alexis Bugley, Brooke Baker, Caroline Carter and Cara Foley came in first, and the team of Ashley Ulmer, Nicole Needle, Laura Kondrat and Cara Wahle came in third.

In the boys 8 and Under Free Relay the team of John Drybanski, Austen Lanzillotti, Tyler Kelly and Tom LeMaire came in second, the team of Owen Stevenson, Trip Harper, Michael Grimm and Chris Kuppens came in third.

In the girls 8 and Under Free Relay the team of Meghan Sacks, May McCarthy, Elizabeth Spelman and McKenna Teague came in second, and the team of Meg Anderson, Ellie Baumgarten, Abby Foley and Kaley Madge came in third.

In the boys 10 and Under Free Relay the team of Dan McCarthy, Noah Wilcox, Zach Markert and Parker Berg came in first, the team of Reed Dickinson, John McCarthy, Collin Conway and Nick Zappolo came in second.

In the girls 10 and under Free Relay the team of Lisa Musto, Caren Garber, Lindsay Durkin and Catherine Ernst came in first, and the team of Michelle Madge, Caitlin Sanchez, Mary Previte and Kate Spelman came in second.

In the girls 12 and Under Free Relay the team of Jenna Larson, Rebecca Lehr, Rachel Garber and Casey Anderson came in 1st, and the team of Ashley Faber, Delia Regan, Tess Foley and Krista Nicynski came in third.

In the boys 17 and Under Free Relay the team of Scott Faber, Rob Lehr, Alex Berg and Chris Golden came in first.

In the girls 17 and Under Free Relay the team of Caroline Carter, Cara Wahle, Julie Shea and Cara Foley came in second, and the team of Alexis Bugley, Laura Kondrat, Kate O'Brien and Nicole Needle

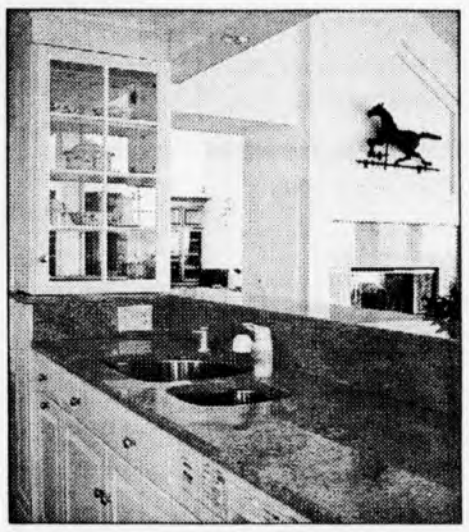
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THE FISH STORY



MARK TRASK

Each time the door swung open a liquid gust of hot humidity swirled into the cool refrigerated air of the store. Ohhh came the exclamations of joy, it is nice in here. Each angler in the dim coolness took plenty of time looking over their selections, not anxious to be propelled back out into the furnace. Off the walls they came, a bug Rapala, a hoochie, a red tube lure, a Mambo Mino, pogies, herring, squid, hooks, leaders, all giving clues to what and where each angler was planning to catch.

After a short period, typical of mid-July, the doldrums have given way to another burst of great fishing, with a greater variety of fish. Ray Davis and the gang got soaked on the way, but Matt was happy sporting his 20 and 1/2 pound striper. The next day they all were out on the water again using pogies. Everyone got a keeper except Ray. Doesn't it figure.

Meanwhile over at Cohasset Harbor the action under the bridge is accelerating. Steve Hogan made a successful trip over from Pembroke, tossing fresh herring under the arch to come up with a 31 inch bass. Many anglers launch their boats at Hingham, the Back River and Pemberton to take advantage of excellent fishing around the harbor islands and the outer edges. Ed King of Weymouth made the island tour and returned with a fine 36 inch bass. Steve fooled his fish with a bucktail jig near Bumpkin Island. Outside Minot Ledge gave up a bass for a change amongst all the dogfish that have invaded the neighborhood. Dick Burbridge's mackerel chunk was take-out food for a 22 pound, 40 1/2 inch striper. Reports have that most of the usual bass spots around the outside of the Glades northwest to the Grampuses full of hungry dogs coming to the surface to take pogie and mackerel chunks.

Those catching bass have been doing well in close. Don Schneider connected on a big bass. Harry picked up his first keeper ever after countless schoolies over the years. Harry's bass inhaled a herring strip. Jean Boyle and Maureen Harrold nailed twin bass inside the Shag on mackerel. On successive nights Jim Figueredo got into the blues like the old days, boating and releasing 27 big choppers. Most were between 15-17 pounds. The next trip out he and Dave Marks got nothing but stripers. Where are the blues Jim? After he laughed he said you have to go way out. Between the B Buoy and Minot is the best I can figure.

Mike Kelley had a personal best on the flyrod. Those that know Mike know how much time he spends on the water casting. This week his yellow/chartreuse Deceiver settled over a fat Minot Beach bass. The big striper dropped the scale to 23 and 3/4 pounds. Nice fish on the fly! Adam Conway wowed the fishing clan of uncles and parents and grandparents he hails from. Four year-old Adam used a fat seaworm to entice a 3 pound, 3 ounce fluke to his hook from the waters of Boston Harbor.

Where did the bass go? Ken McGrath found them in close along Jerusalem Road and Doctor's Island. Numerous boats jockeyed for position around every good spot. Ken uses 2-3 worms per turn on his tube worm. He reports he is slamming bass on his tube and worm rig.

The teams will be setting out early Saturday from the Cohasset Yacht Club for the Annual Fishing Tournament. Great pains and preparation go into this fun tourney every year.

The Third Annual Beachcomber Bass Tournament also kicks off Saturday at midnight. The Beachcomber is for recreational bass anglers and features weekly prizes through September. Anglers can sign up at the shop and obtain more details.

Catch the one that is hard to carry!

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cohasset Men's Softball League

On this beautiful Sunday afternoon the defending champs were defeated by the up and coming new squad. Also, the first place team, Dog Pound, kept rolling along.

Despite five hits each by Kevin and Joe Dooley the Last Call squad could not hold off the Grinders.

Dan Varney led his first year team to a 17-14 victory. The Grinders also got home runs by the big guy with a gray beard and the left handed guy who played catcher.

John Litchfield was all smiles because his first place team claimed their fifth victory.

In the third game the Cell Boys had another poor showing. The Grinders won and moved into a tie for second place.

Standings

Dog Pound	5-1
Last Call	4-2
Grinders	4-2
Who's on First	2-4
Cell Boys	0-6

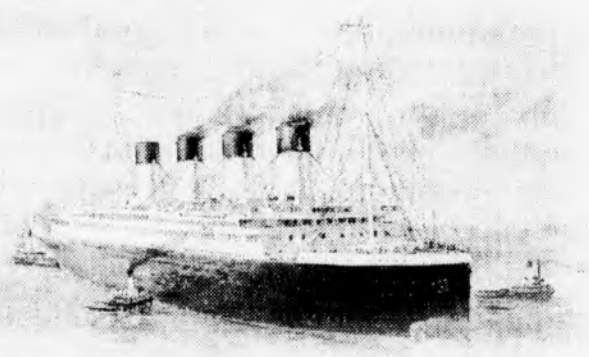
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Cohasset Diving Team wins again and again

Cohasset Diving Team sponsored by Cohasset Swim Center and coached by Dawn Meehan, has dominated its first and second meets of the 1998 summer season. Cohasset competes throughout the season against local teams, including Scituate Knights of Columbus (K of C), Scituate Harbor Yacht Club, (SHYC), Duxbury Yacht Club, (DYC) and Marshfield Eel River Yacht Club (MER).

Results from the first diving meet on July 8 vs. K of C, SHYC.

12 and Under Girls: First, Kelsey Bell and second, Amanda Faulkner.

12 and Under Boys: First, Alex Hernan and second, Reed Dickenson.

17 and Under Girls Second, Haley Wojo and fourth, Amanda Cellucci.

17 and Under Boys: Second, David Crowley-Buck and third, Mac Chase.

Overall: First, Cohasset; second, K of C; and third, SHYC.

Results from the second meet on July 22 vs. K of C, SHYC and DYC.

12 and Under Girls: First, Gillian Webber and fourth, Jacqueline Chase.

12 and Under Boys: First, Reed Dickenson and second Wes Ulmer.

17 and Under Girls: First, Haley Wojo and third, Amanda Faulkner.

17 and Under Boys: Second, David Crowley-Buck; third, John Crowley-Buck; and fourth, Mac Chase.

Overall: First, Cohasset; second, K of C; third, DYC; and fourth, SHYC.

Riders accept Pan-Mass Challenge

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been there before. Last year more than 70 percent of the riders had been in the race before.

"Many of the first-time riders are curious to see if they are up to the physical challenge," said PMC executive director Billy Starr. "What keeps them coming back is the emotional fulfillment they take home with them after the weekend-long event.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Junior lacrosse program wishes for old equipment

The Cohasset Junior Lacrosse program is accepting donations of old sticks, gloves, helmets, arm pads and goaltending equipment, hoping to make life a bit easier for players and parents.

Currently, the team has no extra equipment to carry to games or lend to players. That has, in the past, meant that players who have forgotten some or all of their gear have wound up driving home — often from several towns away — or have been forced to sit out.

"We can't let a player on the field without proper equipment," says junior team coach Chuck Jaffe. "The best we can hope for is to share, which is tricky given how often kids come on and off the field."

The club is particularly interested in helmets, gloves, armpads and goaltending equipment. Jaffe noted that sticks are the one thing most players have when they start out in the game, "although we would accept stick donations too."

The youth program is hoping to secure enough equipment to help out players in its summer camp, so that children who are just testing out the sport won't go whole hog on gear, only to find out they would rather play something else.

"Lacrosse equipment isn't cheap," Jaffe says. "We're just hoping that people who have some of it lying around in their basement, or whose children have outgrown youth equipment, can help us move the game along and support the junior club and lacrosse booster program in the process."

To donate lacrosse equipment to the Cohasset Junior program, call Jaffe at 383-9858.

Special Olympians bring home the gold

Jessica MacDonald and Jay Nothnagle competed in the Massachusetts Special Olympics State Summer Games at MIT in June.

Jessica participated in track and field and won two Gold Medals in the softball throw and shot put.

Jay skippered a Rhodes 19 in Unified Sailing competition on the Charles River and won all seven of the races held in the 2-day event.

His seven first places earned him a Gold Medal.

Both Jessica and Jay qualified for the 1999 World Special Olympics Summer Games to be held in Raleigh-Durham.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

Adventurous, spunky, sincere, multi-faceted SWF, 43, 5'8", red/hazel, fit, nonsmoker, nondrinker. Inspired by nature, stimulating conversation, spiritual/personal growth, social activism. Seeking secure, honest, evolved Man for friendship, possible relationship. Outer Cape. ☎30041

Attractive WWWF, 58, height and weight proportionate. Would like to meet someone honest, caring and friendly to date and go on from there. ☎30020

Bosy, plumb, handful, wants time alone and time together with "Yes, dear" Catholic SWM, 40s, with no debts. ☎30067

Bubbly, plus-sized SWF, professional, 45, 5'3", nonsmoker, nondrinker, like fresh air, sunshine, walks with the dogs, sharing good sense of humor, honesty and commitment. Middleboro area. ☎30003

Catholic SWF, 52, 5'2", slightly stocky build. Enjoy bowling, walking, reading and going out for dinner. Seeking a S/DWM, 35-55, n/s, light drinker, for friendship and possibly more. ☎30025

Confident and secure SWF, retired, 50, 5'6", 112 lbs, busy, secure and happy. Looking for the same in a nonsmoking, professional Male, 45-58. ☎30028

Dinner and dancing. Attractive DWF, 35, who enjoys BBQ parties, weekend getaways and movies at home. Looking for DWM, around 40, to share new adventures. ☎30052

Down-to-earth SWF, 24, one child, enjoys camping, walking, movies and having fun. Seeking S/DWCM, 25-32, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. ☎30070

Dreamer desired by SF, 43, trim, active, creative writer. Seeking in shape SM, 40-50, 5'10"+, who enjoys bicycling, the beach and weekend fun. Must be openhearted and ready for anything. ☎30000

Elaine seeking Jerry/Kramer combo. SWF, social drinker, smoker, seeking SWM, 36-40, with a great sense of humor and big strong arms for bear hugs; enjoys movies, dining out and laughter. ☎30015

Feeling old, lonely and in need of a friend. Attractive, active and mature DWF, 60s, enjoy poetry, movies and dining out. Seeking a tall, humorous Man, 60s, n/s, n/d. ☎30017

Female, 50+, enjoy gardening, the beach, fishing, dinner and dancing. Seeking a S/DWM, 50s, with same interests. ☎30001

Fire and rain, Celtic style. Raven Ceridwen, longing for balance, enjoying the simple things in life. ☎30058

Friendly, full-figured Female, 41, nonsmoker, social drinker, love animals, country music, volunteering and being outside. Seeking a mature Man who has similar interests. Kids ok. ☎30040

Full-figured beauty SWF, 29, 5'8", ISO a kindhearted, stable SM, 29-40, for cuddling and conversation. Sincerity and honesty are musts. ☎30039

Grounded Tinker Bell looking for Peter Pan. Female, 45, self-employed professional, 5'10", 125 lbs, enjoy outdoor playing adventures. Harley riders ok. No Captain Hook types. Nonsmoker, nondrinker. ☎30018

Hoping to find an honest and sincere Male, 40-60. I'm a SWF in my early 40s, who's 5'4" and 115 lbs. I like movies and beaches. ☎30034

Lively WWWF, 5'3", brown/brown, part-time nanny. Enjoy oldies, dancing, dining out, beach walks and drives. Seeking a S/D/WWWM, 50-60. Hope to hear from you. ☎30029

Romantic Lady, early 50s, medium build, enjoy Cape Cod, travel, beaches, et cetera. Looking for a sincere, nonsmoking, romantic SM for partner. ☎30022

SDF, 37, 5'4", 135lbs, business owner, nonsmoking, seeking S/DM, 30-50, likes children, quiet, homebody type preferred. ☎30063

Seeking Mister Right. SWF, 22, 5'3", brown/brown. Seeking a SWM, 18-30, who doesn't do drugs and likes to do fun things. ☎30031

Single, humorous, attractive blonde, mid-50s, 5'5", 125 lbs, enjoy all aspects of life. Seeking slender Gentleman, 5'10"+, who communicates well, to take my hand so we can walk through life together. ☎30016

Striking, green-eyed, red-head, 40s, tall, refined, feminine, fun, height/weight proportionate, extremely intelligent. Seeks attractive, S/DWM, 6'+, 45-55, well-educated, sensitive but masculine. Enjoys sports, fishing, philosophy, and romance. For friendship first. ☎30047

Summer is here. Down-to-earth, creative, logical DWF, 40s, blonde/blue, enjoy bowling, singing, arts and crafts. Seeking tall, honest S/DWM, 40-49, 5'10"+, good sense of humor, enjoys tennis, beaches, golf. Friendship first. ☎30069

SWF, 55, looking for someone to share times with. ☎30002

SWF, brown hair, brown eyes, enjoy dining, sports and dancing. Seeking a SWM, 40-62, for possible companionship and relationship. ☎30014

Tall, attractive, DWCF, 54. Enjoys outdoors, walking, casual dining and quiet evenings at home. Seeks S/DWCM, n/s, n/d. Life is not easy sometimes; must be able to share feelings and have fun. ☎30046

Upper Cape Female. Attractive, professional WWWF, 62 years young, emotionally and financially secure, naples Florida snowbird. Enjoys beach, tennis, theater, exotic travel. Seeking humorous, n/s, 6'+ Male, 57-67, similar interests. ☎30045

61-year-old Lady, brown/hazel, young-at-heart, like simple things in life, walks on the beach, movies, et cetera. Looking for a long-term relationship with an honest, sincere Man. ☎40112

A Man who makes me laugh. Pretty writer, 43, very intelligent, fun, fit, sexy, sweetheart. Seeks excellent, 52+ Man, for best and last relationship. ☎40196

A special heart! I'm 39, attractive, brown/blue, slim, disabled. I love dancing, talking, quiet times and just having fun. Seeking nice-looking Guy, 36-40, with an open mind and big heart, to share friendship, possible relationship. Take a chance! ☎40036

A way to a Man's heart... SJF, 30s, passionate, attractive, athletic, professional. Seeking a great Guy, 38+, with similar qualities, for summer fun including weekends hiking in Maine, picnics at the beach, exploring quaint inns and restaurants. ☎35017

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Adventurous, active, petite DWF, 48, blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoy sailing, wind surfing, skiing, dining, traveling, dancing, intelligence, honesty and humor. Seeking a compatible friend. ☎40008

Alluring attorney, petite, very pretty, very thin SJF, young 40s, classy, sweet, sincere, fit and feminine, enjoy tennis. Seeking an intelligent, fit, successful and handsome Man with integrity. ☎40215

Are we ready now? We raised our children, settled in our careers. Are we ready now? Framingham area SWF, 41, 5'10", seeking tall, handsome, mature SBM who's rooted and strong, wants to commit to another level in life, enjoys picnics to evening wear. ☎40030

Are you a JM seeking a steamy, romantic relationship with an attractive, affectionate JF, 40s? Why wait? Let's enjoy what life has to offer! ☎35006

Attractive, slim SWF, 39, ISO a nice, attractive, fit and outgoing SBM, 35-45, with a sense of humor, who enjoys travel and sports. ☎40138

Attractive BF, 25, 5'5", short black hair, beautiful brown eyes, intelligent, independent, down-to-earth, fun-loving. Love cooking, travel and movies. Seeking a down-to-earth, adventurous, intelligent, hardworking, sincere, nonsmoking WM. No drugs. ☎40134

Attractive, slim, upbeat SWF, enjoy life in the city, many interests. Seeking a professional, financially secure SWM, 55-60s, nonsmoker, with similar interests. ☎40019

Attractive, easygoing. Why is an attractive, professional, slender, 30-year-old mom of one looking for a date? Well, if you're an attractive, tall, professional Male, 32-40, please give me a call and find out! ☎40003

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Attractive, young 52, no children. Love the outdoors, day trips and conversation. Seeking a fit, positive, honest, nonsmoking Gentleman for a long-term relationship. ☎40025

Attractive 52-year-old Woman looking for a Male companion who will accept a warm, outdoorsy animal lover who's willing to give kindness, honesty and friendship. ☎40031

Attractive, athletic, active Female, 30s, brown hair and eyes, very fit, petite, healthy and confident. Enjoy exercise, tennis, kids, movies, dancing, reading, a good sense of humor. Seeking attractive S/DWM, 28-40, 5'9"+, n/s, with similar interests. ☎35000

Attractive, petite DWF, young 47, intelligent, fun and love to dance. Looking for the same in a Male, Boston area. ☎35013

Attractive White Female, 41, 5'2", 145 lbs, blonde/hazel, seeking a good-looking, free-spirited, animal-loving, jeans wearing, Harley Davidson kind of Guy. ☎35024

Attractive, caring WJF, 60s, financially independent and full of fun. Love tennis, golf, bridge, travel and whatever. Seeking a Gentleman with a good sense of humor. ☎35005

Attractive, educated, European Female, 5'5", 135 lbs, seeking a nonsmoking, nondrinking, handsome, professional SAM, 35+, into classical music, for friendship and more. ☎40159

Attractive and classy. DWF flight attendant, 38, 5'5", 110 lbs, blonde, upbeat, positive. Love golf, boating and tennis. Seeking a stable, attractive, sensitive SWM soulmate, 38-55, for a long-term relationship. ☎40132

Attractive (very), redheaded,(long, curly.) 5'4", 125lbs, SJF, into fitness, natural foods, alternative and progressive rock, educated. Seeks SM, 38+, 5'7" to 6', fit, with hair, clean-shaven preferred, politically liberal and hip. ☎40203

Austin Female, 56, 5'11", short black hair, brown eyes, people say I look like Liz Walker (Channel 4 News Lady). Seeking a WM for friendship, maybe more. ☎40129

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Blonde SWF, 38, attractive medical professional, enjoy healthy lifestyle, outdoor and social activities, extended family and humor. Looking for a handsome, active, honest, marriage-minded SWM, 35-45. ☎35014

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Caring, compassionate White Widowed Female, 63, 5'11", blonde/blue, attractive, n/s, social drinker, like theater, camping, dining out, movies and tv. Seeking tall, romantic Gentleman for friend, companion, possible loving long-term relationship. ☎35020

Charming, educated DWF, northern European-American transplant, full of life, sense of humor, health-conscious, like to travel. Seeking DWM, 50-60, who's interested in culture, secure emotionally and financially, for friendship, maybe more. ☎40011

Chinese-American DF, professional, 50, 5'9", seeking a well-educated, French-speaking S/DWM companion, 50+, 6'+, to enjoy fine dining, operas, concerts and ballroom dancing. ☎40167

Classy, attractive Single Greek Woman, 41, n/s, childless, full of energy and love to share. Seeking a Greek or Italian Man! Eastern Orthodox a plus! ☎35026

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Cute, romantic, funny DWF, 34, 5'4", 110 lbs, seeking an honest DWM, 34-39, for friendship, movies, music and summer fun. Must have good sense of humor, like kids and animals. ☎35035

DJF with full and happy life seeking a JM, 50-55, to share long walks, close friends and family, kids (yours and mine). Please be over 5'10", slim, and a nonsmoker. ☎40141

European-born SWF, 5'6", 40s, romantic, sensible, passionate. Love travel and all that nature has to offer. Seeking an attractive Man with similar interests, Boston area. ☎40144

Exquisite, intelligent, green-eyed, redheaded SWF, 25, enjoy classical music, dancing and elegant dining. Seeking an intelligent, family-oriented, successful, professional SWM, 35+, n/s, for a serious relationship. With child a plus. ☎40097

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

38-year-old SM, 5'7", brown/green, 160 lbs, enjoy hiking, fishing and traveling. Seeking a down-to-earth WF, 28-40, with similar interests. ☎30033

Caring, honest, secure, affectionate, fit, professional WM seeking a happy, loving, romantic, playful, lifetime friend and lover, 52-60, to share romance, outdoors, dancing, travel and the beach. ☎30011

Civil War buff. Retired Single Gentleman, 72, disabled American veteran, seeking a kind WF. ☎30032

Divorced, broke, looking anyway. DWM, 48, medium build, n/s, n/d, outdoor Guy. Have a real job, no bills. Are you tall, thin, ready to meet a nice Guy? ☎30036

Do wanta dance? SWM, young-looking 32, 5'8", 140 lbs, brown/brown, nice, n/s, like music, video games and model railroading. ISO Female, 18-33, n/s, for serious relationship. Plymouth/Wareham area. ☎30059

Dream lover, come rescue me! Warm, caring, sensitive and compassionate DWM, 50, young, very fit, active, 5'6", 145 lbs. Seeking a down-to-earth WF for my best friend and a long-term relationship. ☎30026

DWM, 36, slim, good-looking, easygoing, good person, one-Woman Man. Enjoys outdoors, movies and being with you. ISO slender, attractive, affectionate Woman. ☎30072

Earth sign, eclectic, witty, well-built, professional DWM, 40s, 5'11", enjoy astrology, personal growth, outdoors, day trips, quiet times, the simpler things. Seeking S/DWF 38-48, similar interests, for possible relationship. Plymouth area. ☎30021

Expect an exceptional lifetime partner. Tall, handsome Christian, chaste, fit, leader, 35, desires skinny Christian Woman with small features, morals and personality for lifetime of adventure, passion and purpose. Michigan. ☎30035

Falmouth Male, 61, 5'11", 145 lbs, retired military, no bad habits. Seeking a soulmate. Enjoy all of life. ☎30024

Friendly, full-figured Female, 41, love animals, country music, volunteering and being outside. Nonsmoker, social drinker. Seek mature Man who has similar interests, kids ok. ☎30038

Fun-loving DWM, 26, 5'8", 165 lbs. Single dad, seeking professional S/DWF, 25-33, to share fun times, laughter, movies, camping and road trips. Must like Nickelodean. ☎30027

Good looks for a late 60s WM, enjoys cooking, walking, dancing, playing Blackjack plus. Good sense of humor, 6'3", trim and positive thinking, seeking attractive, well-proportioned, 5'4"+, DWF. ☎30053

Haunted by mysteries of life, intrigued by fears of the heart, drama, joy, illusion, romance, laughter. Being is simple or complicated as we make it. If you're a thinking Gal, call. ☎30043

Humanist SWM, 69, 5'10", 145 lbs, n/s, retired social worker, Hawaiian snow bird, boating, swimming, hiking, antique autos, sing-along songs, dislike rock. Seeking slim, attractive, unencumbered Lady. Upper to mid-Cape preferred. ☎30012

I am Portuguese and Italian, medium build, brown/brown, 165 lbs. Interests: cars, four-wheel drive, cooking, dancing, pool, movies, auto mechanics, social smoker/drinker, 6-year-old son. Military technician, seeking Woman, 30-50. ☎30044

Intelligent, artistic, adventurous, easy-going, handsome Man, seeks to meet, beautiful, laughing Woman, mid 30s. ☎30054

Kissed enough frogs? Humorous SWM, 32, 5'9", 180 lbs, brown/brown, attractive, foreman of contracting company, homeowner, never married, no kids, likes sports, quiet movies at home, occasional bar bands, social drinker. ☎30068

Let's get together. SWM, 59, looking for SWF, similar age, who's up front, likes dancing, romancing, music, traveling, singing, eating in and out, full of fun and happiness, no children. ☎30057

Mid Cape area. SWM, 50, 5'11", 185 lbs, sincere, fun-loving, loves the outdoors, long walks on the beach and just talking. Seeking the same in a nice Lady, for companionship and good times. ☎30048

One-Woman Man, Black hair, brown eyes, 41, in great shape. Love body building and trying new things. Seeking work out partner in petite Lady, 36-42, family-oriented, old-fashioned morals. Kids great. ☎30051

Outer Cape area. Professional, tall, dark, handsome SWM, brown/brown, honest, sincere and easygoing, like outdoors, camping, ocean, car rides and travel. Seeking great, height and weight proportionate SWF for fun, companionship. ☎30019

Practicing Catholic. SWM, 39, seeking SWF, 28-40, also a practicing Catholic. Enjoy outdoors during the summer and quiet evenings at home, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Cape Cod, South Shore area. ☎30013

Professional, attractive, athletic DWM, 40, looks younger, enjoys boating, movies, dining. Looking for sincere, attractive, fit Female, 30-38. No head games, please. ☎30061

Professional SWM, nonsmoker, enjoys sports, travel, day trips. Looking for slender, nonsmoking SWF, 45-55, who is honest, open and looking for a long-term relationship. ☎30062

Professional WM, 41, romantic, attentive and imaginative companion looking for same. Broad-minded, equally at home in museums and the outdoors. Want to learn about your interests and share mine. ☎30064

Recently retired Gentleman with easygoing disposition, love the ocean, enjoy dining and dancing. Would like to meet a happy-go-lucky Lady who shares the same interests. ☎30030

Recently widowed WM, 64, trying to get on with life. Seeking companionship and friendship with attractive, slender WF, 55-62, n/drugs. Onset area. ☎30055

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Romeo meets Juliet. Male, 22, 6', 185 lbs, brown/hazel. Looking for a relationship, possibly long-term. Enjoy boating, fishing, dancing, movies and walking on the beach. Looking for a SF, 22-29. ☎30023

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OBITUARIES

William T. Logan

A memorial Mass was celebrated July 25 at St. Anthony's Church for William Thomas Logan, 78, of Cohasset, an inspector for the Department of Public Utilities, who died Thursday at South Shore Hospital.

Mr. Logan leaves his wife, Rita (Donelan) Logan; a son, Gregory Logan of Middleboro; a daughter, Carolyn Logan of Cohasset; a brother, James Logan of Winchester; two sisters, Margerite Carey of Cohasset and Claire McClean of Cape Cod; and a grandchild.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Norwell and Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the South Shore Conservatory of Music, Scholarship Fund for Young Musicians, 1 Conservatory Rd., Hingham 02043.

Myron Merrill

Myron "Mac" Merrill of Cohasset, a cook, died June 20.

Mr. Merrill was formerly of Waltham. He was a cook at Hart's Diner.

He leaves a sister, Leona Perrault of Plymouth.

A graveside service was held at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

The Brasco and Sons Funeral Home, 773 Moody St., Waltham, handled the arrangements.

Giuseppina Truglia

Giuseppina (Iannino) Truglia, 96, of Cohasset, a homemaker, died Friday, July 24, at South Shore Hospital after a brief illness.

Mrs. Truglia was an avid gardener and raised many vegetables and farm animals at her home.

Born in Palermiti, Italy, daughter of the late Caterina Marcella and Antonio Iannino, she immigrated to the United States by ship in 1947 and lived in Cohasset for the past 40 years. She returned home once for her son's wedding in 1958.

Wife of the late Pasquale Truglia, she leaves two sons, Pasquale Truglia Jr. of Hull and Luigino Truglia of Palermiti, Italy; two daughters, Maria Truglia of Palermiti and Giustina Saldi of Cohasset; a sister, Elisabetta Sestito of Hull; 12 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren in the U.S. and Italy; two nieces, Gina Gulla and Bettina Sestito of Palermiti, Italy; two nephews, Bruno Sestito of Hull and Anthony Sestito of Hingham; and many grandnieces and nephews. She was also sister of the late Maria Barbieri and Peppino Iannino.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Ann's Church, Lewis Street, Hull. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset made the arrangements.

Donations in Mrs. Truglia's memory may be made to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, P.O. Box 60100, Boulder City, Nev., 89006-0100.

Rose W. Crosby

Rose W. (Wartovich) Crosby, 87, of Deland, Fla., formerly of Cohasset, died Saturday, May 30.

Mrs. Crosby was born in Boston. She moved to Florida from Cohasset in 1971.

She was a member of the Deland Country Club.

Mrs. Crosby leaves her husband of 56 years, Tom Crosby; a son, Thomas Crosby of Marshfield; a daughter, Kathleen DeSario of East Hampton, N.Y.; two sisters, Anna Murray of South Boston and Eleanor Chaisson of Rockland; and six grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Central Cemetery, Joy Place, Cohasset.

Arrangements were made by the Lankford Funeral Home, Deland, Fla.

Donations in Mrs. Crosby's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 555 W. Granada Blvd., Suite A-1, Ormond Beach, FL 32714-9430.

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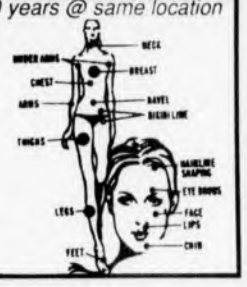
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The menu will include chowder with oyster crackers, steamers with drawn butter, native corn on the cob, sweet grilled sausage, coleslaw, assorted rolls and chilled watermelon for dessert. The main attraction is choice of a 12-oz. sirloin steak or a 1-1/4 lb. select lobster — either meal cooked to perfection. A 7 p.m. arrival time is recommended in order to grab your table and get your dinner tickets. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:30 p.m.

The cost of the dinner is $30 per person and participants should bring their own beverages.

Ice, only, will be provided.

The "fest" will be held rain-or-shine, as the usual tent will be provided. Attire for the evening is casual. Tickets must be reserved no later than Friday, Aug. 1. Payment, in check form, payable to the Cohasset Sailing Club, may be left with Heather at the sail club office, or, left in an appropriately marked envelope, inside the front step mail box at 38 Summer St. Checks must indicate the number of steak and/or lobster dinners. Please put your phone number on your check.

For more information, or more importantly, to volunteer to help with this outstanding social occasion, call Lyn Previte at 383-9723.

'Anastasia' tickets to go on sale

Tickets are on sale for the Children's Drama Workshop production of "Anastasia" at the Cohasset Recreation Department, Town Hall.

Tickets are $5 in advance and $7 at the door. The production involves 92 children from Cohasset and surrounding towns. Performances are Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., and Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Summer band concert series

The next concert on the co[illegible] scheduled for Tuesday evening, [illegible] 11, at 7:30 p.m.. The concert, which is sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Department, is free and open to the public.

Performing will be the 30-piece South Shore Concert band under the direction of Richard P. Whitmarsh.

LIBRARY CORNER

New at the children's room

Suzanne Terry, children's librarian, has new and exciting summer options for all ages in the Children's Room at the Paul Pratt Library. Books on tape are available for one week circulation and are considered a vacation "must" for car, boat, plane or train trips. Choose between a wide selection of well-known authors and stories. Some of the newest purchases are "Island Boy" and "Hattie and the Wild Waves," both by Barbara Cooney; "Sees Behind Trees," by Michael Dorris and "The Boggart," by Susan Cooper.

Adding to the already entertaining selection of videos are the following titles which are available for a three-day circulation: "Babe;" "The Magic School Bus Gets Eaten;" "Caddie Woodlawn;" "Huck Finn;" and "Wallace & Gromit — A Close Shave."

"The newest CD roms for "in-Library" use only for the Apple Mac computer are "Reader Rabbit" and the ever popular "Cat in the Hat," by Dr. Seuss.

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Story hours continue

The library continues to offer a "Twilight Hour" story hour for younger children ages 3 and up & their families. This is held on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. on July 28, August 4 and I 1. No registration is required.

Ongoing library programs

All children in Cohasset are welcome to participate in the statewide reading program, "Unlock the Mystery-Read!" Children record books on cards or in log books as they read them over summer. For each five books a "Key" is added to a keyring displayed at the children's room. All those who read 20 books receive a free paperback book from the library selection. It is open to all reading levels and will remain open until school begins, which means it's never too late to join!

Up and coming at the library

Story teller Alice Quintano will present "The Mysterious Stranger" and other stories, a program of stories and songs for children age 9 and under and their families Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. Listen to mysterious and exciting tales from many cultures and observe wizards and magical beasts come alive as the audience and storyteller join together telling tales. This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Cohasset Local Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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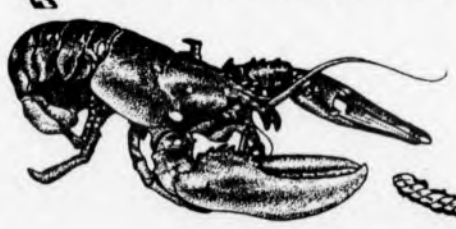
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Tenants thrive a year after Woolworth's leaves

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Route 3A has become a magnet for new commercial developments. The massive new Shaw's Plaza is just the most recent example of the kind of commercial ventures sprouting up along the busy road. But lost in the excitement over big new stores are a number of strip malls that have faithfully served the town for decades. Tedeschi's Plaza at 790 Chief Justice Cushing Highway on the Scituate line is one of those strip malls.

"The need for Woolworth's was at the end of its era."
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When Woolworth's closed last year, many residents and merchants mourned the loss of the venerable department store. But a year has passed and the former Woolworth's space remains empty. The common wisdom among retailers is that anchor stores are necessary for bringing customers into malls, who will then shop in the smaller establishments. But most of the merchants in Tedeschi Plaza interviewed for this article say they have done fine without Woolworth's. Tedeschi's Plaza is also home to a number of solid businesses that benefit somewhat from sitting close to the Cohasset/Scituate border. Although Woolworth's is vacant, Noble's, Victoria's Pizza, Cohasset Jewelers, CVS and Curtis Liquors continue to do business out of the plaza.

And as for the rumors about the future of the Woolworth's space, the merchants in the plaza did not wish to be quoted, but they consistently

TEDESCHI PLAZA, PAGE 6

HEAVEN ON EARTH



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

A statue of the Blessed Mother overlooks St. Joseph Villa Retreat on a perfect summer afternoon. For story and more photos, see page 3.

Some want to curb sidewalk plan

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The village task force's plan to use a $165,000 state grant to widen the sidewalk along the South Main Street stretch from the common to Elm Street is being met with opposition.

At a July 30 meeting at the town hall auditorium, 25 local merchants and residents voiced a variety of concerns following a slide presentation and discussion of preliminary plans for the new sidewalk

What they are raising doubts about is architect James Shipsky's proposed six-inch-high granite curb along an eight-foot-wide sidewalk ornamented with trees, shrubs, 10-foot-high, nautical-looking street lamps, and benches from which to take it all in.

In order to achieve this, a portion of St. Stephen's ledge would have to be removed. The road in front of the church would also be widened.

The raised curb was not seen as a plus by

SIDEWALK, PAGE 4

Quonset hut condos get nod

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The Quonset Huts at 430 S. Main St. will come down after all. The Zoning Board gave the go-ahead Monday for Hingham builder John Murphy to proceed with plans to replace the structures known as the "ugliest buildings in Cohasset" with five townhouse condominiums.

Murphy first presented his plans to the zoning board last month which held off approval on modifications to the design pending input from the design review board.

At that time, members of the zoning board described the new look as "barracks like". The old plans submitted late last year by developer and prior owner Noel Collins and designed by architect Jim Shipsky, who are both Cohasset residents, featured large sloping roofs on the buildings. Murphy's plans replaced the sloping roofs with double gables.

The board preferred Shipsky's design which made the condominiums look like five different

QUONSET, PAGE 4

THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

New Mobil sign considered

The zoning board is considering a request for a new sign from the Mobil station at the corner of Sohier Street and Route 3A.

The sign, which will feature Mobil "On the Run" and Quikava signs as well as gasoline prices will be within the legal size limits in the town by-law, Mobil attorney Charles Humphreys said.

The only relief Mobil is seeking is a special permit to create a "lawful sign on a non-conforming structure," Humphreys explained. Back in February, Mobil's initial application asked for a variance for a bigger, free standing sign and offered to keep the window by the cashier clear of signs.

Humphreys said the application before the zoning board was not a repetitive one because there was a substantial change in character of the plans.

Once denied, applicants cannot resubmit applications within two years unless there is a material change in the plans.

The existing sign is on the lot line. Town by-laws require signs to be 15 feet from the lot line hence the request for the special permit. Mobil said the new sign will be one foot in from the property line.

This week Mobil Mart operator Paul Vercollone said he did not want to be bound in the decision to keep a window clear of signs in case he changed the interior configuration of the store. The store now keeps the window clear by the cashier so the employee can keep an eye on activity at the gas pumps.

The zoning board took the matter under advisement.

Brush chipping change

Brush Chipping Day has been changed to Saturday, Aug. 15. Residential brush will be accepted at the recycling transfer facility from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please no trees over 12" in diameter. Contractors are not allowed.

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The last day to register to vote and change party enrollment for the State Primary Sept. 15 is Wednesday, Aug. 26. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office but must be received or postmarked on or before Aug. 26.

Maternity leave is granted

Melissa Barry, a world languages teacher at the Middle School, has been allowed a one-year maternity leave by the school committee. Superintendent Stephen Hart recommended the leave during the committee's July 23 meeting and his recommendation was unanimously accepted by the committee members.

Marina expansion plans on table

The selectmen and harbor committee plan a joint meeting at 7 p.m., Aug. 6 at town hall to discuss a proposal to expand Cohasset Harbor Marina off Parker Avenue.

Owner, Paul Trendowicz, would like to add 50 more slips to his boat docks. He plans to ask the town to move the federal anchorage line in Bailey's Creek about 25 feet.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held on alternate Tuesdays. The next selectmen's meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 11.

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WINDOWS INTO COHASSET

Getting away from it all at St. Joseph Villa

Retreat Center benefit concert slated

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Were it not for last summer's benefit concert at the South Shore Music Circus, Saint Joseph Villa Retreat Center's Ionic-columned porch would not overlook the Atlantic in the pristine condition it enjoys this summer. Sister Barbara Feney, facilitator for the retreat, hopes that this Saturday's Anna Maria Alberghetti and John Raitt concert will prove equally restorative for the badly peeling and cracking trim of the Center.

"We're still relatively new at this," said Sister Barbara Reney, referring to the three-years-young summer benefit concerts. The retreat buys 50 tickets for a South Shore Music Circus concert which they re-sell at a higher cost to cover the expense of the after-concert dinner at the villa.

"Most often, people who attend the fund-raising event are already involved with our retreat, but some come for different reasons," said Reney, like the woman who bought up six tickets to help her entertain friends visiting for the weekend.

The dinners are held on the retreat's porch, replete with sea breeze, an ocean vista and Sister Ellie Weigand's "comfort food."

From the spacious pink and white kitchen issue the sounds of a bustling and skilled cook. "No fancy hollandaise sauce in here," quipped Weigand, as she added more strawberries to a half-filled bowl. "Just plain, simple comfort food. Tonight, it will be strawberry shortcake, chicken, beans, corn-on-the-cob and homemade biscuits."

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, who are celebrating their 125th anniversary this year, have owned Center at 339 Jerusalem Road for 50 years now. Originally, it was purchased as a summer house for the sisters to vacation in and go swimming. "The water is only 30 degrees so maybe it's more like they were doing penance than taking a dip," joked Sister Barbara.

The pre-Vatican II sisters lived a fairly communal existence while at the villa, sharing a 50-bed dormitory. Today, individual living quarters have whittled the center's capacity to 15 visitors at a time. "These people have aged," explained Reney, "and they want their own room. Young people now wouldn't abide by it the way it was at all. But that's how it was."

Sisters also used to visit for the day, bringing a picnic lunch to eat by the shore. Most of those visiting were teachers on summer schedule.

Some time around 1974, the sisters requested a special place to pray and it was decided that the villa could be used during the winter months, as it was winterized.

Since then, the villa has been used for week-long and weekend retreats for sisters and other spiritually inclined women.

"People come here for the quiet and reflection that they need. Sometimes people need time to contemplate a change in their life, like the loss of a spouse or other loved one, or maybe making a change in career," Reney said.

Aside from their periods of reflection, visitors can also join in on programs offered at the retreat, such as the quilting weekend with Scituate's Bobbie Sullivan called "Quilting Weekend: Piecing Together the Fabric of Our Lives.". "She's incredible," declared Reney, of Sullivan.

Mornings of prayer are well-attended by people in the area, according to Reney. There are also tai chi sessions led by Jade Forest's John Loupos in the garden area three mornings a week. "John says the garden has 'feng shui', or right balance,' said Reney, of the area situated to the right of the porch.

Surrounded by hedges to the right, rocks dotted with low-lying flowers and cherub statues to the left and the ocean beyond, the garden is a verdant and private setting for meditation.

A tour of the retreat starts at the porch where 87-year-old Sister Gonzales-Maloney is enjoying the morning paper and cooling breeze. "I am privileged to even just share in this," said Gonzales-Maloney animatedly. "I haven't been here in years but what a happy place it is! The sisters I love are here and the beauty of the ocean together makes this a double blessing—what a privilege!"

From the porch doorway, Reney heads down a hall to the dining area where four folding tables are set; three with plates and eating utensils and the other with snacks and soft drinks.

Sister Theresa Jardin's office is small but miraculously organized and spotless. "You can come down here and look for anything and it will be right in its place," said Reney, of the retreat's registrar and administrative assistant.

A quick peek in the library shows a working fireplace, a small TV—"Used only in the summer," defended Reney—books and a selection of social justice and spirituality publications. For the more esoterically inclined, there's "Parabola, a Magazine of Myth and Tradition" and portraits in an upstairs hall depicting, surprisingly, Dorothy Day of New York and Mohandes Ghandi in icon fashion with halos over their heads and Greek lettering in the background. When asked how it is that these social and ethical luminaries came to be depicted as saints, Reney responded, "The artist can do what he likes."

Further down the hall at the top of the stairs is a sketched rendering of the four sisters martyred in El Salvador; Jean Donovan, Maura Clark, Dorothy Cozzell and Ida Ford. "The picture is very powerful, I feel," said Reney. "It brings to mind how years have gone by since their lives were stopped short."

Colorful and multi-cultural images of women in thoughtful poses are also displayed.

Books, such as "Feminism Without Illusions", "The Language of Color" and "Feminine Mystique" line the shelves in the upstairs hall and audio cassettes are laid out on a corner table alongside an inviting easy-chair.

At the end of the hall is the chapel with leaded glass panes, a stone fireplace, wood paneling, and azure cushioned seats under the long windows. Two sisters are sitting in quiet contemplation there. "We had a priest in from Glastonbury Abbey this morning to lead morning prayer," said Reney, exiting the room.

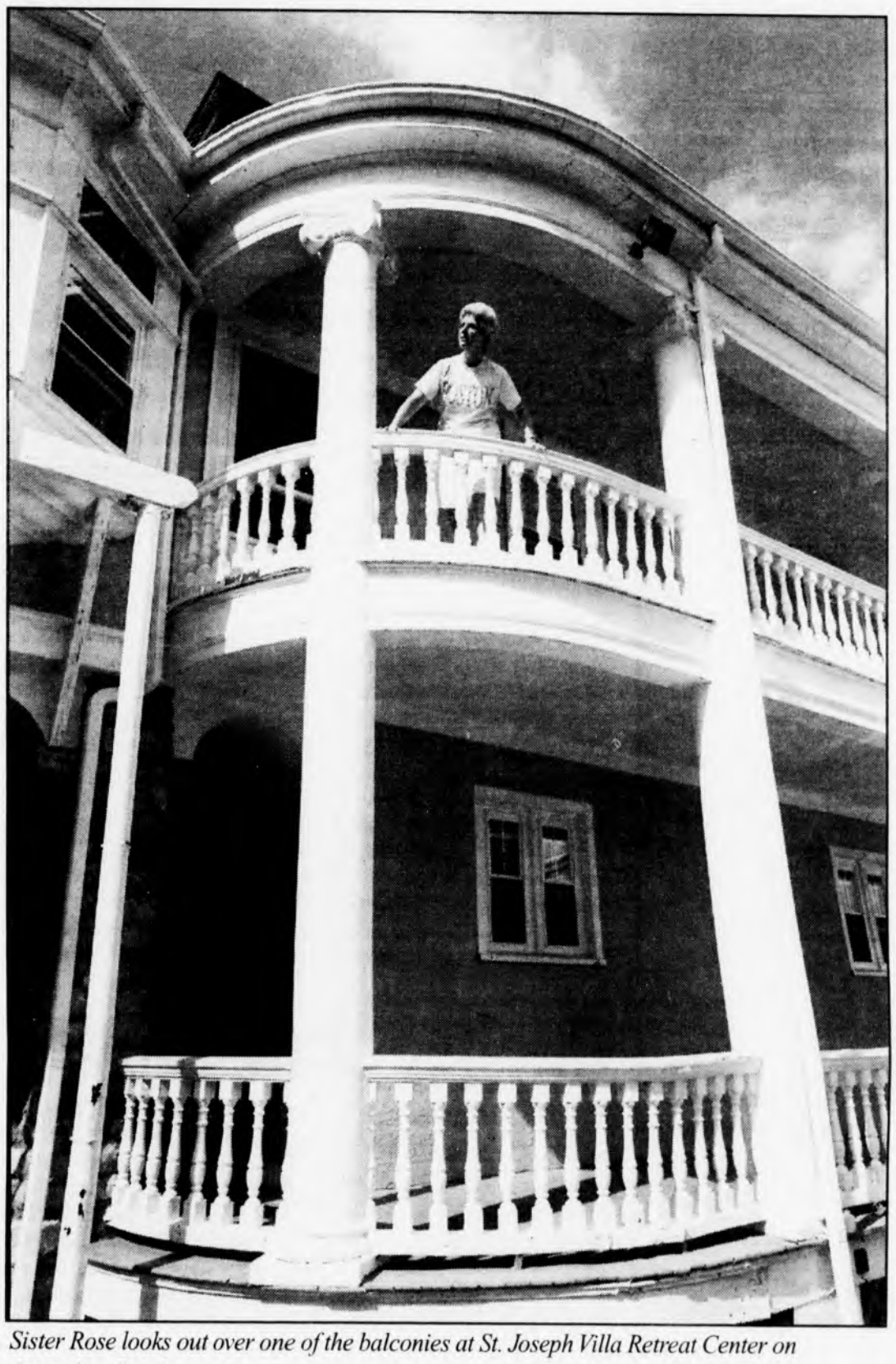
Peeking into one of the bedroom doorways shows a pink-walled room, simply and comfortably decorated, with a chair facing the window to the blue ocean.

"A 1908 blue book lists this house as belonging to a Mr. And Mrs. John W. Farwell at 457 Beacon Street," said Reney, opening the pages to a scrapbook of the center's history. Prior to that, it was originally called Ahahden House when Samuel S. Spaulding bought the home in 1876. The house had been named for the signer of the first deed. Ahahden may have been the son of Chicketawbut, the chief of the indigenous tribe that once populated Cohasset and Hingham. The spacious house, later named after Spaulding, was the owner's summer home. As president of the Buffalo Street Railway, Spaulding and his family spent most of their time at their Buffalo, New York home.

The large scrapbook is filled with information about the retreat—photographs, articles and the like—depicting the history of the mansion and its occupants who, like Sister Gonzales-Maloney making her return visit after so many years, have filled its halls and cloistered garden.

"Most people, when they come ," explained Sister Barbara, "say that they feel a sense of peace from the minute they step inside. They appreciate the homecooking, the hospitality, that they're welcomed and made to feel at home. They also know that it's sacred space. I feel that there's a continuation from one group of people to the next—that the walls hold everyone's prayers."

For benefit tickets, write: Sisters of St. Joseph, 339 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset 02025 or call (781) 383-6024. Performance begins at 8 p.m., Aug. 8. (Supper is limited to the first 50 respondents.)



Sister Rose looks out over one of the balconies at St. Joseph Villa Retreat Center on Jerusalem Road.

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— Sister Barbara Reney



STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

A sister relaxes on the porch of St. Joseph Villa Retreat Center. The center plans a benefit concert Saturday at the Music Circus.

Some want to curb Cohasset village sidewalk plan

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Robert Martin, whose insurance office window looks out across South Main Street, offering him sometimes heart-freezing views of mothers with strollers making their way along the street-level asphalt that runs the ledge of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and down to the Teen Center.

Martin doesn't believe that a curb is enough of a deterrent for the higher-sitting sport-utility vehicles in use today which he believes can easily ride over a six-inch curb. For that reason, he thinks it would be best to do away with the walkway entirely.

Richard Avery agreed with Martin, noting that the current narrowness of the street slows motorists down.

Exacerbating matters is the not uncommon appearance of limousines parked at the steep steps of St. Stephen's. Unaware of the church's parking lot, whole wedding parties can sometimes be seen huffing and puffing the climb to the church, described Roger Whitley, a resident and former chairman of the town advisory committee.

"Yes, it certainly inhibits traffic flow," conceded Village Revitalization Task Force chairman Dean Rizzo, discussing the walkway that runs alongside St. Stephen's. "It's a very tight roadway as it is. If you have the limos that do park there, especially during the normal business day when you have delivery trucks parking opposite, that restricts traffic flow safety, too. It's a very tough area. It has the potential to be a dangerous area at times when you have over-congestion. Doing the sidewalk is one way to provide a safer pedestrian-vehicle flow in that area and to try to take away some of the dangerous situations that occur.

"People say quite frequently that we've never had a serious accident there but I think a lot of people would agree that there have been some close calls. I'd hate to have us have regrets and have something happen and we will have passed up this opportunity to rectify that now. We have an opportunity to fix the problem to prevent something bad ever happening so why not take that step to do it?

"You do have usable buildings on that side of the street. There is access to the front stairs. A lot of people use that and will continue to use that no matter what you do there. I think the best solution and really the most practical way is to make it a safe passageway so that it's part of the village, part of the atmosphere and can work safely. I think with the readjustments of the width of the road and proper curbing, it can be made safe," he said.

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— Dean Rizzo, village task force

But the walkway is not the only issue that many in the audience expressed concern about. Specifically, members of St. Stephen's and the church's admirers were worried about damage to the structure if the proposed removal of the ledge at the church's base to make room for a new sidewalk were to occur.

Many expressed disbelief that the ledge could be removed without harming the church's structure and especially its stained glass windows. Indeed, Rizzo said that he could not guarantee that nothing would happen to the windows.

However, Shipsky attempted to assuage fears about the possibility that the ledge would be removed by blasting. Shipsky's plan is to remove the ledge through an application of heat and then cold water. Should this not work, he would try a hydraulic splitter. Movement-sensitive instruments would be brought into the church to record the degree of vibration caused by the ledge work, in order to prevent the vibrations from reaching a point of causing damage.

Rizzo is not overly worried by the degree of dissent at this time. "We've been thinking about how to make these changes for some time now and most of these people are just now hearing the plans."

"There were a lot of interesting thoughts shared during the meeting," concluded Rizzo. "I think it's like with anything. It's a long process to convey what is actually being done and having a sort of overall understanding by everybody about what the project is about. We're trying to give the people who would be affected an understanding of the scope of the work and how things would be done. In turn, we're trying to understand as a committee everyone's needs. Hopefully, over time, continuing to talk things through will allow us to come to a good medium where everyone is comfortable with what's being done. I just encourage people to continue to express their thoughts, to think about the project and any ideas they may have to enhance our goals and efforts."

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Quonset hut condos get nod

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dwellings, members said. They said their earlier approval of a variance to allow the condos was tied to the design.

But Murphy's new plan, which incorporated suggested changes offered by the design review board, won unanimous approval Monday.

"The design review board recommends approval," said member Max Pounder, who pointed out the board met with Murphy twice including an on-site visit. "We're interested in continuing to work with him."

Changes included lessening the "impact of the verticality of the design," Pounder said, by eliminating the double gables. The center building has been moved back ten feet and an overhang which encroached into the minimum sideline setback on one of the buildings has been removed.

The zoning board also approved the addition of the decorative feature of non-load bearing columns to the roof overhangs.

Murphy bought the 54,000 square foot site this spring from Collins for $575,000. Collins had fought hard to win the right to build condos at the site. He initially wanted ten, then six, and finally reached a compromise with the zoning board which had wanted no more than four.

Plans are to house the five condos in three buildings; there will be two double units and a single unit. The condos, which back up to the Gulf River, will sell in the $420,000 to $490,000 range.

Murphy will raze the Quonset huts within the next few weeks. He looks forward to getting on with the project.

"Both the zoning and the design review boards were most helpful in the redesign of the units at 430 S. Main St.," Murphy said. "Their suggestions were most insightful and I appreciate their time on behalf of the town and myself."

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Little Harbor Study summit scheduled for Aug. 12

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The town will hold a public hearing on the upcoming Little Harbor study Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in town hall to solicit residents' comments on the project. Members of the board of selectmen, the sewer commission, the health board and Town Manager Mark Haddad will be on hand to discuss aspects of the "Work Statement" which outlines the reasons for the study and the methods to be used. If approved by town boards and the Department of Environmental Protection, the town will issue the work statement, which is basically an RFP (request for proposals) asking companies to bid on the project. The town will have one year to complete the study, and an additional six months to implement solutions.

But the public hearing is shaping up to be a battle between the sewer commission and other town boards. Members of the sewer commission are angry that they were not consulted about new information they say was included at the last minute in the latest draft of the "Work Statement." Sewer Commissioner Ted Guild said unless those "new" items are modified to the sewer commission's satisfaction or removed, the only topic worthy of discussion next week will be the impact of those inclusions.

"At the last minute, a number of substantive changes were made to the Work Statement without our knowledge and submitted to the state," Guild said. "The purpose of this is to maneuver and manipulate the town into a situation where we will be subject to further fines from the state. The board of health and the board of selectmen are trying to get done what town meeting would never approve."

The sewer commissioners are concerned that the scope of the project is being expanded far beyond Little Harbor. Guild pointed to numerous references to a town-wide watershed study, something that hasn't been approved by town meeting, he said.

Health board Chairman Kevin Ulmer said the Little Harbor Study came about because of the Second Amended Final Judgment's requirements that the town create a wastewater management plan for areas of town without sewer service. The town began a comprehensive plan by creating two priority districts: one on Lily Pond and one around Little Harbor. (The agreement for judgment is a legal contract between the town and state to solve Cohasset's long-term wastewater treatment woes.)

If approved by town boards and the Department of Environmental Protection, the town will issue the work statement and will have one year to complete the study and an additional six months to implement solutions.

But residents in the priority districts felt the town had singled them out. The town then agreed to sewer homes on Lily Pond and to initiate a study of Little Harbor to identify pollution sources. Shellfish beds have been closed for many years because of pollution from an unknown source, and algae beds have been growing out of control. The study will attempt to identify the types of pollution in the area, possible sources and potential solutions. The study does not guarantee that the town will sewer homes around Little Harbor.

"The algae may all be caused by lawn fertilizer, which would then force us to restrict lawn fertilizers," Ulmer said. "The study will also have to identify the source of bacteria contaminating shellfish beds. If there's a problem with nutrient loading, then new septic systems won't correct the problem and sewer pipes will be necessary. It all depends on the nature of the problem."

The sewer commission objected to many parts of the "Work Statement", including the opening statement which does not make reference to the Second Amended Final Judgment and the creation of priority districts. Also, the sewer commissioners are unhappy that the opening statement does not state that Lily Pond will be sewered as a priority district.

But the change that sewer commissioners found most upsetting were several references to a town-wide examination of wastewater treatment needs. The sewer commissioners have offered revisions to the "Work Statement" to remove those references because the scope of the "Work Statement" is meant to cover only Little Harbor.

But Haddad said the selectmen, the sewer commissioners, members of the health board and residents will have a chance to look at the latest revised "Work Statement" at the hearing and offer comments.

"We want the public to get a look at the statement," Haddad said. "We have to get this document to DEP by the Aug. 22 deadline. Mr. Guild has to understand it is the selectmen are working in conjunction with the sewer commission and the board of health."

Haddad added that the board of selectmen are the final signatories on the Second Amended Final Judgment and act on behalf of the town.

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Tenants thrive a year after Woolworth's leaves

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spoke of vague plans to divide the store, possibly for a health club, video store and a small supermarket. Officials from Tedeschi Realty Corporation, the owner of the plaza, did not return telephone calls to The Mariner.

According to figures available at the assessor's office, the plaza is comprised of 7.68 acres of commercially zoned land valued at $2.39 million. Tedeschi's Plaza has gone through many changes since it's construction in 1961-1962. It was originally the site of a Tedeschi's supermarket until the owner leased the store to Stop & Shop. Five or six years ago, Stop & Shop vacated the plaza for a new location on 3A and the store was subdivided to accommodate a number of stores. Woolworth's, which opened in 1962 as one of the plaza's original tenants, closed last year after the parent company succumbed to market forces and intense competition, leaving the strip mall without a major anchor store.

Curtis Liquors, which has been in the plaza for the past eight years, is the closest thing Tedeschi Plaza has to an anchor store. Manager Andy Hailer said Curtis started out as Cohasset liquors, then changed owners when Stop & Shop moved and former owner Peter Logan sold it to Rick Curtis. Curtis is a full-service liquor store specializing in fine wines. Logan has stayed on with Curtis as the company's wine specialist.

Hailer said he misses Woolworth's and his friends who worked there, but its closure had little effect on the liquor store. Business at Curtis remains solid, thanks to a strong local customer base from both Cohasset and Scituate.



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Business is good at Tedeschi Plaza off Route 3A despite the fact that the former Woolworth's store is still empty.

Brian Noble is one of the co-owners of Noble's, a camera shop and Hallmark store with other locations in Norwell, Kingston and Hingham. Noble's has been located in Tedeschi Plaza since 1966, offering cameras, cards, and film-developing. Like Hailer, Noble misses Woolworth's for reasons other than its purpose as an anchor store.

"The need for Woolworth's was at the end of its era," Noble said. "It had a lunch counter and I liked eating there as a kid."

Noble considers himself part of a dying breed of independently run, medium-sized businesses.

"There are few locally owned businesses left in the U.S.," Noble said. "even in the camera business now, there are two large companies, Ritz and Wolf, and a few small businesses. But we have a good location in Cohasset, and being on the Scituate line offers us the best of both worlds, Being on Route 3A doesn't hurt and the town has been good to us over the years."

Mark Cirone, one of the co-owners of Cohasset Jewelers, has also benefited from the plaza's location. He said his business is thriving without the presence of a large anchor store.,

"We're a full-service discount jeweler, and a destination store," Cirone said. "My business grows by advertising and word-of-mouth. I don't need a lot of foot traffic through the plaza necessarily."

Cohasset Jeweler's has been in Tedeschi Plaza for 17 years since relocating from the jeweler's building in Boston. Cirone said he and his brother maintain a thriving business by offering first-class jewelry and china at great prices. While large retailers sell jewelry stamped out of cookie-cutter molds, Cirone offers more personalized pieces.

"When Filene's has a one-day jewelry sale, there prices are the same as our everyday prices," Cirone said. "We're an aggressive discounter. We also specialize in estate sales and are planning a massive $1.5 million estate sale on Aug. 6,7 and 8."

The owner of Victoria's Pizza was the only merchant who missed the customers brought in by Woolworth's presence. Peter Kostopoulos of Cambridge bought Victoria's Pizza six year's ago. Kostopoulos said he has lost some business after Woolworth's closed because fewer people travel to the plaza. He also cited large development elsewhere on 3A as a factor drawing traffic away from Tedeschi Plaza. Despite these challenges, Kostopoulos has maintained a profitable business thanks to local regulars and the all-important location between two towns.

"I offer good food at good prices, I advertise a lot, and I offer a lot of deals through coupons available in The Mariner, on the back of Stop & Shop receipts and in Valu-Pack mailings," Kostopoulos said. "Cohasset is a nice place with nice people. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't a good place to conduct business."

Kostopoulos has also heard the rumors about Tedeschi Realty sub-dividing the Woolworth's space. But he has heard a lot of rumors since the store closed and said he would believe the latest ones when something real materialized. Until then, he'll be busy offering good values and service like all the merchants at Tedeschi Plaza.

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Two new Cohasset school buses to be leased

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The school department will lease two new school buses to replace a couple of 1987 buses in need of extensive repair.

According to Supt. Stephen Hart, it will cost $8,000 to lease each bus. The total cost would come to $16,000 per year over a five-year period, or about $80,000 in all. A new bus costs about $100,000, he said.

It was only two years ago that the schools' entire fleet failed inspection, though only due to a need for minor repairs. "That was a big story then," said Hart.

So to prevent a closing down of the fleet again, Hart traded in the two 1987 buses to help cover the leasing cost of the new buses.

Hart said some of the pluses to leasing rather than purchasing include: the school would have difficulty in purchasing a new bus this late in the summer in time for a September; the five-year leasing period for buses would mean that buses wouldn't be around long enough to require substantial maintenance costs; and there would be less chance of having one bus out of service for repairs.

"It's an option. The good thing about five-year leasing is that it's a predictable expense. You can turn the buses over every five years and not have to contend with repairs on the older buses on the fleet."
SUPERINTENDENT STEPHEN HART

Hart did not rule out moving toward leasing rather than owning the bus fleet.

"It's an option. The good thing about five-year leasing is that it's a predictable expense. You can turn the buses over every five years and not have to contend with repairs on the older buses on the fleet. Older buses require a lot of maintenance," he said.

The oldest bus in the fleet is now a 1989 model.

Another issue connected with Cohasset schools' bus fleet for some time now has been making buses handicap-accessible.

In the July 23 school board meeting, Hart stressed that "there is not much demand for a handicap-accessible bus, although there will always be a need for a smaller handicap-accessible carrier."

While a smaller bus may be adequate to provide transport for those students with special needs, at the meeting school committee member Joseph said those children would miss out on the morning commute with their classmates.

Chairman Rick Shea, however, pointed out in a telephone interview that making the larger buses handicap-accessible does not mean that they would be able to service all students who now use the small bus. The smaller buses are able to provide front-door service that the larger carriers are not able to provide because they cannot maneuver on narrow streets and driveways.

"I expect that this will continue to be an issue," said Shea.

Cedar Street kennel seeks more dog runs

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

John and Christine Millar haven't given up on their plans to build more dog runs at their kennel oat 249 Cedar St.

The zoning board denied their request in April because of concerns over noise and that the proposed structure would be ten feet closer to the lot line on one side.

In the revised plans, the Millars offered to drop the proposed east wing so the structure would not further encroach into the sideline setback.

The Millars said they would still install sound-proofing measures including an angled roof on the concrete-walled structure and sound panels to mitigate the noise for the proposed 15 additional dog runs in the west wing. The structure would include basement-sized windows for ventilation.

They do not plan to increase the number of dogs. The existing kennel, which was built in 1983, has cages for 60 dogs but only half those cages have dog runs.

(Town by-law requires kennels to be at least 200 feet from the lot line. A variance was granted in August of 1982 placing the then proposed kennel/office building 40 feet from the easterly lot line. At that time, minimization of noise was a primary consideration in granting this relief, since the 30 covered dog runs would be placed in an open courtyard surrounded on two sides by dog cages, and on one side by an office wing).

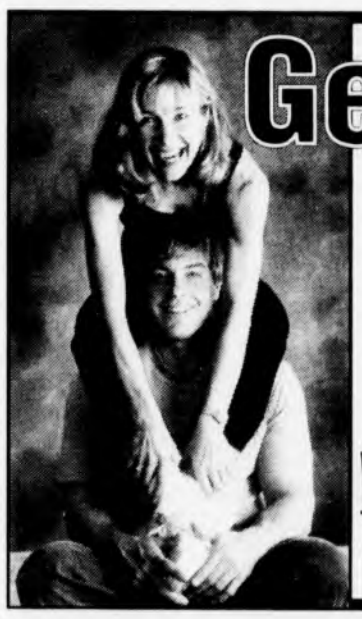
At the zoning board meeting this week, the Millars initially proposed adding 30 additional dogs runs but that would have meant keeping the east wing in the plans. This was problematical for the zoning board because of the setback problem and after a denial, applicants cannot resubmit plans to the zoning board within two years unless those plans have changed significantly. This prevents repetitive applications geared to wear the board down, members said.

Heidi Condon, representing the Millars, said they would agree to drop the east wing. She explained the additional runs would reduce the staff handling of the dogs which now must be walked by hand.

The zoning board continued the hearing until Sept. 14 to allow time to hear what the planning board has to say. The matter is before the planning board on Aug. 12.

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If you are wondering why you haven't seen **Torrey Androski** "around town" lately, there is a mighty good reason. She is in Ireland sailing! See, she just graduated from Milton, and was part of the team that sailed to first place in the Nationals; that gave them the opportunity to go to Ireland to compete in the World Championships. What a wonderful way to see Ireland, as well as the feeling of pride that she and her teammates must be feeling to earn a spot there. We'll let you know more about it upon her return, but we're already very proud of you, Torrey! By the way, Torrey is the daughter of **Lee** and **Peter Androski**.

NEW ARRIVAL

Let's all give a grand Cohasset welcome to **Miaih Ludlow Jones**, the brand-new sister of **Madison** (who is 19 months old). Their mom and dad, **Heather** and **Mike,** are bursting with pride (with good reason, they have beautiful daughters), as are Miaih's grandparents — her maternal grandparents are **Marsha** and **Jeff Ludlow**, her paternal grandparents are **Suzanne** and **Cliff Jones**. We look forward to seeing all of you strolling with Miaih "around town," cannot wait to sneak a peek!

VO-TECH HONOR ROLL

The South Shore Vocational Technical High School has announced the honor roll for the third trimester of the 1997-98 school year, and we have three students who are newsworthy in that department — **Michael Kennedy**, grade 12, earned high honors; **Gregory Connolly**, grade 11, and **Kristen Moore**, grade 9, both earned themselves spots on the honor roll. Congrats go to all three of you, keep up the good work!

DEAN'S LIST

Kristin Lee Niessink, daughter of **Deborah** and **Jan Niessink** of Cohasset, was named to the dean's list for the spring 1998 semester at Saint Michael's College. Kristin is a junior biology major at the college, located in the Burlington area of Vermont.

MUSIC CIRCUS

Ran into **Beth Salvador** last week; she was at the South Shore Music Circus with her husband and their son, watching "Beauty and the Beast!" It was great to see her and great to hear her remember all of the time she worked at the theater! It is truly amazing how many lives have been touched by that organization, and the stories they remember about the various stars are fun to hear again!

COLLEGE GRADS

Hats off to **Lauren P. Almeida** and **Kevin M. Bishop**; both received their degrees from the University of Rhode Island during the commencement exercises May 17. Here's wishing you both the best in the job market, may you achieve every success you strive for!

ON STAGE

Diane Purdy's Children's Theatre Workshop, Inc., presented its summer camp production of "Mist Over the Mississippi!" at the Woodward School in Quincy Square July 24. **Jim French** of Cohasset was a member of the cast — from all accounts the play was wonderful, as was Jim!



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PERFECT!

Sarah Kirk, a senior at University of Vermont in Burlington, has been named to the dean's list again this term — this time with a 4.0! Besides working hard at her own class work, Sarah has been teaching assistant for courses in her religion and sociology double major. This fall she will begin working on her honors thesis. Congratulations on a great job, Sarah, we are all very proud of you!

PREP SCHOOL GRAD

The Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn., announced that **Matthew Rossi** received his diploma Friday, June 5. Matthew is the son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Brian K. Rossi** of Cohasset. A varsity football and lacrosse athlete at Loomis Chaffee, he was named to the All-Erickson League football team as a running back in 1997. Matthew will attend Fairfield University in the fall, and it is certain we will be hearing more about him in the future.

FACULTY HONORS

Jeremiah Stevenson, son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Gordon McKay Stevenson Jr.** of 13 North Main St., earned faculty honors for the spring semester at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. Stevenson is a member of the Class of 1999 and is majoring in studio arts at Trinity. He is a graduate of Cohasset Junior-Senior High School.

COLLEGE SCHOLAR

Theodore W. Noon, son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Nicholas W. Noon**, has been named a College Scholar for the spring term at Middlebury College. The College Scholar represents the highest level of academic achievement at the liberal arts college in Vermont.

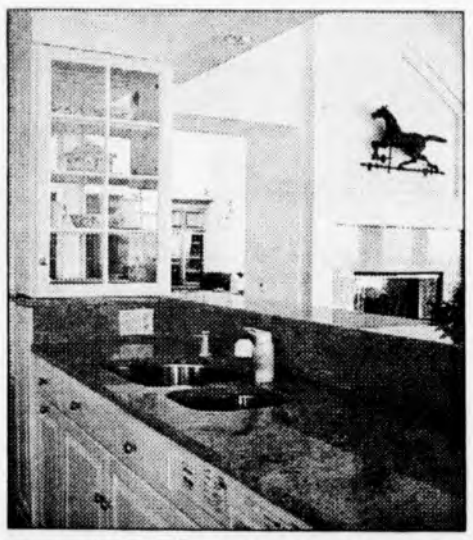
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The children's room

We talked to a number of children around Cohasset to find out what reading selections they were making at the Paul Pratt Library this summer and here are a few responses: Laura Campedelli, Grade 4, "Laura Ingalls Wilder Series" and "The Anastasia Series;" Torey Hart, Grade 2, "The Snowball" and "Green Eggs and Ham;" Caitlin O'Connell, Grade 5, "Books by John Bellairs;" Ryan Poh, Grade 4, "Goosebumps" books and his brother Eric, Grade 1, "The Magic School Bus Books;" Emily Savage, Grade 5, "The Wind and the Willows;" and Molly Trisler, Grade 5, "The Phantom Tollbooth," by Norton Juster. Look for the roving reporter the next time you visit the library.

A big thank you to the Mark and Lynn DeGiacomo family for their recent donation to the library of more than 20 "Home Video" series tapes for children. This is a particularly good series for preschoolers with a few of the following titles available for a three-day loan: "Corduroy and Other Stories;" Maurice Sendak's "Really Rosie;" and "Amazing Stories;" which includes the classic "The Five Chinese Brothers" story. If your family has videos or books on tapes they wish to donate to the library, call Suzanne Terry, children's librarian, at 383-1348.

There are also great magazine selections in the children's room. Some of the better known and fun titles are Boy's Life, American Girl, Teen, Sport's Illustrated for Kids, Sesame Street and MAD magazine. On the educational and still fun side are Calliope-World History for Kids and Odyssey-Adventures in Science. All are available for a seven-day loan from the library.

Finally, come in and visit Mushu, the Disney mini-dragon star of "Mulan." The more than three-foot "fire-breathing" stuffed character will welcome you at the bottom of the children's room stairway. He was generously given to the library by Carol Pope, daughter of Paul Pratt librarian Susan Pope. Thanks, Carol, for the great addition to the children's room.

New artwork display

Bill Mattern is the current artist on display at the Paul Pratt Library. Mattern has a wonderful combination of watercolors and photography which he says emphasize "the beauty of nature and man working in harmony in nature." A sailor and sailing racer since childhood, Mattern has been a local sailmaker for more than 40 years. He began as a photographer more than 20 years ago and won many prizes and awards. For the past six years, Mattern has been painting with watercolors and studied under artists such as Marshal Joyce, noted marine painter. Everyone will recognize the watercolor scenes from Minot Light to local beaches. A unique technique developed by Mattern utilizes four images of photographs on one slide of Cohasset Common. This exhibition will be on display until the end of August.

What groups are reading

The Linden and Friends reading group is meeting late this month to discuss "The Divine Secrets of The Ya Ya Sisterhood," by the award-winning writer Rebecca Wells. This is an entertaining and poignant novel about relationships between mothers, daughters and close childhood friends. The book is full of eccentric characters and equally "odd" situations that will make you both laugh and cry. If you have a book club and/or a book selection that you might want to share with the community, call Catherine Davis at 383-2570.

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SALLYANN CHATTERTON



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3/4 cup vegetable oil
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2 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 bunches (about 1 pound each) romaine, torn
2 cups chopped tomatoes
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese
2/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted, optional
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
8 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
1 cup Caesar salad croutons

In a jar with a tight-fitting lid, combine oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt and pepper; cover and shake well. Chill. In a bowl, toss romaine, tomatoes, Swiss cheese, almonds if desired, Parmesan cheese and bacon. Shake dressing, pour over salad and toss. Add croutons and serve immediately. YIELD: 14 servings.

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Cohasset High School senior **Gregory Bilton** was recently named the 1998 recipient of the MBTA Inspectors' Union/OPEIU Local 600 scholarship in the amount of $1,000. The award was presented at the 40th Annual Scholarship Awards Program of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, and was earned on the basis of scores on a labor history exam and written essay. Gregory is planning to attend Brown University in the fall.

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EDITORIAL

1001 adoptions

When Kermit and Jasmine left their kennels for a new home on Saturday, they marked a major milestone for the Eleanor Haughey Animal Shelter. The lively shepherd-mix brother and sister dogs were the 1000th and 1001st adoptions from Scituate's busy "no kill" shelter which also serves Cohasset, Hingham and Hull.

Rescued with their mother and four siblings by a Kingston family when they were just eight weeks old, Kermit and Jasmine had been shelter residents for almost a year. Many offered to adopt one or the other since they arrived in Scituate, but shelter director Joan McCafferty and the many volunteers who keep the shelter spotless and running smoothly, held out for an owner who would take both. A Halifax man who had planned on taking one, took the inseparable duo home this weekend.

But Kermit and Jasmine's success story is just one in a thousand for the shelter. Since opening nearly six years ago, the shelter has housed, cared for and found homes for 692 cats, 289 dogs and 19 miscellaneous pets including rabbits, guinea pigs and cockatiels.

McCafferty and her staff are delighted with their accomplishments and grateful to those who support the shelter in so many ways — but they're not resting on their laurels. It's business as usual at the shelter this week with 58 cats and a half dozen dogs in residence currently.

The 40 or so volunteers do an amazing job walking dogs, cleaning cages and kennels, washing dishes and taking out the trash, but McCafferty said more volunteers are always needed. And while shelter volunteer Cheryl Coates' food drive at local grocery stores has kept the shelters shelves stocked with canine and feline cuisine —so much so that Scituate is able to share some items with other shelters in need — McCafferty said medical bills continue to soar. Grants like the Harpley Foundation family grant and shelter sponsored fund-raisers like the Dog Fashion Show, Shelter Yard Sale and this year's very successful Scituate House Tour, help pay the bills. But they're not enough to cover the medical tab. Last year the shelter racked up a nearly $25,000 in veterinary costs. The shelter staff makes sure that all pets eligible for adoption are spayed or neutered and have the appropriate vaccinations and even though local vets give the shelter a discount, keeping pets healthy isn't cheap.

And some animals need more care than others when they arrive at the shelter. In good health now, Bess, a seven-month-old Labrador retriever- mix is on the mend from a case of mange — a skin condition. Crash, a three-month-old kitten, was hit by a car on Route 3A near Booth Hill Road. With a broken jaw and a diagnosis that suggested paralysis in its hind quarters and possible permanent blindness, Crash's prospects looked grim. Amazingly, quick vet treatment and some TLC from the shelter helped Crash bounce back. He's now bounding around with only a slight limp, has recovered his eyesight and is already eating solid food again.

Happy endings like this make the job very worthwhile and rewarding, McCafferty notes. Lending a hand can also be gratifying. A full-time commitment isn't required. Stop by the shelter and check it out. If you can help in any way, lend a hand. During this weekend's Scituate Heritage Days celebration, the shelter will raffle a whole host of prizes including $500 cash, a one-night stay at a Maine inn, two European facials at a local salon and a hand-painted corner hutch crafted by Cheryl Coates. Take a chance and support the shelter. You don't have to be an animal lover to appreciate the good work McCafferty and the shelter volunteers do each and every day.

-Alice Coyle

Alice Coyle is editor of the Scituate Mariner, one of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abuse of Bancroft Hall

To the Editor:

Renovation of the Lightkeepers Residence into a popular and attractive function facility demonstrated wonderful community spirit for which the townspeople should be proud. But there is a dark side.

Out-of-towners who use Bancroft Hall for private functions pay considerably more than do Cohasset residents, and the difference is important to our ability to provide the hall free to non-profit groups and at nominal fees to Cohasset residents. Out-of-towners respect our rules and premises. They honor the comprehensive agreement (contract) that all users must sign, especially the requirement that they employ a caterer or bar service with TIPS qualified bartenders and appropriate liquor liability insurance, if alcohol is to be served. (The Agreement specifically forbids the sale of alcoholic drinks for cash, drink tickets or any other means).

Sad to say, most of our headaches come from organizations that get the hall free of charge, and from Cohasset residents. Failure to clean up, failure to adhere to the agreed upon time of use, failure to conform to the agreement, may illustrate that people don't respect what they don't pay much for. For example, a recent Cohasset function managed to seriously stain the seats of no less than 15 of our new and costly chairs.

Some people get unduly assertive with our custodian or booking persons, possibly in the belief that "I'm a Cohasset tax payer and this is town property."

But the greatest annoyance is oft-displayed unwillingness to accept our strict rules relative to serving of alcohol. Granted, it costs money to hire a qualified bar service or caterer, and it may seem overkill for a small party. But it is unacceptably risky and ultimately very costly to lack liquor liability insurance and/or to use an amateur bartender who hasn't the training to avoid the underaged or the adults whose intake exceeds their ability to cope.

The town is well served if we can maintain a financially viable operation, providing a function facility at nominal cost to locals and at no cost to non-profits. But the viability could be severely damaged by failure to avoid risk relative to liquor. And behavior that increases our custodial and maintenance expense will result in higher fees. Sure, we could soak out-of-towners for local fecklessness, but surely we are better than that.

R. Murray Campbell, President
Cohasset Lightkeepers Corp.
P.O. Box 514

Sidewalk improvement supported

To the Editor:

I would like to add my support to the good work that all of the volunteers have done on the Downtown Revitalization Committee. The changes planned for the sidewalk area below St. Stephen's are a welcome change for that very dangerous stretch of walkway. I use that walk several times a day and see the following hazards:

- No physical separation between the pedestrians and the street, only a white painted line; cars often ride over the walk/street line, endangering pedestrians.
- The pedestrians and oncoming cars cannot see each other around the curve due to the ledge outcropping.
- Dirt and plants encroach on the sidewalk reducing its effective width to a foot or less (as is the case now).

The proposed changes will clearly make this busy sidewalk a significantly safer place for all pedestrians.

Thomas L. Gruber
8 Pratt Court

CANDIDATES CORNER

Auditor candidate Duffy

State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, GOP state vice chairman Polly Logan and hostess Edythe Ford will hold a reception at Ford's estate, 135 Beach St., Cohasset, Thursday, Aug. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. for candidate for state auditor Mike Duffy.

Duffy received a masters in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and graduated phi beta kappa with a BA in economics from Trinity College.

For reservations, call Edythe Ford, Sen. Hedlund or Polly Logan at (781) 383-0031 or mail checks to Mike Duffy for Auditor, P.O. Box 180233, Boston, 02118.

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How could this have ever happened?

A bright, young South Shore teenager was killed on the recently opened Old Colony rail line. The tragic accident occurred when the 15-year-old drove her bicycle around a lowered gate after a southbound train passed, assuming she was safe to cross while never seeing the northbound train that instantly killed her. Some speculate that the excessive speed of the train moments before the crash contributed to the train arriving at the precise moment that it did.

MY VIEW

NANCY BUCKLEY

However, neither the judgment of the child nor the driving skills of the veteran engineer can account for this tragedy. The fault is in the planning, engineering and design of this one track system built on a train route laid out before the Civil War which crosses 46 streets at grade level on the Plymouth and Middleboro branches. The responsibility lies with those who made the executive decision to open the line less than a year ago, knowing that laws and regulations were being ignored that should have halted the project.

Federal legislation was passed in 1994 because of the alarming number of deaths at intersections called grade crossings, where streets and roads cross active rail lines. Research provided from the Federal Railroad Administration prompted the U.S. Congress to implement the Grade Crossing Safety Act of 1994. Because of this identified public safety risk, communities across our nation are being urged to close crossings, and federal tax dollars are being awarded as an incentive for every crossing that is closed. This legislation in and of itself should have put the brakes on the reopening of the Old Colony project. Where is the logic to using U.S. tax dollars to close crossings while using Massachusetts tax dollars to open new ones?

A state law passed in 1996 requiring that a state-of-the-art four gate system of safety gates be installed at every crossing on any new rail line built in Massachusetts. These are called quadrant gates and are designed with two gates on both sides of the road which come down and meet in the middle to prevent a person from going around the single gate. Yet the Cellucci Administration allowed the Old Colony rail line to open in 1997 without installing the gates.

How could this have happened? Pathetic excuses about testing and cost were accepted by disinterested reporters without challenge despite this flagrant violation. The Old Colony project was sold with great fanfare by a public relations campaign that minimized the risks and exaggerated the benefits of this transportation system. Ignorance is bliss, and to misinformed South Shore residents this project seemed like a swell idea.

Could the public be so simple-minded in its legitimate need for improved public transportation, that it accepted the public relations spin, that the Old Colony trains would relieve traffic congestion by removing thousands of people from their cars? While that statement is accurate, it represents less than 1 percent of all South Shore commuters. The 5,000 a day riding each way on those two lines are being drawn from a population base of close to a million people. The risk to the 99 percent of the population living, working and traveling within the communities through which the train passes far outweighs the benefit to the few who ride it.

An educated populace, fully aware of the environmental and safety risks associated with diesel-powered trains traveling at speeds of up to 70 miles per hour through quaint, quiet neighborhoods, would have rejected this project with vigor especially if they knew that a viable alternative could be built.

· Extending the Red Line as far as Derby Street in Hingham using the median strip of Route 3 was proposed by the MBTA in 1969 but was dropped from consideration in the 1980s when federal funding dried up for new transit lines. The state, following the money trail, abandoned the Red Line extension and shifted their efforts to the Old Colony in order to receive the federal funding available for restoration of lines on existing railbeds.

However, in the early 1990s it flipped once again, reinstating federal money for new transportation systems. At that point, the Red Line extension should have been resurrected because it would be

- safer because it would have its own continuously fenced right of way;
- quieter because it does not cross any streets eliminating the need to sound a warning horn;
- less polluting because it is electric;
- able to provide parking in garages built using the air space above the highway;
- able to provide rapid transit every 10 to 12 minutes, giving commuters what they really want which is more opportunities to get in and out of the city unlike the limited one track Old Colony system with its limited schedule.

While one family grieves, the enormity of their loss weighs heavily on those of us who have studied this project. While successfully blocking the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony rail line from being built by utilizing the deep pockets of Hingham to engage Washington attorneys, The National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency and others, tying the project up for years in an endless cycle of studies and lawsuits, it is with tremendous sorrow that one questions where these lead government agencies were when the Old Colony project was being built through South Shore towns with fewer resources.

There were no profiles in courage here in Massachusetts from selectmen to legislators, right up to the governor in the corner office of the Statehouse. Every one of them were discussing mitigation for the disruption the Old Colony would cause when they should have been insisting on alternatives. It is a depressing comparison that South Boston politicians showed more chutzpah stopping a football stadium than South Shore politicians did with a serious public safety issue.

What can one do with the frustration and anger of knowing this last accident should have been prevented? There are steps that people can take. Vote to remove those in public office who were responsible for pressing forward with this project.

As we brace for the next inevitable accident, help communicate the unified message that we on the South Shore demand that a safe, efficient, neighborhood-free transportation system be developed using the median strip of Route 3. Do this through letters to the editor and by calling the governor's office. The state of California recently abandoned a transit project because of public outcry despite having already spent one billion dollars on it.

Then visualize the Old Colony railbed converted someday to a rail trail that would be utilized by walkers, runners, bicyclists and cross country skiers as has been done on the North Shore and Cape Cod.

And "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

Nancy Buckley is a Hingham resident and a founder of the Coastal Coalition, a grassroots group promoting alternatives to the restoration of the Greenbush Line of the Old Colony Railroad.

What's the score, dammit? The score!

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



"Sports Department. How can I help you?" "Do you have the score of last night's Sox game?

"I'm sure we do. Let me look it up for you."

"It should be right there on the first page. It's the middle of the baseball season, you know."

"Not necessarily. There's a lot of important things going on in the sports world today. Take Mo Vaughan's contract, for instance."

"Do I have to?"

"There's a big story about it on the first page. How he turned down a four-year contract for $37 million because he was insulted by it. How the Sox had him trailed by a private investigator."

"Does it happen to mention the score?"

"All I want are the numbers. You know, how many runs the Sox scored and how many runs the other team scored. By the way, who did they play last night?"

"I'm looking. I'm looking."

"All I want are the numbers. You know, how many runs the Sox scored and how many runs the other team scored. By the way, who did they play last night?"

"I don't know. It doesn't say."

"The score should be there on the second page, right under the American League standings."

"Oh, we don't have room for the standings anymore. We save them for the Sunday paper and give the space to the really big sports stories during the week."

"What's the big story on page two?"

"Ben Coates, of course. You know, the Patriots' tight end. He was in court for assaulting his former girl friend. And we've got long sidebars recalling what happened to Dave Meggett and Wilfredo Cordero, too."

"Look. Never mind the score. I'll settle for just who won. Maybe somebody leaked that information to you at the water cooler?"

"No. We only talk about the important sports stories. Like this one here about the big drug scandal on the Tour de France bike race. Did you know that 133 riders tore off their numbers and refused to race?"

"That's on page three, eh?

"Yep."

"Who won the race?"

"It doesn't say. But here's a story on page four about Mike Tyson trying to get his boxing license back. He lost it for biting off Evander Holifield's ear, you know."

"He win?"

"I don't think so, but I could look it up for you."

"Don't bother. I'm still interested in the Sox score, though."

"It's not here on page five either. But there's a nice story about Casey Martin. He's the golfer with the bad leg who sued and won the right to ride a golf cart in tournaments on the PGA tour."

"Oh. How did he do in the tournament?"

"Doesn't say."

"I still need the score of the Sox game. How about page six?"

"That's the Peyton Manning page. He signed for $48 million to play quarterback for the Indianapolis Colts. Think of it. And he gets $11.6 million of it as bonus money this year.

"What's on page seven?

"Let's see now. Oh, oh. That's the obituary page. I guess we didn't have the score."

"I guess you didn't."

"Say, I know what you can do. Call the ball park. They ought to know."

HEALTH NOTES

A newsletter created by a volunteer staff issued periodically by the Board of Health.

The Little Harbor Study

On August 12, at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall, there will be a public hearing on the Cohasset Little Harbor Study scheduled to begin this fall and continue through 1999.

The purpose of the Study will be to determine the sources of pollution to Little Harbor from septic tanks, and other sources, and to determine its nutrient loading which contributes to the growth of algae and other plant life, eventually killing all marine life in the harbor. One important objective of the study is to eventually open Little Harbor shellfish beds again.

The study will:

Assess septic systems bordering the harbor for proper operation and to detect effluents. This assessment will not trigger any Title 5 or other regulatory requirements.

Obtain water samples at selected sites to determine whether Little harbor meets state standards for coastal water bodies of its type.

Review and analyze the data and make recommendations for reducing pollution entering the waterway.

Homeowners will be sent a letter requesting permission for the successful contractor to enter their property and assess the condition and operation of their septic system and look for other sources of pollution entering Little harbor. If they agree, a date will be established and the assessment will be made. The homeowner will be given a report of what is found, but will not be subject to any regulatory requirements. Also the assessment will not serve as an inspection for the purposes of transferring title to the property.(Title 5 Inspection)

Based on the findings from this study, the town will develop a plan to deal with any sources of pollution that are found.

Septics, Sewers, or Something else

On September 16 at 6:30 until 10:00 PM at the High School Cafeteria, the Cohasset Board of Health will be sponsoring a workshop on wastewater management alternatives.

The purpose of the workshop is to inform the town about wastewater treatment options which will save money, provide fair and equal treatment for everybody, and ensure healthy wastewater disposal.

The workshop will consist of exhibits of modern wastewater treatment systems, sewer technology, advanced/innovative septic systems, and engineering solutions which can be safe economical and effective for homeowners in towns like Cohasset..

A series of lectures will be held on the topics listed below.

Innovative/Alternative Septic Systems

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Alternative Sewer systems

Alternative wastewater treatment systems - The 100 Pond Street Experience

The Wastewater Commission and Distributed Wastewater Management or Do we really need to have an inspection every time we sell a house?

What do pumping records tell us?

Maintaining Septic systems; Septic system additives - the true story

Townwide Wastewater Management, Fair and equal treatment for everybody.

Speakers will include an introduction by Kevin Ulmer Chairman of the Cohasset Board of Health various experts from industry, the DEP and others involved in the preservation of our healthy environment.

There will be exhibits of innovative systems by vendors who will have handouts and brochures.

If you want to know more about wastewater options in this time of discussions about sewers and septics, come to this meeting. It could save you big Money.

Martin proposes alternative school fund-raising

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

School committee member Patricia Martin wants to raise more dollars for Cohasset schools through alternative funding.

Martin was involved in identifying sources of alternative funding in Princeton, NJ. where she used to live.

"Cohasset is similar to Princeton where I was successful in finding and establishing alternative means of funding for the schools there," she said.

Although apart from property taxes, the school department receives funding from the Parent Student Organization (PSO) and the Cohasset Education Foundation (CEF), Martin would like to go outside the community to corporations, state and federal government, foundations, and by applying for grants and the like.

"The PSO is a fine organization and does a tremendous job at fundraising. I just want to explore other options," explained Martin.

School baard chairman Rick Shea gave the idea high marks.

"This has been something she's expressed an interest in ever since she became a school committee member in April," he said. "The benefit of alternative funding is that an increased amount of revenue can be obtained outside the normal state aid and tax base.

"The amount we raise every year is terrific," said Shea. "We just need to broaden the bases. It's not that easy to attract that outside funding for a town like Cohasset. You have to use the right approach."

When she goes before the committee this week, Martin would like to propose some of her ideas to fellow committee members.

"The PSO people are dedicated to their group and comfortable with what they're doing. We'd hopefully be bringing in new people to draw upon, like people from the Chamber of Commerce, for instance, or the police department, or even people working for corporations that are privy to how best to approach companies for donations," said Martin. "In Princeton, people wanted to see their money going back into their community and one example of how to do that here is have, for example, a Mother's Day plant sale where the plants you buy benefit you and the school."

Martin would like to see these changes occur, she explained, because "we can't keep tapping into the tax base of the Cohasset community. We just had the facility audit that will put (more) on the tax platter. But what if we want computers or to expand the music program? We can't keep taxing the people in town. Fund-raising is a means of 'voluntary taxation'."

For now, Martin is hopeful that she will get support for her ideas from the school committee. "I'm hoping I can convince them to at least take a chance. What's the worst we can do? Find some money and start funding things!"

Currently, there are 40 or so standing sub-committees in Cohasset, as was pointed out by school committee member Joseph McElroy at the July 23 meeting. He said that the sub-committees' efforts might not always be in sync.

Shea was sensitive to those concerns.

"I think there's a feeling that everyone's efforts could be leveraged with more coordination," ventured Shea. "Even just within school department., more coordination would be helpful. It's something I support. I think Pat will develop a proposal and what we need to consider is what would the composition of this be, who would they report to—the school committee? The town? Plus, there should be a charter. But these are just organizational details."

Liquor license policy still in limbo

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

A query at last week's selectmen's meeting brought into question the legality of liquor being served at the Lightkeepers Residence. The Lightkeepers is town property and none of the selectmen recalled a liquor license having been obtained for the functions there. Town manager Mark Haddad said that he would find out more about the issue by the board's Aug. 11 meeting.

Since that time, R. Murray Campbell, president of the Cohasset Lightkeepers Corporation, has backed the legality of CLC's liquor policy.

Campbell said caterers or bartender services at the Lightkeepers Residence must have a liquor liability policy that also lists the Lightkeepers Corporation as an additional insured party; the bartender must be TIPS certified (TIPS is a training program for responsible liquor serving); alcohol may not be served or consumed by persons under age 21; liquor cannot be served after 10:30 p.m. and a per drink fee is prohibited.

Maurice Del Vendo, chief of the Investigative Unit at Massachusetts Alcohol Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) clarified the agency's position.

Del Vendo said that a caterer and public property landlord will not need a license so long as "the person holding the function applies for a one-day license for that hall. This is the way it's supposed to be done."

Complicating matters even more is that the caterer "cannot buy the alcohol himself. It has to be bought by the person who wants the shindig," said Del Vendo. "Also, the caterers have to have a transportational license to pick the liquor up for the person who is leasing the facility."

Haddad hasn't heard back from the ABCC yet but expects to have an answer for the selectmen in time for next week's meeting.

Haddad isn't overly concerned about the matter.

"Murray (Campbell) talked to me about what's going on and how the lightkeepers' goes about its business," said Haddad. "I'm comfortable with what's going on there."

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Auditions slated for dramatic club

The Cohasset Dramatic Club will hold auditions for its Fall Production *Touch-Tone "M" for Murder* (an audience participation mystery) Thursday Aug. 6, from 7-9 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, Highland Avenue, Cohasset (next to the Town Hall.) The production is directed by Jessica McDonald,

Call Backs are Friday Aug. 7.

The cast consists of nine women, six men, one boy and one girl between 10 and 12 years old.

Production dates are the first three weekends in October. For more information call Jean DiGiacomandrea at (781) 545-5094.

COHASSET SPORTS

THE PIRATES OF COHASSET



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Matt Chase gets into the spirit of Pirate Day at the Cohasset Yacht Club

Mental preparedness a must for the elite gymnast

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Sports injuries are a part of the game.

But,when it comes to a sport like gymnastics those injuries can quickly turn from the nagging to the tragic.

Such was the case at the Goodwill Games in New York recently when Chinese gymnast Sang Lan, 17, was practicing her vault routine when something when tragically askew.

Sang, who was working without a spotter, tumbled on a vault attempt she had successfully completed numerous times before, sending her head-first into the floor at the Nassau Country Coliseum..

A national vault champion in her home country, Sang fractured the sixth and seventh cervical vertebrae in her neck leaving her paralyzed from the mid-chest area down. Medical officials say it is still too early to determine if she will ever be able to walk again.

Ruthann Ardizzoni, director of the Gymnastics in Motion program at the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset, said a mistake on any vault can lead to danger. For that reason she will not allow students at her school to practice it unless there is a coach present at the apparatus.

"Vaulting is all about proper form. One slip could foul up everything." said Ardizzoni. "For that reason you always need to follow safety procedures and have a spotter there to help out if needed."

According to Kathy Corrigan, a member of the 1964 U.S. Olympic gymnastics squad, from the novice tumbler to the elite gymnast the most important thing about her sport is to be mentally as well as physically prepared whenever it comes time for you to perform.

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RUTHANN ARDIZZONI

"You need to have your mind in the right place before you can do anything," said Corrigan, who operates a gymnastics school in Rockland. "Being mentally prepared is just as important as being in the right physical shape for the competition."

Without that proper all-around preparation, she added, an athlete is heading for failure and maybe worse as what happened to Sang happened in this case, although Corrigan added that injuries like this one were "extremely rare" in gymnastics circles.

As much as the elite of the sport work with personal trainers and coaches while in training for competition, Corrigan said the burden lies with the gymnast to decide when it is the appropriate time to take their routine to the next level of expertise.

But, she added, that time only comes after an extended period of physical and mental preparedness.

"It's like working with building blocks," said Corrigan. "You have to keep bringing your ability to the next level through hard work and repetition. You don't skip any steps in the process.

"We teach all of our gymnasts to start with all of the basics and then build from there. You need to have that solid base of ability before you can go anywhere."

With a safe, logical progression up the skill level chart, most gymnasts are able to stay healthy even with the array of gravity-defying tricks they have up their collective sleeve, save

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Hot fishing in the summer time heat

THE FISH STORY



MARK TRASK

In the predawn light fingers of fog wafted fingerlike through the dead cedars in the bog. It was cool, cool like a long drink of ice water on a sweltering day. The recent hazy, hot and humids had slipped to the east over the great fishing banks near the continental shelf. Closer to shore the narrow patterns of clouds lit with eerie pinks and oranges as the sun perched just below the horizon. There was not a whisper of wind. A perfect day for the fishing tournament. Boats large and small milled just inside the jetty awaiting the start. Each was loaded with rods, reels, lures, the freshest of bait and yawning-need-another-coffee anglers.

When the final seconds ticked off the clock the standings of the Cohasset Yacht Club's Annual Fishing Derby were posted. Jon Kasemeyer reported that the top striper was taken by Paul Hart, a thirty-seven incher. Dave Holway took second, followed by Bill Jordan and the Cunning crew. Dave Holway managed to top the bluefish with the only one taken. On the ladies side the Happy Hooker crew; Coleby Mantz, Susie Neer and Betty "Boop" McGilvray skippered by Judy Mantz once again swept the field. Billy McAuliffe reportedly had a bonito on up near the Graves only to lose it boatside.

Only a whisper of a breeze disturbed the golden mirror of Duxbury Bay. Even the seasled's roar seemed muted as they skippered over the surface in a blur of spray. On the distant shore Standish monument stood, a silhouette sentinel to the fun before him. Thousands of 4-wheel-drive vehicles formed a steel wall on the front beach. Each disgorging its happy loads of kids, exasperated Moms and their novels, and a Dad ready to try his new surfcasting gear.

The Bayside was much quieter. The sun didn't seem hot with the cool seabreeze refrigerating the cooking skin.

Children chasing minnows in the shallows mimicked their elders. The elders fished, some waist deep, casting flies near the quahog flat. Further to the south a sailboat dropped its anchor inside the High Pines. Up channel towards the bridge enterprising anglers dragged their beach chairs into the warm current and settled in waist deep to feed the stripers. The bite was steady. Others propped their poles in rod holder 30 to 40 feet from shore and retreated to their blankets. The hullabaloo was great when a fish grabbed one of these poles and the angler made the Olympic dash through the shallows. One bronzed beach chair dweller revealed his bait, clams...and he was doing most of the catching. What a gorgeous summer afternoon it was.

The sources report Bob Clement of Norwell tangled with a 37 pound striper that is now fillets at Mullaney's. don Schneider took a fresh pogie down to the shore and turned each chunk into a keeper bass. Talk about efficient! Bluefish seen to be moving south to the vicinity of the Flat Ledge bell. A couple of boats lo-

FISHING, PAGE 16



The Angels and Royals recently hooked up in the Cohasset minor league title game, with the Royals coming out on top 4-3. Shown here from the winning team (left to right) are Jared Kinch, Stephen Parnell, Jonathan Lowe, Alex Schwantner, Jake Watts, Patrick Bertovich, Corbin Faber, Kyle Dattola-Harris and Michael Devlin. The squad was coached by Jim Watts, Greg Berdovich and Steve Parnell.

Cohasset swim team speeds past Duxbury Yacht Club

By Jennifer Rafferty
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Stalwart youths forged ahead in the steady, light rain as the Cohasset swim team secured a solid victory over the Duxbury Yacht Club in last Friday's meet. The final score at our last home meet was 451 to 170. The next meet will be Wednesday, Aug. 5, against Eel River. League championships are slated for Aug. 14 at Wheaton College. Don't forget the dinner and dance for the swim team Aug. 7. The dinner will be 5 to 6 p.m., followed by the awards and a dance until 10 p.m. at the Cohasset High School cafeteria. If you have not volunteered to help at the dinner, please call Rosemary Baker.

Shall we fraternize with the enemy? Would you like to take a sneak peak at Cohasset's hottest competition? Kamaya Prince of the Marshfield Mask agreed to let us in on some of Marshfield's practice strategies. Kamaya wiil be a junior at the Winsor School in Boston where her swim coach, Deb Hill, works in the athletic department. Deb coaches Winsor's swim team as well as the Mask, and Kamaya swims for both. Kamaya confided that the 10 and unders and 12 and unders "win our meets for us." With a nod to Cohasset, she admitted that "we don't have the big manly guys Cohasset does." At Marshfield, older swimmers work closely with the younger ones and take part in training them by example during practices. Essentially, younger swimmers have older mentors. The 17 and unders swim side by side with the younger 12 and unders and 14 and unders. What is a typical practice like? Kamaya smiled mischievously and gave Marshfield's secret recipe for success: do a 500-yard warm-up followed by 10 100-yard stints or two laps at two minutes each. Swimmers then need to do 15 50-yard swims in a minute and try to beat their time by 30 seconds. The first five laps of warm-up are freestyle, the second five are back followed by breast. Marshfield focuses on teaching the younger swimmers to have a long surface dive. Streamlining is one of Deb Hill's important tactics to teach. Streamlining is stretching out when you hit the water after the dive and on your flip turn. Deb has swimmers practice in the mirror stretching high overhead with fingertips pointed so that the form becomes imprinted on the swimmer's mind. Cohasset's daily practices are not much different. Our warm-up totals 400 yards and is less drill-oriented than Marshfield's. Cohasset focuses more on isolating elements of the stroke like the kick in the I.M. Chris Flynn says that Cohasset also practices diving off the block two times a week. Right from the start, our coach, Allison, stressed the importance of having fun, too. Zach and Abby Markert swim for the Mask during the winter, but they wouldn't miss swimming with Cohasset in the summer. While it is interesting to take a look at Marshfield, don't forget that this team swims together year round. Cohasset shines as a superior summer swim team.

Here are the results from last Friday's meet against the Duxbury Yacht Club:

In the boys 8 and Under Medley Relay the team of Alex Shipp, Wesley Ulmer, Musto and Cameron Cunningham came in first, the team of Ryan Poh, Adam Yeager, Peter Ernst and Kenny Muir came in second.

In the girls 8 and Under Medley Relay the team of Sally Meehan, Samantha Lehr, Alyssa Campbell and Emma Hernan came in first, the team of Elizabeth Spelman, Meg Anderson, Megan Sacks and McKenna Teague came in third.

In the boys 10 and Under Medley Relay the team of Nick Zappalo, Dan McCarthy, Parker Berg and Corbin Faber came in first, and the team of Jeremy Simms, Bryce Rafferty, Colin Conway and Tyler Kennedy came in third.

In the girls 10 and Under Medley Relay the team of Ernst, Caren Garber, Lindsay Durkin and Kate Spelman came in second, the team of Emilie, Roxanne Tehranian, Caitlin Sanchez and Mary Previte came in third.

In the Boys 12 and Under Medley Relay the team of Chris Flynn, Kayvon Tehranian, Bryan Bilton and Will McCarthy came in first, and the team of Ben Flynn, Colin Regan, Tommy Myers and Evan Sacks came in second.

In the girls 12 and Under Medley Relay the team of Elisa Jerome, Yasmine Afshar, Caren Garber and Rebecca Lehr came in first, and the team of Delia Regan, Sarah Lambert, Tess Foley and Chase came in third.

In the boys 17 and Under Medley Relay the team of John Crowley-Buck, Justin Golden, Chris Golden and Greg Bilton came in first.

In the girls 17 and Under Medley Relay the team of Alexis Bugley, Brooke Baker, Cara Foley and Caroline Carter came in second, and the team of Laura Kondrat, Kate Grimm, O'Brien and Sera Genovese came in third.

In the boys 8 and Under Free Relay the team of Cameron Cunningham, Alexander Shipp, Wesley Ulmer and Alex Hunt came in first, the team of Peter Ernst, Kenny Muir, Nathan Porter and Adam Yeager came in second, and the team of Devon Bell, Jon Drybanski, Leonard Brown and Teddy Galligan came in third.

In the girls 8 and Under Free Relay the team of Emma Hernan, Sally Meehan, Samantha Lehr and Alyssa Campbell came in first, and the team of McKenna Teague, May McCarthy, Abby Foley and Meg Anderson came in third.

In the boys 10 and Under Free Relay the team of Dan McCarthy, John McCarthy, Nick Zappolo and Parker Berg came in first, the team of John Coffey,

SWIM TEAM, PAGE 15

EVENT	BOYS	GIRLS
50 YARD FREESTYLE		
10 and under	2. Parker Berg 3. Nick Zappolo	1. Catherine Ernst 2. Lisa Musto
100 YARD I.M.		
17 and under	1. Greg Bilton 2. Chris Golden	2. Brooke Baker 3. Alexis Bugley
14 and under	1. Alex Berg 2. David Ingber 3. Jody Roach	1. Kate O'Brien 2. Cara Foley 3. Sera Genovese
12 and under	1. Chris Flynn 2. Kayvon Tehranian	1. Rebecca Lehr 2. Eliza Jerome 3. Yazzy Afshar
FREESTYLE		
8 and under	1. Alexander Hunt 2. Cameron Cunningham	1. Alyssa Campbell 2. Emma Hernan
10 and under	1. Dan McCarthy (tie) 3. John McCarthy	2. Catherine Ernst 3. Lisa Musto
12 and under	1. Bryan Bilton 2. Willy McCarthy	1. Jenna Larson 3. Rachel Garber
14 and under	1. Alex Berg 2. David Ingber 3. Craig Blackburn	2. Cara Foley 3. Anna Roche
17 and under	1. Justin Golden 2. John Crowley-Buck	1. Ashley Ulmer 3. Kate Linehan
EVENT	**BOYS**	**GIRLS**
BUTTERFLY		
8 and under	1. Cameron Cunningham	1. Sally Meehan

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Cohasset swim team speeds past Duxbury Yacht Club

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Corbin Faber, Tripp Harper and Bryce Rafferty came in second.

The girls 10 and under Free Relay the team of Lindsay Durkin, Catherine Ernst, Lisa Musto and Caren Garber came in first, and the team of Mary Previte, Anna Speed, Michelle Madge and Mamme Daley came in third.

In the boys 12 and Under Free Relay the team of Chris Flynn, Willy McCarthy, Kayvon Tehranian and Bryan Bilton came in first.

In the girls 12 and Under Free Relay the team of Tess Foley, Ashley Faber, Elisa Jerome and Yazzy Afshar came in first, and the team of Rebecca Lehr, Rachel Larson, Casey Anderson and Caren Garber came in second, and the team of Delia Regan, Meghan Marr, Alix Coffey and Krista Nicynski came in third.

In the boys 17 and Under Free Relay the team of Justin Golden, Alex Berg, John Crowley-Buck and Chris Golden came in first, and the team of David Crowley-Buck, David Ingber, Craig Blackburn and Jody Roach came in second.

In the girls 17 and Under Free Relay the team of Carly Carter, Ashley Ulmer, Brooke Baker and Alexis Bugley came in first, and the team of Julie Shea, Anna Roche, Alexis Bugley and Taylor O'Brien came in third.

Congratulations to all who swim and place in the second and third heats of several races. You are an important part of the team. While some swim teams only swim one heat in each stroke and age group with their absolute best swimmers, Cohasset is committed to having every member of the team swimming and receiving ribbons of recognition. At this time, the results of only the first heats are recorded on the meet sheets, but perhaps in the future we can at least post the results of all heats. Good luck to Cohasset at the Eel River meet and in the league championships!

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	3. Alex Hunt	2. Alyssa Campbell
10 and under	1. Parker Berg 3. John Coffey	1. Caren Garber (tie) 1. Caitlin Sanchez
12 and under	1. Chris Flynn 2. Tommy Myers	1. Rachel Garber 3. Casey Anderson
14 and under	1. David Crowley-Buck 2. Terry Hurley	1. Kate O'Brien 3. Caroline Carter
17 and under	1. Chris Golden	1. Ashley Ulmer 3. Sarah Motley
BREASTSTROKE		
8 and under	1. Alex Hunt 3. Cliff Musto	1. Megan Sacks 3. Samantha Lehr
10 and under	1. Bryce Rafferty 3. Corbin Faber	1. Lindsay Durkin 3. Emilie Shea
12 and under	1. Bryan Bilton 2. Tommy Myers	1. Rebecca Lehr 2. Yazzy Afshar 3. Ashley Faber
14 and under	1. David Crowley-Buck 2. Jody Roach	3. Kate Grimm 3. Sarah Motley
17 and under	1. John Crowley-Buck 3. Craig Blackburn	2. Taylor O'Brien 3. Ashley Ulmer
BACKSTROKE		
8 and under	2. Kenny Muir 3. Peter Ernst	1. Emma Hernan 2. Megan Sacks 3. McKenna Teague
10 and under	1. Dan McCarthy 2. Bryce Rafferty	1. Lisa Musto 2. Caren Garber
12 and under	1. Will McCarthy 2. Kayvon Tehranian	1.Elisa Jerome 2. Jenna Larson 3. Casey Anderson
14 and under	1. Alex Berg 2. David Ingber 3. Jody Roach	2. Alexis Bugley
17 and under	1. Greg Bilton 2. John Crowley-Buck 3. Craig Blackburn	1. Kate O'Brien 3. Brooke Baker

Cohasset Sailing Club weekly race results

WASSER CUP
(Junior Sailing Racing Series)

All junior sailors in the Captain and Sailing Master classes are eligible to compete in the Wasser Cup.

JULY 22

Crew

1. Martha Henderson, Courtney Anton
2. (Tie) Nate Wilcox, Owen McDonnell
2. (Tie) Brendon Goff, Phil Strazzulla

SEASON STANDINGS

Betsy Reynolds and her crew is still in first place, while the competition for second place gets more intense each week. Martha Henderson and Courtney Anton with 55 points are just behind Elisa Ninde-Jerome, Danielle Pinkus, and Rachel Doyle with 47 points. The team of Nate Wilcox and Owen McDonnell continue to challenge the leading boats from their fourth-place position.

STANTON SERIES
(Parent/Child Racing Series)

All club members are invited to compete in this "just-for-fun" family racing Sundays at 5 p.m.

AUGUST 2

Race	Crew
1	1st, Cameron and Bob Cunningham
	2nd, Evan and Bob Deutch
2	1st, Evan and Bob Deutch
	2nd, Cameron and Bob Cunningham
3	1st, Evan and Bob Deutch
	2nd, Cameron and Bob Cunningham

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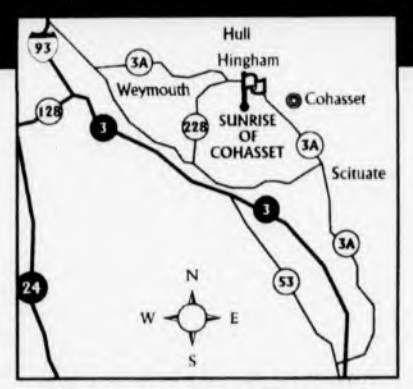
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Mental preparedness a must for the elite gymnast

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for the assorted sprain or twist associated with any athlete at the elite level.

Corrigan said she was fairly lucky through her own gymnastics career with injuries. A dislocated elbow caused from an awkward fall from the uneven parallel bars before the national championships in 1962 that put her own the shelf for about three months is the extent of her time on the disabled list.

For parents wishing to start their child in a gymnastics program, Corrigan suggests they make sure that the teachers are experience and trained in safety measures by a reputable group such as the USA Gymnastics organization.

According to Ardizzoni, soon that organization will not allow coaches to work with the gymnasts at their events unless they are both CPR certified and safety certified.

"You should always ask about credentials," she added. "You need to have all of your safety concerns satisfied before getting your child ..."

Hot fishing in the summer time heat

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cated the hard hitters over the weekend.

Big hooks and heavy cable are the hot items at the store these days as anglers prep for the Scituate Heritage Days Shark Tournament kicking off this Saturday. Tournament organizer Nick Emond reports that lines will go in the water at 8 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, the two days of fishing. Lines come out at 3 p.m. and weigh-in commences at the Mill Wharf Marina off Front Street in Scituate Harbor. Mass Division of Fisheries biologist, Greg Skomal will be on hand to validate the weighing. Greg works out of the Division's Shark Research Program at Oak Bluffs. In addition he will be showing interested spectators shark anatomy as they are dissected before shipment to the Boston Food Bank. The Shark Tournament is sponsored by the Boston Big Game Fishing Club.

Catch one that's hard to carry!

SPORTS BRIEFS

Special Olympians bring home the gold

Jessica MacDonald and Jay Nothnagle competed in the Massachusetts Special Olympics State Summer Games at MIT in June.

Jessica participated in track and field and won two Gold Medals in the softball throw and shot put.

Jay skippered a Rhodes 19 in Unified Sailing competition on the Charles River and won all seven of the races held in the 2-day event.

His seven first places earned him a Gold Medal.

Both Jessica and Jay qualified for the 1999 World Special Olympics Summer Games to be held in Raleigh-Durham.

Limited spots open for soccer camp

Limited registrations for South Shore soccer camp for boys and girls ages 8 to 18 remain available.

This is the South Shore soccer camp's eighth year of operation in Cohasset. If you are interested in registering for South Shore soccer camp, it is suggested that you call the Cohasset Recreation Department, first floor, Town Hall, or call 383-4109, immediately. Brochures and registration forms are available at the recreation office.

South Shore soccer will be offered to both boys and girls during the week of Monday through Friday, Aug. 3 to 7, and Aug. 10 to 14.

Should a camper wish to attend both camps, this is now possible. In order to choose the week of camp you desire, early registration is advised as both camps must be restricted in number.

Camp meets daily, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Cohasset's Miliken Field.

The cost is $195 per week and discounts for multiple weeks and subsequent children are available. South Shore soccer camp represents top-flight training, delivered by top college and high school coaches and players for the New England area.

Cohasset Men's Softball League

It was snowing softballs at the Beechwood Ballpark!

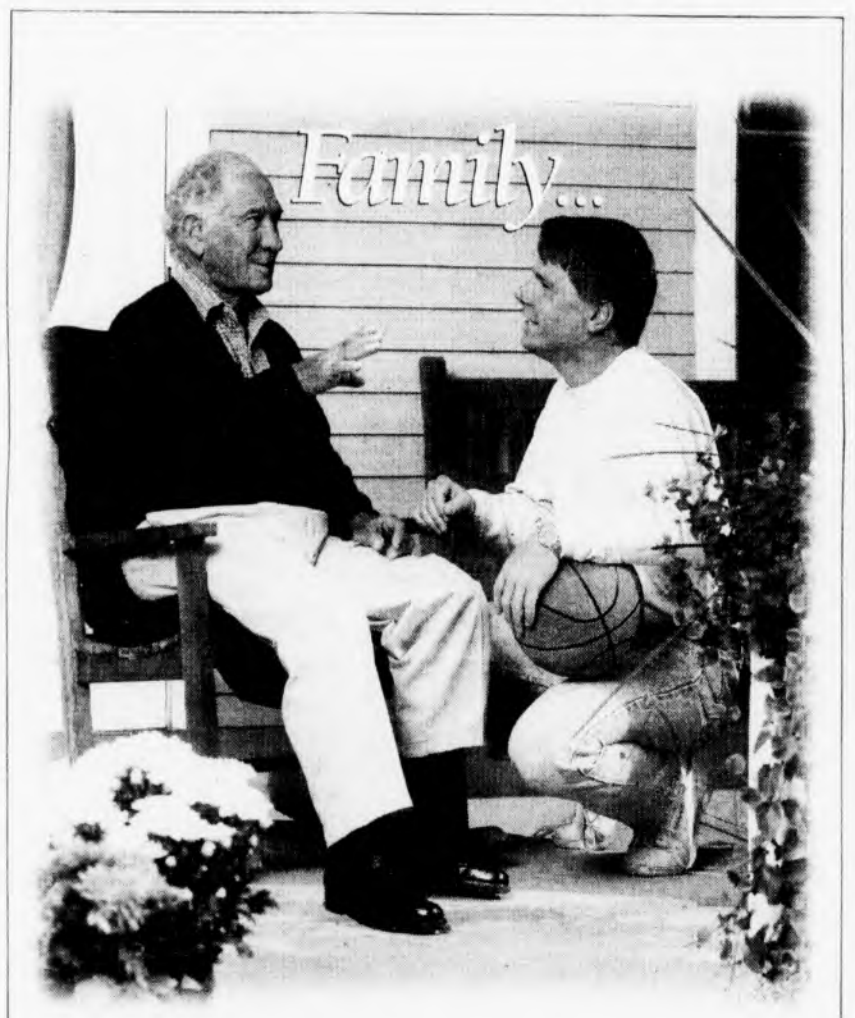
The Dog Pound pitcher, Ken Snow, threw a flurry of moon balls at the Last Call squad. After leading 12-0, the Pound held on for a 14-8 victory.

Seeing this was the only game played, let's talk some more about the six-run victory. A majority of the Dogs reached base via the walk. Then a bloop hit, an error, a base hit, an errant throw and the game was out of reach.

Last Call did score eight runs in the last three innings. They had key hits by Gary Smith, "Big Dan" Dooley and Peter Sandblom. But too little too late.

STANDINGS

	Wins	Losses
Dog Pound	6	1
Grinders	6	2
Last Call	5	3
Who, What, When & Where?	2	5
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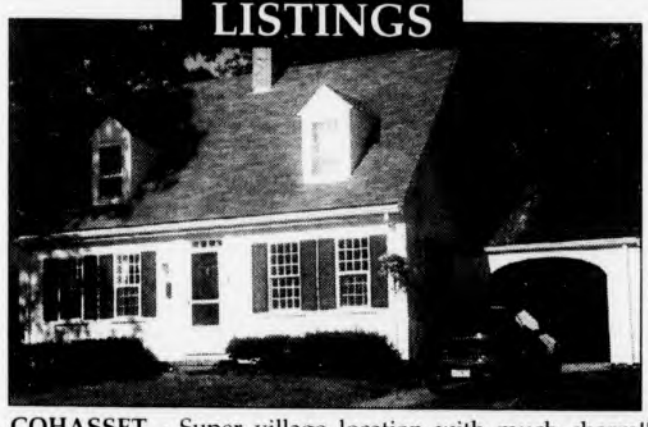
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Attractive WWWF, 58, height and weight proportionate. Would like to meet someone honest, caring and friendly, to date and go on from there. ☎30020

Bosy, plumb, handful, wants time alone and time together, with "Yes, dear" Catholic SWM, 40s, with no debts. ☎30067

Bubbly, plus-sized SWF, professional, 45, 5'3", nonsmoker, nondrinker, like fresh air, sunshine, walks with the dogs, sharing good sense of humor, honesty and commitment. Middleboro area. ☎30003

Catholic SWF, 52, 5'2", slightly stocky build. Enjoy bowling, walking, reading and going out for dinner. Seeking a S/DWM, 35-55, n/s, light drinker, for friendship and possibly more. ☎30025

Confident and secure SWF, retired, 50, 5'6", 112 lbs, busy, secure and happy. Looking for the same in a nonsmoking, professional Male, 45-58. ☎30028

Dinner and dancing. Attractive DWF, 35, who enjoys BBQ parties, weekend getaways and movies at home. Looking for DWM, around 40, to share new adventures. ☎30052

Down-to-earth SWF, 24, one child, enjoys camping, walking, movies and having fun. Seeking S/DWCM, 25-32, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. ☎30070

Dreamer desired by SF, 43, trim, active, creative writer. Seeking in shape SM, 40-50, 5'10"+, who enjoys bicycling, the beach and weekend fun. Must be openhearted and ready for anything. ☎30000

Elaine seeking Jerry/Kramer combo. SWF, social drinker, smoker, seeking SWM, 36-40, with a great sense of humor and big strong arms for bear hugs, enjoys movies, dining out and laughter. ☎30015

Feeling old, lonely and in need of a friend. Attractive, active and mature DWF, 60s, enjoy poetry, movies and dining out. Seeking a tall, humorous Man, 60s, n/s, n/d. ☎30017

Female, 50+, enjoy gardening, the beach, fishing, dinner and dancing. Seeking a S/DWM, 50s, with same interests. ☎30001

Fire and rain, Celtic style. Raven Ceridwen, longing for balance, enjoying the simple things in life. ☎30058

Friendly, full-figured Female, 41, non-smoker, social drinker, love animals, country music, volunteering and being outside. Seeking a mature Man who has similar interests. Kids ok. ☎30040

Full-figured beauty SWF, 29, 5'8", ISO a kindhearted, stable SM, 29-40, for cuddling and conversation. Sincerity and honesty are musts. ☎30039

Grounded Tinker Bell looking for Peter Pan. Female, 45, self-employed professional, 5'10" 125 lbs, enjoy outdoor playing adventures. Harley riders ok. No Captain Hook types. Nonsmoker, nondrinker. ☎30018

Hoping to find an honest and sincere Male, 40-60. I'm a SWF in my early 40s, who's 5'4" and 115 lbs. I like movies and beaches. ☎30034

Lively WWWF, 5'3", brown/brown, part-time nanny. Enjoy oldies, dancing, dining out, beach walks and drives. Seeking a S/D/WWWM, 50-60. Hope to hear from you. ☎30029

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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Mid Cape area. SWM, 50, 5'11", 185 lbs, sincere, fun-loving, loves the outdoors, long walks on the beach and just talking. Seeking the same in a nice Lady, for companionship and good times. ☎30048

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Romeo meets Juliet. Male, 22, 6', 185 lbs, brown/hazel. Looking for a relationship, possibly long-term. Enjoy boating, fishing, dancing, movies and walking on the beach. Looking for a SF, 22-29. ☎30023

Sagittarius sailor, wild eyes, great shape, sensitive, looking for an attractive, athletic sail mate, 28-38, for adventure and moonlit romance. Our little ship has enough room for skis and golf clubs. ☎30005

Save the summer. DWM, 48, 5'8", 165 lbs, three grown children, attractive, fun to be with, enjoy doing most things with the right person. ☎30066

SM, 70, 5'5", 145 lbs, enjoy dancing, walking, bike riding, swimming and listening to jazz. Seeking a fun Lady. ☎30004

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Two thumbs up. "Humorous, creative, fun, sensitive, communicative, sweet and cute." SWM, 37, 5'11", 170 lbs, desires similar SF, 21-40. ☎30050

Very tall, slim, attractive, intelligent, professional SWM, 45, teacher, artist, very creative and sensual. Seeks slim Woman, 30-40, pretty, tall, professional, intelligent, seeking long-term relationship. ☎30065

Walks by the sea, dancing until dawn. SJM, 53, 5'9", seeking a financially secure Jewish Lady, 40s-50s, to join me. ☎30037

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41-year-old GWM, 5'7", 157 lbs, hirsute, interested in meeting a similar Male, n/s, n/drugs, for enjoying life. No attitudes need apply. ☎30042

55-year-old SM, 5'11", 175 lbs, interests include hiking, biking, movies and dance. Seeking a Man in the South Shore or Penbrook area. ☎30008

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Meet John McNabb:

Activist, environmentalist and tenacious fighter

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

John K. McNabb Jr. is probably best known as the individual most responsible for uncovering legal and environmental violations at the now-closed Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill. Almost single-handedly, McNabb discovered a permit violation and illegal dumping at CHL that led to the town ordering the landfill closed permanently and influenced CHL-owner Paul Barry to finally shut down the facility. But there is more to McNabb than CHL. McNabb is looking to the future even as he continues to monitor the town's negotiations with CHL to settle outstanding legal and environmental issues.

"As [CHL attorney] Tony Moehrke said at a recent health board meeting, I appear to be a man who has devoted every waking hour to closing down the landfill, and that is what I have been doing," McNabb said. "I'm looking for a full-time job in a law-related business that would allow me to attend law school at night.

"But I don't like to lose and I don't like to leave things unfinished. The only way to keep CHL closed is to keep at it. If I don't follow through, I could do all this work and not win at the end," he added.

McNabb said he will be satisfied the fight with the landfill is over when its site assignment is rescinded and when CHL has agreed to closure conditions guaranteeing the protection of public health, safety and the environment. Until then, the fight goes on.

Although many people know of McNabb, few know of the experiences that have culminated in his position as the chief opponent of CHL. And that is a story in itself.

McNabb, who will be 42 next week, has lived in Cohasset for most of his life. He was born in Orleans, France while his father was in the army during the Korean War period. Upon returning from Europe, McNabb's family lived on the South Shore in Canton before moving to Cohasset when he was four. McNabb's parents lived on Brewster Lane for four years, then moved to Pond Street where the family currently resides.

The young McNabb took an early interest in the environment, first in the Boy Scouts, then in junior high when he joined the Cohasset Environmental Action Committee formed by Martha Gjesteby. In high school, McNabb excelled in many extracurricular activities, serving as the student council president for the Class of 1974, the student representative to the school committee from 1972-1974, and the editor of the school newspaper, "High Times."

"The system doesn't work without active citizen participation; people have to work on their own behalf."
— John McNabb

After high school, McNabb studied at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, graduating in 1978 as a psychology major.

"Bowdoin is very popular for Cohasset kids," McNabb said. "It's a small, New England liberal arts school like Amherst College."

McNabb continued to pursue his interest in the environment at Bowdoin, joining the Bowdoin Energy Research Group, which gathered information about nuclear and solar energies.

After graduating from Bowdoin, McNabb "scrambled around" for a few years, picking up a number of skills that would serve him well in the battle against CHL. From 1979-1980, he was a stringer for the Cohasset Mariner, which led to a six-month stint as a full-time reporter for the South Shore Chronicle published in Hull.

"Hull was filled with interesting personalities and hidden things, but you had to really dig around to get information," McNabb said. "I liked digging into things and uncovering things in the background. That's where I learned about the Open Meeting Law."

He followed the Hull job with a six-month stint as editor of the Somerset Reporter in Skowhegan, Maine. In 1982, McNabb took a temporary public relations job in Pennsylvania raising money for a hospital capital improvement project. Although he preferred journalism to public relations, the experience in Pennsylvania would lead to jobs in the future as a lobbyist.

By 1983, McNabb also renewed his interest in politics, serving as a delegate to Democratic State Conventions numerous times, as well as serving locally on the government structure committee from 1983-1987. McNabb has always stayed active in local politics. In 1986, he lost election to the board of selectmen by 300 votes, and lost again in 1992 by four votes. Voters elected McNabb a library trustee in 1984. Currently, he serves on the Water Commission (an elected position), the CHL sub-committee, and the South Shore Regional Refuse Planning Board which will soon become the South shore Recycling Cooperative.



John McNabb

It was in 1983 that McNabb went to work for the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) as an assistant legislative liaison in the commissioner's office. Eventually, DEQE would change its name to the now familiar Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

"While I was at DEQE, I discovered that I had the job that I had always wanted to do," McNabb said. "I was able to affect change by promoting positive environmental policy on the state level. I answered legislative inquiries, solved problems, worked the department to get decisions made a lot of times when legislators asked to move something forward.

"Later, I became head of the legislative office. A big part of the job was lobbying. I was the head person that people came to when they wanted to know DEP's position on legislation. Most of the job as a lobbyist was to stop bad legislation. In some ways, we were the gatekeeper for environmental protection, flagging bad legislation. I was very effective at that job for six years," he added.

But big changes were afoot in 1989. The job was extremely difficult and stressful. In 1979, William Weld won the governor's race and McNabb knew it was time to leave. He was convinced Weld intended to eliminate legislative aides positions created by former Democratic Governor Michael Dukakis, and in 1980, Weld took office and did just what McNabb expected.

For the next five years, McNabb held several temporary jobs lobbying for various environmental groups and health organizations. From 1992-1994, he worked from Massachusetts as the national legislative director for the National Association of Rehabilitation Professional in the Private Sector (NARPPS).

"This was around the time when Bill and Hillary initiated the national health care debate and it seemed close to culminating in a national bill," McNabb said. "I had to go through the whole national plan, which was the size of six telephone books, preparing a number of amendments to the legislation."

But the health care bill died in Congress. However, McNabb continued making his mark by finding a technicality in a Tennessee bill that would have eliminated rehabilitation professional without nursing degrees.

"That was one of the ways I learned how important technicalities are," McNabb said.

That knowledge of technicalities would eventually lead McNabb to violations at CHL that would force the town to order the dump closed down

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Activist, environmentalist and tenacious fighter

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permanently. McNabb first became aware or problems at the dump when his brother took him on a walk of the landfill.

"My brother Michael took me when CHL was still taking general refuse and it was putrid," McNabb said. "The fumes sickened me for three days. The whole place was run-down with a lack of wildlife."

McNabb joined the battle against CHL in 1991 when Gjesteby asked him to help an environmental group write a comment letter to DEP for an environmental impact report addressing CHL's request for an Area V expansion. That environmental group would eventually become the anti-CHL group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE) where McNabb now serves as vice president.

Frustrated by DEP's refusal to do anything about environmental damage cause by the landfill, McNabb and SAFE successfully blocked the Area V expansion, while uncovering additional environmental damage. Then in 1996, seeing that the Area V expansion plan had failed, the owners of CHL propose a vertical expansion.

"This was a bogus plan to add space to the landfill," McNabb said. "They saw the board of health couldn't stop them, and DEP was going to approve it, and I just got mad. I needed a strategy to stop them, and I finally looked to DEP's regulations, which said they shall not approve vertical expansions unless the site assignment is in good order.

"I worked non-stop not knowing what I would find. I fell back on my reporter skills, picking up on inconsistencies on their maps, and then they handed it to me with the vertical expansion maps showing the illegal fill in Area IV-B. I was persistent. I had this thing in my teeth and I wouldn't let go," he added.

McNabb quickly found numerous other inconsistencies. He repeatedly examined CHL's reports of waste received, discovering that somehow the landfill had taken in 140,000 tons more than it was supposed to accept. Then the health board acted on that information and found that the excess tonnage was sitting on slopes filled 10-20 feet higher than DEP's authorized height limit. Finally, McNabb inspected all of CHL's permits and found that its special permit to operate, issued in 1977, had never been legally filed, invalidating CHL's right to operate in the water protection district.

"This was where my experience finding technicalities paid off," McNabb said.

McNabb proved that a few citizen's acting with great determination can make great changes in their quality of life. He admits that he did the bulk of the work, and looks forward to a day sometime soon when he can look back on the battle to close CHL as a major accomplishment. But he is also critical of local government's lack of action against CHL.

"This is not a glowing tribute to what government can do," McNabb said. "I shouldn't have had to do any of the things I've done. The board of health and its consultant should have identified the illegal fill, and town counsel should have discovered the permit violation.

"That's why citizen's groups are needed. The system doesn't work without active citizen participation; people have to work on their own behalf. I've leveraged government groups, but I've also been helped by government regulations. You have to look at the facts, study the law, and ram through the process."

Keep a look out. If there's an issue that affects the environment, John McNabb will probably be involved in some way. Even though he doesn't really have the time.

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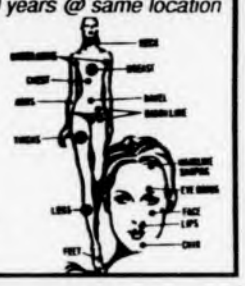
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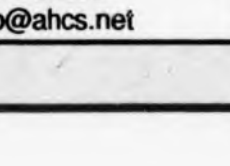
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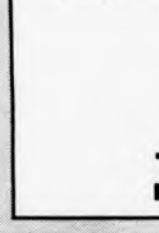
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OBITUARIES

William F. Murphy

William F. Murphy, 64, of Cohasset, retired foreman for the MBTA and a Marine veteran, died Aug. 1 at the Mediplex in Weymouth.

Mr. Murphy worked for the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority for 30 years, retiring eight years ago.

Born, raised and educated in Worcester, he lived in Cohasset for the last 25 years.

Mr. Murphy served in the Marines from 1954 to 1956.

He leaves his wife, Marjorie J. (Quirk) Murphy; a son, William F. Murphy Jr. of Cohasset; two daughters, Marjorie T. Wilson of Winchendon and Denise L. Murphy of Cohasset; a brother, James Murphy of Florida; four sisters, Louise Kilmonis of Millbury, Margaret Davis of Norfolk, Cathy Symock of Shrewsbury and Mary LeBlanc of Alabama. He was the father of the late Thomas A. Murphy.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Anthony's Church, officiated by The Rev. John Mulverhill. Burial will be in Woodside Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St.

Donations may be made to the Miramar Retreat Center, P.O. Box M, Duxbury 02331, or St. Anthony's Church, 129 South Main St., Cohasset, 02025.

Myron Merrill

Myron "Mac" Merrill of Cohasset, a cook, died June 20.

Mr. Merrill was formerly of Waltham. He was a cook at Hart's Diner.

He leaves a sister, Leona Perrault of Plymouth.

A graveside service was held at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

The Brasco and Sons Funeral Home, 773 Moody St., Waltham, handled the arrangements.

POLICE LOG

THURSDAY, JULY 23

12:49 a.m. Forest Avenue, suspicious other. Investigated/report taken.

7:04 a.m. Swim Center, parking violation. Referred to other agency.

7:14 a.m. Sohier Street, medical aid. Returned to home or family.

12:20 p.m. South Main Street, and Beechwood Street, MV accident. Investigated/report taken.

12:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, animal complaint.

12:49 p.m. Elm Street, larceny. Investigated/report taken.

2:44 p.m. Border Street, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed.

3:27 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

5:14 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person.

6:16 p.m. Jerusalem Road and Forest Avenue, general services.

6:38 p.m. Linden Drive, suspicious person.

8:20 p.m. Jerusalem Road, house checks, unfounded,

8:37 p.m. Nichols Road, suspicious person. Area search, negative.

9:00 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious person. Area search, negative.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

7:19 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Traffic citation/warning.

10:12 a.m. King Street, medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:11 a.m. Cushing Road, animal complaint. Investigated/report taken.

4:22 p.m. Border Street, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed.

8:59 p.m. Jerusalem Road, general services.

11:19 p.m. Hill Street, suspicious person. Investigated/report taken.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

6:35 a.m. Sohier Street, open door/window. Secured building.

10:02 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, officer wanted.

10:43 a.m. Elm Street, disturbance.

11:01 a.m. Sunoco Station, vandalism. Investigated/report taken.

12:23 p.m. Surry Drive, vandalism.

12:25 p.m. Church Street, vandalism.

2:15 p.m. Wheelwright Park Road, MV violations.

3:29 p.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.

4:34 p.m. Border Street, MV stop. Verbal warning.

4:44 p.m. Elm Street, MV stop. Verbal warning.

4:45 p.m. Border Street, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed.

4:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disabled auto. Referred to other agency.

5:06 p.m. Tad Lane, medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:55 p.m. Sohier Street, MV stop. Traffic citation issued.

6:21 p.m. Beechwood Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Traffic citation/warning.

7:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Vehicle stored/impounded.

7:31 p.m. Elm Street, medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:47 p.m. Sohier Street, MV stop. Arrest: Scott M. Vincent, 24, of 56 Chestnut St., Randolph. Charges: operating MV after license revoked, failure to display plates while operating.

9:00 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

9:33 p.m. Black Rock Road, noise complaint. Area search, negative.

9:55 p.m. South Main Street, general disturbance.

10:34 p.m. Elm Street, MV stop. Verbal warning.

11:00 p.m. King Street and Pond Street, noise complaint.

11:09 p.m. Aaron River Road, general services.

11:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Verbal warning.

11:16 p.m. Jerusalem Road, noise complaint.

11:24 p.m. King Street and Pond Street, noise complaint.

11:30 p.m. Summer Street, noise complaint.

11:47 p.m. Summer Street, noise complaint.

11:49 p.m. Stockbridge Street, MV stop. Verbal warning.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

12:49 a.m. Ledgewood Drive, breaking and entering, MV. Area search, negative.

1:19 a.m. Ledgewood Drive, suspicious other.

1:30 a.m. Elm Street, noise complaint.

2:00 a.m. King Street, officer wanted. Arrest: Wendy Anne Wilburn, 32, of 54 Black Cat Rd., Plymouth. Charges: warrant.

3:55 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, abandoned call to 911.

9:15 a.m. Forest Avenue, MV violations.

10:41 a.m. South Main Street, assist citizen. Services rendered.

10:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assist to other PD. Services rendered.

12:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious other.

1:11 p.m. Parker Avenue, MV violations.

5:32 p.m. Margin Street, noise complaint. Investigated/report taken.

6:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Traffic citation issued.

7:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Traffic citation issued.

7:09 p.m. Hull Street, MV stop. Traffic citation/warning.

7:24 p.m. Beechwood Street and Pine Ridge Road, MV stop. Verbal warning.

7:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Verbal warning.

8:18 p.m. Jerusalem Road, suspicious other.

9:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop.

9:36 p.m. Howard Gleason Road, suspicious other. Area search, negative.

10:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, general services.

10:50 p.m. North Main Street, MV stop. Verbal warning.

MONDAY, JULY 27

12:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Arrest: Douglas M. Spinola, 42, of 23 Pleasant Street, Scituate. Charges: warrant. Protective custody of 42-year-old Rockland woman.

9:15 a.m. Linden Drive, larceny.

12:02 p.m. Pond Street, medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:23 p.m. North Main Street, disturbance, family. Investigated/report taken.

2:12 p.m. South Main Street, disturbance, gathering. Area search, negative.

2:18 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, larceny. Investigated/report taken.

Clambake was a hit

On Saturday the Konohasset Lodge hosted a clambake on the MacNeill estate on Jerusalem Road. One hundred and sixty guests enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, clam chowder, steamed clams, fried chicken, ribs, lobsters, salad and finally cake! The weather was perfect and the local guests, as well as 25 guests from a New Hampshire Lodge, had a wonderful time. This is an annual event for the Masonic Lodge of Cohasset.

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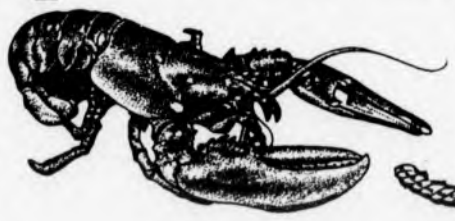
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Waterworks still makes a splash

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Summer scene

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Marina dispute moves to next stage

Owner claims town is trespassing

By Mary Ford
MARINER STAFF

The owner of Cohasset Harbor Marina is going to play hardball with the town after all.

Frustrated over selectmen's lack of a decision to recommend moving the federal anchorage line in Bailey's Creek, Paul Trendowicz demanded that all town moorings be moved out of the creek area that he claims is rightly his.

Selectmen estimate that could involve upwards of 12 moorings.

A heated marathon session on Trendowicz's request to move the federal line which would enable him to expand the marina by doubling the number of slips continued in selectmen's chambers Tuesday.

This followed a similar three-hour long harbor committee meeting Thursday on the same issue (see related story).

The big difference however was that harbor committee voted 7-2 not to recommend the federal anchorage area be moved. In a 4-1 vote — with Diane Sullivan dissenting and over objections from several citizens in the packed meeting room — selectmen opted to let the October special town meeting decide.

But that answer not only disappointed Trendowicz who is under pressure to piggyback onto the federal dredging project slated to begin in September but prompted calls like "jellyfish" from audience members who urged selectmen to take a stand.

"You are elected to make a decision, why don't you tell us how your feel?" said Amory Julian, 14 Parker Ave.

But the businessman and Cohasset resident was apparently prepared for the bad news because he pulled a letter out of his file which he asked be read into the record. In the letter, Trendowicz not only demanded the town terminate issuing mooring permits for boats on Cohasset

MARINA DISPUTE, PAGE 4

Haddad looks back on a hectic first year

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Mark Haddad is the first person ever to hold the title of Cohasset Town Manager. As Cohasset's first town manager, Haddad knew his first year would be a busy one. But he didn't know just how busy it would become.

"It was extremely busy when I first got here," Haddad said. "We had to do the budget, negotiate four union contracts, prepare the warrant for the special town meeting, get ready for the annual town meeting — and it seemed like we had to do them all at the same time. To be honest, there have been some days when I wanted to pull my hair out."

"To be honest, there have been some days when I wanted to pull my hair out."
— Mark Haddad, reflecting on his first year as town manager.

Haddad's second year is shaping up just as busy as his first. The Cohasset Harbor dredging project is scheduled to begin on Sept. 8. Then there is the plan to consolidate the public works department and the town engineering department, the challenge of finding money for buildings identified in the facilities audit, sewer issues, the Little Harbor study, the annual budget and the usual day-to-day operations involved in running the town. Long-term, there is the need to develop a master plan, problems grappling with the MBTA and the proposed restoration of the Greenbush line of the Old Colony Railroad, the ongoing waste water management plan, and further work on the facilities management plan. It's a brutal schedule, but Haddad seeks no sympathy.

"I think it's the nature of the job no matter

HADDAD, PAGE 14

Parking is a safety issue at swim center

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Matthew Marr came before the board of selectmen Tuesday night to discuss the parking situation at the swim center on North Main Street.

Marr's home abuts the handicapped parking area and he is a daily eye-witness to what he sees as the deterioration of the site and visitors' unwillingness to heed the block-lettered "Handicapped Parking Only" sign clearly posted there.

Grass that once covered the area leading along the path to the swim center, extending from North Main Street to Barnes Field, has become bare due to last summer's dry spell. The dirt now kicked up by vehicles coming and going was described by more than one person in attendance at the meeting as a "dust bowl."

Marr would like to see the grass replanted so that the dust problem will settle. "Up until last year, we always had grass there but with the dry weather last summer, it's a dust bowl now," he said.

Board member Diane Sullivan agreed, "They're entitled to safety and it *is* a dust bowl."

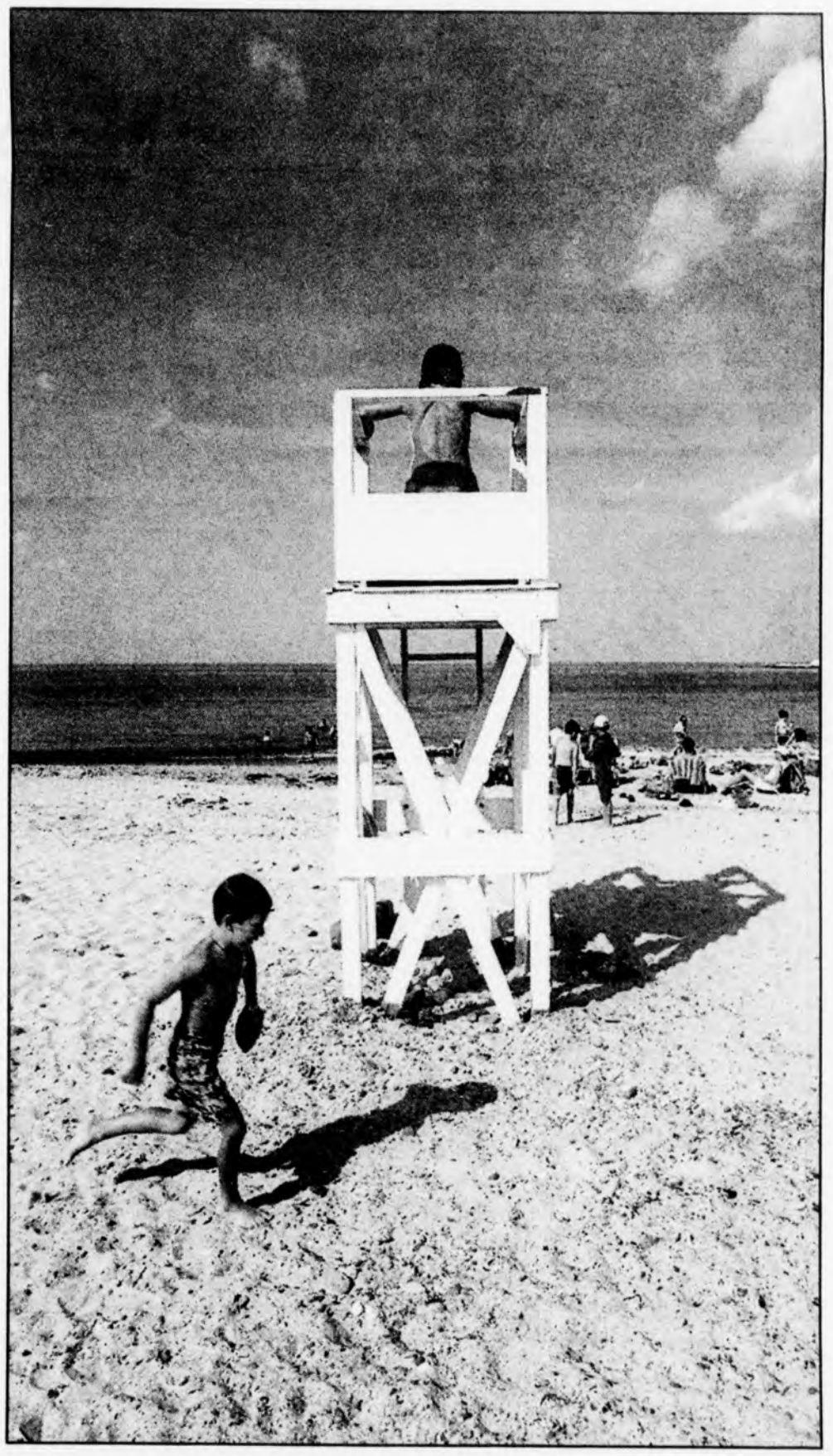
Brian Wilkin, 170 North Main St., was also concerned about the parking problem on Friday nights when swim meets are held. At those times, Wilkin maintained, the Little League lots and the lower lot off Sohier are full.

Another North Main Street resident described Pepsi trucks delivering their goods to the center, blocking off the handicapped and emergency access road.

Selectman Tom Callahan suggested using the

SWIM CENTER, PAGE 6

LIFE'S A BEACH



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Jack Murphy runs along the hot sand under the lifeguard post manned by Emily Henderson.

THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Brush chipping change

Brush Chipping Day has been changed to Saturday, Aug. 15. Residential brush will be accepted at the recycling transfer facility from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please no trees over 12" in diameter. Contractors are not allowed.

Animal control number

Cohasset residents may reach the animal control officer, Kathleen Maguire, by calling 383-9119.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held on alternate Tuesdays.

The next selectmen's meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Public reading packet available

In an effort to promote communication, the school department provides a public reading packet and make if available to local citizens.

The packet, which is available in the superintendent's office, contains recent correspondence and other documents. There is also an index of documents including items such as teacher contracts and school handbooks, so people will know how to access those.

SUMMER SCENE



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Matthew Peterson and Lauren McLelland splash in the duck pond in the common.

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Thurs. 13	3:45	10.8	9:58	4:13	11.0	10:30
Fri. 14	4:42	10.4	10:52	5:09	10.9	11:29
Sat. 15	5:43	9.9	11:49	6:09	10.8	——
Sun. 16	6:46	9.5	12:31	7:10	10.6	12:50
Mon. 17	7:52	9.3	1:35	8:13	10.6	1:51
Tues. 18	8:56	9.3	2:38	9:13	10.6	2:52
Wed. 19	9:55	9.5	3:38	10:09	10.7	3:49
Thurs. 20	10:48	9.6	4:31	11:00	10.8	4:41

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World's End: preserving nature's balance

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

If you ask The Trustees of Reservations' Tom Foster or Al Yalenezian, they can tell you: maintaining the precarious balance of nature at World's End's 250 acres is no easy task.

Southeast regional director Foster and South Shore and Cape Cod management superintendent Yalenezian know every bit of the land—its four hills and five miles of shoreline, its fields and its thickets, its wildlife needs and its free-standing visitors' "wants."

That's why the two men were so anxious to explain what goes into keeping the land and all who choose to enjoy it comfortable.

"The mowing schedule of World's End has been an issue as long as I can remember," said Yalenezian.

"It's a balancing act," interjected Foster. "You have to leave the wildflowers growing long enough to support wildlife but not allow trees to overtake the area."

Finding that equilibrium is not as easy as it sounds for trees root easily in New England and, given enough time, a meadow can develop into the dawning of a new forest.

Birds are the primary animals that the meadows and thicket supply cover for, although there have been sightings of red foxes on the grounds. "People are real excited about that," said Foster, adding, "It's really not a good thing."

And then there are the occasional rattlesnake scares that turn out to be something else. "One year, a hog nose snake was taken for a rattlesnake and shot by a Hingham police officer called in to handle the situation," said Foster. "Yes, but it was just a `mimic'," explained Yalenezian. "A hog nose will act like a viper, coiling up and flattening its head out." "We have no poisonous snakes here," assured Foster.

Gail Parks, who has greeted visitors at the front gate hut for five years now, can count off a long list of birds that benefit from the overgrowth, aside from snakes. "Hawks, bobolinks, meadowlarks," she recites, not to mention the mute swans and their signets (baby swans), great blue herons, buffleheads (winter sea ducks) and snowy white egrets that reside in the marsh ponds and more open water. A harbor seal was even spotted once by a WGBH film crew.

Because of the abundance of wildlife that depend on warm-weather overgrowth in the fields, Yalenezian and his crew have a sort of rule of thumb approach to their mowing schedule. "We have guidelines on when and how the hayfields and weedy meadows are mowed," he explained. Those specifications are determined by whether or not the birds are fledged (have left the nest).This year, the men started mowing about a week and a half ago, in keeping with their mid-July starting schedule. The grounds won't be fully done until some time in October.

Thicket areas are trimmed down by hand. "The birds love the middle-height growth," explained Yalenezian. "We have a great flock of bluebirds here now."



Heidi Matthews and her son, Austin, 4, of Hull stroll up the western side of World's End on a perfect summer morning.

Other creatures dependent on the thickets to provide cover from predators can thank the management for their thoughtfulness in setting thicket on both sides of the road so that the animal can quickly disappear from one thicket into the next.

"It's a balancing act. You have to leave the wildflowers growing long enough to support wildlife but not allow trees to overtake the area."
— Tom Foster, Trustees of Reservations

As beautiful as the tangle of branches and grass must look to the bluebirds and its other inhabitants, some visitors only see overgrowth.

"It's understandable how someone might think that things are out of control here, but anyone who observes World's End through the year will see the amount of work and management put into it," said Foster. "Not to mention thought," added Yalenezian.

In fact, Paul Lasordo of Hingham was so bothered by the fields of tall grass interspersed with wildflowers and the thickets that he wrote a letter to the Cohasset Mariner in July which was quickly responded to by Yalenezian.

Since hearing the rhyme and reason of World's End's maintenance program, Lasordo feels "100 percent supportive of how the Trustees take care of their park. I think they really preserve the land and the integrity between man and nature. My letter was intended to express concern and to get an answer. To the degree that the Trustees are getting a chance to foster more of an understanding of what they do, everyone comes out a winner."

Lasordo was impressed by the methods the Trustees' crews have come up with to keep the fields maintained while providing for the safety of the wildlife living there. For example, workers begin mowing at the center of each field so that "residents" of the four-legged and winged variety can make a getaway from any direction. "If you start at the outer parameters, the animals will more than likely run toward the center, which is where you're heading with your machinery," explained Yalenezian.

Another kindness to nature is that the only fertilizing done is spot-applications to newly planted or ailing trees. Insect spraying is ruled out entirely.

Aside from the beauty and ecological preservation of the landscape, visitors often cite the safety factor as a draw. Along any of the trails, on the clean waters or resting on the benches, one can see women with their young, boaters, solitary walkers and those with dogs enjoying the expanse of the park.

"One of the comments that we get from time to time is that it's so open and yet people don't feel threatened for their safety," said Foster.

And yet bucolic World's End is not without perilous adventure. Last year, ranger Harry O'Brien set out near closing time to rescue two women he had seen wandering the same orbit for some duration. The women had been circling the same ground while conversing, pausing now and then at the start of the causeway that would have brought them back to the park's exit. After some consideration, the women would set off again for another round in search of the elusive path.

The only discomforts reported by visitors have been easily remedied. Three portable toilets have been installed in the parking area and dogs, once free to roam a little too freely in the opinion of some, are now subject to an enforced leash law. "Those are the only changes you will find here," said Foster.

Yalenezian agreed, adding "World's End should look as it does today 100 years from now—that's our objective."



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Bill Hersey mows an open meadow at World's End in Hingham.

A World's End history

The peninsula that is World's End measures about 250 acres with five miles of shoreline tracing the Weir River and Hingham harbor, and four low-lying hills covered in open meadow and broken up carriage paths. Each path and hilltop indulges the visitor with a view of river or sea. Planter's Hill offers the best view of the park's hills, providing a 360-degree scope of Hingham Harbor and its islands to the south and east, the Boston skyline to the northwest, Hull and its coastline reaching toward Cape Ann, and the Atlantic Ocean to the east.



Delicate jewel weed blossoms bring radiant color to the many field on World's End reservation.

Formed by glacial activity (much like the drumlins in Hingham, more commonly known as Otis Hill, Great Hill, Prospect Hill, Bradley Hill and the four Turkey Hills), the hills of World's End consist of glacial till that settled on the bedrock underneath, molding a half-egg shaped land formation facing west of north and east of south.

It was landowner John Brewer who hired landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted some time around 1886 to design the roads, land and 163 home lots for a community to build homes on the property. English oaks, hardwood trees and carriage paths emerged from the tree-covered wilderness, but the houses were never raised. The Brewer family instead farmed and kept up the land on their own.

World's End might not have been as we know it today had the New England Electric System and the Boston Edison Electric Co. not chosen Plymouth as the site for their nuclear power plant in 1965. There were also several Boston developers that made offers during the '50s and '60s to build on World's End.

Luckily, in 1967, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council recommended that World's End be acquired by a private land trust with its preservation as open space the top priority.

Hingham's Planning Board and the Conservation Commission of the Town of Hingham endorsed the Council's recommendation.

In 1967, The Trustees of Reservations were able to raise sufficient funds to acquire the property for preservation.

Cohasset Marina dispute moves to next stage

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Harbor Marina land but that it revoke mooring permits for boats in Bailey's Creek. He also wants the town reimburse Cohasset Harbor Marina for all money received from boats moored in the creek.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris defended the board's decision to take the issue to town meeting even though the matter appears to be moot in light of Trendowicz's letter.

"You are elected to make a decision, why don't you tell us how your feel?"

— Amory Julian, 14 Parker Ave.

She said the entire town should decide the disposition of property — in this case 25 feet of the federal anchorage area — a position supported by her fellow board members with the exception of Sullivan.

"This board has the responsibility for a decision and should make it," Sullivan said. She said Trendowicz has the right to bring the issue before town meeting if he chooses.

As it stands now, the town will lose about 20 feet of dredging along the marina's docks. The Army Corps of Engineers will leave that area as a buffer because of the encroachment issue with the marina.

Without movement of the federal line, Trendowicz must keep his current boats and slips behind the federal anchorage area which will create a hardship, he said. The marina will be restricted to 12 to 13-foot boats.

"It can't survive with all that sized boats," he said.

The unruly meeting yielded comments on both sides of the issue.

Anthony Ambrose, 30 King [illegible], said the town should work with Trendowicz.

"There is clearly a need for more boat slips and traffic is difficult all over town," he said answering concerns about a potential increase in traffic on Parker Avenue traffic. "But we need to work with Paul, to not work with him and make this happen will only prolong it."

But Paul Pattison, 104 Elm St., said the issue goes much deeper.

"We are talking about taking away our rights and privileges to use our land for a private enterprise," he said. Pattison, who said the town controls the creek, said to negotiate the peoples' rights away is wrong.

"They're not making any more land," he said.

Cohasset Marina expansion proposal timeline

February 1998 — Paul Trendowicz learns the DEP rejects his proposal to dredge the inter-tidal area on the "land-ward" side of his marina which runs his expansion plans aground. The Cohasset Conservation Commission had okayed the plan.

March 1998 —Trendowicz presents a proposal to selectmen seeking to move the federal line of jurisdiction in the harbor by 40 feet so his expansion plans can move ahead and offers to deed the creek bottom to the town in exchange. In a 4-1 vote, with Selectman Diane Sullivan dissenting, selectmen direct Town Manager Mark Haddad to work with town counsel, the harbor master and harbor committee to seek a resolution to the matter.

April 1998 —Selectmen back the harbor committee's recommendation by denying the Marina expansion plans. The denial followed assurances by the Army Corps of Engineers that support to move the federal line would not hold up the dredging project as feared. Selectmen said they share the harbor committee's concerns about loss of town moorings and worries about safety in Bailey's Creek. They ask Trendowicz to come back with his request after the harbor is dredged.

Aug. 6, 1998 — Harbor committee votes not to recommend to selectmen the Marina's revised request to move the federal line by 25 feet. Committee members opt to maintain the status quo in the harbor due to safety concerns and questions about whether the town should relinquish control over the creek bottom to a private entity.

Aug. 11, 1998 – Over objections of a packed room of interested citizens, selectmen vote to send the matter to town meeting but Trendowicz cannot wait until October. He takes the issue to the next stage when he presents a letter to selectmen accusing the town of trespassing on marina land and ordering town moorings out of the part of Bailey's Creek he believes he owns.

Executive session causes a stir at harbor board meeting

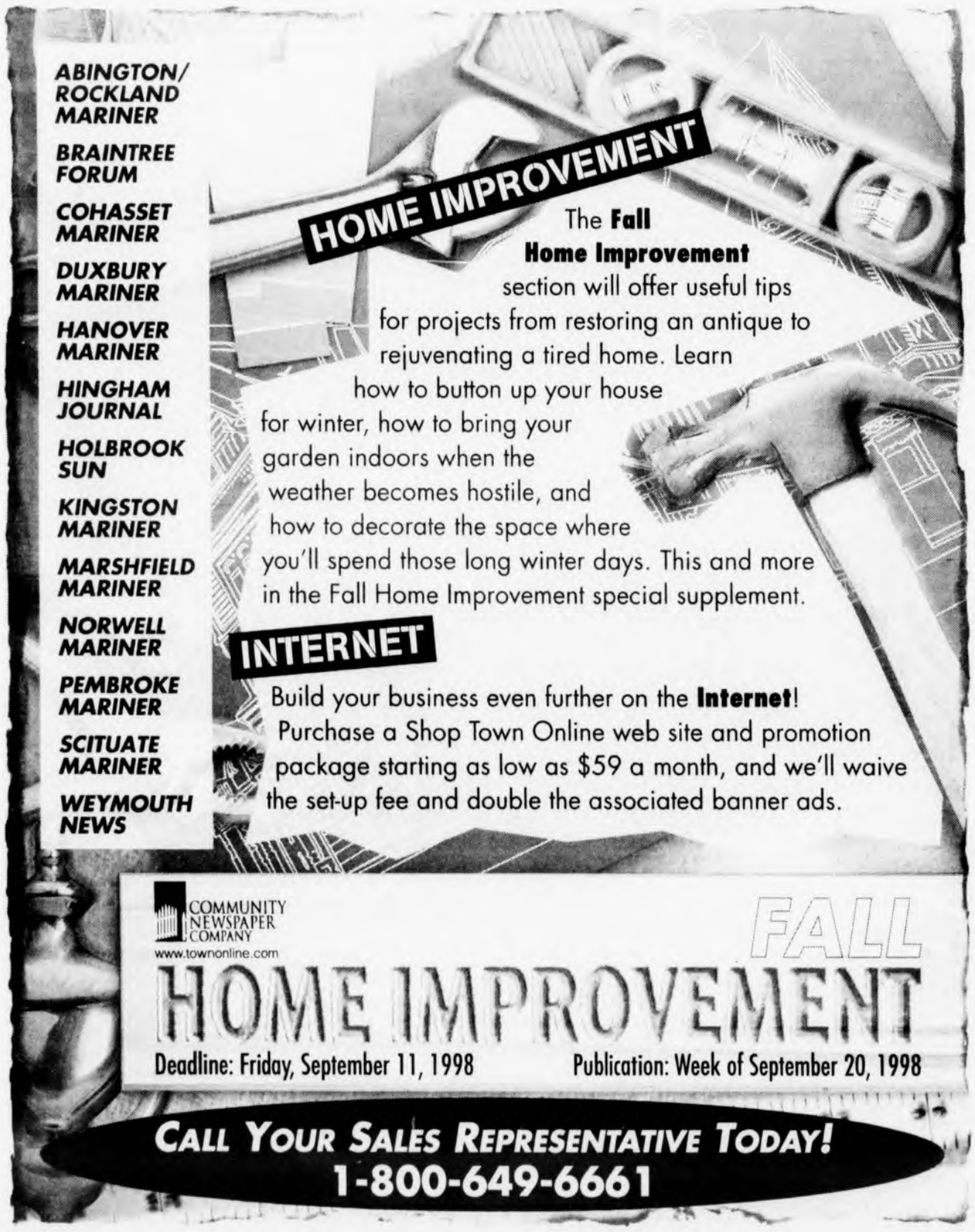
The local governmental process involved in the Cohasset Marina expansion proposal was challenged again last week during the joint harbor committee/selectmen's meeting .

Several citizens and the press objected to an executive session which was initially announced to discuss litigation matters. However, selectmen could not cite the specific case. Town counsel said the executive session was to discuss the acquisition of real estate, which is a legitimate reason for a closed meeting, he said. When pressed to name the real estate involved, Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said it was ownership of the creek bottom (see related story).

Russ Bonetti of Parker Avenue told selectmen a recent posting of a selectmen's meeting may be illegal under the Open Meeting Law and he had had discussions with the District Attorney's office about it. The posting said selectmen would meet "in the harbor" at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 25 but did not name a specific location. According to the July 28 selectmen's meeting minutes, three selectmen went for a boat ride to view the area that morning.

McMorris explained selectmen had posted the meeting as a precaution but did not have to post it because the board did not deliberate even though a quorum was present. However, the Open Meeting Law states that town boards must post all meetings involving a quorum 48 hours in advance.

In March, Selectman Diane Sullivan, who is liaison to the harbor committee, vehemently objected that both she and the harbor committee were not in the loop when the lawyer for the marina was permitted to meet with town counsel. She also objected to the fact that Marina owner Paul Trendowicz and his lawyer were a last-minute addition to the March 23 selectmen's meeting, but apparently the harbor committee and harbormaster were not asked to appear, she said.



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Harbor committee votes to sink marina plans

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

There was no shortage of opinions on both sides of a proposal by a local businessman to expand his private marina in Cohasset Harbor at a rollicking three-hour-long harbor committee meeting last week.

Paul Trendowicz of Sea Chain Marine, owner of Cohasset Harbor Marina, was back before the harbor committee last Thursday to pitch a revised plan to double the number of boat slips at the Parker Avenue facility from 47 to 96.

Trendowicz seeks the town's support to move the federal line by 25 feet along his docks in Bailey's Creek which would provide more room for his existing operation and enable the marina to expand without encroaching in the federal anchorage area. The expansion into the creek is half the distance he requested in April — a proposal selectmen rejected at that time.

The matter is being raised now because the federal/town $1.34 million dredging project is set to start in September. Trendowicz, who would pay to have his marina area dredged, wants to piggyback onto the town's project.

He has said it would be a hardship for him to exist behind the existing federal anchorage line because he would be restricted to only 12-to-13 feet boats due to lack of room, making his operation not financially viable. It had not been a problem before because dredging was not an issue. He faces fines of about $25,000 a day if his boats and slips drift into the federal anchorage area.

The Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers told Trendowicz they would not object to the deauthorization of the subject area if the town agrees. The new plan also resurfaced Trendowicz's initial proposal to dredge the inter-tidal area "landward" of the existing docks. The conservation commission approved that plan last year but the DEP rejected it for environmental reasons.

The DEP now says it will agree to a reduced area of inter-tidal dredging if the town goes along with it. So, Trendowicz doesn't need the federal line to be advanced the full 40 feet he initially requested because he can expand on the other side of his docks if the town agrees.

But despite assurances from the harbormaster and pleas from boat owners who fear they will never climb to the top of the 300-name-long town mooring waiting list that the expansion would benefit the town, the harbor committee voted in a majority not to recommend selectmen ask Congress to move the federal line in Bailey's Creek.

Paul Trendowicz said it would be a hardship for him to exist behind the existing federal anchorage line because he would be restricted to only 12-to-13 feet boats due to lack of room, making his operation not financially viable.

Selectmen, who attended the harbor committee meeting, voted on the issue Tuesday *(see related story)*.

Former selectman Peter Pratt, who authored the Congressional act that set the stage for the dredging project, said a master plan for the harbor is needed before the town yields any real estate to a private entity.

"Now is the time to be proactive to try to step back and better manage the most precious resource the town has," Pratt said. "To allow the agenda to be set exclusively by a private user and owner is just wrong."

Muddying the waters is the threat that Trendowicz may play hardball with the town over ownership of the creek bottom.

The matter was the subject of an hour-long executive session which was challenged by the press and several citizens in attendance. After being pressured to do so, Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris identified the real estate to be discussed. Discussion of acquisition of real estate is a legitimate subject for an executive session, Town Counsel Paul DeRensis said.

Trendowicz, who bought the former Figueiredo property several years ago, claims he owns to the middle of Bailey's Creek. Swapping the creek bottom for the town's support for moving the federal line would resolve an old land dispute once and for all, Trendowicz has said.

Emotions ran high

Emotions were at a fever pitch in the packed selectmen's meeting room for the harbor committee meeting on a hot August night.

Residents of Parker Avenue are concerned about increased traffic on their narrow street if the marina expands. Spokesmen for the sailing club worry about safety of young sailors.

And still others are anxious about the welfare of swimmers who swim from Government Island to Bassing Beach.

"When the town figures out how to establish a ferry boat and get the kids to run it, then they'll have a safe situation," said Herb Towle, 263 King St., about young swimmers in the creek.

Being able to keep a boat in the harbor was a common refrain from proponents of the expansion. Trendowicz said 80 percent of his existing slips are rented by Cohasset residents and 50 percent of those on his waiting list are from Cohasset.

"The public versus private argument, I don't understand," said William Saltonstall, 271 Jerusalem Road. "We're talking about getting mostly Cohasset residents access to the harbor.

"I, as a boat owner, don't care if it's privately owned or publicly owned."

Chris Julian, 14 Parker Ave., said he hated to see a pristine area of the harbor built up.

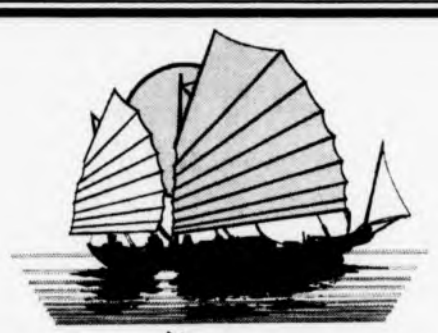
"Bailey's Creek is the last undeveloped part of the harbor," he said. "To see it slipped all the way to the corner would change the character of the harbor."

Harbormaster John "Moose" Winters disputed claims the boats back up at the "choke point" in Bailey's Creek where Bassing Beach and Government Island are at their closest point. Winters also said more boats can fit in a harbor on fixed slips as opposed to the free standing moorings which the town uses.

But the harbor committee opted to maintain the status quo.

"I don't think this committee should be in the business of conceding Cohasset useable harbor bottom to private industry," member Domenic Baccari said. "Secondly, we ought to be very concerned with traffic in the narrows."

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Lamberts Lane bus issue to be revisited

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

School Committee member Mark DeGiacomo brought the buses on Lamberts Lane issue back to the school committee.

According to DeGiacomo, town manager Mark Haddad had recently met with him about the problem. The two agreed on the feasibility of a meeting at Lamberts Lane some time in the next week or two. A bus might be brought in to test the workability of adding the lane to the bus route. Cliff Mitman, president of the Cohasset Golf Club, and Lamberts Lane residents would also attend.

Only one month ago, it seemed that school committee members were agreed that they had a moral obligation to make the trip to school safer for the children in the Lamberts Lane area, but that they had few alternatives with which to do so.

The school department had decided against a plan to use a smaller bus on Lamberts Lane due to the expense.

Safety issues also ruled out a turnaround at the end of the lane.

The selectmen and the school board had held months of discussions, all boiling down to only two choices. Namely, an agreement might be reached with the Cohasset Golf Club to permit the bus to use the parking lot there for turnaround or the lane could be made into a public street rather than private way.

If the street were accepted as a public way, the town could ask the DPW for an engineering solution to the grade problems but that would be expensive, officials say.

These choices, however, only raised more issues. For one, is Lamberts Lane a private way or a public street, as it seems to be according to information from a previous town clerk? And what about liability issues for the club, were they to allow the bus to use their lot for turnaround?

School board member Mark DeGiacomo has said he doubted that selectmen would proceed further with this issue and so he has pursued the matter on his own. He will return to the committee with an update on what transpired at the Lamberts Lane meeting.

Master's degree programs okayed by school board

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Superintendent Stephen Hart's recommendation that three teachers' requests concerning master's degrees be approved by the school committee was granted at their Aug. 6 meeting.

Ron Ford plans to pursue a master's in educational administration and Torin Sweeney will work toward a master's in guidance. Suzi Turtle, who already holds a master's, wanted her degree approved in order to qualify for a salary scale change.

"Ford and Sweeney will be eligible for some reimbursement, based on the cost of state college courses," explained Hart. The teachers will continue with their day jobs while earning their degree.

Hart explained that he had spent time researching the programs Ford and Sweeney wanted to enter and concluded that both degrees held merit since they were in the field of education.

"I think the reasoning is valid and the additional training will result in a better job done in the classroom," he said.

Hart explained that a careful review of the master's program would show that its training was not the same as that received by Cohasset's already-employed school adjustment counselors.

Parking is a safety issue at swim center

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gravel pits behind the little league field for additional parking.

In 1985, selectmen voted to limit that area's use for only handicapped parking or emergency access.

Since that time, various boards of selectmen have reconsidered the issue several times but have always stood by that decision.

Town manager Mark Haddad had invited representatives from the Swim Center and Cohasset Little League to attend the selectmen's meeting in order to settle the matter but Swim Center trustees were unable to appear.

On a 9 a.m., Aug. 12 site visit, the Mariner found the lower parking lot off Sohier Street empty. Not so the handicapped parking area outside the Swim Center, where six vehicles without visible handicapped parking signs were stationed. The center's lot was almost full to capacity. Rain was pelting down at 9 a.m., and so the temptation to park there may not be surprising, especially since the police cannot ticket cars parked on private property.

Moreover, the fullness of the lot made backing out the only means of exit, since turning around within the lot was impossible given the number of vehicles there.

On a game night, other cars would also have been parked over the once grassy area running alongside the center's drive, abutters told selectmen. That situation would have necessitated driving a lengthy part of the path in reverse which, on a game night, would be risky business considering children's propensity to run about, they said.

Haddad said that he would take up the issue.

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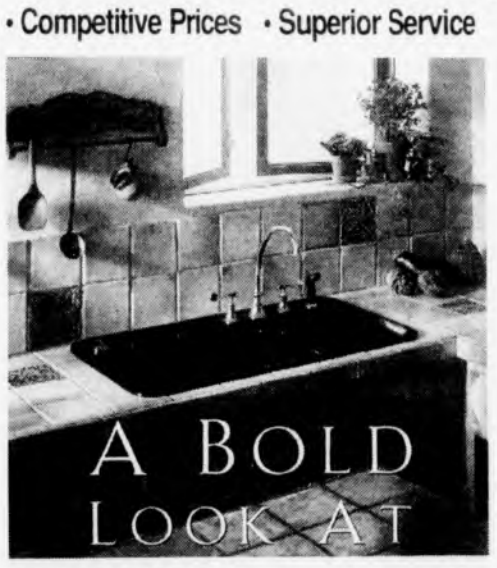
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Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Fall and winter.

Favorite TV show: "News Radio" (Chris); "Barney" and "Tele Tubbies" (Jennifer).

Favorite movie: "Saving Private Ryan" (Chris); "Sound of Music" (Jennifer).

Favorite book: Any good mystery.

Favorite junk food: Chocolate chip cookies (Chris); baked goods of any kind (Jennifer).

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Accepting my last job offer (Chris); assuming Hannah would be two weeks late and to our surprise she arrived two weeks early and I had nothing ready (Jennifer).

Person you'd most like to meet: Our late grandfathers.

Pet peeve: People who are consistently late (Chris); litterbugs (Jennifer).

Latest news from Cohasset Girl Scouts

For the past eight years the Girl Scout program in Cohasset has been growing. From a low of 80 girls, last year Girl Scouts registered 145 girls. The program in these eight years has expanded from basically a brownies only group (1st through 3rd grade) to Daisies to Seniors (kindergartners through high school) and from 7 to 13 troops.

As with any expanding program, the Cohasset Girl Scouts need people with a variety of skills. Leaders are currently needed for Daisies (Kindergartners), and Brownies, (1st and 3rd grade). Special skill volunteers (craft support, singing skills, camping skills and program level advisors) are always welcome.

For people desiring to become involved for a limited period, a fundraiser is needed (fall-two months). The fall campaign contributions go into Capitol development for Patriot's Trail Girl Scout Council.

Girl Scouts alumnae are also sought. Each alumna has a wealth of knowledge and ideas that can not be duplicated. Organizers hope to tap into this wisdom to enhance the current Girl Scout Year for both girls and leaders. Girl Scout alumna do not have to be restricted to just Cohasset or the Boston area, we would like to open this invitation to any former Girl Scout.

Girl Scout registration will be held the week of Sept. 13. Look for flyers. Girls from kindergarten to high school are welcome. For more information, call Terry James at 383-9762 or Mary McElroy at 383-0505.

Get 'Corny' at the Farmers' Market

Celebrate Massachusetts Farmers' Market Week by supporting local agriculture Thursday, Aug. 20, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Cohasset Common located on South Main Street in Cohasset Village.

Bring your picnic basket, blanket and appetite. Make your dinner selection from corn chowder, boiled lobster, corn fritters, corn on the cob with herb butter, corn scones and an array of fresh-baked breads and desserts.

Plan to have dinner on the common. Enjoy the folk music, pony rides, face painting, cooking demonstrations, fresh vegetables, and a "Corny" summer's eve at your local Farmers' Market.

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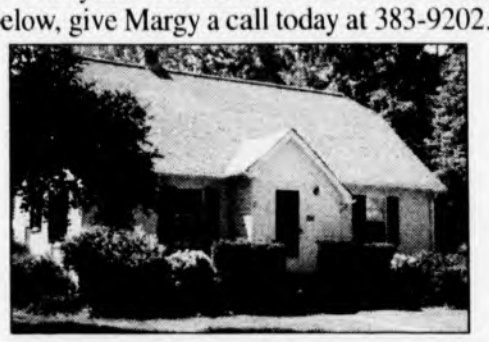
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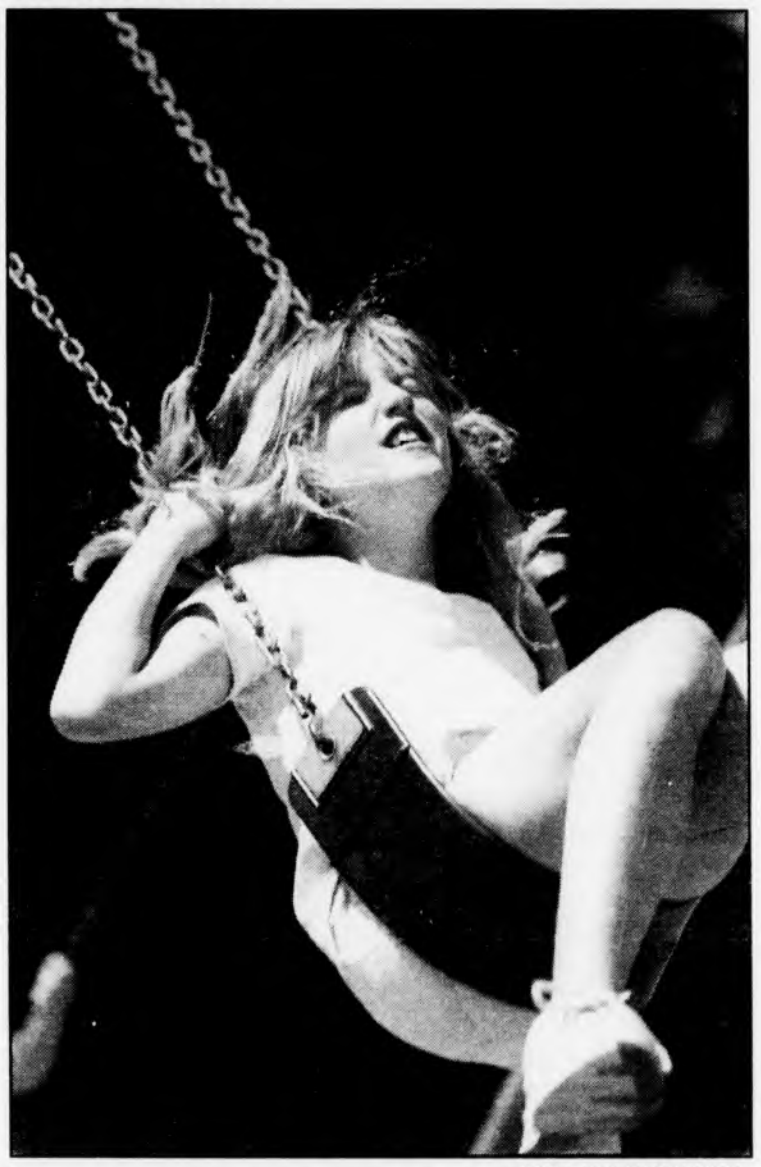
BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

We'll begin by giving you a super idea for this weekend — how about going out for supper on Saturday night? A good, old-fashioned supper! The Beechwood Congregational Church is holding a chicken barbecue as part of their Blueberry Festival. The menu is made up of barbecued chicken, cole slaw, potato salad and fresh sliced tomatoes. For dessert you will be given a choice of blueberry pie, a blueberry sundae or blueberry shortcake. Yummy! There will be an auction afterwards, consisting of crafts and baked goods, all blueberry-related! The date is Aug. 15, the time is 6:30 p.m.; the cost is $6.99 for adults, $3.50 for children. For reservations, call Linda at 383-9131.

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LOOKING GRAND

Bruce and **Claire Williams** were around town last week, looking grand as usual. They brought **Mrs. Williams** (a lovely woman, one many of you remember as a true lady and friend). All is well with them, they were here for a wedding and to see their niece off to California. She and her husband, **Jim Wirth,** are on their way to new job opportunities, and we wish them well in their new life. Keep in touch, **Maureen** and **Jim**!

BUSY AS EVER

Keith and **Sue Megathlin** were also in town last week. Sue's mom had surgery recently, so they stopped by for a visit after spending lots of time with her. They are enjoying their summer, spending lots of time at their summer home in Vinal Haven and more time with all their grandchildren. **Kit** is as busy as ever, but manages to get in a few rounds of golf and a swim now and then. They both are busy, happy people; nice to report, isn't it?

APPLAUSE FOR GARDEN CLUB

Hats off to the Cohasset Garden Club, they gave a gift of $5,000 to the Trustees of Reservations for landscaping at Turkey Hill (that's the property that we and Hingham, the Hingham Land Conservation Trust, the Cohasset Conservation Trust, the State of Massachusetts and some individual donors all got together to purchase)! We all know how com-

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WARMING UP TO GOLF

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P.S. Research indicates that a progressive strength and flexibility program for golfers can increase club head speed.

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COHASSET RESIDENTS CAMP COUNSELORS AT YMCA



Amanda Montgomery and Chris Griffin of Cohasset are camp counselors at the YMCA this summer.

The South Shore YMCA's Camp Discovery is having another great summer with more than 300 children from all over the South Shore attending. Camp Discovery, located on Mill Street directly off Route 53 in Hanover, offers children ranging in age from 3 to 15 daily activities including team sports, games, archery, arts and crafts, nature lessons and much more. More than 50 YMCA staff and counselors are on hand to lead the activities.

Residents from 10 South Shore towns will serve as counselors this summer. This includes Amanda Montgomery and Chris Griffin of Cohasset. Staff ranges from mature high school and college students to adults who have camping or recreational experience. All staff participates in a comprehensive orientation program, which includes the YMCA Character Development Program emphasizing the four basic core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

For more information, call June Blair at (617) 479-8500, Ext. 109.

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mitted the club is to conservation activities, and that they will do a fantastic job in their plantings; we and future generations applaud and thank you all for your efforts!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday greeting to **Roly St. Clair-Barrie**, who just turned nine years old. He had a wonderful party with all of his friends, and a great birthday. Have a great year, Roly!

REALLY GREAT PIZZA

We see that RGP Really Great Pizza is all set to open as this goes to press — it is located right downtown, in the former Zinnias' Cafe spot. It sounds delightful, you can have a different kind of pizza for breakfast, lunch, dinner or dessert. Keep an eye out for the grand opening, then go on in and give it a try.

A TRUE FRIEND

Bonnie (Edmonds) Ritter was in Cohasset recently; she flew in from Texas to attend her cousin **Jenna's** wedding. Bonnie certainly is a breath of fresh air; she has a wonderful sense of humor and an up-beat, positive attitude. She is the first one to give you a hug, has an ever-present smile, is a true friend! It is always a pleasure to have Bonnie in our midst, come again soon for a longer visit!

CLASS OF '68

The Cohasset High School Class of 1968 held its 30th reunion last weekend, under the able direction of **Steve Sinopoli** (Steve worked on it for more than a year). From all reports it was a huge success, Steve reached almost every member of his class! He has promised to give us all of the details once he has them all compiled; we are really looking forward to hearing them! We do know one thing, the class was deeply gratified to Steve for all of the time and effort he put in to make it such a huge success!

VOLUNTEERING

We are proud of **Melinda Cheel**, a Class of 1999 interdepartmental computer systems informations and arts major at Union College. Melinda has spent the past year volunteering in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Schenectady. Melinda, a resident of 14 Margin Ct., is a 1994 graduate of Cohasset High School.

KEEP IN TOUCH

That's the news for this week, hopefully you will be in touch with me and let me know your news! Just give me a buzz!

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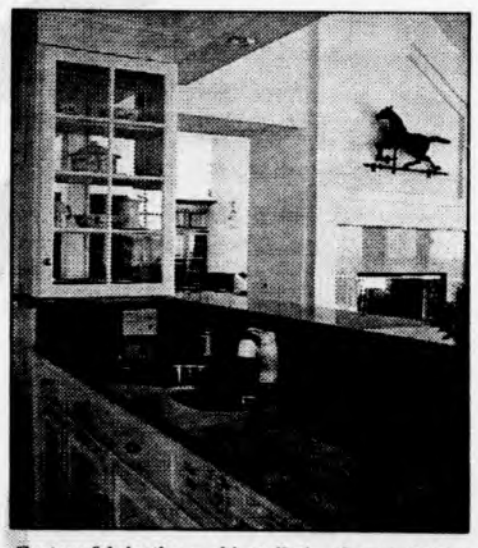
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EDITORIAL

A lot of hot air

It's August in Cohasset, so that must be the reason. When other towns have quieted down during the dog days of summer — Cohasset likes to keep the juices flowing.

How else can the fiery sessions on the water main crisis of several years back, the heated special town meeting on the new school two summers ago or this week's rollicking back-to-back marathon meetings on a marina expansion proposal be explained? As we recall, they all occurred when the temperature and the humidity reached intolerable levels sending tempers flaring.

Selectmen got beaten up pretty badly Tuesday night when a majority of the board opted not to make a tough decision on whether or not to move the federal anchorage area in Bailey's Creek. They referred it to town meeting instead.

As several citizens in attendance demanded, then why were we all there?

It would have been much easier on everyone if selectmen just announced their decision — which they had apparently talked over among themselves — at the beginning of the meeting and gotten on with other business before the town.

After all, selectmen had just held a joint meeting with the harbor committee Thursday when the issue was debated ad nauseam. Then the entire scenario was replayed Tuesday evening to a board which already knew where it was going.

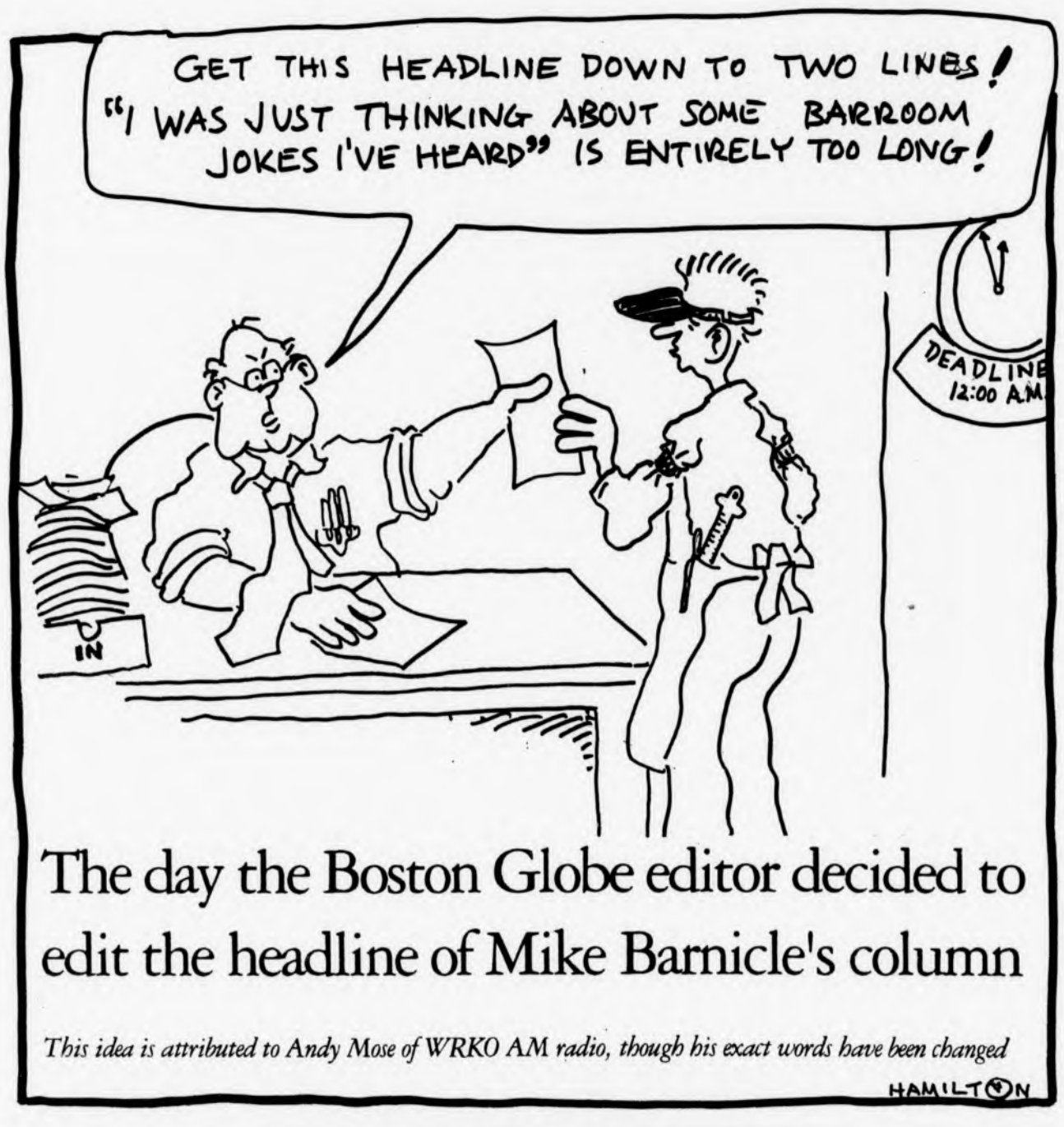
Too bad a majority of selectmen looked like "jelly fish" as one resident remarked. In the end, their weak-kneed effort to skirt resolving the issue once and for all was moot. Marina owner Paul Trendowicz did not jump at the town meeting bait. He needs to piggyback onto the federal dredging project now — October is too late. So despite the selectmen's effort to keep him dangling — they still ended up with a terse letter from Mr. Trendowicz who is now going to play hardball with the town over the ownership of the creek bottom.

Through all of this, we have to admire Selectman Diane Sullivan. She chose to go down swinging. Her motion not to recommend moving the federal anchorage line — if passed — would have yielded the same result. But she went on record opposing the project before the vote — while the others chimed in with their personal viewpoints afterward.

Too bad selectmen didn't stick by their decision in April when they asked Mr. Trendowicz to come back with an expansion proposal next year after the harbor is dredged.

That would certainly have saved a lot of hot air.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town Hall auditorium acoustics

TO THE EDITOR:

Mention was made of the poor acoustics in the auditorium at the July 28 selectmen's meeting. One of the selectmen remarked that it was good enough for Humphrey Bogart. (What is now the Music Circus began in our town hall).

Well, yes, the acoustics aren't too bad when there are enough people to absorb the reverberating sound waves bouncing from the bare ceiling, floor and walls. But it is unbearable for smaller meetings with fewer bodies, because the sound waves bouncing back and forth cause one to hear a mixture of echos of sounds each of which originated a different number of milliseconds ago. It is helpful if the speaker talks quietly so that there is less sound energy to dissipate in several bounces across the room through the air. When a speaker gets passionately loud and assertive, the reverberations are increased and we are spared from understanding what was said.

The only cure is the addition of sound absorbing material to walls and/or ceiling, such as one or two inches thick high density acoustical fiberglass covered with fabric. (Such ceiling treatment transformed Bancroft Hall from acoustically unbearable to near perfect). The sound energy is converted to a tiny quantity of heat energy as the sound waves get lost in the interstices of the absorbing material; the sound from an entire fractious meeting on sewers wouldn't heat up a teaspoon of water, despite the watts input to the loudspeakers and the fury level of the participants. There is no sound system that can offset the lack of absorbtivity in the room, no matter how sophisticated and no matter how many loudspeakers are distributed around the room, so selectmen shouldn't cling to false hope of an easy out.

We are fortunate that the walls and ceiling aren't modern hard plasterboard; the old-fashioned lath and plaster was less reflective of sound waves. Perhaps it hardens with time so the old South Shore Players wouldn't sound so good now as they did.

R. M. Campbell
75 Old Pasture Rd.

Statistics support train

TO THE EDITOR,

Ms. Buckley's article was very disheartening to someone who commutes daily between the South Shore and Boston. The efforts of Ms. Buckley and her anti-train contemporaries have reduced a safe, clean, affordable and efficient mode of transportation into a dirty and deadly trip. As a daily commuter from the South Shore into Boston since 1982, I have tried every available mode of transportation, and few can compare to the ride on the New Old Colony Commuter Rail.

Is the train dirty? As a regular patron of the Commuter Boat, I often find myself gasping for fresh air to avoid the direct diesel fumes which pollute the air and ocean on every trip. Based on experience, emissions from a diesel locomotive have far less of a direct impact on the commuter than does a semi-truck, bus, or commuter boat.

It the train efficient? As far as operating on schedule, neither the P & B bus, nor the Red Line, nor the Boat can compare to the timeliness of the Commuter Rail on a trip by trip basis. The Commuter Rail is consistent and often on schedule.

Is the train deadly? According to the 1997 National Transportation Statistics, by USDOT Bureau of Transportation Statistics, the following fatalities were reported for each respective mode of transportation for the year 1995: automobile = 37,221 (nearly 50 percent at speeds less than 55 mph); Recreational Boating = 836; Transit (Motor Bus, Heavy Rail, Light Rail, Trolley Bus, Ferry Boat, Commuter Rail and Vanpool) = 274. In addition, regarding Ms. Buckley's reference to the poor engineering and planning and their relationship to safety at the highway/rail crossings, according to 1997 NTS, even through populations have increased along with the number of motor vehicles on highways, the number of fatalities at highway/rail crossings has been reduced from 1,610 in 1965 to 579 in 1995. The Old Colony route may date back to the Civil War, but the grade crossing protection does not.

Regrettably, accidents happen every day. However, some accidents are considerably more avoidable than others. One can be guaranteed to avoid an accident with a train by staying off the tracks. Unfortunately, there is no guaranteed solution to avoiding a car accident.

Based on the statistics, the solution to avoiding real tragedies, is to increase transit service to the South Shore to move thousands of com-

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Hanging around at Summer Playground



The South Shore Natural Science Center presents a program on reptiles including an Iguana that counselor Cara McKenney and recreation playground camper Dayna St. Peter can't take their eyes off of.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman



Erica Aikens balances a ball on her head during Summer Playground sponsored by the Recreation Department at the Deer Hill School.



Danielle Frederick, counselor Kate McBride and Matthew Gregory react to creatures at the science center presentation.



Marc Antonio leaps for a ball at the Deer Hill playground.

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muters in and out of Boston and its surrounding communities safely and efficiently. Extending the Red Line to the Weymouth/Hingham line at Derby Street would only address a fraction of the demand, along with providing less than adequate service. People in North Weymouth, most of Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Marshfield are well served by a Red Line transit service near Route 3 that will make several stops throughout Quincy and Dorchester before arriving in Boston.

How many more lives will be lost in auto accidents during the time spent debating alternatives to a project that is feasible and funded? Restoration of the Greenbush service offers a clean, safe and efficient solution to the South Shore's dire need for improved transportation now and into the future. Your shameless exploitation of a tragic avoidable accident to promote your campaign is very sad.

John Cavanaro
Cohasset

Bradley's gun stance challenged

TO THE EDITOR:

Garrett Bradley has publicly questioned Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray's vote against the Gun Safety Bill in local papers suggesting that she is not concerned with the safety of children. My profession involves law enforcement sales and I am in contact with law enforcement personnel from all levels. I recently had lunch with a senior agent from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and, like every law enforcement official I have talked with about this bill, he was against it.

He told me that legal gun owners are not the people they are concerned with and that this legislation, and almost all like it, is aimed at law abiding folks, not criminals. Politicians, the guys he works for, know very little about the issues they face in the street. More often than not they react emotionally with ineffective, unenforceable laws. Police know what has to be done to lower crime, he explained. The murder rate in Boston is declining because the police have increasingly called on his bureau to arrest repeat offenders where they are prosecuted under much tougher federal laws. Under federal statute, anyone with a prior felony conviction caught with a gun, gun part or even a single bullet, becomes a guest of the federal prison system for 15 years. He said that the police have gotten very tired of bringing "misunderstood youths" before the Massachusetts judges only to have them released back onto the street.

Mr. Bradley claims to have read all 82 pages of the Gun Safety Bill. If this is true, he knows that his short letter doesn't begin to explain it or the reason a legislator might vote against it. For the record, more than one-third of the House members did vote against it. Many more would have but it is well-known that legislators are expected to follow party lines, especially toward bills that the Speaker of the House wants passed.

There are more than 1 million licenses to carry firearms (pistol permits) and more than 1.2 million Firearms Identification Cards issued in Massachusetts and we have some of the toughest gun and licensing laws in the country. Now, with this poorly written law, we have vague, confusing legislation aimed at law-abiding gun owners, not criminals. Our workable system will be replaced by a complicated, multi-tiered system based on confusing definitions. All licenses must be renewed next year regardless of when they were issued. That's 2.2 million renewals our police will have to deal with in one year. Of course, this does create a nifty new revenue stream of $55 million in fees every four years. Add to this drop tests for guns (seven times on concrete) that will only render them unsalable, 900 degree temperature tests (???), requirements for locking devices technology has yet to invent, and hundreds of other poorly-worded, contradictory restrictions, and you have the "Gun Owners Harassment Bill of 1998." By the way, criminals don't have licenses.

The safety of our children requires educational programs like the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Course offered free of charge to schools. We need sensible safety regulations and personal responsibility of gun owners through educational programs.

Alexander Koines
380 Atlantic Ave., Cohasset

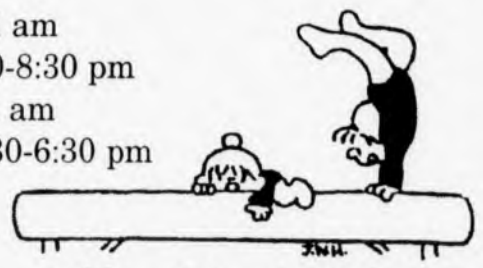
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The last day to register to vote and change party enrollment for the State Primary Sept. 15 is Wednesday, Aug. 26. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office but must be received or postmarked on or before Aug. 26.

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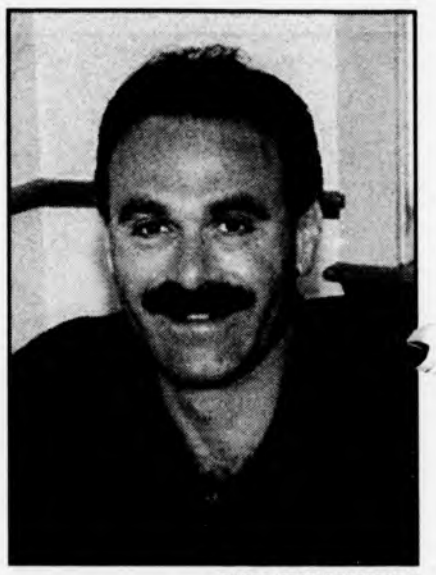
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Haddad looks back on a hectic year



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Town Manager Mark Haddad at his office in town hall.

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where you work," Haddad said.

"It's a very demanding job and we've had our good points and our bad points over the past 12 months, but I think there will have been more good than bad. Based on the way things are going now, I would hold this job forever if the town would have me."

Clearly, Haddad loves what he does. Since he was a teenager, Haddad has been interested in municipal government. He points out that he was the only student in Andover High School who knew the name of the town administrator. By the time he turned 18, he was hanging out at town meeting participating in the democratic process.

"I love the open form of town meeting government," Haddad said. "I'm a big fan of that. People deserve to be heard."

Haddad has parlayed that love of town government into a career that has spanned 14 years, including stints in other towns as executive secretary and town administrator. Now, at the end of his first year as the town's chief administrator, Haddad is able to look back on events with the advantage of 20-20 hindsight.

"I've been really pleased with the support I've received from the town department heads and the town boards, especially the board of selectmen," Haddad said. "They've been outstanding, and the selectmen have really taken a hands-off approach. They've let me be the town manager and allowed me to run the day-to-day operations."

Before the selectmen selected Haddad, it was not clear at all whether the new form of government would work. Some of the selectmen initially opposed the citizen's petition asking to create a town manager form of government. The selectmen felt the proposal should have been studied more thoroughly, but the voters disagreed and approved the proposal. For the most part, the town manager form of government seems to have worked well, Haddad said.

"I think the day-to-day operations of the town government have really picked up the pace," Haddad said. "Before, if someone had an issue, they had to contact the selectmen's office, get on the agenda, wait for a meeting, and possibly return more than once to answer questions and address concerns. Now, if there's an issue, I can pick up the telephone, call a department head, discuss the issue, make a decision and off we go."

Also, Haddad said he believes in an open-door policy to encourage department heads and residents alike to come to him with problems and concerns.

"People can come in with their concerns and we can make mutual decisions. In the final analysis, it's my call," Haddad said "But I don't like to be heavy-handed. I'll work with the person so they can understand where I'm coming from."

As an example, he cites the time some residents from Jerusalem Road called to complain about a street light that had been burned out for months. The residents contacted Eastern Edison on several occasions, but got no help. Haddad used his position as town manager to call the electric company and have the bulb replaced in one day.

"We're able to do things quicker than people are used to," Haddad said. "I think we're more responsive to the taxpayers' concerns."

Haddad is quick to give a lot of credit to department heads and other municipal workers in town. He said the streamlined service at town is a team effort involving the secretaries, support staff and department heads.

Gaining the support and cooperation of town department heads has been one of Haddad's primary goals since coming to Cohasset. Department heads no longer need to spend time coming out to weekly selectmen's meetings to give reports. Instead, they can talk to Haddad who reports back to selectmen, which is far more efficient, he said.

The first real test of Haddad's ability to work with other department heads came when he had to choose a new library director. Haddad said some of the library trustees were skeptical of his power as the new appointing authority in town. However, Haddad assured the trustees that they were the experts on library directors and he would feel confident appointing whomever they chose. The trustees chose Janet Husband and Haddad appointed her. Working with the school committee, the only autonomous board in town, on the budget proved to be a surmountable challenge. Haddad didn't give the school committee all the money it wanted, but he ended up approving more than he envisioned.

"Working together cooperatively, and I want to stress cooperatively, makes this process work great," Haddad said. "We are all here to work for the benefit of the taxpayers and residents of this town."

Of course, it hasn't been all smooth sailing. In one case, town meeting rejected Haddad's recommendation to divert funds from fire hydrant fees. But he has no problem with that decision, deferring to town meeting's authority as the final word on local matters.

And while he couldn't think of any event over the last 12 months that surprised him, he did express some disappointment over the sewer commissioners' decision to sue the town over who has the authority to award sewer contracts.

"Never before have I seen one town board suing another," Haddad said. "We've had close calls in other communities, but we were able to sit own and work it out. But I've never seen this before. If the lawsuit resolves the matter, great. We're spending the town's money on legal fees. It is definitely costing us money."

Haddad acknowledged that there are no easy answers to the town's waste water management problem, which is one of the biggest challenges facing the town. He was critical of one other aspect waste water management: using limited sewer capacity to control growth in town. Some critics of the sewer commissioners have argued that they are trying to limit growth with limited sewering in town. Haddad said the right way to control growth is through zoning with the development of a comprehensive master plan. That plan is high on Haddad's agenda.

Now that the Haddad family has moved to the South Shore (Scituate), there appears to be no turning back. Haddad said his wife loves the South Shore so much that she has declared he will have to drag her to another area if he changes jobs. And Haddad seems confident that he will not want to change jobs for a long time; he's made a long-term commitment to Cohasset in his own mind. Meanwhile, Haddad and his wife are discussing the possibility of another long-term commitment: a sibling for their one child, 17-month old Philip.

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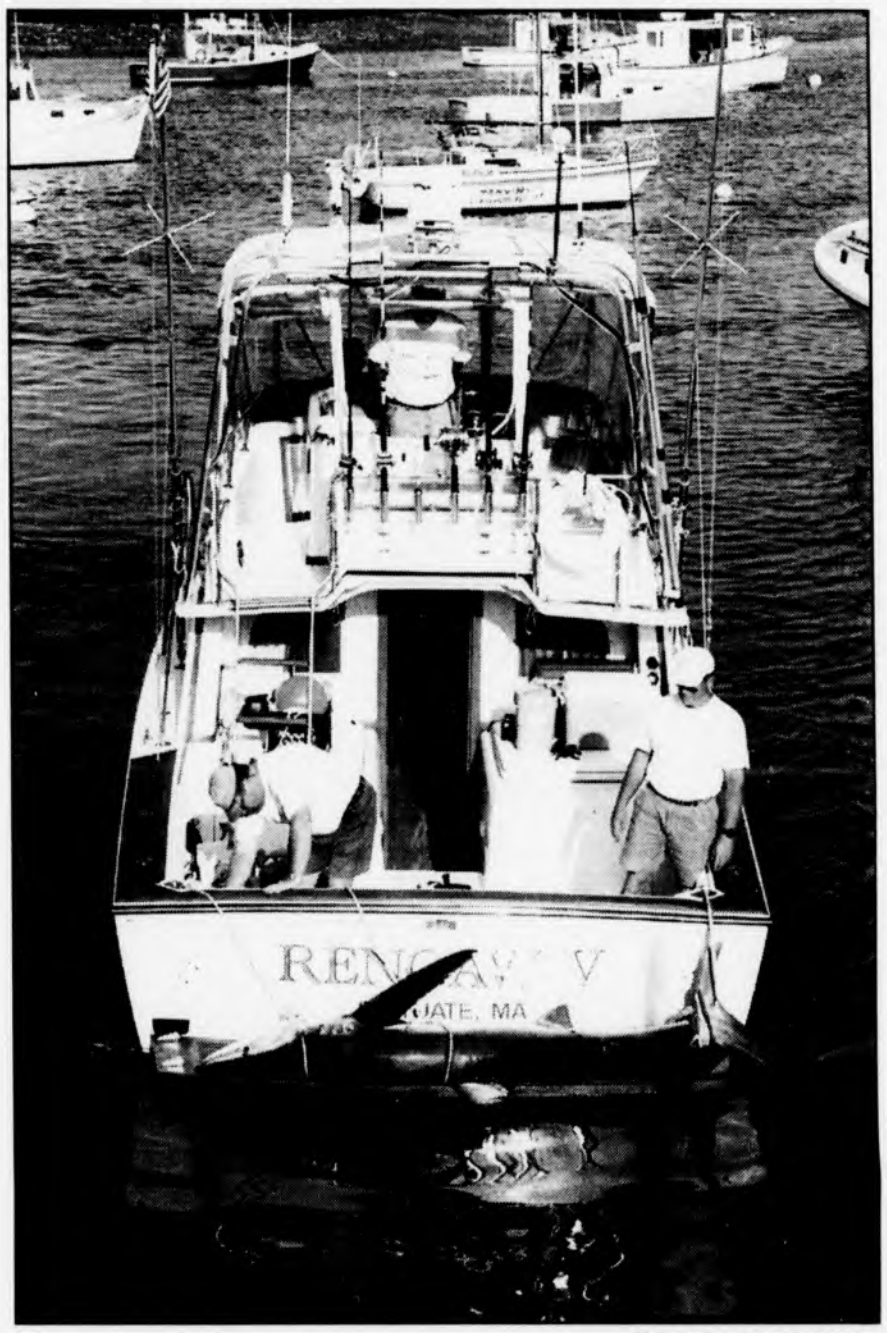
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A local fisherman comes in with a prize catch, a blue shark, at the Scituate Heritage Days Shark Tournament from over this past weekend. The shark meat caught at the annual event is distributed to local homeless shelters.

Bishop hopes for expanded role at Plymouth State College

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

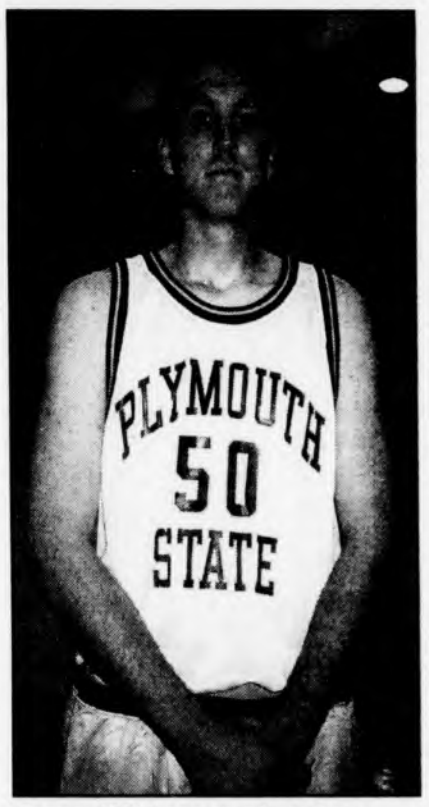
It's not too often that a college freshman finds himself on the 12-man roster of a championship caliber team, let alone as a contributing member of that team.

But Cohasset's Ryan Bishop, a 6'8" redhead with an easy smile and a knack for defensive rebounding, finds himself in just such a spot.

Bishop graduated from Cohasset High School in 1997 after a three-year varsity career which saw him rake in two South Sectional titles, two South Shore League flags and SSL All-Star honors. He walked away from his high school career with a phenomenal 58-14 record.

"Bish," third in a trio of basketball playing brothers and the fourth and final brother to play sports at CHS, was not only an essential player on those three radically different teams, but also a leader here, particularly in his final two seasons. However, even as a sophomore, Ryan could be a voice of reason on a team always brimming with emotion and sometimes strife. It couldn't have been easy for the team's youngest player, and one of only two rookies, to stand up and say his piece when he disagreed with a teammate.

Bishop was the consummate teammate, a genuine captain, despite the fact that he never wore the title for a season. One of this reporter's fondest memories is of a playoff game three years ago, in Bishop's junior season. Matched against a then-undefeated Scituate team, the Skippers, guided by the coaching of Ron Ford and Mark Hall, and led by superstar Jared Hardwick, dismantled the Sailors through guile and heart.



Former CHS hoop standout Ryan Bishop is now running the court for Plymouth State.

At one pivotal moment late in the intense second half, when players' legs were lead and oxygen hard to find in the packed gym, a loose ball bounded around near midcourt. Bish launched his 80-inch frame onto the hardwood, snapping up the ball and, in effect, the game. It ranks among my favorite moments as a fan and a writer, and occurred during a game which was among the best I've seen and still ranks among Ford and Hall's most cherished victories.

When asked about the play recently, typical fashion, Bish just smiled and replied, "It's the only way to play the game."

Indeed it is, and Bishop's game has taken him north to Plymouth State College, where he will vie for a starting role next year. The Panthers are a team packed with talent, but Bishop's hustle and ignorance of knowing when to quit will endear him to coaches wherever he plays.

Asked if he had anything to say about Bishop, Ford smiled at the thought of a player in whom he'd invested an incredible amount of emotion, time and effort over a six-year span. The relationship between the two was interesting to watch; the 6'8" high school basketball player and the 5'7" (give or take an inch. . .mostly take) disciplinarian. In the end, it was obvious that each had bettered the other in their respective roles.

"Bishop was a very, very talented player for us. He was consistent, and extremely talented."

Consistent, talented, never-say-die, competitive, lunchpail, charismatic, underrated. All these words, and more, could describe the way Bish plays hoops and what he brings to a team. Told by Coach Ford for years that he was a mere six inches away from being an NBA lottery pick, Bishop figures he'll make a run at it anyway, and probably play some pretty good basketball along the road.

Blue shark tops the scales at Heritage Day fishing tourney

THE FISH STORY



MARK TRASK

Small schools of pogies riffles across the oily-smooth surface in the predawn light. The urge was serious to throttle back the Whaler and set to snagging in the shadow of the ghostly lighthouse. But Jim kept the throttle pinned and zoomed north to Boston Harbor and his date, helping inner-city kids learn the joys of harvesting fish from the sea. Peter saw the same schools and made haste for the shop to rig up his newly repaired surfcasting rod. The Jackson clan deployed their tube and worm rigs, some fishing commercial, all fishing and having fun. All connecting with a horde of heavy bass.

The warm weedy water of Lily Pond was the site of Jon Connell's recent fishing trip. Jon's shiners proved too much for a fat 5 pound, four ounce largemouth bass. A stream of anglers have followed Jon's lead in recent days, some having similar luck of their own. Barry popped in the other day to pickup his hunting license. A good reminder to those who want to get their antlerless application in to the Division. *Time is getting short.* Doing any fishing Barry, I teased? Yea he said. We both laughed. Barry fished spring trout.

Matt Cunningham made a trip south from Cohasset to Peggotty Beach in Scituate with a bucketful of tinker mackerel. He was quite pleased with the 24 pound, 6 ounce bass that stretched 42 and 1/2 inches on the scale. Reports of a resurgence of bass slamming tubes and chunks on the rocks from Hardings Ledge to the Bug Light pier in Duxbury Bay seem to indicate the usual summer slack period is history.

Jamie Jackson was the first to weigh a bass in the Beachcomber Tournament and made it stick to take the first weekly prize. Jamie was tubing around Chest Lodge and the bite was on. The big bass weighed in at 28 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 44 and 1/2 inches. Talk about throwing down the gauntlet in the boat division. Prizes are awarded each week in the boat and shore divisions. Souvenir T-shirts are presented to each angler entering the tournament.

At press time the winner of Scituate Heritage Days Shark Tournament was reported to be a 309 pound blue shark. More details will follow.

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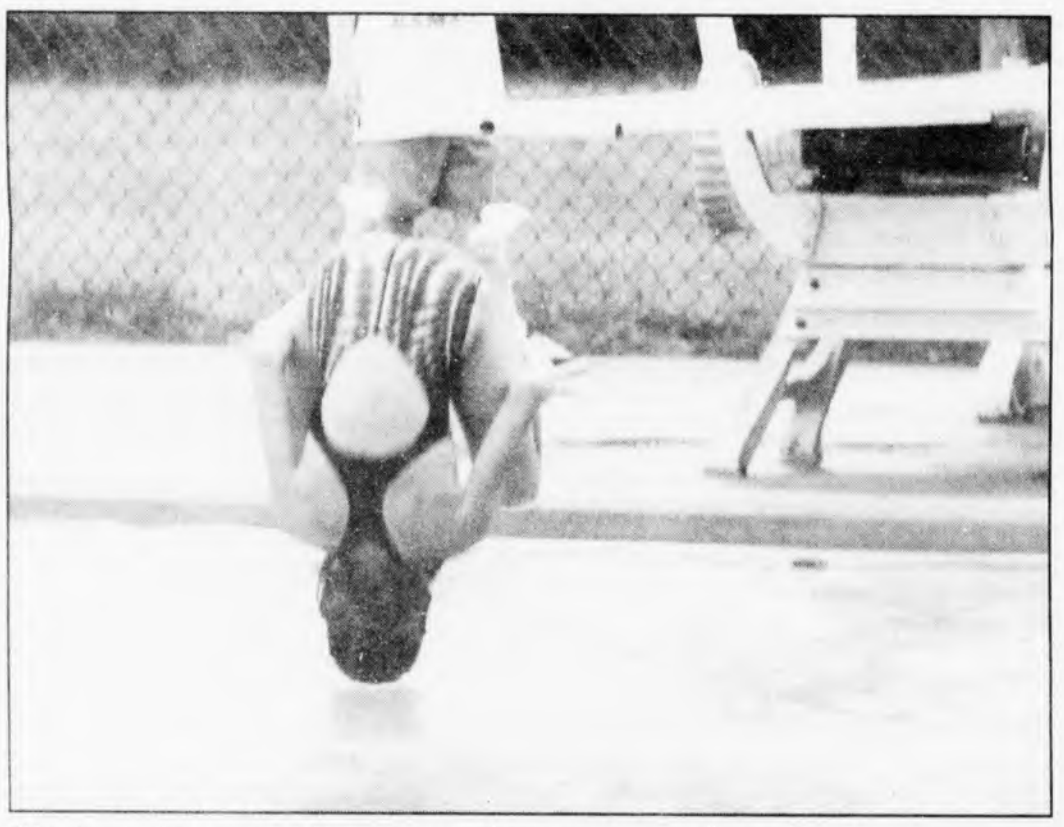
THEY'RE GOING TO DISNEY WORLD



The Cohasset Youth Baseball League present the awards from their recent raffle. From left to right are grand prize winners Pam Taylor and Kevin Lessard (trip for four to Disney World), committee chair Bob Moody, second prize winners Steve and Terry MacCormack (a weekend for two at the Jared Coffin House on Nantucket) and third prize winner Rich Evans ($100).

Diving for some summer fun

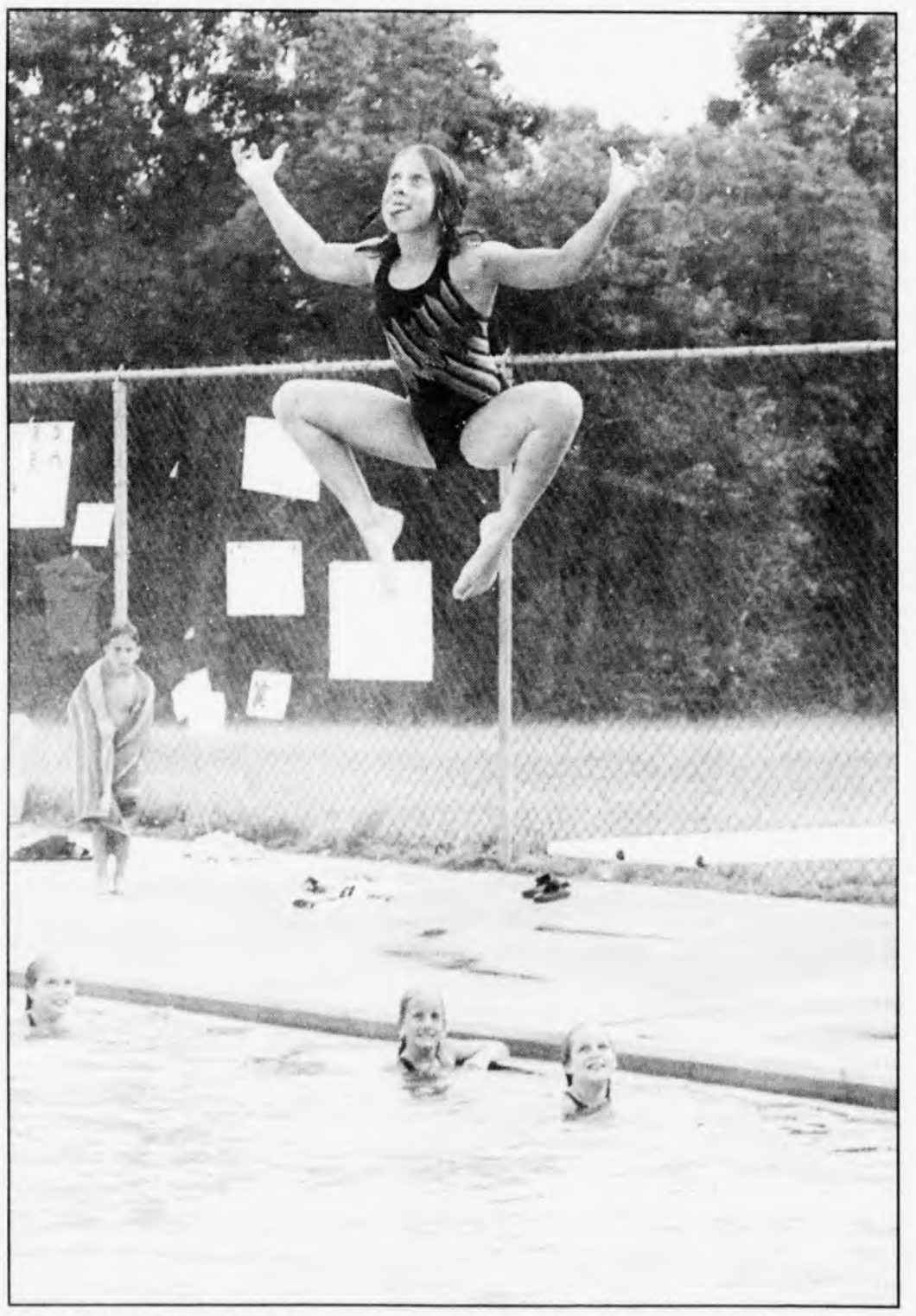




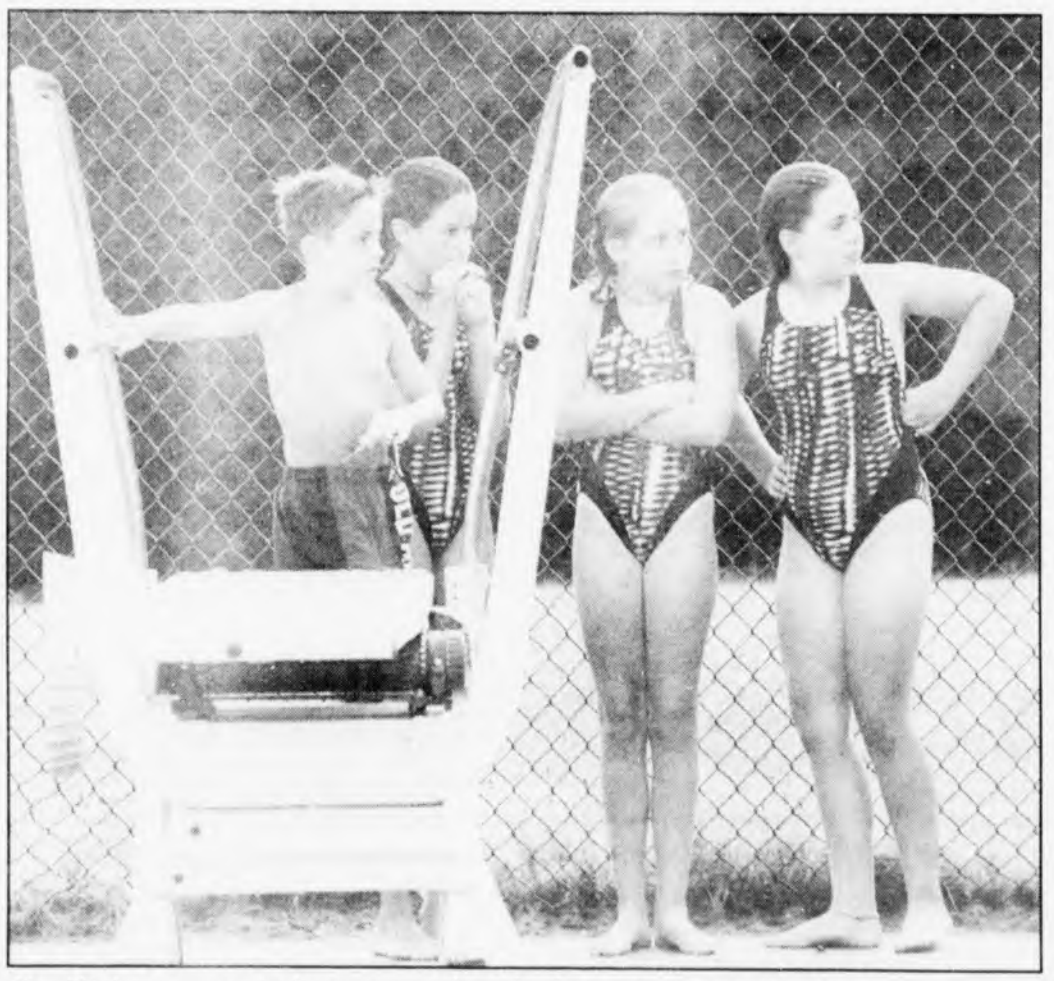
The Cohasset Diving Club ended their year last Wednesday with the annual Red, White and Blue diving exhibition.

Photos by Fred Robertson

This diver is about to make a big impression on her teammates as well as on the water.



Erin McCarthy shows off both her comedic charm as well as her athletic prowess in this yet-to-be-named dive.



Reed Dickinson awaits final instructions as he makes his way to the diving board.

Easter Seals Marathon turns 15

Softball fun will go around the clock

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Fifteen years ago it was a way for eight local teenagers to stay up all night and have a little fun.

Four hundred people and nearly $50,000 in donations to the Easter Seals Fund later, the annual softball marathon in Duxbury has become an official tradition.

"Fifteen years ago I had no idea that I'd still be doing this today," said Marshfield selectman Jim Cantwell as he prepared to strap on the turf shoes on more time. "Every year people from all around are asking me when the game is going to be. It's become a tradition."

The first pitch will be thrown from the mound at Train Field in Duxbury at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 22. From there more than 100 people from all around the South Shore will show their skills on the diamond around the clock until the last player standing turns out the lights at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

All money raised from this charity event will go to the Easter Seals Society of Massachusetts to support such programs as stroke therapy, wheelchair donations, recreational services and in-house care. Kerri Gerety, an Easter Seal client, will be on hand to throw out the first pitch of the game.

Included with all the fun of trying to function in a coordinated manner while working on little or no sleep is the fact that the players are all out there for a good cause. With each player challenged to bring $50 in donations with them to the game it is a surety that the event will break the $50,000 in overall donations this year.

"Not only is this a great way to see friends that you may only get to see once a year, you can't beat the Easter Seals as a cause to play for," said Cantwell. "Along the way we've had the chance to meet some of the people who have been helped by the organization, which really has shown the great work that they do."

The Easter Seal group is a direct service organization committed to providing world class, quality programs and services to help people with disabilities and their family live life with quality, dignity and independence.

Like the rest of us, Cantwell is not afraid to admit that he is not as young as he used to be. He takes that into consideration when you are taking on an athletic feat of this magnitude.

"You learn to pace yourself," said Cantwell, who himself learned that lesson a little too late. A few years back he went sliding into a base and came back up with a one-way ticket to the emergency room for some stitches and other repair work to his leg.

"I've got the knee brace so I'm ready to get to work," said Cantwell. "You have a pretty good idea that you are going to be in a little pain when you're through with the game, but it's a great time for a great cause.

"The important thing is to make sure you stretch and take it easy on yourself. It's a long game and you are going to have more than enough chances to be a hero."

Over the years participation has nearly tripled as close to 100 people are expected to take part this year. The large numbers allow people to pick and choose their spots to play and conserve energy for the later innings.

"The day and the evening shifts are usually pretty full through the night. When you come into the early morning hours, that's when you start to see the real troopers come through," said Cantwell.

The average person usually plays in a three-to-four hours shift, but even to this day there are those ironmen who go all 24 hours.

This year the Boston Red Sox are donating game tickets and New Balance is offering sneakers to some of the top performers. As well, more than 30 businesses and organizations offer a variety of products each year to try and make the day go as smoothly as possible.

For more information on the softball marathon or if you want to register to play or become a sponsor, please contact Jim Cantwell at 837-5407, Dan Bardon at 837-6337 or John Hokanson, 934-6185.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Hingham Bay Junior Regatta, July 23 and 24

Racing coach Amy Logue was very happy with the performance of the six crews that raced in their first regatta of the year in the Hingham Bay Junior Regatta. Competing in the Turnabout Red Fleet of 31 boats:

Betsy Reynolds and Mike Haajar placed 10th overall including one 5th place finish. Rachel Doyle and Elisa Jerome placed 13th overall including one 12th place finish.

Phil Strazzulla & John Dewaal placed 24th overall including one 4th place finish. Julie Shea and Kelly Hurley finished 30th overall.

In the 420 fleet of 30 boats, the crew of Robin Cunningham and Lane Forrer placed 21st overall with two finishes in the top 20 boats.

Congratulations to all these sailors on a great first regatta of the season. All of the crews will continue to prepare for the Mass Bay Junior Regatta, a Junior Olympics event, that will be held on Aug. 17-19 at the Hull Yacht Club.

Team Racing

Aug. 5

Last week, the Sailing Club had its first team race of the year in the Club 420's against the Hingham Yacht Club. Unfortunately for Cohasset, Hingham won the "Best of 3" races format with two quick wins. The Cohasset team skippers Sean Chase, Robin Cunningham and Kate Henderson all sailed well with the help of their junior sailor crews, but placed 4, 5 and 6 in the first race and 3, 5 and 6 in the second race.

Aug. 7

On Friday, the Sailing Club team traveled to the Lincoln Sailing Center in Hingham Harbor to race 420's against a team that the Club has dominated during the last two seasons. This year it was Lincoln's turn, however, as they beat Cohasset in 2 hard fought races. The Cohasset skippers Sean Chase, Robin Cunningham and Eric Libby jumped out to an early lead, but suffered equipment problems and an unexpected encounter with a sand bar that allowed Lincoln to win the deciding second race.

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Volunteers are needed for gym-raising

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Adrienne MacCarthy and Mary Goodwin provided the idea, the Osgood's PSO and the larger town PSO along with donations from town residents and businesses provided the funding; now all it needs is a village to raise it.

"It" is the new pine green, burgundy and cream-colored playground that children attending the opening day of the new Osgood School this Sept. 2 can release their back-to-school energy on.

So far, 15 Cohasseters have come forward for the 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Aug. 22 assemblage of the play area. Fifteen more volunteers are needed.

"We can use anybody, really," said MacCarthy. "Basically, it's assembly work. Not a lot of hammering and sawing. We'll probably put teams together-one putting posts into holes and another hoisting up the platform; that sort of thing."

MacCarthy hopes that others will sign on to help raise the structure, perhaps even offering their services tag-team style, with one spouse working through the morning and early afternoon hours and the other covering the last hours of the day.

The following day, too, will be busy and volunteers will be needed to help cement the newly posted structure in place.

Refreshments, snacks and food will be provided, assured MacCarthy, even if she has to provide it herself. That probably won't be necessary. Already, Cohasset's Atlantic Bagel has offered to donate 15 sandwiches for lunch and MacCarthy is hopeful that other local eateries will get in the spirit of things, too.

MacCarthy and Goodwin, both members of the school facilities committee, got involved when, according to Goodwin, it became apparent that there were not going to be moneys for a play structure in the new school construction budget.

Some time last April, the two women approached the PSOs to find out how much they could get for a new playground and how much more they'd need to raise.

"It just kind of took off from there," said MacCarthy. Flyers were sent home with Osgood students. Fellow fund-raisers Lucia Flibotte and Susan Galligan literally walked into shops and explained the situation.

The net tally of four months' effort, drawn from the PSO's t-shirt sale and book fair, local business and private contributions and Tom O'Brien Nissan's donation of a "mega-rock" for climbing, was enough to purchase the $23,563 playground.

"From what I hear, the amount we raised in such a small period of time is quite a feat," said MacCarthy.

The aluminum and plastic structure will stand over wood fibar, a material that looks like regular wood chips, except these cost $10,000 for the 100-square-foot playground area.

That's because these chips purportedly don't break down like ordinary wood chips, have a five-year-life before needing to be refreshed, don't attract bugs and will compact with use from 12 inches deep to nine.

Should a child fall, the fibar will offer a resilient cushioning, especially since there will be an additional rubber padding below the fibar by the three slides and six-swings of the gym where it's needed most.

Another benefit of the chips is that it allows wheelchair and stroller access, meeting ADA approval. The playground area also has a transfer platform for wheelchairs.

MacCarthy is very happy about the new playground. "It's been truly amazing that our families and friends have pulled together to make this thing happen in such a short period of time so that it can be ready for the kids when they come together for the first time. That was the goal we set for ourselves in April when we started this whole thing," she said.

The many swings and slides, most coming off a five- and six-foot deck, can be added to at a later date with attachable equipment made by the same manufacturer. Should more funds be needed for that addition, MacCarthy will get the Osgood students involved in fund-raising. But for now, MacCarthy is just excited that the project is near completion.

"I can't wait to play on it, which is what I'll be doing at dusk when no one else can see me," she joked.

If you are interested in helping assemble the new playground, call Adrienne MacCarthy at (781) 383-1028.

Cohasset High School 30th reunion

The Cohasset High School Class of 1968 will hold its 30th reunion Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Cohasset Lightkeeper's House from 6 to 10 p.m.. The cost is $50 per couple or $30 per person, payable to Cathy Davis, 52 Linden Dr., Cohasset, 02025.

Organizers are trying to locate the following graduates and would appreciate help: Sally Bohmer, Charlie (Biff) Donovan, James Feran, Bob Flanagan, Denise Grant, Alison Hatheway, Margie Hubbard, Jim Hurley, David LeDoux, Sue McIntyre, John McNeil, Ann Spinzola and Karen Walsh.

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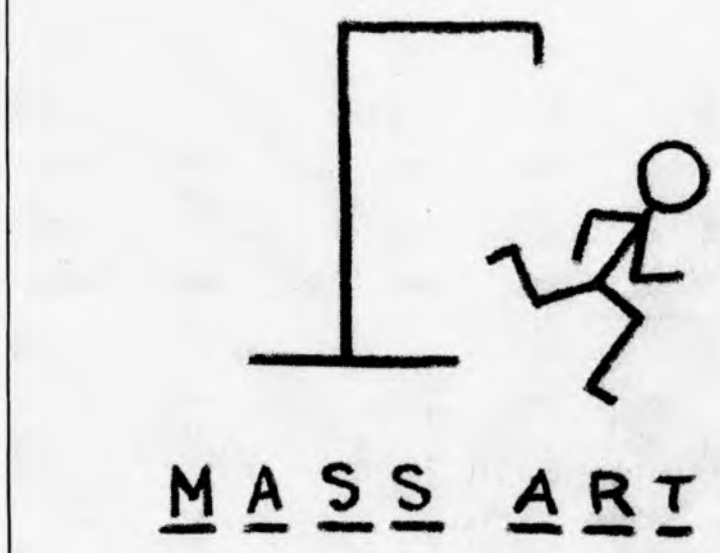
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Chef Ambrose cooks up Community Center benefit

A subcommittee of the South Shore Community Center Board of Directors raised more than $13,000 to apply to much needed capital improvements as well as continued debt reduction for the center. Two fund-raisers, headed up by Trish Hart and Andrea Kinneally from the board, made for an exciting evening. First was an elegant dinner party held July 14 at the Lightkeeper's Cottage. The dinner party raised $5,000 and was attended by 85 people. Second was a raffle drawing for three nights at the Wauwinet House on Nantucket. More than 400 $25 tickets were sold to take a chance on this dream getaway, raising $8,000 for the center.

The dinner was prepared by chef Anthony Ambrose and his wife Dorene, three-year residents of Cohasset and owners of the restaurant Ambrosia on Huntington Avenue in Boston. The meal included freshly caught Cohasset striped bass, Australian racks of lamb, and carefully paired fine wines. Ambrose began the dinner with freshly caught striped bass sushi and sashimi. This was then followed by a first course of grilled striped bass served with native corn, fava beans and a warm Indonesian vinaigrette.

All fish were donated by Cohasset residents Peter Flaherty and Paul Hart.

Ambrose followed with an entree of hand-selected Australian rack of lamb with a potato nori terrine and a mint-miso glaze. The lamb was donated by Joe Kinneally, Cohasset resident and co-owner of T.F. Kinneally Meats of Boston. The finale to the dinner were individual pints of Chef Ambrose's recently launched selection of chamomile tea sorbets. Interesting flavors, such as peach lavender and chocolate nutmeg, provided a cool conclusion. Accompanying each course were specially selected wines by David Browne, a Hingham resident, from Commonwealth Wine and Spirits.

Paul and Trish Hart, who own the Lantana Function Facility in Randolph, donated all the linens, glassware, flatware and serving utensils. Generous contributions were also made by Town and Country Florist of Randolph and Stop & Shop of Cohasset.

"We owe a great thanks to Tony and his wife Dorene for not only their generosity in donating their time and energy into making the evening a success, but also for their creativity and expertise in creating an exquisite dinner and truly special summertime celebration," said center board president Matt Galligan.

The South Shore Community Center is a non-profit organization that provides educational programs for all age groups. It is home of the Community Center Nursery School and Cohasset's Council on Aging. It is supported by funds from membership dues, program fees and other outside fund-raising. For more information on the center and its fall program, call (781) 383-0088.



Anthony Ambrose talks about preparation of the evening's meal at the elegant dinner party benefit.

LIBRARY CORNER

Storyteller at library Aug. 20

Alicia Quintano will perform "The Mysterious Stranger and Other Stories," a program of stories and songs for children in grades K to 4 and their families at Paul Pratt Memorial Library Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m.

Hear exciting and mysterious tales drawn from cultures as far away as Africa, Ireland and Japan. Wizards and magical beasts come alive as audience and storyteller join together in listening and telling the tales.

The event is supported in part by a grant from the Cohasset Local Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

An "itinerant storyteller par excellence" (Woodstock Times-NY), Alicia Quintano has traveled to 38 states performing in libraries, elementary schools, universities, theaters, at festivals and on the radio.

Alicia trained as an actress with the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Va. She toured in children's theatre, and was theatre director at the Aaron Copland Music and Arts Program for children in New York state.

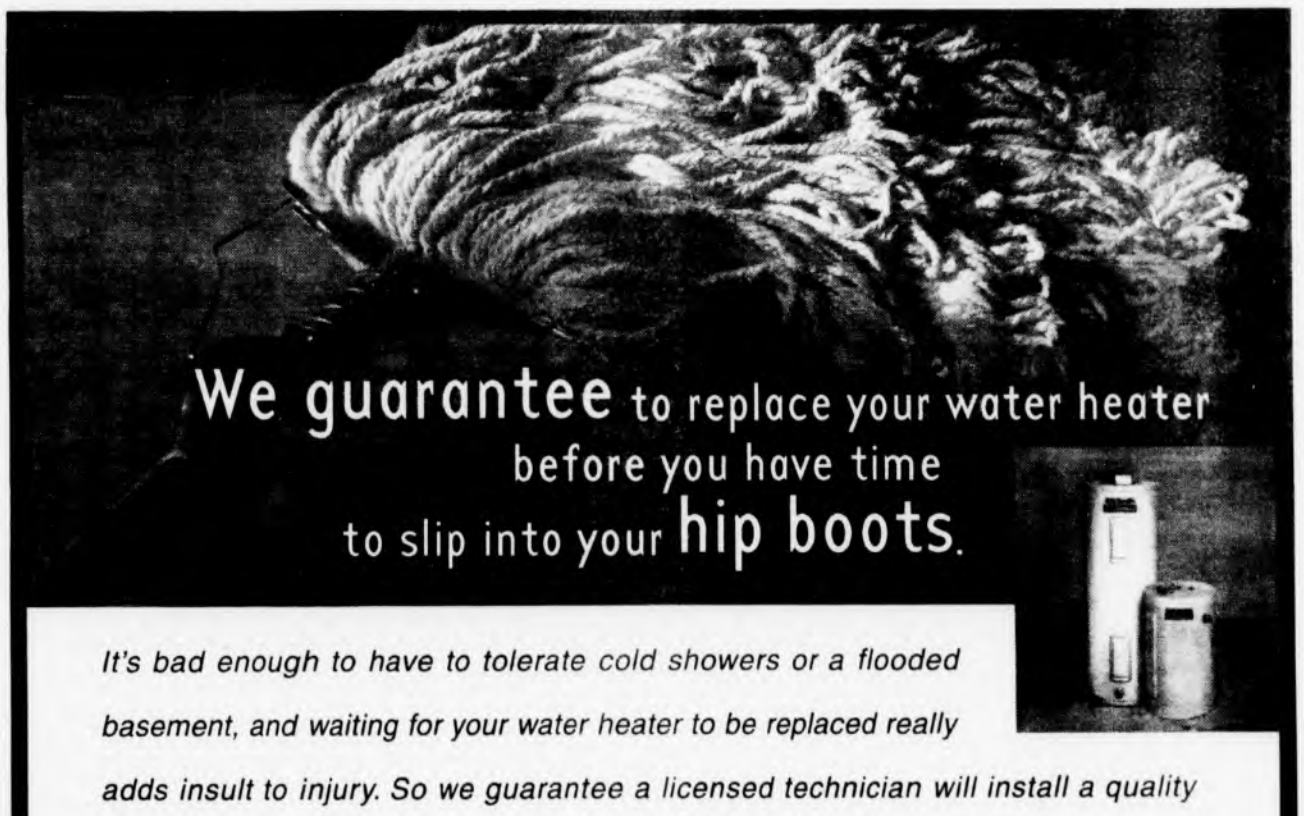
Her storytelling appearances include the Three Apples Storytelling Festival, Gloucester Stage Company, First Night Boston, the United Nations Women's Guild and family storytelling symposiums and concerts in Massachusetts and Alaska.

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Caring, compassionate White Widowed Female, 63, 5'11", blonde/blue, attractive, n/s, social drinker, like theater, camping, dining out, movies and tv. Seeking tall, romantic Gentleman for friend, companion, possible loving long-term relationship. ☎35020

Caring, sensitive, pretty, proportionate SWF, 39, enjoy camping, hiking, beach, casual dining and quiet times. Seeking a sincere, fun-loving, easygoing S/DWM, 35-45, for a possible relationship. Must like kids. ☎35158

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DWF, 46, 5'7", 190 lbs, good sense of humor, one grown son, looking for nice Guy, n/s, outgoing and able to start conversation. Likes travel, movies, theater, classical music and jazz. ☎35246

Easygoing DWF, 51, blonde/blue. Enjoys movies, theater, the ocean, dining out or eating in. Seeks someone for friendship, possible LTR ☎35258.

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First Mate seeking Captain. Slim SWF, 5'5", brunette, enjoy travel, boating, outdoor activities, dining, dancing, snuggling and laughter. Seeking a Male, 38-48, for friendship, laughter and love. ☎35189

Franklin area. Pretty, petite DWF, 44, seeking optimistic, kind DWM, 43-50, 5'7"+, to share skiing, the arts, Great Woods, the outdoors, romance and dreams, for friendship and relationship. ☎35068

From Newbury Port to politics. Conservative SWF with varied interests, seeks conservative knight in shining armor to rescue me from liberal tower of Babel. ☎35240

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Fun, romance in relationship based on friendship offered by college-educated SWF, young 40s, to S/DWM, 42-52, n/s, who enjoys walks, candlepin bowling, miniature golf, music, travel, plays, ice cream, more. ☎35224

Fun-loving, young-thinking WJF, 50s, 5'5", in great shape. Looking for one Man, 47-59, who still feels that true love is possible. Enjoy dining out, movies and travel. Newton or surrounding area. ☎35037

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38-year-old SM, 5'7", brown/green, 160 lbs, enjoy hiking, fishing and traveling. Seeking a down-to-earth WF, 28-40, with similar interests. ☎30033

Adventuresome? Easygoing? Optimistic? Interested in boating, skiing, walking, art museums, travel? We should meet! Attractive, slim PSWM, n/s, 51. ☎30086

Athletic, articulate PWM, 6', 215 lbs. Seeks SWF, 28-40, open-minded, imaginative, appreciates strong-minded, assertive Man with great sense of humor. ☎30089

Caring SWM, 42, 6'1", totally at peace with himself, old fashioned values, loves children. Seeks S/DF who still enjoys being treated special. Have many interests to share with that special person. ☎30085

Caring, honest, secure, affectionate, fit, professional WM seeking a happy, loving, romantic, playful, lifetime friend and lover, 52-60, to share romance, outdoors, dancing, travel and the beach. ☎30011

Caring, humorous, compassionate. DWM, 59, 5'6", 140 lbs, black/brown, athletic, health conscious, nonsmoker, enjoys beach walks, summertime, dancing. Seeking attractive Female, 45-58, nonsmoker, for dating, possible long-term commitment and marriage. ☎30075

Civil War buff. Retired Single Gentleman, 72, disabled American veteran, seeking a kind WF. ☎30032

College-educated, Plymouth area, SWM, 42, 5'10", casual life style, enjoys bicycling, sailing, arts. Seeking SWF, 30-42, n/s, with similar interests. ☎30078

Dance with me. Young-looking SWM, brown/brown, college grad, good-looking, good personality. Videos, model railroading, ISO SF, 18-33, for serious LTR. ☎30059

Divorced, broke, looking anyway. DWM, 48, medium build, n/s, n/d, outdoor Guy. Have a real job, no bills. Are you tall, thin, ready to meet a nice Guy? ☎30036

Dream lover, come rescue me! Warm, caring, sensitive and compassionate DWM, 50, young, very fit, active, 5'6", 145 lbs. Seeking a down-to-earth WF for my best friend and a long-term relationship. ☎30026

DWM, 36, slim, good-looking, easygoing, good person, one-Woman Man. Enjoys outdoors, movies and being with you. ISO slender, attractive, affectionate Woman. ☎30072

Earth sign, eclectic, witty, well-built, professional DWM, 40s, 5'11", enjoy astrology, personal growth, outdoors, day trips, quiet times, the simpler things. Seeking S/DWF 38-48, similar interests, for possible relationship. Plymouth area. ☎30021

Expect an exceptional lifetime partner. Tall, handsome Christian, chaste, fit, leader, 35, desires skinny Christian Woman with small features, morals and personality for lifetime of adventure, passion and purpose. Michigan. ☎30035

Falmouth Male, 61, 5'11", 145 lbs, retired military, no bad habits. Seeking a soulmate. Enjoy all of life. ☎30024

Fun-loving DWM, 26, 5'8", 165 lbs, Single dad, seeking professional S/DWF, 25-33, to share fun times, laughter, movies, camping and road trips. Must like Nickelodean. ☎30027

Good looks for a late 60s WM, enjoys cooking, walking, dancing, playing Blackjack plus. Good sense of humor, 6'3", trim and positive thinking, seeking attractive, well-proportioned, 5'4"+, DWF. ☎30053

Good Man, good heart! SBM, 32, 5'9", 180 lbs, professional cook, enjoys movies, biking, dining in, R/B; seeking SF, slim to medium build, very shapely, with similar interests. Race, age unimportant. ☎30084

Haunted by mysteries of life, intrigued by fears of the heart, drama, joy, illusion, romance, laughter. Being is simple or complicated as we make it. If you're a thinking Gal, call. ☎30043

Humanist SWM, 69, 5'10", 145 lbs, n/s, retired social worker, Hawaiian snow bird, boating, swimming, hiking, antique autos, sing-along songs, dislike rock. Seeking slim, attractive, unencumbered Lady. Upper to mid-Cape preferred. ☎30012

I am Portuguese and Italian, medium build, brown/brown, 165 lbs. Interests: cars, four-wheel drive, cooking, dancing, pool, movies, auto mechanics, social smoker/drinker, 6-year-old son. Military technician, seeking Woman, 30-50. ☎30044

Intelligent, artistic, adventurous, easygoing, handsome Man, seeks to meet, beautiful, laughing Woman, mid -0s. ☎30054

Kissed enough frogs? Humorous SWM, 32, 5'9", 180 lbs, brown/brown, attractive, foreman of contracting company, homeowner, never married, no kids, likes sports, quiet movies at home, occasional bar bands, social drinker. ☎30068

Let's get together. SWM, 59, looking for SWF, similar age, who's up front, likes dancing, romancing, music, traveling, singing, eating in and out, full of fun and happiness, no children. ☎30057

Mid Cape area. SWM, 50, 5'11", 185 lbs, sincere, fun-loving, loves the outdoors, long walks on the beach and just talking. Seeking the same in a nice Lady, for companionship and good times. ☎30048

One-Woman Man, Black hair, brown eyes, 41, in great shape. Love body building and trying new things. Seeking work out partner in petite Lady, 36-42, family-oriented, old-fashioned morals. Kids great. ☎30051

Outer Cape area. Professional, tall, dark, handsome SWM, brown/brown, honest, sincere and easygoing, like outdoors, camping, ocean, car rides and travel. Seeking great, height and weight proportionate SWF for fun, companionship. ☎30019

Practicing Catholic. SWM, 39, seeking SWF, 28-40, also a practicing Catholic. Enjoy outdoors during the summer and quiet evenings at home, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Cape Cod, South Shore area. ☎30013

Professional, attractive, athletic DWM, 40, looks younger, enjoys boating, movies, dining. Looking for sincere, attractive, fit Female, 30-38. No head games, please. ☎30061

Professional SWM, nonsmoker, enjoys sports, travel, day trips. Looking for slender, nonsmoking SWF, 45-55, who is honest, open and looking for a long-term relationship. ☎30062

Professional WM, 41, romantic, attentive and imaginative companion looking for same. Broad-minded, equally at home in museums and the outdoors. Want to learn about your interests and share mine. ☎30064

Recently retired Gentleman with easygoing disposition, love the ocean, enjoy dining and dancing. Would like to meet a happy-go-lucky Lady who shares the same interests. ☎30030

Recently Widowed WM, 64, trying to get on with life. Seeking companionship and friendship with attractive, slender WF, 55-62, n/drugs. Onset area. ☎30055

Rochester Male, youthful 58, 6', 180 lbs, retired military, neat, nice looks, graying, n/s, n/d, love the classics, seeking a soulmate. ☎30007

Romeo meets Juliet. Male, 22, 6', 185 lbs, brown/hazel. Looking for a relationship, possibly long-term. Enjoy boating, fishing, dancing, movies and walking on the beach. Looking for a SF, 22-29. ☎30023

Sagittarius sailor, wild eyes, great shape, sensitive, looking for an attractive, athletic sail mate, 28-38, for adventure and moonlit romance. Our little ship has enough room for skis and golf clubs. ☎30005

Save the summer. DWM, 48, 5'8", 165 lbs, three grown children, attractive, fun to be with, enjoy doing most things with the right person. ☎30066

SM, 70, 5'5", 145 lbs, enjoy dancing, walking, bike riding, swimming and listening to jazz. Seeking a fun Lady. ☎30004

South Shore. 5'10", 180 lbs, normal Guy, self-employed, would like to meet someone interested in dining, beaches, movies, long walks and dancing. ☎30071

Tall, dark and handsome SWM, 34, 6'2", enjoy all the usual stuff, yada, yada, yada. Seeking an attractive SF, 25-37, n/s. ☎30006

Two thumbs up. "Humorous, creative, fun, sensitive, communicative, sweet and cute." SWM, 37, 5'11", 170 lbs, desires similar SF, 21-40. ☎30050

Very attractive WM, fine artist, 31, brown/bedroom eyes, honest and sincere, seeks open-minded F friend to soak up the sun at secluded Cape beaches. ☎30079

Very handsome, blue-eyed White Male, 40, selective, honest, sane, financially secure. Seeking extremely pretty, sh[illegible] Spanish or Black Female, 25-38. ☎300[illegible]

Very tall, slim, attractive, intelligent, professional SWM, 45, teacher, artist, very creative and sensual. Seeks slim Woman, 30-40, pretty, tall, professional, intelligent, seeking long-term relationship. ☎30065

Walks by the sea, dancing until dawn. SJM, 53, 5'9", seeking a financially secure Jewish Lady, 40s-50s, to join me. ☎30037

27-year-old professional looking for adventurous Woman. Fun, crazy times are awaiting you. ☎35207

42-year-old SWM, transplanted Midwesterner, musically accented, brown hair, green eyes. Looking for Female, 25-42, for music, fitness, nature and travel. ☎35234

53, but look 52 1/2. Simply put, I want to meet a girl that I can make happy and a girl that can make me happy. I live with three pets - my cat, my dog and my brother. All replies answered promptly. I reside in Peabody. ☎35262

Adventurous SWM, 37, seeking an unpretentious SF, 30-38, who likes the outdoors, travel, film, music and especially loves to laugh and enjoy life. ☎35049

Adventurous, romantic, athletic SJM, 34, with dimples, love to cook Italian, dog lover. Seeking a spontaneous, romantic, slender Female, 27-34, for possible long-term relationship. ☎35048

Adventurous, romantic, athletic, Eliot look-a-like, don't shoot me. Seeking spontaneous, romantic, slender SF, 30-40. North shore. ☎35248

Affectionate Male, 50, 5'8", 165 lbs, honest, caring, like the ocean, boating, sunbathing and just being together. Seeking a slim WF, 35-50, with similar interests, for a possible long-term relationship. ☎35127

All the good ones aren't taken. Very fit DWM, 42, 6'6", fully domesticated, cultured, excellent cook, artistic, romantic, all the bells and whistles. Seeking attractive, slender, energetic partner, 28+, to waltz to the songs of life. ☎35176

Ally McBeal wanted. Handsome, hunky SWM, 29, love poetry, flowers and peace. Seeking a compassionate, sensitive, affectionate SF, 20-32, for a loving, tender, kind, sincere, serious relationship. ☎35172

Andover DWM, 46, 6'2", 240 lbs, n/s, n/d, hardworking, professional, honest, sincere, many interests. Looking for my best friend. Please have a sense of humor. We both need to laugh. ☎35182

Are you lonesome tonight? DWM, 6'2", 240 lbs, dark brown hair and eyes, seeking S/DWF, 35-44. Enjoys bicycling, walking, good conversation and some traveling. ☎35223

Are you my soulmate? Adorable, warm, kind, attractive and considerate SWM, 27, seeking a passionate, spiritual, cute and in shape SWF, 20-29, for possible long-term relationship, romantic walks and further possibilities. ☎35148

Attractive SWM, 5'11", brown/hazel, medium build, seeking an attractive and intelligent Female with a sense of humor, for good times. ☎35177

Attractive, spontaneous, fun, 5'6", short hair, green eyes, in great shape. Hopefully you're fit and like to laugh. Give me a call. ☎35226

Attractive, sensual individualist seeks vivacious, compassionate romantic, 23-28. I'm into Arizona, Italy, working out and mountain biking. I'm 31, 5'7", fit. Let's meet. ☎35227

Average Guy looking for an average Woman. North Shore DWM, 45, blonde/blue, 5'9", very affectionate, romantic, easygoing, kind, enjoy walks on the beach, quiet evenings. Seeking similar Female, 35-45, similar interests. ☎35183

Bam Bam seeking Pebbles. No Dinos, please. WM, 30, 6'2", 220 lbs, blonde/blue, love sports and kids. Seeking a spontaneous and attractive, outgoing Female to share laughs. ☎35053

Best friend and lover! Active, handsome, affectionate DJM, 40s, 5'6", fit, with positive attitude, believes you, n/s, petite S/DWF, 35-45, deserves someone special and this is your opportunity! ☎35145

Charming WWWM, mid-60s, 5'8", salt and pepper/brown, nondrinker. Enjoy dining out, day trips, bowling, dancing. Seeking attractive Woman, 50-63, 5'-5'8", height/weight proportionate, nonsmoker, light drinker ok. Open to your interests. Thanks. ☎35192

Check this out. Absolutely spontaneous, extremely adventurous SWM, 36, n/s, open-minded, athletic and honest; seeking a SWF, with similar qualities. Call for more! ☎35111

DJM, 52, 5'10", 185 lbs, n/s, warm, caring, loving, witty and easy to be with. Seeking a JF for a sharing relationship. P.S. Must like to laugh. ☎35122

Down-to-earth, tall, ruggedly-built Italian Male, 40-ish, kind, caring and upbeat. Seeking a pretty, upbeat Woman for friendship, occasional coffee, conversation, dating and laughs! ☎35060

Easygoing and caring. I'm 54, 5'8", 160 lbs, easygoing, caring, like outdoors, travel, walks and weekend getaways. Seeking a thin, attractive, spiritual, kind Woman, for long term relationship. ☎35043

Easygoing, professional SWM, 28, 5'9", fit, active, enjoy movies and music. Seeking a down-to-earth Female, 33-46, near the Salem area. ☎35180

Equality first! SWM, 37, bright, sensitive, thoughtful, communicative, funny and generous. Seeks fit, confident SWF, 25-35, intelligent, warm and energetic, for friendship first leading to possible "New Age" relationship. ☎35217

Expect an exceptional lifetime partner. Tall, handsome Christian, chaste, fit, leader, 35, desires skinny Christian Woman with small features, [illegible] and personality for lifetime of adventure, passion and purpose. Michigan. ☎35181

Flight Instructor. Attractive, affectionate SWM, 34, dark brown/hazel, fit, never-married, no dependents, n/s. Seeking an honest, caring, affectionate, romantic S/DWF with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. Kids welcome. ☎35119

Friendly SWM, 40, 5'9", 180 lbs, enjoy movies, fishing, bocce, dining out and dancing. Seeking a compatible SWF, 30-45, with similar interests; for friendship, possible long-term relationship. ☎35108

Fun, passionate times with this handsome, sensual, open-minded SWM with blue eyes, light brown hair, 6', 190 lbs. Seeking pretty, weight proportioned Woman in good shape, who is open-minded, sensual, fun. ☎35247

Fun-loving, friendly SWM, 35, brown/brown, 5'11", n/s, seeks companionship with Lady, 27-38, to enjoy Boston, traveling and more. I have a weakness for brunettes with glasses! ☎35186

Good out on life. SWM, 39, 5'8", brown hair with a little salt-n-pepper, positive outlook and good sense of humor. Seeking SWF with a good sense of humor. Must enjoy boating, the ocean and various activities. ☎35113

Good-looking DWM, Catholic, 40, educated, 5'7", 150 lbs, enjoys biking, golf, tennis, n/s, looking for the same. North shore. ☎35260

Great days ahead. Passionate, sensitive SWM, 27, adventurous, family-oriented, loves cafes, traveling, love and romance. Seeks thin, attractive SWF, 20-29. P.S. I don't like bars either. ☎35249

Great Italian body, mid-60s, physically and mentally fit, not bad-looking. Seeks adventurous, attractive Woman for fun times and possible relationship. ☎35212

Handsome Male, 35, 5'10", 150 lbs, brown/brown, caring, appreciative, energetic, friendly, good sense of humor, enjoy all music, Italian and Thai food, plants, motorcycles, tatoos, karate, cooking. Interested in having fun. ☎35131

Handsome, recent Widower, 50s, 6', 175 lbs, seeking a special, pretty Woman, 40-60, with time on her hands. ☎35152

North shore, romantic, caring, supportive, fit, professional DWM; enjoy the arts, ethnic dining, cooking, outdoor activities, sports, current events, seeking similar F, 39-49, for committed relaitonship. ☎35215

North Shore. Handsome, athletic WM, 49, 6'2", seeking a Lady friend and lover, for yachting, "hanging out," affection, cocktails, laughs, fun, etc. ☎35142

Physically challenged SWM, 41, 5'10", 160 lbs, brown/blue, with reddish mustache. Enjoy movies, dining out, long walks, quiet times and good times. Seeking a S/DF for friendship first, possible relationship. ☎35045

Pisces, friendly, free WM, 31, 5'8", 160 lbs, positive, optimistic, romantic. Live in Needham. Seeking pretty, sincere S/DWF, 25-36, who enjoys long walks, quiet times and good times. Friendship first. ☎35062

Plus-sized only. Nice-looking, warm-hearted, sensitive SWM, 38, 6', 210 lbs, brown/green, enjoy movies, dining in or out, cooking, reading, animals, day trips. Seeking fun-loving, outgoing, caring SF, 39+, for friendship, relationship. ☎35106

Pretty, petite Woman wanted by fit, very handsome SWM, 40, 5'9", entrepreneur, English professor, in Rhode Island, into shopping, poetry, romance, sunrises, fishing and writing. Let me write a poem about you. Age unimportant. ☎35110

Professional DWM, 55, 6'2", 190 lbs, fit, enjoys tennis and much more. Comfortable in jeans or Black tie. Seeking someone special who's attractive, fit, outgoing and under 48. ☎35236

Professional DWM, 55, 6'2", 190 lbs, fit, diverse interests. Enjoy sports and much more. Seeking an attractive, outgoing Woman, under 50. ☎35052

Professional SWM, 33, blonde/brown, physically fit, looking for intellectually stimulating person for possible long-term relationship. Love outdoors, hiking, weekends in Vermont. If you're that special person, 25-35 and fit, please call. ☎35126

Professional DWM, 42, 6', 188 lbs, brown/brown, Metro West, one child. Seeking a fit, petite, professional WF, 40-46, for movies, dining, Maine seacoast and simple things. ☎35051

MEN SEEKING MEN

41-year-old GWM, 5'7", 157 lbs, hirsute, interested in meeting a similar Male, n/s, n/drugs, for enjoying life. No attitudes need apply. ☎30042

55-year-old SM, 5'11", 175 lbs, interests include hiking, biking, movies and dance. Seeking a Man in the South Shore or Penbrook area. ☎30008

Compatible Male. WM, 60-ish, n/s, 6', 175 lbs, discreet, enjoys varied activities. Upper Cape area a plus. ☎30056

Hairy chest, high and tight, ex-trucker, 40, 5'11", 200 lbs, brown/brown, seeking Man, preferable with tattoos, smooth chest and crew cut, for friendship and possible long-term relationship. ☎30060

South shore GWM, 32, good-looking, brown/green, hairy, 200 lbs, seeks similar on south shore. ☎30073

WOMEN SEEKING WOMEN

5'4 1/2", SF, 41, enjoys biking, camping, beach, staying home; n/d, n/drugs. ISO SWF, 30-40s, n/drugs, n/drinker who enjoys the same. ☎30082

N/s, n/d SBCF, 5'3", 140 lbs, loves animals, walks, movies and quiet times at home. Seeking a SWPF, 42-50, who's kind, honest and sincere. ☎30049

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School board likes fund-raising proposal

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

An outlined proposal to establish an alternative funding subcommittee was submitted by Patricia Martin to fellow school committee members during their Aug. 9 meeting.

Martin's stated charge and goal, as detailed in her pink handout is "to identify and, with approval from the Cohasset School Committee, tap into potential funding sources which could provide additional moneys for Cohasset school programs."

The objectives stated include maintaining a clear line of communication between the Cohasset School Committee and the subcommittee; identifying sources for funding and the ramifications of obtaining funds through those sources; raising funds through approaching foundations, writing grants, soliciting corporations, developing fee-generating programs, exploring partnerships, offering community-wide special events and general fund-raising; heading each funding source with one person who would be assisted in their goal by the subcommittee; and working with the office of the Superintendent and Business Manager to help manage funds raised while also keeping appropriate records.

"I think you did a great job on this. I'm all for it. If you only raise $2,000, it's an extra $2,000—but we should make it a workable group of people from the school."
— Chairman Rick Shea

Martin's "no-cost" idea would provide opportunities for volunteerism for those not already involved with the PSOs in Cohasset.

At the very least, Martin would like to see the already existing school fund-raising groups explore the new options mentioned in her proposal for a new alternative funding sub-committee.

Martin wants the work done in stages, with the subcommittee exploring sources and the ramifications involved, moving forward only after reporting back to an amenable school committee.

School committee members responded favorably to Martin's plan

"I think you did a great job on this," said chairman Rick Shea to Martin. "I'm all for it. If you only raise $2,000, it's an extra $2,000—but we should make it a workable group of people from the school."

Because the alternative funding sub-committee is still only a proposal, Martin has not yet discussed the matter with the PSO formally.

Committee member Mark DeGiacomo was concerned about how the PSO might feel about a change from without. "They are indep[illegible]nt groups doing their own thing. I'm curious how they might feel about this," he said.

Martin said that the PSO might become idea people with a lead person pulling it all together.

DeGiacomo also questioned whether the sub-committee would be under the supervision of the school committee or the new superintendent.

All agreed to wait on the matter until the new superintendent comes on board in mid-September.

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School lunch bid is accepted

By Constance Pittman Lindner
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The United Kingdom-based Compass Group's Chartwells division submitted the lowest—and sole—bid to provide school lunch program services.

Chartwells is the same food vendor that serviced Cohasset schools last year. The companies within the group provide food service in a variety of settings in Germany, the UK, Holland, France, and the United States.

School superintendent Stephen Hart introduced the bid for approval at the Aug. 6 school committee meeting.

"In terms of the per-year cost, there will be an $8,000 administrative fee; an $11,500 management fee to run the whole program; and then there is the additional cost of food and labor," said Hart.

The contract is a renewable one which was negotiated by town manager Mark Haddad and town accountant Michael Buckley, explained Hart.

It is anticipated that more children will be buying lunches just because of the novelty of buying food from the new kitchen at the Osgood school.

That's a good thing, since food vendors do not profit from their sales but the school department's they work for do. Increased spending on lunches will mean that the profit from those sales can be turned over to the school. Already, a $4,000 profit is projected for next year.

The privilege permitted seniors, long accustomed to leaving the school premises for lunch, may be reconsidered due to the gains to be made from their percentage of lunches purchased.

Hart would like to see a return to the breakfast scheduling that used to be available for students.

"Lunches will cost $1.70 to $1.80 per meal and will maintain nutritional guidelines," said Hart.

Reduced-cost lunches will be made available to those students who qualify. A form will be sent home with income guidelines for those children who may be eligible for the program.

Chartwell's three-year contract is renewable.

The school committee is considering looking into other communities, such as Abington, which runs its own food service program.

The committee agreed to accept Chartwell's bid.

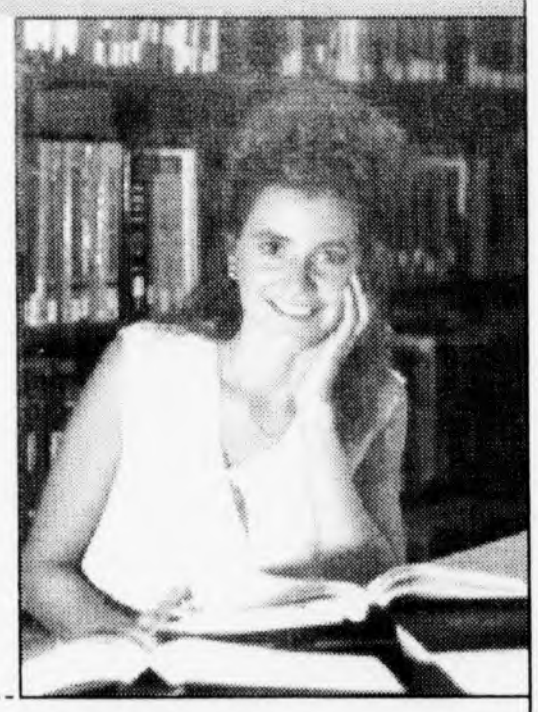
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In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this thirteenth day of July, 1998.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate

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POLICE LOG

MONDAY, JULY 27

2:59 p.m. Elm Street, served restraining order. Not delivered.

3:29 p.m. Elm Court, general services.

6:30 p.m. Elm Street, served restraining order. Services rendered.

7:47 p.m. Lambert's Lane, medical aid, re-ved to hospital.

48 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Departmental action.

9:10 p.m. Hull Street, animal complaint. Referred to other agency.

9:34 p.m. Atlantic Avenue, suspicious person. Investigated/report taken.

9:41 p.m. Beechwood Street, MV stop.

11:58 p.m. South Main Street, disturbance.

TUESDAY, JULY 28

12:25 a.m. Square, MV stop. Verbal warning.

1:04 a.m. Howard Gleason Road, vandalism.

1:13 a.m. The Common, MV stop.

1:30 a.m. Sohier Street, suspicious auto.

2:06 a.m. Atlantic Avenue, suspicious other.

2:49 a.m. Howard Gleason Road, vandalism.

8:46 a.m. Elm Court, served restraining order. Not delivered.

9:14 a.m. Ledgewood Drive, property lost.

9:25 a.m. Atlantic Avenue, suspicious person. Investigated/report taken.

1:57 p.m. Pleasant Street, property damage.

2:14 p.m. Atlantic Avenue, officer wanted.

2:48 p.m. Hull Street, medical aid. Services rendered.

4:00 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, assisted motorist.

4:10 p.m. Border Street, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed.

5:03 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Traffic citation/warning.

5:15 p.m. Atlantic Avenue, general services rendered.

9:16 p.m. Sohier Street, MV stop. Verbal warning.

9:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious person. Investigated/report taken.

10:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Verbal warning.

10:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Traffic citation/warning.

11:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

8:58 a.m. Forest Avenue, MV stop. Traffic citation/warning.

9:25 a.m. Forest Avenue, MV stop. Traffic citation/warning.

11:42 a.m. Forest Avenue, MV stop. Traffic citation/warning.

1:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance. Investigated/report taken.

1:38 p.m. Church Street, medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:00 p.m. Beechwood Street, parking violation. Services rendered.

2:06 p.m. Cedar Street, fire, outside. Fire extinguished.

2:34 p.m. Pleasant Street, general services. Referred to other agency.

2:39 p.m. Mill Bridge, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed.

2:56 p.m. Mill Brigde, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed.

8:56 p.m. Hammond Avenue, animal complaint.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

1:01 a.m. North Main Street, suspicious other. Area search, negative.

2:07 a.m. Atlantic Avenue, suspicious person. Area search, negative.

2:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, malicious destruction.

5:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, vandalism.

8:23 a.m. Beechwood Street, vandalism.

8:28 a.m. Black Horse Lane, suspicious person.

9:04 a.m. Sohier Street, medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:00 a.m. Fair Oaks Lane, fire, inspections. Services rendered.

1:23 p.m. Mill Bridge Lane, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed.

2:37 p.m. Beechwood Street, vandalism.

6:16 p.m. Elm Street, MV stop. No police services necessary.

8:16 p.m. Sohier Street, medical aid. Patient sign off.

9:33 p.m. Atlantic Avenue, disturbance. Investigated/report taken.

9:52 p.m. South Main Street, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed.

10:11 p.m. South Main Street, noise complaint.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

12:09 a.m. Forest Avenue, suspicious person. Area search, negative.

12:46 a.m. Forest Avenue and Black Rock Road, MV stop. Verbal warning.

1:00 a.m. Forest Avenue and Old Coach Road, MV stop. Traffic citation issued.

1:27 a.m. Atlantic Avenue, general services.

1:33 a.m. Ripley Road and Sohier Street, MV stop. Traffic citation issued.

6:02 a.m. Highland Avenue, noise complaint.

6:58 a.m. Elm Street, general services.

7:24 a.m. Elm Street, noise complaint.

7:39 a.m. South Main Street, MV stop. Arrest: Daniel R. Withem, 19, of 114 Beechwood Street, Cohasset. Charges: operating MV after license revoked, speeding.

8:30 a.m. Beechwood Street, vandalism.

9:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, tree down. Services rendered.

9:30 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, vandalism.

2:14 p.m. North Main Street, animal complaint.

5:48 p.m. Beechwood Street, disturbance. 43-year-old Cohasset male in protective custody.

7:21 p.m. Sohier Street, assist citizen.

8:35 p.m. Sohier Street, assist citizen.

9:48 p.m. Ash Street and Short Street, suspicious other. Area search, negative.

10:08 p.m. Sandy beach, animal compliant.

10:17 p.m. South Main Street, public drinking.

10:40 p.m. Aaron River Road, suspicious other.

10:41 p.m. Lighthouse keepers, noise complaint.

11:01 p.m. South Main Street, public drinking.

11:05 p.m. Depot Street, assist citizen.

11:07 p.m. Border Street, general services. Area search, negative.

11:21 p.m. South Main Street, public drinking.

11:23 p.m. Doane Street, general services.

11:37 p.m. South Main Street, MV stop. Verbal warning.

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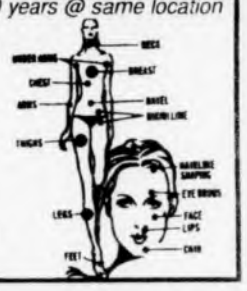
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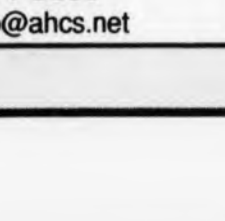
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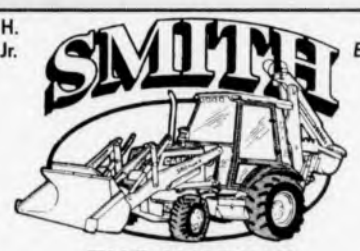
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Towns to seek new report on Greenbush

More study on environment wanted

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

At a round table discussion last week, three South Shore communities with varying views on the MBTA's proposed restoration of the Greenbush rail line, which would run from Scituate to Braintree, finally agreed on something.

Representatives from Hingham, Scituate and Cohasset comprise a tri-town committee which has come up with some common concerns among the three towns.

They say a new environmental report needs to be written in light of mutual concerns about air quality, safety, traffic and noise and vibration impacts, citing serious flaws in the MBTA's study.

"The purpose of this meeting is to try to come together on what appears to be some serious misinformation over the past couple of years," said Scituate Selectman Joseph Norton.

Tech Environmental Associates was commissioned by Cohasset to produce a report, which resulted in the consultants questioning the MBTA's method of calculating noise impact by averaging it over a 24-hour period as well as its information regarding air pollution from diesel train engines. The consultants also said noise and vibration mitigation proposed by the transit authority is not adequate.

An EPA report was recently withdrawn because it contained faulty information based on the number of train trips into Boston would occur should Greenbush become a reality.

Thomas Gruber, chairman of Cohasset's railroad mitigation committee, agreed to write a letter to state Environmental Affairs Secretary Trudy Coxe with Alexander Macmillan, Hingham's Greenbush coordinator, asking her to require a new environmental report.

The letter is expected to be ready for consideration by other members of the joint committee by Wednesday, Aug. 26, the date of the tri-town committee's next meeting, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Hingham Town Hall. Once members agree to the wording of the letter, it will be turned over to the selectmen in each town for action.

This is the first time Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate have come together to air their common concerns to the MBTA.

"We need to point out that new information has surfaced since the project was first scoped in 1992," Macmillan said. "The MBTA's draft and final impact statements need to be approved, and (the transit authority) wants to rush in and get (Coxe's) approval of the final one and then say they'll fix things later."

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Gruber agreed, stating, "Each town has different war stories to tell regarding what they're dissatisfied with, but some issues most of us seem dissatisfied with."

The committee is also considering writing individual letters to Gov. Paul Cellucci and the Army Co[illegible] Engineers, the lead federal [illegible] reviewing the Greenbush pro[illegible]

"The question is, Can my co[illegible] which are now deep-rooted, be fixed?" Norton asked. "One thing we can all agree on is that none of the three towns can live with the project as it's now on the table. It would be a disaster, and unacceptable for all three towns."

While Hingham Selectman Martin Crane agrees the letter should be written to Coxe, he emphasized that it's premature to discuss mitigation before there has been "an honest, fair study" of the Greenbush proposal.

"Even the Army Corps of Engineers has sent the MBTA back to look at the alternatives to rail restoration, air quality and ridership," he said, stating that the development of Hingham Shipyard, which includes a plan for enhanced boat transportation; a proposed connector road from Route 3 to Route 18 through the South Weymouth Naval Air Station; and the possibility of faster commuter boats from Scituate reflect the area's changing transportation scenario.

"These equal a flexible method of transportation which is not so environmentally hazardous," he said. "Is Greenbush worth it?"

The letter, however, will neither oppose nor support the Greenbush project.

"But it does say we need more information," Crane said. "Each town can look at the information to make our own decisions in the future."

Macmillan also pointed out that a proposal to include additional stations at Quincy and the Boston Globe could make the Greenbush commute at least six minutes longer.

Martin Corry, a member of Cohasset's mitigation committee, is also a lobbyist on Beacon Hill.

"These three communities are coming together for the first time, not to say yes or no to the train, but to voice their concerns," he said, stating more legislators would show an interest in the Greenbush issue if they "had a clue of the cost when all is said and done and the air quality issues."

Gruber pointed out that all three towns reached similar conclusions separately.

"We've chosen to agree and need to get the maximum clout by fighting the battle together," he said. "The issues are serious enough that our three towns joined together to represent the severity of our claims."

Scituate Selectman Susan Phippen and Cohasset Selectman Diane Sullivan were also present at the meeting.

"The MBTA had a cooperative approach at the beginning, but it got to the point where things soured dramatically when we wouldn't give away the store (so to speak)," she said.

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Creating a vision for the harbor

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Jim Shipsky has a vision for Cohasset Harbor and the village. Shipsky is the architect appointed by the Village Revitalization Task Force to conduct a planning study of the village/harbor area using a $5,000 Department of Environmental Management Coastal Access Grant. A large part of Shipsky's vision is obtaining as much information as possible from residents about what they would like the town to do with the village and harbor areas of town.

Shipsky has some of his own ideas about what kind of improvements might improve the village and the harbor. But it is the residents of Cohasset— through elected and appointed officials, public hearings and discussion— who must ultimately develop a vision for the revitalization of the village and harbor. To that end, a survey seeking public input on the planning study is included in this week's Mariner (see page 11).

Members of the task force have already sup-

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By Constance Pittman Lindner
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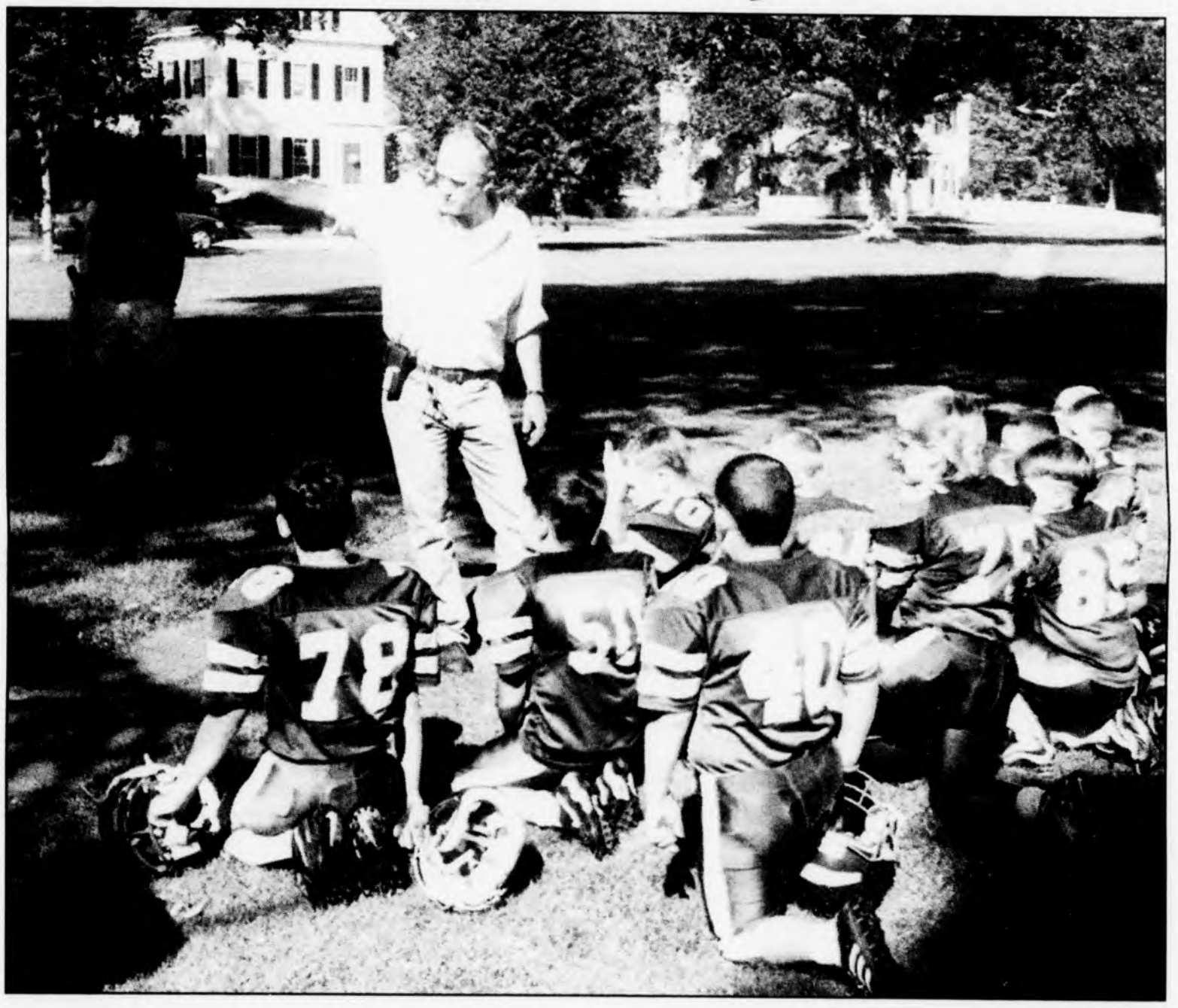
A new policy requiring all liquor license holders in Cohasset to put their employees through TIPS or any other state-certified alcohol training program is in place subject to town counsel's approval. License holders will have until Jan. 1 – when their licenses come up for renewal – to comply.

Following the sale of alcohol to a minor at a local convenience store in June, Police Chief Brian Noonan called for Cohasset's Drug & Alcohol Committee to create a program to prevent illegal alcohol sales. But selectmen took matters into their own hands last week when they approved the new policy.

The resulting policy will obligate all current

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Sharks go Hollywood



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Assistant director Myles Johnstone indicates the spot for the youth football players to go during a commercial being filmed on Cohasset Common Wednesday morning.

Youth football team stars in TV commercial

By David McKee
STAFF WRITER

Move over Drew Bledsoe. Get out of the way Brett Favre. And step aside Troy Aikman because the Scituate/Cohasset Sharks Youth Football "C" team is stealing your commercial thunder.

On Wednesday morning the Sharks put their football uniforms and acting talent on display in Cohasset Common as part of a commercial for American Airlines.

And while most football players have to have a long and distinguished career on the gridiron before they start popping up on commercials, the Sharks are now famous before their sports careers even start.

"The production company was looking for a slice of Americana and they wanted to have youth football team as part of their commercial," said Scituate's Cinda Donovan, a representative of the Tighe and Doyle Casting Agency of Boston. "They originally were going to shoot a team in a park in Concord but a dead body was found there and they wanted to come up with another place. They remembered Cohasset from a Maxwell House commercial they shot and gave us a call."

Donovan, who used to be a cheerleading coach for the Sharks, got the call on Tuesday about the commercial from the production company of Lovinger Cohen of Boston and rounded up 15 members of the Sharks "C" team for Wednesday's shoot in Cohasset.

The filming began at 9 a.m. and lasted for 90 minutes. Wearing their navy blue uniforms and holding their helmets in hand, the eight-year-old players were photographed walking in front of the historic First Parish Church in Cohasset Common.

The commercial should air nationally in several months and the Sharks will be seen for only a few seconds in the spot. However, each player was paid for their time and will receive residual payments every time it runs, according to Donovan. Most of the players will donate all money received towards the Scituate/Cohasset Youth football program, Donovan said.

"It all came together pretty fast and I thought the players did a great job," Donovan said. "Now all we can do is wait to see how much they use in the spot."

Scituate's David Pinkham, 8, was one of the stars of the commercial.

"It was pretty cool," he said. "My dad told me about it last night and I was pretty excited to do it."

Pinkham enjoyed his taste of Hollywood and wouldn't mind filming a few more commercials if the opportunity presented itself.

"I liked it but I still like football more," he said.

The Sharks who were in the commercial included: Danny Judge, Mike Judge, Dominic Spinzola, John Collins, Gary Crowley, Kyle Crowley, Blaine O'Brien, Brian Poh, Greg Lawrence, Ted Giacomozzi, Alexander Hunt, Joshua Thibodeau, Michael Steele, David Pinkham and Kevin Lewis.

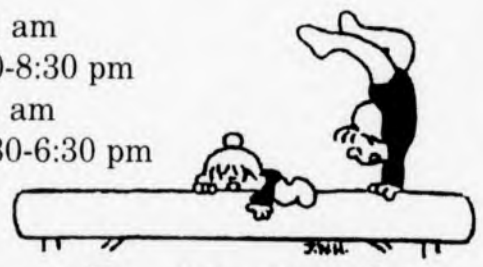
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No parking signs sought

Jack L. Noble, 80 Summer St., wrote to Town Manager Mark Haddad seeking help in getting a "No Parking" or a "Resident Parking Only" sign in front of his property.

Noble said cars, which are parked on the sidewalk in front of his home, present a safety issue as well as a constant annoyance.

He said cars from the American Legion hall and condos next door are adding to the problem.

"Try pulling into our driveway with a truck or van on both sides," Noble wrote. "We have almost been in serious accidents from being blinded due to the obstruction."

Haddad sent Noble's letter to Police Chief Brian Noonan, DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield and to the traffic committee for comment.

Sandy Beach tickets

Selectmen plan to discuss parking fines at Sandy Beach at their Sept. 1 meeting. Selectman Diane Sullivan raised the issue last week. She said non-residents may view the $15 price of a parking ticket at Sandy Beach as a pretty cheap day. She suggested the fine be increased to $25.

According to police records, police issued 205 parking tickets at Sandy Beach last month for a total of $3,075.

Bryant steps down from conservation

Selectmen accepted with deep regret the resignation of John Bryant, 251 Forest Ave., from the conservation commission last week. They said Bryant served more than 30 years on the board. In addition to a letter thanking Bryant, they will seek a resolution at October's special town meeting recognizing his service to the town.

No parking at school access

Selectmen authorized installation of a sign prohibiting parking and drop offs at the new school's emergency access road off Old Pasture Road.

Selectman Merle Brown, a member of the traffic committee, said the issue was raised in a letter to the traffic committee from a concerned Old Pasture Road resident. The resident worries that cars will line up along the quiet residential street to either drop off or pick up pupils at the new school.

The sign will say something to the effect of "no standing or stopping/police take notice."

Public access to the new school, which is slated to open in September, is off Sohier Street at the Deer Hill School entrance.

BOSTON TIDES
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Aug. 1998	High AM	Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 20	10:48	9.6	4:31	11:00	10.8	4:41
Fri. 21	11:35	9.8	5:19	11:47	10.8	5:30
Sat. 22	——	——	6:03	12:19	9.9	6:15
Sun. 23	12:30	10.7	6:44	12:59	9.9	6:58
Mon. 24	1:11	10.5	7:24	1:37	9.9	7:40
Tues. 25	1:52	10.2	8:03	2:16	9.9	8:22
Wed. 26	2:34	9.9	8:43	2:56	9.8	9:05
Thurs. 27	3:16	9.6	9:24	3:38	9.6	9:50

Tides at all ports from Annisquam to Wellfleet are within 10 minutes of the above.

Town counsel raises rates

Town Manager Mark Haddad said effective June 30, Deutsch William[illegible] the Boston law firm Cohasset uses[illegible] town counsel, is raising its rates from $120 to $140 an hour to reflect actual costs. The firm's $4,000 a month retainer will remain the same.

Selectmen asked that in the future town counsel let them know well before June 30 if a rate hike is planned. Selectman Tom Callahan, who is a lawyer, said rate agreements are "mutual things" and are open to negotiation. Selectman Chairman Ronnie McMorris said the firm was well worth the money.

"They are well worth the $140 (an hour) we pay them," she said.

Special town meeting date

Selectmen anticipate the annual Special Town Meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 26. They will confirm the date at their Sept. 1 meeting.

"This should give us plenty of time to plan and prepare the warrant," Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Register to vote

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or election day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections.

The last day to register,vote and change party enrollment for the State Primary Sept. 15 is Wednesday, Aug. 26. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This form may be mailed or hand-delivered to the clerk's office but must be received or postmarked on or before Aug. 26.

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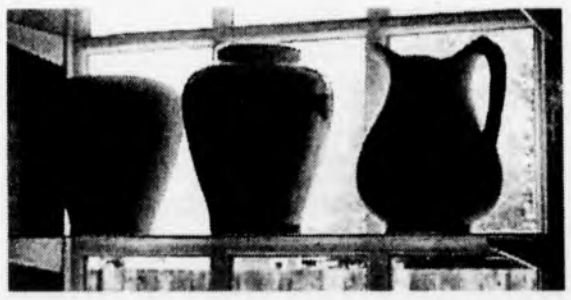
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Biographer pens life of Rev. Peter Hobart

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Edward F. Ripley decided a decade ago that a book should be written about his distant relative, Peter Hobart, who founded the Town of Hingham which included what is now Cohasset.

Ripley, now a resident of Philadelphia, grew up in Cohasset and has spent summers here since he was a child.

The investment advisor-turned-author made the decision to remedy the fact that there was no biography yet written about Hobart, who was also the founder and first minister of First Parish Old Ship Church in Hingham Square.

"I was determined one should be written, because Hobart is one of the most misunderstood figures (in history)," Ripley said.

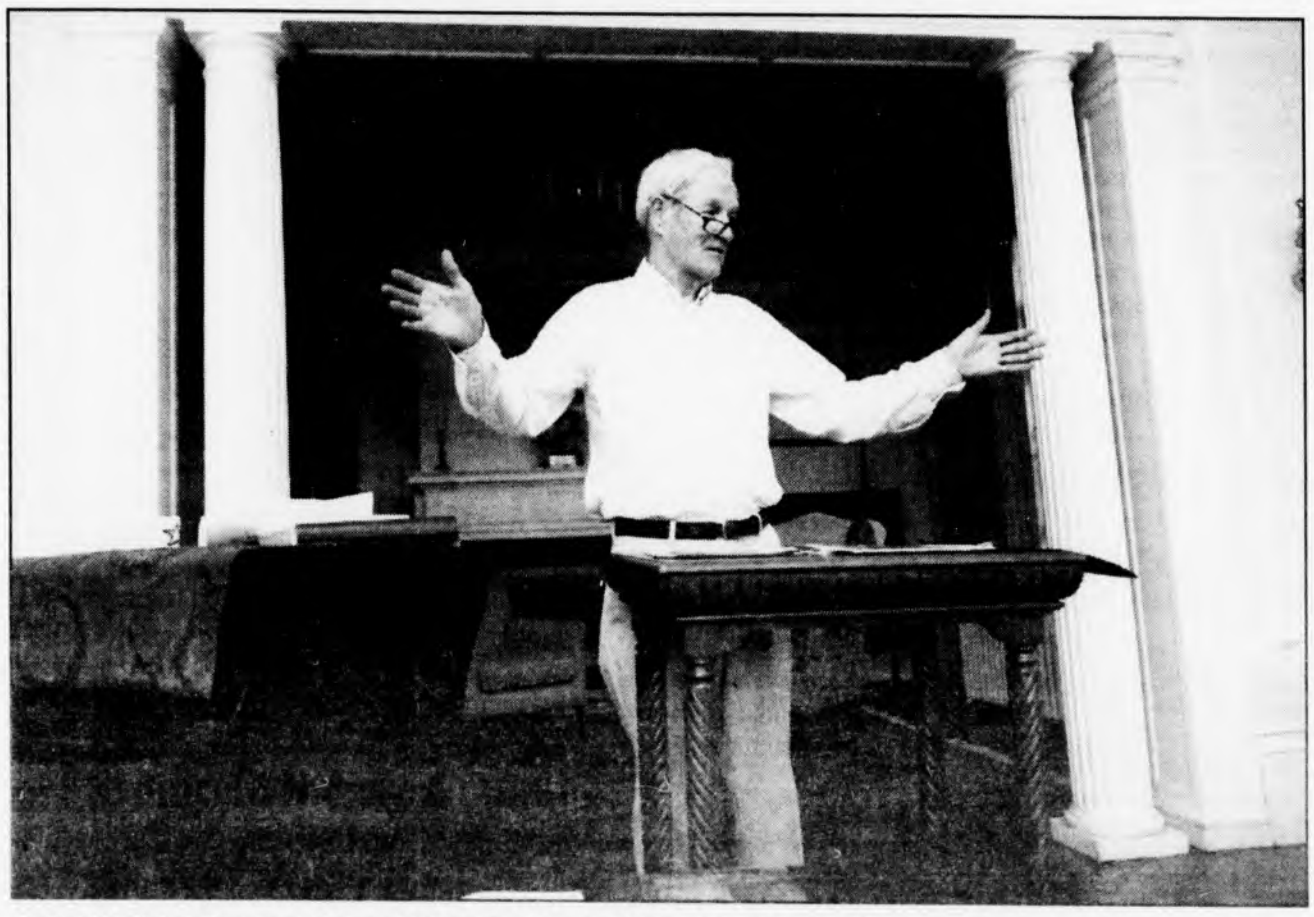
While he was accused of being brash and argumentative, Hobart was also a hard-working, religious man dedicated to his parish as well as a wonderful parent, according to Ripley.

Ten years and 250 pages after he decided to write Hobart's biography, "Shepherd in the Wilderness: Peter Hobart 1604-1679" is finished, and Ripley is currently seeking a publisher.

"Hobart was dearly beloved by his parish — a real shepherd to his flock," the author said.

The biography will contain illustrations and maps of Hingham as well as photographs.

"While I was writing the book, I got to feel I really knew and liked Peter Hobart enormously," said Ripley. "Now that I've completed it, I have a sense of sadness, like losing one's best friend."



Author Ed Ripley discusses his new book at the First Parish House in Hingham Square

Leaving England for Hingham

Hobart, a Puritan, brought his parish of 29 other families in large single-mast open boats to Hingham (at that time named "Bare Cove") from Hingham, England, in 1635 to escape persecution of their religious faith, Ripley told a gathering in the Old Ship Church Parish House on Main Street last Thursday. Those in attendance included members of The Friends of Peter Hobart, an informal group which has met at various places in town to talk about Ripley's manuscript.

"The Friends of Peter Hobart was established as an interest group in what Ed was doing," said Eugene Chamberlain, a member of Hingham Historical Society. "Such a book had never been written before, and it's a keystone of what Puritan life was like in the United States. Hobart was a leader of the men of his parish and was a man of great intelligence."

Ripley explained how Hobart's parish members came to Hingham from a "tight" Elizabethan society.

"No social climbing was allowed, so someone who had one acre of land in England had one acre in Hingham," he said.

That social structure existed for more than a century.

Today, Ripley finds the people of Hingham, England to be very friendly and "very interested in what we do in Hingham, Massachusetts."

He has also found a very strong interest in the Hobart family all over the country.

One family member has 30,000 "Hobarts" listed in a data bank, and another is continuously adding names to the Hobart family tree.

In writing the biography, Ripley felt the need to "clarify the nature of the Puritans — people who were often ridiculed."

According to the author, Puritans became unpopular in England when they tried to restructure the government and were often stereotyped. But they were also known for other, gentler qualities.

"Puritans led a simple farming life, and worked very hard," Ripley said. "And they loved their children."

Hobart had 18 offspring by two wives, the first of whom died.

"Puritans considered children a gift from God and looked after them very carefully," said Ripley. "Yankees came from a frugal Puritan heritage, but one known for its charitable contributions."

In fact, Harvard University was founded by the Puritans.

Eventually, though, the Puritan lifestyle became "too heavy to maintain," according to Ripley, but not before Hingham produced generations of children who eventually spread Puritanism throughout the country.

"It was an old-fashioned, decent life the Puritans led," said Ripley.

Yet Hobart's life didn't lack excitement.

"Hobart was dearly beloved by his parish — a real shepherd to his flock."
— Edward F. Ripley, author

Governor Winthrop challenged

In 1645, according to Ripley, the town of Hingham, perhaps spurred on by Peter Hobart himself, decided Governor Winthrop had overstepped his authority under Boston's charter and should be impeached.

The Hingham Militia, along with Hobart, sailed to Boston to confront the Governor, who accused them of rebellion — considered a crime punishable by death.

At that time, Hobart and the Town of Hingham conceded that the government was being imposed on the people and was not being conducted properly. The controversy actually closed down the seat of power in Boston for three months.

"For the sake of their sense of democracy, Hobart (and the others) went to Boston," Ripley said.

In the end, the house of representatives agreed with Hobart and Hingham's militiamen, but they were nevertheless fined heavily for opposing the governor, although it was a lesser charge than that of "rebellion," Ripley said.

"A study of the matter indicates those fines were never paid," he stated. "But as a result of (that visit to Boston), the government became more democratic. Hobart stayed out of politics from then on, but the governor prevented him from preaching in Cambridge because of his antagonistic attitude towards the government."

The task of writing a book about Hobart proved difficult, yet rewarding. Needing a sense of how he preached and lived, Ripley searched New England for papers and letters written by Hobart, but to no avail.

So when Ripley came across Hobart's 1671-'73 sermon book at the Massachusetts Historical Society, he knew he'd found what he'd been long searching for. It was then that he could actually learn what Hobart preached, talked about and stood for. However, Ripley had one major hurdle to overcome before he could put the sermons to good use.

"I couldn't read the text," he said.

The letters were only 1/8-inch tall, because paper was scarce at the time he wrote the sermons.

It was the late Rev. Dr. C. Edward Egan of New York who finally came to his rescue.

Egan spent the last five years of his life transcribing the sermons, which are heavy in their use of Biblical passages, into readable form. He enlarged the sermon pages to a height of six feet and projected them on a wall, which made the sermons legible and showed off the curlicued lettering.

"Dr. Egan called it the greatest work of his life," said Ripley, who read the sermons over and over again.

'A man far different'

"Peter Hobart was far different from what historians thought," he stated." "Finding the sermons also kept historians from thumbing their noses at me for speculative work."

In reading them, Ripley found Hobart had an unusual way of preaching. He also came across one which talked about the nature of God, which Ripley said contrasts well with other sermons on that subject at that time.

The writings also verified what Hobart stood for, including freedom. Ripley was the last person, other than museum personnel, to handle the sermons now that they're on tape.

Kenneth Read-Brown, minister of Old Ship Church today, feels the sermons are important because they tell something about the times and conflicts between local towns and the "government."

"We are the sons and daughters of our forbears, and that (struggle) is a familiar one even today," he said.

Governor Winthrop called Hobart a bold man who spoke his mind and was averse to the government of that time.

"We can judge for ourselves if this says anything about how Hingham is battling the train," Read-Brown said. "This is sort of a contemporary replay!"

Read-Brown called Ripley's book "a remarkable project."

"It's a resource we can look back on for generations," he stated. "The work is a great gift not only for parishioners but for Hingham as a town, because it gives us a sense of rootedness. It provides another piece of the puzzle as to who we were and who we are today."

Ripley is satisfied with the results of his labor and glad the book has been well-received so far.

"Peter Hobart is such a colorful figure, I didn't want his history to die, but be preserved," he said. "He and the Town of Hingham were one of the earliest groups (in support of) democracy in America as well as inclusiveness. They promoted acceptance of each other and united to win the Revolutionary War."

Book adds to Old Ship's rich history

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Old Ship Church was erected in 1691 and is the oldest church structure in the United States to have been used continuously for public worship. Samuel Lincoln, an original American ancestor of Abraham Lincoln, worshipped at Old Ship Church regularly.

The church is open for tours during the summer months.

While Peter Hobart, Old Ship's first minister, died before the church was constructed, Kenneth Read-Brown, the church's current pastor, thinks the building was likely in the planning stages at that time.

Edward F. Ripley's biography on Hobart, which has just been completed, adds a personal touch to the already-rich history of the church, where town meetings were held until the late 1700s.

A question Read-Brown has pondered is what facet of Puritanism, which was the faith Hobart adhered to, gave rise to the unitarian-universalist beliefs the church stands for today.

"I think it's the strong desire and commitment to understand and live according to our beliefs," he said. "We want to 'get it right.' We all share that commitment, which, of course, we don't have a monopoly on."

Ripley feels admirers of Old Ship Church will gain a better understanding of its unique edifice from his biography, entitled "Shepherd in the Wilderness: Peter Hobart 1604-1679."

The biography has involved historians, doctors of theology, Hobart family members, scholars, historical societies, including Hingham Historical Society, and others who contributed to the project.

The book contains information about Hobart's life in England before he came to Hingham and offers a portrayal of Puritanism as well as the story of his ancestors.

Hobart played an important role in the Massachusetts Bay Colony and was highly though tof by many residents of "Hingham Plantation." Under Hobart's leadership, Hingham Plantation developed more liberal religious and civil policies, which became controversial to the Colony. Eventually, however, the Colony leadership gave in to Hingham's position of less exclusiveness in both the Puritan church and the government.

Among Hobart's parish were local Native Americans, who attended worship services. Other Puritan churches also welcomed the Native Americans into their churches. Hobart's brother, Joshua, also accorded protection and respect to the Indians in Hingham as captain of the militia.

Michael Zuckerman, professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania, called the Hobart biography a book written "in the grand old manner of the great 19th-century town histories. . . . It is readable, and in its moments that matter it rises to heights of eloquence."

Puritans, while considered grim and joyless people by their enemies in their native England, proved to be faithful partners, lovers of children and individuals whose extended families kept an eye out for each other and enjoyed fellowship.

Creating a vision for the harbor

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plied Shipsky with rough ideas of the kinds of improvements they would like to see in the village and harbor areas. Those ideas include increased accessibility to the coastline, improvements to the economic climate of the two areas, increased parking, better pedestrian access, better connections between the village and the harbor, and better streetscapes.

But Shipsky wanted more information from members of the task force. Immediately after the task force appointed him, Shipsky asked each member to write out their personal visions for the harbor and village. The committee members came back with such suggestions as establishing more shops in the village or adding walkways and restaurants. Betsy Millard wanted to see some casual seafood dining rooms. Shipsky liked the suggestions, but will ask the committee members to do the exercise again.

"I will ask them to dig deeper," Shipsky said. "A couple of seafood restaurants won't do it. I think we can do more with Cohasset, and I would like to see people offering their best and most creative ideas. I think the harbor is really important. There aren't that many beautiful harbors on the planet."

As an example of the kind of creativity he is seeking, Shipsky offered the example of the cliffwalk in Newport, Rhode Island. The cliffwalk is a walled path that runs along the Newport coast behind the massive, privately owned mansions that overlook the Atlantic Ocean.

"Cohasset could have a mini-version of the cliffwalk," Shipsky said. "It just blows me away that the cliffwalk goes through the private property of some of the most elegant mansions on earth."

Shipsky wants people to think not only about ways to improve buildings and roads, but of ways to improve what he calls the "spaces between buildings", areas where people can walk in privacy and enjoy the beauty of the harbor.

"Think of Cohasset Common— it's a well-defined empty space defined by the homes around it," Shipsky said. "I don't think the symbolic significance of this space and its Colonial houses registers on people consciously.

"The common has three main symbolic aspects. Three churches make up the spiritual significance of the common. Then there is the flagpole, with its massive base anchored to the earth and a massive pole that ends in a gold ball that reaches to the heavens. There is also government symbolism represented by town hall. These are powerful physical symbols and the common is the setting for a number of community events, from the fine arts festival to the harborfest," Shipsky added.

"I think the harbor is really important. There aren't that many beautiful harbors on the planet."
— Jim Shipsky, architect

Shipsky suggested that the harbor should be revitalized in a way that mirrors the symbolic presences in the common. One way to do that could be to create another large open space along the harbor, a more suitable setting for the harborfest.

"I also have a vision of a boardwalk that could accommodate around 500 people, maybe an 8-10 foot wide structure running from Mill River Marine to the Charthouse. I've never seen the blessing of the fishing fleet, but that is a deeply spiritual event that people could watch."

The current configuration of the harbor makes it hard to do anything beyond dropping a boat in the water, or going to Kimball's for dinner, or paying a visit to the Lightkeeper's House.

Shipsky wants people to come up with suggestions for the harbor that are deeply meaningful. He suggested that part of the harbor could somehow reflect Cohasset's past as a schooner-building center.

"Cohasset was a substantial shipbuilding center in the 1800s when 200-300 schooners 60-100 feet long were built," Shipsky said. "I believe there is a 60-80 foot sunken schooner in front of Hagerty's that has been left there to rot. It's conceivable people might want to see a reproduction of one of those schooners in the harbor.

But public involvement is key to making a vision of a revitalized harbor and village a reality. Shipsky pointed out that what he's doing comes under the heading of town planning. In the past, the town has commissioned planning reports, but missed opportunities to implement the suggestions in those documents.

"The Hidell report urged the town to purchase undeveloped portions of Pleasant Beach, but it didn't and two private residences went in," Shipsky said. "The Benjamin Report urged the purchase of the property that is now Cohasset Harbor Marina. What we're doing now is town planning and it deals with the spaces between buildings. In the past, the town hasn't looked at those spaces and ended up with a utility poles, mazes of overhead wires, and chain-link fences."

Part of Shipsky's personal vision would be to restore the harbor to its original state, possibly including historical recreations if that is what people desire. But people need to make their opinions known, and the survey is a good place to start, Shipsky said.

"I want to make sure as a planner that I don't come up with proposals the public doesn't want," Shipsky said. "I did the St. Stephen's sidewalk proposal and was surprised at some of the opposition. In that case, we did not submit the proposal for public input because of the tight deadline to acquire funding. I urge people to be as creative as possible with a proviso that their suggestions are appropriate to the waterfront."



PHOTO/JIM SHIPSKY

Lobster boats on their moorings in Cohasset Harbor. Bassing Beach is in the background.

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By Alice C. Coyle
STAFF WRITER

Following a two-month closure due to heavy rains and high fecal coliform counts, Bassing Beach was re-opened for clamming again last week. While clammers from all over the South Shore are again enjoying the bounty of the Scituate beds, a long-time dispute over resident versus non-resident clamming fees remains stuck in the mud.

Re-opened to recreational diggers in 1994 following a nearly 20-year closure, Bassing Beach is the only local bed clean enough for year-round clamming. Located in the southern section of Cohasset Harbor, Bassing Beach is the only game in town for Cohasseters who have been unable to clam at Little's Harbor and Whale Meadow — just across the channel — since their closure following the Blizzard of '78.

But while Scituate residents pay $20 per year to dig up to eight quarts of mollusks per week, and senior residents over 62 can clam for free, non-residents — including Cohasseters — are charged $50 for the same permit. A year ago officials in both towns were close to reaching an accord to level the field on fees, but negotiations stopped after only one meeting.

"We were working with Scituate," said Cohasset Selectman Merle Brown. "(Scituate Selectman) Joe Norton supported it and then the meetings just stopped." Brown noted that Cohasset's police and harbormaster patrol the beach borders Cohasset harbor.

Spearheading the effort at the time was then acting town administrator for Cohasset, Ed McCann. McCann, a Scituate resident, hoped to get Cohasset clammers the same permit rate its neighbors pay. "I'm a strong advocate for inter-town sharing and the regionalization of services," said McCann. "Why not work out something where everybody wins?"

McCann said he recalled some "uneasiness" on some Scituate board members part about lowering the fees and increasing greatly the numbers who dig at Bassing Beach. "There were some concerns about over-digging," he said. "But there are regulations in place to control that."

Norton said some unresolved questions and others that went unasked, stalled talks on clamming permit fees. A temporary closure of the beds not long after the discussion lead the issue to "die a natural death," Norton said. "But that's not to say it can't be opened up again," he added.

While no specific rate was discussed in the meeting, Scituate Selectman Richard Lane said he was amenable to setting a lower rate for Cohasset clammers if certain concessions were made by Cohasset. Chief among Lane's concerns was getting Scituate senior citizens a break on parking in Cohasset for a couple hours on either side of low tide. By parking in Cohasset's Government Island near the Harbormaster's office or on Parker Avenue, Lane said older clammers could avoid the half-mile walk to Bassing Beach through the woods and marsh off Wood Island Road in Scituate.

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Despite the failure to reach an agreement, both Lane and Norton said they would be willing re-visit the fee issue.

"I'd be willing to re-open the discussion in a heart beat," said Lane.

"You can't talk regionalization on the one hand and then not allow things like this to happen," Norton added. McCann said talks about reducing fees in return for the services Cohasset provides — including patrolling the beach and transporting state environmental officials to the flats for testing — should resume.

But other town officials have expressed concerns that if Scituate lowers the rate for Cohasset, the same will have to be done for a dozen other South Shore communities whose residents buy permits to dig at the Scituate flats.

As it is now, the two-month closure and the high fee to clam at Bassing Beach has cut down on the number of Cohasset permit holders digging, said Cohasset Harbormaster Jon "Moose" Winters. According to Scituate Town Clerk Barbara Maffucci,, during 1997, 23 Cohasset residents had permits to dig clams at Bassing Beach — bringing in $1,150 for the town of Scituate. As of August 1998, only nine Cohasseters have picked up permits.

Still, Scituate's Shellfish Constable Joe Stazdes says when Bassing Beach is open, the flats are packed on Sundays. Clamming is allowed only on Thursdays and Sundays and the harvesting is limited to softshell clams that are at least two inches or larger. Diggers must use a clamming rake, no shovels or pitch forks are permitted and should cover their holes to protect baby clams to small to harvest, but a welcome treat for seagulls, Strazdes said.

Along with his assistant constables, Strazdes keeps an eye on the beach, and makes sure clammers have permits and only dig their limit. A summer Sunday brings more than 100 clammers to the flats.

"It's a social thing," said occasional clammer Jerry Janofsky, a software engineer from Scituate, who stopped into the town clerk's office Tuesday to pick up a permit. Janofsky, who also enjoys boating and fishing said he likes to go clamming with friends and family.

"We have guests coming in this weekend. And the clams always seem to taste fresher when you dig them yourself."

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Alcohol training a must

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establishments that serve or sell alcohol or allow customers to bring their own alcohol (BYOBs) to have their employees certified through an appropriate program, preferably TIPS.

The news has come as a surprise to Curtis Liquors' Andy Hailer. "Somebody came in and mentioned it — Ed Brennock, I think," said Hailer, referring to the local TIPS trainer.

"We have our own 'training' program here where our cashiers make all customers under 40 years of age show their driver's license. We really enforce that. We've had to turn people away. ABCC has been dressing 18-year-olds up in business suits and they look 35 to me. When you have summer help, you can't have something slip by like that — it's a sting," said Hailer.

Many thought the idea a good one, such as Denise Bismore, co-owner of the Silver Spoon. Though in the dark about the upcoming licensing change —"I haven't heard about it yet. I'll have to go to town hall to find out more."— Bismore thought that "the program is a good idea and I can't see how we would not benefit by it."

Even Papa Gino's will undergo training. "I didn't know about this, but I think it's actually a very good idea. The kids working here don't serve the alcoholic beverages — just the managers. Actually, we don't sell a whole lot of it anyway. That's always a plus," said general manager Ed Meighan.

"If liquor license holders have been reading the paper, they know this is happening. They have about four months to get the training."
— Town Manager Mark Haddad

The new policy was set at the Aug. 13 selectmen's meeting as a result of a public hearing last month. The July hearing addressed the sale of alcohol to a minor by an employee at Cohasset Food Mart in Jonathan Livingston Seagull Square on June 20, for which the store was issued a formal warning.

Other conditions of the new policy include that employees must be recertified every three years and establishments must submit employee rosters to selectmen with certification dates and other pertinent information.

The proposed policy is expected to be reviewed and okayed by town counsel Paul DeRensis, according to town manager Mark Haddad.

"I think it's plenty of advance warning for certification," said Haddad. "If liquor license holders have been reading the paper, they know this is happening. They have about four months to get the training."

Last week, Ed Brennock, who will teach the TIPS courses, spoke about the program at the selectmen's meeting and expressed concerns about getting enough people together for training classes. The training sessions require role playing on alcohol-selling and service issues and so groups of at least five to six members are needed.

Selectmen said because all license holders will be required to comply they don't expect participation to be a problem.

THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Absentee ballots available for State Primary

Absentee ballots for the State Primary, Sept. 15, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime Monday, Sept. 14. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

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Injured seagull gets a second chance

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Don't let the multiple digits fool you.

This seagull is anything but a number.

Although it's identified as "A980814-943" at the New England Wildlife Center, the staffers there are as committed to its recovery as they have been to the past 942 birds treated at the teaching hospital so far this year.

"It was the third gull surgery we had Friday," said clinic director Matthew Laing.

The luck of the herring gull started to change when a motorist thought he'd hit the bird outside the Pilgrim Skating Arena in south Hingham last Thursday afternoon.

But the gull, which was later discovered to have been injured by a pellet from a pellet gun, proved to be elusive to the police and workers at the rink.

The next afternoon, however, some young campers there were seen teasing the injured bird in the back parking lot, propelling rink management to take action.

"I hate to see any animal in pain," said Blanche Taylor, Pilgrim Arena treasurer.

So she sent day-shift supervisor Steve Tache of Quincy and rink worker Tony Tompson of Scituate, who were directed to wear gloves, to the rescue.

Capturing the gull required a good dose of strategy and determination, however.

"It kept running around," said Tony, 14. "We got it into a corner of the parking lot, put the box over it and then slipped another piece of cardboard under the box.

"Then we taped that piece onto the box, flipped it over and punched air holes in the box," he said.

Then they transported it to the wildlife center hospital behind the Hingham Credit Union off Fort Hill Street where the gull — with its repaired wing now bandaged — is doing fine.

"All animals have a purpose out there and gulls are part of the clean-up crew."
— Matthew Laing, clinic director

Laing explained the herring gull — which is one of eight different species of gulls in the state — will be recovering at the clinic for three to four weeks.

It's being fed a diet of fish and canned dog and cat food and is bathed everyday so it will prune its feathers, Laing said.

Once its through its hospital stage, it will be put in a large aviary and after it's flying and doing well, the gull will be released back into the wild.

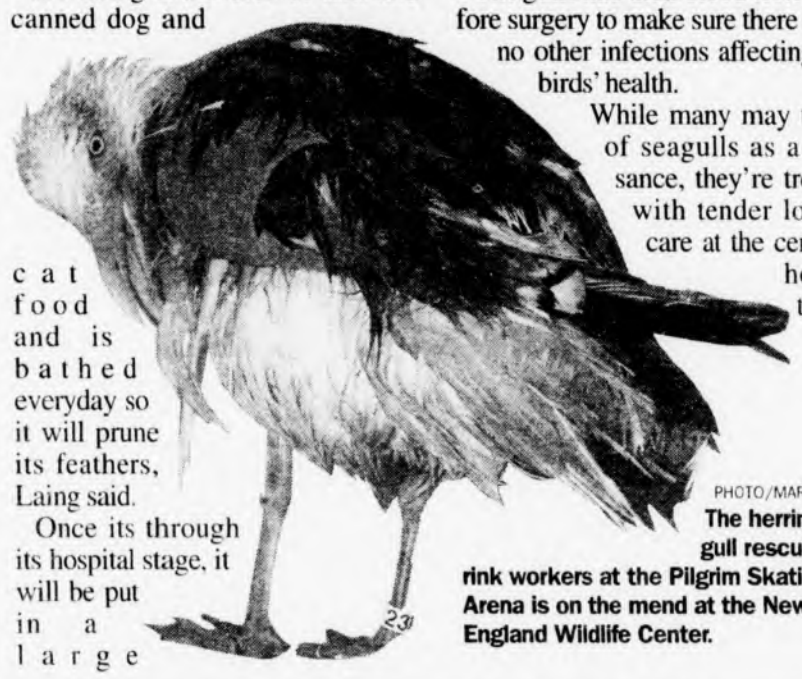
It's impossible to tell the age of the gull but from its wing coloring, it's at least three, Laing said. Seagulls have a life expectancy of 30 years, so it could be three or 25, he said.

Another gull brought in last Friday was entangled in kite string which was cutting circulation off to its wings and the other gull delivered that day suffered a broken wing after being hit by a car.

But the herring gull's injury was the most disturbing because it was deliberate, Laing said.

The gulls had their blood tested before surgery to make sure there were no other infections affecting the birds' health.

While many may think of seagulls as a nuisance, they're treated with tender loving care at the center's hospital.



PHOTO/MARY FORD
The herring gull rescued by rink workers at the Pilgrim Skating Arena is on the mend at the New England Wildlife Center.

"I think of gulls as a successful species which is able to adapt to our environment," Laing said.

The wildlife center treats between 3,000 to 5,000 animals a year including about 2,000 birds. As a public service, the center answers more than 20,000 phone calls a year about wildlife, habitats and public health. Sick, injured or orphaned wild animals can be brought to the hospital seven days a week, 365 days a year from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekends.

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Tony Tompson, 14, who works at the Pilgrim Arena, with the box containing seagull he helped rescue and transport to the New England Wildlife Center off Fort Hill Street.

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SPORTS PRACTICES START

Attention to all of you in the sports of soccer, football and field hockey — your first practice will be Friday, Aug. 28. Soccer players will be at Milliken Field, football will be at the back field (Lillard), and field hockey will be on the front field. Here's hoping the heat wave that normally comes during these practices stays away this year (for your sake, not ours!).

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Sister Barbara Reny at the St. Joseph Villa Retreat Center with Anna Maria Alberghetti and John Raitt.

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Anne Lindgren, a 1994 Cohasset High graduate, daughter of **Fran** and **Charlie Lindgren**, received a bachelor of arts degree from Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa. She graduated cum laude with honors in her major, biology. Anne has a position as a research assistant at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

UMASS/AMHERST GRADS

We received news from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst regarding Cohasset students who graduated this spring — we congratulate **Ellen G. Kielmeyer** of 231 King St., **Adam M. McNamara** of 470 King St., **Tyler J. Spiers** of 100 Pond St., **Rebecca Tosca** of 101 Pleasant St., and **Asha N. Williams** of 203 South Main St. Here's to bright futures for all of you, and lots of congratulations from all of us!

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JET SETTERS IN IRELAND

Two jet-setting members of the Cohasset High School Class of 1994 have been driving around Ireland for two weeks — **Dave Leahy** and **Mike Riley.** Rumor has it that **Jimmy Magner** gave them some great sight-seeing tips for hot spots he discovered while studying at the University in Cork last year. With names like Leahy and Riley, they shouldn't have any trouble finding their way around the Emerald Isle!

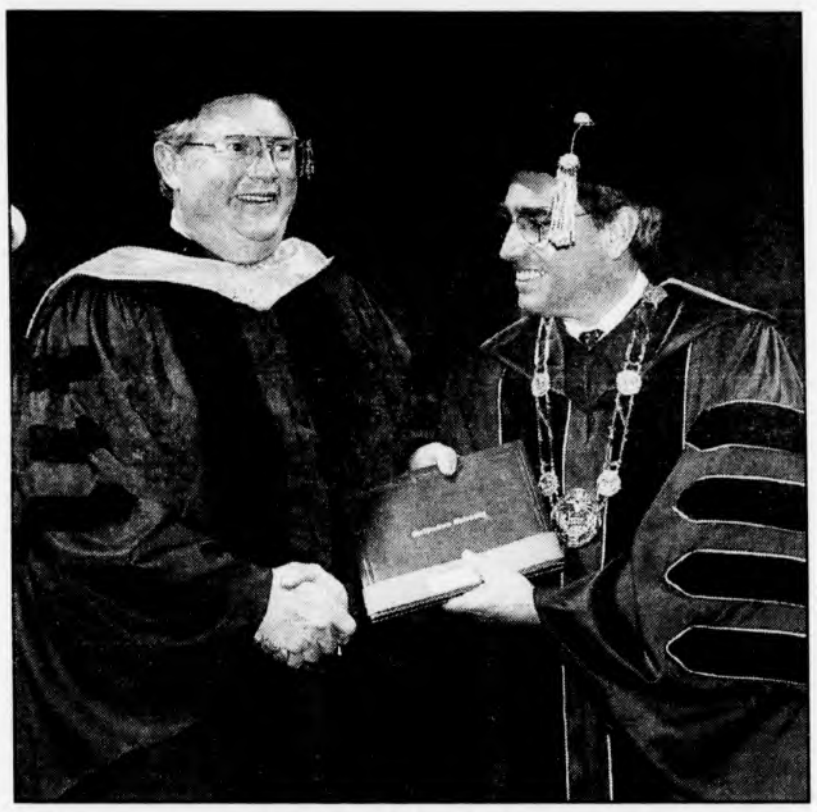
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— Sallyann Chatterton
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Neil F. Finnegan, left, of Cohasset accepts his honorary degree from Northeastern University president Richard M. Freeland during commencement exercises at the school.

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SALLYANN CHATTERTON



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Leah's blueberry cake

3 cups flour
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1/2 tsp. salt
2/3 cup milk
1 cup butter, creamed
2 cups sugar
4 eggs, separated
2 tsp. vanilla
1 pint blueberries

Cream together the butter and sugar. Add beaten egg yolks and vanilla. Beat until light and fluffy. Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add alternately with milk to the sugar and egg mixture. Beat 2 minutes.

Whip egg whites until stiff and fold in. Pour two-thirds of the batter into a greased 9x11x2 inch pan, sprinkle blueberries over this, then cover with the remaining batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes — you will love it!

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The Lord God made them all.'

— Cecil Frances Alexander

It's a place even where old, injured seagulls feel welcomed. The New England Wildlife Center and clinic off Fort Hill Street in Hingham doesn't discriminate among the wild creatures it provides safe harbor for.

Hurt or orphaned animals wrapped in blankets or placed in taped-up boxes are often delivered by concerned citizens who all have one thing in common — a respect for wildlife.

As clinic director Matthew Laing says animal lovers aren't particular.

"Those who really care are not selective — but others who find animals a nuisance won't help and say it's just too bad (for the animal)."

While we like to believe most of us fall into the first category — it's our environment poses dangers for many of our furry and featured friends.

Kite string, fishing line, plastic, glass, pesticides and traffic can all be hazards.

Thanks to the wildlife center many stories of unlucky animals injured by the by-products of civilization have happy endings.

The herring gull rescued from Hingham's Pilgrim Skating Arena parking lot last week is one of the fortunate ones.

Its wing — hurt by a pellet shot from a pellet gun — is on the mend thanks to concerned workers at the rink and the veterinarians at the center. The pellet was compressing a nerve and the gull's wing would not have been repairable if the injured bird had gone without help much longer. Now after a few weeks of recuperation including some time in a large aviary, the herring gull will be returned to the wild.

The experts at the wildlife center urge caution however when helping wounded wildlife.

Even a seagull, which has a strong beak, should be approached carefully.

Injured or orphaned mammals may be infected with rabies, so it's imperative to call the animal control officer at 383-9119, Cohasset police at 383-1212 or the wildlife center at 749-1248 before attempting any rescue.

The center, which is non-profit, doesn't have the funding to do a lot of rescues but is happy to help out once the animal is gathered up and brought in.

Providing veterinary care for needy wildlife is not all the center does. It also hosts camp programs, provides nature and science education, apprenticeships and provides public health and habitat intervention to help wildlife and people better coexist.

What's really nice is the 15-year-old wildlife teaching hospital is in our own backyard.

That's surely something both our wild creatures and those who love them can be thankful for.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Selectmen avoided their responsibility

TO THE EDITOR:

My wife and I attended last week's meeting of the Cohasset selectmen called to consider whether to recommend the petition of Mr. Paul Trendowitz to move the Federal Navigation line in Bailey's Creek at Cohasset Harbor to permit an expansion of his Cohasset Marina in the creek.

After discussion lasting nearly two hours, we were dismayed when the selectmen voted to send the issue to Cohasset Town Meeting in the fall, citing the fact that it was too controversial to deal with. As a former Town Moderator and one who is intimately familiar with Town Meeting procedures, I know, and the Selectmen should know, that asking Town Meeting to vote on this issue may well produce anything but a fair representative result. The meeting could have a relative handful of voters on hand to deal with the issue, or the meeting could also be packed for a vote on this one issue. Either scenario could produce a lopsided, unbalanced result.

We elected our Selectmen to be our representatives and to make decisions for us, both easy and difficult, on all kinds of issues. It is a disservice to the town when the selectmen avoid their responsibility to vote on a critical issue, as they did last week.

Some years ago, I had the good fortune to serve for a time in the Massachusetts Senate. Occasionally, when we debated a very controversial bill, a member would move to send the bill to the State Supreme Judicial Court for an advisory opinion. If the Senate adopted the member's motion, the bill went off to the High Court, thus enabling members temporarily to put off voting on the controversial issue at stake.

What happened at the Selectmen's meeting the other night was analogous to my Senate experience. The Selectmen owed the many people who attended that night, including Mr. Trendowitz, a decision on the Cohasset Marina proposal, which incidentally my wife and I strongly oppose. At the very least, board members should have indicated their position on the issue. Only one of the five selectmen present stated a clear, unequivocal position on the issue.

We certainly hope that the selectmen will make their position known on this matter well in advance of the fall Town Meeting.

William D. Weeks
130 Border Street

Sidewalk proposal is puzzling

Mr. Dean Rizzo, Chairman
Village Task Force Committee

DEAR MR. RIZZO:

I'm writing because I'm puzzled. Puzzled by a proposed sidewalk.

I think that any move to spruce up the village, to entice people to come into the village and spend money, to make people curious as to what's here is a plus. Let the person who's curious know where Cohasset Village is and then when he/she gets here have an attractive, interesting village where they'll stroll, shop, eat and see and feel the history of Cohasset.

I'm puzzled because I really don't see any point to the proposed sidewalk on Elm Street which will merge with the S. Main Street sidewalk. Right now there is an existing sidewalk (6-1/2 to 7' wide) from S. Main Street toward the harbor. Along S. Main Street is where the problem exists — where the ledge will be removed. If this sidewalk problem is to be corrected, then let's do it. Remove the ledge and concrete connected to the old Police Station along S. Main Street and provide a 6 to 7' sidewalk from Elm Street to Robert E. Jason Road.

This new sidewalk would merge nicely with the Elm Street sidewalk as it now exists. It would "lead" people from the village to the harbor and back which is what we want. We want them to shop and enjoy their stay in Cohasset. Who knows, they might come back.

Hamilton T. Tewksbury
81 Elm St.

Ed's note: This letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

School bus facts debatable

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing in response to an article on page 7 of the Aug. 6 Cohasset Mariner concerning the leasing of the two new school buses. Your reporter's article was very short on facts, and Cohasset School Superintendent Steve Hart's "facts" are debatable.

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Harbor Access and Village Link Questionnaire

Please feel free to add your own comments here or on separate sheets.

1. I would like a more attractive walkway around the harbor, with better access to the water, not shared with cars.

AGREE UNDECIDED DISAGREE

2. I would like some kind of changes along Elm Street to make the harbor area and village area united.

AGREE UNDECIDED DISAGREE

Suggestions:

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3. I would like changes in the village center to make it more lively.

AGREE UNDECIDED DISAGREE

Suggestions:

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4. I would like more parking spaces in the village center and harbor areas.

AGREE UNDECIDED DISAGREE

5. I would support using Town funds for:

Walkway	AGREE	UNDECIDED	DISAGREE
Elm Street changes	AGREE	UNDECIDED	DISAGREE
Village Center changes	AGREE	UNDECIDED	DISAGREE
More parking space	AGREE	UNDECIDED	DISAGREE

6. I would only support such projects if they are funded by grants.

AGREE UNDECIDED DISAGREE

7. I am in favor of Town facilities such as parking spaces and recreation areas [which are now unmarked and in some cases appear to be private property] being identified as Town facilities.

AGREE UNDECIDED DISAGREE

8. I would like more streetscape amenities in the village/harbor areas, such as public toilets, park benches, trees & landscaping, walkway lighting, shelters, etc.

AGREE UNDECIDED DISAGREE

9. I would like more services around the harbor, such as a variety of places to eat, marine/fishing supply stores, boatyards, docks, public boat landings, excursion boats, piers.

AGREE UNDECIDED DISAGREE

10. I now visit the harbor about this frequently:

ONCE A DAY ONCE A WEEK ONCE A MONTH ONCE A YEAR



PHOTO/JIM SHIPSKY

The parking lot at the former Chart House has one of the best views of Cohasset Harbor.

Please list your reasons for going to the harbor:

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11. I would spend more time at the harbor if improvements of the kind described above were made.

AGREE UNDECIDED DISAGREE

Suggestions:

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12. I now visit the village about this frequently:

ONCE A DAY ONCE A WEEK ONCE A MONTH ONCE A YEAR

Please list your reasons for going to the village:

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13. I would spend more time in the village if improvements of the kind described above were made.

AGREE UNDECIDED DISAGREE

Suggestions:

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Completed questionnaires should go to the Selectman's Office at Cohasset Town Hall, addressed to the Village Revitalization Task Force. Results will be published in the Mariner.

Please feel free to contact James Shipsky at 781-383-9024 with comments, questions, information, or volunteer opportunities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

In the article, Mr. Hart said that he was replacing a couple of 1987 buses in need of extensive repair. We did replace one 1987 bus with a new one in May. The leased buses will replace a 1987 and a 1989. Our oldest bus, which becomes the non-route spare bus, will then be a 1994, not a 1989, as was reported.

The cost of a new bus is approximately $50,000, not $100,000, as was stated in the article. Also with a purchase, you have a good trade-in value at the end of five years instead of being left with nothing as you do with a lease.

There was no pressing need to get two new buses at this time to have them on the road by September. The matter was "scheduled" to be brought up at the October town meeting for the next bus purchase. At this time the lease money will be coming directly from the school budget in the expectation that the town meeting will reimburse their budget in the fall. This is a clear intent of circumventing the process and presenting a done deal to the taxpayers.

We do not know if extensive repairs were needed for any of the buses. There were no visible rot or major rust problems in either of the 1987 and 1989 buses. How can one tell that leasing will be a predictable expense over five years because we will still have to pay for broken windows, ripped seats, stolen equipment, slashed tires, etc., etc., etc. The school department does not keep any records to indicate the cost per bus for maintenance and how can they state "that older buses require a lot of maintenance?" There could be a severe maintenance problem with a newer bus after the end of the warranty.

The discussion of acquiring buses has been before the advisory board, of which I am a member, and the capital budget committee. These two committees agreed that the schools should spread out the acquisitions so that the town would not be stuck again, as we are now, with buses all getting old within a year or so of each other. We were trying to alleviate a similar problem in the future. Instead the school committee will be putting us in a worse position by putting five new buses on the road in an 18-month period. The school committee decided, without proper investigation, to circumvent the logical and reasonable recommendations of the financial advisors of the town.

Leland H. Jenkins
Cohasset Advisory Board
198 Jerusalem Rd.

Volunteer efforts appreciated

TO THE EDITOR:

The Massachusetts Department of Social Services would like to thank Katherine Stanton of Cohasset for her efforts in gathering suitcases for the foster children living in her region. The project was born out of a special month-long benefit entitled "Suitcases for Kids." Katherine, a volunteer case reviewer for the department, heard about these efforts in the Boston area and decided to take things into her own hands and start a spin-off of the program in her area.

With the help of Cohasset Mariner columnist, Sally Ann Chatterton, Katherine was able to raise public awareness and the residents of Cohasset really came through. Many suitcases were collected on behalf of the Commonwealth's most vulnerable children. What's more, Katherine was able to call on her friends who helped her deliver the suitcases to four area offices: Plymouth, Coastal, Park Street and Morton Street.

There are currently 10,000 children in foster care in Massachusetts. Often the children enter care with very few belongings and certainly not anything to carry them in. The "Suitcases for Kids" promotion not only served to raise public awareness around the plight of foster children, but will provide kids with something of their very own. Furthermore, this is an example of how individuals can give of their time, in various ways, to help make a positive impact in the life of a child.

Thank you to all the people who were involved in this project and gave so generously to help us build a better future for the children and families the department serves.

Linda K. Carlisle, Commissioner
The Massachusetts Department
of Social Services

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PLUMBING MUSINGS
by **Philip Von Iderstein** M.P. #8829
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One fall we landed a large contract that required we hire union help to do the labor. The job was located a few towns away and I was selected to be a foreman on the job to look out for the companies' interests. I was at that time unfamiliar with the union and the men who were sent over to do the work. I decided that a meeting with the men was in order so we could get to know each other. They could also learn what was expected of them and the time schedule that was set up for the different stages of the work. The meeting went well and I learned that many of the men were capable and figured the contract would go well. They asked a few questions and then I asked a few questions, and I was pleased with their responses. As the meeting was nearing its completion one of the men seated in the rear of the room got up from his chair and walked toward the front. He stated that he had something to say. I looked up and saw him standing there. He was enormous. He was well over six feet tall and monstrously large through the chest and shoulders. He also had arms and hands larger than I had ever seen. He reached the front of the room and put out his hand as if to shake. I put out my hand too. As he squeezed my hand he put his other hand behind my head and grabbed me. I felt like I was in a pipe vice. He then stuck his tongue in my ear. I couldn't get away, the man was as strong as an ox. The rest of the men were in hysterics. I laughed too when he finally let me go. I guess he did this to all the foremen just to keep them in their place. I was relieved. I thought he was going to kill me. He turned out to be a tremendous worker and a knowledgeable plumber. I never could look him in the eye. One oddity about him was he was desperately afraid of heights. I guess we all have our Achilles heel.
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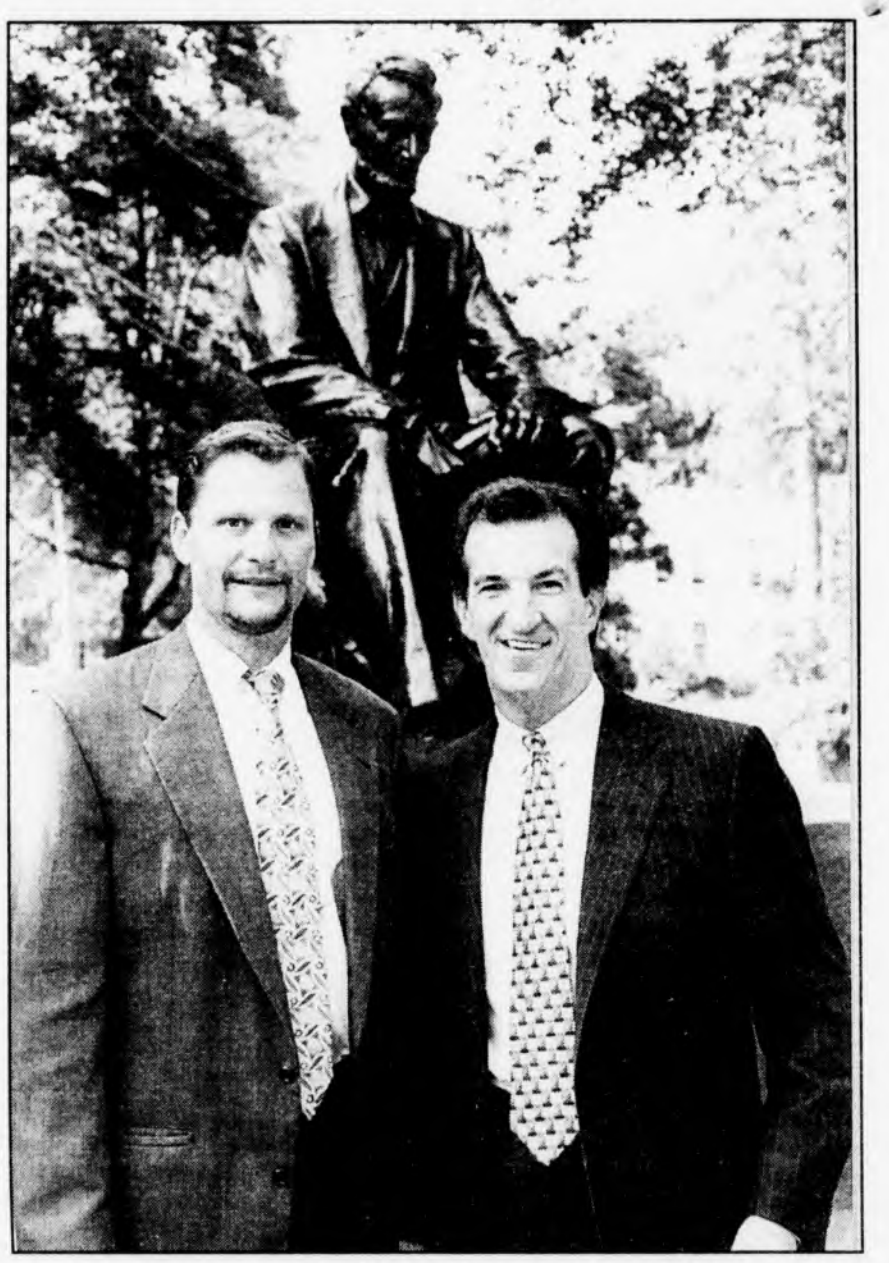
Hedlund backs Malone for governor

By Robert L. Hedlund
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

As you know, I was the lone vote against the $700 million tax package signed last week by the Governor. I voted against the package because I believe that we, as a Legislature, *should* and *could* have done more for the hardworking taxpayers of this Commonwealth. Honoring a promise of a decade ago, we should have rolled back the income tax rate to 5%. Rather than increasing the cap on our rainy day fund to an extravagant $1.4 billion, more of the State's surplus tax revenues should have been returned to their *rightful* owners; the taxpayers. We could have done better.

As our governor, Joe Malone would not have settled for such a meager slice of the pie for taxpayers. And legislators, certain as to Joe's unwavering commitment to the taxpayers, would not have sent so stingy a package to him to sign. Joe Malone I am confident, would have fought for and won a better deal for us all. Joe Malone shares my commitment to unburdening the taxpayers…to fiscal responsibility…and my commitment to a leaner and more responsive government.

In his eight years as our state treasurer, he has shown himself to be a man of big ideas…a man with the political will and perseverance to fight for his vision. He made the Treasurer's office a show piece of state government…a model of efficiency and creativity. During his watch, our pension performance has gone from the worst in the nation to the best. State Bond ratings have increased. Office staff has been slashed by 60%. By refusing his taxpayer-leased car and returning $15,000 pay raise, Joe Malone has practiced the principles he preaches. Rather than *defending* the past, Joe Malone is *defending* the future. He will continue to do as our Governor and I am pleased…to support my friend Joe Malone, his vision, his activism and his candidacy.



State Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, poses with state Treasurer and gubernatorial candidate Joe Malone at the Lincoln statue in Hingham where Hedlund announced he would back Malone for governor.

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Reception to honor Lt. Gov. Candidate Swift

New York Congressman Amo Houghton will be special guest at a Cohasset reception to honor Lt. Gov. Candidate Jane Swift Sunday, Aug. 23, 5 to 7 p.m., at the home of Polly Logan, 121 Nichols Rd., Cohasset.

Logan noted that in 1990 Swift became the youngest woman ever elected to the Massachusetts Senate and rose to the rank of assistant minority leader, again the youngest woman in Senate history to serve in either party's leadership. In 1996 Swift ran in the First Congressional District and finished closer than any other Republican Congressional Candidate in the state. Gov. Weld appointed her director of regional airport development of the Massachusetts Port Authority and in December 1977 she served as director of the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation. Now 33, Swift lives in North Adams with her husband, Charles Hunt. They are expecting a child in late October.

Since 1987 Congressman Amo Houghton has served as the representative of New York's 31st Congressional District, which covers parts of 10 counties from Lake Erie along the Pennsylvania border, to the Finger Lakes. He is the seventh ranking Republican on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, and serves on its Trade and Health Subcommittees. He also is a member of the International Relations Committee and vice chairman of its Subcommittee on Africa. Houghton is the only former CEO of a Fortune 500 firm to serve in the House.

For reservations, call or mail checks to Polly Logan, 121 Nichols Rd., Cohasset, 02025, (781) 383-0031.

Cutler won't take contributions from lobbyists

Democratic State Representative candidate Josh Cutler announced today, that his campaign would not accept contributions from lobbyists. He is the only candidate in the race to make such a pledge.

"Lobbyists have been overly influential in politics for too long," Cutler said. "As the only candidate in this race not to accept contributions from them, I hope to set a good example for politicians throughout the state."

Cutler has long been a strong advocate for campaign finance reform. In addition to being the first candidate in the history of the state to disclose financial reports on the Internet, Cutler has worked with the Clean Elections organization to put a campaign finance reform measure on the ballot in November.

For more information on the Cutler Campaign, call 741-9889 or visit the campaign website at www.jcutler.com.

Cutler endorsed by environmental organizations

The Massachusetts League of Environmental Voters (MLEV) and New England Environmental Voters (NEEV) have voted to endorse Democratic State Representative candidate Josh Cutler.

"We are pleased to make this endorsement," said Marsha Westropp, co-chair of the MLEV board. "Mr. Cutler has demonstrated his strong commitment to the environment through his leadership in securing passage of Land Bank legislation and commitment to work for environmental legislation if elected, particularly the updated bottle bill."

MLEV and NEEV are non-profit organizations dedicated to improving environmental quality through electoral political action. MLEV and NEEV seek to achieve this goal by increasing the public's awareness of the positions taken on environmental issues by Massachusetts' public officials and candidates for office.

Cutler is a Democratic candidate for state representative for Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. He is running to bring a pro-active voice on issues like health care reform, education and environmental protection. For more information on the Cutler Campaign, call 741-9889 or visit our web site at www.jcutler.com.

Bradley summer coffee hours

Assistant District Attorney and state Rep. candidate Garrett Bradley is continuing to take his campaign directly to the voters of the Third Plymouth District through a series of coffees during the summer. Bradley will be talking with voters about important issues such as the education of our children, the reduction of taxes and the prevention of crime in our neighborhoods at the following coffees:

Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m., Rick and Lynn Linehan, 7 Harvest Lane, Hingham; Aug. 21, 6 p.m., David Raftery and Barbara Webster, 1 Point Allerton Ave., Hull; Aug. 23, 6 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. William Homel, 25 Helen St., Hull.

Cable program on candidates

The Scituate Republican Town Committee has produced a public service television program featuring candidates for state-wide office in a question and answer format. The videotaped program, titled "To Know the Candidates," provides an opportunity for the South Shore viewing audience to learn the views and positions of the following Republican candidates:

Brad Bailey - Attorney General, Bob Maginn - Treasurer and Dale Jenkins - Secretary of State.

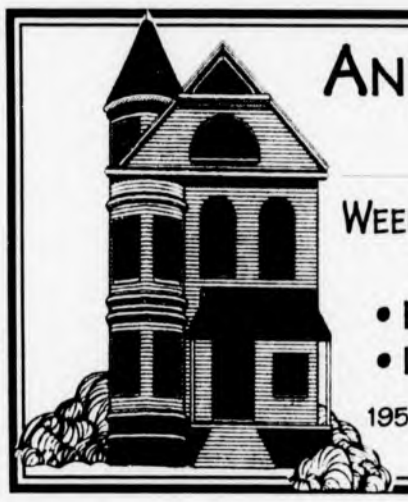
The program will be shown on Media One Cable Channel 10, the Regional Channel covering Cohasset, Hingham, Hanover, Hull, Norwell and Scituate at the following time: Thursday, Aug. 20 at 9 p.m.

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More greening planned at swim center

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The parking accessed off North Main Street in front of the swim center will undergo repairs once the season ends in a few weeks.

The area in front of the swim center will be reloamed and reseeded in answer to complaints that the once-grassy lot has become a "dust bowl." Access to the center from North Main Street will be shut off for good after the season, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Swim center abutter, Matthew Marr, was among those who brought concerns before the board of selectmen last week. He and others complained about the deterioration of the swim center and Little League field land, parking by non-handicapped motorists in the handicapped-only lot and the general dangerousness of the parking situation.

The heavy use of the swim-center's upper parking lot, combined with parking along the Little League field, created a danger. Vehicles exiting the swim center's lot could only drive in reverse through the gates and past the Little League field's impromptu parking area. The risk to children running out from behind a parked car as a vehicle exited was clear.

Once the proposed changes have been put in place, those who require handicapped-access parking will park their vehicles behind the swim center. That area can be accessed around the side of the Little League field by Hugh Morgan's concession stand. This area will also accommodate parking overflow for the swim center and Little League, when needed, Haddad said. A gate will be installed in the swim center fence and an area will be hot-topped to facilitate handicap access.

In a related matter, L. Stephanie Hernan, a member of the swim club's board of managers, wrote to selectmen to respond to an accusation that the center has been dumping chemicals which have killed Sumac surrounding the site. Herman explained that a local landscaper cut down all the Sumac and other hazardous plants surrounding the facility for the safety of center visitors.

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Groups reach accord on Little Harbor Study

Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Changes to the Little Harbor Study draft that were not approved by the sewer commission were eliminated this week after several meetings on the proposal.

Sewer commissioners were adamantly opposed to the new information added because they were not consulted and say it was added at the last minute. All the sides discussing plans for the study came to agreement and are now ready to move forward with plans to seek the Request for Proposals for the water quality study.

A panel comprised of three town boards presided over a public meeting last Wednesday night at town hall, held as a means of receiving input from the 60 or so residents who attended the session. Members of the Board of Health, Sewer Commission, Selectmen and health agent Dr. Joseph Godzik listened to audience feedback on the RFP prepared for the state Department of Environmental Protection.

The Request was written with all three boards' approval and asks that a water quality study of the Inner Little Harbor and Little Harbor be done in order to assess wastewater management options in the Nichols Road area and areas near Little Harbor.

For the most part, the proposal was met by a calm audience. Mitzi Railsback, 184 Atlantic Ave., wanted to know if Title 5 would still hold. "Until there is an accepted plan by the state, Title 5 will stand," answered board of health member Kevin Ulmer. "It (the study) should take a year and six months to complete."

Charlie Buckley, 20 Jerusalem Lane, wanted to know who would decide what actions to take based on the evaluation of the study. Guild responded, "The scientific results will go to the town and then to the state. Later, both will discuss what steps to take."

Questions from residents were sometimes answered with a referral to the proposal. The hour-long meeting ended without any note of discord.

Guild, for one, was pleased about attendees' reaction to the proposal.

"We had no adverse criticism. It was blessedly about the most uneventful meeting I'd attended in the last two years!" he said. "Sure, they just wanted to get it straightened out so that they understood what would be done in this project and they agreed that this was the right approach. I assume we're all in agreement here.

"We should be able to get bids below the $45,000 appropriated by the town meeting," he said. "If we don't get bids below that, we're in trouble but that's unlikely. The scope of work should be doable at that cost."

"We have taken it and forwarded it to DEP for approval," said town manager Mark Haddad. "Once DEP gives the approval, I will advertise . Everyone's agreed, all three boards are signed on it and I'm just waiting to hear back from the DEP."

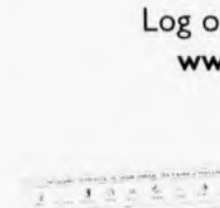
Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held on alternate Tuesdays.

The next selectmen's meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 1.

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DPW could take over sewer and water departments

Selectmen to tackle Haddad's report

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Town manager Mark Haddad has delivered a report to selectmen recommending that the DPW merge with the water and sewer departments for better efficiency and lower costs. The report recommends eliminating the elected sewer and water departments in favor of boards appointed by the selectmen.

The report is the latest step in an ongoing effort by the town to consolidate public works functions performed by other town boards or departments. The consolidation began in 1995 when the town combined the elected highway surveyor position with the appointed tree, park and cemetery superintendent's job into one DPW superintendent, a position currently held by Harold Litchfield. Haddad's report recommends that the town hire a professional engineer to oversee an expanded public works department that includes the water and sewer departments after Litchfield retires.

The report will now be reviewed by selectmen. If approved, town meeting would have to approve the changes and the state legislature would have to authorize changing the sewer and water departments from elected to appointed boards. In his report, Haddad states that the sewer department should remain unchanged until all current projects are completed, at which time sewer projects would fall under the DPW's jurisdiction with the sewer commissioners serving as advisors. Haddad states that the sewer department would "cease to exist as an operational agency" if his recommendations are approved.

The water commissioner's functions would change very little because of previously successful efforts to make it a self-supporting agency. Private contractors would continue to run the day-to-day water delivery and maintenance.

Haddad interviewed all the members of the water commission to get their input for the report. However, according to an appendix in the report, Haddad did not interview any of the members of the sewer commission, speaking only with private consultant Dan Coughlin from the sewer commission's engineering consulting firm, Tutela Engineering. Haddad could not be reached to comment on why he was unable to speak with the sewer commissioners.

However, at least one member of the sewer commission, Chairman Ted Guild, was unhappy with the plan to eliminate the elected sewer commission.

"I haven't seen the report, but I think it is ill-advised to change to an appointed sewer commission," Guild said. "It takes away the right of the people to choose their sewer commissioners."

In his report, Haddad states that one of the most important areas that would be improved by a consolidated DPW would be engineering and building maintenance. Currently, the town does not have engineering or building maintenance departments.

"Currently, when certain engineering work is needed, the town has been extremely fortunate to have the services of the Norfolk County Engineering Department," Haddad said. "While this service is greatly appreciated by the town, it is not always available in a timely manner.

If approved, town meeting would have to approve the changes and the state legislature would have to authorize changing the sewer and water departments from elected to appointed boards.

"Another area is the review of subdivisions and site plans, monitoring subdivision work and the design and inspection of streets. The planning board charges developers a fee that is used to hire the appropriate technical expertise for the board," he added.

Hiring a town engineer will not completely eliminate the need to hire outside firms, Haddad said. But it will improve past situations in which paid consultants and contractors have had difficulty locating plans, or maps of the town's sewer system.

Haddad said the town has not done nearly enough to address building maintenance, except at some of the school buildings. He cited a lack of preventive maintenance at any of the town buildings as a serious problem in the present and for the future.

To accomplish these goals, Haddad is recommending that the town hire an engineer for $50,000 per year. Although this would add an extra salary to the DPW, the new engineer would be able to learn about the town's needs from Litchfield.

Haddad is also recommending a supervisor to oversee a building maintenance department. The new maintenance department would need three full-time workers, which would cost the town an additional $32,000. Haddad points out the need for a comprehensive maintenance department because of the facilities audit which found that the town needs to perform $15 million in work over the next decade.

The school department conducts its own building maintenance, but Haddad will ask school officials to consider a unified approach to save money.

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'Anastasia' captivates one and all

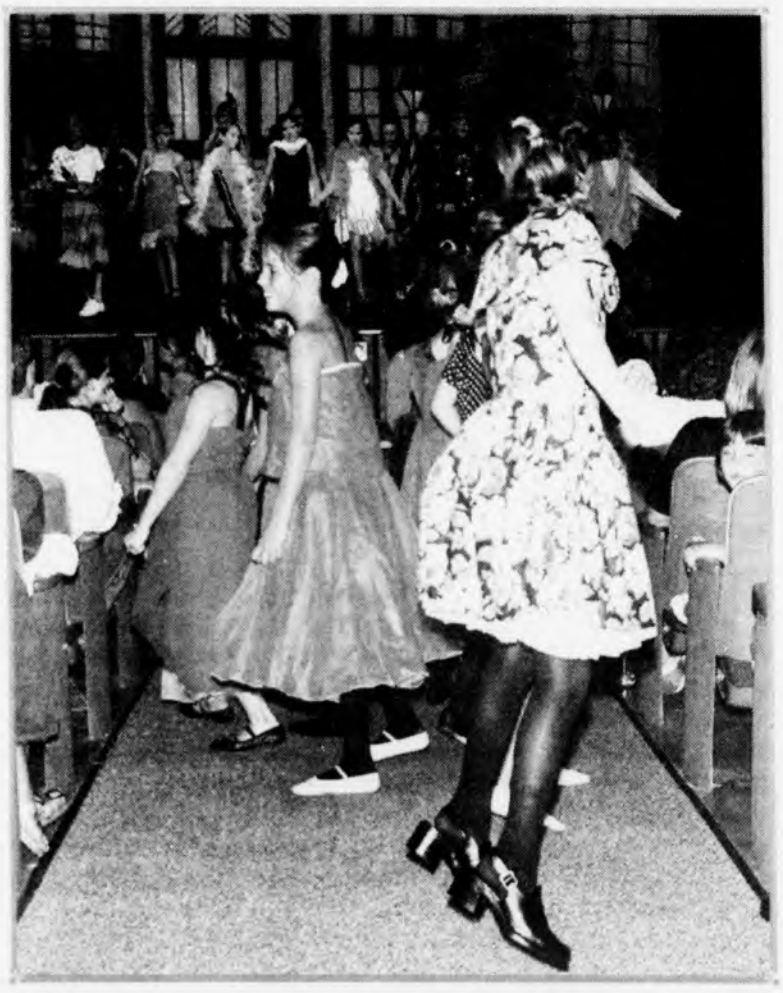




"Anastasia" performed by the Children's Drama Workshop at Cohasset High last week delighted the audience with a talented group of young actors and dancers. Clockwise: Angela Micciche, 12, of Marshfield, makes a lovely queen. A creative set provides the backdrop to this scene featuring Anastasia (portrayed by Caroline Carr, second from right). Aaron Moir, 5, enjoys a snack while he watches the play on stage at the high school. "Anastasia" was full of surprises including the aisles filling with dancers and actors. Ninety-five area youngsters took part in this year's show produced by sisters Beth, Grace and Sarah Deveny. The drama workshop is a program sponsored by the Cohasset Recreation Department.

Staff photos/Karen Quincy Loberg







COHASSET SPORTS

Skaters ride popularity wave of women's hockey

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Jackie Goines first heard about an all-girls hockey league out of Pilgrim Arena in Hingham this past February. Intrigued by the prospects of playing in the league, the 14-year-old Goines, who will enter her freshman year at Cohasset High School this fall, joined the Commonwealth Hockey Conference.

The experience has been nothing but positive for the right-winger. Before joining the CHC, Goines's hockey options were limited to playing on local ponds and lakes in pick-up games with the boys. Now, she can display her talents and improve her game further in a league specifically designed to do just that.

"It has been wicked fun," said Goines. The girls are nice and the coaches are really helpful."

The goal of the two-year-old CHC program is to introduce girls to organized hockey and develop their skills in an enjoyable, stress-free environment. Programs are held in the summer, fall and spring for ages 10-18. The players practice on Tuesday nights and play in non-contact games on Sundays.

"Girls have been interested in hockey all along," said CHC President Susan Cunniff. "They just weren't invited to play before. Boys and girls play hockey together when they're young because there's not a big physical difference. There's no hitting in boys hockey until they're 11 years old. But many girls later become more comfortable playing hockey together and there's never any checking in girls hockey.



STAFF PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cohasset's Anna Roche, (#5 in the dark shirt), is one of many young ladies who have grabbed on to the growing popularity of women's hockey.

"The girls really bond and I've never seen happier kids. The talent level here is very good, too. It really emphasizes stickhandling and skating skills without getting physical."

Goines's activities have hardly been limited to donning skates and taking to the ice. She is a member of the field hockey, basketball and track teams at the high school. Goines eventually would like to see girls hockey added to the array of sports programs at CHS. Girls can try out for the boys squad, but she believes there is a big intimidation factor that goes along with playing with and against boys.

"I really hope the school starts a team so the girls wouldn't be so intimidated in trying Goines said. I do think you'd have to go around and talk to the kids. it's not just a sport for guys."

Goines believes she has become a more disciplined player and approaches each practice with more intensity than she has in the past. That characteristic, she is sure, will carry over when she begins field hockey practice during the last week of August.

Goines' friend and teammate, 13-year-old Anna Roche, has been playing field hockey since the age of 9. She moved from England to Cohasset three years ago and was persuaded to join the CHC team by Goines.

"I talked to Jackie about it," said Roche, whose athletic goal this fall is to make the varsity field hockey team at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham. She said she was joining the league and I went to one of the practices

Roche already knew how to skate,

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The boys of summer



They were born in a small town, but that didn't stop this group of 8-year-old Cohasset Little League All-Stars from compiling an impressive 6-3-1 record this summer in the Friendship League.



A group from Cohasset recently won the 11-year-old Summer Little League title for District 8. In the back (left-to-right) are Ed Straughn (manager), Matt Casey, DJ Silva, Evan Sacks, Tony Carbone (coach), Teddie Straughn, Crandon Leahy, Jim DeGiacomo and Don Silva (coach). In front, Billy Carbone, Will Maich, Jon Grimm, Matt Baroudi and Mark Lewis. Missing from the photo are Chris Barber and Tim Pilczak.

Eight-year-old All-Stars impress in Friendship tour

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Spending their summer playing against other young men drawn from a talent pool considerably larger than their own, the Cohasset eight-year-old Little League All-Stars still completed one of their best seasons on record.

The summer traveling baseball team ended the year in the Friendship League at 6-3-1 while going up against towns such as Braintree, Quincy, Needham, Walpole and Whitman.

"You could see that this age group was going to be special even a few years ago," said head coach Mark DeGiacomo, a vice-president with the Cohasset Youth Baseball League. "You could see right away that these kids really enjoy being around one another and playing the game of baseball."

Because of the small town atmosphere of Cohasset DeGiacomo said the Little League all-stars face the same dilemma as the players they admire at the high school level. There are some good athletes in

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11-year-olds win District 8 Little League Championships

After a stellar pitching performance by Chris Barber on Tuesday night (8/11), resulting in Cohasset beating a resilient *Braintree American* team thereby qualifying them, on Thursday night Aug. 13, at the Sharon Little League Baseball Complex.

The Cohasset Little League (11-year-old division), captured the District 8 Summer League Championship by defeating their perennial arch rivals from Whitman by deceiving score of 19-8.

Lead by the unflappable 6 solid inning pitching of "ace" hurler Teddie Straughn, Cohasset secured a shaky 2-1 spread after the first inning and nervously maintained until the fourth inning when stimulated by the lead off hit and subsequent multiple stolen bases by Crandon Leahy and the equally timely supportive hitting of Teddie Straughn, Jon Grimm, D.J. Silvia and Mark Lewis (2 Home Runs in 3 games!) The Cohasset Cubs began to distance themselves from their able and always-capable-of-battling-back opponent. Earlier in the game, the trio of Teddy Straughn, D.J. Silvia and Willie "Red Shoes" Maich executed a perfect 1-3-5 inning ending double play to seemingly *stick the pin* in Whitman's chances to pull this one out.

By the end of the top half of the fifth, the visiting Cohasset team had, what they thought (as did their fans!), A comfortable 8 run lead (11-3), but Whitman, in their typical *never-say-die fashion*, assisted by a few misplays by the otherwise stable Cohasset defense, tried to again complete what has proven to be their

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Local skaters ride the popularity wave of women's hockey

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but unlike Goines, had never played any hockey in the past. She played and worked very hard in the final three weeks of the spring program and is now halfway through the summer session.

Since joining the league, Roche's game has improved in leaps and bounds. The greatest strides have come with her skating and stickhandling, and is pleased with her game play as a member of the Avalanche squad. Goines is a member of the same squad.

"It's a teaching league and I like how everyone is a beginner," she said.

The CHC is a perfect vehicle for Roche to be introduced to the game.

"Our beginners only need to know how to stand on skates," said Cunniff. "Some are figure skaters and others have just been roller balding. Many of our girls have grown up watching their brothers play hockey."

Although field hockey is still her favorite sport, Roche has every intention of playing in the fall session as well. The conditioning aspect of hockey will make her that much stronger and give Roche added endurance, a definite edge in a sport where running is a big key to success.

Roche is also a member of the Cohasset Swim Team and she has already seen the added conditioning benefits hockey has made while in the pool. Roche's endurance has never been better. The proof is in the results. She has improved her times in all three of her events, the butterfly, backstroke and freestyle.

"I'm usually in good shape from swimming," said Roche, "But I'm in even better shape now."

Sixteen-year-old Caitlin Donovan played in the CHC during the summer of 97 and was a member of this past winters CHS boys hockey team. Donovan grew up playing with all boys including her four brothers, Adam, Brian, Greg and Mark.

Donovan, who'll be a junior this fall, enjoyed her CHC experience and met a lot of nice people. Donovan has been playing hockey longer than both Goines and Roche combined and was a member of the South Shore Seahawks and South Shore Hornets.

She admitted, however, she enjoyed the change of practicing and playing with other girls. Donovan agrees that women's hockey is here to stay.

"Women's hockey has been around for a while," she said. "It's just now being noticed."

Like Roche in field hockey, the added conditioning of hockey made a difference in Donavon performance on the lacrosse field. She played for the high school team and recently garnered a gold medal in the scholastic division of the Bay State Games.

Donovan hopes to continue playing hockey through her college years. The experience and knowledge she gained through the CHC will have been a big reason why.

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Interested players should contact Mike Duffy, Girls Program Director at (781) 934-5280 for more information. There will be a registration on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at the Duxbury Library (Merry Room) from 7-9 p.m.

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town, but sometimes not enough to compete as a team with some of the larger towns around the South Shore.

As well, the pool is further depleted by other sports such as lacrosse and soccer that are going on at the same time as the baseball season.

"You saw some of the kids playing two or even three sports during the season, but they seem to have a real connection with baseball," said DeGiacomo. "We'll be keeping an eye on this group in the next few years. They are a great bunch of kids and talented as well."

DeGiacomo also praised the parents and family members that were with the team all season.

"There was not one single problem all season," he said. "They come out and supported the team at home and traveled with us as well and were respectful at all times. You couldn't have asked for a better support system than what we had this summer.

"They were great representatives of the town of Cohasset."

Joining DeGiacomo on the coaching staff Bob Morgan and Al Rose as well as an array of parental volunteers.

Team members included Sam DeGiacomo, Chris Rose, Chris "Cody" Morgan, Tommy Chase, Mike Grimm, Evan Duetsch, Chris Mills, David Snowdale, Justin Hollis, Brendan Hughes, Ken Muir, Pat Doonan, Kyle Pinkus and Peter

11-year-olds win District 8 Little League Championships

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"hallmark" over the years, a thrilling come-from-behind victory.

Although they truly had Cohasset *on-the-ropes*, after a 5 full, Cohasset was holding on by 3 runs (11-8) with Whitman's meat-of-the-order due up in their half of the sixth.

This is where the Cohasset team truly earned their title, **Champions**! With the late summer night visibility diminishing rapidly and the Cohasset fans beginning to feel that eternal *Red Sox* phobia, *"wait until next year,"* to a player, the hitting prowess of these talented young men exploded.

Batting around the entire 11 man roster, their bats were unstoppable. Singles, doubles, triples…they came after Whitman with everything in their arsenal. It was as if they had saved this exhibition of baseball for exactly this opportunity. They simply ripped the heart and soul out of the talented Whitman team.

Matt Casey, Jimmy DeGiacomo, Billy Carbone and Matty Baroudi and Evan Sacks couldn't be denied.

By the time the onslaught was completed, 13 men had batted and 8 crushing runs had crossed the plate leaving Whitman in a never to crawl out of deficit of 19-8. In spite of Whitman's *best* coming to bat in the bottom of the sixth, again behind Straughns's tireless fast ball, the boys-of-summer did something that happens all to infrequently for any Cohasset team…they finished as **THE BEST!**

This was truly a summer season to behold. These young men, who having been playing together since they were 5, had an overall district record of 8-4 in one of the most balanced leagues in years. They had plenty of opportunity to throw the towel in, but they have obviously learned something from their brief Little League careers and that is PRIDE.

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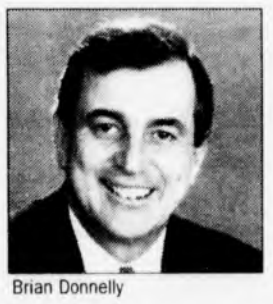
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Cohasset Sailing Club results

Mass Bay Junior Regatta Aug. 17-19

Racing coach Amy Logue reports that 18 junior sailors from the Sailing Club will join more than 250 racers in the annual Mass Bay Junior Regatta this week hosted by the Hull Yacht Club. Competition will be intense for the Cohasset crews as they race in fleets of up to 100 boats in this Junior Olympic event.

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Cohasset Swim Team comes home with the silver

Shortly after nine a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Natatorium at Wheaton College, the whistle blew, and the first of 64 Championship swim races was off t[illegible]locks! The Cohasset Swim Team coaches, Allison Hughes and Greg Bilton, could be seen pacing the side of the Olympic pool as their prodigies swam for gold in each of the varied events, starting with the medley relays. Cohasset's winning style was evident as the Boy's 8 and Under took a silver in the first event of the day, followed by the Girl's 8 and Under getting the gold, with a team of Emma Hernan, Abby Markert, Sally Meehan and Allysa Campbell. Next, the Boy's and Girl's 10 and Under Teams took the bronze in their medleys, against swim teams from all over the South Shore.

During the summer weeks, the teams practice and compete, culminating in this wonderful Championship event represented by eight different teams. Here in Cohasset, the 40 competitors who represented their entire summer Team of 182 swimmers, were chosen for this end-of-season event strictly by their individual stroke times. As Allison said just before announcing the representatives at the Awards Nigh Banquet, "with such a wonderful team, this is the hardest thing I have to do all season." Cohasset can be very proud of each and every Swim Team member who helped achieve both personal and Team success at Meets all Summer long.

The day progressed with many exciting races, from the Boy's 12 and Under Medley Relay taking the Gold, followed by the Girl's team taking a third position. The Boy's 17 and Under proceeded to really make a splash by almost lapping their closest competitor as they took a first place. The Girl's 17 and Under did exceedingly well, shy of two of their top competitors, by swimming hard to a sixth place finish.

After the Medley Relays, the event continued with individual stroke races and the Individual medley races for the older age groups. Highlighting the first place winners, we have Alex Berg's exciting first place win in the Boy's 14 and Under IM with a time of 1:06.42, and Greg Bilton's 17 and Under IM time for first of 56.38 seconds. The Boy's 8 and Under 25 yard Freestyle race was won by Cohasset's Alexander Hunt. Parker Berg easily brought home the Gold in his Boy's 10 and Under Freestyle race. Robbie Lehr did an excellent job in the Boy's 14 and Under Freestyle with a first place time of 27.06. As expected, Greg Bilton showed his winning style in the Boy's 17 and Under Freestyle with a time of 22.33.

In the Butterfly races, taking first place for Cohasset was Sally Meehan in the Girl's 8 and Under Butterfly, showing the capacity crowd a beautiful stroke. Moving on to the individual Breast Stroke races, finishing first for Cohasset was David Crowley-Buck with a time of 33.71 in the Boy's 14 and Under race.

The next events were the individual Backstroke races, led by Alexander Hunt taking the gold in the Boy's 12 and Under race. Kayvon Tehranian added to his team's gold in the Boy's 12 and Under Backstroke with a time of 38.43, followed by Alex Berg winning the Boy's 14 and Under with a time of 31.41. Greg Bilton, once again, showed his winning style in the Boy's 17 and under with a time of 27.22.

The always-exciting Free Relay events proved to be a fabulous showing for the Cohasset Boy's Teams starting with a second place for the 8 and Under team, and followed by the Boy's 10 and Under, Boy's 12 and Under, and the Boys 17 and Under all taking gold home for Cohasset! All of the girl's relay teams can be very proud of their fine work, with a second place in the Girl's 8 and Under. Followed by another silver for the Girl's 10 and Under, and a bronze for the Girl's 12 and Under Team.

Hat's off to all of the competitor's and their coaches. You all make us proud.

Cohasset's coaches work wonders in a short 7 week session, culminating in this fine display of good sportsmanship, athletics and team spirit. The year-round Marshfield Mask Team won the event over Cohasset by a mere 65 points, giving us the Silver to take home, with a promise of another great season next summer and plenty of good competition from the Cohasset Swim Team!

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer registrations for boys and girls grades K-6

The Cohasset Recreation Department and Soccer Club will conduct registrations for boys and girls in grades K-6, on Saturday, Sept. 5, from 9-11 a.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

Registration includes both Fall Recreational Soccer Clinics and Leagues and Spring Soccer Leagues for boys and girls.

The fee for soccer is $55 for the first child, $45 for the second child, $40 for the third child and free for the fourth child registering from the same family. Checks should be made payable to: "Cohasset Soccer Club." A check, also payable to Cohasset Soccer Club for $50 will be held for the uniform deposit. Please make certain you have two checks with you for soccer registration on Saturday, Sept. 5.

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Tips to consider during your pregnancy

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Whether you've recently learned you were pregnant, or whether you are well along on this journey, here is some information to help your pregnancy run more smoothly.

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I'm basically healthy. Can I skip some of the prenatal visits?

Early, regular prenatal visits serve several important functions. At every visit your blood pressure, weight and urine should be checked. By establishing a baseline for your blood pressure (BP) early on in the pregnancy, your obstetrician, certified nurse-midwife (CNM), or nurse practitioner can monitor any increases in your BP that would indicate the development of a condition called PIH, or pregnancy induced hypertension.

A woman should gain about 25 to 30 pounds during the course of the pregnancy, unless special circumstances indicate otherwise. Less than 5 of these pounds are gained during the first 12 of the 40 weeks of pregnancy. This is not a time for weight loss, as the developing fetus is in need of adequate nourishment. Also, the process of losing weight can create substances called ketones, which can be harmful to the baby's development. Rapid weight gain can be a sign of fluid retention or edema.

Urine should be checked at every visit for evidence of protein (preeclampsia/PIH) or glucose (diabetes). At the first prenatal visit, and again around sixteen weeks, urine should be cultured for bacteria which would indicate a urinary tract infection (UTI). Women with a history of UTIs may be monitored more closely.

Researchers in Boston and Atlanta report that pregnant women are at greater risk of pyelonephritis, an inflammation of the kidneys, if the UTI goes undetected. It can be treated with antibiotics that are considered safe for use in pregnancy. Untreated UTIs are associated with low birth weight babies, premature labor, PIH, and infection of the sac of amniotic fluid surrounding the baby (amnionitis). Screening is important, since some UTIs exist without symptoms. Contact your healthcare provider with any pain with urination, increased sense of urgency, decreased urine output, blood in urine, fever, or flank pain.

I'm confused about the terms, due date, EDC and EDD.

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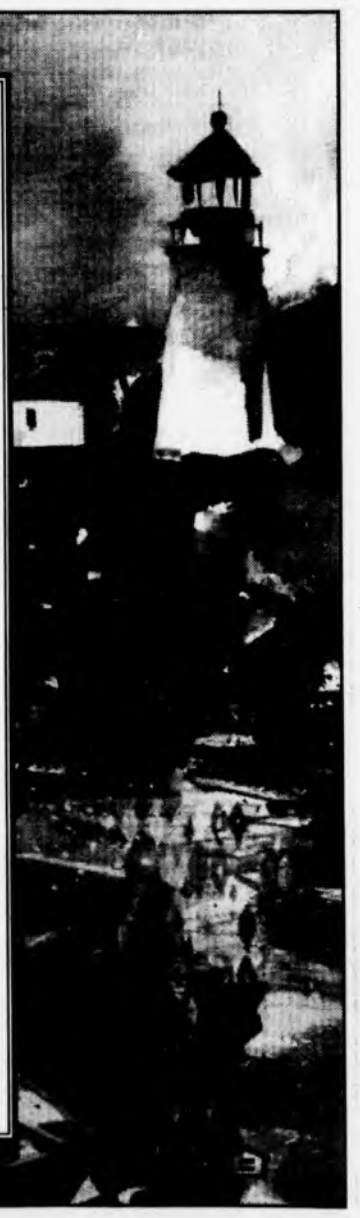
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Is it safe to exercise during pregnancy?

Numerous studies, including recent research at MacNeal Hospital in Illinois, have found that moderate exercise such as walking and swimming is not only safe during pregnancy, but can lead to a greater sense of well-being and shortened labor time.

Avoid, however, sports with the potential for trauma to the abdomen, falls, or high-impact. It is especially important to keep well hydrated and to avoid increasing the internal body temperature (this includes avoiding hot tubs and saunas), as there is evidence to suggest the risk of birth defects if the fetus has been exposed to increased temperatures. (The March of Dimes has information online about "Fitness for Two" at http://babynet.ddwi.com/tlc/pregnancy/fit42is.html ; 1-800-367-6630)

As the pregnancy advances, your center of gravity will shift, and you may need to make some accommodations in how you exercise. Also, the pregnant body produces a substance called relaxin, which makes the pelvic joints more mobile. This is important during the delivery process. But, it could lead to a fall during exercise. And certainly, don't push through the pain. Pain is your body's signal to you to STOP and assess the problem.

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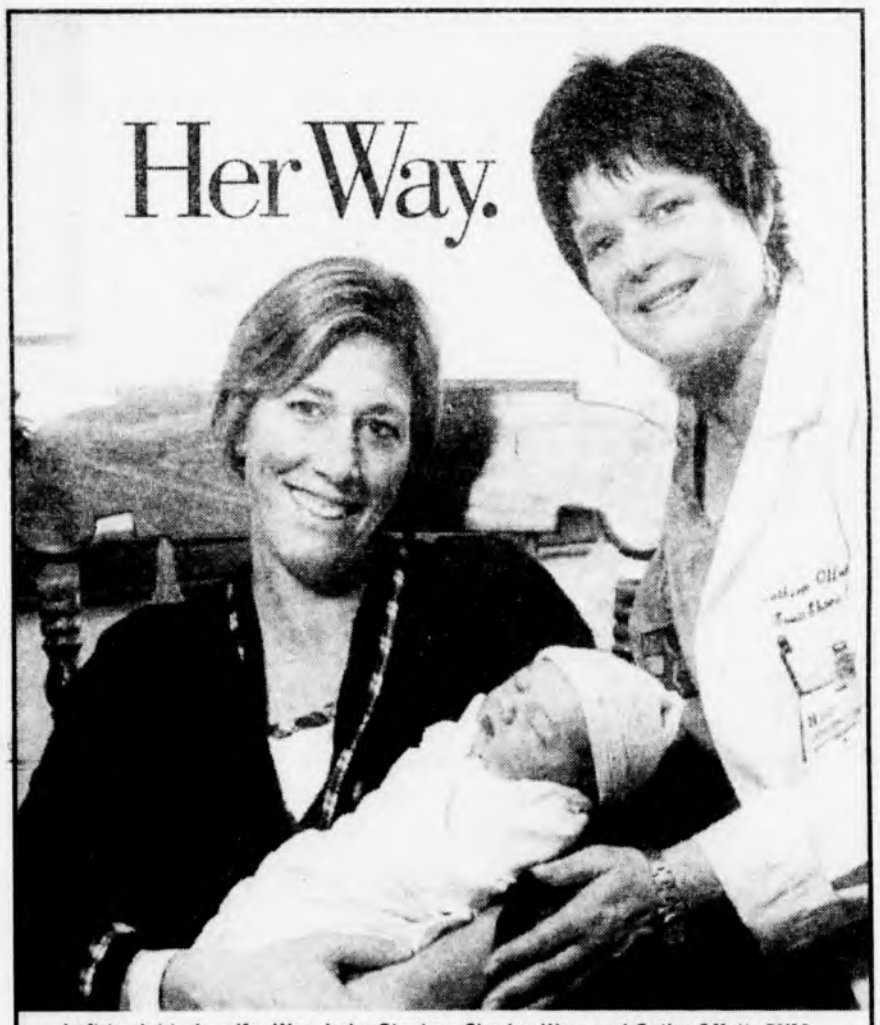
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Active, medical professional DWF, 50s, seeks educated Gentleman to share all the good stuff. If you are a N/S who enjoys beach walks, sailing, travel, music, movies, good food. Please call. ☎30076

Adventurous, spunky, sincere, multi-faceted SWF, 43, 5'8", red/hazel, fit, nonsmoker, nondrinker. Inspired by nature, stimulating conversation, spiritual/personal growth, social activism. Seeking secure, honest, evolved Man for friendship, possible relationship. Outer Cape. ☎30041

Animal lover SWF, loves quiet nights alone, seeking SWM, 30-38, sports-minded, passionate especially ☎30077

Attractive WWWF, 58, height and weight proportionate. Would like to meet someone honest, caring and friendly, to date and go on from there. ☎30020

Attractive, outgoing SWF, who loves to have fun and be spoiled. Seeks SM, 30-45, who's easy to get along with, down to earth, financially secure. Children o.k. Possible LTR. ☎30081

Bossy, plump handful, wants time alone and time together, with "Yes, dear", Catholic SWM, 40s, with no debts. ☎30067

Bubbly, plus-sized SWF, professional, 45, 5'3", nonsmoker, nondrinker, like fresh air, sunshine, walks with the dogs, sharing good sense of humor, honesty and commitment. Middleboro area. ☎30003

Catholic SWF, 52, 5'2", slightly stocky build. Enjoy bowling, walking, reading and going out for dinner. Seeking a S/DWM, 35-55, n/s, light drinker, for friendship and possibly more. ☎30025

Confident and secure SWF, retired, 50, 5'6", 112 lbs, busy, secure and happy. Looking for the same in a non-smoking, professional Male, 45-58. ☎30028

Country/city blend. Solid family values, love the seasons, being in the out of doors...mountains, lakes; sense of adventure, fun and learning, very romantic. Searching for soulmate to share short walks and the long run. ☎30080

Dinner and dancing. Attractive DWF, 35, who enjoys BBQ parties, weekend getaways and movies at home. Looking for DWM, around 40, to share new adventures. ☎30052

Down-to-earth SWF, 24, one child, enjoys camping, walking, movies and having fun. Seeking S/DWCM, 25-32, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. ☎30070

Dreamer desired by SF, 43, trim, active, creative writer. Seeking in-shape SM, 40-50, 5'10"+, who enjoys bicycling, the beach and weekend fun. Must be openhearted and ready for anything. ☎30000

Elaine seeking Jerry/Kramer combo. SWF, social drinker, smoker, seeking SWM, 36-40, with a great sense of humor and big strong arms for bear hugs, enjoys movies, dining out and laughter. ☎30015

Feeling old, lonely and in need of a friend. Attractive, active and mature DWF, 60s, enjoy poetry, movies and dining out. Seeking a tall, humorous Man, 60s, n/s, n/d. ☎30017

Female, 50+, enjoy gardening, the beach, fishing, dinner and dancing. Seeking a S/DWM, 50s, with same interests. ☎30001

Fire and rain, Celtic style. Raven Ceridwen, longing for balance, enjoying the simple things in life. ☎30058

Friendly, full-figured Female, 41, love animals, country music, volunteering and being outside, n/s, social drinker. Seek mature Man who has similar interests, kids ok. ☎30038

Full-figured beauty, SWF, 29, 5'8", ISO a kindhearted, stable SM, 29-40, for cuddling and conversation. Sincerity and honesty are musts. ☎30039

Great looks, kind heart, fit, easygoing, 41, SWF, enjoys music, arts, dancing, kids, Cape Ann, outdoor activities/sports, movies, animals. Seeks fun-loving, kind, gentle soul to match mine, for friendship, relationship. ☎30088

Grounded Tinker Bell looking for Peter Pan. Female, 45, self-employed professional, 5'10" 125 lbs, enjoy outdoor playing adventures. Harley riders ok. No Captain Hook types. Nonsmoker, non-drinker. ☎30018

Hoping to find an honest and sincere Male, 40-60. I'm a SWF in my early 40s, who's 5'4" and 115 lbs. I like movies and beaches. ☎30034

I am 61, like walking, dancing, quite times, eating in or out and animals. I'm 5'2", hazel eyes and very easy going. ☎30103

Lively WWWF, 5'3", brown/brown, part-time nanny. Enjoy oldies, dancing, dining out, beach walks and drives. Seeking a S/D/WWWM, 50-60. Hope to hear from you. ☎30029

Mid-Cape, red-haired, petite DWF, successful professional, fit, n/s, light drinker. Seeks interesting, adventurous playmate, 32-45, for fun, friendship, maybe more. ☎30098

Not slim, not fit, but working on it. 45, pretty, older kids, crazy about music, singing, books, traveling, movies, walking, home, crosswords, hockey, shopping. Would love companion with common interests. ☎30095

Romantic Lady, early 50s, medium build, enjoy Cape Cod, travel, beaches, et cetera. Looking for a sincere, non-smoking, romantic SM for partner. ☎30022

SDF, 37, 5'4", 135lbs, business owner, nonsmoking, seeking S/DM, 30-50, likes children, quiet, homebody type preferred. ☎30063

Seeking Mister Right. SWF, 22, 5'3", brown/brown. Seeking a SWM, 18-30, who doesn't do drugs and likes to do fun things. ☎30031

Single, humorous, attractive blonde, mid-50s, 5'5", 125 lbs, enjoy all aspects of life. Seeking slender Gentleman, 5'10"+, who communicates well, to take my hand so we can walk through life together. ☎30016

Summer is here. Down-to-earth, creative, logical DWF, 40s, blonde/blue, enjoy bowling, singing, arts and crafts. Seeking tall, honest S/DWM, 40-49, 5'10"+, good sense of humor, enjoys tennis, beaches, golf. Friendship first. ☎30069

SWF, 55, looking for someone to share times with. ☎30002

SWF, brown hair, brown eyes, enjoy dining, sports and dancing. Seeking a SWM, 40-62, for possible companionship and relationship. ☎30014

Tall, attractive, DWCF, 54. Enjoys outdoors, walking, casual dining and quiet evenings at home. Seeks S/DWCM, n/s, n/d. Life is not easy sometimes, must be able to share feelings and have fun. ☎30046

Tall, vegetarian, Scorpio, SWF, young 46. ISO monogamous, kind, honest, philosophical, wisdom-seeking, truth-sharing SWM. For a sincere relationship or friendship. ☎30102

This is the year for the Red Sox. SPWF, 46, petite, attractive, confident, looking for S/DPWM, tall, fit, honest, spiritual. Gentleman, who doesn't take life too seriously, upper-Cape area. ☎30093

Tomorrow's mystery, yesterday is history, slim, attractive DWF, 40s, light blond/blue, outgoing, exceptionally sincere. Seeking DWM who loves traveling, dining out, outdoor cafes, laughter, great conversation, and sharing adventures. Honesty important. ☎30100

Upper Cape Female. Attractive, professional WWWF, 62 years young, emotionally and financially secure, Naples Florida snowbird. Enjoys beach, tennis, theater, exotic travel. Seeking humorous, n/s, 6'+ Male, 57-67, similar interests. ☎30045

Female, 63, looking for companionship. Enjoy dancing (line and western) and volunteering. Seeking someone for dinners and dancing. ☎35137

First Mate seeking Captain. Slim SWF, 5'5", brunette, enjoy travel, boating, outdoor activities, dining, dancing, snuggling and laughter. Seeking a Male, 38-48, for friendship, laughter and love. ☎35189

Franklin area. Pretty, petite DWF, 44, seeking optimistic, kind DWM, 43-50, 5'7"+, to share skiing, the arts, Great Woods, the outdoors, romance and dreams, for friendship and relationship. ☎35068

From Newbury Port to politics. Conservative SWF with varied interests seeks conservative knight in shining armor to rescue me from liberal tower of Babel. ☎35240

From the nice part of town. DWF, 40s, n/s, good sense of humor. I'll make a great best friend. I'm kind, caring and romantic. My ultimate dream is to ride off into the sunset on the back of a Harley, but the handlebars of a Huffy is fine. ☎35023

Fun, romance in relationship based on friendship offered by college-educated SWF, young 40s, to S/DWM, 42-52, n/s, who enjoys walks, candlepin bowling, miniature golf, music, travel, plays, ice cream, more. ☎35224

Fun-loving, young-thinking WJF, 50s, 5'5", in great shape. Looking for one Man, 47-59, who still feels that true love is possible. Enjoy dining out, movies and travel. Newton or surrounding area. ☎35037

Fun-loving, outgoing, spontaneous SWF, 25, 5'4", likes dancing, movies, dinner, theater, water sports. ISO down-to-earth, motivated, financially secure SWM, 27-33, who likes fun. ☎35271

Golf, anyone? Petite SWF, 37, n/s, happy, secure, ambitious, outgoing. Seeking an established, secure SWM to share laughter, conversation, travel, dining and sports, for long-term relationship. ☎35092

Greater Boston area. Cute, blue-eyed blonde, petite, mid-30s, seeking a friendly, reasonably successful Man, 30-40, for dating and fun in the greater Boston area. ☎35095

Green-eyed, blonde, sensual and attractive DWF, 44, 5'5", 135 lbs, like finance and astronomy. Seeking a strong, attractive S/DWM, 40-55, for fun times and a possible long-term relationship. ☎35191

Happy-go-lucky SWF, happy personality, like dinner, movies, sailing, stock car races and music. Seeking an honest SWM, 55-60, for possible long-term relationship. ☎35078

Hearth and home. Beautifully mature, gifted, published artist and poet, seeking refined, strong, handsome Man of consequence, 45-61, with heart of gold and a love for all things natural and simply wrought. Cheers. ☎35071

Hi, if you are a handsome, honest, spontaneous, down-to-earth kind of Guy who's financially and emotionally stable, and you are looking for a friendship or a long-term relationship with a beautiful Woman, 36, call me. ☎35030

I can't believe I'm doing this...WF, 26, 5'8", (my weight... I'd have to kill you..), "professional", I guess sorta' crazy. ISO intelligent, honest, funny, (but not funny looking) Guy. ☎35274

Independent DWF, 33, 5'1", 130 lbs, with children, enjoy theater, biking, swimming and travel. Seeking a financially and emotionally secure, fit S/DWM, 33-45, for friendship, maybe more. ☎35165

Intriguing SWF, tall, slender, sexy, attractive, brunette, city Girl, with various interests, seeks her counterpart. DWM, 6'+, under 51, fit, n/s, educated, successful, caring, for life time fun, love, adventure. ☎35231

Like the outdoors? SWF, 24, 5'3", 105 lbs, brown/brown, college-educated, enjoy hiking, beach walks, reading, working out, staying in. Seeking S/DWM, 24-49. Prefer Capricorn, Cancer, Leo, Scorpio, Sagittarius or Pisces. ☎35079

Looking for company. SWF, have daughter, want some company. Fun, goofy, love to have fun. Seeking attractive SWM, 24-29, medium build, must like kids, can cheer me up, and make me laugh, for friendship, maybe more. ☎35066

Looking for love. SWF, 23, 5'5", auburn/brown, smoker, enjoy plays, long walks on the beach, talks, dining in or out and quiet evenings at home. Seeking SM, 24-30, who's patient, attractive and likes animals. ☎35084

Looking for Mister Right. SWF, 23, brown/hazel, like long walks, camping and the outdoors. Seeking a SWM, 25-35, with similar interests, to share fun, adventure, friendship and possible long-term relationship. ☎35096

Lovely Lady with a sense of humor, seeking a nice Gentleman, 45-65, to share similar interests, for friendship, companionship and loving relationship. ☎35089

Loving and affectionate DF, 41, 5'7", 135 lbs, brown/big brown, love sports and quiet nights at home. Seeking a long-term relationship. ☎35067

Loving, bright, beautiful outside and in, successful non-workaholic, nurturing adventurer, outdoorsy, family-oriented feminine JF seeking an upbeat, attractive Man, 45-60, of integrity, caring and intellect, who loves life too. ☎35019

Marriage-minded, Italian SWF, 29, enjoy cooking, painting, long walks, plays, movies and music. Seeking a SWM, 29-35, to pursue relationship, possible marriage. ☎35088

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

1st time ad. SWM, 32, looking for someone, 32-43, to star-gaze with, walks on the beach, conversation, have dinner and have fun. Romance first, possible LTR, n/drugs. ☎30104

26-year-old, SM, 6', 170 lbs, brown/hazel, open-minded, highly value communication, seeking Woman who wants to be treated like a Lady and be taken care of, for long-term relationship, friends first. ☎30074

38-year-old SM, 5'7", brown/green, 160 lbs, enjoy hiking, fishing and traveling. Seeking a down-to-earth WF, 28-40, with similar interests. ☎30033

Adventuresome? Easygoing? Optimistic? Interested in boating, skiing, walking, art museums, travel? We should meet! Attractive, slim PSWM, n/s, 51. ☎30086

Athletic, articulate PWM, 6', 215 lbs, seeks SWF, 28-40, open-minded, imaginative, appreciates strong-minded, assertive Man with great sense of humor. ☎30089

Caring SWM, 42, 6'1", totally at peace with himself, old fashioned values, loves children. Seeks S/DF who still enjoys being treated special. Have many interests to share with that special person. ☎30085

Caring, honest, secure, affectionate, fit, professional WM seeking a happy, loving, romantic, playful, lifetime friend and lover, 52-60, to share romance, outdoors, dancing, travel and the beach. ☎30011

Caring, humorous, compassionate DWM, 59, 5'6", 140 lbs, black/brown, athletic, health conscious, nonsmoker, enjoys beach walks, summertime, dancing. Seeking attractive Female, 45-58, nonsmoker, for dating, possible long-term commitment and marriage. ☎30075

Civil War buff. Retired Single Gentleman, 72, disabled American veteran, seeking a kind WF. ☎30032

College-educated, Plymouth area, SWM, 42, 5'10", casual life style, enjoys bicycling, sailing, arts. Seeking SWF, 30-42, n/s, with similar interests. ☎30078

Dance with me. Young-looking SWM, brown/brown, college grad, good-looking, good personality. Videos, model railroading, ISO SF, 18-33, for serious LTR. ☎30059

Divorced, broke, looking anyway. DWM, 48, medium build, n/s, n/d, outdoor Guy. Have a real job, no bills. Are you tall, thin, ready to meet a nice Guy? ☎30036

Dream lover, come rescue me! Warm, caring, sensitive and compassionate DWM, 50, young, very fit, active, 5'6", 145 lbs. Seeking a down-to-earth WF for my best friend and a long-term relationship. ☎30026

DWM, 36, slim, good-looking, easygoing, good person, one-Woman Man. Enjoys outdoors, movies and being with you. ISO slender, attractive, affectionate Woman. ☎30072

Earth sign, eclectic, witty, well-built, professional DWM, 40s, 5'11", enjoy astrology, personal growth, outdoors, day trips, quiet times, the simpler things. Seeking S/DWF 38-48, similar interests, for possible relationship. Plymouth area. ☎30021

Expect an exceptional lifetime partner. Tall, handsome Christian, chaste, fit, leader, 35, desires skinny, Christian Woman with small features, morals and personality, for lifetime of adventure, passion and purpose. Michigan. ☎30035

Falmouth Male, 61, 5'11", 145 lbs, retired military, no bad habits. Seeking a soulmate. Enjoy all of life. ☎30024

Fun-loving DWM, 26, 5'8", 165 lbs, Single dad, seeking professional S/DWF, 25-33, to share fun times, laughter, movies, camping and road trips. Must like Nickelodean. ☎30027

Good looks for a late 60s WM, enjoys cooking, walking, dancing, playing Blackjack, plus. Good sense of humor, 6'3", trim and positive thinking, seeking attractive, well-proportioned, 5'4"+, DWF. ☎30053

Good Man, good heart! SBM, 32, 5'9", 180 lbs, professional cook, enjoys movies, biking, dining in, R/B; seeking SF, slim to medium build, very shapely, with similar interests. Race, age unimportant. ☎30084

Haunted by mysteries of life, intrigued by fears of the heart, drama, joy, illusion, romance, laughter. Being is simple or complicated as we make it. If you're a thinking Gal, call. ☎30043

Humanist SWM, 69, 5'10", 145 lbs, n/s, retired social worker, Hawaiian snow bird, boating, swimming, hiking, antique autos, sing-along songs, dislike rock. Seeking slim, attractive, unencumbered Lady. Upper to mid-Cape preferred. ☎30012

I am Portuguese and Italian, medium build, brown/brown, 165 lbs. Interests: cars, four-wheel drive, cooking, dancing, pool, movies, auto mechanics, social smoker/drinker, 6-year-old son. Military technician, seeking Woman, 30-50. ☎30044

Intelligent, artistic, adventurous, easygoing, handsome Man, seeks to meet beautiful, laughing Woman, mid-30s. ☎30054

Kissed enough frogs? Humorous SWM, 32, 5'9", 180 lbs, brown/brown, attractive, foreman of contracting company, homeowner, never married, no kids, likes sports, quiet movies at home, occasional bar bands, social drinker. ☎30068

Let's get together. SWM, 59, looking for SWF, similar age, who's up front, likes dancing, romancing, music, traveling, singing, eating in and out, full of fun and happiness, no children. ☎30057

Looking for Ms. Right. SWM, 22, 5'4", 130 lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys Star Trek, going to movies. ISO a SF, 18-23, for romance. Leave message. ☎30094

Man of integrity, DWPCM, 51, n/s, n/d, 5'8", 175 lbs, fit, believes in commitment, likes outdoors, movies, sports, romance, Christian music. Seeks attractive Woman, 40-48, H/WP, with similar interests, commitment to Jesus. ☎30092

Mid Cape area. SWM, 50, 5'11", 185 lbs, sincere, fun-loving, loves the outdoors, long walks on the beach and just talking. Seeking the same in a nice Lady, for companionship and good times. ☎30048

One-Woman Man, Black hair, brown eyes, 41, in great shape. Love body building and trying new things. Seeking work out partner in petite Lady, 36-42, family-oriented, old-fashioned morals. Kids great. ☎30051

Outer Cape area. Professional, tall, dark, handsome SWM, brown/brown, honest, sincere and easygoing, like outdoors, camping, ocean, car rides and travel. Seeking great, height and weight proportionate SWF for fun, companionship. ☎30019

Practicing Catholic. SWM, 39, seeking SWF, 28-40, also a practicing Catholic. Enjoy outdoors during the summer and quiet evenings at home, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Cape Cod, South Shore area. ☎30013

Professional, attractive, athletic DWM, 40, looks younger, enjoys boating, movies, dining. Looking for sincere, attractive, fit Female, 30-38. No head games, please. ☎30061

Professional SWM, nonsmoker, enjoys sports, travel, day trips. Looking for slender, nonsmoking SWF, 45-55, who is honest, open and looking for a long-term relationship. ☎30062

Professional WM, 41, romantic, attentive and imaginative companion looking for same. Broad-minded, equally at home in museums and the outdoors. Want to learn about your interests and share mine. ☎30064

Recently retired Gentleman with easygoing disposition, love the ocean, enjoy dining and dancing. Would like to meet a happy-go-lucky Lady who shares the same interests. ☎30030

Recently Widowed WM, 64, trying to get on with life. Seeking companionship and friendship with attractive, slender WF, 50-60, n/drugs. Onset area. ☎30055

Rochester Male, youthful 58, 6', 180 lbs, retired military, neat, nice looks, graying, n/s, n/d, love the classics, seeking a soulmate. ☎30007

Romeo meets Juliet. Male, 22, 6', 185 lbs, brown/hazel. Looking for a relationship, possibly long-term. Enjoy boating, fishing, dancing, movies and walking on the beach. Looking for a SF, 22-29. ☎30023

Sagittarius sailor, wild eyes, great shape, sensitive, looking for an attractive, athletic sail mate, 28-38, for adventure and moonlit romance. Our little ship has enough room for skis and golf clubs. ☎30005

Save the summer. DWM, 48, 5'8", 165 lbs, three grown children, attractive, fun to be with, enjoy doing most things with the right person. ☎30066

SM, 70, 5'5", 145 lbs, enjoy dancing, walking, bike riding, swimming and listening to jazz. Seeking a fun Lady. ☎30004

South Shore. 5'10", 180 lbs, normal Guy, self-employed, would like to meet someone interested in dining, beaches, movies, long walks and dancing. ☎30071

Tall, dark and handsome SWM, 34, 6'2", enjoy all the usual stuff, yada, yada, yada. Seeking an attractive SF, 25-37, n/s. ☎30006

Two for the price of one. DWM, 37, 6', 165 lbs, blonde/brown, 4-year-old son, likes saltwater sport fishing, biking, travel. ISO F, 27-37, n/drugs, smoking ok, who enjoys the same interests. ☎30105

Two thumbs up. "Humorous, creative, fun, sensitive, communicative, sweet and cute." SWM, 37, 5'11", 170 lbs, desires similar SF, 21-40. ☎30050

Very attractive WM, fine artist, 31, brown/bedroom eyes, honest and sincere, seeks open-minded F friend to soak up the sun at secluded Cape beaches. ☎30079

Very handsome, blue-eyed White Male, 40, selective, honest, sane, financially secure. Seeking extremely pretty, shapely Spanish or Black Female, 25-38. ☎30087

Very tall, slim, attractive, intelligent, professional SWM, 45, teacher, artist, very creative and sensual. Seeks slim Woman, 30-40, pretty, tall, professional, intelligent, seeking long-term relationship. ☎30065

Walks by the sea, dancing until dawn. SJM, 53, 5'9", seeking a financially secure Jewish Lady, 40s-50s, to join me. ☎30037

Young-at-heart, DWM, 45, 5'10", 170 lbs, dark complexion, black/brown, mustache, dimples, attractive, easygoing, romantic, compassionate, friendly, and fun. Enjoys movies, dining out, concerts, theater, cooking, quiet times, and guitar playing. Seeking S/DWF, 35-45, for friendship and possible LTR. ☎30096

Charming WWWM, mid-60s, 5'8", salt and pepper/brown, nondrinker. Enjoy dining out, day trips, bowling, dancing. Seeking attractive Woman, 50-63, 5'-5'8", height/weight proportionate, nonsmoker. Light drinker ok. Open to your interests. Thanks. ☎35192

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DJM, 52, 5'10", 185 lbs, n/s, warm, caring, loving, witty and easy to be with. Seeking a JF for a sharing relationship. P.S. Must like to laugh. ☎35122

Down-to-earth, tall, ruggedly-built Italian Male, 40-ish, kind, caring and upbeat. Seeking a pretty, upbeat Woman for friendship, occasional coffee, conversation, dating and laughs! ☎35060

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Easygoing, professional SWM, 28, 5'9", fit, active, enjoy movies and music. Seeking a down-to-earth Female, 33-46, near the Salem area. ☎35180

Equality first! SWM, 37, bright, sensitive, thoughtful, communicative, funny and generous. Seeks fit, confident SWF, 25-35, intelligent, warm and energetic, for friendship first leading to possible "New Age" relationship. ☎35217

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Friendly SWM, 40, 5'9", 180 lbs, enjoy movies, fishing, bocce, dining out and dancing. Seeking a compatible SWF, 30-45, with similar interests; for friendship, possible long-term relationship. ☎35108

Fun, passionate times with this handsome, sensual, open-minded SWM with blue eyes, light brown hair, 6', 190 lbs. Seeking pretty, weight proportioned Woman in good shape, who is open-minded, sensual, fun. ☎35247

Fun-loving, friendly SWM, 35, brown/brown, 5'11", n/s, seeks companionship with Lady, 27-38, to enjoy Boston, traveling and more. I have a weakness for brunettes with glasses! ☎35186

Good outlook on life. SWM, 39, 5'8", brown hair with a little salt-n-pepper, positive outlook and good sense of humor. Seeking SWF with a good sense of humor. Must enjoy boating, the ocean and various activities. ☎35113

Good-looking DWM, Catholic, 40, educated, 5'7", 150 lbs, enjoys biking, golf, tennis, n/s, looking for the same North shore. ☎35260

Great days ahead. Passionate, sensitive SWM, 27, adventurous, family-oriented, loves cafes, traveling, love and romance. Seeks thin, attractive SWF, 20-29. P.S. I don't like bars either. ☎35249

Mr. Goodbar, DWM, 49, caring honest, giving, enjoys quiet times, beaches, kids, movies, and dining. ISO SWF, 19-29, whose desires haven't been met yet in life. ☎35214

Newbury Port area. DWM, Single dad, 36, 6', handsome, in shape, variety of interests, camping and hiking to tourist attractions, seeks attractive Single mom, honest and family values. ☎35211

Nice Guy, good-looking, intelligent, caring SWM, 34, 6', 205 lbs, seeking an attractive, warm and sensitive SWF, 28-38, for friendship, relationship. ☎35102

North of Boston SWM, 40, 6'3", fit, handsome, affectionate, romantic, honest, nonsmoker. Enjoy movies, music, theater, comedy, outdoors, animals, exploring, flea markets. Seeking slim SWF, 35-45, for hugs, love, long-term relationship. ☎35173

North Shore area WWJM, 60s, 5'11", brown/blue, financially secure, enjoy dining out, theater, travel, et cetera. Seeking a JF for fun and long-term relationship. ☎35195

MEN SEEKING MEN

41-year-old GWM, 5'7", 157 lbs, hirsute, interested in meeting a similar Male, n/s, n/drugs, for enjoying life. No attitudes need apply. ☎30042

55-year-old SM, 5'11", 175 lbs, interests include hiking, biking, movies and dance. Seeking a Man in the South Shore or Penbrook area. ☎30008

Compatible Male. WM, 60-ish, n/s, 6', 175 lbs, discreet, enjoys varied activities. Upper Cape area a plus. ☎30056

Hairy chest, high and tight, ex-trucker, 40, 5'11", 200 lbs, brown/brown, seeking Man, preferable with tattoos, smooth chest and crew cut, for friendship and possible long-term relationship. ☎30060

South shore GWM, 32, good-looking, brown/green, hairy, 200 lbs, seeks similar on south shore. ☎30073

WOMEN SEEKING WOMEN

5'4 1/2", SF, 41, enjoys biking, camping, beach, staying home; n/d, n/drugs. ISO SWF, 30-40s, n/drugs, n/drinker who enjoys the same. ☎30082

Adventurous, energetic, SGF, 35, seeks similar SGF, 25-48, for possible relationship. Enjoys cribbage, dining out, conversation, and music. Smokers are fine. ☎30097

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Titian, blue-eyed DWF, n/s, Sagittarius, 70, best dancer class of 45. Love jazz, blues, Caribbean, ragtime. Enjoy high-tide ocean frolic, walking, gardening, baking. Also mingle and play cribbage. ☎30101

Upper 70s, seeking attractive, slender, affectionate SWF to fill my empty nest. Have good sense of humor, honest, lovable, n/s, social drinker, 6', 165 lbs. New to Upper Cape. ☎30099

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POLICE LOG

MONDAY, AUG. 3

1:05 a.m. MV stop, Ripley Rd., departmental action.

6:58 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., traffic citation issued.

7:23 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., traffic citation issued.

8:17 a.m. Medical aid, King St., services rendered.

8:17 a.m. Serve restraining order, Elm Ct., services rendered.

8:47 a.m. MV stop, King and Whitney Woods Ln., traffic citation issued.

9:01 a.m. MV stop, King and Whitney Woods Ln., traffic citation issued.

9:03 a.m. MV stop, 3A and Mendal, traffic citation issued.

9:14 a.m. MV stop, 3A and Beechwood, traffic citation issued.

9:15 a.m. MV stop, King and Whitney Woods Ln., traffic citation issued.

9:32 a.m. MV stop, Schofield, traffic citation issued.

10:28 a.m. Disturbance, Rocky Ln., services rendered.

10:51 a.m. MV stop, N. Main and Bowser, verbal warning.

12:34 p.m. Medical aid, Elm St., patient sign off.

2:10 p.m. Medical aid, Sailing Club Government Island, patient sign off.

4:50 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Elm St., services rendered.

4:52 p.m. MV stop, Square, verbal warning.

4:56 p.m. General services, services rendered.

5:06 p.m. Disturbance, Mill Bridge, traffic citation issued.

5:41 p.m. Suspicious (other), South Main St., log entry information.

7:33 p.m. Noise complaint, Forest Ave., services rendered.

7:35 p.m. Animal complaint, Ripley Rd., referred to other agency.

8:19 p.m. Medical aid, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., removed to hospital.

8:21 p.m. Officer wanted, Nichols Rd., accid./defect/burg./holdup.

8:51 p.m. MV stop, North Main St., verbal warning.

10:36 p.m. MV stop, Atlantic Ave., traffic citation issued.

TUESDAY, AUG. 4

12:29 a.m. MVA, Pond and Spring, investigated, report taken.

3:13 a.m. Suspicious auto, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., no police service necessary.

8:01 a.m. MVA, area of 630 CJC Hwy., investigated, report taken.

9:20 a.m. Bylaw violation, Sandy Beach, dispersed gathering.

10:12 a.m. Medical aid, Sohier St., patient sign off.

2:46 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, S. Main St., dispersed gathering.

4:09 p.m. Fire, brush, Sandy Beach, fire extinguished.

8 p.m. Parking violation, Bancroft Way, investigated, report taken.

8:56 p.m. MVA, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., investigated, report taken.

10:10 p.m. Assist citizen, Elm Ct., services rendered.

11:36 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Beechwood St., dispersed gathering.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5

12:21 a.m. Suspicious auto, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., area search negative.

10 a.m. Larceny, Grace Dr., investigated, report taken.

10:33 a.m. Animal complaint, Virginia Ln., services rendered.

11 a.m. Assist citizen, South Main St., services rendered.

11 a.m. MV stop, by 258 Forest Ave., traffic citation issued.

11:16 a.m. MV stop, Forest Ave., traffic citation, warning.

11:24 a.m. MV stop, Forest Ave., traffic citation issued.

11:41 a.m. MV stop, Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., traffic citation, warning.

1:46 p.m. MV stop, Sohier St., traffic citation, warning.

1:57 p.m. MV stop, Sohier St., traffic citation, warning.

3:26 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Border St., dispersed gathering.

4:39 p.m. Tree down, Atlantic Ave., departmental action.

6:38 p.m. Fire, auto, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., fire extinguished.

7:36 p.m. Suspicious (other), Cushing Rd., log entry information.

9:05 p.m. Noise complaint, N. Main St., departmental action.

9:34 p.m. Info, general, Elm St., log entry information.

10:42 p.m. Info, general, Jerusalem Rd. and Deep Run, log entry information.

THURSDAY, AUG. 6

12:54 a.m. MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

1:12 a.m. General services, Sandy Beach, log entry information.

1:16 a.m. General services, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., log entry information.

1:34 a.m. MV stop, Hobart Lane and Atlantic Ave., traffic citation, warning.

11:41 a.m. Officer wanted, Elm St., investigated, report taken.

12:23 p.m. MV violations, Bancroft Way and Bancroft Rd., departmental action.

12:47 p.m. Parking violation, South Main St., departmental action.

3:45 p.m. Medical aid, N. Main St., unfounded.

4:33 p.m. MVA, N. Main St. and Forest Ave., departmental action.

7:25 p.m. MV stop, Beechwood St., vehicle stored, impounded.

7:34 p.m. MVA, Beechwood St., departmental action.

8:43 p.m. Officer wanted, Beechwood St., departmental action.

9:31 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation, warning.

10:18 p.m. Animal complaint, Holly Ln., departmental action.

10:33 p.m. General services, Water Treatment Plant, departmental action.

11:03 p.m. Noise complaint, Beechwood St., departmental action.

11:27 p.m. Medical aid, King St., removed to hospital.

11:40 p.m. MV stop, Ridge Top Rd., verbal warning.

11:43 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation, warning.

FRIDAY, AUG. 7

12:33 a.m. General services, Forest Ave. and North Main St., departmental action.

1:07 a.m. Noise complaint, Jerusalem Rd., area search negative.

1:09 a.m. General services, log entry information.

5:20 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation issued.

6:18 a.m. General services, Jerusalem Rd., services rendered.

6:34 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic citation, warning.

6:50 a.m. MV stop, Mendel Rd. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation, warning.

9:05 a.m. Vandalism, Jerusalem Rd., log entry information.

9:46 a.m. Larceny, Summer St., investigated, report taken.

10:51 a.m. Larceny, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigated, report taken.

11:53 a.m. Officer wanted, Elm St., investigated, report taken.

12:22 p.m. Suspicious (other), Jerusalem Rd. and Gammons Rd., investigated, report taken.

1:08 p.m. MVA, Pleasant St. and Depot Ct., investigated, report taken.

1:54 p.m. Suspicious (other), Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., unfounded.

Accident on South Main Street

A West Roxbury woman was cited for failure to grant the right of way at an intersection following a three-car accident last week.

At just after 2 p.m., Aug. 10, Mary Clougherty, 66, was on her way to a wake at the funeral home at the corner of Summer and S. Main streets, police said.

As she exited Spring Street, she struck a car driven by Robert Gamarossa, 44, of Marshfield who was traveling north on South Main Street, Safety Officer Richard Yocum said. Gamarossa was cited for speeding, Yocum said.

He explained that after Clougherty's car struck the one driven by Gamarossa, it spun around striking a third vehicle which had stopped at the stop sign on Summer Street.

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To: MILDRED L. COYNE, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF MILDRED L. COYNE, of COHASSET in the County of Norfolk, a person under guardianship.

A petition has been presented to said Court by MICHAEL LORING, appointed Conservator of Mildred L. Coyne, pursuant to M.G.L. C.201,S38, prays this Honorable Court for authorization to establish estate plan for reasons more fully set out in said petition.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the **second day of September 1998,** the return day of this citation.

Witness, DAVID H. KOPELMAN, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this sixth day of August, 1998.

THOMAS PATRICK HUGHES
Register

AD#632620
Cohasset Mariner, 8/20/98

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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NO.98-1445

TO
Donald H. Osterberg, trustee of Ledgewood Realty Trust u/d/t dated 10/22/97 registered with Norfolk Registry District of Land court as document No. 773973 as noted on certificate of title No. 150494

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended

GREETING:

David H. Delprete

Claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property situated in lot 29 Ledgewood Drive, Cohasset, County of Norfolk, Massachusetts

given by Donald H. Osterborg trustee of Ledgewood Realty Trust u/d/t dated October 22, 1997 and registered with the Norfolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Doc. 773973 as noted on certificate of title No. 150494 to David M. Delprete dated October 22, 1997 and registered with Norfolk Registry District of the Land Court as document No. 773975 as noted on certificate of title 150494

has filed with said court a bill in equity for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry to foreclose and by exercise of power of sale set forth in said mortgage.

If you are entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure, you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Dedham on or before **September 22, 1998** or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, **ROBERT A. MULLIGAN,** Esquire, Chief Justice of our Superior Court, the 7th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety eight.

NICHOLAS BARBADORO
Clerk

AD#628366
Cohasset Mariner, 8/20/98

OBITUARIES

George Horsefield

George Horsefield, longtime resident of Cohasset, died Sunday, Aug. 9 [illegible] his home on Jerusalem Road.

He was born Aug. 2, 1910, in the Readville section of Hyde Park.

Mr. Horsefield was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He moved to Cohasset in 1950 with his wife Idella S. Hewes.

At a time when men in the neighborhood put on their suits and walked to the center of town to catch the train to Boston, Mr. Horsefield got into his Triumph TR3 sports car and commuted to Swift and Company where he worked for 42 years, supervising refrigeration.

Known fondly as "Uncle George," he was a keen observer of nature and often quipped that he saw... "a lot of animals which are a lot smarter than some of the people I see." In his last 15 years, he adopted a number of Doberman pincers which became his devoted companions.

Mr. Horsefield leaves his niece Martha Horsefield and a nephew, Thomas Horsefield, both of Abington.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, Aug. 24 at Bancroft Hall at the Lightkeeper's Residence. Donations in Mr. Horsefield's memory may be made to New England Baptist Hospital, 125 Parker Hill Ave., Boston, 02120.-

Leo M. Kelly

Leo M. Kelly, 73, of Cohasset, the vice president and general counsel for E.G. & G. of Wellesley, died Monday, Aug. 17, at Southwood Nursing Facility.

Mr. Kelly worked for 33 years at E.G. & G., retiring in 1990. In his retirement, he worked as a volunteer mediator in Dedham District Court.

He was born in Boston. He lived in Quincy for 15 years before moving to Cohasset in 1977.

Mr. Kelly graduated from Boston College High School in 1942, Boston College in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in physics and Boston College Law School in 1961.

He served in the Army Air Force during World War II. He was discharged in 1944.

Mr. Kelly served as the general counsel, director and clerk of Quincy Youth Hockey.

He was a member of the Hatherly Country Club in Scituate and the Cohasset Tennis Club.

Mr. Kelly was a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the American Society of Corporate Secretaries since 1978.

He leaves his wife, Helen M. (Clune) Kelly; two sons, Daniel J. Kelly of Plymouth and John V. Kelly of Holden; a daughter, Maureen H. Tilton of Plymouth; two brothers, the Rev. Thomas J.C. Kelly S.J. of B.C. High School and John P. Kelly of Arlington; seven grandsons; and many nephews and nieces. He was the father of the late Leo M. Kelly Jr. and Kathleen M. Kelly and the brother of the late James Kelly of Weymouth.

The funeral will take place from the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset Center, Thursday, Aug. 20, at 9 a.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset. Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery.

Donations in Mr. Kelly's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, South Region, 1115 West Chestnut St., Brockton 02401 or the American Diabetes Association, 190 N. Main St., Natick 01760.

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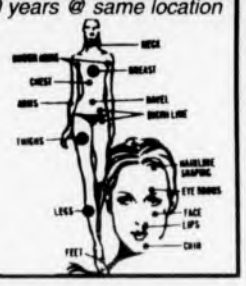
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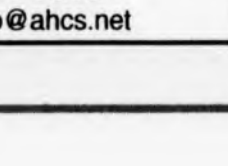
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Organizers are trying to locate the following graduates and would appreciate help: Sally Bohmer, Charlie (Biff) Donovan, James Feran, Bob Flanagan, Denise Grant, Alison Hatheway, Margie Hubbard, Jim Hurley, David LeDoux, Sue McIntyre, John McNeil, Ann Spinzola and Karen Walsh.

If you have knowledge about these persons or any 1968 graduate, call (781) 383-2570 and leave a message with address and phone number.

Get ready for Osgood move

Dates for unpacking the new school have been changed. The new dates are the weekend of Aug. 29 and 30 and the following Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

Babysitting will be provided at Deer Hill Monday and Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for a nominal fee of $5. Call Sarah Markert at 383-6124 or Cassandra Rioux at 383-2856 to sign up.

New classes at Community Center

South Shore Community Center is offering a wide range of courses, starting in September, for all ages. Residents from all towns are welcome. Among the offerings for September will be dance classes for preschoolers, youth and adults, computer classes for children and adults, gym dandy program for tots, music for the very young, d t ing, cooking classes, garden home design, bowling, pre-school playgroups and special events. Classes begin the week of Sept. 14 and continue throughout the school year. Call the center for brochure at (781) 383-0088.

LIBRARY CORNER

Up and coming at the library

Storyteller Alicia Quintano will present "The Mysterious Stranger" and other stories, a program of stories and songs for children of all ages and their families Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. Listen to mysterious and exciting tales from many cultures and observe wizards and magical beasts come alive, as the audience and storyteller join together telling tales. This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Cohasset Local Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

New bulletin board

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library has a new bulletin board on which you will find the current reading lists including The New York Times best sellers list; the Radcliffe Publishing course picks and The Modern Library 100. The New York Times list includes a code indicating whether the library owns the book or will order it for you. The other lists are comprehensive lists of what are considered the top 100 "musts" in reading. The selections range from the classics such as F. Scott Fitzgerald's, "The Great Gatsby" to the modern, " Midnight's Children," by Salman Rushdie.

Also included on the bulletin board is a guide to starting your own book group. It tells you how to begin, how to make selections and how to lead a discussion. If anyone is interested in forming a book group, this information will be of great assistance. The bulletin board is located on the first floor to the left of the main entrance.

Party in children's room

A "Make Your Own Sundae" party will be held Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 2 p.m. for all children who participated in this summer's "Unlock the Mystery" reading program. Come in and enjoy the end of summer with a bowl of your favorite ice cream and delicious toppings!

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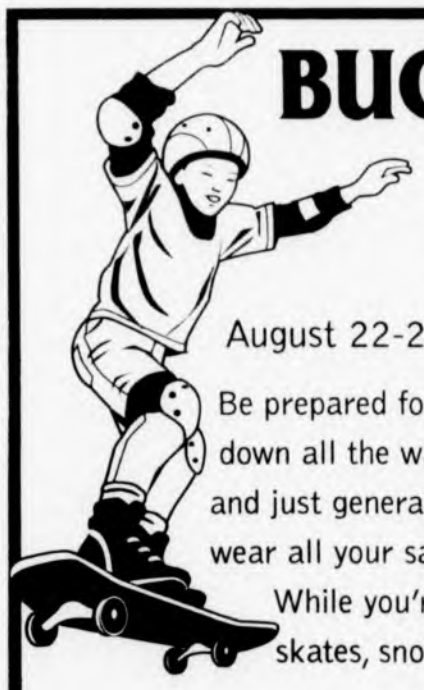
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Countdown to the state primary

Three vie for rights to unseat Rep. Murray

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

With the state primary less than three weeks away, the race to run against long-time incumbent Republican state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray is heating up.

Democrats Josh Cutler, 27, of Hull and Garrett Bradley, 28, of Hingham — who are campaigning full-time — say they've worn out more than their share of shoe leather canvassing the Third Plymouth District which includes Hingham, Hull and Cohasset.

The third candidate, Democrat Walter Murray, 34, of Hull, a paralegal who works at a Boston law firm, catches voters' ears whenever he can while balancing his full-time job with his campaign.

"Mary Jeanette is in for the race of her life," said Walter Murray about the Sept. 15 primary.

The Democratic candidates all give Mary Jeanette Murray of Cohasset — known for returning every phone call — high marks for her constituent service. But they fault the 22-year incumbent Republican for a lack of effectiveness in the Legislature.

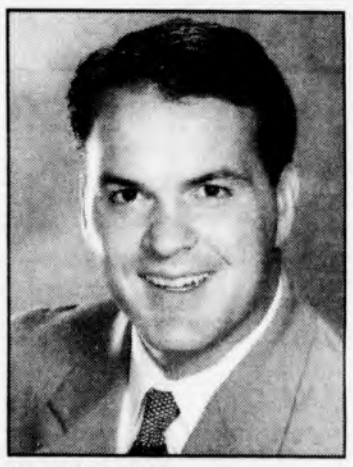
"Part of the job is educating yourself on the issues," said Bradley.

"The other part of the job is trying to get legislation through to help our district and help our state," Cutler said.

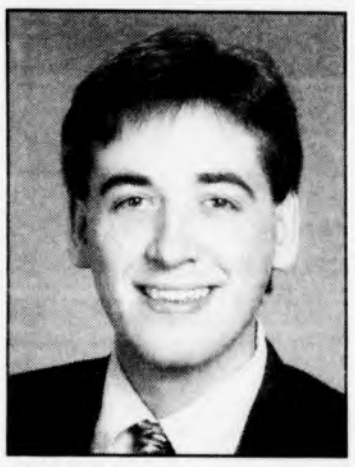
The candidates each took part in separate editorial round tables last week at the Cohasset Mariner.

While the men all put education on their list of top three priorities, they part ways on what comes next.

Cutler, who went to Belmont Hill prep school and graduated from Skidmore College, gives the environment and healthcare a high ranking.



Garrett Bradley



Josh Cutler



Walter Murray

He backs the creation of land banks in the towns so funds could be put aside to purchase open space. He also supports recycling by expanding the bottle bill and would work through legislation to help people meet the financial burden of Title V, the state environmental code governing septic systems.

Cutler said the pendulum of "managed care" — a concept in health care which was supposed to slow down spiraling medical costs — has swung too far. He would work to get

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First day(s) of school to begin

Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

School hallways will soon be filled with talk of cook-outs, camping exploits and new friends made over the summer when 1,260 Cohasset students return to school for the '98-'99 year. Middle and high school teens and preteens will start Sept. 2 but their younger counterparts will have to wait until Sept. 8 to view the long-anticipated new Osgood Elementary School they will attend.

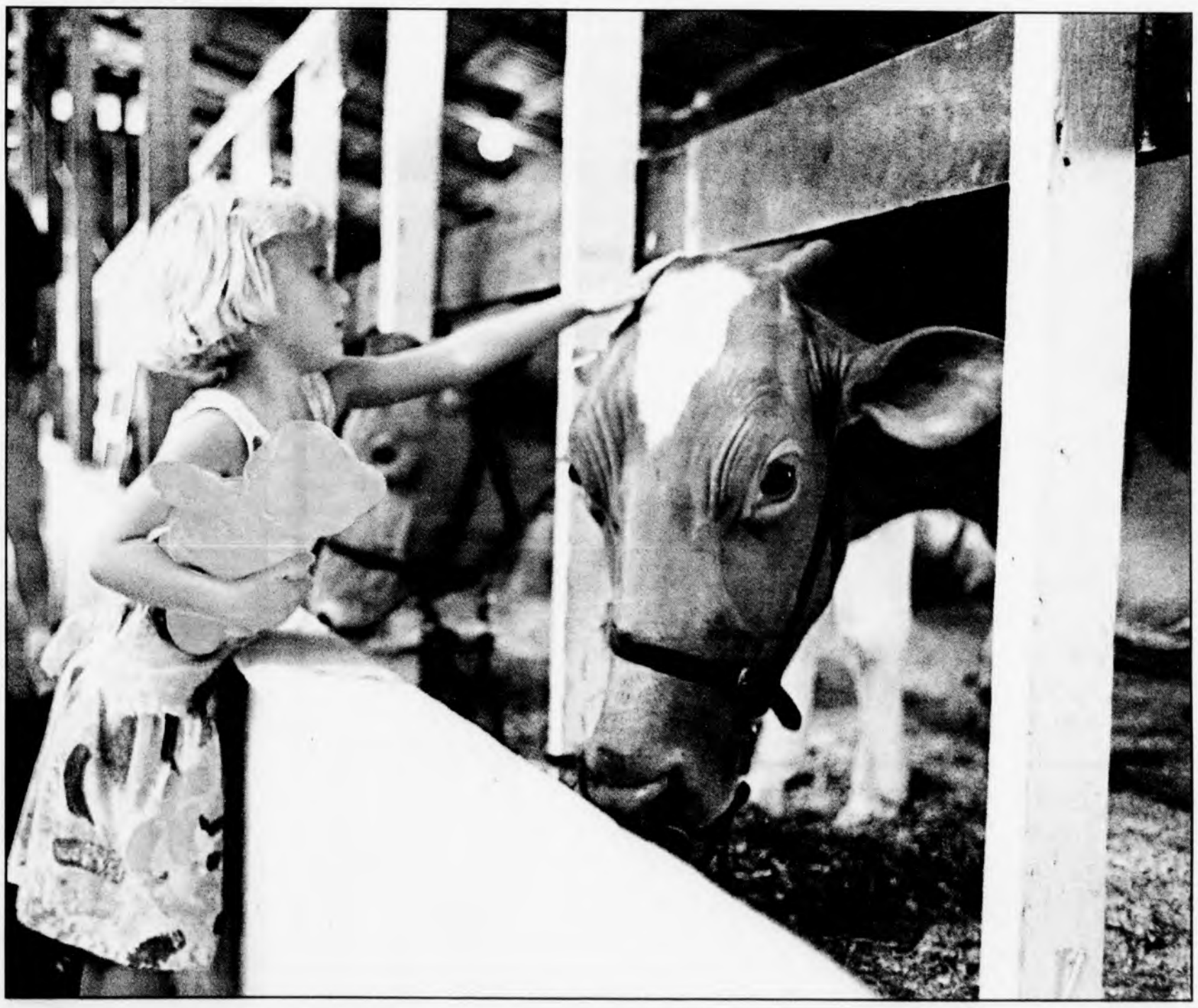
"I am absolutely thrilled," said Marilee Cantelmo, principal of the new Osgood school. " I think it's every principal's dream to open a new school so I think this is just one of the highlights of my career."

Cantelmo is anticipating about 470 children this year; about the same as last year, depending on how many parents register their children in the next week.

Returning Osgood students can expect fancier scholastic digs than they've been used to. The improvements include a large gymnasium that will allow enough space for a full-school assembly; a just-installed playground; a full technology lab; separate art and music classrooms; a

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'MOOVING' MOMENT



STAFF PHOTO/DOUG MCFADD

Sage Stebbins, 4-1/2, of Cohasset makes a new friend at the Marshfield Fair last week.

THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Mobil's palette doesn't pass muster

The Mobil Station at the corner of Sohier Street and Route 3A is continuing its quest to gain approval to place a new sign one foot from its property line. The business presented the request to the planning board last week.

The sign will be within the legal size limits in the town by-law but needs a special permit because signs are supposed to be 15 feet from the lot line.

Planning board members were amenable to the sign which is smaller than one initially requested earlier this year.

But members joked that the mustard-colored paint on the building's top third section did not pass muster with Cohasset's aesthetic sensibilities

All agreed to William Good's suggestion that the zoning board grant the special permit contingent upon Mobil proprietors changing the paint color from mustard to white.

Soccer Club offers reward

The Cohasset Soccer Club shed at Miliken Field was broken into Saturday evening, Aug. 15. The club is offering a $300 reward for information on the parties responsible. Call the Cohasset Police Department at 383-1212 with any information.

Lamberts Lane meeting held off

School committee member Mark DeGiacomo's plan to meet with residents of Lamberts Lane, Cohasset Golf Club president Cliff Mitman and town manager Mark Haddad has been put aside for now due to the vacation schedules of the participants.

"We've not been able to get a group together," said DeGiacomo. "Maybe next Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday will work out for everyone."

Lamberts Lane parents would like the school bus route to extend to their street but there is no place for the bus to turn around. One solution is to use the Golf Club's parking lot for the bus to turn about in.

Primary voter registration closes

The last day to register to vote or changed party affiliation for the Sept. 15 primary was Aug. 26. As of Tuesday, there were 5,292 registered voters in Cohasset including 1,125 Republicans, 1,143 Democrats, 3,001 unenrolled, and 23 in other parties.

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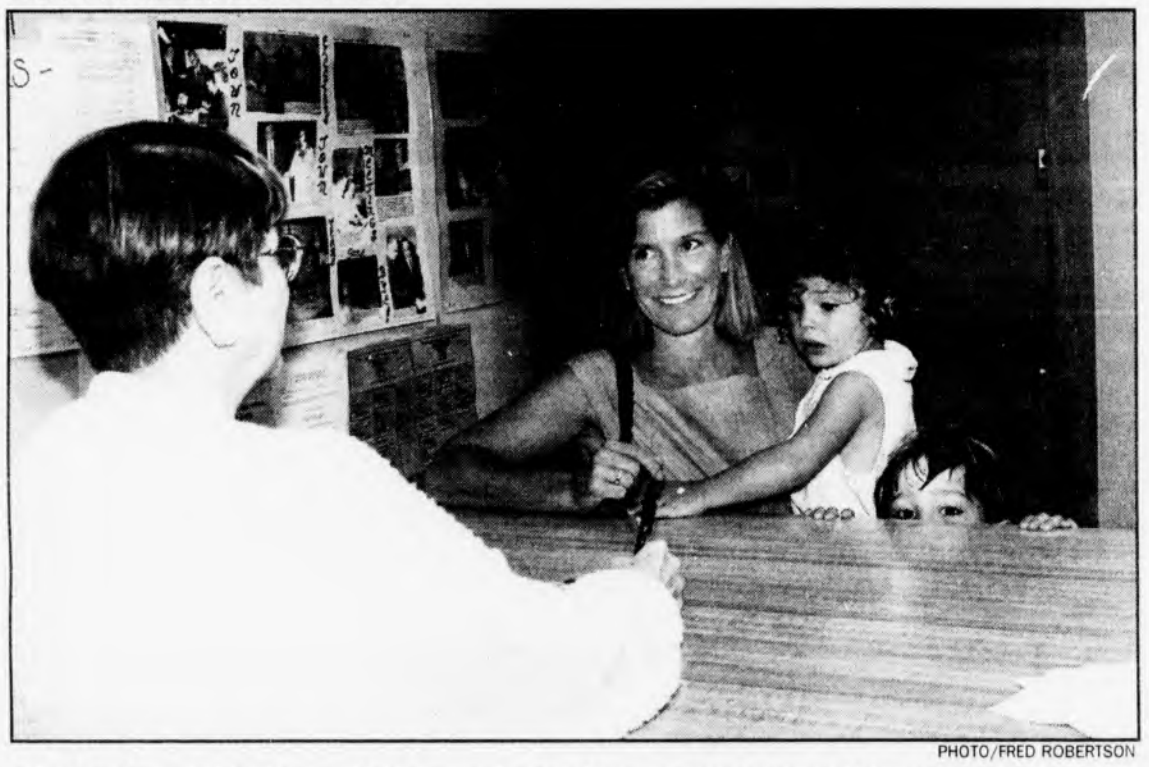
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Assistant Town Clerk Jacqueline Maguire gives Katie Dunn a voter registration form. With Katie are Kathryn, 2, and Patrick, 5.

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Chapter closes for Cohasset school chief

Hart ends 28-years of service in town

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

After 28 years of service to Cohasset's school system, school superintendent Stephen Hart is officially ending [illegible]tenure in office. But he will attend [illegible]ing a variety of responsibilities he plans to see through - on a volunteer basis if necessary - after he "retires" on August 28.

Stacks of paper atop the seven-foot conference table in his office; textile samples of blue, spruce, taupe, and mulberry for the new Joseph Osgood Elementary School propped against a wall; and a front office full of morning visitors bespeaks Hart's dedication.

Currently, Hart's thoughts are set on the Sept. 8 opening of the new Osgood School, and with making the transition easier for incoming superintendent Dr. Edward "Ted" Malvey who assumes office on Sept. 1.

"I'll volunteer to assist Ted if he needs me to work with him on the transition into the new school - moving, furniture changes and getting things straightened," said Hart.

Not a surprising offer, coming from a man who has made a career of teaching and guidance since he graduated from Merrimack College in North Andover in 1964.

Hart, a Hingham resident, began his teaching career with a short stint at Cathedral High School in Boston before switching over to industry. As a technical representative for Dow and later for a subsidiary of DuPont, Hart taught employees how to work with equipment in the lab.

But he soon realized that even more than teaching, he enjoyed the times when he was called on to offer guidance in some way. For that reason, he returned to school at Boston University, earning a master's degree in guidance there.

It was in 1970 that Hart came to Cohasset and began his official career as a guidance counselor, working with Cohasset's first teen club, called The City, and coaching junior high baseball.

Four years later, when special education law Chapter 766 was passed, Hart became the first administrator of special education for the town.

Chapter 766 offered enormous changes in special education law.

"That was an exciting time because Massachusetts had the most far-reaching educational law in the United States at that time," Hart recalled.

"A lot of students who hadn't been identified before as special needs students were able to benefit. And then there were some who had been institutionalized due to severe developmental disabilities - these were multi-handicapped kids. It was great to see new programs developed so that more children could benefit from public education."

Growing out of Chapter 766 was the South Shore Collaborative, a special needs network that exchanges programs and services over several towns for special education needs students. The network later evolved further to include inter-town sharing of technology.

Hart wore many hats prior to taking up the superintendent's mantle from Eugene Crowell in 1986. In his 28 years in Cohasset, he served as the first interim director of the South Shore Collaborative; special education director; and assistant superintendent whose responsibilities included business administration and grant writing, while still continuing his work as special education director for a time.

Now is a bittersweet time for Hart, with the new Osgood School that he'd fought so long for opening just as he leaves office.

"It was an all-consuming thing, going through the process of educating people about why we needed a new school," he said. "There were so many meetings held about this. We even met once at the Music Circus. It was a tremendous amount of work, getting the school approved. Some people think it's just the parents who wanted this school, but we had support from seniors, from parents with children in private schools and from people without children. Cohasset supports education. They see it as a top priority."

Other issues that have always loomed large on Hart's agenda are transportation; the promotion of METCO, a program that brings inner city students to the suburbs; and Proposition 2 1/2, the law that caps how much a town can raise its property tax levy in any given year.

"Transportation has always been an issue," said Hart. He added that "there have been so many reductions, including Prop. 2 1/2, which meant that we had to sacrifice some things, including building maintenance, to maintain the standard of education. Fortunately, METCO has always gone well - it's important for the children to be able to expand their world."

Evidence of highlights during Hart's years in Cohasset don the office walls, including a photograph of him standing with a teacher, two students and President Clinton during a field trip to Framingham.

"The little girl in that picture wasn't feeling well and so I had to stay outside the auditorium with her while Clinton gave his speech," explained Hart. "Clinton came out after the ceremony to say 'hello' to the girl. The little boy in the picture was graduated from the sixth grade this year. After his graduation ceremony, he came up to me and asked, 'Do you remember that time we met President Clinton?' You know, it's not all administrative work. There are a lot of fun moments in this job."

Another photograph shows Hart and several staff members surrounding comedian Bill Cosby, whose performance one year at the Music Circus was a fund-raiser for the schools.

Hart credits the PSO and Cohasset Education Foundation — two volunteer groups — as helping with additional funding for the schools, which must rely heavily on property taxes for new programs. "I've always appreciated their fine work and support," he said.

"If I have any advice to Malvey, it would be to work cooperatively with the community, and I think he will," said Hart. "The community values education highly and is willing to support the public school system. If he can gain their support and that of the teachers, he will do well. There are dedicated teachers, wonderful parents and students here and it's a nice community to be coming to."

As for his future plans, Hart and his wife , Miriam, will be celebrating 35 years of marital bliss next month. Travel is definitely on the agenda. Besides their daughter, Michele, in Boston, the Harts also have a daughter, Suzanne, in New York and another daughter, Andrea, in El Paso, Texas.



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Superintendent of Schools Stephen Hart stepping down after 28 years in Cohasset, 12 at the top post.

New school chief's background

Incoming school superintendent Dr. Edward "Ted" Malvey, 50, has been in the field of education since 1970. He's been a teacher, assistant principal, team leader and has been moving up the administrative ladder for 10 years in Burlington, Mass. to the position of superintendent, earning $96,000 a year. Curriculum development is his specialty.

Malvey has served as superintendent of schools in Griswold, Conn. He had been the assistant superintendent in Mansfield and at the Cuaboag Regional School in Warren. He also served as the superintendent principal in West Brookfield.

Graduated from Boston State College (now UMass Boston) in 1970, Malvey also holds a master's degree in education from Northeastern University and a doctorate in education from George Washington University.

'Fans' turn out for Hart's last school board meeting

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

"He's shown a lot of grace under pressure," said school committee chairman Rick Shea, as he began to discuss Hart's 28-years of service to the Cohasset school system. "This is his last committee meeting and he's got a big smile on his face."

It made sense that Hart was smiling. Only moments before, 20-plus "fans" made up of former and current staffers along with Hart's wife Miriam, had entered the room as part of a surprise gathering in honor of the superintendent's retirement.

Shea described Hart as "a skilled manager and a nice guy," and recollected how the superintendent's "dry wit" had once brought laughter to a town meeting.

Hart jokingly wondered aloud who Shea was talking about.

"It's really nice to see everyone here," said Hart, referring to the crowd that, at times, was as jocular and unruly as any student assembly.

"I think we owe a great deal to the students we have-they are a privilege to work with," said Hart. "Our teachers are self-actualized and move ahead on their own. The parents have been wonderful over the years. In reality, we wouldn't have been able to anything without the people of Cohasset who felt that education is important."

Given the restlessness of the crowd, the meeting broke to enjoy the strawberry-encircled cake, orange punch, and assorted cookies on hand.

"It's been a very interesting 28 years for me," said Hart. "Now that I'll be retiring, I may be able to learn more about my town of Hingham."

New school's library to be named in honor of Hart

"It is the unanimous recommendation of the school building committee and the school committee that the new Osgood school library be named in honor of superintendent Hart," said chairman Rick Shea to the gathering that showed last week at the school committee meeting moments before Hart's surprise retirement party.

"Hart faced relentless opposition (to the new school) and a statehouse hearing and shepherded the project through to completion so that the new school has become a reality that will foster enthusiasm about learning," added Shea. "We believe it's an appropriate and fitting tribute for the library to be named after him."

In answer to committee member Mark DeGiacomo's queried, "Can we all second that?", all committee members and many of the surprise-party attendees (comprised mainly of former and present staff members) boisterously "ayed" their approval.

Reception for Hart

Former school co.mmittee member Maureen Jerz has scheduled a reception for retiring school superintendent Stephen Hart for 7 p.m., Sept. 17 at the Barker Tavern in Scituate.

Tickets are $25 each and should be made payable to Cohasset High School. For more information, call Jerz at 383-6592 or JoAnne Chittick at 383-9220.

Three-day delay for new Osgood Elementary School

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

An un-tiled corridor and other "punch list" items will push the date of the new Osgood School's opening to Sept. 8. Deer Hill School and the middle school-high school will open Sept. 2.

Chairman of the school building committee Robert Beggan met with the school committee last week to describe the finishing touches that would be worked on while teachers begin setting up their classrooms Sept. 1 which would mainly involve finishing touches to the first floor.

"The color schemes are beautiful, the ceilings are high—people will be pleased when they see it and not mind the three-day delay."
KATHY OFSTHUN, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER

"It's a beautiful building," said school committee member Kathy Ofsthun, who recently toured the new school. "The color schemes are beautiful, the ceilings are high—people will be pleased when they see it and not mind the three-day delay."

The $9.9 million dollar school has come in on budget, according to school superintendent Stephen Hart. School committee members praised building project and were not fazed by the delay. Mark DeGiacomo said three days is nothing in the scheme of things.

"I think it's important to explain that this is a major construction project coming in on time and within budget," he said. "In the construction world, three days is on time. And in the bigger picture, this building will outlive all of us and three days is a grain of sand."

Hart recommended that school be extended by three days rather than adding on extra hours of instruction during the school term. The last day of school will remain June 17 for the other schools, but the elementary school will let students out June 22.

Three vie for rights to unseat Rep. Murray

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legislation to ensure safeguards are in place so that HMOs don't cut costs at the expense of providing service.

Bradley puts public safety as a top priority. Domestic violence knows no economic bounds, said the former assistant district attorney.

He said he would file legislation to require a cooling off period for those arrested for domestic violence. The law would prohibit suspects who are bailed from returning to their primary residence for 24 hours.

Bradley said those he meets on the campaign trail say tax relief is badly needed.

He supports phasing in rolling back the 5.95 percent state income tax to 5 percent over several years while linking the rollback to a healthy economy. He supports giving $750 million of the state's $1.2 billion surplus back to the cities and towns in the form of block grants to help offset water rates and school overrides, for example.

Murray, who graduated from Biola University, is outraged by the high water rates in Hull, Hingham and North Cohasset, and would work through the Legislature to privatize Mass.-American Water Company. He feels water can be provided more efficiently and cheaper by the municipalities which would not make a profit or have to pay taxes.

Pointing out Hull residents pay higher rates for car insurance, Murray said he would work toward making car insurance rates fairer across the state.

Education topped the list of priorities for the three Democrats.

Murray, who graduated from Hingham High School, would earmark more state money for the towns to offset the need for school overrides.

Cutler would work to make the teaching profession more attractive through higher salaries and by providing more opportunities for professional development. He's a big believer in small class sizes.

Bradley, a "triple eagle" graduating from BC High, Boston College and BC Law School, said more after-school programs and all-day Kindergarten could be paid for with part of the state surplus through the block grants to the towns.

With $60,000 so far, Bradley has the biggest war chest of the three candidates. Cutler said he has raised $30,000 and Murray has raised $5,000. All say their money has come from family and friends.

Bradley is the only candidate to oppose restoration of the Greenbush line which would travel through Hingham and Cohasset. He said he has safety concerns and thinks the train is too expensive.

"It doesn't pass the cost/benefit analysis," he said.

Cutler backs the train even though his mother Suzanne Cutler of Hingham is an abutter and opposes it.

"We need transportation options on the South Shore," said Cutler, adding he would play hardball with the MBTA on mitigation issues.

Murray, who also supports the train, said it will increase property values and feels more public transportation is a family issue.

"People in Hingham and Cohasset are wealthy individuals who work late in town at power jobs," he said. "Anything that puts the provider at the dinner table earlier gets my vote."

Snapshots of the candidates

Garrett Bradley, 28
Married
Education: Boston College, Boston College Law School
Top three priorities: Education, public safety, taxes.
Stance on the train: Anti-Greenbush

Josh Cutler, 27
Single
Education: Skidmore College, attending Suffolk University Law School
Top three priorities: Education, environment, health care.
Stance on the train: Pro-Greenbush.

Walter Murray, 34
Single
Education: Biola University; finishing his thesis toward a master's at Regent University, attending the NE School of Law.
Top three priorities: Education, water rates, car insurance rates.
Stance on the train: Pro-Greenbush.

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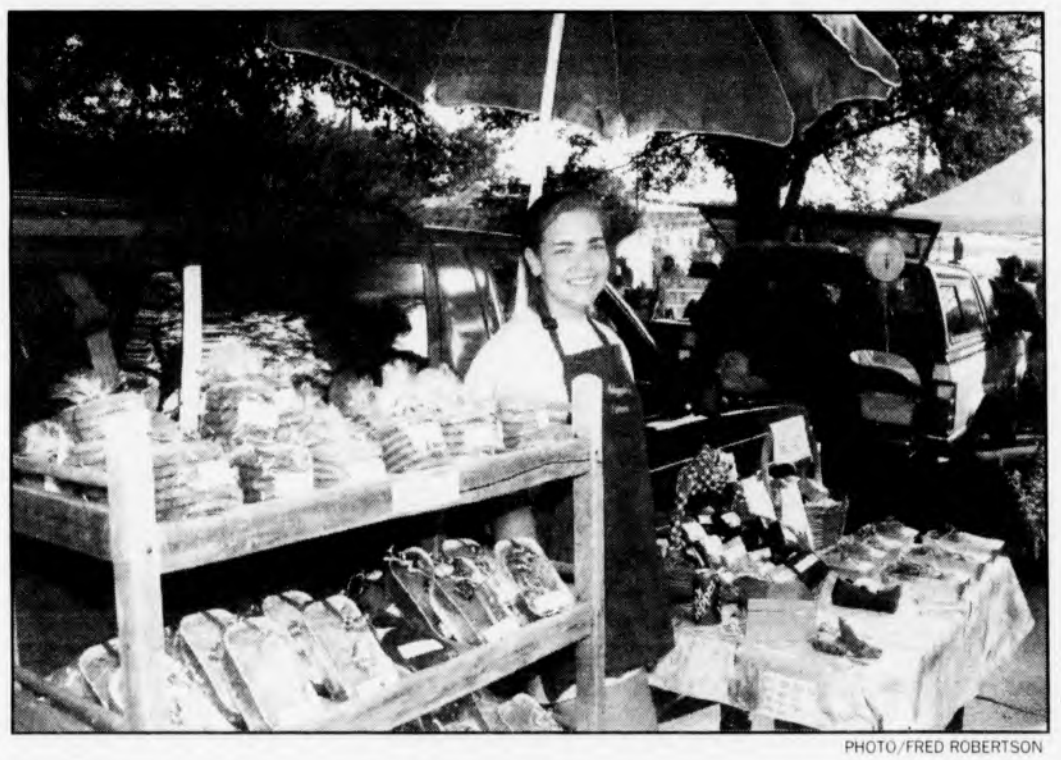
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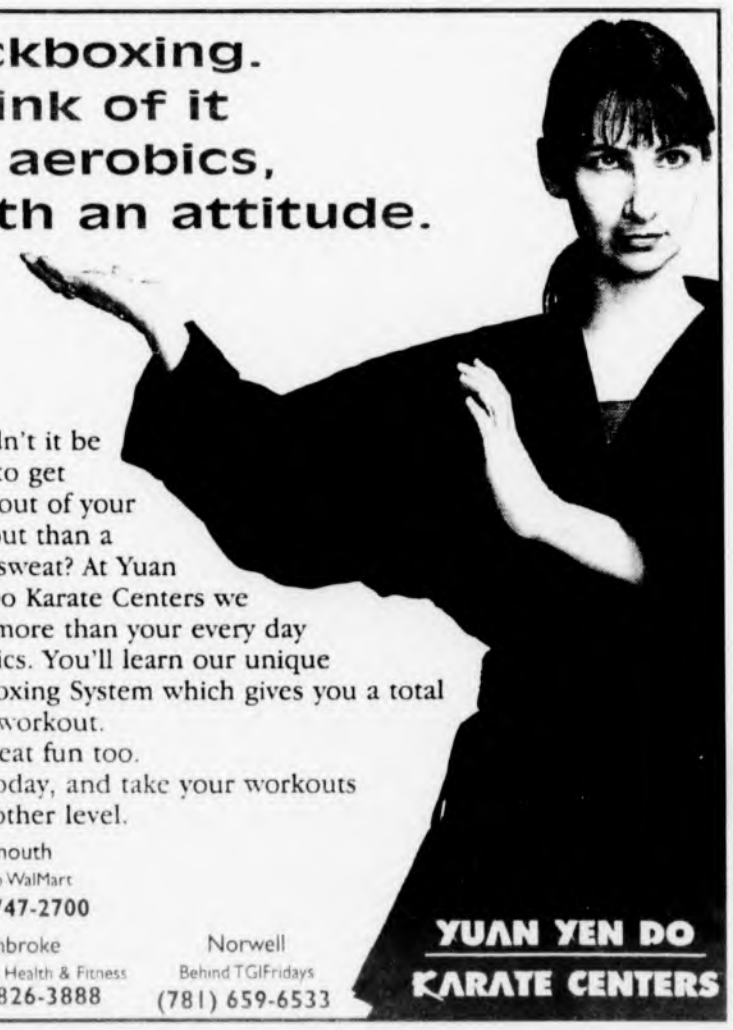
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New proposals from Weymouth builder

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Developer Steven Corey's plan to build 28 houses on the former Curtis Estates' 43 acres has been reduced to 23 houses, according to a planning board meeting presentation by engineer Robert Hannigan.

Some of the dozen concerned abutters had come armed with presentations of their own. Placards bearing photographs of property that would be affected by the proposed subdivision off Jerusalem Road were propped up on a meeting room table.

The removal of five houses from the subdivision would leave individual lots with more than 60,000 square feet each. A 20-foot wide strip of undeveloped woodland running alongside the site has been extended to a 30-foot width.

What the Weymouth developer wants in exchange for his alterations is two waivers from the board that will be needed for the proposed subdivision's road that would exit out to Jerusalem Road.

Charles Humphreys, attorney for the developer, explained that the road would be set in a 2,300-foot cul de sac with an 8.75 percent slope. The planning board normally confines dead end roads to 1,500 feet. Also, the board had asked for a six-foot slope, making the decline 1.75 percent steeper than proposed. However, the ledge would need to be cut into in order to create a six percent slope and this would create a canyon-like effect.

Neighbors of the proposed estate are concerned about land changes exacerbating the area's existing water problems. A possible increase in storm-caused flooding was the main argument heard from residents. Robert Hunter, 604 Jerusalem Road, maintained that water coming from a notch on the stone wall where the proposed driveway would go spills water out onto his road that freezes on his driveway.

Planning board engineering consultant John Modzelewski has looked over about 75 percent of Hannigan's plans to install two retention areas and additional catch basins to remedy the water problem on Jerusalem Road. Though not fully done studying Hannigan's strategy for water divergence, Modzelewski believes that the modifications should reduce the problem.

Hannigan traced a map of the proposed subdivision, showing where water would go under Jerusalem Road and out to Straits Pond and where a drain on Jerusalem Road would carry water out to Rattlesnake Run. Six catch basins on Jerusalem Road are also proposed.

"Any approval—and I'm not saying we are giving it—would be conditional upon receiving the proper permits and approval from the conservation commission, board of health and anyone else who had anything to do with them."
AL MOORE, PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN

Moore wondered if there were detention bases and how that would lessen or increase the water flow there.

According to Modzelewski, the water problem would lessen.. "The area of Jerusalem Road hasn't been definitely defined by the architect. It's possible to do what's proposed. Probably what's proposed will change," he said.

As much as water spill-out hitting his driveway, William Chisholm, 605 Jerusalem Road, is concerned about headlights shining in his window from the proposed subdivision's driveway. His placard displayed the closeness of his home relative to the new tenants' exit.

Hannigan's proposed solution for Chisholm's problem is to put in a low planted island between his home and the two entrance-exits connected to Jerusalem Road. He explained that an additional benefit to this modification is that if a car were to lose control while exiting the sloped driveway, it would hit the low-plated area rather than Chisholm's property.

There were no solutions presented to Harriette and Robert Hunter, whose poster-board presentation showed the proposed path of the site's road over an 1870 well they use for watering their garden. The Hunters do not own the property that the well sits on and it is not a drinking water well. Nonetheless, the Hunters were persistent in their arguments against interfering with the well, saying, "It is in our deed and we don't want a road going over it. The well has been in continuous use since it was built and we don't want it disturbed."

When one resident supported the Hunters, saying, "You can't build within 100 feet of a well," Humphreys responded, "Septic system. There is no septic system there."

"They may have some legal rights," interjected planning board chairman Al Moore. "It's not for the board to answer this," he continued. "They also shouldn't rely on the applicant's lawyer for information."

Last, the Massachusetts Rivers Protection Act, which was designed to protect the commonwealth's rivers, streams and adjacent lands, could stymie Corey's plans. "That's going to be an issue for the conservation commission to tackle with," said Moore. "We've been trying to stay out of other people's domains. The applicant, as far as I can tell, is taking the position that the Rivers Act doesn't apply to their property because they have some photographs of the site dry. I don't know if that means anything or a great deal because I also have a letter from the conservation commission taking the position that the Act does apply. If the conservation folks are correct or they are able to sustain their opinion, that would certainly throw the whole project into—well, it wouldn't be able to go forward.

"Any approval—and I'm not saying we are giving it—would be conditional upon receiving the proper permits and approval from the conservation commission, board of health and anyone else who had anything to do with them. I think they have a good fight ahead of them, if you want my honest opinion. I think the applicants may be getting a little discouraged with us, but we're a quasi-judicial board. We can only work with the rules that exits.. Besides conservation, there's also going to be a big fight with sewer. It seems everyone is just assuming that the sewer commission will lie down, play dead and let them just hook up. It's far from a done deal."

A continuation of the planning board hearing has been set for 8 p.m., Sept. 16.

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DNA lab site for Cohasset Village falls through

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Kevin Ulmer had a great idea to make a small contribution to the village by opening a DNA research laboratory at 8 Stagecoach Lane on the second floor of the former Greenhouse Restaurant. He had investors helping with money. The sewer commissioners had already approved 330 gallons per day of temporary flow for the proposed lab until the Central Cohasset treatment plant expansion is completed. , The zoning board of appeals liked Ulmer's idea and granted him a variance to operate the lab in the downtown/village business zone. Laboratories are restricted to the industrial zone without a variance. Everything looked great, but then the owner of the building decided not to rent the space to Ulmer.

"The lease had not been put in place, and I was not able to reach the landlord until after I got the hard copy of the zoning board's decision," Ulmer said. "I assumed the place would be vacant and there would be no problem. There's certainly no line of people waiting to get in there. He [the landlord] wants to sell the property rather than lease it."

The zoning board listed Jerome Phifer as the head trustee of the trust which owns the property, The Colonial Way Trust. Phifer could not be reached for comment.

If Ulmer finds a new location for the lab which is not in an industrial zone, he will have to go before the zoning board again for permission to proceed.

Ulmer makes his living as a biotechnology entrepreneur and hoped to open the research lab to study "Genomics", information obtained from the study of human DNA, using seed money from investors. A few years ago, Ulmer formed a company called Pavonis Inc. for DNA research, but placed it on hold while he worked on other projects.

Previously, Ulmer said he would be forced to locate the lab in Scituate or Hingham if the zoning board rejected the village location. However, even though he cannot move his company downtown, Ulmer said he is not ready to abandon Cohasset.

Originally, Ulmer wanted to place a large research facility on the former Webb Norfolk Conveyor property, but could not find an investor willing to put up the money for a building. Ulmer said he will continue to look for a new location in town, possibly even on the Webb-Norfolk site.

"Stay tuned; we're still looking and we'll be back," Ulmer said.

Bus conversion still on the table

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Converting a school bus purchased last year to a handicap-accessible vehicle was reconsidered by school committee members, who weighed the economic pluses and minuses involved.

Superintendent Stephen Hart reported that the cost to install a lift would be between $3,300 to $3,500. The lift would also necessitate the elimination of four or six bus seats, depending on the age of the children.

School committee member Joe McElroy supported converting the bus, citing benefits such as the low cost of changing the bus over to handicap-access; that the smaller handicap-access bus could be used for other purposes that require less seating; and that wheelchair-bound students could travel with peers on school outings.

Another school committee member, Mark DeGiacomo, had reservations.

"I'd just like to know if this will create a problem two to three years down the line," he asked.

Chairman Rick Shea pointed out that varsity players already fill the seats to capacity and that fewer seats could pose a problem.

Hart recommended that business manager Guido Risi look into the cost of installing the lift with moveable seats that could fold out of the way but be drawn up again for extra seating.

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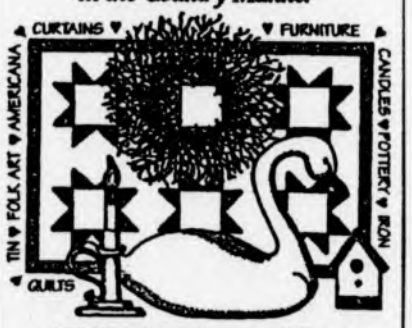
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special reading niche in the library for story-time meetings; and a cafeteria.

Chicken nuggets or grilled frankfurters are on for the very first new Osgood cafeteria $1.78 menu. "We didn't have a cafeteria before," said Cantelmo. "The children used to have to eat their lunch at their classroom desks."

New faces among the faculty will be another novelty. "The new faculty members come from a variety of school backgrounds and different teaching experiences," said Cantelmo. "Obviously, they will bring us some new ideas and new strategies that they will have brought form their other school systems."

"Everyday Math" will be the mode for mathematical learning at the new Osgood. The program uses a hands-on approach to mathematics with more problem-solving, application and language involved.

Cantelmo is hoping to have five or six computers to each classroom somewhere down the line. The school is wired in such a way that the entire school can be networked together through the same computer system.

"Obviously, I think the whole event of moving into the new school is a combined effort of community and staff," said Cantelmo. "We've had tremendous support from the parents. We've had volunteers on the playground. This is a real community effort to get this school up and running. We appreciate all that it took to do that. The old school has been here 70 years—it's a big job to close that and start a new one."

Fourth graders leaving the old Osgood for Deer Hill this year will continue the tradition of marveling at the school's cafeteria and gymnasium, two luxuries their previous learning environment didn't provide. "That's always been unique to the fourth grade," laughed Deer Hill principal Paul Callahan. "Next year, when fourth graders come here from the new Osgood, they will be saying, 'Oh, it's a small gym!'"

The 500 back-packing middle school and high school students will return to some favorable changes, according to assistant principal Jack DeLorenzo A fresh coat of white paint and a blue-black patterned carpet in the new library-media center "really spruced the place up," he said.

Other changes include a rewiring of the entire building to allow all classrooms to have access to the Internet.

Students are also bound to be pleased with the $30,000 in fitness center equipment. Treadmills, bikes and stair climbers have been added to the free weights purchased last year.

Social studies teacher Anthony Rolfe, former Hingham coach, will be coaching football this year.

Retiring school superintendent Stephen Hart will not be on hand for the beginning of the new school year. But it is certainly on his mind. "It should be an exciting time with new superintendent coming in Sept. 1," he said. We can look forward to a good year with a lot of positive changes."

New (older) kids on the block

District: Dr. Edward Malvey, superintendent; Peggy Litchfield, bus driver

Middle-High School: Derek Lincoln, custodian

Joseph Osgood: Jared Alves, grade 1; Brenda Cooke and Colleen Murphy, SPED; Jennifer Thorell, Tracey Burke, Kit Coffey and Katie O'Connor, SPED aides; Julia DeWaal, kindergarten; Anne O'Leary, library; Joanne Lehr, physical education.

Deer Hill: Lisa Kalapinski, technology; Suzi Turtle, grade 4; Marie Travers, grade 5; Victoria Sullivan, SPED; Pam McNamara, grade 5; Ann Marie Welch, Laurel Hickey and Melanie Ritter, SPED aide

Middle School: R. Anthony Rolfe, social studies; Bertha Hickey, French/Spanish; Nina Berkowitz, art

High School: Michelle Murphy, French/Spanish; Carole Bierman, math; Deborah Beal, physical education; Barbara Muir, art; Linda Wild, SPED aide; R. Anthony Rolfe, football coach .

Planners okay dog runs

Last April, Christine and John Millar's proposed addition of dog runs to their 249 Cedar St. address was denied by the zoning board because of noise concerns and that the addition would have brought the kennel 10 feet closer to a lot line.

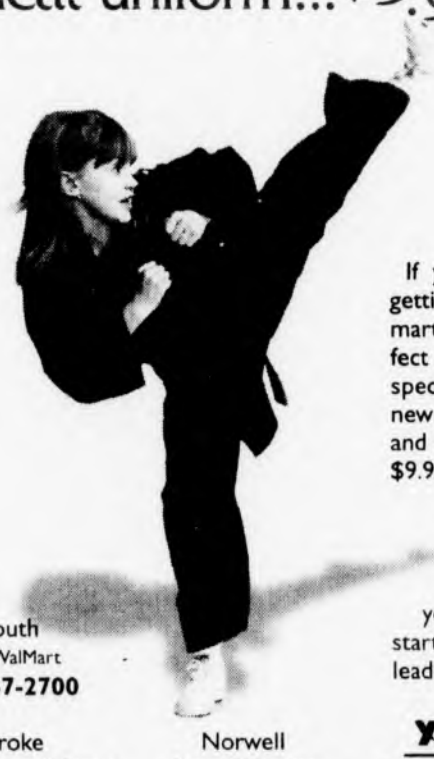
But earlier this month, the zoning board heard revised plans in which the Millars offered cut their request for 30 additional dog runs in half by dropping the east wing so the structure would not further encroach into the sideline setback. They also promised to install sound-proofing measures to mitigate the noise for the proposed 15 additional dog runs in the west wing at the site. The zoning board continued the hearing until Sept. 14 in order to get input from the planning board.

At the planning board meeting last week, member John O'Toole wanted to know how far from the nearest neighbor's house the kennel would sit. A 200-feet distance from the nearest lot line is required by town by-laws. But an August 1982 variance was granted to the kennel, allowing it to place the proposed kennel/office building only 40 feet from the easterly lot line. Heidi Condon, representing the Millars, told the board that the closest home, currently up for sale, is 160 feet away.

"It looks like an improvement dealing with the problems raised," said board member William Good about the revised plans. The planning board voted to recommend the proposal.

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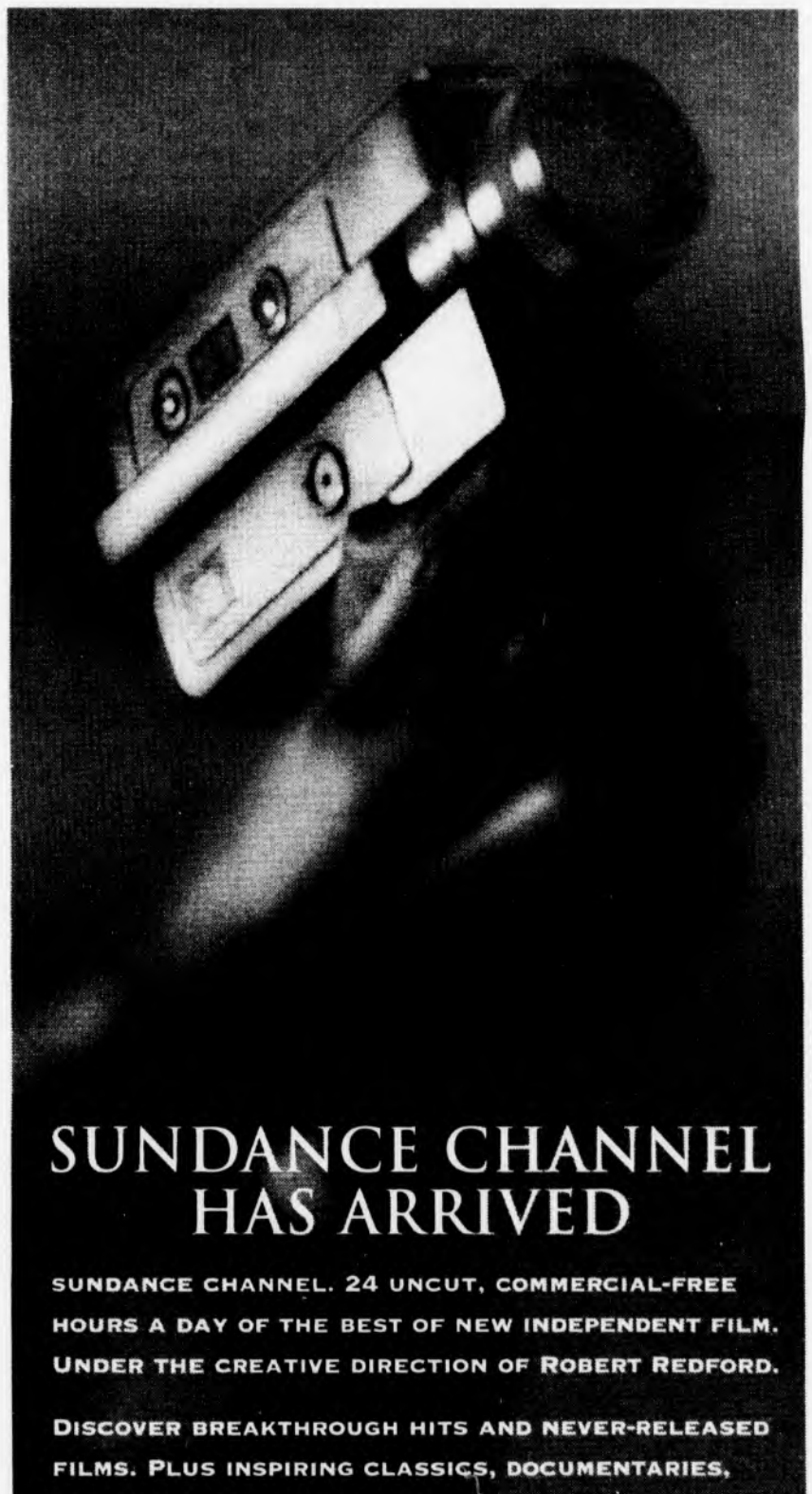
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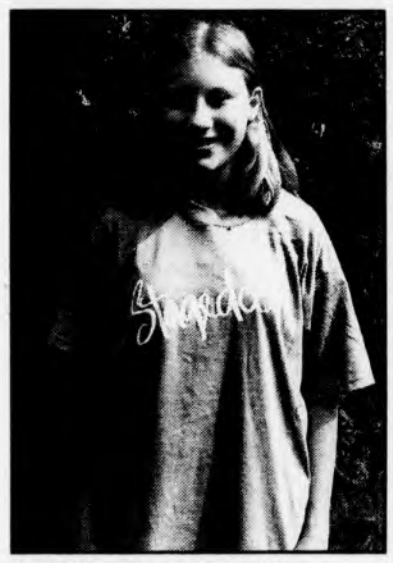
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AROUND TOWN

THEATER CAMP

Thirteen-year old **Calla Staszko** of Cohasset has followed in the footsteps of such noted young actors as Robert Downey Jr., Jennifer Jason Leigh, Mary Stuart Masterson, Natalie Portman, Jon Cryer and Helen Slater by attending Stagedoor Manor this summer, a unique theater camp in the Catskills. In each of the summer's three sessions the youngsters aged 8 to 17 spend three weeks rehearsing 11 shows, which are then performed for the public either at one of Stagedoor's five theaters or at one of the nearby Catskills resorts like the Raleigh or The Concord. Calla appeared in "The Wiz." Located in Loch Sheldrake, N.Y., 1998 marks Stagedoor Manor's 23rd season.



Calla Staszko attended the Stagedoor Manor Theater Camp in the Catskills this summer.

This year campers have come from 32 different states and seven foreign countries.

All the youngsters will be watched closely by agents and managers who every year visit the camp to see if they can spot the stars of tomorrow. Maybe as a result of Calla's stay at Stagedoor, Calla will one day join the illustrious list of Stagedoor alumni who have made it in show business! We welcome a star in our midst, Calla, and look forward to seeing your name in lights

UPDATE ON BOATHOUSE

The Cohasset Maritime Institute will hold a rowing/boating meeting at the Lighthouse Keepers Residence Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The agenda will include the following: an update on boathouse work, an update on CMI's "fleet," a few slides of working on the boathouse/rowing, information about CHS classes which utilize these resources, discussion of plans to reestablish adult rowing in Cohasset, information about getting involved in the organization, pleas for your financial support and personal involvement in CMI, more pleas for support (perhaps some shameless begging), and a sincere thank-you to long-time supporters and to newcomers.

Jack Buckley hopes to convene as many supporters of rowing as possible and thereby provide his fledgling organization with the shot of energy it needs. Your attendance (as well as that of a friend) is, therefore, vitally important to the success of the meeting. Jack urges that you do all you can to attend this meeting. If you are able to help out with providing some cookies or some goodies, call Jack at 383-8261.

Any contributions to CMI may be mailed to **Jack Buckley** at 272 North Main St., Cohasset. The Cohasset Maritime Institute promotes Maritime education and recreational rowing in Cohasset — home to America's first lifeboat, 1807!

DEAN'S LIST

The University of Vermont has released its list of Cohasset residents who have made the dean's list for the spring 1998 semester: **Thomas A. Forbes,** a freshman majoring in radiation therapy; **Sarah E. Kirk**, a senior majoring in sociology; and **Kelley-Marie O'Donnell**, a freshman with an undeclared major. Congrats to all of you (we wish Sarah every luck in the world as she begins her new ventures in the business world).

MIDDLEBURY GRAD

Alison W. Killilea, daughter of **Ms. Susan Redgate Killilea** of Cohasset and **Mr. Thomas W. Killilea** of Boston, received a bachelor of arts degree in American Civilization from Middlebury College at the 1998 commencement exercises Sunday, May 24, on the Vermont liberal arts college campus. Hats off to you, Alison!

DEGREE IN ECONOMICS

Sarah Atherton, daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Terry J. Atherton** of 34 Clay Spring Rd., graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., May 17. Sarah received a bachelor's degree in economics. She is a graduate of Cohasset Junior-Senior High School. Here's to an illustrious future for you, Sarah!

GRAD WITH HONORS

Johanna Ruth Horn was awarded a bachelor of arts degree, magna cum laude, Saturday, May 23, at Bowdoin College during its 193rd commencement exercises. Johanna majored in anthropology and women's studies. She is a graduate of St. Paul's School in New Hampshire. Congrats to you, Johanna!

STUDYING ABROAD

Middlebury College junior **Thomas Greco**, son of **Mr. Thomas R. Greco** of Cohasset, took an opportunity offered by the college's study abroad program to spend the spring studying in Australia this past academic year. We'll bet he has lots of experiences to relate, we would love to hear more about your studies and adventures, Thomas!

NEW ARRIVAL

Kristin and **Mark Norton** announce the birth of their son, **Alec Carlton Norton**! Alec was born July 30 at South Shore Hospital at 9:01 p.m. and weighed in at 7 pounds 5 ounces. He was 19 inches long. Naturally Alec's sister, **Charlotte,** welcomed her brand new baby brother with open arms as do we all! Congratulations to your happy family!

KEEP NEWS COMING

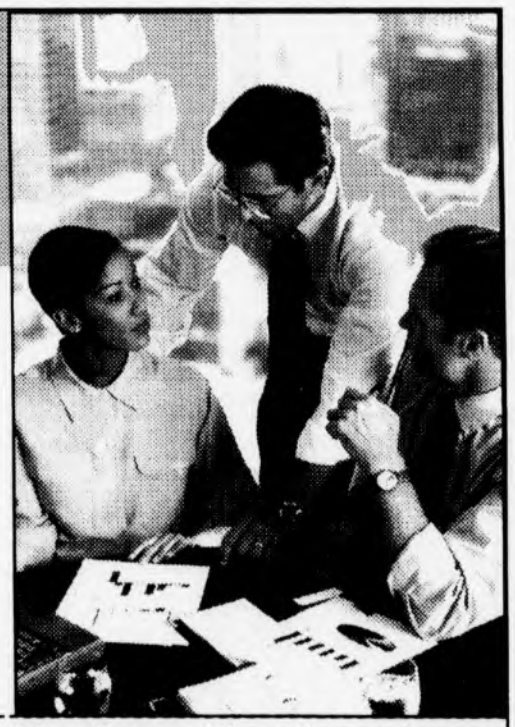
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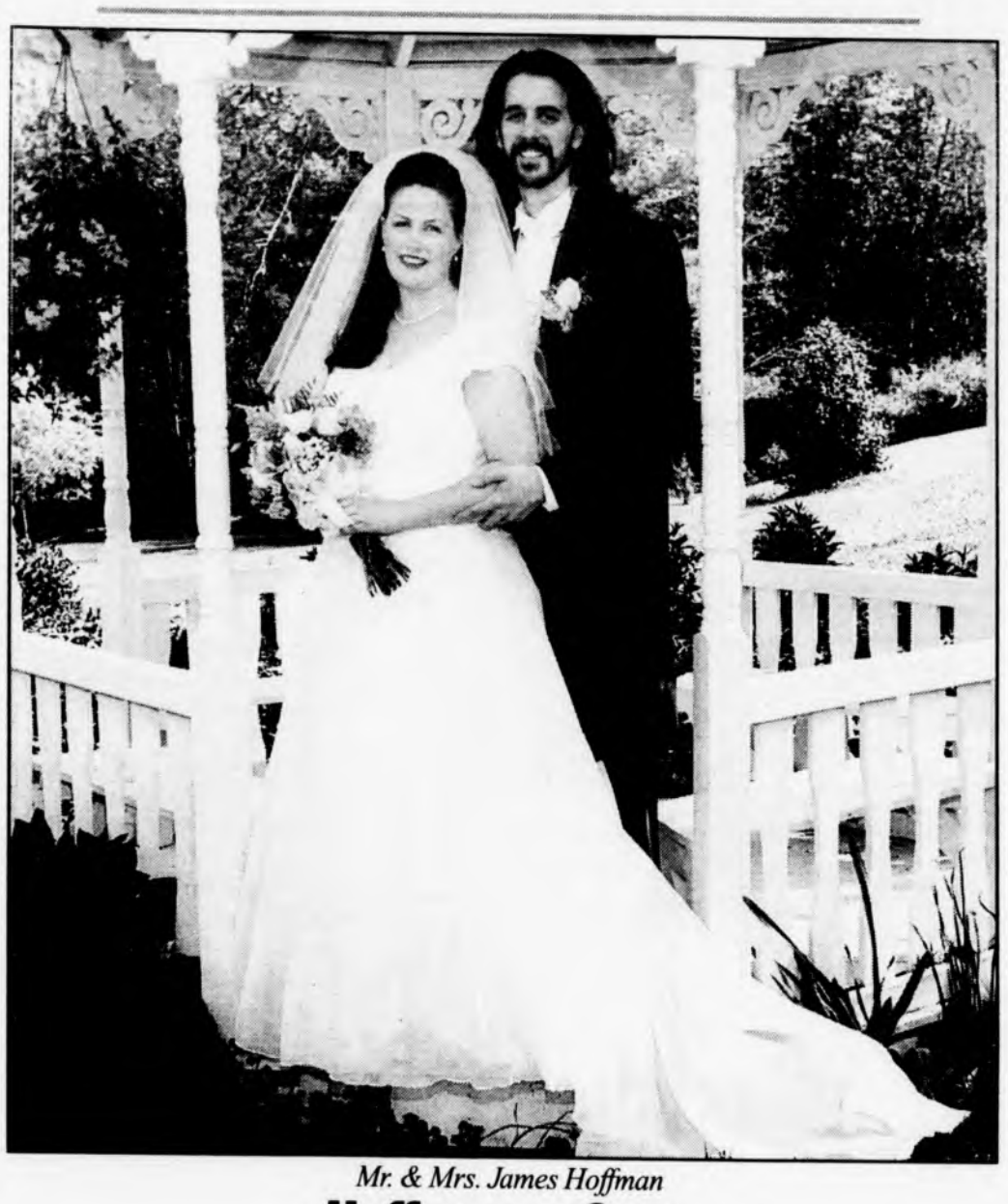


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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Mr. & Mrs. James Hoffman

Hoffman – Seay

Kristin Seay, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Seay of Eastham, was married to James Hoffman, son of Joseph and Joyce Hoffman of Cohasset. The ceremony, officiated by The Rev. Jim Robinson and Father Mulvehill, was held May 16 at the Chapel in the Pines in Eastham. A reception followed at the Captain Linnell House.

The bride is a graduate of Nauset Regional High School and attended Cape Cod Community College and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She is employed by the Captain Linnell House as the manager's assistant, Kadee's Lobster and Clambar as the operations director, Cape Cod Community College as a culinary teacher in the Project Forward program and Cape Cod Photo and Art.

The groom is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Saint Michael's College, Vermont. He is employed by ADP as a sales district manager of the Cape Cod region.

The couple honeymooned in the Caribbean and now resides in Orleans.

Trip to George's Island

The Freewheeler's Group of the Scituate Cohasset Newcomers Club is sponsoring a trip to George's Island Saturday, Aug. 29, leaving via ferry from Hewitt's Cove in Hingham at 10 a.m. A tour of Fort Warren, circa 1835, is available on George's Island as well as the beach and picnic area. Although some concessions are available, plan to bring a picnic lunch. The ferry pass includes the water taxi to other islands in the area. Return ferries from George's Island leave at 11 a.m., 2 and 5 p.m. Advanced reservations are necessary for the group rate of $7 per adult and $5 for children age 3 and over. There is no charge for children under 3.

Please call (781) 383-0225 to make reservations. This outing is open to all members of the Scituate Cohasset Newcomers Club as well as non-members interested in the trip. Plan to meet at Hewitt's Cove Ferry Terminal, off Route 3A in Hingham, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. Should the weather not cooperate, a rain date will be announced at a later time.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Thanks, Mr. Hart

Superintendent Stephen Hart is stepping down after spending practically his entire career in education right here in Cohasset. For the past 12 years, he's been at the helm of the school department which under his tenure has had to deal with the aftermath of Prop. 2-1/2, the adjustment pains of education reform and the building of a new school which bitterly divided the town.

Here at the Mariner, we have appreciated Mr. Hart's openness and accessibility.

"He's shown a lot of grace under pressure."

RICK SHEA, SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

He always returned our phone calls. And when controversy hit the schools, Mr. Hart invited us to his office to explain and clarify the issue.

As school committee chairman Rick Shea says, "he's shown a lot of grace under pressure."

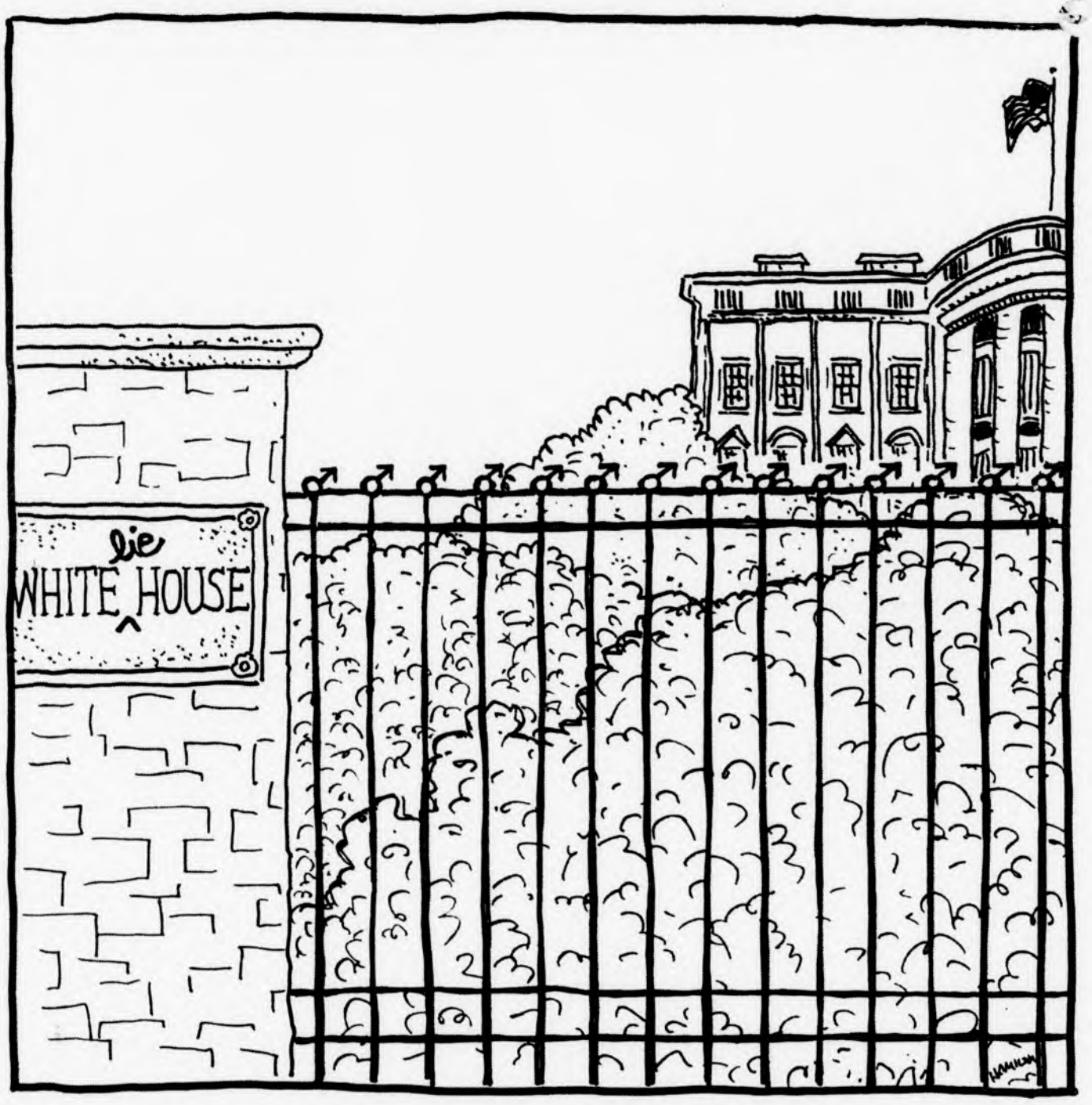
Over the years, he's provided stability to a small-town school system which continually turns out top-notch students.

The school committee decided the new Osgood School library will be named after Mr. Hart who shepherded the new K-3 school through to completion.

We'd like to add our applause to that decision. The Stephen Hart Library is a fitting tribute to a man whose dedicated his life to our children's education.

A reception for Mr. Hart is planned for 7 p.m., Sept. 17. Please call former school committee chairman Maureen Jerz, 383-6592 or former school committee member JoAnn Chittick, 383-9220, for details.

— Mary Ford
Editor



Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Offended by train commentary

TO THE EDITOR:

By now we on the South Shore all know that Nancy Buckley of Hingham is against the train. She has written countless letters-to-the-Editor to numerous publications over the past several years (with somewhat inordinate frequency, considering the redundancy of her message, in my opinion). This has been her privilege, and I have had no complaint with its free exercise.

I am offended, nevertheless, and must draw the line at her most recent ploy for publication which was to capitalize on the recent and tragic accidental death of a young girl from Abington to spout her stuff again. On the editorial pages of the 8/6 Cohasset Mariner and the 8/7 Boston Globe were the same letter from Nancy, headlining the tragic event as a lead-in for her same, tired, worn-out beefs about the railroad. I find it inexcusable that she would use such an unspeakably sad and personal loss as an attention-getter in so obvious a way.

And you fell for it! I would have thought that the editorial staff of each paper might be more discerning in its choice of what to print. There was simply nothing new or newsworthy in that formula "anti-Greenbush" letter except the reference to this regrettable loss of a young life.

But while we're on the subject, in addition to being insensitive in her determination to market her views, Nancy Buckley is just plain wrong. Her speculation that the accident was attributable to anything but human error goes beyond reason and is utterly unfounded. Her notion that four gates instead of two would have prevented a pedestrian from attempting an ill-fated crossing defies logic.

That she said these things, and that she used a tragedy as an excuse to say them, is indicative of how far she is willing to go to promote her own personal agenda against the train. Yet many of us consider it a perfectly civilized method of public transportation. Canton, Dover, Newton, Needham, Winchester, Wellesley, Weston and many other towns around Boston all enjoy commuter train service. Who is Nancy Buckley to say we shouldn't?

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CANDIDATES CORNER

Local leaders endorse Cutler

Two dozen prominent area residents are endorsing Democratic State Rep. candidate Josh Cutler. These residents have formed a steering committee to assist Cutler in his bid to bring a new voice to Hingham, Hull and Cohasset on issues like education, health care reform and environmental protection.

Members include current and former selectmen, school committee and planning board members as well as local business and civic leaders in Hingham, Hull and Cohasset.

The Cutler Campaign steering committee is as follows: Lauren Auchincloss, Stephen Avakian, Melissa Buis, Mark Burns, Sarah Corey, Edith Howard, Ralph Kidder, Pat Laugelle, Agnes McCann, Donna McGee, Tim MacKenzie, Patricia Martin, Debra Marinelli, Lory Newmyer, Don O'Hara, Peter Pratt, Dean Rizzo, Donna Scampoli, Daniel Scully, Robert Stearns, Ned Tebbetts, James Tobin, James L. Watson, Pamela Wolfe, John Zahner and Dennis Zaia.

These local leaders join campaign chair Chartis Langmaid Tebbets of Cohasset, and campaign manager Ann Marie Farell of Hingham as part of a growing campaign team. Cutler has also been endorsed by former Secretary of Health and Human Services Philip Johnston.

For more information about the Cutler campaign, call 741-9889 or visit the web site at www.jcutler.com.

Margy Charles to chair Bradley campaign

Long-time Cohasset resident Margy Charles will serve as the chairperson of the Garrett Bradley campaign.

Charles has been a Cohasset resi-

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HEALTH NOTES

A newsletter created by a volunteer staff issued periodically by the Board of Health.

Oil Contamination, A Cautionary Tale

In 1985, on a piece of prime waterfront property near Rockport, Maine, the owner noticed some oil in the cellar, probably from a leaking oil tank, and a funny taste in the water. Subsequent testing revealed that the well from which the water came was contaminated with toxic hydrocarbons Last November, the third well drilled on the property finally became contaminated. It took 13 years for the plume from the leaking oil tank to contaminate every location on the property from which clear water could be obtained. According to one knowledgeable resident, since the town is planning no central water supply, the property has become virtually worthless.

In Cohasset, The DEP is now taking action against two organizations in town which are believed to have released "oil/hazardous material". Clearing up these spills is enormously expensive because the affected soil must be removed and pyrolized, that is, burned until there is no trace of oil. During the cleanup of the Cedar Street landfill, a spill was noticed which came from a relatively small amount of of oil. The cost of remediation was about $25,000.

You may have read about the Hull resident coping with an oil spill in her property. It appears that cleanup from a leaking oil tank has been estimated at about $50,000.

On Sunday, August 23, The Boston Globe had an article on the impending scarcity of water worldwide. Preventing contamination of our water supply is vital.

Cohasset has spent millions to protect its water supply. It may be the best investment the town has ever made.

Avoiding Foodborne Illness

Studies have found that poor personal hygiene is a factor in about a third of all of the foodborne disease outbreaks in this country. Foodborne illness, which often shows itself as flu-like symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and fever, is generallycaused by bacteria.

Only a few types of disease causing bacteria (pathogens) cause millions of cases of foodborne illnesses each year. Most cases of foodborne illness can be prevented. Proper cooking and processing of food destroys bacteria.

You can help prevent the spread of foodborne illnesses by following these simple steps:

Cleanliness

Wash your hands with hot soapy water before handling food and after using the bathroom, changing diapers and handling pets.

Wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils and counter tops after preparing each food item and before you go on to the next food.

Use plastic or other non-porous cutting boards and run them through the dishwasher or wash in hot soapy water after use.

Use paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces. If you use cloth towels, wash them often in the hot cycle of your washing machine.

Separate raw meat, poultry and seafood from other foods in your grocery shopping cart and in your refrigerator.

If possible, use a different cutting board for raw meat products.

Always wash hands, cutting boards, dishes and utensils with hot soapy water after they come in contact with raw meat, poultry and seafood.

Never place cooked food on a plate which previously held raw meat, poultry and seafood. Refrigerate promptly

Hot and Cold

When cooking, get foods hot enough long enough, and when refrigerating make sure the food is kept cold. Food safety experts agree that foods are properly cooked when they are heated for a long enough time and at a high enough temperature to kill the harmful bacteria that cause foodborne illness. Refrigerate foods quickly because cold temperatures keep harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying.

Cook roasts and steaks to at least 145°F. Whole poultry should be cooked to 180°F for doneness.

Cook ground beef to at least 160°F. Don't eat ground beef that is still pink inside. Cook eggs until the yolk and white are firm. Don't use recipes in which eggs remain raw or only partially cooked.

Fish should be opaque and flake easily with a fork.

Set your refrigerator no higher than 40°F and the freezer unit at 0°F Check these temperatures occasionally with an appliance thermometer.

Septics, Sewers, or Something else

Mark your calendar for the workshop about wastewater technology to be held at the high school cafeteria on Sept. 16 from 7 to 10 p.m.

SAFE urges Cohasset residents to attend Sept. 1 hearing on CHL landfill

SAFE today urged Cohasset residents to attend and to testify the board of health site assignment hearings on the Cohasset Heights Ltd. landfill (CHL), scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 1, 2 and 3 at the Cohasset town hall auditorium.

"Citizen participation in these hearings is essential," said SAFE vice-president John K. McNabb Jr., who is also a water commissioner. "The board of health will be considering whether to revoke CHL's site assignment, which is the only way to ensure that CHL will stay closed." The landfill closed July 2, when it reached its maximum permitted height of 190 feet above sea level.

"The massive citizen participation and the citizen testimony at the board of health's 1996 site assignment hearings helped persuade the board to reject CHL's proposed 27.5-acre Area 5 expansion," said McNabb. "However, even though that expansion has been defeated and the landfill is now closed, the 1,000,000 tons of waste in the landfill still remain a threat to Cohasset."

CHL has admitted to dumping more than 1,000 tons of waste illegally in Area IV-B, in violation of their site assignment, and more than 100,000 tons illegally on the landfill slopes, in violation of their state operating permit. "CHL must also be required by the board to remove this illegally dumped waste," said McNabb, "and should be required to pay a significant financial penalty to the town of Cohasset for these violations."

"At the hearings," said McNabb, "the board of health will also review the threat posed by CHL to air quality, wetlands and to our public drinking water supply, Lily Pond, which lies one mile downhill from CHL."

"The board of health," said McNabb, "should also require CHL, as part of its permanent closure, to install an active gas collection and treatment system to prevent landfill odors, to reconfigure landfill slopes and redirect stormwater to prevent any further damage to wetlands, and to prevent the drainage of any more contaminated landfill leachate toward Lily Pond."

CANDIDATES CORNER

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dent for 40 years and a 20-year member of the Democratic Town Committee. Currently, she is serving as secretary of the committee. As Chairman of the Board of Registrars, Charles keeps tabs on party affiliations as well as independents. The Charles family are a well-known sailing family and Margy has always maintained her membership in the Hull Yacht Club. For many years, Charles taught CCD at St. Anthony's Church and has been a member of the Parish Council since it was formed. As a realtor for Hunneman/Coldwell Banker, Charles covers the South Shore area.

Charles' addition to Bradley's campaign was eagerly welcomed by Bradley.

"I am delighted she has decided to join my grassroots campaign and, more importantly, all of her eight grandchildren can hold signs," Bradley stated.

Bradley is a Democratic candidate for state representative for the Third Plymouth District, which includes the towns of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. If you would like more information about the Garrett Bradley campaign, call 741-9998 or visit the Bradley campaign web site at www.masselections.com/garrett-bradley.htm.

Cutler campaign interns head back to school

Two college students spent the summer gaining first-hand experience at campaigning as interns on Democrat Josh Cutler's campaign for state representative. Kristina Yee, a junior at Brandeis University; and Ed Mills, a junior at Boston College; have been familiar faces around campaign headquarters.

Kristina Yee, a political science major, applied for her internship after checking out Cutler's platform on his campaign website. She has been invaluable working in the headquarters on projects ranging from identifying new voters, coordinating mailings, writing letters, phonebanking and working on the campaign data base. She'll be missed around the office, but vows, "I'll be back for primary day!"

Ed Mills, a Hull resident, is headed back to B.C. to pursue his political science degree after spending his summer as the Cutler campaign's visibility coordinator. While organizing signholders at various locations around the district has been a lot of work, it has been gratifying to see "the great response from people driving by," says Mills.

Both Yee and Mills are considering careers in public service.

The Cutler campaign will offer an internship to another student this fall in conjunction with the Student Democrat Club at Brandeis University. Students from other area colleges interested in politics and government are also welcome, and can learn more about the opportunities available by calling Ann Marie Farrell at (781) 741-9889 or stopping by campaign headquarters at 110 North St. in Hingham.

TV news — bad for you

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TOM HENSHAW



Did you hear the one about Newt Gingrich, Dan Quayle and Bill Clinton?

Well, they went to see "The Wizard of Oz," see, and . . .

Oh, the hell with it.

Are you as sick and tired of Bill Clinton jokes as I am? Are you as fed up as I am with reading about Bill Clinton's sex life, most of which would barely raise an eyebrow in the late show on Cinemax? You don't really want to listen to another Bill Clinton story, do you?

If the answer to those questions is "Yes, yes and no" then let's get on to something more constructive.

Like Mike Barnicle. Wanna hear more about him? No? Good.

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I see by the papers that they (the omnipotent "they") have discovered the television program most unsuited for kids to watch and it's not "South Park," or "Bay Watch'" or even a Shannon Tweed flick on Showtime after midnight.

It's the local news at 6 o'clock.

Two psychologists told the American Psychological Association meeting in San Francisco last week that, in effect, they would rather have their youngsters watching Rambo or Arnie blow away the baddies than see Chet and Natalie or whoever is around to man the Channel 7 desk recount the realities of the day.

Any day now we'll be seeing the first newscast rated TV MA (mature audiences only), and it won't be just because Liz or Kim may be showing a bit more decolletage than the Legion of Decency thinks decent.

"What we call news has become so sensational," said Joanne Cantor of the University of Wisconsin. "It's all the news that's fit to terrify."

"Children need to have some reasonable amount of information about the dangers that are important to them," said Barbara Wilson of the University of California. "But what they are getting is exaggerated fears of things that are not necessarily the dangers they are going to encounter."

What she means is that a kid in these parts needs to know enough not to jump into the Quincy quarries but an earthquake, 8.4 on the Richter scale, the kind that devastates Chile and Turkey periodically, is unlikely to strike him in Scituate.

TV news has come a long way since our best source of over-the-air information was Neil T. Scanlan, the Shawmut Nightly News Teller.

Neil just told us about that accident on Route 3A. Now the tube brings us the demolished car in full color, including pools of real blood on the ground and people being carted away in body bags,

"One of the problems is that you cannot tell children it is not real," said Cantor.

When the Roadrunner tricks Wile E. Coyote into jumping off a cliff, the violence can be explained away as fantasy but how do you handle it when your child witnesses a row of bodies taken from a burning home that could have been his?

Cantor's recommendation is that no child under 8-years-old should be permitted to watch television news while it grinds out the violent crimes, fatal fires and bloody accidents.

And when they ask you something nonviolent, like, "What was that on Monica's dress?" you can let them watch the news at 6 once again.

Parents to help with unpacking

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Parents can get to know their child's teacher and classroom set-up this Aug. 29 by volunteering their services to help unpack school supplies sent from the old Osgood Elementary School to the new one. Teachers will direct their students' parents in setting out textbooks, chalk, posters and other items.

Burkhardt Brothers Movers began the two-day move from the old school at 8:30 a.m., Aug. 25.

"The teachers will tell parents what to unpack and where they want things," said Cassandra Rioux, Osgood School Council member. "Parents interested in volunteering should contact their child's room-mother from last year to get more information about where to report to help out and also where to go for baby-sitting." Newcomers can call Sarah Markert at 383-6124 or Rioux at 383-2856 for more information.

"We'll have high school kids, college kids and some college graduates looking after the children at Deer Hill from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 for $5 per day, per child," said Rioux. "Children are not allowed at the new school," she explained. "The contractors are still working there and it's very dangerous. We can't emphasize this enough—no matter how well behaved your children are, union workers won't be free to work with children on the premises. The liabilities are too great."

Videos, outside play activities, drawing, painting, games, and perhaps swimming if the weather is hot enough are all options on the baby-sitting agenda. "They may decide to organize more than that," said Rioux. "It's real low budget. We're not planning anything specific right

PICTURE THIS



Names: Mary Goodwin and Adrienne MacCarthy

Occupation: Coordinators of the new Osgood School playground project.

Goal: To see the kids get enjoyment out of the playground (Mary); to be the best mother I can be (Adrienne).

Best vacation: Bermuda with my husband (Mary); river rafting down the Grand Canyon (Adrienne).

Best day of your life: The day I met my husband (Mary); the day I got engaged (Adrienne).

Biggest worry: Our kids' future.

Favorite holiday: Christmas (Mary); St. Patrick's Day (Adrienne).

Favorite season: Fall (Mary); winter (Adrienne).

Favorite TV show: 10 O'clock News (Mary); "Big Valley" (Adrienne).

Favorite movie: "As Good As It Gets" (Mary); "Con Air" (Adrienne).

Favorite book: "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" (Mary); "Arthur" (Adrienne).

Favorite junk food: Chocolate (Mary); potato chips with onion dip (Adrienne).

Dumbest thing I've ever done: Agreed to work with Adrienne on this project (Mary); visa-versa (Adrienne).

Person you'd most like to meet: Hillary Clinton (Mary); Sylvester Stallone (Adrienne).

Pet peeve: Telemarketers (Mary); "Cohasset time" (Adrienne).

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Osgood playground volunteers listed

The following volunteers pitched in over the weekend to build the new Osgood School playground:

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Kenny Silvia, Terrence Flaherty, Paul Tarpey, Lynne Sheridan, Ann Dooley, Sara Murphy, Sandy Crough, Kevin Crough, Mike Karp, Paul Davis, Jim Farren, Laurie McCabe, Rita Poh, Rita Barry, Kathy Horrigan, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hart, Don Robowski, Garrett Bradley, Strawberry Parfait, Atlantic Bagel, Silver Spoon and Eastern Edison.

New classes at Community Center

South Shore Community Center is offering a wide range of courses, starting in September, for all ages. Residents from all towns are welcome. Among the offerings for September will be dance classes for pre-schoolers, youth and adults, computer classes for children and adults, gym dandy program for tots, Kodaly music for the very young, dog training, cooking classes, gardening and home design, bowling, pre-school playgroups and special events. Classes begin the week of Sept. 14 and continue throughout the school year. Call the center for brochure at (781) 383-0088.

Cohasset High 30th reunion

The Cohasset High School Class of 1968 will hold its 30th reunion Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Cohasset Lightkeeper's House from 6 to 10 p.m.. The cost is $50 per couple or $30 per person, payable to Cathy Davis, 52 Linden Dr., Cohasset, 02025.

Call 383-2570 for more information.

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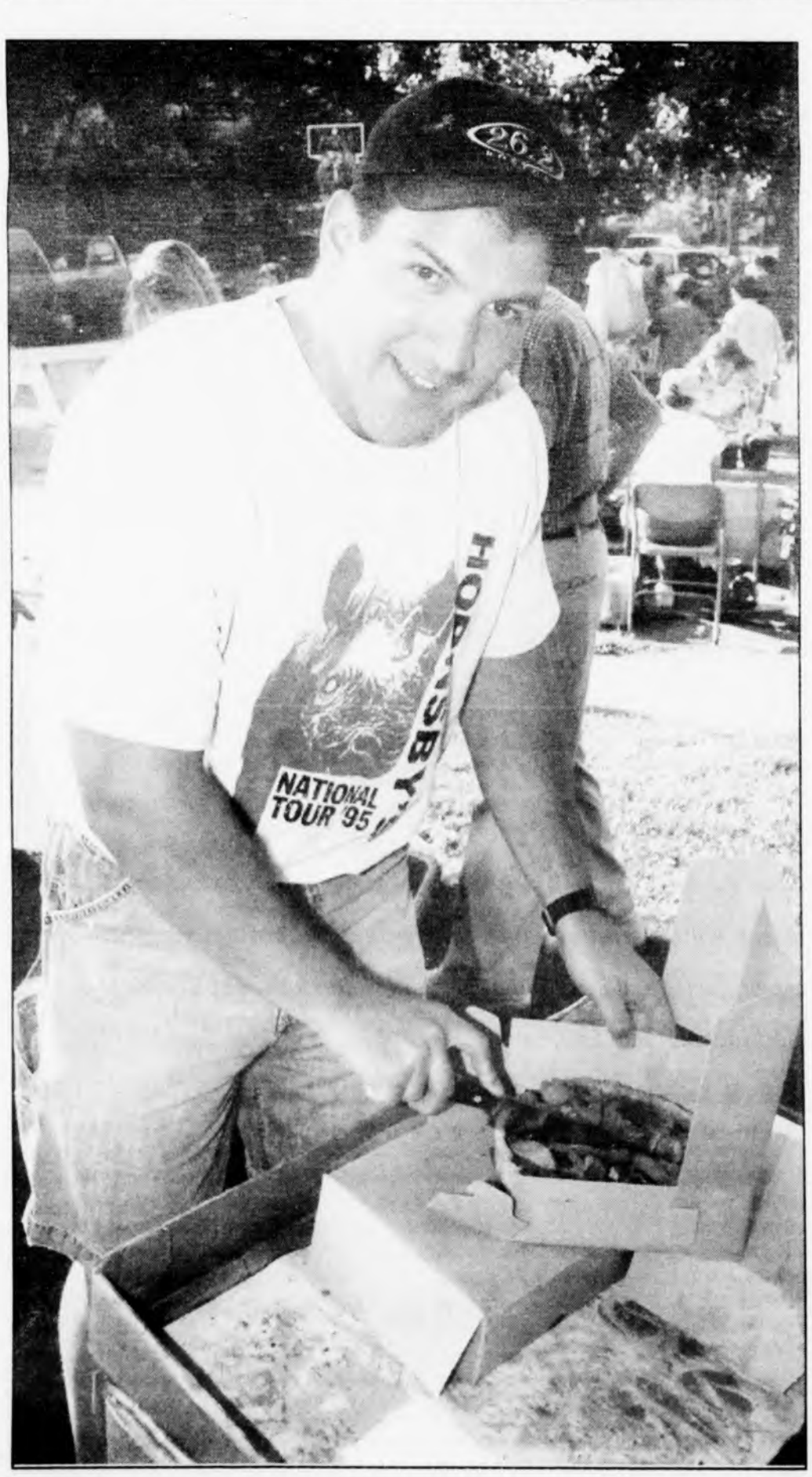
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Getting corny at the Cohasset Farmers' Market

In honor of Mass. Farmers' Market Week, there were corn fritters, corn on the cob with herb butter and corn scones for sale. Patrons could also stock up on fresh-baked breads and desserts. Clockwise: Bill Steverman of Scituate watches over baskets of corn husks at the Farmers' Market in the village last Thursday. Jared Pratt, 3, buys some soap for his mother on the town common. Kristen Dooley, 9, helps out the playground project with her table of items for sale. Chris Veneto of Quincy sells Tarts by Karen.

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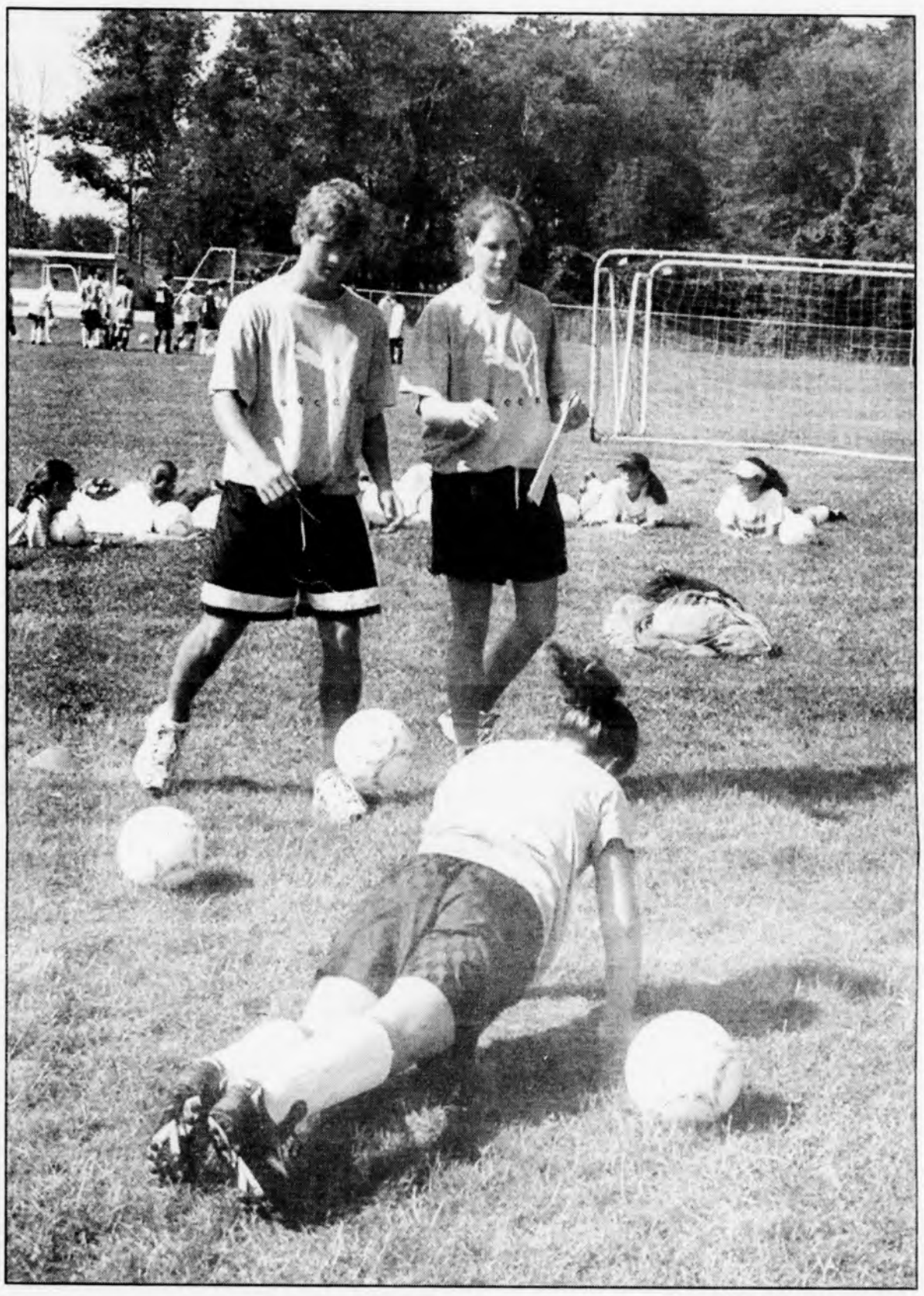






COHASSET SPORTS

'DROP AND GIVE ME 20'



STAFF PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Morgan Sandell and Katie Ross are all business as they put campers through their paces at the South Shore Soccer Camp.

Chip off the old block

Pustizzi shoots for golf success on PGA Junior Tour

By David McKee
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to playing golf, there's no slowing down 15-year-old Joe Pustizzi. The Hingham High sophomore and son of PGA professional Joe Pustizzi Sr., recently suffered a cut on his left hand while working at his job at the Cohasset Golf Club. However, a couple stitches later and a bandage or two and Pustizzi was good to go.

Club by posting a score of three over. Currently he is in seventh place in the Junior PGA standings after 13 events.

"I need a good finish, maybe even a couple first's in the last three tournaments to move up a spot," Pustizzi said. "But I'm going to give it my best and see what happens."

During the junior tournaments Pustizzi regularly competes against 30 different players. And even



Joe Pustizzi

In fact, Pustizzi, who has won two events on the New England Junior PGA Tour this summer, will play in the final three tour events over the next two weeks. And if he can manage a couple solid finishes, he has an outside chance to finish among the top six and earn a spot in the New England Junior PGA championship finals.

"The cut's no big deal even though it was a little bloody," Pustizzi said. "I cut my hand in a ball washer but I'll be fine. I shot a round of golf on Tuesday and it was no problem."

Pustizzi, who stands 5' 7" and weighs 120 pounds, recently won first place at the junior event at the Leo Martin course in Weston after he shot a round of two under. He also captured first place at the event at the Bay Point Country

though every player is trying to put up the best possible score, there is great sportsmanship among the golfers.

"We have a lot of fun together," Pustizzi said. "We're out there trying to beat each other but we don't get too carried away. Everyone really enjoys the game and it's great fun and great competition."

Pustizzi, who can drive the ball 245 yards off the tee, credits his short game with helping him shoot low numbers on the links.

"My wedge play and my putting are pretty solid right now," he said. "And that's probably the best part of my game. I'm also pretty good with my woods but I need to work on my iron play."

Pustizzi began playing golf when

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Oceanside Bike Fest pedals by on Sept. 19

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Are you in the mood for a nice late-summer bike ride along some of the most scenic spots on the South Shore with a couple hundred of your nearest and dearest friends while raising funds for a great cause?

Has the National Multiple Sclerosis Society got an offer for you on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Spots are still open for the 10th annual MS Oceanside Bike Fest 98, a one-day bike tour that begins and ends at the Middle School in Duxbury and includes many other local communities such as Pembroke, Kingston, Scitauate, Cohasset and Marshfield in the 25-, 50- or 100-mile trecks.

The 100-mile ride will begin at 8 a.m. while the 50-mile journey sets off an hour later and the 25-mile tour of Duxbury will start at 11 a.m.

Registration begins one hour before each ride.

Money raised from the event will be added to the ongoing funding efforts to find a cure for multiple sclerosis, a disease which has more than 9,000 cases just in Massachusetts and New Hampshire alone according to Sharon Turner, the Director of Development for the Southeastern region of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

MS is a chronic, often disabling disease of the Central Nervous System. Symptoms can be as mild as numbness in the limbs or severe such as paralysis or loss of vision.

Most people are diagnosed with the disease between the ages of 20-year-old and 40-years-old but the unpredictable physical and emotional effects of MS can be life-long.

According to the MS Society, the progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted , but advances in research and treatment are giving hope to those affected by the disease.

More than $100,000 was raised from the event last year. Expectations this year are that as much as $115,000 would be raised by the 500 to 600 bikers who will take part in the ride..

"We're a little bit behind last year's

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Pustizzi shoots for golf success on PGA Junior Tour

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he was very young. And even though his father is a teaching professional, he never felt any pressure to play the game. In fact during the winter, Pustizzi competes for the indoor track team at Hingham High. In the spring, he plays for the HHS golf team.

"My dad let me do my own thing and never forced me into golf," Pustizzi said. "But when I showed some interest he would help me if I asked. And he is great to work with because he really knows the game."

He said his dad has been working on his ball position and stance of late.

"My dad keeps things pretty simple when he works with people," Pustizzi said. "He doesn't get overly technical and stresses the basics."

In addition to working with his father, Pustizzi also works on his game the PGA professionals at the Cohasset Golf Club (George Deitz and Rick Altham.)

Pustizzi has short term goals of helping the HHS golf team compete for a state championship over the next three years. His long term goal is to play golf in college.

"I play whenever I can," he said. "Golf is a such a fun sport and every day something new happens. And right now I just want to play as much as I can and keep having fun."

Pustizzi lives in Hingham with his parents Joe and Judy. He has an older sister Lacey and a younger sister Loni.

Oceanside Bike Fest pedals by on Sept. 19

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participation but we have every confidence that we will be able to make our goal," said Turner. "It's a event that people look forward to taking part in."

Of the money raised 40 percent will go to national research and program development while the other 60 percent will stay local in administrative and fundraising costs as well as programs such as support groups for people and families dealing with the disease and an upcoming "vacation week" for patients in Connecticut.

The start and finish for all the rides have always been held in Duxbury near the Middle School on St. George Street. According to Turner that's not just by coincidence.

"We've always started the race in Duxbury and I don't see where that's going to change. It's the perfect setting for something like the Oceanside Bike Fest. It's a great community that always comes out and supports the event," said Turner. "Duxbury, as well as the whole South Shore, is just so beautiful this time of the year. The weather always seems to be nice and the riders come back year after year because of the scenery along the route.

"We see a lot of the same people each year coming back to the ride just because of the tremendous scenery along the roadside."

As with any bike outing, safety will be a top priority with the Bike Fest. All riders receive a safety instruction packet before the event and all riders will have to wear their helmets.

Turner added that the ride course will be well-marked and there will be refreshment stands as well as medical stations along the ride route.

Besides a luncheon at the end of the ride, all participants will also receive a T-shirt from the event.

"It's a great time for a great cause," said Turner. "We'd like to see everyone come out and support the riders."

Registration for the event is $25 and riders are asked to raise a minimum of $50 in donations, which can be brought the day of the race or mailed to the local MS Society office by Oct. 9.

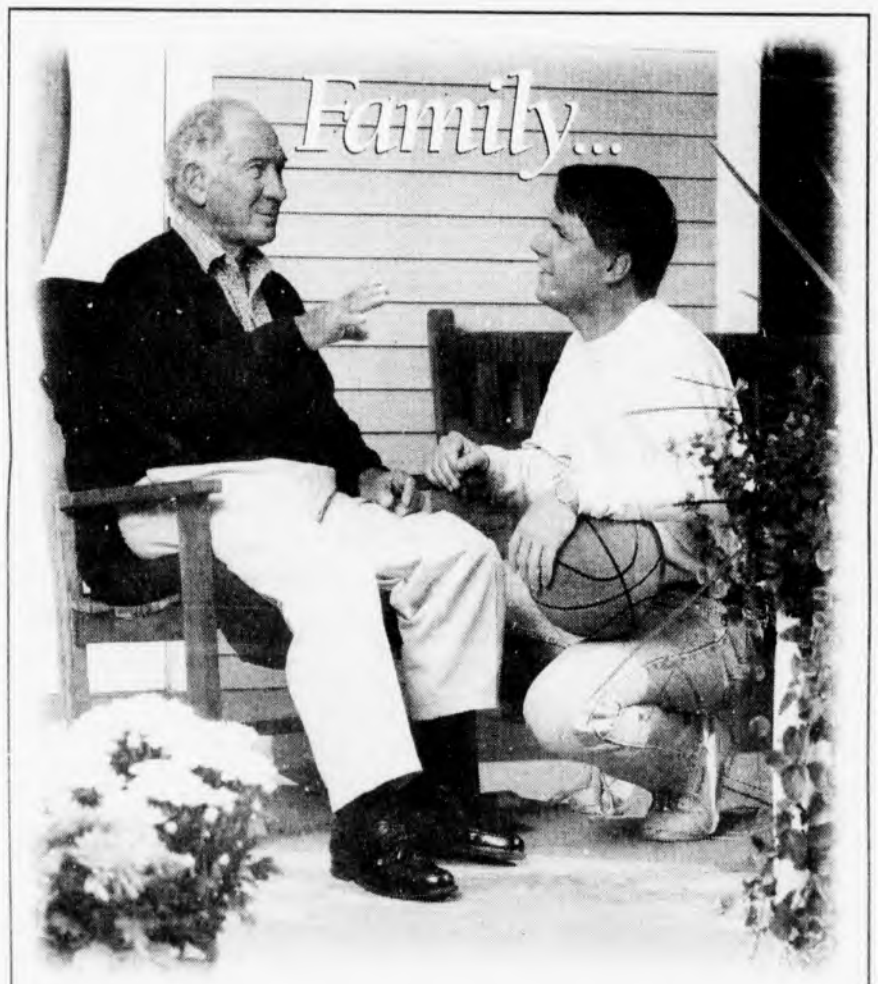
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For more information you can also call the Oceanside Bike Fest Hotline at (508) 291-2169.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Cohasset Sailing Club hosts annual Awards Day

The Cohasset Sailing Club closed its 38th summer of teaching, sailing, racing and sportsmanship on Cohasset harbor on Sunday with the presentation of the season's achievement and racing awards.

In the first-year Sailor Class Excellence Awards went to: Amanda Daley, Tristan Norman, Toby Norman and Kelsey Bell. Most-Improved Awards went to: Mia Lieb-Lappen, Ben Bolster, Matty O'Connell and Ben Libby.

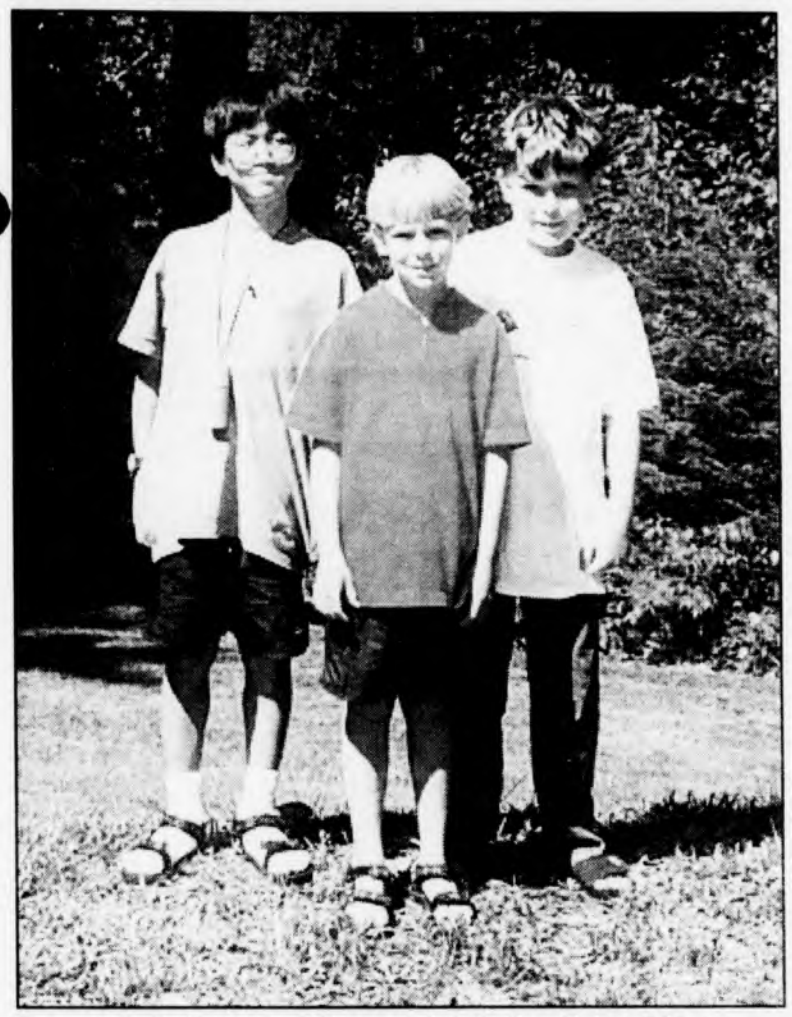
In the second-year Mate Class, Excellence Awards went to: Jake Previte, Mike Hajjar, John DeGruchy and Caroline Henderson. Most-Improved Awards went to: Laura Marks, Joey Kehoe, Courtney Hurley and Evan Sacks.

Third-year Skippers receiving Excellence Awards were: Phil Strazzula and Elisa Jerome. Most-Improved Skippers were: Cosimo Kambi and Kelly Hurley.

In the fourth-year Captain and fifth-year Sailing Master Classes, Excellence Awards went to: Betsy Reynolds, Steve Laney, Eric Libby and Jay Bertovich. Most-Improved Awards went to: Greg O'Connell and Tom Anderson, Courtney

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GO FISH!



They may look all sweet and innocent, but don't get into a fishing contest with these young anglers. Cohasset's Ryan Kucinski (far right) and friends Eric and Alex Stengrevics recently reeled in a 25 lb., 39-inch striper off "The Rhumba" in Provincetown. In true team effort, these avid fisherman passed the rod amongst themselves before winning the battle with the prized catch.

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Anton and Martha Henderson.

Recipient of the Herb Towle Award for the junior sailor who makes the greatest overall contribution to Club activities and sets an example for Club values was Peter Maitland.

SEASON RACE RESULTS

Congdon Trophy

First place: Jay Bertovich and Peter Maitland; second place: Martha Henderson and Jenny Daily and third place: Owen McDonald and John DeGruchy.

Match Racing

First place: Betsy Reynolds; second place: Julie Shea and third place: Jake Kovach.

Wasser Cup

First place: Betsy Reynolds, Rachel McElroy and Laura Genelo; second place: Elisa Jerome, Rachel Doyle and Danielle Pinkus and third place: Martha Henderson and Courtney Anton.

Stanton Series

First place: Cunningham family; second place: Oftshun family and third place: Deutsch family.

Adult Harbor Race

Race One: The team of Jane Henderson and Carol Runey passed the second place team of Joan Kovach and Bob Cunningham at the leeward mark and hung on for a narrow victory.

Race Two: The team of Ann and Cliff Musto blew away the rest of the fleet in a stunning, upset victory in the last race in the 1998 season.

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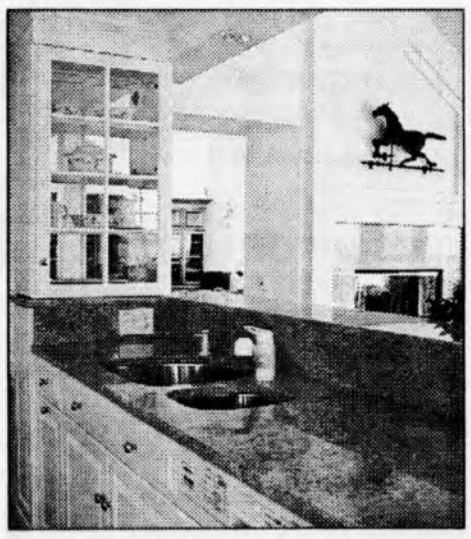
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OBITUARIES

John L. Williams Jr.

John L. "Jack" Williams Jr., 49, a resident of Cohasset for 22 years, formerly of Tennessee and Scituate, died suddenly Monday, Aug. 24, at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth.

Mr. Williams was born in Pittsburg, Pa., son of Mary Belle (Strickler) and the late John L. Williams. He attended Etowah High School in Tennessee, U/Mass Boston and Wesleyan College.

He served in the Coast Guard for four years in Scituate.

He was employed as a mail carrier in Scituate for 24 years.

Mr. Williams was a lifelong member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion Post, Cohasset.

He leaves his wife Vicky H. (Bates); and two sons, J. L. Williams and Garrett B. Williams, both of Cohasset.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, Aug. 28, at 10 a.m. at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset. The Rev. Gary Ritts will officiate. Interment will be private.

Visiting hours are Thursday, 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m., at the McNamara/Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

LIBRARY CORNER

Party in the children's room

A "Make Your Own Sundae" party will be held Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 2 p.m. for all children who participated in this summer's "Unlock the Mystery" reading program. Come in and enjoy the end of summer with a bowl of your favorite ice cream and delicious toppings! All children who participated in the reading program should pick up their key rings and take them home at this time.

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Wildlife center walkathon slated

A walkathon and festival to benefit the wildlife of New England are planned for Sunday, Sept. 27, in Bare Cove Park, Hingham. The event is being sponsored by the New England Wildlife Center to bring public awareness to the plight of wildlife and habitats that suffer at the hand of man's activities.

The walk and festival will include music, entertainment, live animal demonstrations and educational events about wildlife and habitats. The center is seeking walkers and sponsors for this worthy event.

For more information, call the center at (781) 749-1248.

Art classes at Aisling Gallery

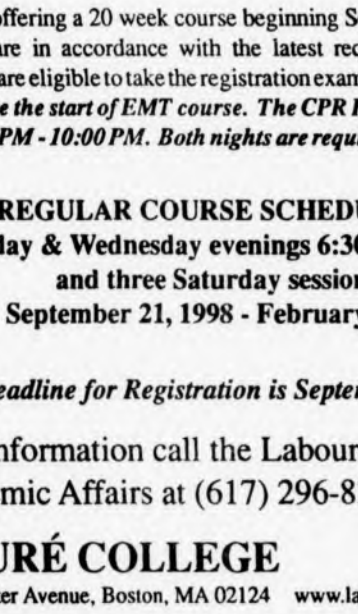
The Aisling Gallery of Hingham is again offering as a part of its cultural program the well received BODHRAN CLASS this September starting Wednesday the 16th. Due to the overwhelming response in the past, the class is limited to 10 students. taught by Robert Condon, a member of the Comhaltas Ceoltori, Eireann, the classes are 8 weeks for both beginner and intermediate/advanced starting at 7 p.m. for the beginner and 8:15 p.m. for the advanced. It is recommended that those wishing to take the classes pre-register to ensure a place in the class. The last class sent 2 of its students to the international All Ireland Fleadh in Ballina County Mayo. For further information call the Aisling Gallery 229 Lincoln St., Hingham 02043, (781) 749-0555.

Request program to end Cohasset carillon series

Sally Slade Warner, carillonneur of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Cohasset, will play the final recital in the 74th Annual Summer Carillon Recital Series on the 57-bell Cohasset Carillon. The program will take place Sunday evening, Aug. 30, rain or shine. Featured will be requests submitted previously by listeners, as well as a selection of original carillon music, popular tunes, hymns and transcriptions of works for other musical media.

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Library story hour

Registration for the preschool story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library will be accepted beginning Sept. 1. Story hours will be held Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m. Sept. 17 and 24, Oct. 1, 22, 29 and Nov. 5. Another session will be held Friday mornings at 10 a.m., Sept. 18 and 25, Oct. 2, 23, 30 and Nov. 6. Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3-1/2 years of age to participate. To register, call the children's room at 383-1348.

New books on tape

Suzanne Terry, children's librarian at Paul Pratt, announces a new selection of more than 20 unabridged recorded books. These books on tape range from the classics, "Little Women," by Louisa May Alcott, to "Matilda," by Roald Dahl. There are also great modern "soon to be" classics, "Julie of the Wolves," by Newbury medal winner Jean Craighead George; "Island of the Blue Dolphin," by Scott O'Dell; and "Ballard of Lucy Whipple," by award-winning author Karen Cushman. Other popular titles include Beverly Cleary's "Dear Mr. Henshaw." All the selections are great for vacation travel and appeal to a wide range of readers. They are available for one week circulation through the library.

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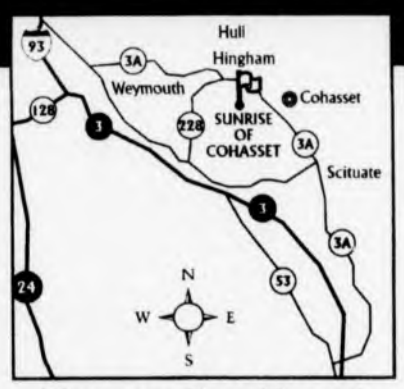

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Dreamer desired by SF, 43, trim, active, creative writer. Seeking in-shape SM, 40-50, 5'10"+, who enjoys bicycling, the beach and weekend fun. Must be openhearted and ready for anything. ☎30000

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Lively WWWF, 5'3", brown/brown, part-time nanny. Enjoy oldies, dancing, dining out, beach walks and drives. Seeking a S/D/WWWM, 50-60. Hope to hear from you. ☎30029

Mid-cape looker, DWF, 51, 5'5", 150 lbs, seeks S/DWM, n/s, who enjoys kayaking, gardening, outdoors (beaches to mountains), traveling, movies. Desires physically fit, honest, down-to-earth for relationship. Should be teenager tolerant. ☎30111

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Romantic Lady, early 50s, medium build, enjoy Cape Cod, travel, beaches, et cetera. Looking for a sincere, nonsmoking, romantic SM for partner. ☎30022

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SWF, 55, looking for someone to share times with. ☎30002

SWF, brown hair, brown eyes, enjoy dining, sports and dancing. Seeking a SWM, 40-62, for possible companionship and relationship. ☎30014

Tall, attractive, DWCF, 54. Enjoys outdoors, walking, casual dining and quiet evenings at home. Seeks S/DWCM, n/s, n/d. Life is not easy sometimes, must be able to share feelings and have fun. ☎30046

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Are you ready for a charismatic, pretty, fit, sexy SJF, 41? Seeking SM, 38-52, who's fit, affectionate, adventurous, fun, for steamy long-term relationship. ☎40221

Attractive, slim SWF, 39, ISO a nice, attractive, fit and outgoing SBM, 35-45, with a sense of humor, who enjoys travel and sports. ☎40138

Attractive BF, 25, 5'5", short black hair, beautiful brown eyes, intelligent, independent, down-to-earth, fun-loving. Love cooking, travel and movies. Seeking a down-to-earth, adventurous, intelligent, hardworking, sincere, nonsmoking WM. No drugs. ☎40134

Attractive, slim, upbeat SWF, enjoy life in the city, many interests. Seeking a professional, financially secure SWM, 55-60s, nonsmoker, with similar interests. ☎40019

Attractive, easygoing. Why is an attractive, professional, slender, 30-year-old mom of one looking for a date? Well, if you're an attractive, tall, professional Male, 32-40, please give me a call and find out! ☎40003

Attractive, affectionate, outgoing redhead, 46, 5'3", 140 lbs, professional, enjoy mountain views, walks in the woods, ocean waves, books, theater and music. Seeking Male with positive sense of self and humor, for friendship and more. ☎40004

Attractive redhead, 41, look 31, fit, intelligent, like alternative and progressive rock. Seeking a hip Male, 38 plus, average height and weight, with hair. ☎40024

Attractive, young 52, no children. Love the outdoors, day trips and conversation. Seeking a fit, positive, honest, nonsmoking Gentleman for a long-term relationship. ☎40025

Attractive 52-year-old Woman looking for a Male companion who will accept a warm, outdoorsy animal lover who's willing to give kindness, honesty and friendship. ☎40031

Attractive, athletic, active Female, 30s, brown hair and eyes, very fit, petite, healthy and confident. Enjoy exercise, tennis, kids, movies, dancing, reading, a good sense of humor. Seeking attractive S/DWM, 28-40, 5'9"+, n/s, with similar interests. ☎35000

Attractive, petite DWF, young 47, intelligent, fun and love to dance. Looking for the same in a Male. Boston area. ☎35013

Attractive White Female, 41, 5'2", 145 lbs, blonde/hazel, seeking a good-looking, free-spirited, animal-loving, jeans wearing, Harley Davidson kind of Guy. ☎35024

Attractive, caring WJF, 60s, financially independent and full of fun. Love tennis, golf, bridge, travel and whatever. Seeking a Gentleman with a good sense of humor. ☎35005

Attractive, educated, European Female, 5'5", 135 lbs, seeking a nonsmoking, nondrinking, handsome, professional SAM, 35+, into classical music, for friendship and more. ☎40159

Attractive and classy. DWF flight attendant, 38, 5'5", 110 lbs, blonde, upbeat, positive. Love golf, boating and tennis. Seeking a stable, attractive, sensitive SWM soulmate, 38-55, for a long-term relationship. ☎40132

Attractive (very), redhead, (long, curly), 5'4", 125 lbs, SJF, into fitness, natural foods, alternative and progressive rock, educated. Seeks SM, 38+, 5'7" to 6', fit, with hair, clean-shaven preferred, politically liberal and hip. ☎40203

Attractive, 35, SWF, slim, accomplished, successful, enjoys running, tennis, outdoors, jazz, dining out, book stores, travel, adventure, museums. Seeking SWM, 35-47, professional, tall, 6'+, financially secure, for great relationship. Back Bay. ☎40218

Austin Female, 56, 5'11", short black hair, brown eyes, people say I look like Liz Walker (Channel 4 News Lady). Seeking a WM for friendship, maybe more. ☎40129

Azure, alizarin, uncultivated August wildflower, early fifth generative decade, seeking spirited self-aware, adventurous complement to develop unique, prized hybrid. ☎35003

Beautiful JF, 42, 5'3", 110 lbs, fit, love the finer things in life, all that nature has to offer. Seeking handsome, fit, financially secure JM, 38-50, who likes himself. Metro West. ☎40017

Beauty, brains, truly very attractive F, youthful, 50-ish, n/s, fit, works out, fun-loving, earthy. Seeks soulmate, honest, youthful, secure, 43-60. ☎40249

Black Afro queen, petite, attractive and full of life. Seeking a handsome, sincere, caring, healthy, professional Male for short walks and movies. ☎35034

Blonde SWF, 38, attractive medical professional, enjoy healthy lifestyle, outdoor and social activities, extended family and humor. Looking for a handsome, active, honest, marriage-minded SWM, 35-45. ☎35014

Blue jean baby, Birkenstock Girl, plus-sized Woman seeking true companionship. SWF, 33, love reading, movies, ethnic dining and most cultural activities. I speak a little Spanish. ☎40150

Breathtaking JF, professional, exciting, classy, alluring, and passionate. Seeks handsome, happy, romantic, sensitive, successful, n/s, 45+ JM. ☎40173

Caring, compassionate White Widowed Female, 63, 5'11", blonde/blue, attractive, n/s, social drinker, like theater, camping, dining out, movies and tv. Seeking tall, romantic Gentleman for friend, companion, possible loving long-term relationship. ☎35020

Charming, educated DWF, northern European-American transplant, full of life, sense of humor, health-conscious, like to travel. Seeking DWM, 50-60, who's interested in culture, secure emotionally and financially, for friendship maybe more. ☎40011

Chinese-American DF, professional, 50, 5'9", seeking a well-educated, French-speaking S/DWM companion, 50+, 6'+, to enjoy fine dining, operas, concerts and ballroom dancing. ☎40167

Come play with me. Join my 50th celebration. Petite SWF is ready to share a fulfilling relationship as I rejoice in my 50th year. ☎35011

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

1st time ad. SWM, 32, looking for someone, 32-43, to star-gaze with, walks on the beach, conversation, have dinner and have fun. Romance first, possible LTR, n/drugs. ☎30104

26-year-old, SM, 6', 170 lbs, brown/hazel, open-minded, highly value communication, seeking Woman who wants to be treated like a Lady and be taken care of, for long-term relationship, friends first. ☎30074

38-year-old SM, 5'7", brown/green, 160 lbs, enjoy hiking, fishing and traveling. Seeking a down-to-earth WF, 28-40, with similar interests. ☎30033

Adventuresome? Easygoing? Optimistic? Interested in boating, skiing, walking, art museums, travel? We should meet! Attractive, slim PSWM, n/s, 51. ☎30086

Athletic, articulate PWM, 6', 215 lbs, seeks SWF, 28-40, open-minded, imaginative, appreciates strong-minded, assertive Man with great sense of humor. ☎30089

Available SWM, Catholic, 31, Italian, 5'8", brown/blue, 160 lbs, quiet, kind person. I like quiet times, travel, music and more. Seeking SWF, Catholic, 24-30, petite, enjoys quiet times. South Shore area. ☎30110

Caring SWM, 42, 6'1", totally at peace with himself, old fashioned values, loves children. Seeks S/DF who still enjoys being treated special. Have many interests to share with that special person. ☎30085

Caring, honest, secure, affectionate, fit, professional WM seeking a happy, loving, romantic, playful, lifetime friend and lover, 52-60, to share romance, outdoors, dancing, travel and the beach. ☎30011

Caring, humorous, compassionate DWM, 59, 5'6", 140 lbs, black/brown, athletic, health conscious, nonsmoker, enjoys beach walks, summertime, dancing. Seeking attractive Female, 45-58, nonsmoker, for dating, possible long-term commitment and marriage. ☎30075

Civil War buff. Retired Single Gentleman, 72, disabled American veteran, seeking a kind WF. ☎30032

College-educated, Plymouth area SWM, 42, 5'10", casual life style, enjoys bicycling, sailing, arts. Seeking SWF, 30-42, n/s, with similar interests. ☎30078

Dance with me. Young-looking SWM, brown/brown, college grad, good-looking, good personality. Videos, model railroading, ISO SF, 18-33, for serious LTR. ☎30059

Divorced, broke, looking anyway. DWM, 48, medium build, n/s, n/d, outdoor Guy. Have a real job, no bills. Are you tall, thin, ready to meet a nice Guy? ☎30036

Dream lover, come rescue me! Warm, caring, sensitive and compassionate DWM, 50, young, very fit, active, 5'6", 145 lbs. Seeking a down-to-earth WF for my best friend and a long-term relationship. ☎30026

DWM, 36, slim, good-looking, easygoing, good person, one-Woman Man. Enjoys outdoors, movies and being with you. ISO slender, attractive, affectionate Woman. ☎30072

Earth sign, eclectic, witty, well-built, professional DWM, 40s, 5'11", enjoy astrology, personal growth, outdoors, day trips, quiet times, the simpler things. Seeking S/DWF 38-48, similar interests, for possible relationship. Plymouth area. ☎30021

Expect an exceptional lifetime partner. Tall, handsome Christian, chaste, fit, leader, 35, desires skinny, Christian Woman with small features, morals and personality, for lifetime of adventure, passion and purpose. Michigan. ☎30035

Falmouth Male, 61, 5'11", 145 lbs, retired military, no bad habits. Seeking a soulmate. Enjoy all of life. ☎30024

Fun-loving DWM, 26, 5'8", 165 lbs, Single dad, seeking professional S/DWF, 25-33, to share fun times, laughter, movies, camping and road trips. Must like Nickelodean. ☎30027

Good looks for a late 60s WM, enjoys cooking, walking, dancing, playing Blackjack, plus. Good sense of humor, 6'3", trim and positive thinking, seeking attractive, well-proportioned, 5'4"+ DWF. ☎30053

Good Man, good heart! SBM, 32, 5'9", 180 lbs, professional cook, enjoys movies, biking, dining in, R/B, seeking SF, slim to medium build, very shapely, with similar interests. Race, age unimportant. ☎30084

Haunted by mysteries of life, intrigued by fears of the heart, drama, joy, illusion, romance, laughter. Being is simple or complicated as we make it. If you're a thinking Gal, call. ☎30043

Humanist SWM, 69, 5'10", 145 lbs, n/s, retired social worker, Hawaiian snow bird, boating, swimming, hiking, antique autos, sing-along songs, dislike rock. Seeking slim, attractive, unencumbered Lady. Upper to mid-Cape preferred. ☎30012

I am Portuguese and Italian, medium build, brown/brown, 165 lbs. Interests: cars, four-wheel drive, cooking, dancing, pool, movies, auto mechanics, social smoker/drinker, 6-year-old son. Military technician, seeking Woman, 30-50. ☎30044

I'm looking for a fit, attractive S/DWF for friendship, possible relationship. DWM, 35, considered attractive, fun to be with, loves beach, dining, movies. Take a chance, give me a call. ☎30112

Intelligent, artistic, adventurous, easygoing, handsome Man, seeks to meet beautiful, laughing Woman, mid-30s. ☎30054

Kissed enough frogs? Humorous SWM, 32, 5'9", 180 lbs, brown/brown, attractive, foreman of contracting company, homeowner, never married, no kids, likes sports, quiet movies at home, occasional bar bands, social drinker. ☎30068

Let's get together. SWM, 59, looking for SWF, similar age, who's up front, likes dancing, romancing, music, traveling, singing, eating in and out, full of fun and happiness, no children. ☎30057

Looking for Ms. Right. SWM, 22, 5'4", 130 lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys Star Trek, going to movies. ISO a SF, 18-23, for romance. Leave message. ☎30094

Man of integrity. DWPCM, 51, n/s, n/d, 5'8", 175 lbs, fit, believes in commitment, likes outdoors, movies, sports, romance, Christian music. Seeks attractive Woman, 40-48, H/W/P, with similar interests, commitment to Jesus. ☎30092

Mid Cape area. SWM, 50, 5'11", 185 lbs, sincere, fun-loving, loves the outdoors, long walks on the beach and just talking. Seeking the same in a nice Lady, for companionship and good times. ☎30048

New to town. BM, 33, seeks to meet honest, sincere Lady with humor, age unimportant, who likes the fun things in life, for friendship. First-time ad. ☎30113

One-Woman Man, black hair, brown eyes, 41, in great shape. Love body building and trying new things. Seeking work out partner in petite Lady, 36-42, family-oriented, old-fashioned morals. Kids great. ☎30051

Outer Cape area. Professional, tall, dark, handsome SWM, brown/brown, honest, sincere and easygoing, like outdoors, camping, ocean, car rides and travel. Seeking great, height and weight proportionate SWF for fun, companionship. ☎30019

Practicing Catholic. SWM, 39, seeking SWF, 28-40, also a practicing Catholic. Enjoy outdoors during the summer and quiet evenings at home, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Cape Cod, South Shore area. ☎30013

Professional, attractive, athletic DWM, 40, looks younger, enjoys boating, movies, dining. Looking for sincere, attractive, fit Female, 30-38. No head games, please. ☎30061

Professional SWM, nonsmoker, enjoys sports, travel, day trips. Looking for slender, nonsmoking SWF, 45-55, who is honest, open and looking for a long-term relationship. ☎30062

Professional WM, 41, romantic, attentive and imaginative companion looking for same. Broad-minded, equally at home in museums and the outdoors. Want to learn about your interests and share mine. ☎30064

Recently retired Gentleman with easygoing disposition, love the ocean, enjoy dining and dancing. Would like to meet a happy-go-lucky Lady who shares the same interests. ☎30030

Recently Widowed WM, 64, trying to get on with life. Seeking companionship and friendship with attractive, slender WF, 50-60, n/drugs. Onset area. ☎30055

Rochester Male, youthful 58, 6', 180 lbs, retired military, neat, nice looks, graying, n/s, n/d, love the classics, seeking a soulmate. ☎30007

Romeo meets Juliet. Male, 22, 6', 185 lbs, brown/hazel. Looking for a relationship, possibly long-term. Enjoy boating, fishing, dancing, movies and walking on the beach. Looking for a SF, 22-29. ☎30023

Sagittarius sailor, wild eyes, great shape, sensitive, looking for an attractive, athletic sail mate, 28-38, for adventure and moonlit romance. Our little ship has enough room for skis and golf clubs. ☎30005

Save the summer. DWM, 48, 5'8", 165 lbs, three grown children, attractive, fun to be with, enjoy doing most things with the right person. ☎30066

Sincere and honest BM, 33, enjoys walks on the beach, nightclubs, and dining out. Seeks SCF, age and race unimportant, who enjoys the same. Honesty and sincerity important. ☎30106

SM, 70, 5'5", 145 lbs, enjoy dancing, walking, bike riding, swimming and listening to jazz. Seeking a fun Lady. ☎30004

South Shore. 5'10", 180 lbs, normal Guy, self-employed, would like to meet someone interested in dining, beaches, movies, long walks and dancing. ☎30071

SWM, 50, homeowner, handsome, young-looking, 6'2", 190 lbs, n/s, educated. Enjoys animals, outdoors, music. ISO Female, H/W/P, 40-50, n/s, with similar interests. Casual friends first, for Rollerblading along canal. ☎30114

Tall, dark and handsome SWM, 34, 6'2", enjoy all the usual stuff, yada, yada, yada. Seeking an attractive SF, 25-37, n/s. ☎30006

Two for the price of one. DWM, 37, 6', 165 lbs, blonde/brown, 4-year-old son, likes saltwater sport fishing, biking, travel. ISO F, 27-37, n/drugs, smoking ok, who enjoys the same interests. ☎30105

Two thumbs up. Humorous, creative, fun, sensitive, communicative, sweet and cute. SWM, 37, 5'11", 170 lbs, desires smart, pretty, curvaceous SF, 21-40. ☎30050

Very attractive WM, fine artist, 31, brown/bedroom eyes, honest and sincere, seeks open-minded F friend to soak up the sun at secluded Cape beaches. ☎30079

Very handsome, blue-eyed White Male, 40, selective, honest, sane, financially secure. Seeking extremely pretty, shapely Spanish or Black Female, 25-38. ☎30087

Very tall, slim, attractive, intelligent, professional SWM, 45, teacher, artist, very creative and sensual. Seeks slim Woman, 30-40, pretty, tall, professional, intelligent, seeking long-term relationship. ☎30065

Walks by the sea, dancing until dawn. SJM, 53, 5'9", seeking a financially secure Jewish Lady, 40s-50s, to join me. ☎30037

Young-at-heart, DWM, 45, 5'10", 170 lbs, dark complexion, black/brown, mustache, dimples, attractive, easygoing, romantic, compassionate, friendly, and fun. Enjoys movies, dining out, concerts, theater, cooking, quiet times, and guitar playing. Seeking S/DWF, 35-45, for friendship and possible LTR. ☎30096

22, SJM, 6', college grad, spontaneous, intelligent, sensual, open-minded. Seeks intelligent, attractive SWF, 18-28, with quirky humor. ☎96534

A really nice, attractive Guy. Young-looking DWM, close to 50, financially secure and fun, seeking the right young-looking, slim, very attractive Female, 35-48, to share dance, travel, dining and things. ☎40104

Absolutely believable. Seeking wife. SWM, 40, 5'11", 165 lbs, brown hair and brown eyes, moustache, very versatile, hard worker, fit. Seeking thin, marriage-minded Female, 30-35, for a long-term relationship. ☎40055

Adventurous, handsome, successful, young, fit DWM, 41, 5'11", 180 lbs, blue eyes, n/s, professional. Love spontaneity, travel, candlelit dinners, good wine, champagne, concerts, theater, music, dancing, summers on the beach. Needham. ☎40089

Affable, compassionate, erudite SWM, 43, wishes SF, 29-49, musicologist, traveler, skier and bon vivant would put down her espresso and biscotti and answer this advertisement. Anglophile and cineast. Call now. ☎40067

Ain't about doin'...all about feelin'... SJM, 54, 5'9", great shape/looks/attitude, and modest, emotionally available, seeks n/s, slim, emotionally available SJF for loving, dancing, sharing, caring. Call now. ☎40072

Alive and kicking. DWM, 37, 6'3", 170 lbs, professional, handsome, full of energy and life, love kids, animals, the outdoors, family and meeting new people. Single moms encouraged. Metro West preferred. ☎40133

Amazing hairy beast, seeks owner. Light-brown, graying snout, 50, 160 lbs, 5'6", blue, friendly, fit, loyal, intelligent, knows many tricks, housebroken, loves children. Cambridge. ☎40232

Appreciates touch, eye contact, emotional responsiveness, verbal and nonverbal communication. Playful, tender, musical, youthful, spiritual idealist seeking a slender, similar soul, 30-45, for an intimate, loving partnership. ☎40164

Asian-American/WF sought by attractive, athletic, personable, fun SWM, 41, 5'9", 170 lbs, n/s, with a neat appearance. I enjoy sports, music, arts, the outdoors and travel. ☎40152

Athletic, amiable, attractive SWM, 35, 6'1", 195 lbs, dark-blue, professional, hard-working and playing, enjoys travel, art, sports, water, dancing, animals, adventure, sun, seeking tall, professional, elegant SWF to enjoy life's finer things. ☎40180

Athletic, handsome, professional DM wishes for friendship with a fit, attractive WF, 35-45. Hoping my voice touches your heart so I might have this dance for the rest of my life. ☎40126

Attention: Woman of physical strength. Muscular, strong and athletic Female, over 5'6", and over 135 lbs, sought by this athletic SWM, 35 for sports, cuddling and wrestling. ☎40125

Attractive, professional SWM, 35, 6'1", strong family values, honesty, sincerity. Interest include, fitness, dining out, sports, travel, and music. Seeking attractive SWF, 30-38 with similar interests for possible LTR. ☎40184

Attractive, 43-year-old WM, 5'10", 175 lbs, brown/blue, athletic and well-educated. Looking for an attractive, dark HF, 26-42, for a long-term relationship, possibly marriage. ☎40116

Attractive DWM, 39, 5'10", fit fun, sincere, sociable, open-minded, enjoys dancing, movies, and travel. Seeking attractive, fit, n/s WF, 30-40, for a healthy relationship. ☎40172

Attractive, romantic SWM, 36, 5'9", 185 lbs, sincere, down-to-earth. Enjoy working out, travel, dancing and comedy. Seeking a SF, 25-35, with similar interests. ☎40148

Available now! Metrowest, down-to-earth, professional DJM, one son, 39, n/s, fit, 5'4", likes movies, biking, skiing, hiking, seeks S/DWF, 35-42, for fun and who knows. ☎40160

Baby hunger? Handsome, healthy SWM, 45, 5'9", Irish, Catholic, youthful, fun, fit, kind, romantic, sincere, successful, spiritual, twelve steps. Seeking slender soulmate and best friend who's ready to start a family! ☎40122

Bam Bam seeking Pebbles. No Dinos, please. WM, 30, 6'2", 220 lbs, blonde/blue, love sports and kids. Seeking a spontaneous, attractive and outgoing Female to share laughs. ☎35053

Best friend wanted. Accomplished, athletic, loyal DWM, 40, 6', brown/blue, clean, healthy, seeking a slender, blonde, blue-eyed Female, 28-40, for nature, sports, motorcycle rides, honesty, passion, best friend. Plus: Route 93 North area. ☎40057

Black gold. SBM, 38, handsome, artist, seeking a SBF, nonsmoker, in good shape, for fun in the sun, romance under the stars and adventure all year round. ☎40046

Blue-eyed blonde, 6', looking for friend, good partner, to have fun with. Working out and in good physical condition is a plus. ☎40174

Boston professional, businessman SWM, 6'1", fit, romantic, upbeat, n/s. Seeking a professional, athletic, beautiful and smart S/DWF, 34-44. ☎40081

Boyish figure? SWM, 43, broad shoulders, seeking attractive, petite, younger Woman for long-term, exciting relationship. ☎40192

Brains and brawn. Ruggedly handsome, athletic, professional SWM, 43, 5'10", salt and pepper/blue, trim moustache/beard, n/s. ISO smart, stunning, athletic SWF, 25-35, for LTR, possible marriage/children. ☎40189

Brave, eternal optimist SWM, 30s, 5'9", 180 lbs, brown/brown, attractive, honest, affectionate and passionate, love kids, my family, sports and animals, especially my two puppies. Seeking something magical. ☎40086

Carefree travel sought with enlightened, practical, educated, funky Female. Me: fit WM, 32, Seinfieldian but kind, irreverent designer. Exotic destinations, plus platonic romance. Intrigued? ☎40101

Caring, handsome, warmhearted SWM, 38, 6'1", 205 lbs, brown/green. Enjoy movies, dining out, reading, cooking and day trips. Seeking attractive, bright, outgoing SWF, 30-45, for friendship, possible relationship. Prefer 617/781 area. ☎40091

Chinese American SM, who always keeps in good health, fit, follows Christian morals, seeks SWF, 20-30, with similar interests for friendship and more. ☎40220

Cultured SWM. I speak French and enjoy traveling, music, good conversation, movies, literature and much more. Seeking Asian or White Female, 25-40, who's sensitive, open-minded and stable, for possible relationship. ☎40056

Divorced White Male, 60, 195 lbs, average-looking, laid-back and easygoing. Seeking Black or White Female, 35-60, for friendship, companionship, long-term relationship. Prefer quiet evenings at home. Easily adjustable to any situation. ☎40040

DJM, 57, educated, slim, very attractive. Seeks relationship with mature, attractive, petite WF, 45-57. ☎40235

Domesticated SWM, 42, with feminine side, into travel, photography and Sox games. Seeking an understanding, assertive and open-minded Woman, 25-45. ☎40073

Down-to-earth, tall, ruggedly-built Italian Male, 40-ish, kind, caring and upbeat. Seeking a pretty, upbeat Woman for friendship, occasional coffee, conversation, dating and laughs! ☎35060

Down-to-earth SWM, 30s, quiet, enjoy occasionally dining out, movies, walking and reading. Looking for a down-to-earth SWF, 20-26, with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎40082

DWCM: 50-ish, 5'7", secure, Metro West businessman. Seeking Lady, 40-55, who shares evangelical Christian outlook on life, varied interests. ☎40099

DWM, 40-year-old mind and 52-year-old body, professional, well-educated, spontaneous and fun-loving. Seeking someone with a variety of interests. Like to go out, but enjoy quiet, quality time also. ☎40077

MEN SEEKING MEN

41-year-old GWM, 5'7", 157 lbs, hirsute, interested in meeting a similar Male, n/s, n/drugs, for enjoying life. No attitudes need apply. ☎30042

55-year-old SM, 5'11", 175 lbs, interests include hiking, biking, movies and dance. Seeking a Man in the South Shore or Penbrook area. ☎30008

Compatible Male. WM, 60-ish, n/s, 6', 175 lbs, discreet, enjoys varied activities. Upper Cape area a plus. ☎30056

Hairy chest, high and tight, ex-trucker, 40, 5'11", 200 lbs, brown/brown, seeking Man, preferable with tattoos, smooth chest and crew cut, for friendship and possible long-term relationship. ☎30060

Male seeking Male. Mid-30s, clean-cut Man looking for Man for shared interests, companionship, sincerity, honest heart, possible relationship. Serious inquires only! Try it! ☎30109

South shore GWM, 32, good-looking, brown/green, hairy, 200 lbs, seeks similar on south shore. ☎30073

WOMEN SEEKING WOMEN

5'4 1/2", SF, 41, enjoys biking, camping, beach, staying home; n/d, n/drugs. ISO SWF, 30-40s, n/drugs, n/drinker who enjoys the same. ☎30082

Adventurous, energetic, SGF, 35, seeks similar SGF, 25-48, for possible relationship. Enjoys cribbage, dining out, conversation, and music. Smokers are fine. ☎30097

SENIORS

Titian, blue-eyed DWF, n/s, Sagittarius, 70, best dancer class of 45. Love jazz, blues, Caribbean, ragtime. Enjoy high-tide ocean frolic, walking, gardening, baking. Also mingle and play cribbage. ☎30101

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Drug trafficking arrest made

As a result of a year-long investigation, Cohasset police arrested a Scituate man and charged him with drug trafficking.

At 9:15 p.m., Aug. 7, police arrested Peter F. Crowell, 46, of 27 Allen St. in the Stop & Shop parking lot where he was pulled over following a traffic violation. Crowell was found with 11 bags (15.2 grams) of cocaine with a street value of about $1,500, Det. Gregory Lennon said.

Police charged Crowell with trafficking in cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of cocaine, and failure to stay within marked lanes.

Crowell's 1995 Chevy pick-up was seized under drug forfeiture laws because it was allegedly used as a conveyance to facilitate the distribution of cocaine, Lennon said.

Under the law, the sales price of the vehicle will be split between the district attorney's office and Cohasset police.

If convicted, Crowell faces a minimum three-year prison sentence, said Lennon who declined to provide details of the investigation at this time.

Hull man charged for drugs possession

As the result of a simple traffic stop, police arrested John E. Davis, 45, of Hull and charged him with illegal possession of cocaine and hashish.

Det. Gregory Lennon said Davis was pulled over on King Street for failure to stay within marked lanes at 10:20 p.m., Friday Aug. 21. Lennon said he shined his flash light into the vehicle and saw the drugs. Davis was arraigned on the charges Aug. 24.

Youths arrested for alcohol violation

Police arrested two Cohasset youths early Friday morning following a report of a disturbance at the Little League field off North Main Street.

Charged with minor transporting alcohol are Adam Sheerin, 18, 391 Atlantic Ave., and Derek Bugley, 17, 16 Fernway.

Shortly after midnight, a call came into headquarters about a disturbance at the Little League field. Police responded to the scene and found the youths with beer present and made the arrests. In the dugout police found an array of empty beer bottles and three full bottles of Sam Adams Summer Ale.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 7

3:05 p.m. MV stop, S. Main St., verbal warning.

4:16 p.m. MVA, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigated, report taken.

5:11 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Border St., dispersed gathering.

7:56 p.m. Medical aid, Sohier St., removed to hospital.

8:20 p.m. General services, King St., departmental action.

8:49 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation issued.

8:54 p.m. General services, Fernway, departmental action.

8:56 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., verbal warning.

9:15 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. Arrest: Peter F. Crowell, DOB 6/9/52, 27 Allen St., Scituate. Charges: trafficking in cocaine, illegal possession of a Class B substance, poss. Class B sub. w. intent to distribute, failure to stay within marked lanes.

10:31 p.m. General services, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., area search negative.

11:16 p.m. Medial aid, Elm St., patient sign off.

11:40 p.m. Assist motorist, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. Arrest: Sandra L. Towle, DOB 11/3/49, 91 South Main St. A, Cohasset. Charges: possession of instrument to admin. controlled sub.

SATURDAY, AUG. 8

12:42 a.m. MV stop, Whitney Woods Ln., traffic citation, warning.

1:25 a.m. MV stop, Forest Ave., verbal warning.

2:13 a.m. Suspicious (other), Atlantic Ave., area search negative.

2:35 a.m. MV stop, Border St., verbal warning.

9:12 a.m. Medical aid, Reservoir Rd., removed to hospital.

9:50 a.m. General services, Sandy Beach, brought to station.

11:08 a.m. Animal complaint, Forest Notch, area search negative.

12:23 p.m. Disturbance, Elm St., services rendered.

1:19 p.m. Family disturbance, Pleasant St., peace restored.

3:16 p.m. Investigation, the Common, adv. contact pol. if rep.

4:50 p.m. Assist citizen, Harbor, services rendered.

8:45 p.m. Investigation, King St., referred to other agency.

9:33 p.m. MV stop, Sohier St., departmental action.

9:38 p.m. MV stop, Forest Ave., departmental action.

9:40 p.m. MV stop, Forest Ave., verbal warning.

10:16 p.m. MVA, Sohier St., investigated, report taken.

11:01 p.m. Assist citizen, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., referred to other agency.

11:28 p.m. Noise complaint, Government Island, services rendered.

11:30 p.m. Suspicious person, Aaron River Rd., departmental action.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

12:20 a.m. MV stop, Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd., traffic citation issued.

12:31 a.m. Assist citizen, Parker Ave., services rendered.

12:57 a.m. MV stop, Forest Ave. and North Main St., verbal warning.

1:05 a.m. Assist other PD, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., departmental action.

1:41 a.m. MV stop, Forest Ave. and Old Coach Rd., verbal warning.

1:48 a.m. MV stop, Forest Ave., departmental action.

1:55 a.m. Assist citizen, Red Gate Lane, canceled before arrival.

3:07 a.m. Noise complaint, Hillside Dr., departmental action.

12:05 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Cunningham Bridge, dispersed gathering.

1:31 p.m. Traffic safety inspection, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., services rendered.

4:26 p.m. Disturbance, general, Government Island, departmental action.

4:51 p.m. Assault, South Main St., departmental action.

5:24 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Border St., dispersed gathering.

5:31 p.m. General services, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., services rendered.

5:53 p.m. Reported death, Jerusalem Rd., investigated, report taken.

5:55 p.m. MV stop, North Main St., arrest: Jeffrey S. Keddy, DOB 9/9/77, 121 Narragansett Rd., Quincy. Charges: default warrant.

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7:58 p.m. General services, Cushing Plaza, services rendered.

MONDAY, AUG. 10

12:30 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. Arrest: Arnold A. Studley, DOB 4/20/53, 6 Bicknell St., Quincy. Charges: operate MV lic. s[illegible]ded, 2nd or subsequent.

[illegible] p.m. Medical aid, Lighthouse Lane, patient sign off.

2:11 p.m. MVA, S. Main and Summer Sts., patient sign off.

4:05 p.m. Medical aid, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., removed to hospital.

8:14 p.m. Medical aid, Hammond Ave., removed to hospital.

8:39 p.m. Suspicious person, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., unfounded.

8:59 p.m. Threats (bodily harm), Hull St., log entry information.

9:12 p.m. MV stop, Forest Ave., verbal warning.

TUESDAY, AUG. 11

1:14 a.m. MV stop, King St., traffic citation issued.

3:13 a.m. General disturbance, Margin St., services rendered.

6:24 a.m. Investigation, Lantern Lane, area search negative.

8:24 a.m. Medical aid, Elm Ct., removed to hospital.

9:24 a.m. Escort, Summer St. to Hull line, services rendered.

11:37 a.m. Investigation, the harbor, investigated, report taken.

1:33 p.m. MVA, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., patient sign off.

2:11 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., verbal warning.

3:49 p.m. Assist citizen, Red Gate Lane, services rendered.

4:51 p.m. MV stop, Jerusalem Rd. and N. Main St., traffic citation issued.

6 p.m. Family disturbance, Elm St., departmental action.

6:34 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Border St., dispersed gathering.

9:40 p.m. Suspicious person, Jerusalem Rd., area search negative.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12

1:07 a.m. MV stop, Hull and Cedar Sts. Arrest on two warrants: Richard Alan Vautrinot, DOB 6/13/56, 27 Worcester St. rear, Taunton.

7:23 a.m. Medical aid, Rustic Dr., removed to hospital.

8 a.m. Officer wanted, Forest Ave., departmental action.

11:16 a.m. MV violations, North Main St., parking ticket issued.

Noon Larceny, Surry Dr., log entry information.

12:23 p.m. MVA, Border St., departmental action.

12:44 p.m. Animal complaint, Surry Dr., departmental action.

1:13 p.m. Suspicious person, Cushing Plaza. Warrant arrest: Stanton M. O'Sullivan, DOB 3/29/66, 114 Elmer Rd., Boston.

2:19 p.m. Medical aid, Norman Todd Ln., services rendered.

2:45 p.m. Assist other PD (Hingham), Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Summer St., services rendered.

5:34 p.m. Tree down, Pleasant St., referred to other agency.

5:36 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., traffic citation, warning.

7:25 p.m. MV stop, North Main St., verbal warning.

7:29 p.m. Tree down, Beach St., no police service necessary.

8:21 p.m. Officer wanted, King St., departmental action.

9:48 p.m. Disturbance, JJ Henry's, area search negative.

10:40 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation, warning.

THURSDAY, AUG. 13

12:49 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., traffic citation issued.

1:36 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation issued.

1:48 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., verbal warning.

6:35 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., verbal warning.

6:51 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic citation, warning.

7:09 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., traffic citation issued.

7:24 a.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation issued.

7:32 a.m. Assist other PD (SI) Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., departmental action.

8:15 a.m. Officer wanted, Linden Dr., investigated, report taken.

10:13 a.m. Parking violation, North Main St., parking ticket issued.

11:33 a.m. MV violations, Border St., investigated, report taken.

11:42 a.m. Animal complaint, Schofield Rd., area search negative.

12:04 p.m. General information, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., referred to other agency.

2:17 p.m. Public service, Sohier St., departmental action.

2:24 p.m. General services, North Main St. and Jerusalem Rd., departmental action.

5:49 p.m. MV stop, S. Main St., traffic citation issued.

5:55 p.m. Noise complaint, Jerusalem Rd., investigated, report taken.

7:02 p.m. Disturbance, Fernway. Arrest: Marybeth Dignam, DOB 3/26/65, Palm Springs, Calif. Charges: trespass on land, dwelling, etc., disorderly person, resisting arrest, A&B on a police officer, A&B on a police officer.

8:20 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., verbal warning.

8:45 p.m. MV stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation, warning.

9:01 p.m. MV stop, Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Rd., verbal warning.

11:29 p.m. Suspicious auto, South Main St.,

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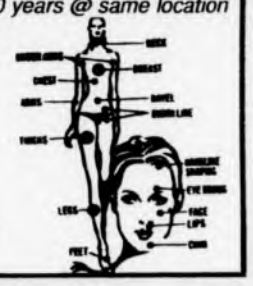
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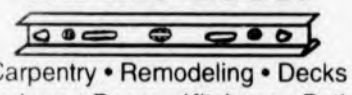
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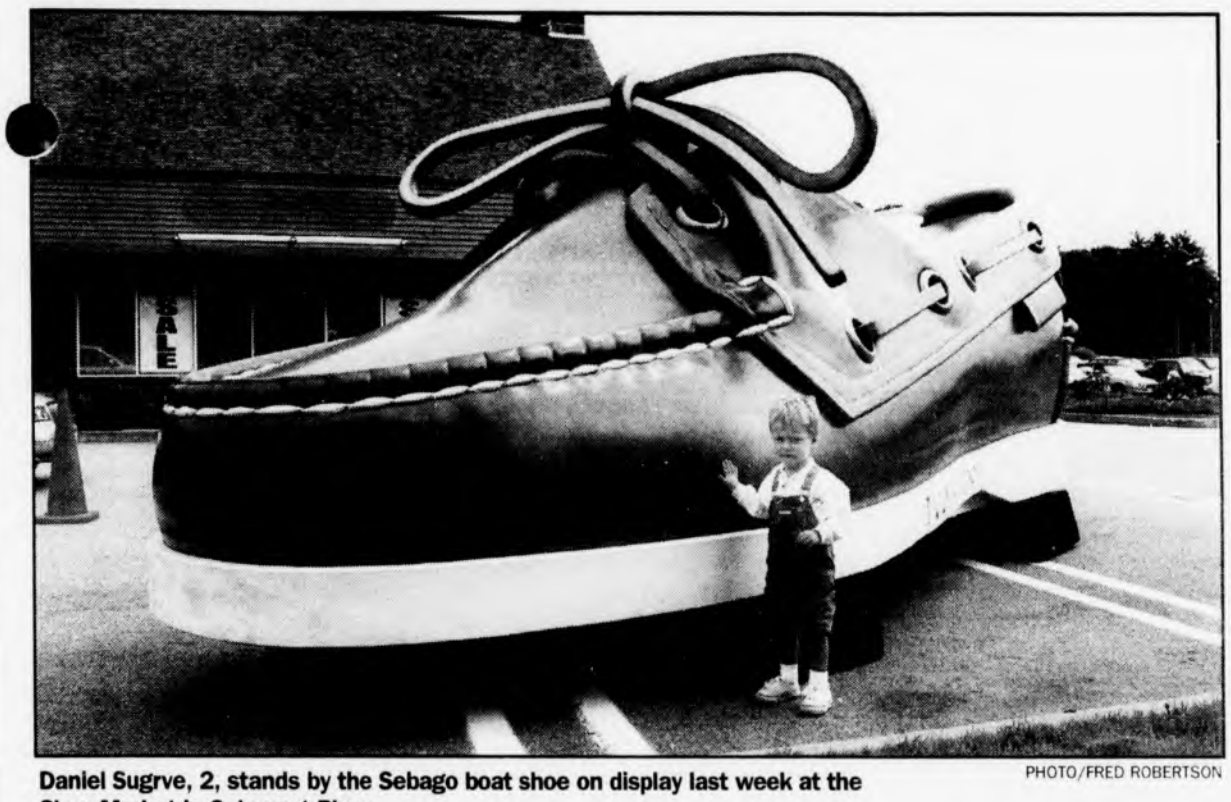
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Daniel Sugrve, 2, stands by the Sebago boat shoe on display last week at the Shoe Market in Cohasset Plaza.

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Siro's renovations are underway

Cohasset's Kristie Henriksen, owner of Siro's restaurant in Hingham, said the establishment is scheduled to open in late September.

According to Henriksen, the 13,000 square-foot building that holds 267 seats will be a premier place for South Shore diners. A three-day celebration is planned for the grand opening. Scheduled to appear will be local and regional dignitaries who are patrons of Siro's in Marina Bay in Quincy including U.S. Rep. William Delahunt.

Henriksen said that Barbara Crispri of Marshfield will be general manager of Siro's in Hingham and Susan Connors of Canton will be the chef.

Handling the interior design and transformation of the former Whiton House is director Celeste Cooper of Repertoire. The firm has offices in Boston and New York. Henriksen's husband, Tom Fallon, is overseeing the renovations at the restaurant.

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Victorian house is history



PHOTO/BOB GAULEY

A firefighter battles the blaze at the Victorian house at 124 Atlantic Ave. from atop an aerial ladder. For more photos, see pages 16 & 17.

Flames destroy $1.5 million Atlantic Avenue home

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Some flowers still bloom in the hanging baskets along the sweeping verandah of the old Victorian mansion on Atlantic Avenue.

Remarkably they survived an inferno that claimed the second and third stories of the more than 6,000 square-foot, $1.5 million, shingle-style home built on its ledge perch more than 100 years ago during the height of Cohasset's "summer colony" era.

Fifty firefighters from five towns battled the three-alarm blaze for six hours from about 11:15 p.m. last Thursday into the early hours of Friday morning.

For a Cohasset call firefighter at his first fire, it's a night he will never forget.

"I've played sports all my life and I've never done anything so exhausting," said Rich Bonanno who completed the firefighter training course last month. "I have a whole new respect for what firefighters do for a living."

What appeared to be a little smoke quickly accelerated into dangerous flames and a choking, thick haze.

"When we first went through the living room, we were being careful not to track anything," said Bonnano who was one of the first on the scene. "Then all of a sudden everything just went pouf."

"I have a whole new respect for what firefighters do for a living."

— Rich Bonanno, call firefighter

It all started with a candle placed on a wicker hassock on the first-floor porch, Fire Chief Roger Lincoln said.

"For some reason the candle came in contact with the combustible cushion," he said.

Chief Lincoln explained that the "balloon frame" structure — a form of construction developed during the 1800s which marked the beginning of sprawling houses — meant there were open channels right from the basement to the attic for the fire to travel.

"Once it gains entrance, it's difficult to stop it," he said. The matched tongue and groove wooden wainscoting on the porch also made it difficult to pull down the ceiling.

There were four teenagers at home — including the owners' 17-year-old son Will MacPherson — who were in another part of the house but investigated when the smoke alarm went off.

At 11:11 p.m., the 9-1-1 call came into the dispatch center reporting a fire at 124 Atlantic Ave. The youths tried to extinguish the fire with bottled water and a garden hose. They called back saying they were trying to put the fire out and might have it out, Lincoln said.

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

School committee story clarification

A story in last week's Cohasset Mariner about school bus accessibility should have said school committee member Mark DeGiacomo supports the proposal to convert a school bus.

He backs spending the $3,300-$3,500 now to install a wheel-chair lift because the parts may not be available in the future.

The article incorrectly said DeGiacomo had reservations about converting a bus.

Bradley's stance on surplus corrected

A story in last week's Cohasset Mariner incorrectly reported State Representative candidate Garrett Bradley's position on the $1.2 billion state budget surplus

The article should have said Bradley wants to cap the surplus at $750 million, sending the rest back to cities and towns in block grants, based on population. The story mistakenly said Bradley called for sending $750 million back to cities and towns.

Conservation commission appointments

Selectmen appointed Valerie J. Semensi, 756 Jerusalem Road, to the conservation commission to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Bryant.

They also reappointed Veneta Roebuck and Ed Graham to the commission.

Selectmen are still seeking two volunteers to serve as associate members of the conservation commission. Interested citizens should call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105.

Credit cards in Cohasset's future

Selectman Tom Callahan thinks it might be worth investigating having the Town of Cohasset sponsor a credit card.

With one percent of the money coming back to the town, he said East Orange, New Jersey makes about $40,000 a year on its credit card

Selectman Merle Brown said the Town of Hanover has its own credit card. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he would look into the matter.

Lottery at the RTF

Selectman Merle Brown said the RTF will sponsor a recycling lottery on a date to be announced. In the lottery, every 10th car would be stopped at the front gate and if it had recycling materials, the driver would get a free compost bin or $10 in cash.

Brown said to watch the newspapers for more details.

Donation to youth resources

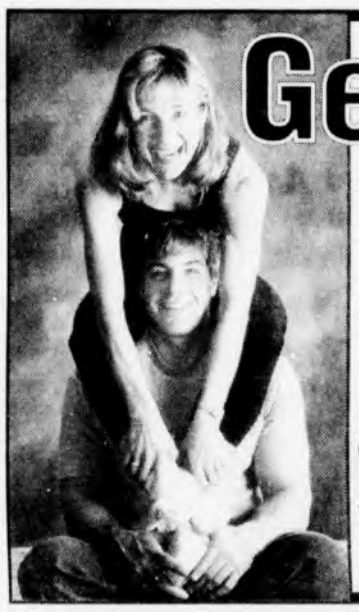
Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen this week that producers of the recent airline commercial filmed on the town common have donated $2,000 to the youth resources fund which could be used for the new teen center.

Change of manager

Selectmen approved a change of manager at Cohasset Plaza Liquors. Robert Pike, who has served as assistant manager for six years, will take over the top spot.

Higher parking fines possible

Selectmen are considering increasing parking fines from $15 to $25 in the beach areas of town. But first they want to hear what the police chief recommends. Selectman Diane Sullivan thinks parking tickets across town should carry the same fine so there isn't a two-tiered system. Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said the Sandy Beach parking lot has the biggest problem and it may not be necessary to increase fines in other areas.



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Sun. 6	11:43	10.7	5:31	——	——	5:50
Mon. 7	12:01	11.6	6:18	12:29	11.2	6:39
Tues. 8	12:50	11.7	7:05	1:16	11.6	7:29
Wed. 9	1:41	11.6	7:53	2:05	11.7	8:20
Thurs. 10	2:33	11.3	8:43	2:56	11.6	9:14

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Osgood's open house postponed

The new Joseph Osgood Elementary School's open house for parents set for 12:30-2:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4 has been postponed. Parents will be contacted with the new date, school officials said.

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Quonset huts hit the dust

World War II buildings razed

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The "ugliest buildings in Cohasset" will soon be history although they have historical significance.

The Quonset huts at 430 S. Main St., which date back to the end of World War II, once housed the D.A. Kennedy Company which built radar equipment.

The domed, prefabricated metal structures — a familiar site on Navy bases in the Pacific — were offshoots of the British Nissen huts. The Navy used the huts for everything from barracks to warehouses.

"It's called the ugliest building in town and it's always been called that because it is."
—Corinne Cahill, abutter

But despite their unique architecture and ties to Cohasset's past, abutter Corinne Cahill is glad to see the huts razed.

"It's called the ugliest building in town and it's always been called that because it is," Cahill said.

The huts will be replaced by five luxury condominiums being developed by builder John Murphy of Hingham.

"They have a checkered past," laughed Murphy about the huts history.

In fact, they've been the object of neighborhood ire as far back as 1962.

"That's when the neighbors organized and began agitating with the town to deny the nonconforming use of this building," Cahill said.

The historic parcel was once the site of the old barn and ice house originally owned by Mordecai Lincoln, one of the first Scituate settlers whose property straddled the town line along the Gulf River.

When the radar antenna factory was in its heyday it operated 24 hours a day, Cahill said, continuing after the war ended.

Gil Wilder of North Scituate was one of the founders of the D.A. Kennedy Company.

The fledgling company initially rented the Story Grain Mill at the site which was a warehouse for hay and feed. Demand for metal antennas grew rapidly.

"We needed space quickly and the Quonset huts were available," Wilder recalled.

The first of the huts went up in 1946, he said, and was followed by two more over the next two years.

Unfortunately, the lightweight steel structures could not be easily disassembled and moved.

So as the company (which once employed 800 workers) expanded to Scituate Hill and the Hingham Shipyard, the huts remained.

Eventually the South Main Street site was sold to the Quincy Shipyard.

"They needed space for Naval architects," Cahill said. Then the shipyard closed and the huts houses a succession of businesses ranging from a chemical company to a garbage hauling place.

About two years ago a local resident proposed converting the site into condominiums, a

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PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

The Quonset huts on South Main Street are finally coming down.

Buckley builds confidence, competence through CMI

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Jack Buckley is hoping that the Sept. 9 Cohasset Maritime Institute meeting at the Lightkeeper's Residence will raise awareness, membership and funding for his group.

Since 1994, when Buckley first entered into a $1 leasing agreement with the town to rent a dilapidated structure on the Hagerty property for his institute, about 100 volunteers have helped to fix up the future boathouse.

"We've had about 100 people involved in this," said Buckley. "Funny, but if everyone had showed up all at once, we might have been finished in a day or two!"

The building now has a Nantucket-style trim on its exterior and scaffolding still adorns at least one wall of the boathouse where a new door is needed.

CMI maintains ties to the high school through courses taught there such as maritime history and environmental science.

"The group was started with the goal of keeping alive the historic lifeboat rowing in Cohasset."
–Jack Buckley, CMI director

"The group was started with the goal of keeping alive the historic lifeboat rowing in Cohasset," explained Buckley. "Boat craftsmanship, maintenance, restoration, and building are skills learned through CMI, as well as just having a connection to human-powered vessels."

Buckley would like to promote the historical tie that Cohasset has to lifeboats. The town is, after all, home to American's first lifeboat in 1807.

One way of promoting that tie has been through the restoration in June 1991 of the institute's first lifeboat, the John Warren II, which is jointly owned by the Hull Lifesaving Museum.

The high school teacher is hoping that CMI is "institutionally healthy enough" when 2007 rolls around. Buckley would then like to host a bicentennial in honor of the year the first American lifeboat was launched here.

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of Buckley's work is that he can see the raised confidence of those involved

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Bedrock fractures extend from landfill, official says

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Water Commissioner John K. McNabb Jr. says he has been listening to arguments for years from the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill that the facility poses no threat to the town's drinking water supply. However, a water commission consultant has uncovered evidence of two water-bearing, bedrock fractures extending from CHL to Brass Kettle Brook, the main tributary to Lily Pond. McNabb said the fractures are significant because it is possible that leachate from the landfill could travel in water within the fractures into Brass Kettle Brook.

"The point is, we are only showing fractures that are water-bearing, but there is no proof of what's in the fractures or if there is leachate in there," McNabb said. "However, this takes away CHL's assertion that there is no threat to Lily Pond since this is a water-bearing fracture. We certainly can claim that there is a potential threat."

The water commission has hired Norfolk Environmental to examine CHL's possible impacts on the Lily Pond watershed and to examine previous reports prepared by consultants for the health board. Norfolk environmental will present its findings at the health board's site assignment hearings for the landfill, currently delayed from Sept. 1 until Oct. 1 (see sidebar).

McNabb said the water commission has received a verbal report from a geophysicist detailing two large fractures about 100-feet apart in the bedrock which carry water from the landfill and west to Brass Kettle Brook. Lily Pond lies downhill from the brook and CHL. The delayed site assignment hearing gives the water commission's consultant more time to review the information on the fracture and prepare a final report.

According to McNabb, a water-bearing fracture is troubling because it could carry leachate in a concentrated form directly into Brass Kettle Brook, which feeds into Lily Pond. Leachate that drains from the landfill into surface water would be diluted and reduced because it would be spread out over such a wide area.

"I was worried about the concentration of leachate over time and the long-term accumulation," McNabb said. "Now we have to look and see if anything undiluted is getting into Lily Pond."

A series of monitoring wells is set-up in a wide perimeter around CHL to see if any environmentally hazardous ma-

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Charter group may rent old Osgood school

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Even though the old Osgood Elementary School has been cleared out for less than a week, new students may soon be filling some of its halls.

Town manager Mark Haddad received a request from Timothy Anderson, director of the South Shore Charter School in Hull, to rent out a portion of the empty elementary school's classrooms for 25 students in grades 11 and 12.

The alternative school students are being temporarily displaced by required ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) renovations, including the installation of a new elevator, at the charter school this fall.

School improvements are expected to take four to six months, during which the charter school would like to lease the Osgood school.

Problems began for the charter school when its architectural board advised officials that they could not use the building unless an elevator was installed. An article in a local paper brought quick relief to Anderson, founder of the charter school.

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"We had a lot of different cultural organizations calling — a Lebanese group in Quincy, churches and even people offering their own homes for our students," said Anderson. "Then we received a call from Pat Plante, Osgood Reuse Committee who then put me in touch with chairman Patience Towle of the Library Trustees."

"By the time Tim called a library trustee member had already discussed it with me and we'd talked to the town manager about it," said Towle.

"It just meant so much to us, having people call up and ask if we needed space," Anderson said, "It meant even more to have official town bodies of Cohasset calling us up. It's kind of like 'we've arrived.' We're not just out there alone."

Selectman Tom Callahan, whose children attend the innovative school, received a call from Anderson on the matter. According to Callahan, Anderson had discussed the situation with library trustees who had suggested the rental idea to him.

Haddad, who spoke with school committee members Joe McElroy and Rick Shea, as well as town counsel, said that "no one had a problem with this so long as the charter school is responsible for security, utility costs and a $1,200 rent based on a per-month cost."

"We're not spending a dollar on this," he said. "Also, we can ask them to leave if for some reason if we have to."

Callahan suggested that no loitering be a proviso in the agreement.

"Well, I'm all for helping out our neighbor," said selectman Diane Sullivan. "But I think we need to check about handicap access at the school, since we're the landlord."

"We won't do anything that will cause us a problem," assured Haddad.

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Town manager envisions expanded DPW

Advocates eliminating water, sewer boards

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

If Tuesday night is a gauge, then March's annual town meeting won't be dull.

At that time, selectmen plan to ask voters to support consolidating the sewer and water departments under the umbrella of the Department of Public Works.

But what's at issue and deeply divides the board, is the proposal to eliminate elected town boards governing those town departments in the process.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said the townspeople took the first step toward a professionally run government through the Town Manager Act enacted in 1997. She said the consolidation of departments and elimination of the elected boards is a natural outgrowth of that.

But Selectman Diane Sullivan said keeping elected boards provides the opportunity for diverse viewpoints.

Selectmen discussed the draft DPW consolidation report prepared by Town Manager Mark Haddad at their meeting Tuesday. For the most part, selectmen agreed with the report with the exception of the recommendation to do away with the elected water and sewer commissions.

Haddad proposes adding two divisions under the DPW — an engineering division and a public buildings division. Hiring a town engineer would initially cost about $50,000 but that position would be combined with that of the superintendent of the DPW once Harold Litchfield, the current superintendent, retires. He also plans adding 1-1/2 maintenance positions for an additional $35,000. He said the process of wider DPW oversight began in 1995 when the town combined the highway department and the cemetery and tree and park departments into a new DPW.

Haddad said appointed water and sewer commissions could continue to serve in an advisory capacity. But with control of their departments rolled into the DPW — there would be more coordination. He said having the departments operated by elected officials leads to mandates and leads to conflicts.

"We should provide the best service for the least cost and this was driven by the maintenance of our buildings."
—Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris

McMorris said eliminating elected boards did not mean their members aren't doing a good job. She said residents should be able to go to one person who has responsibility over a problem.

"This does not reflect on the job they're doing," she said. "It's a more efficient way to provide services to the community."

But Sullivan said elected boards are critical to providing checks and balances.

"I can't see taking every decision the voter has and putting it in the town manager's hands. That brings one viewpoint," she said. (The DPW falls under the jurisdiction of the town manager).

She said the proposal was a "way to go around boards they disagreed with."

But McMorris accused Sullivan of personalizing the issue.

"We should provide the best service for the least cost and this was driven by the maintenance of our buildings," she said.

The town recently completed a facilities audit which found the town needs to spend $15 million on its buildings over the next decade.

Selectman Tom Callahan said policy making boards such as selectmen and the school committee should be elected but others need not be.

Selectmen voted 3-1 with Sullivan opposed to send the report to the Government Structure Committee which will hold hearings on the proposal. They hope to have an warrant article for the consolidation proposal ready for the annual town meeting. Selectman Nan Roth was absent from Tuesday's meeting.

Cohasset Community blood drive Sept. 9

The Red Cross has scheduled the next Cohasset Community Blood Drive for Wednesday, Sept. 9. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Unitarian Parish House at 23 North Main St. from 2 to 7 p.m. As in the past, baby-sitting will be provided from 3 to 6 p.m. The Red Cross depends on regular donations to meet the ongoing need for blood and blood by-products.

The Red Cross always counts on a good turnout when it visits Cohasset, so please respond, if possible, when a volunteer from one of the church, civic, corporate or social organizations calls. New donors are welcome and especially needed. To register and to make an appointment for donating at a specific time, or if you have any questions, call Kevin or Ann O'Connor at 383-1290.

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World War II buildings razed

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plan abutters embraced even though it took two long years to obtain permit approvals.

"It's exciting, it really is," Cahill said about the demolition which is underway. "People sit on their white lawn chairs watching the show! It's fascinating."

The only regrets Wilder has is that the huts stayed up so long.

"We should have taken them down when we left the location," he said. "As time past, they were an eyesore. I've always regretted not going through with taking them down."

Town historian David Wadsworth said Quonset huts were popular because "they could be put together in a hurry."

But despite an interesting local history, the local huts can't compare with Cohasset's other historical structures.

"They are no great loss for the town," Wadsworth said.

Bedrock fractures at landfill found

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terials are migrating from the landfill in storm water run-off, or by other methods. McNabb said a well at Boulder Lane, well #8, has consistently shown the presence of acetone, a volatile organic compound.

A 1997 report by health board consultant CDM stated the company's belief that the acetone originated at the landfill. CDM recommended the placing two additional monitoring wells south of Boulder Lane to get a better idea of where the acetone was coming from. However, CHL's consultants refuted CDM's assertion, claiming the acetone came from naturally occurring processes or from lab error. McNabb scoffed at CHL's claims.

"Acetone that occurs naturally in the middle of the woods?," he asked. "I don't think so."

McNabb said Norfolk Environmental's testimony would help keep the landfill closed and allow the town to prepare a thorough set of closure conditions.

"The fractures present a more serious method of transporting [contaminants] to Lily Pond not previously identified and must be included in the order of conditions," McNabb said. "For example, there should be at least two more monitoring wells and a more definitive leachate management program for the landfill. We have to look at some system to bar run-off and leachate, collect the material and drain it away."

Effective run-off management is exacerbated by the presence of about 100,000 tons of excess material on the slopes of the landfill. Overlay drawings show that CHL has placed massive amounts of materials on the landfill slopes in violation of its state permit. The slope angles are precalculated to prevent excess amounts of material from sliding off the sides and into neighboring areas.

CHL site assignment hearings postponed

The board of health has approved a request by CHL attorney Anton Moehrke to delay site assignment hearings from Sept. 1 until Oct. 1. According to Water Commissioner John K. McNabb Jr., Moehrke asked for the delay to review the town's proposal for the closure of the facility.

McNabb, who is also the vice president of the anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE), has spearheaded the effort to hold site assignment hearings and close down the landfill forever. The site assignment is the chief document that allows CHL to operate a landfill on the site. McNabb said the site assignment is considered part of the property, and would transfer to a new owner if the property were sold.

The site assignment is one of many official proceedings between the town and CHL. On Aug. 17, Norfolk Superior Court Judge Peter Kilborn indicated how he may decide on two appeals by CHL of ZBA decisions. The first case involves a decision by the ZBA upholding the building inspector's order to remove 1,000 tons of illegal waste from Area IV-B. McNabb said Kilborn indicated he may uphold that order.

The other case involves a ZBA decision that CHL's special permit was invalid. Kilborn was considering a legal claim by CHL that the town had the chance to raise that issue previously, but failed to do so. The judge added that he needed to review the case law before making a decision.

Town counsel gets a raise

Selectmen voted to reappoint the Boston law firm Deutsch Williams as town counsel and to increase the rate from $120 to $140 an hour.

Nevertheless, some selectmen were not happy about the rate hike.

"We shouldn't sit here like a lamb and say '$140, that's fine,'" Selectman Tom Callahan said.

They asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to obtain a status report on all the current cases together with a budget. They also want a list of what's covered under the $4,000 per month retainer.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said the rate hike was driven by the cost of hiring associates. She backed the hike. The other selectmen said they would rely on her expertise on the matter.

Special Town Meeting set

Selectmen set the Special Town Meeting for 7 p.m., Oct. 26. Citizens petition articles, which require100 signatures, must be received at the selectmen's office by 4:30 p.m., Sept. 8.



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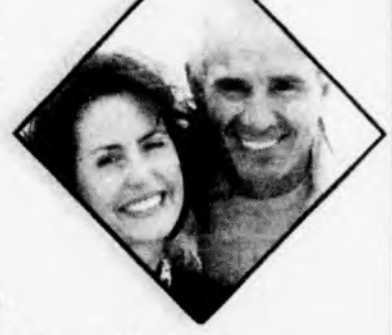
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Policy to toughen town's liquor license rules falters

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The town won't be able to enforce a policy officials had hoped to put in place by January which would have mandated all liquor license holders and their employees attend a TIPS or any other certified alcohol training program.

Town manager Mark Haddad told selectmen at Tuesday night's board meeting that town counsel has since checked with the Massachusetts Alcohol Beverages Control Commission attorney and was informed that towns cannot pass regulations that are more stringent than state law.

An Aug. 13 board of selectmen's meeting set the already defunct new policy as a result of a public hearing concerning a local convenience store's sale of alcohol to a minor on June 20.

At that time, Police Chief Brian Noonan had called on Cohasset's drug and alcohol committee to develop a program that would prevent minors from purchasing alcohol from local merchants.

TIPS, the training program recommended by selectmen, holds role-playing courses that go over alcohol-related scenarios that servers and sellers might run into in their line or work. Certification would have been required every three years, unless a lifetime certification was earned.

Selectmen are now looking into the possibility of re-wording licenses themselves so that alcohol-training certification would become a part of the license agreement.

Parking at swim center clarified

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The most current plans to remedy the swim center and Little League field parking situation include creating lined, hot-topped parking for Little League cars and leaving a bike and walking path up to the swim center open.

Grass behind the swim center will be trimmed on the higher side to deter parking," explained selectman Merle Brown at Tuesday night's meeting, although the area is available for Little League overflow parking.

The drop off behind the swim center will include a small paved area to facilitate handicap-access.

Increased Little League parking will be available along the side of the field near Hugh Morgan's concession stand where the area will be hot-topped and lined.

But Selectman Tom Callahan said more cars will park along North Main if parking behind the batting cages is eliminated as planned.

Plans to reloam and reseed the area in front of the swim center and Little League field, referred to as a "dust bowl" by many, are still on.

The area's parking problems have been ongoing, with many expressing concern about the difficulty in backing out of the swim center's fenced area, especially when Little League games were on. There is a large paved parking lot for the swim center off Sohier Street which is not used to capacity. Brown said the steps leading up to the center seem to deter use of that parking lot.

Though the path leading up to the swim center from North Main Street was clearly marked for handicap-access and emergency vehicles only, the lot was often filled with staff and visitors' vehicles.

The narrow walk and bike path would still allow access to the center, but not of the four-wheeled kind.

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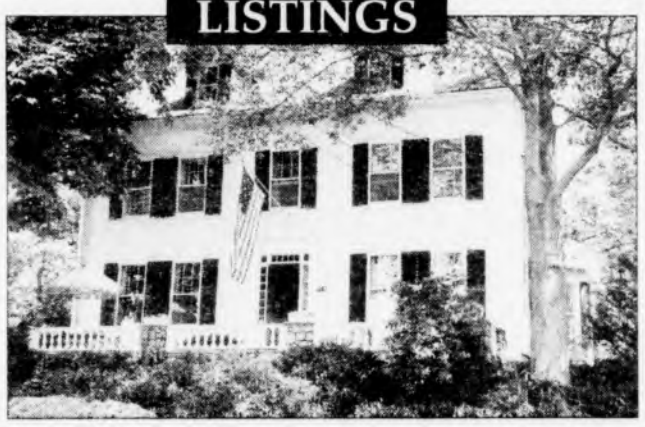
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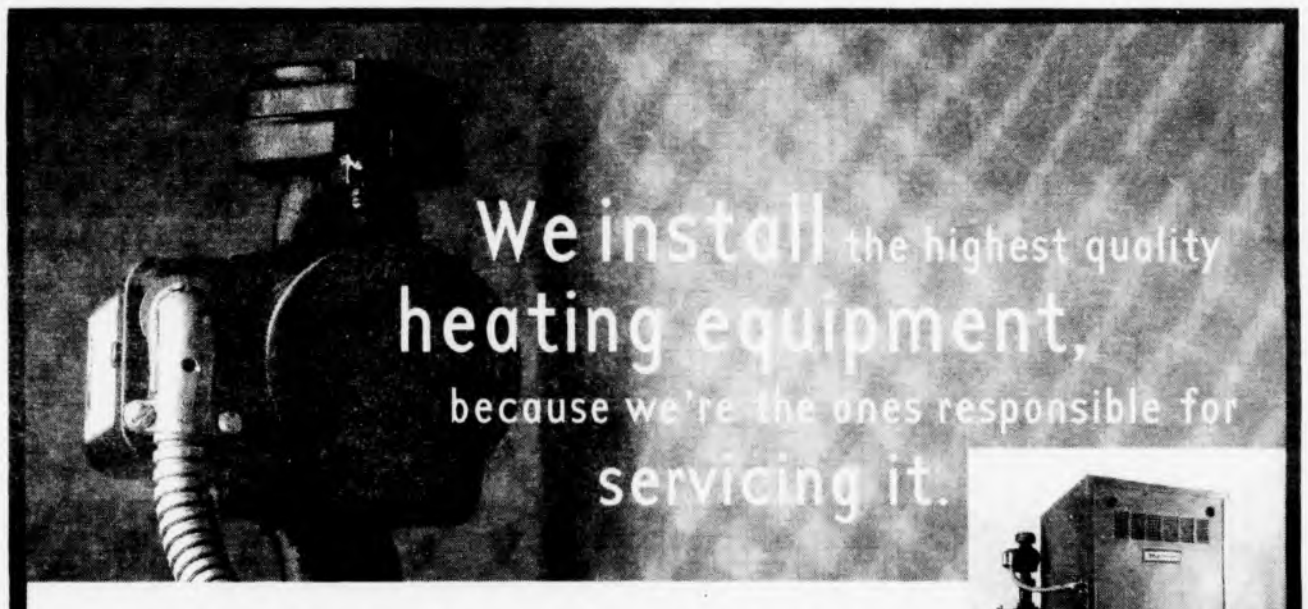
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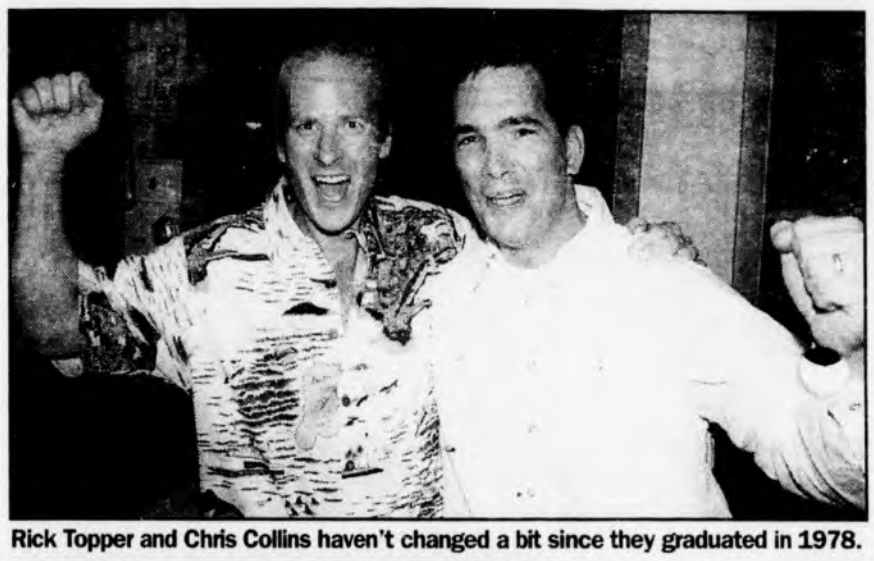
Polly Doggett is combining visiting her son, **Dana**, and his family in Orem, Utah, while attending BYU Education Week in nearby Provo. Each year at this time close to 1,000 classes on a wide variety of subjects is offered at the college for a very nominal fee. Dana plans to take a week's vacation so that he may attend, too, and his son **Tommy,** 16, is back from camp in New Hampshire just in time to sign up for the classes of his choice. **Grampa Doggett** has volunteered his services as an at-home baby-sitter for **Conner**, age 2, and **Alex**, age 5. Hopefully, Polly will fill us in on her educational/fun doings upon her return!

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In 1949, a young couple got married and moved to 49 Cushing Rd. in Cohasset. Their phone number contained the number 49, and they named their boat The 49ers. That was 49 years ago. So a surprise celebration was held in honor of **Tom** and **J.J. Healy's** 49 years together. The party was given by their children, **Maureen Coburn** of St. John, U.S.V.I., **Susan Benterou** of Pleasanton, Calif., **Kathy O'Donnell** of Kippen, Scotland, and **Bob Healy** of Cohasset. Two of their sons-in-law, **Jim Benterou** and **Dom O'Donnell,** were also in attendance, as well as all of their grandchildren, **Francis, Jason, Bryan, Dominic, Evan** and **Samantha**. Forty-nine or so friends and relatives from near and far joined in the celebration, including Tom's brother **Fran** and his wife **Eva** from Palm Desert, Calif. — and, a great time was had by all! Congrats from all of us on the super-duper event, Tom and J.J., you are a wonderful couple whom all adore — here's to the next 49 happy years!

COMMENDED SCHOLARS

Robert C. Morgan and **Benjamin T. Smoot,** juniors at Boston College High School, have been named commended scholars in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented by **Dr. Raymond Bailey,** the principal, to both **Robert** and **Ben** and 23 other scholastically talented juniors at Boston College High School. This is an extremely competitive program, and these two young men can be proud of their designation! We surely are proud of you both!



Rick Topper and Chris Collins haven't changed a bit since they graduated in 1978.



The "Cousins at KoKo" 1978 alums (and cousins) are Steve Sinopoli, Tom Lagrotteria, Dan Tilden and Joe Perroncello.

CLASS OF 1978 REUNION

Remember when we told you about the CHS Class of 1978 Class Reunion? Well, here are some of the details that many have been waiting for!

It began with a happy hour at KoKo Island Friday night, as alumni alternated between eating Chinese food, perusing old class pictures from the late '60s and catching up on stories. The partying lasted until closing time!

Steve Sinopoli located 90 percent of the 160 alumni, and other relocated classmates from Cohasset were tracked down, and from this number, 75 alumni attended.

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Christine (McNeil) Callahan and Susan O'Connell are all smiles at the reunion.

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Administration members invited as guests of the class who attended were: former Assistant Principal **Gino DiGirolamo (Mr. Di)** drove up from the Cape with his wife **Jo**; former CHS teachers **Joan (Tribeman) Foley** from Warwick, R.I.; **Patty (Perreault) Bennett** and her husband flew in from Virginia, and current teacher **Dennis Walsh** and Principal **Curt Collins** also attended! Alumni from Massachusetts, California, Arizona, Colorado, Washington, Florida, Illinois, Texas, Virginia, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and North Carolina attended!

Steve Sinopoli is currently coordinating an effort with alumni to make a class gift to the **Scott Sandblom Scholarship Fund** in 1998.

The class also had a great idea: an "alliance" was formed with the Class of 2008 (this year's third grade class). They constructed a banner measuring more than 12 feet long that included the names and nicknames of all members of the Class of 1978, which was displayed at their dinner event.

As part of the 25th reunion in 2003, the Class of '78 will establish a general scholarship fund to be awarded to a student from the Class of 2008. A decision will be made on the criteria that will be used to award the scholarship, and the winner(s) will be notified in early 2008. The year not only coincides with their high school graduation, but will also mark their 30th reunion — the winner(s) will be invited to the reunion dinner that year!

Future plans include the development of a CHS Class of 1978 Web site, where alumni from the class can communicate to one another, see pictures, etc. We do commend **Steve Sinopoli** for organizing this event, what a lot of hard work went into organizing this gala! As he said, "Like a good wedding, the reunion went by too fast!"



Steve Sinopoli and Tracy (Fernalld) Govan catch up on old times at the CHS 1978 reunion.

WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

Maria A. Plante had some wonderful news to report this week — back in August of 1958, she and **Kathleen T. (Happenny) Moriarty** organized the Boston Chapter #15 of the National Association of Women in Construction. Maria served as National Vice-President in 1959 and President of the Boston Chapter in 1960. NAWIC is now celebrating its 40th anniversary and Maria has been invited to attend the 40th Annual Meeting and Reception in Boston where she will install the incoming Board of Directors! What a feeling of pride she must be experiencing knowing that she helped to begin the whole chapter! Congratulations, Maria!

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Men's League	Thurs.	Sept. 10	7:00
Mixed League	Wed.	Sept. 9	7:30
Mixed League	Fri.	Sept. 11	7:15
Mixed League	Sun.	Sept. 13	6:30
Women's Morn.	Tues.	Sept. 15	9:30am
Women's Morn.	Thurs.	Sept. 10	9:30am
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

20 years and growing

Twenty years ago next month, the Cohasset Mariner made its debut in town When we first hit the streets, Jimmy Carter was president, Michael Dukakis was Governor, and bell bottoms and disco music were in fashion. The Red Sox continued their abysmal play-off record losing a one-game division play-off bout against the dreaded New York Yankees. The controversial Vietnam flick the *Deer Hunter* earned the academy award for best picture, director and supporting actor (Christopher Walken) and Jane Fonda and Jon Voight took home best actress and best actor honors respectively for their roles in another Vietnam film *Coming Home*.

In our very first editorial the paper's credo, "to leave the worldly reporting to the Boston Globe's of journalism," and to "focus on what happens here — at the churches, in the schools, at town hall, along the harbor and around town," was introduced. While editors and publishers have come and gone in the last two decades, that credo has remained the same.

And there's been a lot to report on and write about in the last 20 years. From the devastating fires and storms that have ripped through the town — but brought townsfolk together — to the election upsets and town meeting votes that have shaped the place we call home, the Mariner has been right there with you. We think our reporting, features and photography have captured the essence of Cohasset.

From the very beginning our readers have been a big part of our success. Your letters and commentaries have enhanced our editorial pages and your community, sports and school events listings have helped us let your fellow residents know what's happening around town.

As we near our 20th anniversary, and gear up for a special commemorative issue, we're turning to you again. We want to know what you consider the to be the biggest stories over the last two decades. We're looking for citizens to share their recollections and photos of the events that have had the greatest impact on the community over the past 20 years. Please send, fax or e-mail us your stories and mail us any photos. We will return all photographs. Our address is 73 South Street, Hingham 02043. Our fax number is (781) 741-2931 and our e-mail address is mford@cnc.com.

A glance into the past helps put things into perspective, as we consider how far we've come and how much further we have to go.

Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

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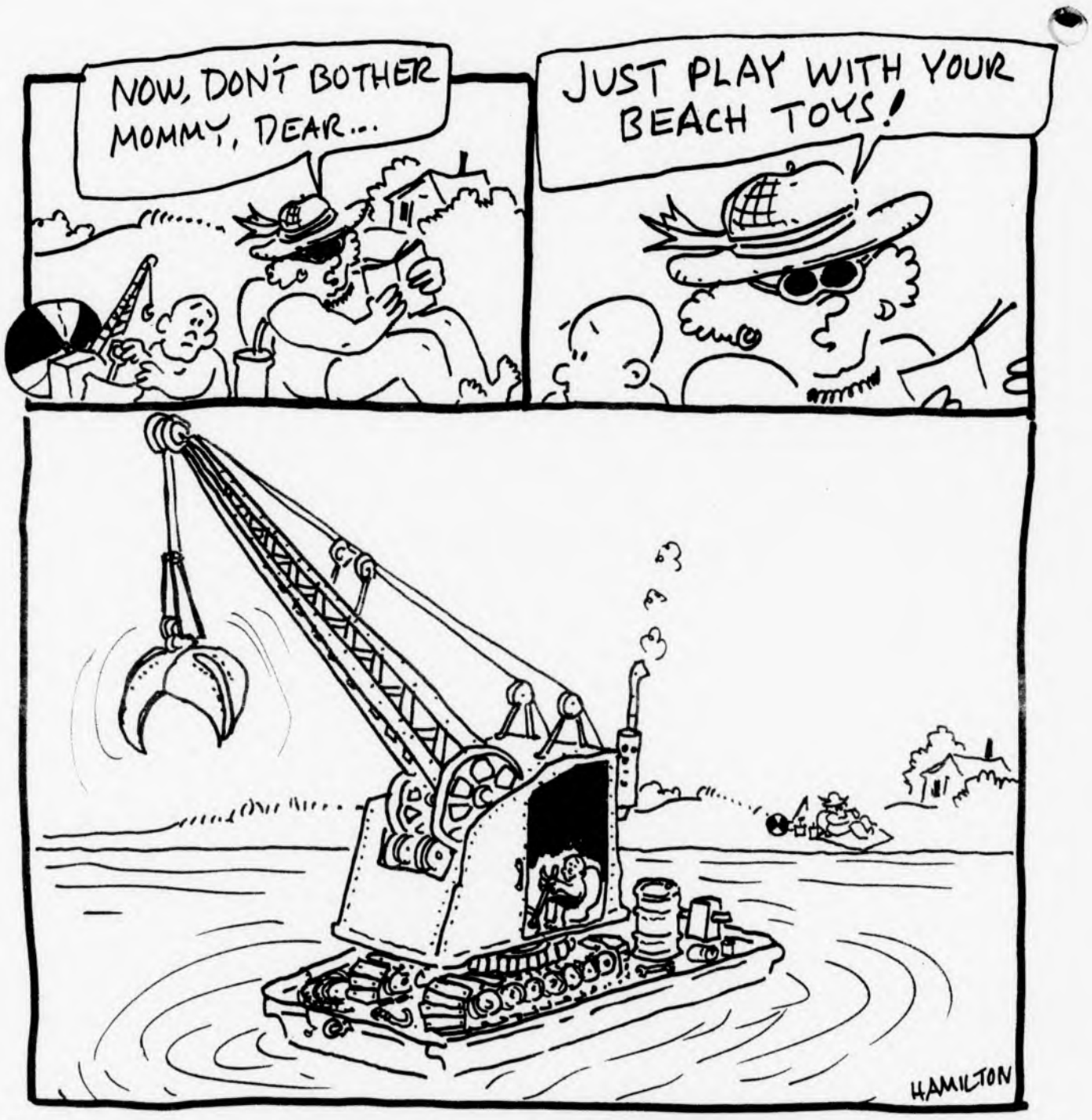
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lobster fleet gets short end of stick

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to make a few observations about the current dredging project in Cohasset Harbor. Once again, the lobster fleet is getting the short end of the stick. I would preface my remarks by saying that I have been operating a lobster boat out of Cohasset for 40-plus years and I am a life-long resident and taxpayer of this town. As Assistant Harbormaster, I, along with Cliff Dixon and Harry Ritter, was involved in removing and replacing the moorings in the harbor during the last big dredging project in the late 1960s. This, by the way, was all done by the harbor department — not by an outside firm at the cost of $30,000 to 40,000. The same number of moorings were involved, give or take 100.

The current plan, to tie all the lobster boats to the floats of the Cohasset Yacht Club and to those belonging to Mr. Peter Roy, is endangering the safety of the harbor's lobstering vessels. These float systems were not designed as moorings for these large boats. The largest boats usually tied there are 18 to 22 feet, low profile, and light and shallow draft. The average lobster boat in Cohasset Harbor is about 35 feet and weighing seven or eight tons — quite a few are larger (up to 45 feet) and some are smaller (around 22 feet). I don't know the weight of the mooring system used on the Yacht Club or Mr. Roy's floats, but I am sure it doesn't add up to 40 or 50 tons, as the aggregate weight of 30 individual moorings weighing between one and three tons each would be.

This mooring plan is an accident waiting to happen. It also may be in violation of the town of Cohasset Harbor regulations and town bylaws concerning mooring size and tackle. In my opinion, these float systems will never hold all these boats in a sneak storm like the Halloween Storm of 1991, which was not predicted and had hurricane force winds. I don't remember any damage done in Cohasset Harbor during that particular storm. Why? Because all the boats had safe, dependable moorings. It just isn't prudent to put the whole fishing fleet on temporary tie-ups during the stormiest time of the year — the time when you do get the unexpected storms. This time of the year is worse than winter because at that time everyone is prepared for bad weather.

I don't understand why the town has bent over backwards to help the yacht club change a federal dredging line so that they could implement their new float system. I don't have an objection to their new float system; I'm objecting to the fact that the town's inconsiderate actions are endangering the livelihood of every fishing family in Cohasset. In their zest to get the harbor dredged, the town has negotiated all rights away to the Army Corps of Engineers — thereby virtually eliminating the chance for the fishermen to have a safe harbor to work from. If it were not for the commercial fleet, there would be no money spent by the Corps of Engineers to dredge Cohasset Harbor. This is a fact supported by the engineers' statement as being so.

The lobster fleet of Cohasset will get very little benefit from this project. The only part of the harbor that needs to be deepened is the entrance channel and even that has not changed in the last five years — it seems to have reached its natural depth.

This whole dredging issue could have been remedied by assessing each fisherman his share of the expense, and to do it at the same time Mr. Roy's basin was dug. If the only option open to the town included endangering the fleet, I say don't dredge the harbor until this problem is worked out.

In conclusion, I will state that this is not the first time that Cohasset Harbor has been deepened, but is surely the most disrupting. We're not talking inconvenience here, (everyone can live with that) we're talking about real danger when men have to risk their lives to save equipment during a storm. How far will we go to appease the curiosity of some engineers in an office who want to experiment with how they will dump the dredge spoils?

Come on now.

I also would like to thank the Cohasset Yacht Club and Mr. Peter Roy for coming forward with this plan, for without it (although completely inadequate), we would have absolutely no place at all to tie up.

The only way to safely moor boats in Cohasset Harbor is on individual moorings. There is absolutely no good reason why the fishing fleet cannot be moved around the harbor as each section is worked on. This is not a new idea, this is the way that works for everyone concerned.

William G. Stone
383 South Main St.

Boathouse get-together is Sept. 9

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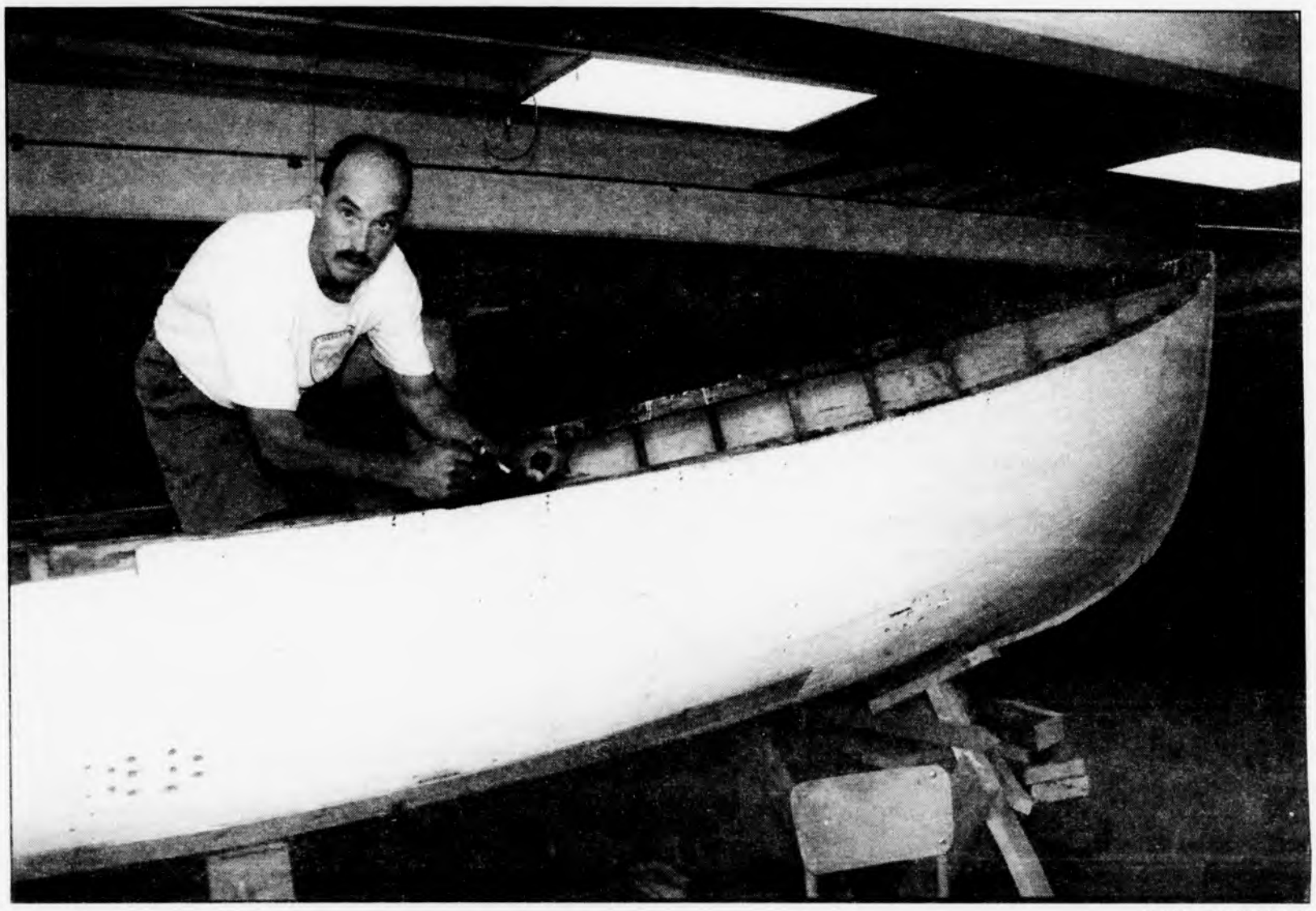
in CMI. "Once you learn how to do something and begin to feel competent at it, you become more confident about yourself in general," said Buckley. "Whether it's woodworking, steering, commanding crew—when you gain these competencies, you inevitably gain confidence."

Under Buckley's direction, alternative school students scraped, sanded, caulked, painted, removed decking and plugged scuppers. They also built new floorboards and thwarts, built oars and cast new oarlocks for the vessel. The boat is now used by a wide variety of adults and students alike for expeditions and competition in Massachusetts Bay.

In order to keep the many benefits of CMI going, Buckley is willing to "beg for money," as he jokingly puts it, at the Lighthouse meeting.

The 7:30 p.m. Sept. 9 get-together will be a celebration of CMI's accomplishments, as well a presentation of slides and videos demonstrating participants' involvement in the boathouse renovation and other activities. Updates on what CMI can offer members and potential members is also on the evening's agenda.

"People may reconnect even more to the group and newcomers may decide to become involved," said Buckley hopefully.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Jack Buckley is hard at work restoring a row boat at Cohasset High.



L-R, Steve Woll, John Daley and Blake Suddath have been instrumental in completing restoration work at the boat house off Parker Avenue.



L-R, Jamie Buick, Adam Donovan and Colin Pyfrom, shown here wearing their CMI "first lifeboat in America" T-shirts, worked on the boathouse as part of their senior project at CHS.

ASK!
Documents dangers of King Street

The Cohasset neighborhood group, ASK! (A Safer King Street) has conducted its study of the chronic traffic problems in the King Street area. The study found that the accident rate on King Street is 40 times greater than the average mile of road in Cohasset, ASK! said.

After experiencing 21 reported accidents in the last two years on King Street and an additional 17 this year at the Beechwood/Route 3A intersection, this neighborhood is by far the most dangerous in Cohasset, said members of ASK!

They said, police efforts to reduce the accident rate has resulted in more speeding tickets being issued in this area than anywhere else in Cohasset. Ten percent of Cohasset's speeding tickets are issued in the 1.2 mile stretch of King Street between Beechwood and 3A.

Louis S. Harvey, who led the study, said, "King Street, which was built to handle 100 horse and buggies per day, is now carrying more than 2,500 speeding cars. The street cannot support this burden and it is letting us know by the devastating accident rate."

The ASK! group will propose that the commuter traffic be diverted on to Route 3A which was built for automobile traffic and that the dangerous intersection at Beechwood and 3A be reconfigured to create a proper turning lane. This proposal will be presented at Town Meeting Oct. 26.

ASK! is a neighborhood group with the mission of finding the most effective, timely, economical and practical solution to the safety problems of the King Street area.

Editor's note: This is a press release from ASK!, a Cohasset neighborhood group, which organized to find solutions to traffic problems on King Street.

Setting records of all kinds

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TOM HENSHAW



You've all heard about Mark McGwire and his efforts to break Roger Maris' record of 61 home runs in a single season. But what about Geoff Smith?

Geoff was lowered in a box into a pit in the garden of his favorite pub, the Railway Inn, in Mansfield, England, Saturday and he plans to stay there for 180 days.

That will be a world record in what the Associated Press calls "the sport" of being buried alive.

Huh?

(How long will it take to become an official Olympic sport?)

Geoff is driven to set the new mark for voluntary interment by his mother, Emma, who held the old record of 101 days until it was broken by an unidentified American, who remained underground for 141 days.

(If I were the unidentified American, I would remain unidentified by choice.)

And I thought I had heard everything when I learned that Aaron Marshall of Western Australia set a world record by showering for 336 consecutive hours. That's 14 days!

Or that S. A. E. W. Perera of the Sri Lanka Army, who once sang solo for 134 hours, 54 minutes. That's more than five days!

Or the 441 smoke rings blown from a single drag on a cigarette by Atsuhiro Nakamura of Nara, Japan.

I know those things for a fact because they're in my edition of the Guinness Book of Records, although I'm told the Guinness folks have been weeding some of their more outrageous marks from the book.

Do these obscure records fascinate you as much as they do me?

Like Sheldon "Larry" Lejeune holds one of baseball's oldest and most obscure records. He threw a baseball 426 feet, 9 1/2 inches in 1910. No one has exceeded that mark since. I'll bet no one has tried, either.

A pitcher named Ron Herbel got six hits in 206 at bats for a lifetime .029 batting average, the lowest ever, before the San Francisco Giants and three other teams got hep to the fact that he might not be major league material.

The highest batting average ever recorded officially was .492 by James (the original "Tip") O'Neill of the St. Louis Browns in 1887. That was the year bases on balls were counted as hits.

Every baseball fan knows that Cy Young, for whom the award is named, holds the record of winning 511 games. But who knows that he also holds the record for losing games, 314?

An athlete named Larry Lewis won a 100-yard dash in 17.8 seconds in 1969, a world's record time for runners in the 100-or-older class. Lewis was 101.

The 1916 New York Giants won 26 in a row at home, a major league record, and 17 games in a row on the road. And they finished fourth in the National League that year.

The major league record for home runs in a season before Babe Ruth was 27 by Ned Williamson of the Chicago White Stockings in 1887. That's without Androstenedione. A shot or two of gin, maybe?

John Kull is forever known as baseball's perfect player. He pitched one game for the Philadelphia Athletics in 1909 and won it; he got to bat once and got a hit; and he handled his one chance in the field flawlessly.

And good luck to the newest record-setters, Mark McGwuire and Geoff Smith

CANDIDATES CORNER

Bradley calls for ban on negative campaigning

Former Assistant District Attorney and State Representative candidate Garrett Bradley called for a voluntary ban on all negative campaigning in the Third Plymouth District Democratic Primary.

In a letter to both his Democratic opponents, Bradley applauds the manner in which the Primary has been run so far. Bradley writes, "up to this point in the Democratic Primary campaign, all three candidates have run positive, issue-based campaigns. The voters of the Third Plymouth District have benefited from a thorough, substantive debate of important issues that impact families and senior citizens on a daily basis."

While the Primary has not been negative so far, Bradley wants to raise the standards of political campaigns by instituting a voluntary ban on negative campaigning.

"We have an important obligation to continue this positive, issue-based Democratic Primary," stated Bradley. "As Democrats, we cannot afford to miss this unique opportunity to win this seat back by attacking each other in the Primary."

"By voluntarily joining together to ban negative campaigning, we can also raise the standards of political campaigns both in our area and statewide, and present a unified, Democratic effort throughout the Primary and General elections."

Bradley has also called for a unity breakfast after the Primary, so that the winner of the Democratic primary can be assured of a unified party in his campaign against the incumbent Republican, Mary Jeanette Murray.

Cutler endorsed by environmental organizations

The Massachusetts League of Environmental Voters (MLEV) and New England Environmental Voters (NEEV) have voted to endorse Democratic State Representative candidate Josh Cutler.

"We are pleased to make this endorsement," said Marsha Westropp, co-chair of the MLEV board. "Mr. Cutler has demonstrated his strong commitment to the environment through his leadership in securing passage of Land Bank legislation and commitment to work for environmental legislation if elected, particularly the updated bottle bill."

MLEV and NEEV are non-profit organizations dedicated to improving environmental quality through electoral political action. MLEV and NEEV seek to achieve this goal by increasing the public's awareness of the positions taken on environmental issues by Massachusetts' public officials and candidates for office.

Cutler is a Democratic candidate for state representative for Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. He is running to bring a pro-active voice on issues like health care reform, education and environmental protection. For more information on the Cutler Campaign, call 741-9889 or visit our web site at www.jcutler.com.

Mary Jeanette Murray talks taxes

Invigorated by campaigning and by the opportunity to talk about "issues and ideas for the 21st century," State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray (3rd Plymouth District, Hingham, Cohasset, Hull) has spent her summer traveling the triangle, as she calls her three-town district.

And what's on the minds of constituents? Taxes, she says. The failure of the Legislature to honor a promise to roll back the state income tax rate has Murray reiterating her pledge to make "easing the tax burden on the working men and women of Massachusetts and encouraging a tax climate that is hospitable to business a cornerstone of my next term."

She's been there before, championing tax cuts and reminding her colleagues that the increase in the tax rate from 5% to 5.95% was supposed to be temporary.

"We took then Gov. Dukakis at his word, that the increase would be temporary to help us through the fiscal crisis of the eighties. But taxes are like bee stings. Long after the fiscal crisis — and the bee — are gone, the sting lingers. The moral of the story is don't let the bee get too close. That's my job. Don't let tax increases even have a chance of getting near us."Murray touts her record of lower taxes.

She has voted to lower the meals tax, eliminate the state income tax surcharge and against an increase in the gas tax. She has called on the Legislature to cap state spending, to increase local aid and to limit mandated programs which strain local budgets.

"Like any household, the Legislature has to live within its budget and stop charging frivolous purchases to the taxpayers. The taxpayers have become the state's Visa and Mastercard. Well, it's time the state cut up its cards," she said.

Murray invites your thoughts and comments. She can be contacted at (781) 383-1000 or at her State House Office, (617) 722-2400.

State Police Association endorses Locke for District Attorney

Norfolk District Attorney Jeffrey A. Locke has been endorsed in the Republican Primary for District Attorney by the State Police Association of Massachusetts (SPAM).

As District Attorney, Locke supervises a staff of 120 employees, including 22 state police detectives who are assigned to the District Attorney's Homicide and Major Crimes Unit, Sexual Assault Unit, and a county-wide Drug Unit. At the direction of the District Attorney, state police detectives have teamed up with local police since 1997 to jointly investigate all homicides and to identify and eliminate drugs at the local level.

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New Osgood rings in first class Sept. 8

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The new Joseph Osgood Elementary School will have its delayed start Sept. 8.

Last-minute "punch list" items and carpeting and tiling for corridors, shelving for the library and the gym floor were some of the details that needed to be completed by work crews before the school could receive its first students.

Though still not entirely completed, the new elementary school will open its $9.9 million dollar doors for the '98-'99 school year Tuesday morning, 9 a.m.

"The school still isn't done," said Sarah Markert, who with Cassandra Rioux and a host of parent-volunteers has been assisting teachers with the move from the old to new school.

"What we're trying to do is do it set everything up efficiently so that the contractors can still work in there," she said.

The classrooms and cafeteria have been completed so that the returning students will not be much affected by the continued presence of work crews.

"It's absolutely beautiful, bright and cheery. The screened windows can all be opened for fresh air."

— Parent, Sarah Markert on the new Osgood School.

"It looks gorgeous, absolutely breath-taking gorgeous," gushed Markert. "I had to go pick something up at the old Osgood and with the exception of a sentimental pang — I've had children there and there is some charm to the school — I thought, holy-moly! Light in every classroom, the wood touches — even the ceilings are grooved wood, and all the blues and teals. It's absolutely beautiful, bright and cheery. The screened windows can all be opened for fresh air."

Markerts son, Zachary, agrees. "We used to only be able to open one window in my class at the old school last year."

The gym floor is being used to hold all the work equipment. Once the crew is finished with the rest of the school, a new gym floor will be put down.

"Everyone that worked on it needs to be commended," said Markert. "This is really something that Cohasset should be proud of."

Male volunteers will be needed to finish the last of the move from the old to new Osgood from 6-10 p.m., Sept. 3 to help move heavier objects such as desks and chairs. More volunteers will be needed for Friday, Sept. 4. To volunteer, call Sarah Markert at 383-6124 or Rioux at 383-2856.

WHAT'S COOKING?



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Cafeteria worker Maria Calbria gets lunch ready for hundreds of Deer Hill School pupils on the first day of school yesterday.

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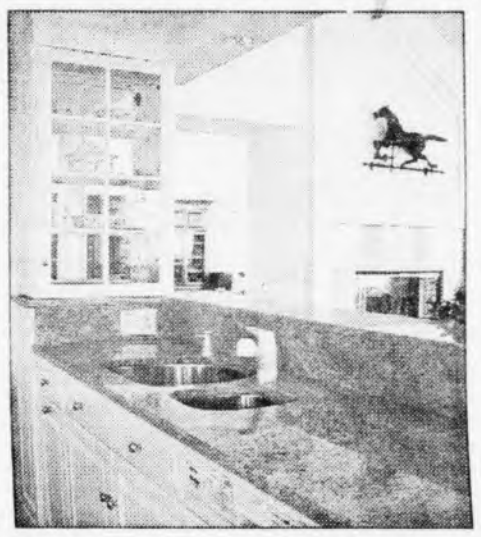
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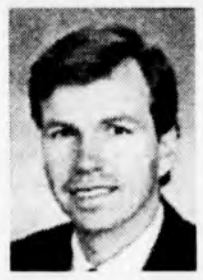
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Seafaring past comes alive at Maritime Museum

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Ship models, Minot's Lighthouse memorabilia and other seaworthy items are visible reminders of Cohasset's nautical history that await visitors to Elm Street's Maritime Museum, now in its 38th year of operation.

"We're kind of off the beaten path so we don't get as many guests as other museums that are perhaps somewhat better known than we are," said curator David Wadsworth. "But we have about 800 or so visitors per summer form June through September. One year I think we went over 1,000. We very seldom have more than a half-dozen at a time in here. It's not a good assembly hall—it's far too old for that."

Despite the lack of space, Wadsworth particularly likes to see family groups comprised of three generations arrive at the front door. So much so that the museum has stopped charging admission fees. "A father would come in, see the sign and then quickly calculate the cost for his parents and children," he said. "We don't want people to feel the price is too steep to bring their family in."

Depending on the influx of summer visitors drawn by Harborfest or other local events, Wadsworth might keep as many as 100 visitors entertained through any given weekend with his talk of codfishing schooners, the Portuguese sailors who once manned them, Cohasset genealogy, town history and local legend. Better yet, he's accurate.

Many of the pamphlets on display near the museum's front door were penned by Wadsworth, who is the Historical Society's curator and a member of the town's Historical Commission. Wadsworth himself can trace his mother's Cohasset genealogy (back tot he 1630s before the town made the 1770 separation from Hingham) and claims he picked up all his historical information "through osmosis." He can even trace visitors' local genealogy, if they have one to find.

Before taking over as curator, Wadsworth had been organizing town archives with financial assistance provided by a federal job-training grant. He has been serving in his curator post since 1982 when the Historical Society extended an invitation to replace outgoing curator Robert Fraser. He knows the museum from top to bottom—literally.

The downstairs of the wide-board floored museum is the maritime section. Nets, paintings, lanterns, early photographs, compasses and other seafaring items adorn the walls, ceiling and several glass-topped curio tables.

Upstairs, reminders of Cohasset's earliest residents, the Conohasset Indian tribe for whom the town is named, are on display. Prehistoric Indian stone tools sit behind glass cabinets, as do two Conohasset dolls that must have delighted at least one little girl centuries ago.

"We found the arrowheads on Government Island, near the entrance of Cunningham's Bridge at Little Harbor and at the marshes at the gulf," said Wadsworth. "Those were summer encampments apparently. In the colder weather, the Conohasset must have tried to get away from the winds by staying up in the hills then."

Further back in the upper level are early Cohasseters' desks, writing implements and other daily items. "I sometimes refer to it more as an attic than a museum," joked Wadsworth.

The wooden building, originally situated by the Cove on Border Street at Bates Wharf, was built by colonist Samuel Bates. The 18th century structure had originally been an old ship chandlery (a marine supplies store). For a time, the Bates' family business passed along from one family member to the next, with a short period of ownership by the Stockbridge brothers, Hector and Samuel, in the early 1800s.

Sometime later, John Bates, a Boston-based fur dealer, may have pored over his fishing fleet records at the desk that now sits on the second floor of the museum.

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Chris Cameron and his son, Wilson, pay a visit to the Maritime Museum on Elm Street.

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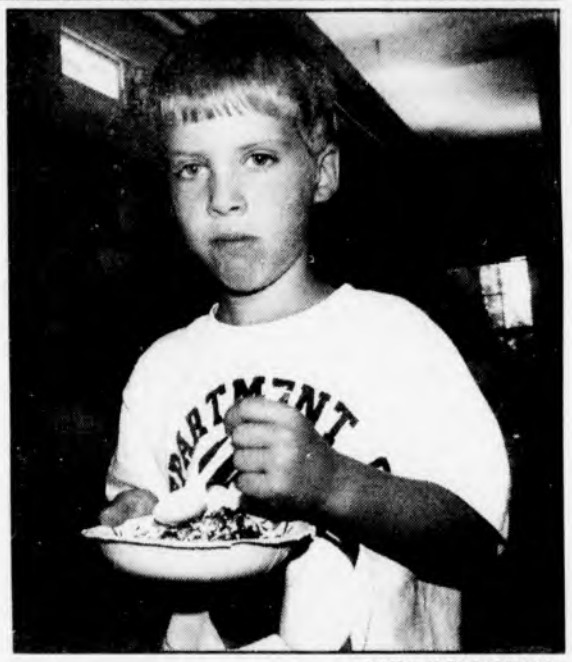
If your office or place of business has surplus equipment to donate to a non-profit organization, please consider the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. At present the library needs eight stenographer's chairs to use at computer workstations.

"We could also use a few computers," said Library Director Janet Husband. "They'd have to be Power Macs or PC's with Windows to be useful." These computers could be used as word processors by library users who may not have access to a computer otherwise. For more information, call Janet Husband, Library Director at (781) 383-1348.

Library user surveys

Library user surveys are coming back to the library with some interesting comments and responses. This survey is being conducted by the Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library as a part of their long-range plan. The questions being asked include reasons you use the library, how often you use the library and whether or not library services should be expanded, maintained or reduced.

If you haven't filled out a survey yet, stop by the library and pick one up at the front desk.



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Ben Campbell dips into his sundae at the library party for all the children who took part in the library's summer reading program.

Seafaring past comes alive

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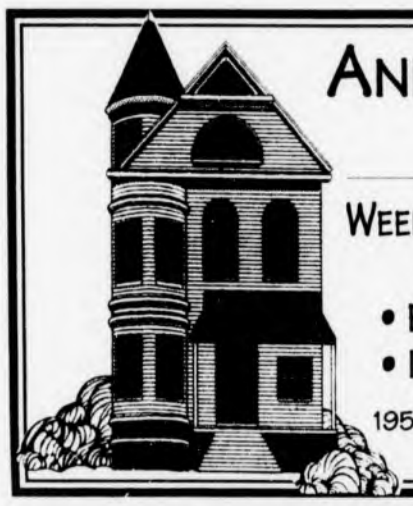
With his death and the end of the maritime industry's heyday, the building saw various owners before it was donated to the historical society by Mr. and Mrs. William Cox in the mid 1950s. It was then that the structure was moved to its Elm Street location next to the John Wilson House.

"We still get things," he said. "Most of our pieces come from people who either live here in Cohasset or have lived here. We don't get the really early things any more like from the 1700s and so forth. We're apt to get things from the latter 1800s—books, maps and artifacts—or early 1900s now, which is starting to get historical.

Visitors to the museum may leave with an increased understanding of the maritime ear of the 19th and later 18th centuries. "This is where the population spread across the United States started," said Wadsworth. "Right here, and then to New York, the Midwest and then on to the Gold Rush of California. Most of them started here, the ones that first went across and expanded the nation."

Wadsworth is pleased with the current surge in interest in genealogy. "There are now computer programs and I've heard about some of them on the Net. Maybe that's encouraging people to look into the subject more. I'd like to see that for the maritime museum—to have it continue to expand, moving into the 21st century and so forth."

Visitors can stop in at the museum from 1:30-4:30 p.m. daily except Mondays through September, weather permitting, when the unheated museum shuts down for the winter.



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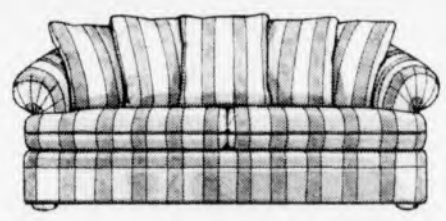
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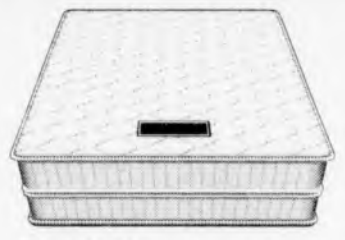
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Firefighters and Police Officer Jeffrey Treanor help an injured call firefighter to an ambulance.

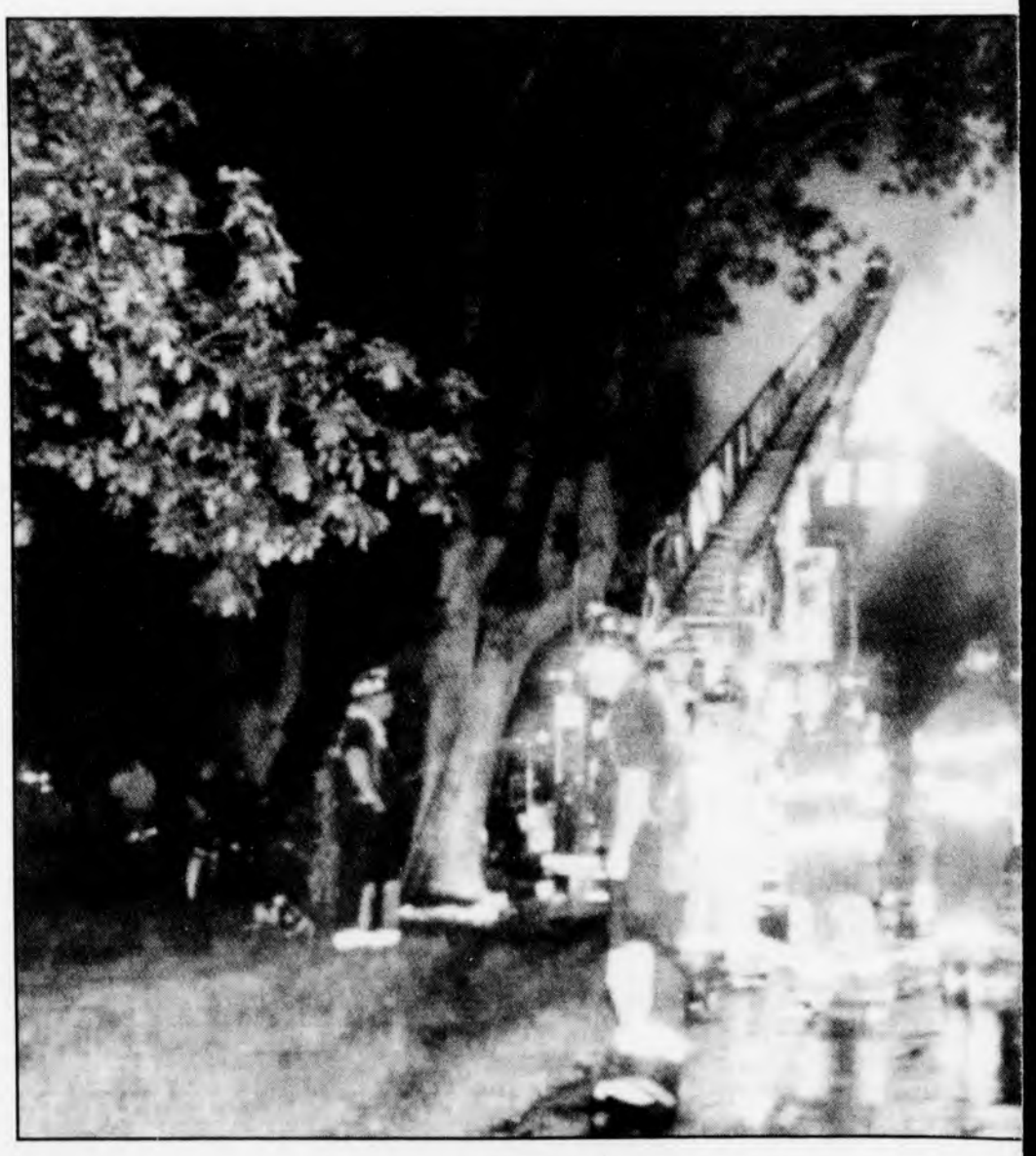


A firefighter mans a the hose at the top of one of three aerial ladders at the scene on Atlantic Aven



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Firefighters climb a ladder into the second story of the massive Victorian house.



Firefighters from five towns fought the fire for more than six hours.

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A group of firefighters battle the blaze but soon had to evacuate the house.



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A firefighter, framed by flames in the background, with some fire hose.



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The fire rages through the second and third stories.

Flames destroy $1.5 million Atlantic Avenue home

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"But that didn't stop our response," he said.

The first engine at the scene reported a fire on a first-floor porch and after a couple of minutes, it was determined the fire was in the ceiling, Lincoln explained. Shortly thereafter, firefighters discovered the fire had spread to the second floor.

Lincoln sounded the second alarm at 11:30 p.m. for additional assistance. That brought an engine from Scituate and the Hull ladder truck.

By this time the warm, humidity of the evening was taking its toll on the firefighters. Four Cohasset call firefighters — two suffering from exhaustion and two with smoke inhalation — had to be transported to the hospital. Private ambulances were called in to treat exhausted firefighters and the Red Cross was also on hand with special fluids to fight dehydration.

At about 12:15 a.m., the fire had spread to the main house and all manpower was ordered to vacate the building, Lincoln said.

"It was a very big, maze-like house," he said. "Once the fire was in the interior of the building, it was no longer safe for the men to be inside."

Then the third alarm was sounded which brought in additional manpower from Hingham, Scituate and Norwell plus the Hingham aerial ladder truck which joined those from Cohasset and Scituate.

A second Norwell engine covered the Cohasset fire station.

Once the firefighters were out of the house, ladder pipes which have very large nozzles attached to the end of the aerial ladders were used to provide a heavy stream of water on the fire.

By about 4:10 a.m., the fire was under control and units started to leave — beginning with those called in from the third alarm. Cohasset cleared the scene at 1:55 p.m. Friday.

Susan and Russell MacPherson, who have owned the house since 1995, had just arrived at their house in Maine when they got the phone call and returned immediately, arriving at about 4 a.m.

Friday morning they were back in Cohasset climbing up and down the front steps salvaging what they could from their home.

They praised the firefighters and were relieved no one was seriously injured.

"No house is worth that," Susan MacPherson said.

Local historian David Wadsworth said the 1895 house — which is on both the local and Mass. Historical Commission surveys — was built by Richard Lothrup, grandson of John Jacob Lothrup, a sea captain.

John Jacob Lothrup, Jr. married the daughter of an innkeeper, and they had several sons, including Richard, who built houses between Sandy Cove and Cunningham Bridge.

"This was a true historic house of the Victorian era," Wadsworth said.

He explained that "balloon frame" houses were cropping up "all over the place" because it was not possible to create these sprawling homes with the hand-hewn posts and beams used previously.

"It was lighter construction and made it possible to make multiple shapes," Wadsworth said. "They could do things never done before and be guided by their taste whether its Italian-style villas or English country cottages."

Massive house fires are relatively rare today but before the public water supply was developed at the end of the 19th century, there was no way to save a house.

"Every house had a leather fire bucket and fires were fought with bucket brigades and hand-tub pumpers," Wadsworth said.

Lincoln praised the efforts of all the firefighters involved.

"I have a great deal of praise for my men as well as the officers and firefighters from the other towns and respect for the work they did," he said.

A neighbor, who asked not to be identified, said the MacPhersons plan to rebuild the house the way it was. The MacPhersons could not be reached for further comment.

Building Inspector Robert Egan said the house is not inhabitable but could be rebuilt.

"The way I look at it if it weren't such a unique house, not such a beautiful house, there would be no question that it would be a total loss," he said. "But with this house it may be worth it to at least explore salvaging (what's left) and rebuilding from the first floor up."



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The aftermath of the fire that all but destroyed the Victorian mansion at 124 Atlantic Ave.



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The house at 124 Atlantic Ave. at about 9 a.m. Friday morning. Firefighters were still on hand to make sure there weren't any hot spots.

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A few interested spectators gawk at one of the prized catches from a recent shark tournament in Hingham.

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Broadcaster continues the sportscasting legacy of his dad

Casey Coleman making a name for himself in Cleveland

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Everyone had jobs as a youngster they'd sometimes like to forget.

That's not the case for former Cohasset resident Casey Coleman who spent part of his youth as a ballboy for the Cleveland Browns of the National Football League and as a vendor in Fenway Park during the Impossible Dream season of 1967.

"Most kids spent their youth at the local park on the jungle gym. My playground was Municipal Stadium in Cleveland. I really loved that place," said Coleman of the since demolished stadium. "My play areas growing up were the locker rooms and everywhere else in that place. It was like a second home to me."

Such was life for the son of legendary sports announcer Ken Coleman, who Casey said is even more popular and well-known out in Ohio where he did play-by-play for the Browns and Ohio State football games and a local 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. sportscast than he is back here.

"Dad's a legend in Ohio," said Coleman's proud 47-year-old son. "At one point he won the Ohio Sportscaster of the Year nine straight years in a tremendously tough sports market.. He's one of the best ever."

The 1969 Cohasset High graduate is now making a name for himself as a sportscaster in Cleveland both on TV and the radio. Coleman hosts a weekly television show on the CBS affiliate Channel 19 and also a daily talk show on WTAM- 1100 AM, the flagship station of the Cleveland Indians.

In addition, he hosts the pre-game and the post-game wrap-up's for the Tribe and did the same for the Cleveland Browns before the franchise moved to Baltimore.



Former Cohasset resident Casey Coleman has made a name for himself as one of the top sports broadcasters in Ohio. Coleman is following in the footsteps of his father, Ken Coleman, the former Boston Red Sox broadcaster who also made a mark in the Midwest.

"They're both fun to do," said Coleman when asked about whether he preferred radio or television. "Radio is more creative, but there's better money in television. On TV you are just really providing captions for the pictures. In radio you are setting the scene as well as painting a picture for your audience."

"It's like being involved in the toy store of life,' said Coleman about the business of sports broadcasting. "I tagged along with my dad for all those years that he was in Cleveland and Boston and I just seemed to be destined for this business. Opportunity just kept hitting me in the face until I couldn't ignore it any longer."

The CHS class president for 1969, Coleman earned nine varsity letters in his three years at the school- three each in football and baseball, two in basketball and one in hockey.

"I wasn't much of a hockey player, but that season was the most fun I had of all," he said. "We had a great team and were able to go a long way in the state tourney."

"Sports was like night and day when you looked at high school sports in Ohio and Cohasset," he continued. "Freshman year we'd get 130 kids to go out for the football team, but here you were looking at maybe 30 kids if you were lucky. It's a totally different following."

Coleman was especially dissatisfied with his senior year football experience. After tying their first game 0-0 against Duxbury, the Skippers would not win or tie a game for the rest of the season.

"It's tough when the highlight of the year was a 0-0 tie, but what made it much worse was it was the last season for Everett Doorr," who had been a football coach for years at the school. "We wanted to send him out with something special but we weren't able to get it done."

All that said, Coleman is really

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Mom...I got a trout!

THE FISH STORY

MARK TRASK

The sun was setting low in the crisp air of the last night of August and a solitary customer ruminated over the rows of lures.

Harry stepped out back as he is want to do on occasion with a rod and reel in hand. A solitary shiner twinkled in the low light. Passing cars beeped hello as he took up his spot behind the store.

The customer had selected a Rebel, a broken-back Rebel with a blue back destined for some ultralight fishing near Minot's Light.

How's the fishing he asked as I made change. Well, the biggest fish of the year came in yesterday I smiled, pointing to the Polaroid adorning the top of the register.

Suddenly we were interrupted by Harry standing in the door way. The biggest one just got away Harry exclaimed holding a wrinkled thread of monofiliment in his hand, a Zebco combo in the other. "What happened," I asked. The fish took it down around the corner, then the line snapped. What's the test the customer chimed in. Fifteen pounds!

With that Harry dipped out another shiner and went back at it. In the meantime I had pulled the Polaroid off the register and we were admiring the 37 pound 47 inch striper that Peter Abbott had captured off the shore in Scituate the previous day. Peter's prizewinner scoffed a pogie chunk and the battle was on. Peter is the current leader in the Beachcomber Bass Tournament Shore Division.

The store had filled up with shoppers picking out odds and ends and excited voices could be hear outside.

Yes, it was Harry again. This time a hefty catfish was swinging from the line as everyone crowded around for a look.

A customer who'd stopped in on his way back from Yarmouth to Boston claimed it for dinner. His fiancee couldn't stop giggling as they drive off.

Joe Durkin and Joe Jr. of Cohasset spent some time on the waters off Humarock drowning mackerel chunks. Their efforts paid off with a nice 37 inch bass that took the weekly prize in the boat division of the Beachcomber. The Beachcomber

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BASIC TRAINING



Tess Weafer takes a second to work on her dribbling skills at the South Shore Soccer Camp.

STAFF PHOTO/ FRED ROBERTSON

Mom...I got a trout!

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Bass Tournament is now at its halfway mark having begun August 1 and running through Sept. 30.

Jamie Jackson is holding onto the top spot in the Boat Division with his 28 and 3/4 pound 44 inch striper. Peter Abbott has vaulted the crowd in the shore division as mentioned earlier. Plenty of good fishing time remains during this tournament.

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Ray Davis laid claim to the previous week's prize, fishing in the teeth of hurricane Bonnie. A fish a day rate he was catching them at. Now he's scrambling for a spot to tie up. A victim of the dredging blues in Cohasset. I was on my way down to Cohasset Harbor on a recent evening to toss herring into the outflow of the Gulph.

As I rounded the corner by the Veteran's Park, I could see two youngsters fishing off the sidewalk halfway to Lawrence Wharf. As I drew closer the older kid fell from his perch, backwards, just catching himself before knocking his head on the asphalt.

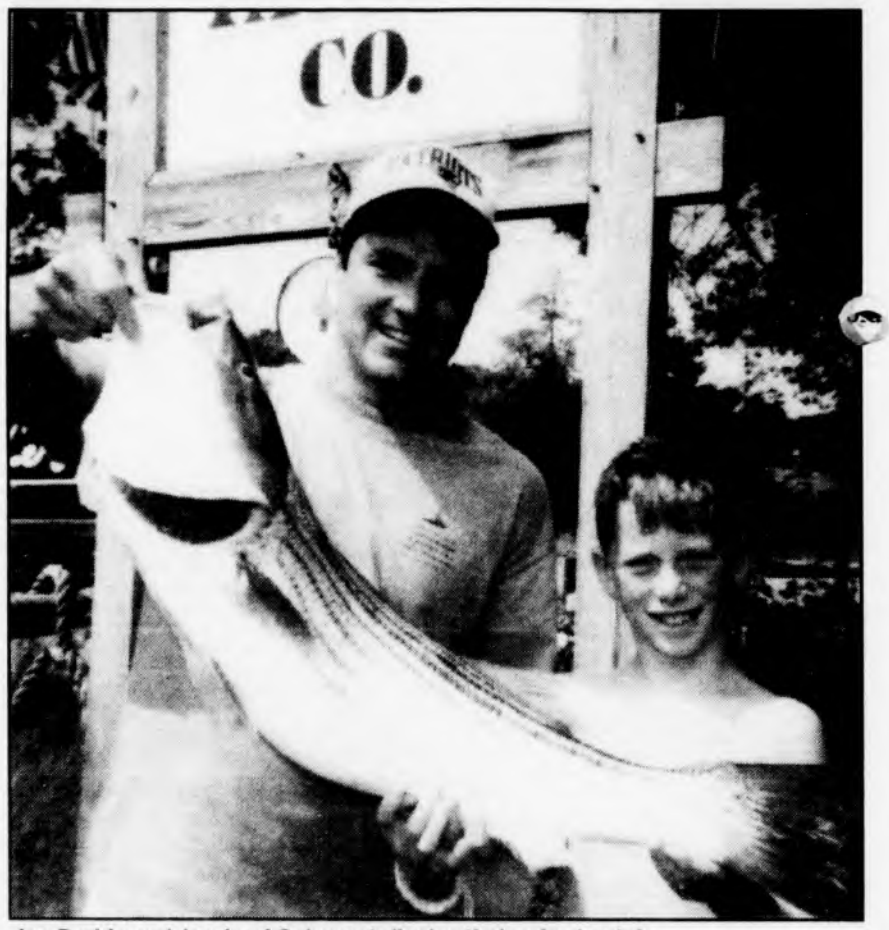
By now the older brother had regained his feet and took over the rod from his little brother who kept jumping up and down I got a trout! I got a trout! His enthusiasm was spectacular. I stopped the truck and walked over in time to see the older brother (age 9?) swing a 2 foot striper over the rail.

The commotion had attracted quite a crowd, including the boys' Dad from across the street. I got a trout the kiddo screamed into his Dad's ear as Dad crouched, bass in hand admiring the fish.

This is a striper he told his son. Moments later the boy's Mom called from across the street, inquiring.

Without hesitation the youngster yelled, Mom...I got a TROUT!

Enjoy your holiday weekend and catch one that's hard to carry.



Joe Durkin and Joe Jr. of Cohasset display their prized catch.



Harry Trask is more than happy with his haul, a catfish.

Soccer registrations

The Cohasset Recreation Department and Soccer Club will conduct registrations for boys and girls in grades K-6, on Saturday, Sept. 5, from 9-11 a.m. at Cohasset Town Hall.

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The fee for soccer is $55 for the first child, $45 for the second child, $40 for the third child and free for the fourth child registering from the same family. Checks should be made payable to: "Cohasset Soccer Club." A check, also payable to Cohasset Soccer Club for $15 will be held for the uniform deposit. Please make certain you have two checks with you for soccer registration on Saturday, Sept. 5.

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Son continues the sportscasting legacy of his father

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looking forward to coming back to Cohasset next year for his 30th class reunion.

A self-professed "child of the 60s" who was searching for his niche in life, Coleman went to Norwich University for a while but it was while a student at UMass-Boston that he got his break into the business; a full-time job producing at WITS-AM, the old Red Sox flagship station.

After stops in Fall River at WSAR and in Philadelphia Coleman found a home in Cleveland and hasn't left since.

The basic things he learned while being around his father and some of the other great announcers of the day still apply said Coleman, although some other things have changed.

"There's more writing and reporting these days in sports broadcasting," said Coleman, adding that the days of "rip and read" were now a thing of the past.

"The great thing about this business is that you can report and report all you want, but the next day the sun is going to come up and it's a brand new day," he added.

That same hopeful attitude is now infused in the hearts of the Cleveland Browns followers, who are less than a year away from having their football team back.

Part of the promise from the NFL when Art Model took his team to Baltimore was that in a short period Cleveland would be awarded another football team. They don't have owners yet and a still unnamed new stadium is now under construction, but the Cleveland Browns get back into business with a Aug. 21, 1999 pre-season football contest.

"I think the paint is still going to be wet on the stadium come next August, but the whole area is excited about brining the Browns back to Cleveland next season," said Coleman. "Everyone is geared up."

The same cannot be said for Indians fans, said Coleman, who are lamenting the fact that their team has played horrible baseball since the All-Star break yet still is leading the Central Division of the American League by a comfortable margin.

"Sports was like night and day when you looked at high school sports in Ohio and Cohasset. Freshman year we'd get 130 kids to go out for the football team, but here you were looking at maybe 30 kids if you were lucky. It's a totally different following."

OHIO SPORTSCASTER AND FORMER COHASSET RESIDENT CASEY COLEMAN

"We're not looking forward to the playoffs," said Coleman. "Our team is not playing well at all."

That could be a good thing for the Red Sox, who look to be on a collision course with Cleveland for a meeting in the playoffs.

"Boston has really put it to us this season. Fans around here expect the Indians to get their butts kicked when it comes to the playoffs," said Coleman. "There's not much hope out here at all for the Indians."

Although Cleveland and Boston may not be similar at all, their sports fans can commiserate. Both group have had enough ups and down to fill up Heartbreak Hotel all year long.

"Both towns have had more than their fair share of heartbreak," said Coleman, including such Cleveland tragedies as the loss of the Browns, John Elway's last minute 98-yard drive to take away Cleveland's chance at a Super Bowl, the numerous things that Michael Jordan did to keep the Cavaliers from moving on in the playoffs and, most recently, not being able to close the deal in last year's World Series when they were only two outs away from victory.

Yeah, it does sound just like Boston.

Coleman lives in Ohio with his wife Emilie and their two children, Chelsea and Kayla.

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YMCA starts a U-13 boys soccer team

The South Shore YMCA, located on the Hanover/Norwell border (across the street from the Hanover Mall) introduced its new soccer team for Under 13 boys on Monday, July 20. This team will compete in the Massachusetts Premier League (MAPLE) for the 1998/99 season. The program includes membership to the Y, use of the facilities for both team and individual training including the new health facilities at the Hanover and Quincy facilities for the fall, winter and spring season, quality coaching and fun.

In a supportive and motivating environment the program will develop and improve the individual player skill, game strategies and tactics in the context team play. The Y chose players that are serious in developing their individual skills as well as competing as team players for playing soccer at the highest level of competition in the state. The head coach, Kevin Orcutt, of Weymouth, is a B licensed coach who has played professional soccer for over 10 years, coached Division I and II teams in the MAPLE league and at private schools in the area. The Y coaching staff also includes licensed physical trainers. The coaching staff is dedicated to doing their best to develop already talented players to higher levels of play and skill.

The team name is The South Shore YMCA DASH Soccer Club, and consists of players from the towns of Cohasset, Dorchester, Halifax, Marshfield, Norwell and Pembroke. Practices will begin in Aug. for the 14 players chosen. The South Shore YMCA is a not-for-profit association of individuals dedicated to improving the quality of life for all through programs that promote a healthy body, mind and spirit.

Coach Orcutt is still looking for a few quality players. If you think you might be interested in playing for the Y call (781) 829-8585 and leave a message.



Left to right top row: Paul Cotter, Cohasset; Michael Violandi, Halifax; Chris Pisarkiewicz, Norwell; Bradd Baigini, Marshfield; Octavio Cruz, Dorchester; Patrick Manning, Norwell; Craig Laugelle, Cohasset; Bottom row: Coach Kevin Orcutt, Weymouth; Rob Beach, Norwell; Chris Ingham, Marshfield; Colin Green, Norwell; Sean Curran, Marshfield; Andy Renna, Halifax; Justin Maddy, Pembroke. Not shown, Steven Craven, Halifax.

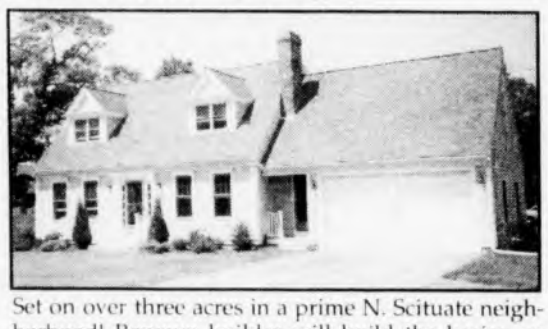
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BACK TO SCHOOL



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Fifth-grade teacher Kathy Jordan enjoys her lunch on the first day of school at Deer Hill yesterday.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

MIDDLE -HIGH/ DEER HILL MENU

Monday, Sept. 7 - **Labor Day**

Tuesday, Sept. 8 - **Chicken filet on roll or ham and cheese sandwich, steamed vegetables, fruit cup**

Wednesday, Sept. 9 - **Greek salad with pita or grilled cheeseburger with vegetables, fruit, chocolate cake**

Thursday, Sept. 10 - **Grilled hot dog with roll or cheeseburger with roll, oven fired, cole slaw, sliced apples**

Friday, Sept. 11 - **Papa Gino's pizza, celery sticks with peanut butter, fruit**

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Mondays - **Chicken filet on a roll, cheese or pepperoni pizza; assorted deli items with fruit, milk, lettuce, tomato, pickle; assorted salads, with 1/2 pita, milk, fruit or soup.**

Tuesdays - **Meatball sub, calzone, assorted deli items with fruit, milk, lettuce, tomato, pickle; assorted salads, with 1/2 pita, milk, fruit or soup.**

Wednesdays - **Cheesburger on a roll, cheese pizza or calzone; assorted deli items with fruit, milk, lettuce, tomato, pickle; assorted salads, with 1/2 pita, milk, fruit or soup.**

Thursdays - **Calzone, chicken filet on a roll, assorted deli items with fruit, milk, lettuce, tomato, pickle; assorted salads, with 1/2 pita, milk, fruit or soup.**

Fridays - **Chicken nuggets, cheese or pepperoni pizza, assorted deli items with fruit, milk, lettuce, tomato, pickle; assorted salads, with 1/2 pita, milk, fruit or soup.**

Cohasset PSO calendar

The 1998-99 Cohasset PSO calendar will be mailed during the first week in September. Extra copies will be available in all school offices.

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Osgood's open house postponed

The new Joseph Osgood Elementary School's open house for parents set for 12:30-2:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4 has been postponed. Parents will be contacted with the new date, school officials said.

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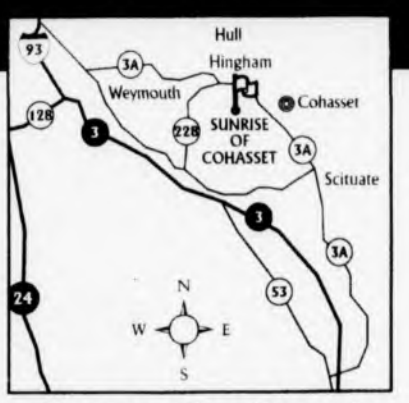
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Attractive, outgoing SWF who loves to have fun and be spoiled, seeks SM, 30-45, who's easy to get along with, down-to-earth, financially secure. Children ok. Possible LTR. ☎30081

Attractive, slim, youthful F, seeks tall, good-looking M who loves the classics. Late 50s-62. ☎30117

Average homebody wants time alone and time together, easygoing dating with debt-free, n/s, Catholic SWM, 40s, over 5'11". ☎30116

Brown-eyed girl! DWF, attractive, intelligent, spontaneous, professional, enjoys sun, art, wine, fitness, life to the fullest. Looking for handsome "Mr. Down-to-earth" who is financially/emotionally stable, for friendship or LTR. ☎30131

Bubbly, plus-sized SWF, professional, 45, 5'3", nonsmoker, non-drinker, like fresh air, sunshine, walks with the dogs, sharing good sense of humor, honesty and commitment. Middleboro area. ☎30003

Caring, outgoing, romantic DWPF, N/S, light drinker, educated, 48, 5'10", seeking WPM, n/s, light drinker, who is an educated, honest, romantic, adventurous, flexible individual. Enjoys people, laughter, children and animals. ☎30133

Catholic SWF, 52, 5'2", slightly stocky build. Enjoy bowling, walking, reading and going out for dinner. Seeking a S/DWM, 35-55, n/s, light drinker, for friendship and possibly more. ☎30025

Confident and secure SWF, retired, 50, 5'6", 112 lbs, busy, secure and happy. Looking for the same in a nonsmoking, professional Male, 45-58. ☎30028

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DF, 37, 5'4", 135 lbs, business owner, nonsmoking, seeking S/DM, 30-50, likes children. Quiet, homebody type preferred. ☎30063

Dinner and dancing. Attractive DWF, 35, who enjoys BBQ parties, weekend getaways and movies at home, looking for DWM, around 40, to share new adventures. ☎30052

Down-to-earth SWF, 24, one child, enjoys camping, walking, movies and having fun. Seeking S/DWCM, 25-32, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. ☎30070

Dreamer desired by SF, 43, trim, active, creative writer. Seeking in-shape SM, 40-50, 5'10"+, who enjoys bicycling, the beach and weekend fun. Must be openhearted and ready for anything. ☎30000

Elaine seeking Jerry/Kramer combo. SWF, social drinker, smoker, seeking SWM, 36-40, with a great sense of humor and big strong arms for bear hugs, enjoys movies, dining out and laughter. ☎30015

Feeling old, lonely and in need of a friend. Attractive, active and mature DWF, 60s, enjoy poetry, movies and dining out. Seeking a tall, humorous Man, 60s, n/s, n/d. ☎30017

Female, 50+, enjoy gardening, the beach, fishing, dinner and dancing. Seeking a S/DWM, 50s, with same interests. ☎30001

Fire and rain, Celtic style. Raven Ceridwen, longing for balance, enjoying the simple things in life. ☎30058

Friendly, full-figured Female, 41, love animals, country music, volunteering and being outside, n/s, social drinker. Seek mature Man who has similar interests, kids ok. ☎30038

Full-figured beauty, SWF, 29, 5'8", ISO a kindhearted, stable SM, 29-40, for cuddling and conversation. Sincerity and honesty are musts. ☎30039

Great looks, kind heart, fit, easy-going, 41, SWF, enjoys music, arts, dancing, kids, Cape Ann, outdoor activities/sports, movies, animals. Seeks fun-loving, kind, gentle soul to match mine, for friendship, relationship. ☎30088

Grounded Tinker Bell looking for Peter Pan. Female, 45, self-employed professional, 5'10" 125 lbs, enjoy outdoor playing adventures. Harley riders ok. No Captain Hook types. Nonsmoker, non-drinker. ☎30018

Help me out. Hi! I'm a cute, blonde cocker spaniel looking for date for my owner. She is a SWPF, 42, n/s, light drinker, mid to upper Cape area only. ☎30124

Hoping to find an honest and sincere Male, 40-60. I'm a SWF in my early 40s, who's 5'4" and 115 lbs. I like movies and beaches. ☎30034

I am 61, like walking, dancing, quite times, eating in or out and animals. I'm 5'2", hazel eyes and very easy-going. ☎30103

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Lively WWWF, 5'3", brown/brown, part-time nanny. Enjoy oldies, dancing, dining out, beach walks and drives. Seeking a S/D/WWWM, 50-60. Hope to hear from you. ☎30029

Looking for friendship and more. SWF, 40, n/s, professional, down-to-earth, seeks employed SWM, 35+, who enjoys both excitement and quiet times. Let's get together. ☎30119

Mid-cape looker, DWF, 51, 5'5", 150 lbs, seeks S/DWM, n/s, who enjoys kayaking, gardening, outdoors (beaches to mountains), traveling, movies. Desires physically fit, honest, down-to-earth for relationship. Should be teenager tolerant. ☎30111

Mid-Cape, red-haired, petite DWF, successful professional, fit, n/s, light drinker. Seeks interesting, adventurous playmate, 32-45, for fun, friendship, maybe more. ☎30098

Not slim, not fit, but working on it. 45, pretty, older kids, crazy about music, singing, books, traveling, movies, walking, home, crosswords, hockey, shopping. Would love companion with common interests. ☎30095

On the go! DWF, 38, seeking handsome S/DWM, 38-45, interested in dining out, walks, and quiet times. Must be good with kids, no drinking, no smoking, no drugs. ☎30128

Romantic Lady, early 50s, medium build, enjoy Cape Cod, travel, beaches, et cetera. Looking for a sincere, nonsmoking, romantic SM for partner. ☎30022

Roseanne type: SWF, 5'2", brown/blue, enjoys outdoors, photography, family, and friends. Seeks SWM, 30-42, who's honest, with a good sense of humor. For friendship, marriage, and family. ☎30132

Seeking companionship. SWPF, blond/green, attractive, enjoys dancing, good conversation, walks on the beach. ISO SWM, outgoing, friendly, with similar interests. ☎30130

Seeking dance partner for a beginning, one who is 65+, tall, n/s, social drinker ok. I am WWWF, slender, excellent condition, varied interests, lots of pep. Let's meet once anyway. Mid-Cape. ☎30125

Seeking Mister Right. SWF, 22, 5'3", brown/brown. Seeking a SWM, 18-30, who doesn't do drugs and likes to do fun things. ☎30031

Single, humorous, attractive blonde, mid-50s, 5'5", 125 lbs, enjoy all aspects of life. Seeking slender Gentleman, 5'10"+, who communicates well, to take my hand so we can walk through life together. ☎30016

Summer is here. Down-to-earth, creative, logical DWF, 40s, blonde/blue, enjoy bowling, singing, arts and crafts. Seeking tall, honest S/DWM, 40-49, 5'10"+, good sense of humor, enjoys tennis, beaches, golf. Friendship first. ☎30069

SWF, 55, looking for someone to share times with. ☎30002

SWF, brown hair, brown eyes, enjoy dining, sports and dancing. Seeking a SWM, 40-62, for possible companionship and relationship. ☎30014

Tall, attractive, DWCF, 54. Enjoys outdoors, walking, casual dining and quiet evenings at home. Seeks S/DWCM, n/s, n/d. Life is not easy sometimes, must be able to share feelings and have fun. ☎30046

Tall, vegetarian, Scorpio, SWF, young 46. ISO monogamous, kind, honest, philosophical, wisdom-seeking, truth-sharing SWM. For a sincere relationship or friendship. ☎30102

This is the year for the Red Sox. SPWF, 46, petite, attractive, confident, looking for S/DPWM, tall, fit, honest, spiritual Gentleman, who doesn't take life too seriously, upper-Cape area. ☎30093

Tomorrow's mystery, yesterday is history. Slim, attractive DWF, 40s, light blond/blue, outgoing, exceptionally sincere, seeking DWM who loves traveling, dining out, outdoor cafes, laughter, great conversation, and sharing adventures. Honesty important. ☎30100

Upper Cape Female. Attractive, professional WWWF, 62 years young, emotionally and financially secure, Naples, Florida snowbird. Enjoys beach, tennis, theater, exotic travel. Seeking humorous, n/s, 6'+ Male, 57-67, similar interests. ☎30045

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

1st time ad. SWM, 32, looking for someone, 32-43, to star-gaze with, walks on the beach, conversation, have dinner and have fun. Romance first, possible LTR, n/drugs. ☎30104

26-year-old, SM, 6', 170 lbs, brown/hazel, open-minded, highly value communication, seeking Woman who wants to be treated like a Lady and be taken care of, for long-term relationship, friends first. ☎30074

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38-year-old SM, 5'7", brown/green, 160 lbs, enjoy hiking, fishing and traveling. Seeking a down-to-earth WF, 28-40, with similar interests. ☎30033

Active, fit DWM, 6', 40, no kids, n/s, business owner, enjoys live bands, today's music, movies, motorcycles. Looking for sincere, slender S/DWF, 25-35, with good sense of humor, for close LTR. ☎30127

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Available SWM, Catholic, 31, Italian, 5'8", brown/blue, 160 lbs, quiet, kind person. I like quiet times, travel, music and more. Seeking SWF, Catholic, 24-30, petite, enjoys quiet times. South Shore area. ☎30110

Caring SWM, 42, 6'1", totally at peace with himself, old fashioned values, loves children. Seeks S/DF who still enjoys being treated special. Have many interests to share with that special person. ☎30085

Caring, honest, secure, affectionate, fit, professional WM seeking a happy, loving, romantic, playful, lifetime friend and lover, 52-60, to share romance, outdoors, dancing, travel and the beach. ☎30011

Caring, humorous, compassionate DWM, 59, 5'6", 140 lbs, black/brown, athletic, health conscious, nonsmoker, enjoys beach walks, summertime, dancing. Seeking attractive Female, 45-58, nonsmoker, for dating, possible long-term commitment and marriage. ☎30075

City Girl take Guy. Best of both worlds. SWM, 42, honest, sincere, seeks tall, thin SWF for long-term relationship. ☎30118

Civil War buff. Retired Single Gentleman, 72, disabled American veteran, seeking a kind WF. ☎30032

Classy, blond, beautiful SBM, 34, looking for that special someone who loves romance. If you look nice and are full-figured, call me. Must be full-figured. Falmouth area. ☎30120

College-educated, Plymouth area SWM, 42, 5'10", casual life style, enjoys bicycling, sailing, arts. Seeking SWF, 30-42, n/s, with similar interests. ☎30078

Dance with me. Young-looking SWM, brown/brown, college grad, good-looking, good personality. Videos, model railroading, ISO SF, 18-33, for serious LTR. ☎30059

Divorced, broke, looking anyway. DWM, 48, medium build, n/s, n/d, outdoor Guy. Have a real job, no bills. Are you tall, thin, ready to meet a nice Guy? ☎30036

Dream lover, come rescue me! Warm, caring, sensitive and compassionate DWM, 50, young, very fit, active, 5'6", 145 lbs. Seeking a down-to-earth WF for my best friend and a long-term relationship. ☎30026

DWM, 36, slim, good-looking, easygoing, good person, one-Woman Man. Enjoys outdoors, movies and being with you. ISO slender, attractive, affectionate Woman. ☎30072

DWM, 38, 6'2", honest, happy and fun-loving. Looking for Female, 25-43, who enjoys long walks, "cozying" up to a good movie, conversation, dining and dancing. ☎30115

Earth sign, eclectic, witty, well-built, professional DWM, 40s, 5'11", enjoy astrology, personal growth, outdoors, day trips, quiet times, the simpler things. Seeking S/DWF 38-48, similar interests, for possible relationship. Plymouth area. ☎30021

Energetic, professional SWM, 31, 6', enjoy in-line skating, biking, hiking, tennis, movies. Seeking SWF, 28-38, with similar interests, for long-term relationship. Plymouth area. ☎30122

Falmouth Male, 61, 5'11", 145 lbs, retired military, no bad habits. Seeking a soulmate. Enjoy all of life. ☎30024

Fun-loving DWM, 26, 5'8", 165 lbs, Single dad, seeking professional S/DWF, 25-33, to share fun times, laughter, movies, camping and road trips. Must like Nickelodean. ☎30027

Good looks for a late 60s WM, enjoys cooking, walking, dancing, playing Blackjack, plus. Good sense of humor, 6'3", trim and positive thinking, seeking attractive, well-proportioned, 5'4"+ DWF. ☎30053

Good Man, good heart! SBM, 32, 5'9", 180 lbs, professional cook, enjoys movies, biking, dining in, R/B, seeking SF, slim to medium build, very shapely, with similar interests. Race, age unimportant. ☎30084

Hopeless romantic looking for same. SWM, 22, 5'4", 130 lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys Star Trek, going to movies, ISO a SF, 18-23. Leave message. ☎30094

Humanist SWM, 69, 5'10", 145 lbs, n/s, retired social worker, Hawaiian snow bird, boating, swimming, hiking, antique autos, sing-along songs, dislike rock. Seeking slim, attractive, unencumbered Lady. Upper to mid-Cape preferred. ☎30012

I am Portuguese and Italian, medium build, brown/brown, 165 lbs. Interests: cars, four-wheel drive, cooking, dancing, pool, movies, auto mechanics, social smoker/drinker, 6-year-old son. Military technician, seeking Woman, 30-50. ☎30044

I'm looking for a fit, attractive S/DWF for friendship, possible relationship. DWM, 35, considered attractive, fun to be with, loves beach, dining, movies. Take a chance, give me a call. ☎30112

Intelligent, artistic, adventurous, easygoing, handsome Man, seeks to meet beautiful, laughing Woman, mid-30s. ☎30054

Kissed enough frogs? Humorous SWM, 32, 5'9", 180 lbs, brown/brown, attractive, foreman of contracting company, homeowner, never married, no kids, likes sports, quiet movies at home, occasional bar bands, social drinker. ☎30068

Let's get together. SWM, 59, looking for SWF, similar age, who's up front, likes dancing, romancing, music, traveling, singing, eating in and out, full of fun and happiness, no children. ☎30057

Man of integrity. DWPCM, 51, n/s, n/d, 5'8", 175 lbs, fit, believes in commitment, likes outdoors, movies, sports, romance, Christian music. Seeks attractive Woman, 40-48, H/W/P, with similar interests, commitment to Jesus. ☎30092

Mid Cape area. SWM, 50, 5'11", 185 lbs, sincere, fun-loving, loves the outdoors, long walks on the beach and just talking. Seeking the same in a nice Lady, for companionship and good times. ☎30048

New to town. BM, 33, seeks to meet honest, sincere Lady with humor, age unimportant, who likes the fun things in life, for friendship. First-time ad. ☎30113

North Shore. Good-looking M, young 41, very fit, 5'9", 155 lbs, blonde/blue, successful, like travel, boating, outdoors, "When Harry Met Sally," romance, laughter. Seeking WF, 25-38, best friend type, with similar qualities. ☎30129

One-Woman Man, black hair, brown eyes, 41, in great shape, love body building and trying new things. Seeking work out partner in petite Lady, 36-42, family-oriented, old-fashioned morals. Kids great. ☎30051

Practicing Catholic. SWM, 39, seeking SWF, 28-40, also a practicing Catholic. Enjoy outdoors during the summer and quiet evenings at home, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Cape Cod, South Shore area. ☎30013

Professional, attractive, athletic DWM, 40, looks younger, enjoys boating, movies, dining. Looking for sincere, attractive, fit Female, 30-38. No head games, please. ☎30061

Professional SWM, nonsmoker, enjoys sports, travel, day trips. Looking for slender, nonsmoking SWF, 45-55, who is honest, open and looking for a long-term relationship. ☎30062

Professional WM, 41, romantic, attentive and imaginative companion looking for same. Broad-minded, equally at home in museums and the outdoors. Want to learn about your interests and share mine. ☎30064

Recently retired Gentleman with easygoing disposition, love the ocean, enjoy dining and dancing. Would like to meet a happy-go-lucky Lady who shares the same interests. ☎30030

Recently Widowed WM, 64, trying to get on with life. Seeking companionship and friendship with attractive, slender WF, 50-60, n/drugs. Onset area. ☎30055

Rochester Male, youthful 58, 6', 180 lbs, retired military, neat, nice looks, graying, n/s, n/d, love the classics, seeking a soulmate. ☎30007

Romeo meets Juliet. Male, 22, 6', 185 lbs, brown/hazel. Looking for a relationship, possibly long-term. Enjoy boating, fishing, dancing, movies and walking on the beach. Looking for a SF, 22-29. ☎30023

Sagittarius sailor, wild eyes, great shape, sensitive, looking for an attractive, athletic sail mate, 28-38, for adventure and moonlit romance. Our little ship has enough room for skis and golf clubs. ☎30005

Save the summer. DWM, 48, 5'8", 165 lbs, three grown children, attractive, fun to be with, enjoy doing most things with the right person. ☎30066

Share the romantic mysteries of life with emotionally available SWM, 52, who wants good conversation, quality time, trusting relationship with honest SF. Age and race unimportant. ☎30121

Sincere and honest BM, 33, enjoys walks on the beach, nightclubs, and dining out. Seeks SCF, age and race unimportant, who enjoys the same. Honesty and sincerity important. ☎30106

SM, 70, 5'5", 145 lbs, enjoy dancing, walking, bike riding, swimming and listening to jazz. Seeking a fun Lady. ☎30004

Something different. Spontaneous, passionate, full of energy SWM, 30, 5'8", 175 lbs, medical professional, always looking for new adventures. Seeking SWF, 25-35, open-minded, kind of crazy, to go adventuring with. ☎30123

South Shore. 5'10", 180 lbs, normal Guy, self-employed, would like to meet someone interested in dining, beaches, movies, long walks and dancing. ☎30071

SWM, 50, homeowner, handsome, young-looking, 6'2", 190 lbs, n/s, educated. Enjoys animals, outdoors, music. ISO Female, H/W/P, 40-50, n/s, with similar interests. Casual friends first, for Rollerblading along canal. ☎30114

Tall, dark and handsome SWM, 34, 6'2", enjoy all the usual stuff, "yada, yada, yada". Seeking an attractive SF, 25-37, n/s. ☎30006

Two for the price of one. DWM, 37, 6', 165 lbs, blonde/brown, 4-year-old son, likes saltwater sport fishing, biking, travel. ISO F, 27-37, n/drugs, smoking ok, who enjoys the same interests. ☎30105

Two thumbs up. Humorous, creative, fun, sensitive, communicative, sweet and cute SWM, 37, 5'11", 170 lbs, desires smart, pretty, curvaceous SF, 21-40. ☎30050

Very attractive WM, fine artist, 31, brown/bedroom eyes, honest and sincere, seeks open-minded F friend to soak up the sun at secluded Cape beaches. ☎30079

Very handsome, blue-eyed White Male, 40, selective, honest, sane, financially secure. Seeking extremely pretty, shapely Spanish or Black Female, 25-38. ☎30087

Very tall, slim, attractive, intelligent, professional SWM, 45, teacher, artist, very creative and sensual, seeks slim Woman, 30-40, pretty, tall, professional, intelligent, seeking long-term relationship. ☎30065

Walks by the sea, dancing until dawn. SJM, 53, 5'9", seeking a financially secure Jewish Lady, 40s-50s, to join me. ☎30037

Young-at-heart, DWM, 45, 5'10", 170 lbs, dark complexion, black/brown, mustache, dimples, attractive, easygoing, romantic, compassionate, friendly, and fun. Enjoys movies, dining out, concerts, theater, cooking, quiet times, and guitar playing. Seeking S/DWF, 35-45, for friendship and possible LTR. ☎30096

MEN SEEKING MEN

41-year-old GWM, 5'7", 157 lbs, hirsute, interested in meeting a similar Male, n/s, n/drugs, for enjoying life. No attitudes need apply. ☎30042

55-year-old SM, 5'11", 175 lbs, interests include hiking, biking, movies and dance. Seeking a Man in the South Shore or Penbrook area. ☎30008

Compatible Male. WM, 60-ish, n/s, 6', 175 lbs, discreet, enjoys varied activities. Upper Cape area a plus. ☎30056

Hairy chest, high and tight, ex-trucker, 40, 5'11", 200 lbs, brown/brown, seeking Man, preferably with tattoos, smooth chest and crew-cut, for friendship and possible long-term relationship. ☎30060

Male seeking Male. Mid-30s, clean-cut Man looking for Man for shared interests, companionship, sincerity, honest heart, possible relationship. Serious inquires only! Try it! ☎30109

South shore GWM, 32, good-looking, brown/green, hairy, 200 lbs, seeks similar on south shore. ☎30073

WOMEN SEEKING WOMEN

5'4 1/2" SF, 41, enjoys biking, camping, beach, staying home, n/d, n/drugs. ISO SWF, 30-40s, n/drugs, n/d, who enjoys the same. ☎30082

Adventurous, energetic SGF, 35, seeks similar SGF, 25-48, for possible relationship. Enjoys cribbage, dining out, conversation and music. Smokers are fine. ☎30097

Athletic, sensitive, adventurous GWF, 33, 5'5.5", small frame, blonde/green, n/drugs, likes biking, canoeing, quiet evenings. Seeking a Woman, 25-42, with common interests or new ones, prefer no heavy drinkers and n/s. ☎30126

SENIORS

Titian, blue-eyed DWF, n/s, Sagittarius, 70, best dancer class of 45. Love jazz, blues, Caribbean, ragtime. Enjoy high-tide ocean frolic, walking, gardening, baking. Also mingle and play cribbage. ☎30101

Upper 70s, seeking attractive, slender, affectionate SWF to fill my empty nest. Have good sense of humor, honest, lovable, n/s, social drinker, 6', 165 lbs. New to Upper Cape. ☎30099

Well-educated, traveled WWWF, love all the arts, movie-buff, walking, sailing, boating, listening to music, reading, 5'7", slender. For friendship, active, 70-75, kind, giving, well-mannered, soft-spoken Gentlemen, Upper Cape area. ☎30083

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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Thornell/Quemere wedding

Julienne Renee Quemere, daughter of Kathleen Talarico of Cohasset, and Peter Gerard Thornell, son of Gerard and Carol Thornell of Norwell, were married May 23. The ceremony and reception were held at the historic Winslow House in Marshfield.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Sarena Quemere. The best person was Kathy Josselyn.

The marriage was officiated by The Rev. Judith Campbell of Pembroke.

Julienne is a 1992 graduate of Cohasset High School. In 1996, she graduated magna cum laude from Hartwick College with a B.S. in music education. Julienne is currently the band director at Scituate High School, and is pursuing her masters degree.

Peter is a 1989 graduate of Norwell High School. He is completing an English degree from Bridgewater State College and will then pursue a masters degree in library science. Peter currently works at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset.

The couple will continue to live in Scituate.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thornell

Hoffman/Seay wedding

Kristin Seay, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Seay of Eastham, was married to James Hoffman, son of Joseph and Joyce Hoffman of Cohasset. The ceremony, officiated by The Rev. Jim Robinson and Father Mulvehill, was held May 16 at the Chapel in the Pines in Eastham. A reception followed at the Captain Linnell House.

The bride is a graduate of Nauset Regional High School and attended Cape Cod Community College and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She is employed by the Captain Linnell House as the manager's assistant, Kadee's Lobster and Clambar as the operations director, Cape Cod Community College as a culinary teacher in the Project Forward program and Cape Cod Photo and Art.

The groom is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Saint Michael's College, Vermont. He is employed by ADP as a sales district manager of the Cape Cod region.

The couple honeymooned in the Caribbean and now resides in Orleans.



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The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cohasset will be holding a public hearing, pursuant to 207 CMR 3.00, regarding the renewal of the cable television license of MediaOne. The public hearing will be held to receive comments on possible cable tele vision services and license specifications. This public hearing will be held at the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025, on **Wednesday, September 16, 1998, at 7:30 p.m.**

Roseanne M. McMorris,
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Shish kabobs on the barbecue

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As summer comes to an end, don't you make a plan to have a barbecue? Usually we do ours on Labor Day weekend; we say goodbye to summer and "hello" to the beginning of another school year ... here is an idea that will take you away from the "norm," make shish kabobs! It does take preparation, but the end results will get rave reviews! Get the man of the house to do the grilling, serve nice soft rolls or the bread of your choice, whip up a batch of rice, and you've got it! A memorable meal!

SHISH KABOBS

Marinade sauce:
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup soy sauce
1/2 cup red wine
1 tsp. ground ginger
2 small garlic cloves, crushed
1-1/2 tsp. curry powder
2 tbsp. ketchup
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. Tabasco sauce

Kabobs:
1 lb. sirloin steak, 1" thick
1 lb. boneless lamb, 1" thick
1 lb. pork tenderloin,1/2" thick
1 eggplant
4 apples
1 green pepper, seeded
12 large mushrooms
1/2 lb. sliced bacon

Prepare marinade sauce; set aside. Cut beef, lamb and pork into 1-1/2 inch pieces. Place meat in a shallow dish, keeping each type of meat separate. Pour 3/4 of the marinade over meat. Cover and refrigerate 24 hours, stirring once or twice. A few hours before serving, peel and slice eggplant 1/2 inch thick; cut into 1-1/2 inch squares. Peel apples and cut into six wedges. Cut green pepper in 1-1/2 inch squares. Place eggplant, apples, green pepper and mushrooms in a medium bowl. Add remaining marinade. Marinate 2 to 3 hours at room temperature, stirring occasionally.

To cook kabobs, on eight skewers, wrap a half slice of bacon around each piece of lamb. On large skewers, alternate beef, mushrooms, lamb, eggplant, pork, green pepper and apple. Barbecue (or broil) 5 to 10 minutes on each side. Makes 8 servings.

Girl Scout registration

Girls Scout registration will be held Monday, Sept. 14, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Deer Hill School cafeteria.

Girl Scouts are separated by grades: Daisy (Kindergarten), Brownie (Grades 1-3), Junior (Grades 4-6), Cadette (Grades 7-9), and Senior (Grades 10-12).

Seven dollars and a parent are all that is needed to register. Parents, consider being a volunteer in your daughter's troop.

For more information on Girl Scouts, call Terry James at 383-9173 or Mary McElroy at 383-0505.

Hingham Symphony calls for musicians

The revitalized Hingham Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Jin Kim, will audition prospective members of the orchestra by appointment Sept. 5, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Old Ship Parish House, Hingham. Also, Sept. 12, 13, 19, 20, 1 to 5 p.m., at B.U. and New England Conservatory. The HSO is a partnership between accomplished amateur musicians and professionals, performing six concerts, October to May. Regular rehearsals are fun and rewarding. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call Ivy Butterworth at (781) 749-3190.

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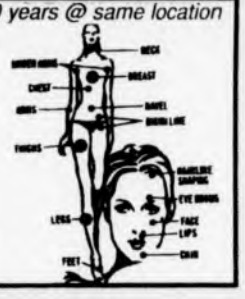
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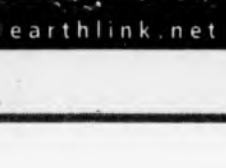
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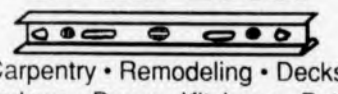
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POLICE LOG

FRIDAY, AUG. 14

1:18 a.m. MV Stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. Arrest: Robert V. Dankanics, DOB 1/26/43, 161 Main St., Lebanon, N.J. Charges: operating under the influence of liquor, second offense failure to stay within marked lanes.

[redacted] a.m. Noise complaint, Chief Justice C[redacted] Hwy., departmental action.

12:12 p.m. Property (found), Jerusalem Rd., brought to station.

12:44 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Mill Bridge, dispersed gathering.

1 p.m. Officer wanted, Pleasant St., investigated, report taken.

3:43 p.m. Property (lost), Atlantic Ave., log entry information.

4:05 p.m. Serve Restraining Order, Fernway, services rendered.

5:12 p.m. Animal complaint, Atlantic Ave., referred to other agency.

5:15 p.m. MV stop, South Main St., verbal warning.

5:23 p.m. MVA, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., services rendered.

8:02 p.m. MV stop, King St., verbal warning.

10:44 p.m. Open door, window, Sohier St., investigated, report taken.

11:11 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Lothrop Lane, departmental action.

11:23 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Howard Gleason Rd., departmental action.

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

12:30 a.m. Suspicious auto, King St., investigated, report taken.

3 a.m. General disturbance, North Main St., investigated, report taken.

7:21 a.m. Medical aid, King St., removed to hospital.

11:40 a.m. Parking violation, rear French Memories, services rendered.

1:31 p.m. MV stop, South Main and Summer, traffic citation issued.

1:53 p.m. MV stop, Forest Ave. and Black Rock Rd., traffic citation, warning.

2:36 p.m. General disturbance, South Main St., services rendered.

4:01 p.m. Harbor enforcement services, Cohasset Harbor, log entry information.

5:10 p.m. Harbor enforcement services, Atlantic Ocn., services rendered.

5:32 p.m. Harbor enforcement services, Atlantic Ocn., traffic citation, warning.

5:52 p.m. Harbor enforcement services, Atlantic Ocn., services rendered.

8:09 p.m. MV stop, Hull St., verbal warning.

10:29 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Beechwood St., area search negative.

SUNDAY, AUG. 16

10:21 a.m. Property (lost), Sohier St., log entry information.

1:19 p.m. Parking violation, Border St., parking ticket issued.

1:25 p.m. Parking violation, Nichols Rd. by the Caravels, parking ticket issued.

2:11 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Mill Bridge, dispersed gathering.

2:26 p.m. Tree down, CJC Hwy. by Smith Appliance, services rendered.

2:33 p.m. Larceny, Jerusalem Rd., investigated, report taken.

3:19 p.m. Burglary/B&E, the shed at Miliken Field, investigated, report taken.

4:46 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, South Main St., dispersed gathering.

5:40 p.m. MV stop, Hull St., traffic citation issued.

5:58 p.m. Vandalism, Elm St., log entry information.

6:15 p.m. MV stop, Elm St., verbal warning.

6:51 p.m. MV stop, Forest Ave., traffic citation, warning.

7:55 p.m. MV stop, Hull St., traffic citation issued.

8:06 p.m. MV stop, Hull St., traffic citation, warning.

10:15 p.m. MV stop, Hull St., traffic citation, warning.

10:25 p.m. MV stop, Hull St., traffic citation issued.

10:39 p.m. Medical aid, Clay Spring Rd., removed to hospital.

MONDAY, AUG. 17

12:20 a.m. Route 3A and Cohasset Imports, MV stop, verbal warning.

1:15 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious person, services rendered.

2:34 a.m. Cedar St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:18 a.m. Route 3A NB by Shaw's, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:23 a.m. Summer St., parking violation, departmental action.

8:49 a.m. Route 3A NB by Dwyers, MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:12 a.m. Stockbridge St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:11 p.m. Elm St., assist other agency, investigated/report taken.

5:42 p.m. Reservoir Rd., missing person, returned to home or family.

7:10 p.m. King St., MV violations, area search negative.

7:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., tree down, departmental action.

TUESDAY, AUG. 18

12:37 a.m. Atlantic Ocean, general services, services rendered.

12:40 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

1:25 a.m. Border St., fire, structure, fire extinguished.

2:30 a.m. Hull St., suspicious person, area search negative.

7:42 a.m. Sohier and North Main Sts., MV stop, arrest: Richard J. Canavan, DOB 4/16/52, 175 King Ave., Whitman. Charges: operating after revocation for drunk driving.

9:24 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Bow St., assist motorist, services rendered.

9:45 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, patient sign off.

10:10 a.m. S. Main St., animal complaint, log entry information.

10:26 a.m. Norfolk Rd., larceny, log entry information.

11:36 a.m. Sohier St., property (lost), log entry information.

1:14 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV violations, traffic citation issued.

5:01 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:11 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

5:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services, departmental action.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

6:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal complaint, area search negative.

9:32 a.m. Atlantic Ave., assist other agency, services rendered.

1:09 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., disabled auto, vehicle stored/impounded.

1:48 p.m. Ash St., animal complaint, departmental action.

2:24 p.m. Atlantic Ave., assist other agency, services rendered.

5:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:01 p.m. Cohasset Harbor Marine, larceny, departmental action.

8:30 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:49 p.m. Riverview Dr., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:02 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious (other), log entry information.

9:15 p.m. Sailing Club, vandalism, departmental action.

9:48 p.m. Atlantic Ave. and Jerusalem Rd., general services, services rendered.

9:55 p.m. (SI) Gannett Rd., assist citizen, departmental action.

10:15 p.m. Cohasset Plaza, assist citizen, log entry information.

THURSDAY, AUG. 20

12:39 a.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.

12:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other PD, services rendered.

8:36 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:45 a.m. King, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

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Howie Carr comes to the Circus for teen idols show

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

WRKO's radio host Howie Carr broadcast his show live from the Music Circus last week, drawn no doubt by the appearance of teen idols Davy Jones, Bobby Sherman and Peter Noone.

"Last year, WRKO did a live broadcast from Kimball's when we had the Monkees here," said general manager of the Music Circus Vince Longo. "This year, they said, 'Why don't we do it at the Circus?'"

Noone, as the lead singer for Herman's Hermits, sang such hits as "There's A Kind of Hush," and "I'm Henry VIII, I Am." Since his solo career began in 1973, Noone has written for the likes of David Bowie and Debbie Boone.

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—general manager Vince Longo

Bobby Sherman, whose "groovy" image once wallpapered the bedroom of many an early 1970's girl, still tours occasionally.

Davy Jones performs, too, in shows with a reunited Monkees.

"WRKO was our sponsor for the entire season," said Longo. "They seemed a polite crew, and Carr was a polite guy—easy to work with. Some of the different topics he covered that day—you never know what Howie Carr is going to do. He did a 20-minute interview with Peter Noone, which is kind of neat. People heard it on the radio and they drove in on their way home. The 20 seats we set up for a live audience were full most of the time."



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WRKO's Howie Carr broadcasts his talk show from the Music Circus.

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District gears up for Sept. 15 primary battle

Rep. race creates interest

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

While across the state, primary races for Democratic and Republican Party nominations for governor and attorney general grab the headlines, closer to home the contest for state representative is generating interest.

In Cohasset, Hull and Hingham, voters will choose among three, young Democrats who are vying for the right to go head to head with 22-year incumbent Mary Jeanette Murray, a Republican, in the state election in November.

The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Cohasset Town Hall, the Hingham Middle School and Hull High School.

Some election watchers say Hingham with its nearly 15,000 registered voters — including about 8,500 unenrolled — is the real battleground.

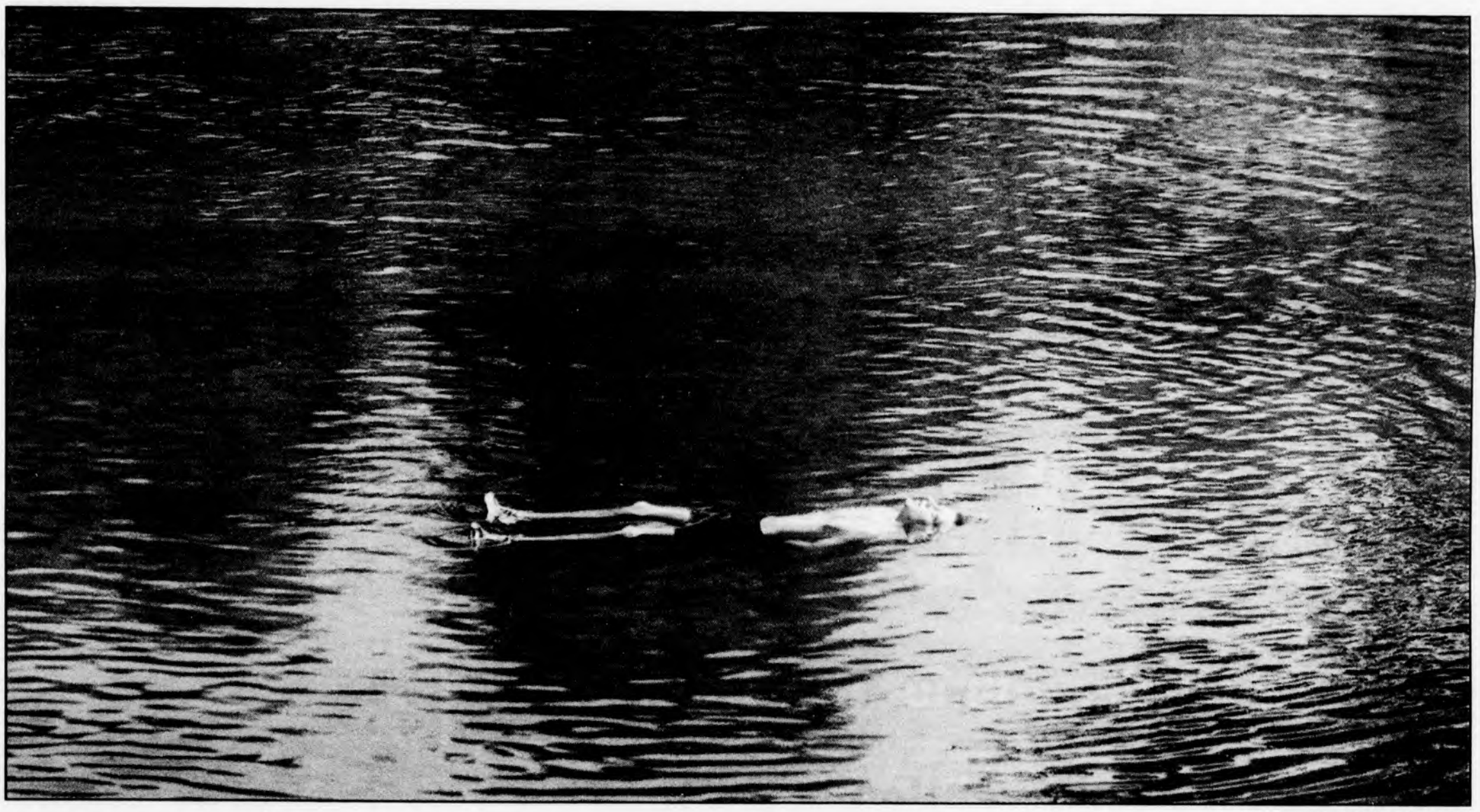
Hingham Town Clerk Eileen McCracken said historically Hingham voters turn out in droves when local candidates are on the ballot.

"I think the state rep's race with draw them in," said McCracken who expects 30 percent of Hingham's voters will make a trip to the polls Tuesday.

Cohasset Town Clerk Marion Douglas is a bit more modest in her prediction. She said she expects about a 15 percent turnout, which is the percentage state officials are predicting throughout the Commonwealth. As for the 30

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ADRIFT



Charlie Endris, 22, of Cohasset relaxes in the cool waters of Little Harbor.

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Could a credit card be in Cohasset's future?

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

More and more, town officials are seeking ways to raise money outside the local tax levy to fund extra programs and public needs. Towns lease out property, conduct fund-raisers, and embark on a host of schemes to bring in more revenue. One of the money-raising methods that some towns are using involves issuing town credit cards — usually called "affinity cards" — in partnership with a bank, credit union or other financial institution. At a recent board of selectmen's meeting, selectman Tom Callahan suggested the that the town explore the possibility of creating a Town of Cohasset Affinity Card.

Town Manager Mark Haddad and Treasurer Joe Buckley are looking into the feasibility of establishing an affinity card for the Cohasset. Buckley said the idea is feasible, but he has much research to perform before he can present selectmen with a recommendation.

Cohasset is not the first town on the South Shore to look into a town credit card. Hanover created a Town of Hanover card about a year-and-a-half ago with Hibernia Savings Bank. The town of Canton is in the final stages of creating a local affinity card in partnership with a local bank, the Bank of Canton.

The appeal of affinity cards is the lure of easy money. The bank which issues the card does most of the work, advertising the cards for the town, performing credit checks and issuing

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ASK! gains momentum with support of officials

Traffic suggestions to be on town meeting warrant

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

A 44-member group made up of King Street residents appears to have met with the backing of selectmen and the planning board in its quest to lessen the sometimes speeding motorists that use the narrow and winding street as an alternative route to 3A.

Selectmen voted to put the ASK! (A Safer King Street) article on the town meeting warrant even though the group did not have the normally required 100 signatures of support. They have yet to vote on the matter. Town manager Mark Haddad will help leading group members Heidi Salerno, Betsy Connolly, Louis Harvey and Debbie Cook with the written proposal.

"Diverting traffic will alleviate volume, speed and safety issues."
— Betsy Connolly of ASK!

What it comes down to is that voters at the Oct. 26 town meeting will be voting on whether to close off a section of the King-Beechwood intersection in order to force traffic back to 3A.

ASK! also gained nearly unanimous support from the planning board members, but for one nay-sayer, Bob Sturdy -

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The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, fax or hand-delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, which ballot is requested, Democrat, Republican, or Reform Party, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant. A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absent voter, sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand-deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Sept. 15 to be counted.

The Ace-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used.

Reception for Hart slated

Former school committee members Maureen Jerz and JoAnn Chittick have scheduled a reception for recently retired school Supt. Stephen Hart at 7 p.m., Sept. 17 at the Barker Tavern in Scituate. Tickets are $25 each and checks should be made payable to Cohasset High School. Call Jerz at 383-6592 or Chittick at 383-9220 or stop by the high school to purchase tickets.

Appointed to advisory committee

Galt Grant, 388 King St.; Susan Turgiss, 96 Jerusalem Road; and Maureen Jerz, 133 N. Main St. have been appointed to three year terms on the advisory committee, Town Moderator George Marlette said. The advisory committee advises the town on financial matters and makes recommendations on articles at town meeting.

More lighting at library

Librarian Janet Husband wrote to Town Manager Mark Haddad last week seeking his help in getting the street lights turned back on by the library.

She said the lack of outside lighting at the library's main entrance at closing time at 9 p.m. presents a potential hazard for staff and library users.

Ambulance billing update

In August the fire department billed for 39 ambulance transports for a total due of $14,415.60. During the same period, the town collected $14,145 in ambulance bills. So far in fiscal year 2000, which started July 1, the town has ambulance bills totalling $26,693.61 and has collected $22,012.54, some of which may apply to past fiscal years.

Sandy Beach tickets

Cohasset police issued 224 tickets last month for a total due of $3,460 of which 108 ($1,620) were parking tickets at Sandy Beach. Selectmen are considering increasing parking fines at Sandy Beach to deter unauthorized parking there.

Verc to appeal liquor license denial

Verc Enterprises, Inc. which operates the Mobil mart and gas station at Sohier Street and Route 3A is appealing selectmen's denial of a wine and malt package store license at the convenience store.

A hearing before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) on the matter will be held at 11:30 a.m., Oct. 14 in the Saltonstall Building on Cambridge Street in Boston.

Selectmen denied Verc's request for a liquor license earlier this summer. At the time, Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said it was not in the public interest to be selling beer and wine in a convenience store on a state highway.

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Malvey begins by listening

New school chief steps up to the plate

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

New superintendent Dr. Edward "Ted" Malvey has spent his first week on the job touring the schools and listening to anyone and everyone who has something to say.

"An analogy to what my first four days has been like is catching meteorites," he said last week. "They're coming past you—some loaded with information, some with facts and some with opinions. You have to decide which ones to catch."

Malvey's introduction to his new faculty officially began with a continental-style breakfast Sept. 3. There he met with staff members and they got a chance to form their first impression of him during his first speech.

"It's always difficult coming in," said Malvey. "Nonetheless, I felt accepted right away and tried to deliver an optimistic message to staff."

His staff may have cause for optimism. The 50-year-old educator's 28 years in the field of education most recently included six years as a superintendent in Griswold, Conn.—a position he accepted because several new facilities were undergoing construction there and he felt that that newness might more easily accommodate innovative methods. It should come as no surprise that Malvey's "construction" background was a strong deciding factor in the school board's unanimous choice of Malvey to take over for departing superintendent Stephen Hart. That background may be useful in a school system which will not only be wired for computers but also has a brand-new school, the new Joseph Osgood Elementary school.

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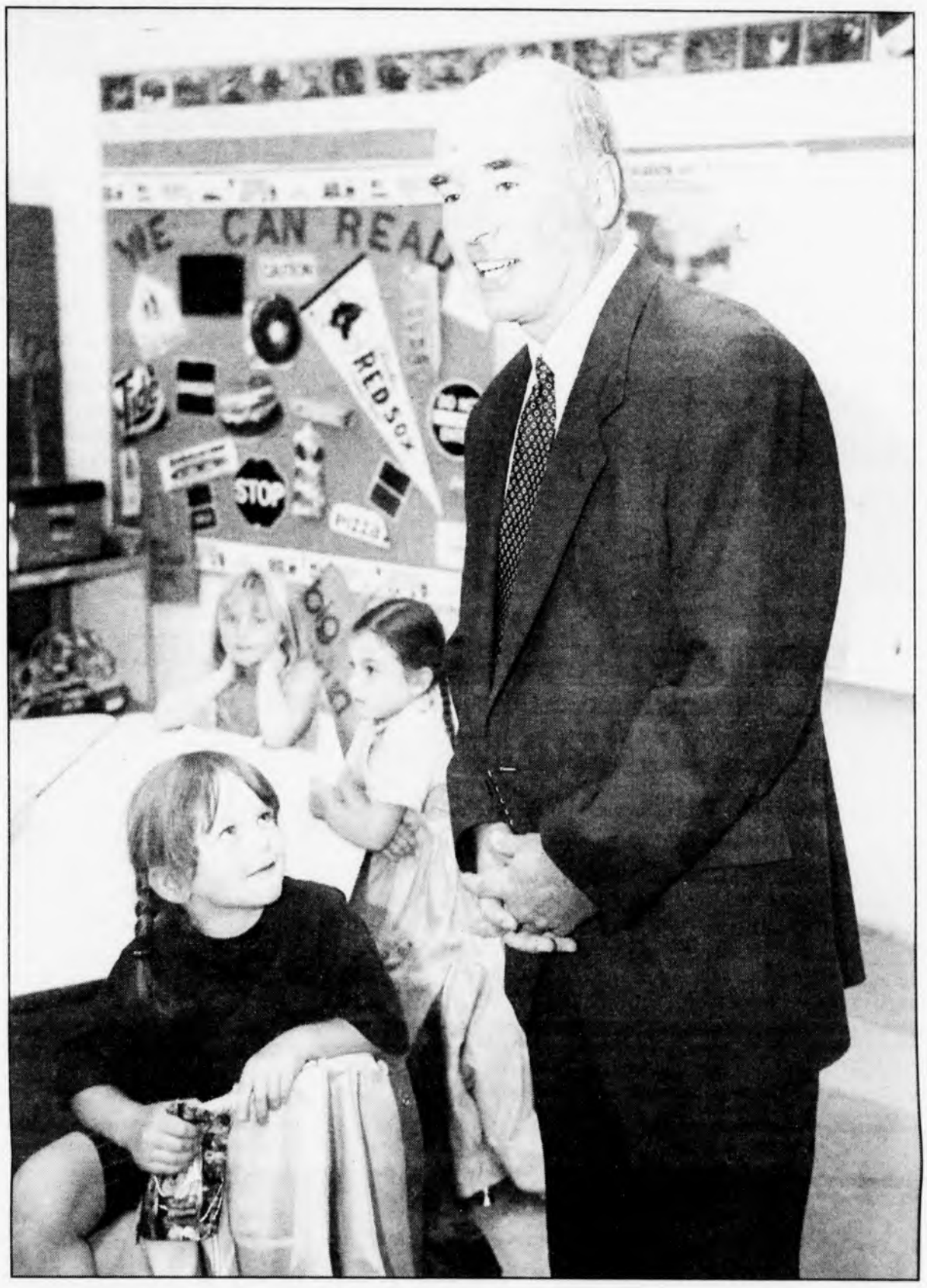
"We went through a long search process and got to know Ted during that time," said school board chairman Rick Shea. "I've also worked with him in finalizing his contract with the department. So far, I find him a pleasure to work with. He's direct and professional, has a lot of experience and I think he'll be an asset to the Cohasset schools. I'm sure it will take us some time to work out exactly what direction Ted wants us to go into as he learns about the system and what our issues and needs are. We're working together and I have no doubt that things will go very well."

Malvey hasn't met with the school committee as a group yet. The committee's Sept. 10 meeting will be his first.

School committee members Kathy Ofsthun and Joe McElroy had traveled to Griswold to talk with people about Malvey's work there. "They were very enthusiastic about his background in facilities improvements and technology," said Shea. "He's done a lot of school building construction

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INTRODUCTIONS



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN
New school Supt. Dr. Edward "Ted" Malvey introduces himself to students at the new Osgood School.

Cohasset history in the making

Group tackles last 50 years

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Proms, parades and barbecues — they're history. Or will be. That's why the Committee on Town History wants photographs depicting such events through the years 1950 to 2000 for its third volume of Cohasset's history, due for release in 2001.

The idea initially surfaced in a proposal to the board of selectmen made by the members of the American Legion. Later, the idea was presented in an article at town meeting by historical commission chairman Noel Ripley. It was on the agenda and unanimously approved at the special town meeting in October, 1996.

The committee, once numbering 20 and now down to a more manageable 11, appointed Cohasset's Jackie Dormitzer as author a couple of months ago. E. Victor Bigelow wrote the first volume in 1898 and Burt Pratt's volume left off where Dormitzer's will begin. The late 40s through the yet-to-occur history up to the year 2000 will be covered.

Dormitzer — whose writing skills, interest in things historical and patience about the funding issues surrounding the undertaking impressed the committee enough to hire her — has now put those same people to work for her.

"We're an operative part of Jackie's committee," said committee vice chairman Ernest Grassey, who also serves as president of the town's historical society. Molly Hochkeppel will serve as the book's editor.

Once a month, the group meets up

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— Ernest Grassey, committee member

at Lothrop House with its completed "homework assignments" on Little League, the Music Circus and other such town features. Most recently, members have been searching for old copies of the Cottager, a forerunner of the Mariner, but haven't yet met with success.

"It really is a very interesting town to research," Dormitzer said. "People have been wonderful. They've offered materials, photographs — some people have collected articles and given me their clippings. Just in general, people have come forward with information. It makes it fun because you feel you're doing it with the town. It's a community effort."

Photographer David Congalton of Pembroke will take photographs of various sites and certain events in Cohasset during the next couple of years for possible inclusion in the book. Committee members also hope that more people will come forward to donate their photographs or send in anecdotal stories of town characters and town history for the compilation.

"We want to have it be as much anecdotal and lively as we possibly can," explained Wigmore Pierson, chairman of the committee. "Sometimes, history can appear to be boring if it's simply a summation of facts and figures. We're hoping to interview a wide range of individuals with a wide range of backgrounds and interests, all being done by Jackie, to have a lively retelling of the story of our town."

The third volume of Cohasset's history, covering years 1950 to 2000 and due for publication in 2001, will be roughly similar in appearance to the previous two issues. But this time

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County plan to add cash to town coffers

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Like most towns in Norfolk County, Cohasset needs more cash for everything from hiring new school teachers to repairing old buildings. But finding the money to meet all municipal needs is difficult given the limits imposed by Proposition 2-1/2, and the inability of many residents to pay higher taxes. The Norfolk County Commissioners have come up with a plan to re-direct a county, home sale excise tax from the state general fund to local communities.

The board of selectmen have thrown their support behind the plan, which would require the approval of the legislature. At last week's meeting, selectmen did not take a formal vote on the proposal but they agreed to send a letter of support to the county commissioners. In a letter to the selectmen, the county commissioners state that the plan could bring an additional $8 million in revenue to Norfolk County alone.

The state collects approximately $50 million per year from the tax, which is paid by home sellers when they sell their houses. The state assesses a tax of $4.56 per thousand of property value on every home sold in the state. The money is paid to the County Registry of Deeds, which sends the revenue to the state. The state places the tax revenue in the general fund.

"The tax is paid at the closing to the Registry of Deeds and then disappears in the black hole of the state general fund," said selectman Tom Callahan, a strong supporter of the county plan. "One thing I talked about during my campaign was landbanks, which assesses a certain percentage of every house sale for land acquisition. A lot of people don't like the idea of that kind of tax, but it's already happening."

The county plan would allow each town to keep the tax for every sale within its borders. Towns would be able to use the money in any way approved by taxpayers.

"If a Cohasset house sells for $100,000, the seller pays a $456 title transfer tax and all that money goes to the state," Callahan said. "With this plan, all that money would flow back to the town, and it could be used for any purpose: land acquisition, education, capital programs— whatever the town wants."

The county plan requires town leaders to acquire at least a majority

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Tri-town district gears up for primary battle

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percent turnout, Douglas said, "I hope that's the case. It would be wonderful if it did."

All three state representative candidates — Garrett Bradley, 28; Josh Cutler, 27; and Walter Murray, 34 — have close ties to Hingham. Bradley spent part of his childhood growing up in Hingham and now lives in town with his wife, Heather. Cutler, a bachelor and Hull resident, has also lived in Hingham where his mother, Suzanne Cutler, still resides. And Murray of Hull, another bachelor, grew up in Hingham and is an HHS graduate.

While all three give incumbent Murray high marks for her constituent service and fault her legislative record — the three men have taken a page from the state representative's book by taking their campaigns directly to the voters. They have worn out shoe leather campaigning door to door and have shaken thousands of hands at local community events.

The stresses of the campaign reached the boiling point on a WATD radio debate last week. Tempers flared as the candidates challenged each other over campaign finances with Bradley's war chest of more than $60,000 getting the most scrutiny from his opponents. Cutler has raised about $30,000 and Murray about $5,000.

"I think the state rep's race with draw them in."

— Hingham Town Clerk Eileen McCracken

There are just under 5,300 registered voters in Cohasset, including about 3,000 unenrolled. Unenrolled voters may specify which ballot — Republican, Democrat or Reform Party — on election day. There are no contests on the Reform Party Ballot. Voters who are registered in a specific party must stick with their party's ballot on primary day.

Hull has 8,700 registered voters with about 5,000 unenrolled. While Hingham and Cohasset have nearly equal numbers of registered Republicans and Democrats — Hull has 740 registered Republicans and 2,717 Democrats.

Hull Town Clerk Janet Bennett said absentee ballots, which are often a gauge of interest, were running ahead of usual for a primary.

"I think it will be a better primary than normal," she said. Bennett said weather is a big factor in Hull because the high school is way out at one end of the town.

McCracken said the middle school could be a deterrent in Hingham where voters are used to the high school, which is under construction. The middle school is on Main St., not far from Queen Ann's Corner.

Bradley, Cutler and Murray list education among their priorities. Bradley puts public safety and tax relief on his top three list; Cutler places the environment and healthcare as top priorities; and Murray said if elected he will push for water rate relief and fairness for car insurance rates. Cutler and Murray support restoration of the Greenbush Line of the Old Colony Railroad while Bradley opposes it.

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County plan to add cash to town coffers

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vote at town meeting to use the money for any project that would normally requiring borrowing. A two-thirds vote would be required for all other projects. The money would be delivered to the towns monthly from the Registry of Deeds.

The one major obstacle to the plan could be the state's reluctance to part with $50 million in annual tax revenue.

"This would work a lot better for the towns on the local level, but I don't know what the impact would be on the state," Callahan said. "The county wasn't using it, yet it's buildings were falling apart. As far as I know, the state has taken over the maintenance of all county courthouses and Registries of Deeds. The state may argue it needs the money to maintain those buildings."

Stabilization funds are an important tool for towns to have money in reserve for unforeseen events. Recently, the state increased its own stabilization fund to five percent of total revenues. Yet, few towns can afford to set aside that much money.

Of the 27 municipalities in Norfolk County, only Bell, Foxboro, Plymouth, and Wrentham have stabilization funds close to five percent. Most towns maintain stabilization funds less than two percent of total revenue, with many towns unable to set aside more than 0.5 percent. Cohasset's stabilization fund for fiscal year 1997 was $305,500, or 1.7 percent of a total budget of $18.08 million.

In a letter to the commissioners, Town Manager Mark Haddad said the fund would assist the town maintain its buildings and infrastructure.

"Any increase in revenues provided by the state would lessen the need to increase taxes under Proposition 2-1/2 and provide some relief to our taxpayers," he wrote. "The Town strongly supports this legislation and would offer any assistance to the County Commissioners that you feel is necessary to ensure its passage."

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Local lobsterman fined for employment practices

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Dana Salvador, a local lobsterman, has been fined $55,600 in penalties for his violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act which protects minors from unfair employment practices, according to published reports.

The fine stems from an Aug. 22, 1995 accident on Salvador's boat, Bessie S., in Cohasset Harbor when a 13-year-old Hull boy nearly severed his foot in the fishing line of a lobster pot trawl.

"I got the call from Salvador when it happened," recalled assistant Cohasset harbormaster Bob Baggs. "He called here to say that he was bringing in a badly injured person. I called the fire and rescue departments so that they would be waiting for him when he came in. Then they med-flighted the boy to Boston."

The U.S. Department of Labor began its investigation of Salvador after the accident and allegedly found that he employed youths for work considered hazardous, such as handling a power-driven hoist on his boat.

Under state law, children aged 14- and 15-years-old may legally work outside school hours, but not before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m. when school is in session and not after 9 p.m. over summer vacation.

The youths were allegedly working during restricted hours.

"Most of the kids who work on these boats are high school or college students working for the summer," said Baggs. "There's not much need for them in the winter so the lobstermen will usually operate without a sternman to help with the trap."

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Helpers usually empty and re-bait about 10 lobster trawls per boat trip. The bait bag is removed as are the lobsters prior to putting in a new bait bag.

"When they got ready to pull off, this kid got hung up in the line as they were pulling out," said Baggs. "It was a good thing it was a closed transom boat because he got jammed in the back corner and wasn't taken overboard. You have to pay attention. These lines are going in and out all the time and you have to be very careful of what you're doing."

Salvador, an Elm Street resident, could not be reached for comment.

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projects. Also, the state of Connecticut provides funding to the school districts for technology and he's been able to oversee the process of adding technology to Griswold for the past several years. That can only help in our setting up our schools technologically."

Malvey worked as a teacher and then assistant principal for 18 years. He then moved up the ranks to assistant superintendent and, finally, superintendent.

Malvey was graduated from Boston State College (now U Mass Boston) in 1970. He then received his master's degree in education from Northeastern University and earned his doctorate in education from George Washington.

Though he has moved to Massachusetts, his family remains behind in Connecticut where the youngest of his five sons is finishing his senior year of high school. "We don't want to uproot him," Malvey explained. "As I've moved through my career, I've always lived where my job is. My family has understood this. Luckily for me, I have family in the area." (Malvey was born in Brighton, Mass., and was graduated from Watertown High School.)

Another bit of luck: Stephen Hart. "I have the utmost respect and compliments to him for helping me understand where to go in the system," said Malvey. "He took the time to chat with me and is an all around true gentleman—a true professional who put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into his work. He's a tough act to follow. Steve has made himself available to me for future questions and I feel that is a real asset to a future superintendent."

Still, Malvey believes there is always room for improvement, both in his new school district and the one he left behind.

Some of the first impressions he picked up while touring his new province:

The town-wide facilities audit will need to be reviewed, analyzed and discussed. Issues surrounding technology will also have to be taken up, including at the fall town meeting.

"There will be some confusion with the opening of any new school," said Malvey, referring to Osgood's late opening due to ongoing construction there. "There may be some confusion but it will work out. We need to stay calm. It's a historic event and it's okay if everything isn't done yet. We can move along from that if people keep a positive attitude about it."

For now, Malvey is concentrating on making the rounds and getting to know key and peripheral players in the school system whose talent and expertise he plans to draw on.

"It's tremendously exciting, coming into a district like Cohasset with such good quality people," he said. "We need to regroup, which may take some time. Things may have been tried in the past and failed, but that doesn't mean we can't try again. The bottom line is I've been hearing a lot from people and want to hear more."

Cohasset history in the making

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around, the history will sport a dust cover and, in keeping with the advent of the millennium, a CD-ROM.

"We have to realize that a CD-ROM may be a luxury we can't afford," said Grassey. "However, if we can get moving pictures of a town meeting in action and the opening ceremonies of the new school, for example, why not?"

At this time, the committee is working with the initial $5,000 granted at town meeting for the project. Additional funds to be provided by town meeting toward the estimated $80,000 it will cost to produce the latest history will be mitigated, in part, by sales of the book. According to Grassey, the books are expected to cost about $30 each . One thousand sales would bring $30,000 back to the town.

Town manager Mark Haddad will place an article on October's special town meeting warrant for $30,000 to be applied to producing the book. The committee will need two more installments of $30,000 in October of next year and $6,000 in 2000 to keep the project running.

Another aspect of the history that should prove beneficial is its potential use in the classroom for the mandatory local history required by the state.

"This isn't a take-take situation," said Grassey, referring to what the town stands to gain in return on their investment in the book.

Minutes are kept of the sometimes lengthy committee meetings in Lothrop house where, several months ago, Grassey found the 1956 publication notes and minutes from the 1898 publication in the historical society's files, handwritten.

The files may serve as a reminder to Grassey about the historical process as history.

"There's kind of an eerie feeling of power here that we're not taking lightly," he said. "We're deciding what is to be historically preserved. That's the kind of things that you feel nervous about, when you consider what you're including or excluding.

"This would be too much responsibility for one person," Grassey said. "The Hatfields could conceivably write the McCoys out of the book for whatever personal reasons they have and that would be wrong. We're fortunate to have a very open minded committee who is aware that there are certainly different points of view that may seem innocent and innocuous, but not to those who see it differently."

Grassey has gathered 1975 Centennial slides which he is sorting through to choose some for the committee to view. Anyone interested in donating photos can contact Pierson at 383-6940.

"We'll find out in October if we can do this on a shoestring or if we can do it properly," Grassey said. "I think that's important. It's an extinction thing. Once the opportunity is lost, it may be lost forever. We're talking about interviewing contemporary people now, while they're alive. We need that, and if we don't have that, it may be lost forever. It is important for the committee, the town and future residents to save Cohasset forever."

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By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

It took years of hard work, special enabling legislation and $1.2 million of federal funding, but the dredging of Cohasset Harbor is set to begin. More than 200 boats have been moved from the harbor to temporary quarters, mainly at the Cohasset Yacht Club and Peter Roy's new dock. The equipment for dredging has been mobilized and moved to the harbor with the exception of a dredge scow which will remove material to a disposal site. And the harbor is strangely empty for late summer.

"It's really like a ghost harbor out there," said Harbormaster John Winters. "It's really too early in the season for the harbor to be this empty."

Winters said dredging could begin as early as Friday, although he isn't sure when work will begin. Burnham Associates of Salem will perform the dredging beginning in the channel for the first two weeks of dredging. While dredging is performed in the channel, 15 lobster boats will remain moored in the harbor.

"The lobster fishermen are the reason we're dredging the harbor," Winters said. "At low tide, they can't get their boats out."

"The boats are out, the contractor has finished removing the moorings, and the equipment is mobilized."

— Town Manager Mark Haddad

Burnham Associates submitted the lowest bid for the project. Five companies bid on the dredging, with the highest coming in at $2.5 million. The dredging project will remove approximately 115,000 cubic yards of sediment, including the removal of 8,000 cubic yards of material outside the federal navigation area at the town's request. The dredged material will be taken to a Massachusetts Bay Disposal Site 28 miles out to sea.

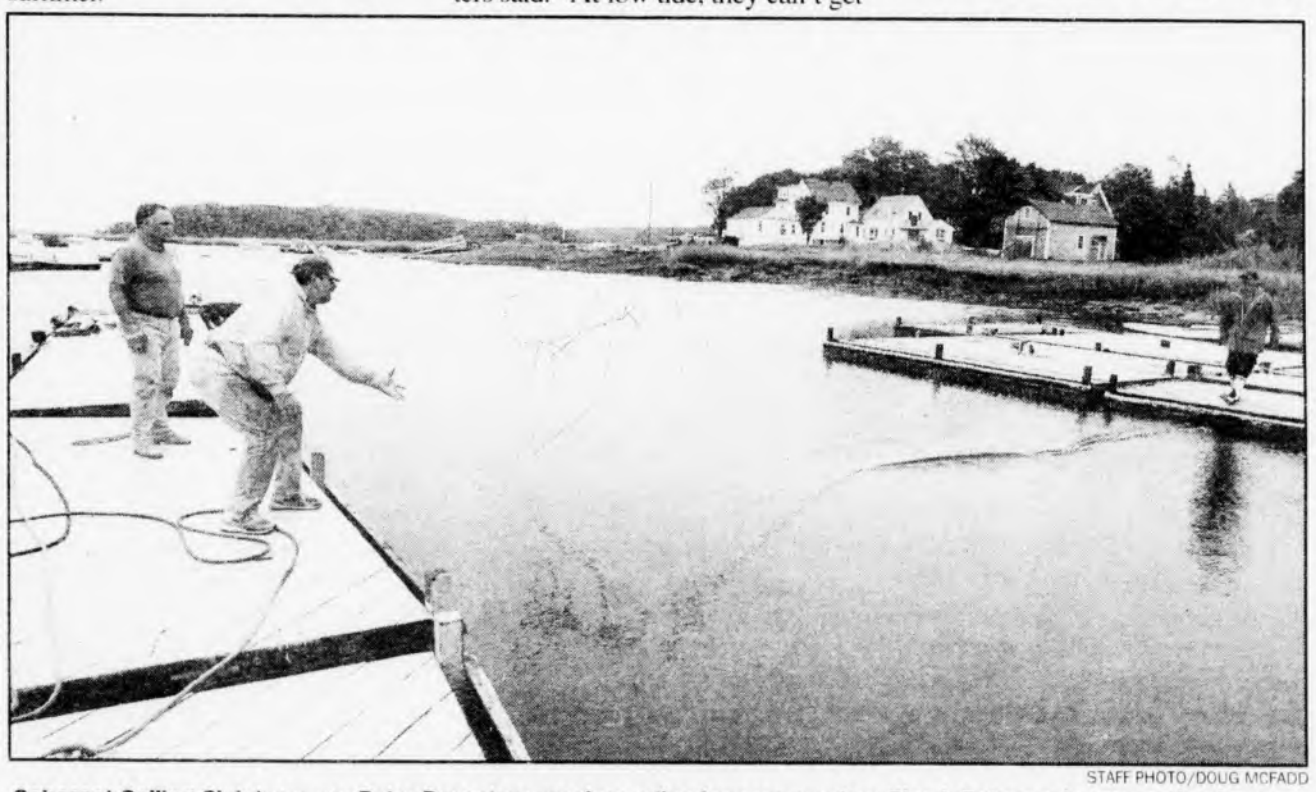
The material will be capped with coarse sand as an experiment to see the effects of underwater capping.

The project must be completed by Jan. 15 because of problems in the winter with the cold weather and winter conditions. If the job isn't finished on time, its completion will have to be delayed until next autumn, although Winters didn't think that would happen.

Winters said everyone had provided "an extreme amount of cooperation" helping the town clear the boats out of the water and preparing for the project.

Town Manager Mark Haddad was equally pleased with the cooperation from everyone.

"The boats are out, the contractor has finished removing the moorings, and the equipment is mobilized," Haddad said. "It's fantastic. Everything has gone extremely well and everyone cooperated tremendously. Dredging should begin any day now."



STAFF PHOTO/DOUG MCFADD

Cohasset Sailing Club treasurer Peter Pescatore receives a line from commodore Chuck Peterson in preparation for the dock's removal as Dave Henderson stands ready to assist. With the exception of lobster boats all boats and docks are now out of the harbor to facilitate the long-awaited dredging project.

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Friday 2:00-3:00 p.m.
starts September 15

Isadora for Children
age 4-5
Tuesday, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
starts September 15

Toddlers and Tumblers Mom and Me Class
age 2 & 3
Monday, 10:30-11:15 p.m.
Monday, 11:15-12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 10:15-11:00 a.m.
starts September 21

Climbers and Jumpers
age 3 & 4
Monday, 9:45-10:30 a.m.
Monday, 12:30-1:15 p.m.
Tuesday, 11:45-12:30 p.m.
starts September 21

Beginner Gymnastics
age 4 - K
Monday, 1:15-2:00 p.m.
starts September 21

Super Sports Class
age 4-K
Monday, 9:00-9:45 a.m..
Tuesday, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
starts September 21

Art for Mom & Me
age 2 & 3
Wednesday, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
starts September 23

Pre-school Arts & Crafts
age 3-6
Friday, 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Friday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
starts September 25

Parent & Tot Fun Time
age 2 & 3
Wednesday, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
starts September 23

First Experience Play School
age 2 yrs 9 months - 4
Monday, 12:15-2:15 p.m.
starts September 21

First Experience Play School
age 2 yrs 9 months - 4
Friday, 12:15-2:15 p.m.
starts September 25

Exploration
age K
Tuesday, Thursday
12:15-2:15p.m..
starts September 22

Cooking & Science and Nature
age 3-5
Wednesday 9:15-11:15 a.m.
Wednesday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
starts September 23

Preschool Christmas Cookies & Crafts
ages 3-6
Wednesday 9:15-11:15 a.m.
Wednesday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Thursday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
starts November 19 or 25

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ages 2-6
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Tuesday, Nov. 24, 10:15-10:45
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Tuesday, Dec. 22, 10:15-10:45
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Tuesday, May 25, 10:15-10:45
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Tuesday, June 29, 10:15-10:45
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Tuesday, July 27, 10:15-10:45
"The Three Little Pigs"
Tuesday, August 31, 10:15-10:45
"The Little Red Hen"

Youth Classes

Ballet and Tap
grade K-2
Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Friday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Duncan
grade 1-2
Tuesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Street Dance
Jazz & Funk
Grade 2 - 8
Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m
Saturday, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
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Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Saturday, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Baby-sitting Course
age 10 and over
Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
starts October 20

Crafts for Babysitters
age 10 and over
Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
1 day, November 10

Bowling After School Teams
grades K-6
Monday, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Thursday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
starts September 28

Holiday Cookies and Crafts
age 7-13
Thursday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
starts November 12

Cooking for Bigger Kids: Fun with Food
age 6-13
Wednesday 3:30-5:00 p.m.
starts September 16

Creative Scrapbooking for Kids - The ABC Album
ages 8-12
Wednesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
starts October 7

Holiday Cardmaking for Kids
ages 8-12
Tuesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
1 day, December 9

Gingerbread House
grades 2-7
Wednesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
1 day, December 2

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Monday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
starts September 21

Judo
age 7-12
Monday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
starts September 21

Performing Arts: Create a Musical
age 5-18
Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
"Snow White"
starts September 21

Adult Classes

Aerobics
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00-10:00 a.m.
starts September 8 and continues all year

Beyond Diet
Wednesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
starts September 9 and continues all year

Bridge Lessons Introduction to Bidding
Tuesday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
starts September 29

Duplicate Bridge
Tuesday, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
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Computer Class for the Novice: Windows 95
Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Friday, 9:15-10:45 a.m.
starts September 23

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Wednesday, 8:00-9:30 p.m.
Friday, 11:00-12:30 p.m.
starts September 23

Computer Class Spreadsheets: Microsoft Excel
Wednesday, 8:00-9:30 p.m.
Friday, 11:00-12:30 p.m.
starts November 4

Internet Workshop
Saturday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
1 day, $50, ($45 M)
October 24

Country-Western Line Dancing
Thursday, 6:45-7:45 p.m.
starts September 16

CPR
Monday, 7:00-10:30 p.m.
1 night, $28, September 21

CPR & First Aid
Monday & Wednesday
7:00 - 10:30 p.m.
2 nights, $55
September 14 & 16

Pediatric CPR
Monday & Wednesday
7:00-10:30 p.m.
2 nights, $48
starts October 5 & 7

Creative Scrapbooking
Monday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
starts October 5 & 19

Dog Obedience
Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
starts October 6

Dog Obedience II
Tuesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
starts October 6

Gingerbread House
Monday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
1 day, $35 ($30 M)
November 30

Hypnosis for Personal Improvement
Mary Jane Butera, PHD
Monday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
starts October 19

Line Dance
Wednesday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
starts September 30

Landscape Planning
Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
starts October 7

Lazy Ways to Good Health
Shirley Loomis
Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
starts November 5

Putting Your Landscape to Bed
Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
1 weeks, $15, ($10 M)
starts November 4

Oriental Rug Making
Monday, 9:30-12:00 n.
starts October 19

Street Dance
Jazz & Funk - Adult
Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m
starts September 30

Beg. Tap Dance for Adults
Wednesday, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
starts September 30

Intermediate Tap Dancing for Adults
Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
starts September 30

Write & Publish
Monday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
starts September 28

Yoga
Monday, 8:00-9:30 p.m.
Friday, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
8 weeks, $65, ($60 M)
drop-in $10/per class
starts September 14

AROUND TOWN

PROUD GRANDPATRENTS

Phyllis and **Steve Leighton** have wonderful news to share with all, they are the proud grandparents of a baby girl! Her name is **Haley Leighton Ducey**, she was born on July 29 at 10:32 a.m. and she weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. Hayley's mom and dad, **Janice** and **Paul Ducey** of Watch Hill Drive in Scituate, are thrilled of course, but we'll bet that her big sister, **Hanna**, is just as happy! We hear that she is already a big help with Hanna and just loves her like mad! Of course Hayley's maternal grandmother **Frances Ducey** of Scituate, is just bursting with pride too. Congratulations to all of you, what a wonderful family!

CLASS OF 1973 REUNION

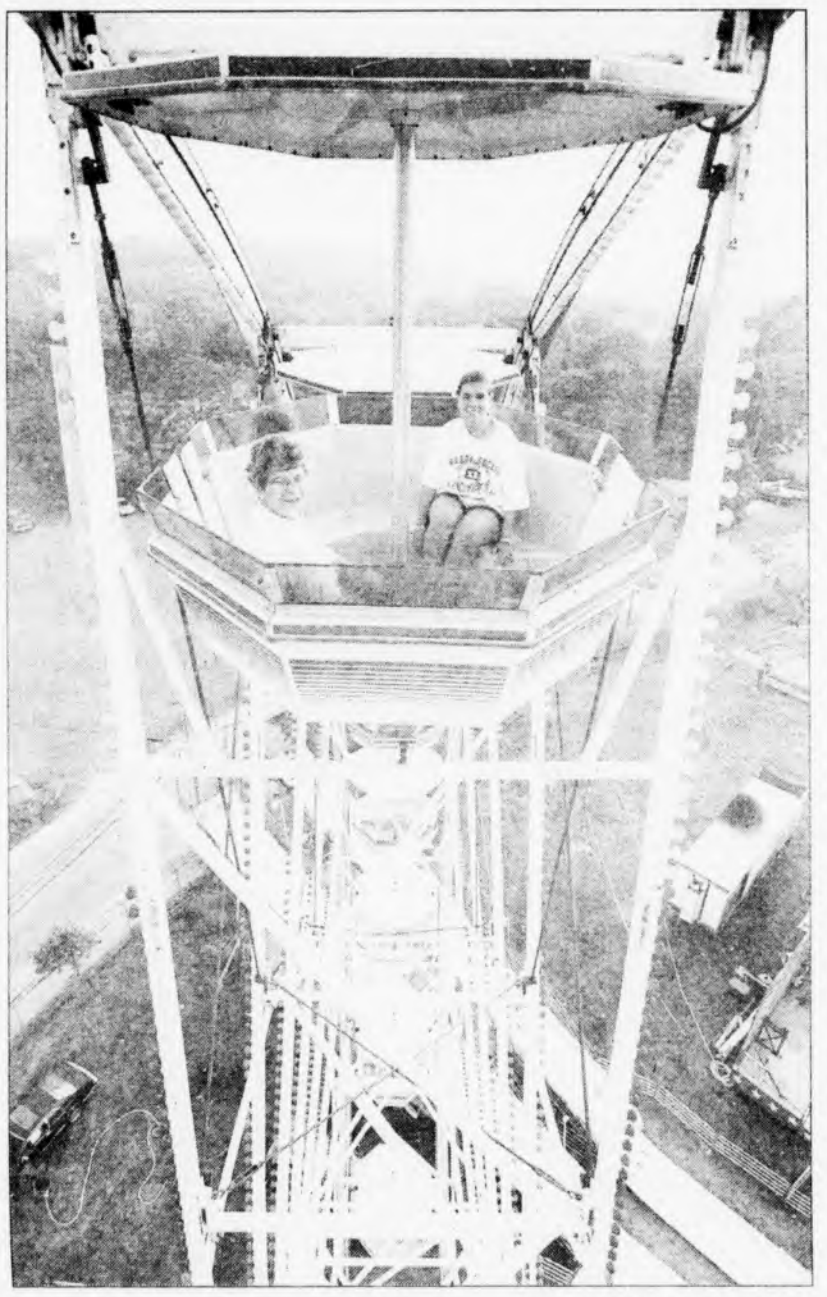
Can you believe that there is going to be another CHS reunion? This time it is the Class of 1973, and **Rick Sawyer** is heading the committee to make it a success! It is to take place on Oct. 10, at the Cohasset Community Center at 7 p.m. Rick gave me a call the other day, he really needs your help — there were classmates that he couldn't find current addresses for, or that he may have an incorrect address for, and he hopes that when you see a name that you can help with, you'll be in touch with him, here they are: Randy Boscow, Andy Cifrino, Susan Coleman, Suzanne Cone, Vaughn Deal, Jill Dunaen, Anne Enos, Karen Farrell, Susan Frenald, Joe Fisher, Kathy Fox, John Francis, Thomas Glynn, Marianne Haskell, Bob Higgins, Steve Hubbell, Marcia Jordan, David Karoff, Bill Kearney, Stephen Keefe, Linda Kraft, Joan Lantz, Karen Linsley, Bill Lord, Amy Maclure, Valerie Madge, Beverly McLaughlin, Bryan Miller, Stephern Moulton, Kathy Oliver, Carol Pine, Patty Paterson, Rebecca Patrolia, Brian Prendergast, Stephen Smith, John Spinzola, Eileen Sullivan, Frank Sullivan, Linda Thayer Nason, Phil Thayer, Debbie Thompson, Judy Topper, Greta Towle, Liz Viola, Ron Watkins, Willie White, Jean Willwerth, Robin Wilmore and Alison Woods. I know that several of you will know there whereabouts, give Rick some help in getting in touch with them so that he can make a huge success out of their 25th reunion. You can write him at 39 Black Duck Cart way, Brewster, 02631; or email h grouper@capecod.net; or call him days at (508) 790-0032, evenings at (508) 385-7561; or Fax him at (508) 771-8991.

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Rose and Rosemarie Kierce of Cohasset rise high in the giant Ferris wheel above the Marshfield Fair last month.

DEAN'S LIST

Nicole L. Peterson, a member of the William Smith Class of '00, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1997-1998 academic year. Nicole is the daughter of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Charles Peterson**, and we congratulate you for all of your hard work!

HONORS GRADUATE

On the subject of academics, have you heard about **Diane Saldi**? Well, her extremely proud Aunt, **Maria Saldi** is so excited to tell all about her — Diane graduated from Suffolk University Summa Cum Laude! She was an Archer Fellow (honor society) and admitted to Delta Alpha Phi Honor Society. Not only that, she was Valedictorian of the School of Communication and Journalism. WOW!

And if you think that Diane's Aunt Maria is proud of her, how do you think that her Grandmother, **Gustina Saldi** must be — yep, bursting with pride too! Congratulations to you Diane, we know that your life in the business world will be productive indeed.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We extend happy belated birthday greetings to **Babe Trott** — she was 95 on Sept. 7 and we surely hope that the event was a wonderful one (for a wonderful lady).

BERKLEE GRADUATE

Singer, composer and lyricist Carly Simon congratulated 535 graduates from 43 countries at Berlkee College of Music's 1998 Commencement at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. **Brendan Kendall Kinchla** received a bachelor of music in performance, a major designed to equip him with the necessary skills to thrive in the competitive music industry market. We are certain to hear more about Brendan in the future, and wish him well in all of his endeavors.

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Priscilla D. Daniels, professional pianist and teacher of pianoforte, resumes her lesson-schedule at her Beach Street home in Cohasset. Her personalized instruction has attracted students who have had careers in music, while others play just for pleasure. Mrs. Daniels is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, magna cum laude. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega, national sorority and Pi Kappa Lambda, honorary professional society. She has taught in Swampscott, Lincoln, Norwood and currently in Cohasset. As part of each lesson, she incorporates music theory, harmony, rhythm study and expression. She encourages her students to improvise and compose, and strives to communicate a love and appreciation for the fine arts through the medium of piano. For further information, call 383-1487

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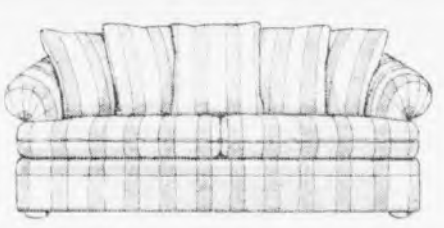
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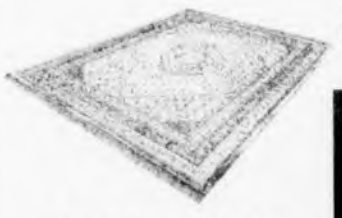


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Summer readers honored

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Children who participated are listed as follows alphabetically with siblings: Lauren Allen, Ellie Baumgarten, Lindsay Blake, Austin and Logan Breslow, Johanna and Michaela Brophy, Thomas, Ana and Maria Buckley, Hannah Burgess, Katie Callahan, Alyssa and Ben Campbell, Laura, Sara and Melissa Campedelli, Alex and John Coffey, Cameron Pope, Alison and Amy Costa, Michele Daniels, Margaux and Chris Donze, Emily Dormitzer, Brittany Dunn, Kenzie Durkin, Rebecca and William Evans, Elizabeth and Mary Fegreus, Andrew and Stephanie Fewsmith, Samantha and Sydney Fortin, Phillip Galligan, Sam Game, Jamie Genovese, Margaret and Tara Goodwin, Aisling Guinee, Mackenzie and Torey Hart, Katie and Robbie Hillman, Lesen Haracz, Brendan and Patrick Horigan, Alexander and Natalie Hunt, Vi Huynh, Thompson and Whitney Jaffe, Michael King, Caitlin, Mimi and Robbie Mahoney, Katina Martone, Kate McBride, James and Kate McKelvey, Ryan McLellan, Keith and Neil Mier, Kristin and Michael Monaco, Alexander and Katie Muir, Alyssa Mullen, Polly and Wis Murray, Emily Nash, Callie and Charlie Neaves, Caitlin and Kevin O'Connell, Megan Parnell, Maggie Pilczak, Claire, Grace and Paul Pozniak, Colleen and Megan Richardson, Dominique and Gabrielle Rioux, Carly and Jay Salerno, Emily and Nicholas Savage, Emilie Schmidt, Alex, Kiki and Max Shipp, Graham and Mollie Sinclaire, Tim Smith, Jennifer and Virginia Spofford, John Sturino, Kaleigh, Mariel and McKenna Teague, Amanda Thompson, Molly Trisler, Chelsea Uhl, and Frank and Jessica Wheelwright.

All children of the reading program are encouraged to pick up their keyrings at this time and those who have earned a free paperback book should come in now and select one. A certificate signed by the Massachusetts governor will be issued in school sometime in September to every child who participated. See you next summer!



Guess the Keys contest

There were five children who won by coming in close for the "Guess How Many Keys?" contest. Those who came closest were announced at the closing ice cream activities. The exact total was 208 keys. Four winners from Cohasset receiving prizes for their tied guess of 206 were: Evan Deutsch, Philip Galligan, Alexander Hunt and Michael Monaco. Katherine Tavares, another prize winner from Weymouth, guessed 210 and was the fifth tying individual. Congratulations to all!

Story hour sign-up

Registration for the preschool story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library are still being accepted by the children's librarian. Story hours will be held Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m., Sept. 17 and 24, Oct. 1, 22, 29 and Nov. 5. Another session will be held Friday mornings at 10 a.m., Sept. 18 and 25, Oct. 2, 23, 30 and Nov. 6. Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3-1/2 years old to participate. To register, call the children's room at 383-1348.

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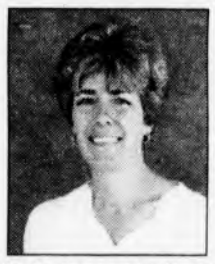
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CALL WITH NEWS

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We have — by a wide margin — more reporters on the streets than any news organization in Massachusetts. With the ability to report on statewide issues comes the opportunity, in fact, the obligation, to offer our reasoned judgment on decisions that face state officials and voters.

With that part of our mission in mind, CNC's editorial board, consisting of the CNC president, CNC's editor-in-chief and the senior editors of all our newspapers, has met with all the candidates for governor and attorney general in the September 15 primary. After careful consideration, we offer these endorsements as a service to our readers.

Republican for governor: Cellucci

These last eight years have been good for Massachusetts. The economy is as strong, with rising wages and low unemployment. Taxes have been cut and welfare rolls trimmed. Anyone who remembers the financial and political ills that had paralyzed state government in 1990 has witnessed a remarkable turnaround.

This success owes much to the team we elected to the governor's office eight years ago. Gov. William Weld and Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci imposed the fiscal discipline that righted a foundering state treasury. They worked effectively with a Legislature dominated by Democrats to launch significant initiatives on crime, welfare, the environment and education. Most important, they worked diligently, changing state laws and bureaucratic attitudes, to remedy the state economy's greatest weakness: the high cost of doing business in Massachusetts.

This administration should be proud of its accomplishments, and Paul Cellucci, who hopes to continue its work, takes a strong case to Republican voters in the September 15 primary.

Not that Cellucci's record has been flawless, as his challenger, state Treasurer Joe Malone, has strived to point out. Spending on the Big Dig is out of control. Weld and Cellucci tamed the budget busters, but they haven't tamed the bureaucracy. In his first year as acting governor, too many of Cellucci's decisions seem to have been made by a candidate, not a leader.

Malone, personable and articulate, has shown sound fiscal management in the treasurer's office and dramatically downsized the bloated operations he took over in 1990. But his negative campaign against Cellucci has hurt his good-guy image and his attacks on state spending over the last four years are disingenuous. The increases he decries are in fact long-deferred investments in education, infrastructure and the state's rainy day fund that are, for the most part, responsible and overdue.

Cellucci has a tough act to follow. Bill Weld's engaging personality earned him respect and affection, even from voters who didn't care for his politics. Cellucci doesn't have Weld's wry wit, but he has his record. Never has a lieutenant governor been closer to the action. Cellucci was there for every meeting, in on every decision, part of every crisis.

Cellucci is more than the second half of Weld/Cellucci. He has a proud record of public service dating back to his start as a Hudson selectman. He has been a fiscal conservative and a moderate on social issues throughout his career, in the tradition of this state's most successful Republican office-holders. He's a hard-worker who knows every corner of state government, and a man of commitment and integrity.

Paul Cellucci is no accidental governor. He has been at the heart of the administration that has done remarkable things for Massachusetts over the last eight years. He has earned the right to bring the Weld-Cellucci record before voters in November, and we are pleased to give him Community Newspaper Company's endorsement.

Democrat for governor: Harshbarger

If Bill Weld casts a shadow on the Republican race, the Democratic field is haunted by the ghost of Michael Dukakis. The Republican nominee can be expected to warn, as Cellucci did in the Springfield debate, of a Democratic governor who'll "try to outspend the Legislature."

To exorcise that ghost, the Democratic nominee must be more than bright, capable and well-intentioned. He or she must have the conviction, ability and strength of character to set an agenda, challenge the Legislature and push an often-balky bureaucracy. The quality most needed in a Democratic nominee: leadership.

Scott Harshbarger is such a leader. As Middlesex County district attorney and state attorney general, he has built a record of accomplishment on issues like domestic violence, white collar crime, victim assistance and juvenile crime prevention. His executive experience is strong, his policy proposals are well thought-out.

More important than his policy prescriptions is his record of character and integrity. We give him some credit for standing up to Big Tobacco, but more for taking on the old-line Democrats who threatened to cut his career short for investigating public corruption by one of their own. He is independent, hard-working and serious-minded — and we've never seen him betray his principles.

There are other good candidates in this race, particularly former state Sen. Pat McGovern. As Senate Ways & Means Committee chair in the Dukakis era, she impressed many with her grasp of the state's fiscal predicament, but it fell to others to tame the "budget busters" she identified. Since leaving office in 1992, she has done little to broaden her resume. We welcome her back to state politics, and hope she'll stay involved in public service, but we cannot offer her our endorsement.

CNC's vote must go to Scott Harshbarger, whose experience, ability and character make him clearly the best candidate to carry the Democrats' banner in the governor's race

Democrat for attorney general: Reilly

The two Democrats competing for their party's nomination for state Attorney General offer distinct visions of the job that are as different as their resumes.

Middlesex County District Attorney Tom Reilly is a prosecutor. He sees the Attorney General's office as a law firm, not that much larger than the one he's been running since 1990, to be used first to bring criminals to justice and relief to their victims. State Sen. Lois Pines is a legislator who has spent her career formulating public policy. She sees the Attorney General's office as a regulatory agency, with broad powers that can be used on behalf of Massachusetts consumers.

The Attorney General's office is, of course, all of the above. It is a law firm, involved in both civil and criminal litigation. It is a regulatory agency with responsibilities ranging from public charities, consumer protection and health care. And it's a public policy organization, which can bring legal and regulatory authority to bear on a wide range of issues.

The question facing Democratic voters is which of these talented individuals can make the office function effectively in all of its roles. In our view, Tom Reilly has the knowledge, experience and character to be an excellent Attorney General.

Reilly is a straight-arrow prosecutor, with an unquestioned commitment to justice. That dedication, more than any quest for political advantage, prompted his high-profile involvement in the Eddie O'Brien and Louise Woodward cases. He's also an experienced administrator, having run a firm of 120 lawyers handling 35,000 new cases a year, serving a quarter of the state's population. He's a policy innovator as well. His Community Based Justice program, which brings police, prosecutors, school administrators and guidance counselors in Middlesex towns together once a week to identify at-risk youths and intervene before they become crime statistics, is a model for the state and nation. We have no doubt he'd bring this same creativity to bear on the wider range of issues facing the Attorney General.

Pines speaks with authority on public policy issues like the environment, consumer protection, economic development and women's rights. The emphasis on health care regulation in her campaign has struck a nerve among voters nervous about the power now wielded by HMOs. But hers is the record of a legislator, not an executive, and we fear she'll be unable to build the coalitions needed to translate her position papers into action.

We have no such hesitation with her opponent. Tom Reilly would continue the strong, principled leadership Scott Harshbarger brought to the Attorney General's office, and we offer him CNC's endorsement for the Democratic nomination.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Social Service League held in high regard

Ms. Motoko Deane, President
Social Service League
16 Highland Ave.

DEAR PRESIDENT DEANE:

As Executive Director of the Cohasset Housing Authority, I have had many occasions over the last four years to benefit in numerous ways from skills of the staff of the Social Service League.

The League itself is such a unique organization in its far-reaching services, compassion and longevity. I don't believe there is another caregiver quite like you.

The housing authority staff and particularly the residents have received individual care in their homes, education and health maintenance techniques through the "Keep Well Clinics," a willing ear when times are troubled, always with a loving touch.

Our staff can count on the League when there is concern for an individual's mental or physical well-being and during each visit a comforting climate is created that endures long after the visit is over.

From the Authority there is such high regard for the League's people and its programs that words cannot convey our deepest feelings. So often kindness can be taken for granted and we would like your caregivers to know just how much they are appreciated. Please accept our long-overdue salute for a job well done with the very sincerest gratitude of the Board of Commissioners and staff of the Cohasset Housing Authority.

Marilyn A. LeBlanc
Executive Director
Cohasset Housing Authority
60 Elm St.

Editor's note: a copy of Mrs. LeBlanc's letter was provided to the Mariner for publication.

Workshop on wastewater alternatives

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to those of you who voted for me for the Board of Health during Cohasset's last election. I won with a plurality of more than three to one, perhaps because I ran unopposed, which always helps. Nevertheless, I am grateful that so many voted for me. I take it as an expression of good will, and since my campaign contained several promises, I would like to update you on my progress in keeping them.

One of my campaign pledges contained the following statement:

It is important for elected officials to promote the creation of an educated citizenry aware of the responsibilities and dangers as well as benefits of living in a modern suburban community. There's an appropriate solution for most of the problems Cohasset faces. As members of the important sewer and health committees, we must:

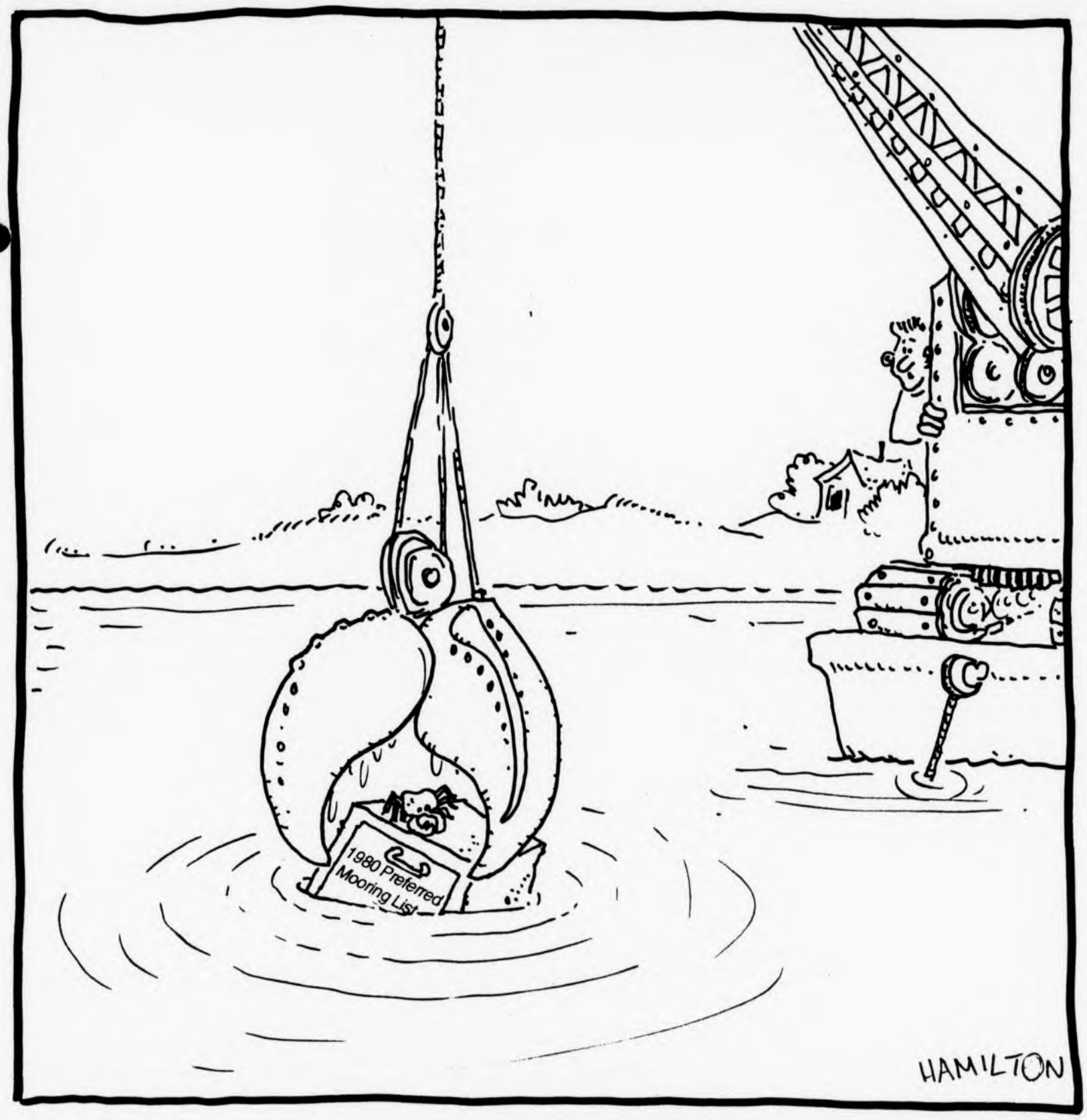
1. know the available real options; otherwise we run the risk of expensive litigation.

2. present these options so the citizens make up an informed populace.

3. have an accurate notion of the costs of acting on the options.

In response to this pledge, the Health Board has initiated a periodic newsletter called Health Notes, which is available at the board's office in the Town Hall, and in some local media. In addition, we are sponsoring a workshop on wastewater alternatives at the Cohasset

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What to do with a million dollar baseball

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



I don't know about you but Jason Duncan and Michael Pitt have given me a new appreciation of people.

Jason, 11, is the youngster who ran down Mark McGwire's record-tying 56th home run ball in the center field stands at Miami's Pro-Player Park the other day and gave it back to the Cardinal slugger.

"I knew it would mean a lot to him," he said.

Michael, 17, is the young man who, two innings later, came up with McGwire's record-breaking 57th home run ball 20 feet from the same spot in the stands and, after turning down $5,000 for it, gave it back also.

It gives you a new perspective on your fellow man, doesn't it"

Maybe we're not all as greedy as the fan who held for a $5,000 ransom the ball that Barry Bonds socked for his 400th career home run or the folks in New York who priced themselves out of the market for the balls that McGwire hit for his 50th and 51st homers.

If McGwire's 56th and 57th four-baggers simply tied and surpassed Hack Wilson's National League record what price the balls that Mark slugs out of the park for his 61st and 62nd homers to tie and break Roger Maris' record for all the major leagues?

(He may have done it by now so pretend he didn't and read on.)

Some of the sports talk shows have placed the value at $1 million, the equivalent of the gross national product of a number of third world nations, which is enough to turn many otherwise honest minds to larcenous thoughts.

How many fans are going to turn up at the next St. Louis Cardinal's game and sit in left center field armed with an official National League baseball to be pulled out and waved for the TV cameras as soon as McGwire hits one near them?

How do you know you've got the real ball or are you like the actor Charlie Sheen, who paid $92,000 for the ball that was said to have gone through Bill Buckner's wickets in the 1986 World Series only to learn that it wasn't?

But the larger question is this:

What do you do with a baseball after you've spent $1 million, or even a cut-rate $5,000, for it?

Do you put it on display in your living room and charge a buck or so just to let people look at it?

Do you lock it in a bank vault and take it out to look at once a year on the anniversary of its acquisition?

I can be safely said to be an authority on this because I got a ball once, a foul, not a homer, at Fenway Park.

I was there with a group of Quincy Patriot Ledger boys and we had seats in the grandstand because the Sox didn't even come close to selling out the park in those days.

A Cleveland Indian outfielder of no particular distinction named Julius "Moose" Solters hit this enormous foul ball that bounced off the facade of the park roof and came to rest in the seat beside me.

Quickly, I put my hand over it and it was mine.

For a couple of days, I was the big attraction in the neighborhood as friends and strangers dropped by to see the kid who got a ball at Fenway and perhaps even heft the official big league ball themselves.

I think I even recounted for them the incredible diving catch I made to get it.

But, for 13-yer-old boys, shiny new baseballs are hard to resist.

Within the week, we had the ball outside and were tossing it around the yard, the same ball Fritz Ostermueller or Rube Walberg or Lefty Grove or whoever had served up to the Moose that day.

Then it was introduced into one of our intermediate sandlot ball games (unsupervised by adults, I may point out) and, by the end of the season, the cover was off and it was wrapped in black friction tape like the rest of our balls.

At least it didn't cost us a million dollars.

HEALTH NOTES

Septics, Sewers, or Something else

A newsletter created by a volunteer staff issued periodically by the Board of Health.

A reminder about next week's Workshop on wastewater management at 7 pm at the Cohasset High School on Wednesday Sept. 16. There's something for everyone in Cohasset in this informative and novel accumulation of talent about wastewater. A brief listing of the speakers and their topics is given below.

Topic		Name
Choices in On-Site Wastewater Management		**John Rowland**

John currently represents J&R Sales & Service, a manufacturer's representative to the wastewater treatment industry He works with, and coordinates the needs of engineers developing wastewater disposal solutions. his presentation will discuss the impact on economics environment, appearance and utility of the various wastewater choices available.

Alternative Wastewater Treatment Systems; The 100 Pond Street Experience	F.H. Mahoney - E-Systems	**Kieth Dobie**
Wastewater and the Environment.	Sitec	**Rod Gaskill**
Perkable Land, Cohasset's Untapped Resource. Septic Maintainance; Septic additives; .		**Joe Godzik**

Joe, Health Officer for the Cohasset Board of Health will be talking about Cohasset's unique wastewater treatment opportunities as well as some ways you can ensure proper operation of your system.

We're from the DEP and we're here to help you	DEP Bureau of Resource Protection	**John Higgins**
Wastewater treatment, A Town Wide problem.		**Ginny Roach**

Ginny is with Camp Dresser McKee, and will be talking about wastewater studies in other towns where exploration of treatment options led to the least costly and most efficient solutions.

Engineering your Wastewater Treatment Needs.	Neil Murphy Associates	**Neil Murphy**
Biologically Accelerated Wastewater Treatment		**Stephen Nelson**

Steve is currently president of Clearwater Recovery in Rockland, which installs and repairs septic systems. His experience includes operating wastewater treatment plants, including the Cohasset facility. His specialty is installing and servicing innovative/alternative Title 5 wastewater treatment systems. He distributes the "Jet" septic treatment system. Steve says that a shared system may have advantages over a town wide sewer system.

Decentralized Wastewater Management; Do we really need an inspection every time we sell a house? Wayne Sawchuk

Wayne is president of Olde Forge Builders, and has proposed and developed innovative alternatives to conventional wastewater treatment strategies. He has broad familiarity with the politics of waste removal and understands the economics of initiating changes in a town to realize cost effective solutions to wastewater problems. He will be talking about Decentralized wastewater management strategies and implementing them in a town like Cohasset.

Septic Systems to Fit the Property	Rosano Davis	**Bryan Davis**
Just Exactly What is Under Your Lawn	Scituate Ray Precast	**Dean Dwyer**
Zero Effluent Discharge Alternatives and the Wastewater Garden		**David Del Porto**

David is President of Sustainable Strategies which develops systems for drastically reducing the amount of effluent which is returned to the environment by various methods of conservation and treatment. He has been in the business for 25 years, and also manages ECCO which distributes components for building zero discharge alternatives to current systems.

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High School cafeteria Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. There is much to learn about wastewater technology, and this will be a good chance to become current on the latest developments in both septic and sewer technology. Please arrange to attend if you are interested in a healthy future for yourself and your kids.

Steve Bobo
Cohasset Board of Health
292 Jerusalem Rd.

In defense of Nancy Buckley

In a letter to the Mariner (August 27), Cohasset resident Agnes McCann expressed the view that Nancy Buckley was exploiting the death of the Abington teenager killed on the Old Colony Line in order to promote her own cause.

If Buckley's cause is to look out for the health and well-being of our children, then I find it hard to understand how McCann can object to her crusade against Greenbush. Buckley knows, as all parents do, that children do not always exercise the best judgment in dangerous situations. She is only pointing to the obvious; if a grade crossing accident could happen in Abington, imagine the potential danger from 43 Greenbush grade crossings.

As parents, we often use the argument, "let this be an example to you", which is a far better argument than, "I told you so." Whenever a young person is killed in a high-speed auto accident, we are quick to remind our own children that "speed kills." If alcohol is involved, we tell them not to drink and drive. Rarely are we so cavalier as to refer to an auto accident involving young people as "human error", as McCann does in referring to the tragedy in Abington. It is far more complex than that and there is no parent among us who would not do everything in his or her power to prevent such accidents from happening. And yet McCann fails to see that Nancy Buckley's motive is to simply keep our children out of harm's way.

Does McCann realize that 43 grade crossings in 17.2 miles is the second highest concentration of grade crossings in the country on a commuter rail line? Has she ever looked at the fatality statistics for the other line? Nancy Buckley has, and I'm sure it is one of the underlying reasons why she is so committed to resisting Greenbush. I, for one, have nothing but admiration for her efforts to get South Shore residents to better understand the dangers of grade crossings. She has compiled a great deal of very compelling data and I believe it is the responsibility of all South Shore residents to factor information of this type into their decision on Greenbush.

One of the continuing problems with the Greenbush controversy is that most train proponents take McCann's simplistic view that all public transportation is good and that those who resist Greenbush are NIMBY's standing in the way of progress. In so doing they turn their minds off to any opposing arguments, however cogent they might be. McCann's comparison of Greenbush to the Wellesley line, for example, totally overlooks the fact that the rail line in Wellesley travels through a submerged corridor through much of the town. Without grade crossings, constant whistle blowing is avoided and, most importantly, the potential for accidents is greatly reduced.

On the South Shore, and particularly in Hingham, the impact of commuter rail would be vastly different. With its numerous grade crossings, Greenbush would pose a far greater risk to young people who, despite our best efforts, will continue to exercise poor judgment when it comes to beating the odds. Call it human error if you will, but, what really matters is that tragedies such as the one that took the life of the young girl in Abington will most certainly follow in the wake of Greenbush.

McCann's argument that trains are a "perfectly civilized method of public transportation" is another oversimplification. In point of fact, "electric-powered" trains traveling through safe corridors are a civilized mode of transportation. Diesel-powered trains passing at ground level through densely populated American communities are not. Greenbush proponents, who often refer to the success of rail systems in Europe, would be hard pressed to identify one "diesel-powered" public transportation system built in Europe or Japan in the past ten years. Nor would they find any system with such a high concentration of grade crossings.

The EPA's recent crack-down on the diesel locomotive industry and the federal government's program to pay the railroads to eliminate grade crossings should be proof enough to McCann and other train proponents that Greenbush is far from the best transportation alternative for the South Shore. It is, without question, the quick fix, but, if the past has taught us anything about safety and environmental issues, it is that we will pay dearly in the long run for having opted for the easy way out.

Years from now, when Greenbush has hopefully been laid to rest in the dinosaur's graveyard it deserves, I suspect that a more well-thought-out transportation solution will be serving the needs of South Shore residents. Perhaps then the efforts of Nancy Buckley and people like her will be more appreciated.

Michael Weymouth
Concerned Citizens Against The Train
29 Water street
Hingham, MA

Signs proposed for dangerous sidewalk

To Selectmen:

Two points stand out from the July 30 public hearing on the Village Sidewalk project.

First, most everyone agreed that the current narrow sloped pavement is dangerous for pedestrian traffic. Secondly, the project, subject to approval, will be delayed until 1999 at the earliest.

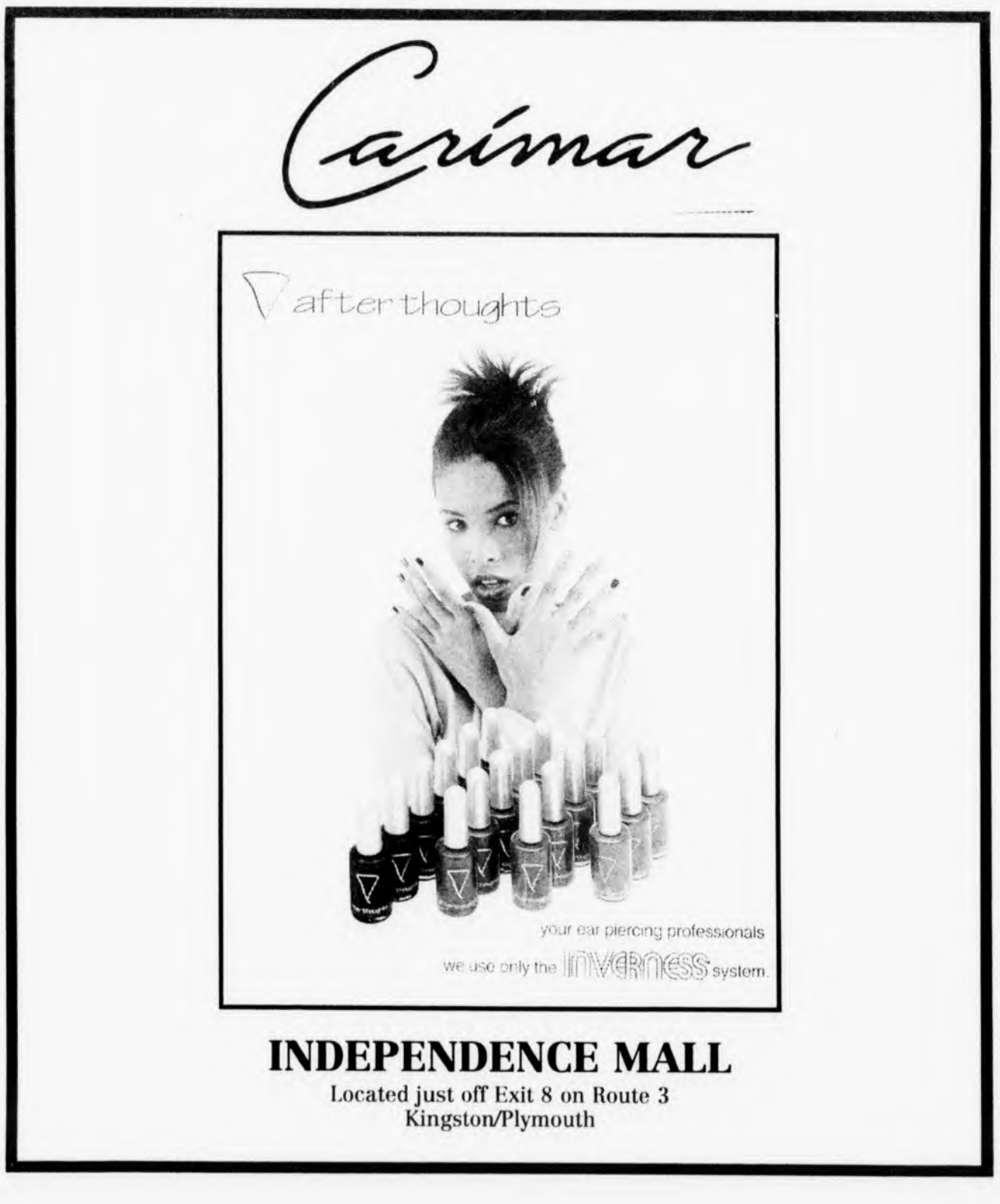
I would suggest that this delay offers an opportunity to try to address the safety issue. To discourage pedestrian traffic I would propose two signs; one mounted on the tree after the stairway at the Independence building and the other mounted on the utility pole between the bus stop and St. Stephen's stairway. The signs would read "Narrow Walkway Ahead, For Your Safety Please Cross Over."

This would allow Cohasset residents, at minimal cost, the opportunity to evaluate the need for the proposed sidewalk.

If pedestrians cooperate, then perhaps other approaches to improving this section of South Main Street will surface. Perhaps small flower tubs could be spotted along a narrow "shelf" adjoining the paved roadway in place of the sloped paved area. Perhaps the grant money could be redirected to other projects to revitalize the Village.

R. E. Martin Jr.
3 So. Main St.

This letter was in selectmen's correspondence.



INDEPENDENCE MALL
Located just off Exit 8 on Route 3
Kingston/Plymouth

Town credit card...

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cards. Towns help with the advertising, but mostly focus on getting a good deal, ensuring that the card offers a good interest rate, and making sure the face of the card reflects the character of the town and is immediately recognizable to locals. Towns generally get one percent of all purchases made with the credit card, although cash advances and balance transfers usually are not included in the town's percentage.

Callahan got the idea for a Cohasset affinity card while visiting a friend in the village of South Orange, New Jersey where a local affinity card has been quite successful. South Orange has raised an average of $40,000 per year with its credit card, Callahan said.

"South Orange is using their money from the credit card to create a little grant program for village businesses," Callahan said. "If a business wants to make an improvement like remodeling, it can apply for a grant."

Callahan said the proceeds from affinity cards can be used for any purpose the town chooses. He feels Cohasset is a good location for an affinity card because it is a fairly affluent community.

"I think it would be nice if people used a credit card that benefited the town," Callahan said. "It's all a function of who uses the card, and I think in Cohasset, people who have the card would use it."

Callahan said South Orange has also received backing from the local chamber of commerce with the card. Local businesses offer discounts to residents who use their affinity card.

Although the affinity card sounds like a sure bet, many towns have been disappointed by low returns from the credit card. Hanover Treasurer Bob Haley said the only 250 people have the cards, which has given the town $14,000 in 18 months. Haley said he has learned that many towns have had problems finding banks to sponsor cards.

"I have to admit that I'm a little disappointed — I thought it would take off," Haley said. "When I found out that banks weren't interested in sponsoring cards in much bigger cities like Cambridge, Quincy and Springfield, I knew something was wrong. One problem is that there are a lot of credit cards out there already and people get a lot of offers. Banks are getting into affinity cards less."

Haley said Hanover has had other problems. Hibernia was purchased by Eastern Bank, which then sold its portfolio to the National City Bank of Ohio. There has been no new advertising for the Hanover card, even though it has one of the lowest interest rates available, which is the prime interest rate plus three percent. The current rate on the Hanover card is about 11.25 percent, Haley said.

Haley also pointed to a story in The New York Times which reported that most New Jersey towns that had an affinity card received were not making that much money.

Haley said Cohasset may have problems because although it is an affluent community, it has a small population. Credit card companies are most interested in high-volume business. He said the towns that have been able to get affinity cards in place have had to rely on small, local banks, which is the case in Canton.

"Quincy had no bidders for its card and its population is more than 80,000 people," Haley said. "Cohasset's biggest problem will probably be finding a bank. If they don't have a local bank that will support the card, I don't think they'll be able to succeed."

But some towns, like South Orange, have been successful with affinity cards. Haley said Citizen's Bank offers a "Good Citizen's Card" which is similar to an affinity card. He said Cohasset may want to explore that option as well. And as Haley points out, he was hoping the town would make more money, but $14,000 for doing nothing isn't such a bad thing.

ASK! gains momentum with support of officials

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who felt the King Street group was operating on "the NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) factor.

"I can't see how we can embark on blocking off bits of Cohasset like Boston, where you can't even figure out which way you can go every time you turn a corner," argued Sturdy. "You're saying, 'Let 3A take the traffic,' but sometimes it can't really take it. Before 3A, King Street *was* the route. That's how you got from that section to North Main. Everybody wants to protect their own turf but use others'."

But planning board member Terry Atherton pointed out that Quincy has closed off certain streets to traffic during rush hour for the same reasons ASK! is addressing.

Still, Sturdy has his supporters on this issue.

"There have been a bunch of bad accidents on Forest Avenue, where I live, but it's used as a cut-through for people to get to Hull or from Hull to other places," said Judy Volungis. "You can't shut it off because it's a cut-through — not when it's a public way. The answer for us was to put up speed limit signs and set up some speed traps. I think the selectmen should be ruling against it and not bringing it up as a town meeting article. They are supposed to be protecting the rights of all citizens, and not just the ones that live on one street.

"Everybody has problems with speeding on their street," she continued. "You don't shut a street down just because an unfortunate accident happens." (Volungis was referring to the death in early June of a Cohasset high School senior just days before graduation. Speed was believed to be the factor.)

King Street residents did, in fact, form as a group earlier this summer. "Over the years, residents have tried to get together to counteract speeding and volume issues on King Street," said ASK! member Heidi Salerno. "We've been trying to come up with solutions for 10 years now, at least."

This summer, the group found 20 possible solutions to its problem. The group decided one remedy was to remove one of the two accesses at the intersection of King and Beechwood streets. That would mean that there would be no access to King Street from Beechwood for regular traffic.

The intersection fans out onto Beechwood from King Street with an island between two lanes. The access which ASK! is not seeking to close off entirely, would remain open for emergency vehicles, school buses and snowplows only. This lane is not at an angle that encourages motorists to shortcut there anyway.

As it stands now, drivers traveling east on Beechwood toward 3A take a left onto King Street in order to avoid two traffic lights on 3A (by Beechwood and Pond). The shortcut also brings motorists further north on 3A once they exit King Street.

There have been a disproportionate number of accidents — 21 in two years — on once peaceful King Street.

Problems began on the one- and-a-quarter-mile street more than a decade ago, when the Super Stop & Shop was built nearby. Drivers soon discovered the winding way as an alternative to the increased congestion from the new shopping area on Route 3A. Because King Street runs nearly parallel to it, residents say it has proven enticing to speedsters, unhindered by traffic lights, stop signs or speed limit signs there.

The result as ASK! reports it : King Street has a 40 percent share in the town's accident rate; the average motor vehicle speed as recorded by police this July is 41 mph; 10 percent of the town's speeding tickets are written on King Street; and 2,500 cars traverse the road daily.

ASK! would like several remedies to be considered: making one end of King Street a cul de sac and the Beechwood end closed off to traffic except for snow plows, emergency vehicles and school buses; installing speed bumps, speed limit signs and stop signs at Pond and Schofield, as well as prohibiting right turns onto King Street from Route 3A between 5-9 p.m. and left turns from Beechwood from 6-9 a.m.; and installing speed limit signs, stop signs and a traffic circle at the intersection of King and Pond streets.

"We think we've talked to everyone who abuts the area," said Betsy Connolly of ASK!. "Diverting traffic will alleviate volume, speed and safety issues."

A Sept. 3 meeting was held at the Lightkeepers Residence by ASK! to discuss the issue with area residents so that they are up-to-date and in agreement on the proposed changes. "We wanted to make sure that we had the majority agreement of street dwellers to agree with this plan, and that worked out," said Salerno. "We're set to meet with the selectmen on Sept. 14."

Chairman Al Moore, "in principal," agreed with Sturdy's comments. "You have to be careful about shutting down roads willy-nilly, but I don't think that applies to this situation."

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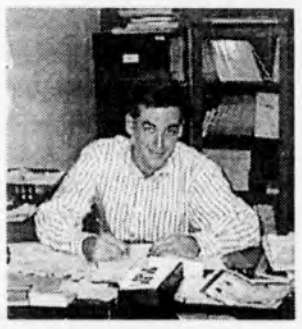
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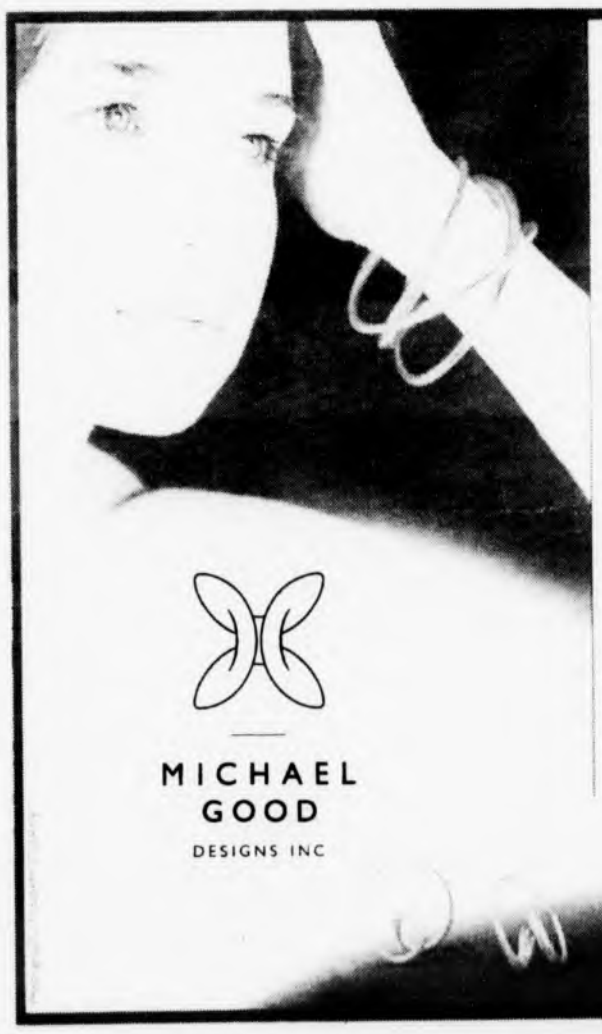
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11 private roads may soon go public

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Layout plans and legal descriptions of 11 private ways to be considered as public roads is under review by the planning board.

A Sept. 29 public hearing on the matter has been scheduled by the board of selectmen.

The Private Ways Committee and the board of selectmen worked together in putting together the list of private ways to potentially undergo change. The Norfolk County Engineering Department provided layout plans and legal descriptions of the roads to the town for individual boards' perusal.

State highway money can't be used to maintain private ways some of which have fallen into disrepair angering residents who live along them.

But accepting private ways as public roads can present another problem.

"The problem with private ways that become public ones," explained planning board chairman Al Moore, "is that it becomes fair frontage for subdivision. So you have to think in terms of whether or not there's a chunk of acreage on that spot that could have frontage grabbed off it to create as subdivision."

According to Moore, there are a number of parcels of land in Cohasset that can't be developed because they have no frontage. "As long as someone has 50 feet of frontage, they can apply for a subdivision. We'd have to make sure that that doesn't happen before we recommend anything."

The roads that will be weighed for change are: Bates Lane; Forest Notch; Lantern Lane; Locust Road; Norfolk Road; Notch Lane; Oa Street; Reservoir Road; Riverview Road; Short Street; and Whitney Woods Lane.

Bates Lane is an issue because it adjoins Heather Drive and would open an area for development. "I'm not so sure that the town would be served by that," said Moore.

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OBITUARIES

Robert B. Smith

Robert B. Smith, 77, of Cohasset, a meteorologist, retired earth science professor and a World War II veteran, died Sunday, Sept. 6, at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington.

Mr. Smith was a professor at Babson College in Wellesley before retiring. He also was a research meteorologist and was associated with many companies during his career in Alaska, Peru, Canada, New Hampshire, Montana and the Virgin Islands. He was involved in the research and development of the first weather satellites, "Tiros" and "Nimbus."

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Smith lived in Douglaston, N.Y., before moving to Cohasset 40 years ago. He attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received his bachelor's degree in physics and a master's degree in meteorology. He later received a master's degree in earth science from Bridgewater State College in 1972.

He served in the Navy during World War II.

Mr. Smith leaves his wife, Mabel E. (Barnes) Smith; two sons, Roger A. Smith of Lexington and Stephen B. Smith of Burlington; and two grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at the Downing Cottage Funeral Home in Hingham. Interment will be in Woodside Cemetery in Cohasset.

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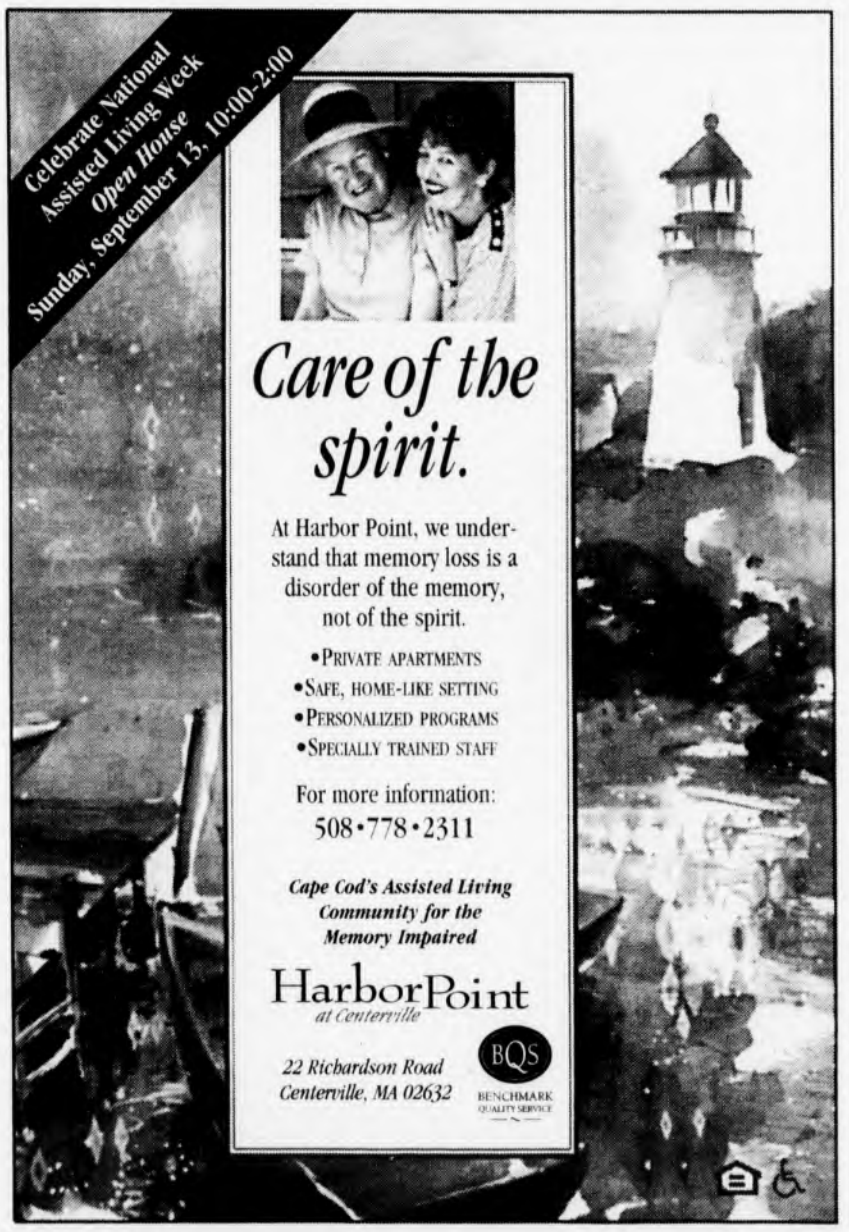
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Owner is stranded in attempts to build on land

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

A standing-room-only audience, many of them Beach Street abutters, crowded in to the small room where Ellen Morrisey took her six-year argument to build a home on her Beach Street property before the conservation commission.

Aside from Morrissey's lawyer, most in the room were concerned about potential water run-off problems onto their land, should Morrissey be allowed to remove vegetation to build a new home there.

Unbeknownst to Morrissey, a letter from building inspector Richard Egan had already been received by commission members only several hours before the scheduled meeting. The letter stated that until access issues on the Beach Street property were resolved, there could be no legal building there.

Needless to say, Morrissey was visibly upset when vice chairman Sue Cope read the letter aloud.

"Sometimes it's not clear to people that there are other issues involved in what they think is a simple project," said Cope. "The building inspector realized that the driveway issue will need fixing. It's unfortunately a difficult site—it's *not* that we're trying to be difficult."

According to those familiar with the issue, Morrissey purchased 20 acres of land in 1976, most of which she still owns. Her property starts at the parking lot of the town hall and goes all the way to the Mohawk ditch where a stream runs through. "It's land-locked property," noted one in attendance at the meeting.

"The only way to get to her land is by a road that runs along the Mohawk Ditch. If you drive down Beach Street toward the ocean, it's the dirt road that turns to the right. That's the only access," the bystander added.

Morrissey told commission members that she would use Highland Avenue to access her property. But according to at least one onlooker, the Highland Avenue access is an old cart path that has never been used — especially not now when it runs between two houses and has hedges growing along the proposed entrance.

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— Sue Cope, conservation commissioner

"The Highland Avenue access didn't show on her plans," said Cope. "Besides, this is a planning board issue. She wants to access her property with a road that is already used by two others."

Another bugaboo for Morrissey is additional land she bought because it was the only purchasable property near hers that would perk.

"The problem is that Morrissey now has some frontage on Beach Street which, over time, has proved illusory," explained planning board chairman Al Moore. "The three lots there are legal. The problem is that the frontage exists as land, but it's a cliff. As a practical matter, it doesn't work."

Nonetheless, Morrissey has been trying to develop the three lots on her property. She sold one of her Beach Street lots to Don Ostenberg about a year and a half ago. (Ostenberg, who would like to make changes to his driveway, went before the conservation commission immediately after Morrissey.)

Commission consultant Paul Shea advised Ostenberg to go to the building inspector directly to find out how to proceed with work on his driveway that runs near wetlands.

Both Morrissey and Ostenberg will come before the commission again Sept. 17 to discuss their separate issues.

"If Morrisey had sufficient frontage for her lot, she would not be having any problem with the various boards she's gone before," said Moore. "We have a regulation in town that says if you have sufficient frontage for your lot, that's fine—you can build. But if you're going to access the new home(s) by means of a common driveway, you can only do 2 houses on that driveway and for the third, it must be built to subdivision standards. The reason for that bylaw is that otherwise, people could circumvent the subdivision regulations and could create all their lots to have frontage. They could create a subdivision with one big, long driveway that didn't meet *any* standards. So we don't allow that to happen. You have to meet the subdivision standard for the road."

"It's a difficult site to access because of the topography and wetlands," explained Cope. "We're not trying to prevent projects, but we do have to follow the law."

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Osgood's first day





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Clockwise from top left: first-grader Tina D'Antonio can't wait for her turn on the new playground equipment behind the new Osgood School. Teachers' aide Traci Madge gives Meaghan Leong and Abigail Perkinson a hug upon seeing each other for the first time since June. Rachel Fredey is in awe during her first day as a kindergartner while taking a tour of the new school. Third-graders Mark Flibotte and Maura Regan learn new dance steps in music class at Osgood.

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STAFF PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Members of the Cohasset High football team have been in training for some time now for their opening game of the season next Friday night, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. down on old Cape Cod against Mashpee. The young Skippers will be looking to improve on their 1-9 record from last season. They open up at home on Friday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. against Boston Latin.

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9/11	Hanover	3:30
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Creatine 'craze' reaches schools and local gyms

But legal muscle supplement has many questions

By Bob Croce
CORRESPONDENT

Major league athletes swear by its benefits. John Elway, Mike Piazza and 80 percent of NFL players are users. So too are the Los Angeles Lakers, who have a barrel of the stuff in the middle of their locker room.

The "craze" has suddenly hit home too, becoming overwhelmingly popular in local gyms and especially among high school athletes.

It's called creatine, an amino acid derivative that's used to boost muscle performance during intense workouts, allowing for more efficient muscle growth. Testimony to creatine's wondrous results are beginning to mount from Muscle Beach to Revere Beach.

Creatine's proponents say the supplement allows the muscles to bounce back quicker, and paves the way for longer workouts and greater results.

Bruce Warren, an avid weight trainer who starred the past four years as a defenseman on Framingham High's hockey team, is a faithful user. So too, he says, are "most" of the athletes and even some non-athletes at Framingham High School.

This has become a boom period for the supplement, which has been a $100 million a year seller for the past two years. A report in USA Today lists creatine second only to vitamins in supplement sales nationwide.

"It's probably the best selling of any of the products we have in here," says Steve, a manager for a local General Nutrition Centers (GNC) store, who didn't want his last name used for this story. "I get people of all ages. Kids in high school. A lot of high school football players. I try to tell wrestlers not to use it, because it can dry them up fast. But I've gotten people in their 50s wanting to use it."

Unlike anabolic steroids, creatine is legal, and can be easily purchased over the counter. It's not on the banned substance lists of the NCAA or the International Olympic Committee.

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Can this andro stuff help me write a better column?

EXTRA POINTS

DAVID WOLCOTT



Pretty soon I should be able to bench press my cubicle.

Remember the good old days when we all thought androstenedione was either an exciting goaltending prospect with Peterborough of the Ontario Hockey League or Celine's lesser known sister. Thanks to Mark McGwire those days are now longer gone than any of the 400 dingers he's cracked this month.

As we all know by now McGwire's use of the controversial training supplement androstenedione has become an issue in the past month after an Associated Press reporter was caught snooping through the St. Louis Cardinals sluggers locker and found the testosterone enhancing pills.

In an era where the media as well as the public in general wants to build someone up to be a hero and then immediately tear them down

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Campers at the South Shore Soccer Camp line up for their next drill.

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just because we can, everyone jumped on this as the single and only reason that McGwire is about to destroy one baseball's most cherished records: Roger Maris' single-season homerun mark of 61, set in 1961.

In fact, if he keeps up his present pace it may very well be McGwire's 98 in 1998 that sluggers may be trying to reach in the new millennium.

OK friends, we need to get a grip on this. McGwire's use of andro is not the only reason he has shattered the record books. That's more to do with the fact that his swing is just about perfect, everyone ball thrown to him looks like an oversized pumpkin, he's become a much more selective hitter over the years and pitching overall in major league baseball is at an embarrassing all-time low.

What andro does do is allow McGwire to train longer and harder in the weight room. While sometimes lumped in with banned steroids, it's not. The reason that the NFL and the IOOC have banned it from their athletes is that it can be used to help mask the use of banned steroids.

But with all the good things everyone's said about andro recently, there's got to be something that we haven't found yet about its use that brings the dark cloud over it. It's kind of like me walking into a grocery store and meeting the most beautiful woman in the world who's filthy rich, can't start the morning without watching SportsCenter and has a thing for balding, pudgy sportswriters. It's a nice thought, but there's something inherently wrong with the picture.

McGwire's an adult and no doubt researched this legal over-the-counter supplement long before he started taking it

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"The jury is still out on this right now. I don't think we have anywhere near all of the information on andro that we need to have," said Cohasset High health education coordinator Mike Gill. "Right now all the stories have glamorized the use of this particular supplement, which is dangerous when you're talking about impressionable young kids."

Another long-time coach and school administrator has his own reservations about the use of andro.

"Kids are kids and kids are followers by nature, which is the scary thing about this andro craze," said Rockland High athletic director Bob Fisher, who's been around long enough to know. "Kids know that McGwire is doing great things at bat and they know that he is using andro in his training. That can be scary because we still don't know enough about the long-term effects of using this supplement.

"We've always talked to the them about steroids, but this is a totally different animal," he added. "Andro is available over the counter and anyone from a kid in elementary school to an athlete at the high school can buy it at their local pharmacy."

Fisher said the key now was getting more information on andro and making it available to the public.

"Kids, parents, teachers and coaches included. Everyone needs to be education on this," stressed Fisher. "We've opened up a can of worms here and we need to look hard at andro and other supplements like it to make sure they're not going to be harmful in the long run."

I couldn't have said it better myself. Maybe being able to bench press my cubicle isn't such a hot thing, after all?

Creatine 'craze' reaches schools and local gyms

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But there are questions too

Not much is known about the long-term side effects of creatine, since it's still relatively new to the mainstream.

So far, scientists studying creatine have found no serious side effects when it's taken in recommended doses. There have been some problems with cramping and dehydration, but trainers note that much of that has been the result of misuse.

"The problem is that you might have young athletes taking two grams of this, increasing their mass, and then figuring they're going to get better results by upping that to 15 or 20 grams," says local trainer and track coach Jeff Stone. "We don't have enough information right now on what side effects that could have long term. We already do know that creatine tends to over-promote insulin production. Can that be a detriment?"

We just don't know, and right now the Food and Drug Administration is cautioning consumers that they should consult a doctor before using creatine. The substance has already been the subject of more than 50 studies, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and 50 more studies are expected this year.

Recently, the FDA ruled that creatine "does not appear to be a major factor" in the deaths this past year of three college wrestlers, who were training with the supplement. But the research continues, both on the government level and on college campuses.

B.J. Baker, the strength and conditioning coordinator for the Boston Red Sox says major college athletic

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programs, and some athletes have been using creatine for years without seeing any long-term problems. But so far, that too is more anecdotal than [redacted]ntific.

"We make sure they take it in specific doses, which is what the literature recommends," says Baker of the several Sox players who use creatine. "I think the people who start to get into trouble with the cramping and muscle problems are people who take more. People who think more is better."

Baker does caution against casual use of creatine by uninformed younger athletes.

"Whether pre-college aged athletes should be using it is a philosophical as well as a physiological issue," he says. "At what cost do you want to win? What kind of mentality are you trying to produce for a high school athlete? Are you taking it with a win at all cost mentality? Or, are they taking it to get bigger so they can win a scholarship? So many of those things have to be sorted out with parents and coaches. I would never make a recommendation for a pre-college athlete because what we do here (with the Red Sox) is so different."

Finding the right dose

Creatine monohydrate, the official moniker for the most popular type of the substance, is a white powder that's consumed one heaping teaspoon at a time and washed down with grape juice and massive amounts of water. It occurs naturally in red meat, and the human body needs a certain amount for muscle development.

But the doses used in supplement form usually go far beyond what the body needs for normal function, says William Kraemer, director of research at the Center for Sports Medicine at Penn State.

Even so, Kraemer feels that creatine shouldn't be dismissed just because of what we don't know right now. "I'm sure we'll find things in the future on how better to use it, and who should use it," he says.

Tucker says a trainer at Delaware revealed at the symposium that their players use creatine in limited (3 to 5 gram) doses, and avoid cramping by drinking 32 ounces of extra water and then 32 ounces of milk.

"Anytime you add any kind of supplement or nutrient-dense type supplement to your diet, the recommendation is to take more water," Baker says. "Even if you take a protein drink, or a multivitamin, you should hydrate because you need to dilute that. You need to give your body what it needs to process that. So if you couple creatine on top of all these other things athletes are taking, dehydration is an issue."

A recent article in the Penn State Sports Medicine Newsletter revealed that athletes using creatine experienced 60 percent greater results when chasing it down with high carbohydrate sports drinks. Some sports drink manufacturers are beginning to incorporate creatine into their ingredients, which will soon make the substance more mainstream than ever.

"Everyone uses it. I think the risks aren't that great if you don't abuse it. Just like a lot of things," says GNC's Steve. "I think it works. I've used plenty of it and never had a problem. I think it's one of the best products ever made."

Certainly creatine has been a boon to GNC's success. It isn't cheap, with prices ranging from $21.99 for 4.2 ounces to $54.99 for 16 ounces. On average, says Steve, the responsible creatine user will go through about $60 worth per month.

Warren says he can buy it more cheaply in bulk, and not long ago he purchased two pounds for $120. Creatine has become a perfect match for the Internet, where there are hundreds of sites selling the supplement in various forms and at various prices. There are creatine sports drinks and gum.

"I can honestly say I've never seen anything sell quite like this. This stuff has been hot from the first day I walked into the store," Steve says.

No one really knows how this creatine phenomenon began, but it's assumed that it picked up steam initially in the gyms of Southern California about five years ago. Successful results were followed by word of mouth, and suddenly creatine became the hot supplement.

The future of creatine, no doubt, will be shaped by further study. But for now, the believers are winning out over those who preach caution, and creatine remains a very hot commodity.

Final youth soccer registration

There will be one final registration for the youth soccer league on Thursday (Sept. 10) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cohasset Town Hall.

Walk-in registration is also available throughout the week at the recreation office at Town Hall.

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Top Ten Reasons to Vote for Josh Cutler ☆ Democrat for State Representative

#1 - Don't take our word for it, here's what other people say

"I'm impressed by Josh's commitment to working with kids." – Lauren Auchincloss, Main St, Hingham

"Josh has the integrity we need in government today." – Melissa Buis, Water St, Hingham

"I know Josh will provide first-rate constituent service. He also understands the need to bring more of our tax dollars back to the district and implement new laws in the critical areas of education and health care. I firmly beleive that Josh is the best candidate to accomplish these two important goals." – Ralph Kidder, former Chairman, Cohasset School Committee

"Josh will make an outstanding representative." – Fred Koed, Pleasant St, Cohasset

Josh has experience solving problems through the legislative process. He is also the candidate who most appreciates the benefits of thoughtful planning and of protecting our open spaces." – Sarah Corey, Hingham Planning Board

"Josh Cutler is a candidate I am proud to support and help. He has an excellent grasp of the issues of importance to the South Shore and is committed to making government work for us." – Chartis Tebbetts, Jerusalem Rd Dr., Cohasset

"I firmly believe Josh is the best candidate to represent us." – Pat Laugelle, King St, Cohasset

"Josh is just what this district needs -- a bright and energetic leader who will bring new ideas and new purpose to the State Legislature." – Phil Johnston, former Secretary of Health and Human Services

"Josh Cutler reminds us of what we as South Shore Democrats stand for: Good, honest government. Strong protection of our natural environment. Increased support for public education. Josh is committed to these issues that are so important to our three towns. He's exactly the new independent voice we need in the Legislature." – Peter Pratt, former Cohasset selectman and water commissioner

"Josh will work hard for us." – James L. Watson, Hingham Democratic Town Committee

"Josh is intelligent, thoughtful, hardworking and articulate. He knows what it takes to get things done at the state level. His knowledge, energy and vision will help protect the interest of all the residents of our district." – Shawn Worster, Harborview Dr., Hingham

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Cohasset High School fall sports schedule

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10/16	Middleboro	3:30
10/22	Abington	3:30
10/23	at Randolph	3:30

Varsity Field Hockey

9/10	Middleboro	3:30
9/14	at Scituate	3:30
9/16	E. Bridgewater	3:30
9/18	at Mashpee	3:30
9/21	Hingham	3:30
9/23	at Carver	3:30
9/28	at Norwell	3:30
9/30	at Hanover	3:30
10/2	Notre Dame	3:30
10/6	Hull	5:30
10/13	Carver	7:00
10/16	Norwell	3:30
10/20	Hanover	3:30
10/22	at Notre Dame	3:30
10/26	at Hull	6:00

J.V. Field Hockey

9/10	Middleboro	4:30
9/14	at Scituate	4:30
9/16	E.Bridgewater	4:30
9/18	at Mashpee	4:30
9/21	Hingham	4:30
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10/16	Norwell	4:30
10/20	Hanover	4:30
10/22	at Notre Dame	4:30
10/26	at Hull	5:00

Varsity Girls Soccer

9/10	Middleboro	5:00
9/11	Hanover	3:30
9/15	at Norton	3:30
9/17	at Norwell	3:30
9/21	at Randolph	3:30
9/23	at Carver	5:00
9/25	Hull	5:00
10/1	Abington	5:15
10/5	at Hanover	3:30
10/7	Norton	3:30
10/9	Norwell	3:30
10/13	Carver	5:30
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10/13	Carver	3:30
10/15	at Hull	7:00
10/16	at Middleboro	3:30
10/22	at Abington	5:15
10/26	Randolph	3:30

Football

9/18	at Mashpee	7:00
9/25	Latin Academy	6:00
10/2	at Carver	7:00
10/9	at Abington	7:00
10/15	Norton	5:00
10/23	Nauset	6:00
10/30	Charlestown	5:00
11/6	Norwell	5:00
11/13	at Hanover	6:00



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Cohasset Chamber Scholarship Golf Tournament

The Second Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament for deserving Cohasset High School students will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Poquoy Brook Golf Course in Lakeville.

The rates are as follows:

- Individual Golf with lunch $95 and $360 per foursome.
- Golf only is $68 per person.
- Hole sponsorship is $75; and Hole co-sponsorship is $50.

In addition there will be a Hole-In-One Prize of a $10,000 Certificate of Deposit, two Longest Drive Holes, one Closest to the Pin Contest, as well as many other giveaway donations form our membership.

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Junior lacrosse program wishes for old equipment

The Cohasset Junior Lacrosse program is accepting donations of old sticks, gloves, helmets, arm pads and goaltending equipment, hoping to make life a bit easier for players and parents.

Currently, the team has no extra equipment to carry to games or lend to players. That has, in the past, meant that players who have forgotten some or all of their gear have wound up driving home — often from several towns away — or have been forced to sit out.

"We can't let a player on the field without proper equipment," says junior team coach Chuck Jaffe. "The best we can hope for is to share, which is tricky given how often kids come on and off the field."

The club is particularly interested in helmets, gloves, armpads and goaltending equipment. Jaffe noted that sticks are the one thing most players have when they start out in the game, "although we would accept stick donations too."

The youth program is hoping to secure enough equipment to help out players in its summer camp, so that children who are just testing out the sport won't go whole hog on gear, only to find out they would rather play something else.

"Lacrosse equipment isn't cheap," Jaffe says. "We're just hoping that people who have some of it lying around in their basement, or whose children have outgrown youth equipment, can help us move the game along and support the junior club and lacrosse booster program in the process."

To donate lacrosse equipment to the Cohasset Junior program, call Jaffe at 383-9858.

Bike Fest riders will help fight Multiple Sclerosis

Round up your friends and family for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Oceanside Bike Fest Saturday, Sept. 19, beginning at 8 a.m. The ride begins in Duxbury and travels through beautiful coastal communities of the South Shore.

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starts at 9 a.m.; and the 25-mile ride starts at 10 a.m.

According to Sharon Turner, National MS Society, "You'll have fun and help raise money to benefit the Central New England Chapter of the MS Society whose goal is to end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis."

Registration is $25 and riders will need to raise a minimum of $50 in pledges. All participants will receive an official 1998 tour T-shirt and a great day of cycling.

Prizes for top fundraisers include gift certificates and a weekend in the Berkshires. To register, call (508) 291-2169.

"We have many families and teams who come back year after year because Oceanside Bike Fest is a beautiful ride and they enjoy being out actively raising money for the cause," said Turner.

Oceanside Bike Fest '98 is sponsored by American Red Cross, CellularOne, Clif Bar, Colombia Turbana, Gondola Pasta, Pastene, Plymouth Savings Bank and Poland Spring. Media sponsors include River 92.5 radio and the Boston Herald.

The National MS Society suggests that friends, co-workers and family form teams to motivate each other, train and raise pledges to fight MS.

"Teams are made up of four or more fund -raisers including both cyclists and volunteers," said Adrienne Marani, team MS coordinator. "Be sure to include the name of your team and team captain when you register. As a team member you are entitled to team captain pins, prizes for top fund-raising teams, team photos, team parties and recognition in team updates."

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system affecting more than 9,000 families in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Typically striking between the ages of 20 and 40, multiple sclerosis can rob a person of the ability to walk, speak clearly or see. It can even paralyze. Each mile ridden at Oceanside Bike Fest '98 will raise funds for national research and support local programs for people affected with MS.

Coaching clinic set for Saturday

The Cohasset Soccer Club will have a coaching clinic at Miliken Field on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for grades kindergarten through three. A session for grades four and higher will be held from 9 a.m. to noon.

Everyone is invited to participate.

Golf Classic to benefit South Shore Habitat for Humanity

Golfers and sponsors are needed to help support the First Annual East Coast Community Golf Classic on Sept. 14 at the Blue Hills Country Club. This unique event will benefit South Shore Habitat for Humanity, which is involved in its busiest building season ever.

East Coast Petroleum of Quincy is sponsoring the Golf Classic, which is being presented by Delta Airlines.

The proceeds will aid South Shore Habitat for Humanity in its continuing effort to build affordable housing in partnership with families in need. South Shore Habitat is mid-way through a 10-home neighborhood in Quincy, and is about to begin new homes in Pembroke, Randolph, Rockland and Marshfield.

There are several ways to participate in the golf tournament and auction:

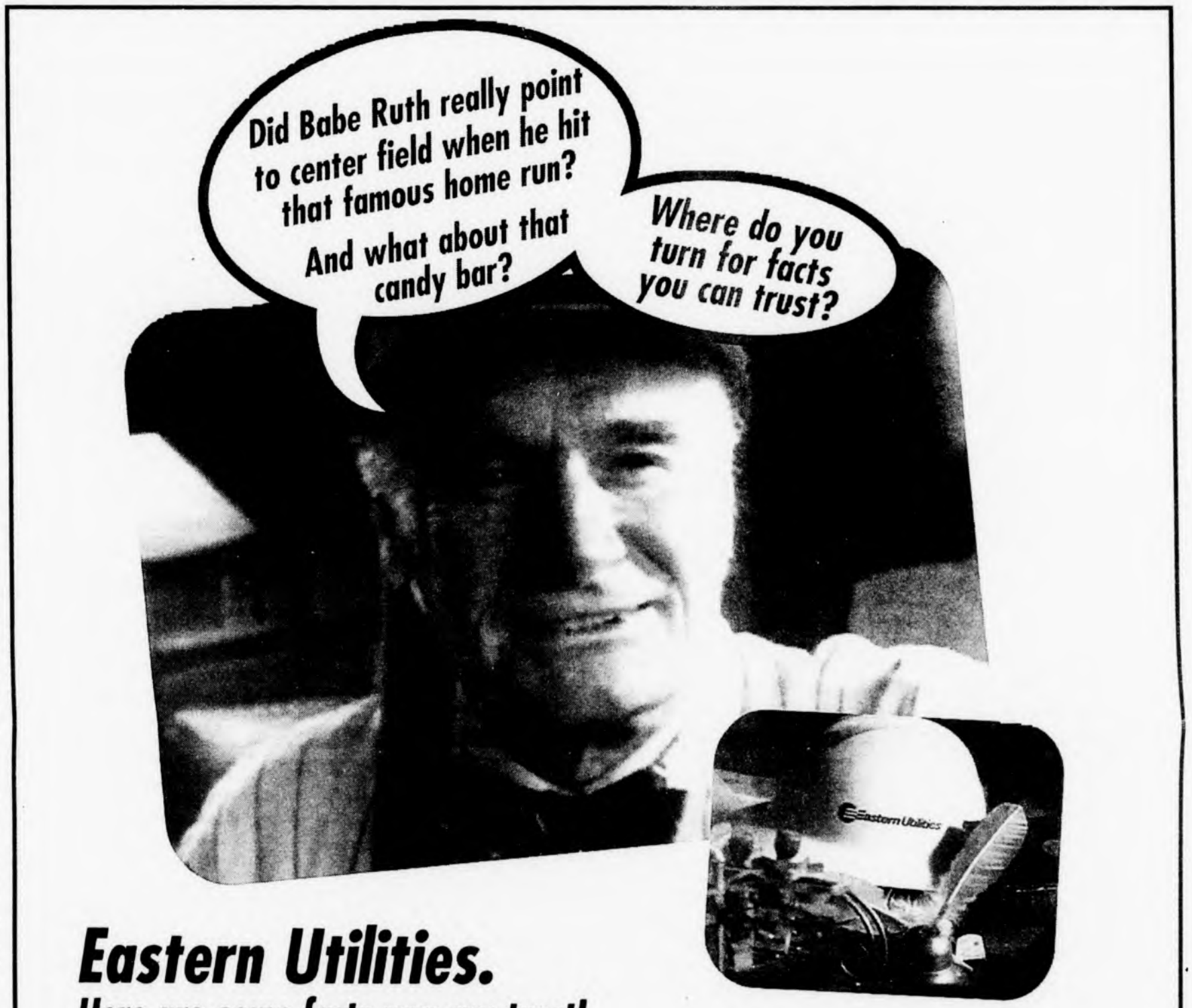
• Golfers - Blue Hills Country Club has 27 challenging holes. The Classic offers an 18-hole best ball tournament, whose first-place team wins round-trip tickets to Bermuda; this tournament is limited to 30 teams. For those wanting a shorter game, there is the 9-hole scramble, with a weekend in Vermont as top prize. The scramble is limited to 15 teams.

• Sponsors - Large and small sponsors are needed to underwrite tournament activities. Sponsorships range from $3,000 for a Golf Cart Sponsor or Dinner Co-Sponsor to $100 for a Green or Tee Sponsor and provide visibility for company names and logos throughout the tournament.

• Donations- Goods and services to be used as prizes or auction items are also needed. These can be tickets to events, gift certificates, use of vacation condos, sports equipment, special dinners, rounds of golf, etc.

Tournament space is limited, so golfers who wish to participate should register immediately. The need for donors and sponsors is unlimited, but time is not.

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Middle school 4th quarter honor roll

Grade 7

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HONORS

Mark Chapman, Katherine Coyne, David Curry, Emily Dean, Scott Faber, Emily Dean, Scott Faber, Sarah Hassan, Martha Henderson, Robert Hickey, Ian Kidder, Anna-Jane Murphy, Nicole Needle and Christina Sadler.

Grade 8

HIGH HONORS

Tim Baird, Meredith Bates, Kimberly Camacho, Caitlin Flint, Cara Foley, Katherine Grimm, Samantha Mortland, Elizabeth Smoot and Corey Sullivan.

HONORS

Connor Avery, Nick Bolster, Joel Carpenter, Chris Carr, Jeff Garber, Jacqueline Goines, Loren Heywood, Daniel Littauer, Liam Martin, Steven Mikkanen, Robinson Murphy, Joe Niessink, Matt Ogrodnik, Anna Roche and Kelly Stone.

High school 4th quarter honor roll

Grade 9

HIGH HONORS

Tim Bilodeau, Ben Bixby, Devon Coleman, Stefanie Cook, Dan Duffy, Chris Golden, Tim Grassey, Lydia Guild, Kelsey Henderson, John Hertig, Morgan Hurley, Sarah Kidder, Brian Krupczak, Alicia Laas, Karen McMorris, Douglas O'Brien, Clara Sceery, Erik Shea and Ashley Ulmer.

HONORS

Betsy Anderson, Catherine Bosworth, Amanda Cowing, Susan Dane, Andrew Dennis, Kelly Devine, Amy Devlin, Lane Forrer, Lindsey Gardner, Heath Heinz, Justin Langham, Kelly Lordan, Kathleen McCarthy, Kerry McCarthy, Geoffrey McWilliams, Daniel Morse, Sarah Motley, Bea Rankin, Meredith Ronan and Andi Shaughnessy.

Grade 10

HIGH HONORS

Sarah Bertovich, Jenny Chastain, Maura Duffy, Jacquelene Kahn, Danielle Kupsc, Peter Minnar, Rebecca Moje, Cragin Parker, Ben Peterson, Brian Tracy, Stefan Vanderweil and Jessie Zerendow.

HONORS

Tom Anderson, Naomi Ansbergs, Robert Butman, Bill Good, Kara Johansen, Emily Libby, Ryan Merrill, Evan Murphy, Jessica Niessink, Brad Powell, Melissa Pyfrom, Eileen Ridge, Caitlin Stansell, Kate Stone and Kellie Straughn.

Grade 11

HIGH HONORS

Anthony Bramblett, Catherine Brister, Luke Caldwell, Susana Candia, Alex D'Urso, Jared Ford, Ted Goff, Justin Golden, Karyn Gray, Tara Hettstrom, Paul Hussey, Kelly Kilkuskie, Ben Littauer, Alyssa McNamara, Ron Nicynski, Jim O'Sullivan, Steve Reynolds, R. Steven Sceery, Ryan Steel and Megan Waal.

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Michael Baird, Todd Bestick, Devin Buick, Jami Butman, Dylan Chase, Kyra Lea Cogill, Megan Connolly, James DeMichele, Katie Devine, Keri Dinsmore, Lauren Genovese, Starr Greene and Noel Grinnell.

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#8 - Josh cares about kids



As a volunteer teacher, youth baseball coach and youth basketball coach, Josh knows that our children represent the future. He understands that the safety, health and education of our children is in our hands. As your next State Representative, Josh will work to protect their future by making children's issues a top priority.

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Back to school night

On Thursday, Sept. 24 Cohasset High School will hold its annual Back to School Night for parents. As part of that event, students in the Outdoor Education class are hosting an afternoon open house at the ropes course so that parents (and everyone else in the community) can come and see just what the ropes course is all about. Of course, the best way to "see what it's all about" is to climb, so come prepared to put on a helmet and harness and experience new heights in education. Better yet if a son/daughter is holding the other end of your climbing rope ensuring your safety. What a great way to learn about the ropes course and the trust inherent in climbing.

The "Open Ropes" will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The ropes course is located behind Alumni Field, in the woods near the water tower. The best way to reach it is to park at the high school gym and walk up to the water tower and down the path.

Questions may be directed to Jack Buckely at the CHS at (781) 383-6100.

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Thursday, Sept. 17 - Turkey and cheese chef salad or chicken patty on roll, baked pretzel, cinnamon apple sauce

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Thursdays - Calzone, chicken filet on a roll, assorted deli items with fruit, milk, lettuce, tomato, pickle; assorted salads, with 1/2 pita, milk, fruit or soup.

Fridays - Chicken nuggets, cheese or pepperoni pizza, assorted deli items with fruit, milk, lettuce, tomato, pickle; assorted salads, with 1/2 pita, milk, fruit or soup.

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First Parish welcomes acting minister

Expectation is high as First Parish in Cohasset, Unitarian Universalist, prepares to welcome Colin Leitch as Acting Minister. Colin will serve in that capacity for one year while Minister Elizabeth Tarbox is on medical leave.

Colin Leitch is a 1990 graduate of Harvard Divinity School and has obtained additional training in interim ministry. He has ministered to five churches since his ordination, and brings with him energy and compassion, as well as excellent pastoral skills. As Acting Minister he will oversee the administrative and spiritual needs of First Parish during the coming year.

First Parish will continue to benefit from Elizabeth Tarbox's extraordinary talents from time to time as her health permits. She has brought a spiritual energy to new and long-time members. It is with that energy that First Parish remains committed to the future and looks forward to welcoming Colin Leitch.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, First Parish will begin fall services, first with a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Parish House at 23 North Main St., followed by a service of worship, led by Colin Leitch, in the Meeting House on the Common at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to join with a parish that, in Elizabeth Tarbox's words, "has been steadfast in times of trouble and is ready to face the future with hope, vision and enthusiasm."

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Mr. Richard Shea, Chairman
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Friday, September 25, 1998
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday, October 4, 1998
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For additional information, please contact Pat Martin at 383-3279

Drama club to stage mystery

The Cohasset Dramatic Club presents *Touchtone "M" for Murder*, an audience Participation Mystery by Craig Sodaro, directed by Jessica McDonald and produced by Jean DiGiacomandrea.

The presentation will be performed at the Cohasset Town Hall on: Oct. 2 and 3 at 8 p.m.; Oct. 4 at 2 p.m.; there will be a Benefit Performance for Scituate/Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading on Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 9 and 10 at 8 p.m.; Oct. 11 at 2 p.m.; Oct. 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 18 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are $10, call (781) 545-3195. Tickets are also available at Buttonwood Books and Front Street Book Store.

Cultural Council grant workshop

The Cohasset Local Cultural Council (LCC) will present a grant writing workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the South Shore Art Center. Patricia Walker, representing the Mass. Cultural Council, will discuss writing geared to generate a successful LCC grant. The state awards money to each town for cultural enrichment, based on population; via grants written by citizens and approved first by the

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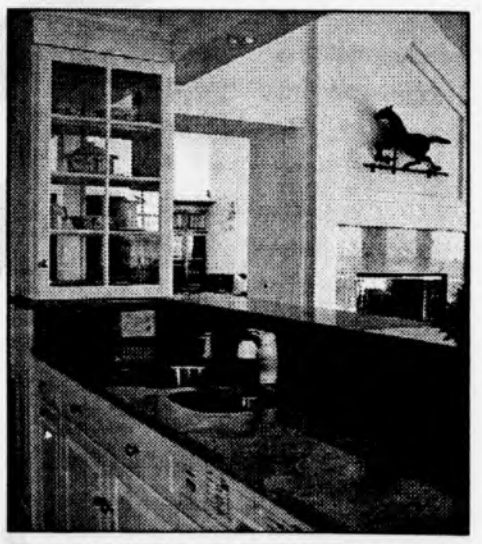
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Local Cultural Council, then by the state level (MCC). Walker will provide grant forms, and answer any questions from the audience.

This workshop is free to the public, reservations are required; a minimum of 16 participants is needed. To reserve a seat, call the South Shore Art Center at (781) 383-ARTS between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.; or for questions and reservations, call LCC chairperson Nancy Connolly at (781) 383-9883 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The South Shore Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Road.

Wine and cheese party

The Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers club will begin its fall season with a Wine and Cheese Party from 6 - 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19. This first social event of the 98-99 season provides a great opportunity for members to get reacquainted with old friends and meet new ones. For inquires, directions and to RSVP, please call 383-0706 or 383-6399 by Sept. 17.

Jade Forest to offer Tai Chi seminar

On Saturday, Sept. 29, Jade Forest Kung Fu/Tai Chi will offer an Introduction to Tai Chi. Widely renowned for its broad range of health benefits, Tai Chi can help reduce stress, promote optimal fitness, and restore the vigor and vitality of youth. Jade Forest founder, Sifu John Loupos, will lead attendees through a chi kung warm-up routine and then proceed to teach the first section of the classical Yang style Tai Chi form.

No previous experience is necessary and anybody interested in learning more about this ancient Chinese art of health, fitness and self-defense is welcome to attend. The seminar will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is $60 ($50 ppd). Call ahead to register or for more information. Jade Forest is located on Route 3A in Cohasset. Their phone number is (617) 383-6822.

Instruction in musical theater

The South Shore Community Center announces that Danielle Herget will be joining them for instruction in musical theater. Classes in "Peter Pan" will begin Sept. 24 for boys and girls ages 4 to 8. Classes on "Guys and Dolls" will be offered, beginning Sept. 24, for boys and girls, ages 9 to 15.

Classes run from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. for "Peter Pan" and from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. for "Guys and Dolls." These sessions will run for 10 weeks, with a small performance at the end for family and friends. Acting, singing and dancing will be the focus, using the music from the two shows as the format.

The cost is $90 for members, and $100 for non-members. Call the center to register at (781) 383-0088, or stop by at 3 North Main St. These classes are open to all residents of the area.

Items needed for yard sale

The Harbor View Tenants Association, 60 Elm St., will hold a yard-bake sale and raffle Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to benefit the Tenants Activity Fund.

Contributions of clothing, linens, furniture, books, odds and ends are needed.

Drop off items at 60 Elm St. Thursday, Oct. 8, from 1 to 5 p.m.

For additional information, call 383-1796, 383-8144 or 383-1384.

Quit & Stay Quit program

The South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program is sponsoring a free-stop smoking program that provides you with practical information and strategies that will assist you in becoming a successful ex-smoker.

The program includes: Introductory session with no obligation; A behavioral approach to quitting; Nutrition and weight control information; Stress management/relaxation techniques training and 3 sessions of group hypnotherapy.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, please come to the Introductory Session on Monday, Sept. 14 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Tobacco Control Program Office in Hanover. (Class size will be limited.)

Register for Scouts

Cohasset's Pack 38 Cub Scouts and Troop 28 Boy Scouts will hold registrations at Deer Hill School Monday, Sept. 14, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Tiger Cubs begin for boys ages 7 or first grade; Cub Scouts, grade 2 to 5; and Boy Scouts, grade 6 to 12.

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Workshop on 'Tinkering' at Art Center

This fall the South Shore Art Center presents a two-day workshop entitled "Tinkering with Wire" by visiting artist Ellen Wieske. A working metalsmith for 22 years, and a teacher for the past 12, her studio is in Cambridge. She has taught workshops at the Massachusetts, Maine and Oregon Colleges of Art, as well as the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts and the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, where she has taught for the last six summers. Her work has been exhibited both nationally and internationally and can be seen in numerous publications. She uses traditional style and techniques to make objects in wire with a whimsical quality.

In the workshop, students will create volume quickly, with three-dimensional line, to make an object of any size. From large forms to jewelry scale, students will learn to make any shape, using wire as the main or only material. Kinetic movement and drawing will also be addressed and approached, as the 18th century craft known as "Tinkering" is demonstrated. All wire will be provided. The workshop will take place at the SSAC in Cohasset Saturday, Sept. 12, and Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is $90 for members and $105 for non-members.

To register or to receive a copy of the Art Center's fall course brochure including classes for pre-school through adult, call (781) 383-2787 or visit www.ssac.org.

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Photos on exhibit at Conservatory

South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery features the photographs of South Shore Art Center artist Richard Alemian from Sept. 1 through the end of October. His collection includes photographs from Martha's Vineyard, Portugal, Tuscany, Paris, Florence, Naples and Venice. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. Admission to the Staircase Gallery is free. South Shore Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. For more information, call (781) 749-7565, Ext. 16.

Children's fall art series

The fall session of the Children's Creativity Workshops is now open for registration. Children ages 5 to 6 years meet Saturdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for enriching art experiences. Also offered are the kindergarten workshops. This series has been especially designed for boys and girls who can easily enjoy 1-1/2 hours of a directed art activity. Basic skills will be integrated into the various artistic adventures.

For more information on the fall workshops and to register, call 749-2453.

Oil Painters of America show

The Christopher Gallery, Cohasset, announces the second Eastern and Southern Juried Exhibition of Oil Painters of America Show. The exhibition features artists from the East Coast and Canada. An opening reception will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The showing will run from Sept. 26 to Oct. 17. "Oil Painters of America" is a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping traditional oil painting and fine representational art thriving in American culture.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Collectors, students and browsers are always welcome.

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Collector's Choice: celebration of hidden treasures

On Sept. 25-27 the South Shore Art Center will host a weekend of extraordinary events celebrating Collectors' Choice: A Celebration of Hidden Treasures, an exhibition of significant works of art from private collections. The exhibition includes more than 60 works by historic and contemporary artists ranging from Rembrandt to Chagall, Motherwell to de Corbusier and more.

The weekend will begin Friday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m. with a gala opening reception at the Art Center, followed by a dinner party at an oceanside estate in Cohasset. Admission to the event is $85.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, the Art Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for public viewing of the exhibition for a $5 admission charge.

Collector's Choice will close Sunday after brunch and a noontime concert with the Boston Trio. The Trio brings together three musicians of uncommon ability, insight and commitment. The Boston Symphony Orchestra members Lucia Lin on violin and Andrew Pearce on cello join with the exceptional pianist Heng-Jin Park Ellsworth to explore the great repertoire for trio — powerful music on an intimate scale. Admission to the brunch is at 10:30 a.m. and the concert at noon is $35, and $20 for the noontime concert only.

All proceeds from the weekend will benefit the South Shore Art Center. Please call (781) 383-2787 for more information.

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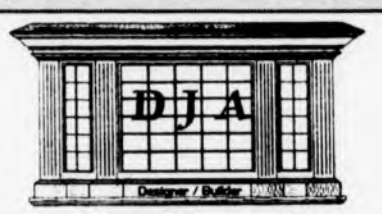
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MONDAY, AUG. 24

12:30 a.m. Open door/window, departmental action, South Main St.

1:25 a.m. Parking violation, Jerusalem Rd., departmental action.

10:30 a.m. Medical aid, King St., removed to hospital.

11:41 a.m. General services, Chief Justice [redacted]ing Hwy., departmental action.

[redacted]5 p.m. Serve restraining order, Elm Ct., departmental action.

4:19 p.m. Trespassing, Linden Dr., log entry information.

5:25 p.m. Medical aid, Doane St., removed to hospital.

9:38 p.m. Transport, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., departmental action.

10:04 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Doane St. and Bates Ln., verbal warning.

10:16 p.m. Disturbance, gathering, Beechwood St., dispersed gathering.

10:38 p.m. Suspicious auto, Ripley Rd., log entry information.

10:50 p.m. Suspicious activity, Elm St., area search negative.

TUESDAY, AUG. 25

12:39 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Beechwood St. and Norman Todd Rd., verbal warning.

12:47 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic citation/warning.

1:16 a.m. General services, Rustic Dr., referred to other agency.

6:44 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation/warning.

6:56 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic citation issued.

10:33 a.m. Well being check, Jerusalem Rd., services rendered.

11:38 a.m. General services, Elm St., services rendered.

1:08 p.m. Disturbance, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., departmental action.

1:53 p.m. Larceny, Lambert's Ln., investigated, report taken.

2:22 p.m. Accident/motor vehicle, Jerusalem at Linden, investigated, report taken.

5:40 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

5:41 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

6:06 p.m. Medical aid, removed to hospital.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26

1:06 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Sohier St., departmental action.

8:30 a.m. Warrant arrest, Beechwood St., no such person can be found.

2:53 p.m. Trespassing, Linden Dr., services rendered.

4:28 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic citation/warning.

4:58 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, South Main St., traffic citation/warning.

5:28 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, South Main St., traffic citation/warning.

5:30 p.m. Medical aid, Red Fox Ln., removed to hospital.

6:17 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., verbal warning.

10:02 p.m. General services, Jerusalem Rd. and Linden Dr., departmental action.

10:13 p.m. Disturbance, Pleasant St., services rendered.

THURSDAY, AUG. 27

12:49 a.m. Vandalism, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., log entry information.

12:51 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Pond St., verbal warning.

6:57 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Pond St. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., traffic citation/warning.

9:17 a.m. Fire, investigation, Linden Dr., investigated, report taken.

10:07 a.m. B&E to an automobile, Ripley Rd., no police service necessary.

10:57 a.m. General services, Beechwood St., services rendered.

12:31 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Mobil Mart, verbal warning.

3:51 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Jerusalem Rd., arrest: Daniel E. Torrey, 21, 15 Allen Pl., Scituate. Charges: default warrant.

4:48 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Pond St., verbal warning.

5:33 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

7:07 p.m. Vandalism, Central Cemetery, log entry information.

8:42 p.m. Warrant arrest, Hammond Ave.: Gaetano J. Scarpaci, 46, 30 Hammond Ave., Cohasset. Charges: two warrants for larceny over $250.

8:53 p.m. Investigation, Beechwood St., no such person can be found.

11:11 p.m. Fire, structure, Atlantic Ave., fire extinguished.

FRIDAY, AUG. 28

9:33 a.m. Larceny, Linden Dr., investigated, report taken.

10:02 a.m. Traffic control, Highland Ave., services rendered.

10:20 a.m. Larceny, Atlantic Ave., investigated, report taken.

2 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Pleasant St., traffic citation issued.

9:15 p.m. Disturbance, Beechwood St., investigated, report taken.

SATURDAY, AUG. 29

12:19 a.m. Suspicious auto, Rose Hill Ln., services rendered.

1:22 a.m. Disturbance, Margin Ct., services rendered.

7:29 a.m. Burglary/breaking and entering, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., secured building.

8:10 a.m. Wires down, Jerusalem Road Dr., referred to other agency.

10:54 a.m. Tree down, Forest Ave., departmental action.

11:09 a.m. Missing person, Jerusalem Rd., returned to home or family.

12:23 p.m. Animal complaint, Heather Dr., departmental action.

1:08 p.m. Motor vehicle violations, S. Main St., area search negative.

2:07 p.m. Officer wanted, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., arrest: Charles S. Medici, 45, 39 Merrill Rd., Hull. Charges: warrant.

5:17 p.m. Animal complaint, Beechwood St., departmental action.

5:59 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, traffic citation, warning.

8:35 p.m. Animal complaint, Atlantic Ave., area search negative.

9:29 p.m. General services, Riverview Dr., departmental action.

10:22 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., verbal warning.

SUNDAY, AUG. 30

12:14 a.m. Public drinking, South Main St., departmental action.

12:25 a.m. Noise complaint, Aaron River Rd., departmental action.

7:13 a.m. Medical aid, Elm St., removed to hospital.

1:45 p.m. Property found, North Main St., brought to station.

4:50 p.m. Larceny, Margin St., log entry information.

5:36 p.m. Fire, structure, Elm Ct., services rendered.

7:59 p.m. Parking violation, Sohier St., parking ticket issued.

8:28 p.m. Assist citizen, Cedar Ln., referred to other agency.

8:49 p.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., verbal warning.

10:42 p.m. Suspicious activity, Atlantic Ave., unfounded.

MONDAY, AUG. 31

12:15 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., arrest: Jose R. Torres, 25, 52 Hanover St., Providence, R.I. Chgs.: operating a MV without license; failure to stay within marked lanes; failure to dim high beams.

12:45 a.m. Suspicious person, Ripley Rd., area search negative.

1:14 a.m. Accident, motor vehicle, Margin St., arrest: Jason J. Curtin, 23, 544 Nantasket Ave., Scituate. Chgs.: operating under influence of liquor, failure to stay within marked lanes.

8:53 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Beechwood St., traffic citation issued.

9:10 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic citation, warning.

9:25 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., traffic citation, warning.

9:50 a.m. Larceny, out of state, investigated.

10:05 a.m. Missing person, Elm Ct., returned to home or family.

Police make 20 arrests in August

August was a busy month for the Police Department.

The Police Department made a total of 20 arrests during August. Seven were for warrants. Three were for motor vehicle violations. Two arrests were for Operating Under the Influence and two for Minors in Possession of Alcohol. There was one arrest each for the following: Trafficking in Cocaine, Possession of an Instrument to administer a controlled substance, Possession of a Class B Substance, Assault and Battery (two counts) on a Police Officer, Assault and Battery and, finally, Protective Custody.

During August, there were 687 calls to the department that required a police response. Included in the 687 calls for service were 114, 9-1-1 calls.

There was one Breaking and Entering reported during August, a non-residence.

During the month of August the department issued 131 traffic citations for fines totaling $5,080 and 224 parking tickets for fines totaling $3,460.

During August the department continued the Marine Patrol utilizing funding from the Community Policing Grant.

On Aug. 27, a three-alarm fire destroyed a dwelling at 124 Atlantic Ave., keeping the department busy.

Finally, dispatcher Kathleen McGuire successfully completed a two-day certification school for 9-1-1 operation and assumed her full-time shift effective Aug. 22.

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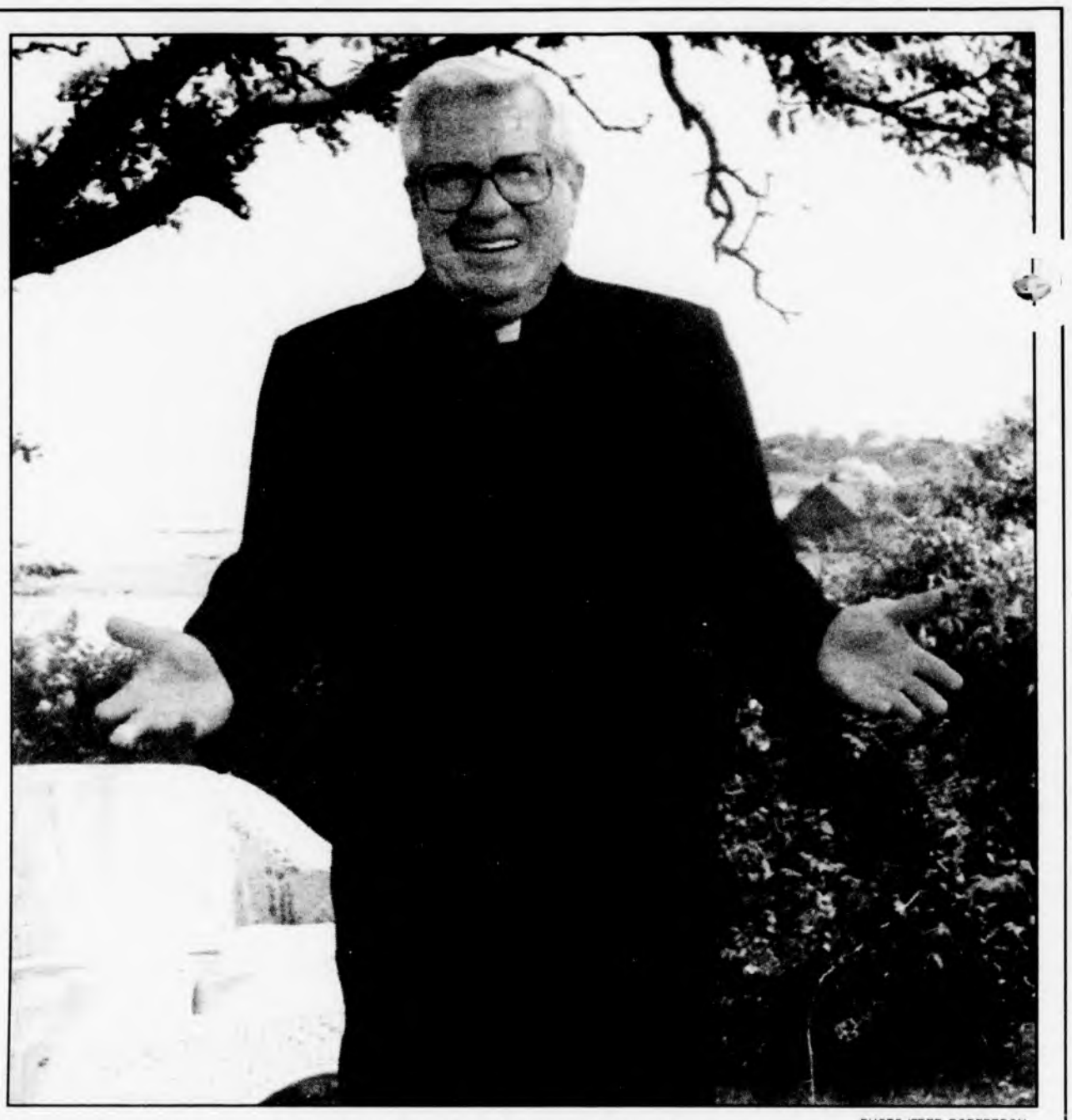
Girl Scout registration

Girls Scout registration will be held Monday, Sept. 14, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Deer Hill School cafeteria.

Girl Scouts are separated by grades: Daisy (Kindergarten), Brownie (Grades 1-3), Junior (Grades 4-6), Cadette (Grades 7-9), and Senior (Grades 10-12).

Seven dollars and a parent are all that is needed to register. Parents, consider being a volunteer in your daughter's troop.

For more information on Girl Scouts, call Terry James at 383-9173 or Mary McElroy at 383-0505.



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Monsignor Frank McFarland on location at the Sisters of St. Joseph retreat house on Jerusalem Road.

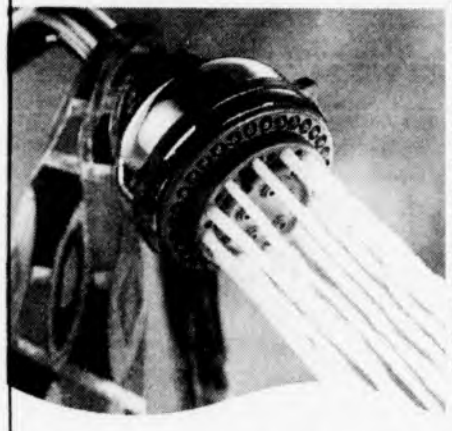
Daily rosary show recorded in Cohasset

As part of its eighth annual telethon, Boston Catholic Television will premier two new episodes of its daily show, "The Rosary." The new programs, featuring BCTV's director, Monsignor Frank McFarland, were recorded at the Sisters of St. Joseph retreat house in Cohasset Aug. 27.

The first program, "Sorrowful Mysteries," will premiere during the first day of the telethon, Friday, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m. and will be aired again that evening at 7 p.m. The second new episode, "Joyful Mysteries," will air for the first time Saturday, Sept. 19, at 10 a.m. and will be rebroadcast at 7 p.m. that night.

Media One will carry the telethon in its entirety on channel 56 in Cohasset Friday, Sept. 18, and Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. until 11 p.m. each day. The telethon features two days of entertainment from local musicians and interviews with the "stars" of BCTV's spiritual and educational religious programs. The station is entirely viewer supported and relies on the September telethon to boost funding for production the following year.

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Democrat Joshua Cutler gives a warm handshake to opponent Garrett Bradley who won Tuesday night's Primary. Bradley now goes on to square off against Republican State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray.

Bradley to square off with Murray

By Carol Britton Meyer and Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITERS

His home turf of Hingham helped Garrett Bradley win the Democratic nod to challenge State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray in the November election.

The state representative hopeful beat out fellow opponents Josh Cutler and Walter Murray in Tuesday's primary election. Bradley had his strongest lead in Hingham, capturing 68 percent of the Democratic vote there, with 1,611 votes to Cutler's 658 and Murray's 85.

That lead was strong enough to lock Cutler out of the race, despite his three-vote Cohasset win and a 725 vote win in Hull, both not enough to defeat Bradley's 953 vote lead over Cutler in Hingham. In total of the three communities, only 225 votes separated Bradley and Cutler.

Walter Murray stayed consistently behind in the polls, never gaining even one-third of the votes.

"I'm happy, but not complacent," said Bradley as he mingled among supporters at Stars restaurant on Hingham Harbor following the election.

In fact, he plans to start knocking again on doors right away.

"Mary Jeanette has done a good job to date, but I have a different vision for the job," said Bradley. "I want to be able to do constituent

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A night for political parties

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

It was an ebullient group of well-wishers and supporters who partied at Stars on Hingham Harbor Tuesday night to celebrate Democratic state Rep. candidate Garrett Bradley's win in the primary elections.

Further down Route 228, it was a quieter group that filled the upper floor of Hull's Red Parrot on Nantasket Beach. "No tears, no tears," said an elegantly-coifed supporter to the crowd, shortly after Cutler's speech accepting defeat. Family, friends and supporters continued to mull about the room, some discussing what might have gone wrong.

As people gathered around the food set out in a buffet-style island, there was talk of the good turnout in Hull, a narrow three-vote win in Cohasset and a serious defeat in Hingham. Many attributed that to his pro-train stance in a community which has been vocal about its opposition to the Old Colony's plan to revive the Greenbush line

"I have a suspicion that the train issue really cost him," said Democratic town committee member John Ford. "But I'm proud how he was able to get people out, especially in Hull."

As for Cutler, he felt that the race had

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STAFF PHOTOS/ALAN CHAPMAN

Edythe Ford looks to garner votes for Mary Jeanette Murray near the Cohasset Town Hall polls.

Selectmen approve safety measures for King Street

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Many residents would agree that there are too many cars traveling too fast on Cohasset streets. Selectmen Chairman Roseanne McMorris said residents ask her continually about what the town can do to reduce traffic congestion and slow speeders.

The problem concerns residents of King Street so much that they recently formed a neighborhood group, ASK (A Safe King Street), to work on solutions to traffic problems on their busy street.

Members of ASK met with selectmen at their Sept. 14 meeting seeking support for a neighborhood plan to eliminate access to part of King Street to all traffic except for emergency vehicles, school buses and snow plows. Selectmen stopped short of endorsing the plan in favor of a lesser proposal to exclude truck traffic and place an all-way stop sign at the intersection of Pond and King Streets.

"Safety is a real problem. The average speed is 40 miles per hour, which means some cars are going 30 and some are going 50."

King Street resident and ASK member Louis Harvey presented his group's case to selectmen. Although the selectmen did not endorse the group's plan, they did agree to leave a spot open on the Oct. 27 town meeting warrant in case the group wants to ask voters to support its plan. Town meeting must approve any plan to restrict access to a public way.

ASK members asked selectmen to prohibit cars traveling along Beechwood Street from turning left onto King Street to get to Route 3A. According to members of ASK, commuters turn off Beechwood onto King Street to bypass two traffic lights on Route 3A.

"King Street is convenient, there are no traffic lights, no signs, little enforcement, and it makes a challenging, attractive speedway,"

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

St. Anthony Parish hosts picnic

St. Anthony Parish in Cohasset will hold a parish picnic Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. This annual event will be held on the grounds of the rectory at South Main Street. There will be food, music, games for the children and fun for everyone. A dessert contest will be held for cakes, cookies and bars.

Tickets will be available at the doors of the church after the weekend Masses or by calling (781) 383-6363. A donation of $5 per person is requested.

Bring your family and friends. There will be something for everyone!

Household hazardous waste day

Cohasset's household hazardous waste collection day is Saturday, Oct. 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Cohasset D.P.W. parking lot, 91 Cedar St.

If you have any questions, call the Cohasset D.P.W. at 383-0273.

Saint Paul's sponsors candy sale

The students at Saint Paul School began their annual fall candy sale Friday, Sept. 11. Funds raised through the sale support school activities throughout the school year.

The candy is provided through M&M/Mars Company. The children are rewarded for their sales with incentives donated by M&M/Mars Company. The class which sells the most candy is awarded with a pizza party.

For more information regarding the candy sale or to purchase candy, call Maureen Kenyon, 740-1998, or Amy Shea, 925-5874.

Fund-raiser set for Murray

Peter and Leah Roy will host a fall fund-raiser for Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray at their home, The Oaks, on Cohasset Harbor, Sunday, Sept. 27.

Tickets are available for $100 per person. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

For more information and ticket sales, call Lillian Murray Curley (781) 383-0695, Carolyn Manning (781) 925-4375 or Bill Herman (781) 749-4894.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held on alternate Tuesdays.

The next selectmen's meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Title V, loans and credits

Selectmen want townspeople to know there are low-interest loans and state income tax credits available to residents who have upgraded a septic system that was in failure.

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7.00
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Fall Menu Entrees

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13.00
Penne with smoked chicken, wild mushrooms
and sundried tomatoes
14.00
Wild rice and ginger crusted duck breast
with orange glazed baby carrots and a black mission fig sauce
17.00
English beer battered haddock
with golden fried potato wedges and red pepper remoulade
12.00
Potato crusted haddock
with smoked onion fritters and green chile chutney
15.00
Spirals of salmon wrapped in prosciutto
with grilled portobello mushrooms and fennel
17.00
Sesame crusted tuna, seared rare, with soba noodle salad,
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Volunteers answer the call

126 from Cohasset assist with Appalachian Service Project

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The Appalachian Mountains are a long way from Cohasset and hardly a popular vacation spot for a week-long summer trip. Most vacationers prefer Cape Cod, Florida, and other coastal areas.

Yet 126 Cohasset residents, many of them members of the Second Congregational Church, paid for a one-week trip to the Appalachian Mountains this summer. Those 126 people weren't on vacation — they were volunteers working on the ASP (Appalachia Service Project), an organized volunteer effort to help Americans in five states who are experiencing financial problems.

The Rev. Glenn "Tex" Henderson of Frakes, Kentcuky started the Appalachia Service Project in 1969 to help residents of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina who have little money. The project volunteers focus on repairing houses and building new houses so people can live in a safe, warm home, especially in the sometimes harsh winters. Since the project's inception, more than 110,000 volunteers from across the country have repaired or built thousands of homes at no cost to the owners.

The Rev. Gary Ritts of Second Congregational Church led this year's group on the church's 10th consecutive trip to the Appalachians. Ritts said the areas ASP works in are mainly coal-mining regions affected by mine closures and strict federal clean air regulations. The people that ASP helps live in isolated pockets of poverty that are surrounded by more affluent areas.

Volunteers pay to go on the trip, and conduct fund-raising throughout the year for the project.

The Second Congregational Church coordinates the Cohasset volunteers from across the country

"It's become unprofitable to mine in these areas," said Judy Ritts, Gary's wife. "This is deep-vein mining, but many companies have turned to strip-mining out west. The deep-vein mines occasionally re-open and then close again, creating a cycle of poverty."

Judy pointed out that the volunteers who go on the trip work hard long before they get to the Appalachians. But she said it is an experience that is richly rewarding for anyone who participates in the project, but especially for teenagers from Cohasset.

"You realize that you can make the world a better place," Judy said. "At the end of the day, you can see a wheelchair ramp that you helped build, or a home foundation. I think it's a life-changing experience."

Many of the volunteers from this year's group agreed with Judy's assessment.

"I'd like to rave about the teens of this town," said volunteer Ed Connolly. "What an incredible, rich, hard-working group of kids we had that did things that would be difficult for adults to accomplish. They got dirty sweaty without complaining and they still come back year after year."

Sue McNamara, a six-year volunteer from Second Congregational, said the project was a chance to introduce high school students to living in circumstances far different than conditions in Cohasset.

"It's an opportunity for our high school students to work hard for someone else," McNamara said. "They also get an opportunity to meet other students and develop relationships with adults who can serve as mentors to them."

Margot Cheel began volunteering after her daughters went to the Appalachians three times. She said her daughters were so enthusiastic about the project that she decided to go herself.

"I feel it is very important to come and work with people less fortunate than ourselves," Cheel said. "They have a culture that is very special. They have very little and are not bothered by that. We receive more from the project than we give by experiencing this loving culture."

The project also has many rewards for the adults who volunteer for ASP.

Rhonda Meyers said the project teaches volunteers and especially teenagers how to work with something larger than themselves. The ASP project lasts eight weeks and different groups of volunteers rotate in and out each week to work on jobs that take several weeks to complete.

"The kids learn a lot about community service and public service, something that is not easy to learn," Meyers said. "The project is not always about instant gratification. You're part of a larger whole. We dug a hole for a foundation and then left. We had to realize that a good foundation would lay the base for the next group to build a good, solid home. You won't always be there at the end for the hooting and hollering when the job is done."Two years ago, Pam DeLorenzo helped put a roof on a house in W. Virginia. During this year's project, she returned to the house to see how the family was doing.

"We found their house and they remembered us," DeLorenzo said. "It was very exciting for the teenagers because we told them all about our previous experience and it was exciting for everyone to see this family and realize that our stories were real. It's very rare that we get to see one of the families we helped again."

Ritts said the church is always looking for new volunteers. The volunteers will hold a new member drive this Sunday, Sept. 20 upstairs at Second Congregational Church. The group also is trying to raise $40,000 for next summer's trip.



A work crew tames time for a picture while the fame an addition. Pictured are (front row) Kate Stone, Margot Cheel, Ted Reardon and Paul Ford; (back row) Bill Good, Grave Gardner and Jane Kyricos.



Taking a 12 by 18 foot foundation is hard work as Greg Bilton and Jake Motley discover. Here they take a break to gear up for more work.



Jim Runey and Chris Pratt frame an addition as part of their work experiences with ASP.



Carolyn Pratt, Caitlyn Stansell, Katie Whitehouse and Liz Meyers meet together at an evening gathering to discuss their experiences on he trip.

Weaving her way through the web

Computers click with teen

By Mike Campbell
CORRESPONDENT

In the age of the Internet, while many of the "old school" are still trying to set their VCR clock, it is not uncommon for a 14-year-old to know more than their parents about Web sites, HTML, baud and hits (not the physical kind). What is uncommon, is for a 14-year-old to be writing 750 word articles on the subject for national magazines.

Enter Julia Lovallo.

The Cohasset High School sophomore, who turns 15 on Monday (as she'll be quick to tell you), was bored last Christmas vacation and decided to try her hand at writing a computer tip for PC World magazine — a publication of which she is a subscriber.

"I was really, really bored," said Julia. The magazine offers $50 to anyone who sends in a tip and has it published. Her tip was turned down, but executive editor Donna Heiderstadt e-mailed her regardless. "They said, 'we've got something better for you,'" Julia said. How does $450 sound?

PC World and Family Circle, put together a special magazine, Computers Made Easy, twice a year and Heiderstadt wanted Julia to pen an article for the current Fall issue. She was given two weeks to write her piece, but was leaving in only one week for an exchange program in London. She sat down and started: "When you grab you're cereal box in the morning, you'll see one. Driving to work you'll notice one on a billboard. Sitting in traffic you'll catch a glimpse of one on the side of a bus. They are web site addresses . . ." Seven days and approximately 725 words later she was done.

"I waited a month and a half for them to get back to me," Julia said. Then she had to endure three or four hours of pictures by a local photographer to be used in the magazine. "They took over 250 photos. They picked the one I liked least!"

"I've always been interested in computers," Julia said. "I made my first web page in seventh grade."

Her article is a basic how-to on constructing a web site; something she loves to do. It is written in common language, with the usual peppering of now commonplace technical abbreviations - AOL, URL, FTP, JPEG - and earned the young journalist $500. "All of my friends said they made $400 dollars in part-time jobs over the summer," she said with a giggle.

Unlike the common computer-geek or loner stereotype that is often carried by someone holding as much Internet knowledge as Julia, she is a very articulate, confident, and intelligent girl. Her favorite subjects in school are art , drama and social studies. The exact opposite of shy, she is involved with the drama club and will be the fifth of Twelve Angry Jurors in the high school's October presentation.

Despite her literary talent, journalism is going to take a back seat to computers and graphic design when she reaches colleges. In today's job market, with companies crying for students of the technological explosion, it is a smart career move. Though she does say she would like to try her hand at freelancing a few more stories.



Julia LaVallo with her web page.

PHOTO STAFF/ALAN CHAPMAN

Julia helped her mother Peggy with the design of a Monopoly-styled game board, bearing local businesses rather than Boardwalk and Park Place, for a scholarship fund-raiser coordinated by the Community Garden Club of Cohasset. "Julia was my graphic designer," Peggy said. The group did well, selling 700 games at $20 a piece.

Input from her family and friends has been positive. "My family was very excited. My parents were very proud."

She has also received 450 hits on her own web site since the article was published, many from people who are interested in learning more about the Internet or getting their family more involved. Julia does all of her computing at home through her family's cable service on a Gateway computer with a 400 Pentium processor and 96 Megabytes of RAM that is less than a year old. Like a true computer fiend, she's afraid it's already outdated.

If you're tucked into a pipeline and surfing the web anytime soon, you can check out Julia's sight at www.angelfire.com/ma/2254. It's more refreshing than a lot of other *stellar* sights on the information highway these days.

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Water commission considers land-taking for new tank

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The water commission is considering taking land on Scituate Hill by eminent domain for a new water tank if it cannot strike a purchase deal with the owner.

Water Commissioner John K. McNabb Jr. updated selectmen on the latest plan to build a second water tank.

McNabb said the water commission is negotiating with the owner of the Scituate Hill property, Joe Susi, on an affordable, mutually acceptable site for the tank. If the two sides can't agree on a site, the water commission may submit an article in the October town meeting warrant to take a parcel by eminent domain.

"We're talking with the owner about purchasing the exact parcel we want, but we'll go eminent domain if we have to," McNabb said.

Two years ago, town meeting approved a request by the water commission for $1.4 million to build a new two-million-gallon water tank on Bear Hill next to the town's only other tank. Members of the water commission said, the town needed a new tank to take the other unit out of service for cleaning, and to provide more fire reserves because of increased construction in town. But residents living in the shadow of Bear Hill vigorously protested the construction of another tank in their neighborhood. Opponents of the Bear Hill site suggested the town place the second tank on Scituate Hill, which overlooks Route 3A.

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Initially, the water commission opposed Scituate Hill because it would cost more than the $1.4 million approved by town meeting, and result in construction delays while engineers surveyed the land. Last year, town meeting approved an extra $200,000 for the tank, so the water commission could have the option to purchase or take land on Scituate Hill.

Developer Noel Collins has been working with Susi to develop Scituate Hill into residential housing. On earlier occasions, Collins has hinted that Susi might sell the town a parcel of land for $1 if the two parties could agree on a mutually acceptable site for the structure. But both sides coveted the highest part of Scituate Hill. The developers want the high point for its potential view for homes, while the water commission is interested in taking advantage of the increased gravity at the highest location.

Scituate Hill is in a light industrial zone, and the developers would have to go to town meeting to change the zoning to build residential homes.

"It's well beyond the time when we should get this moving, but we've been busy with other business," McNabb said. "We're moving on it right now, although we still have to go before the zoning board of appeals and the Department of Environmental Protection for approval."

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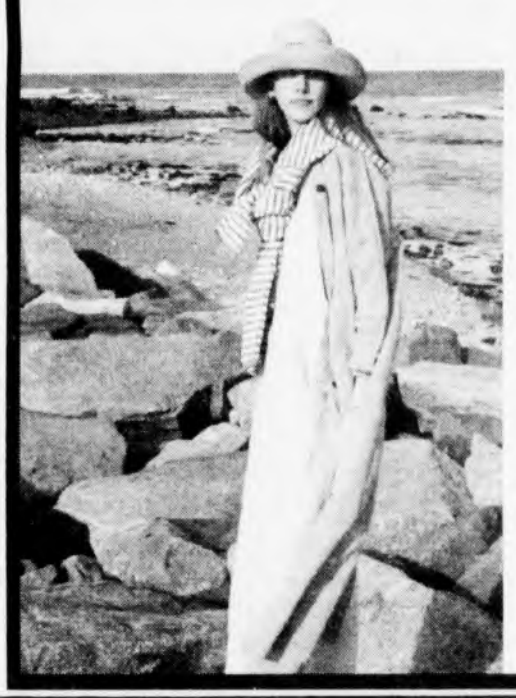
SOS for men and women volunteers

Since its beginning in 1912, the Social Service League's Cohasset Consignment Shop has relied on volunteers. Manager Andy Merrill is sending out an SOS to all retirees — men and women — along with newcomers in the towns which benefit from the services of the Social Service League mainly, Hingham, Scituate, Hull, Norwell and Cohasset.

Merrill said volunteers are especially needed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but assistance always is needed throughout the week. Merrill added that there is great comradeship, fellowship and camaraderie among the volunteers; and most volunteers look forward to not only helping a great cause but the friendships that have developed over the years. All that are interested should call 383-0697. The non-profit shop is located in Shaw's plaza on Route 3A and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

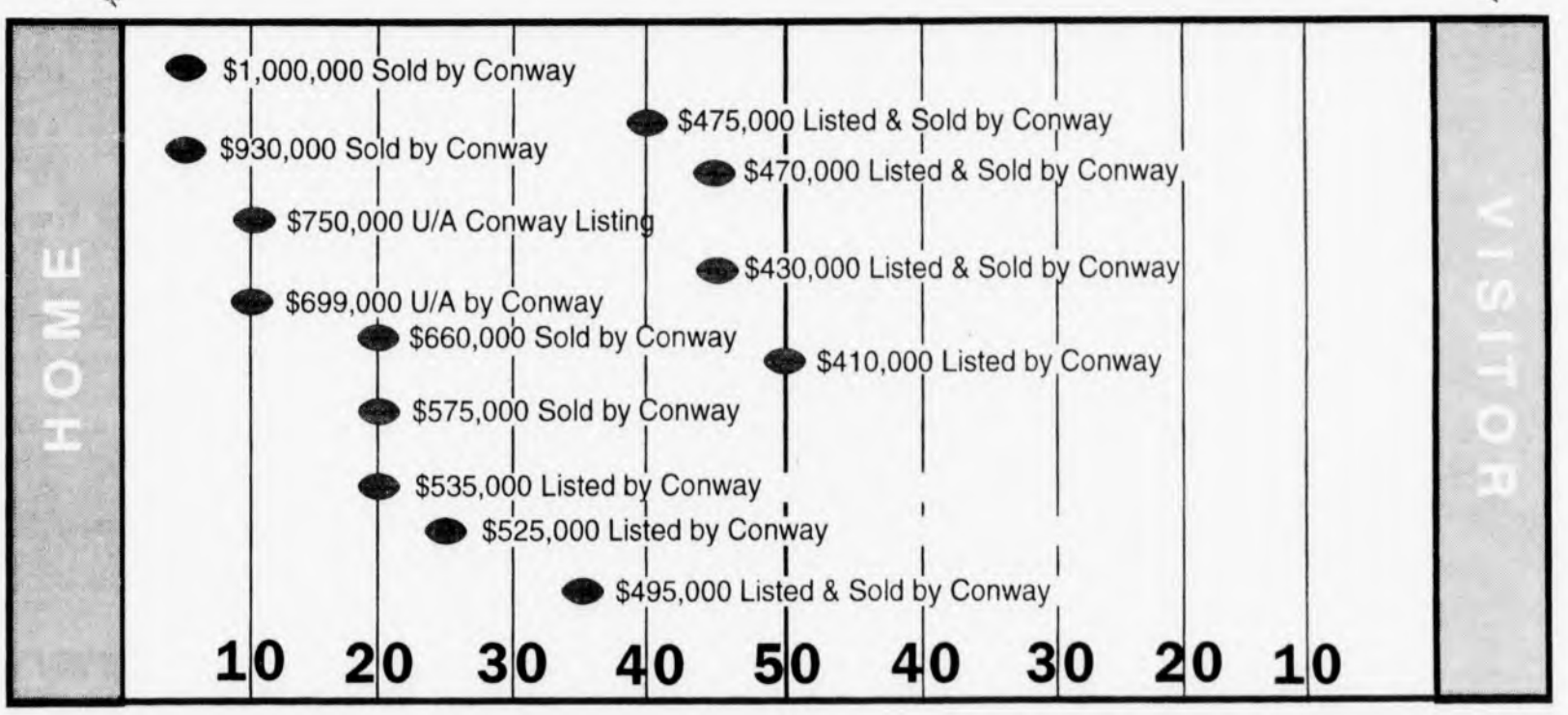
Proceeds from the shop benefit the flu shots, meals on wheels, battered women, keep well programs to mention only a few.

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Lamberts Lane bus solution raises safety questions

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

A successful trial run of a 70-seat school bus on Lamberts Lane seemed to be the answer to residents' prayers for closer-to-home pick-up. But the proposal only raised more questions among the school committee members who were expected to endorse the change.

As the situation stands now, Lamberts Lane students must walk down their narrow and winding street to reach a bus stop at the corner of Route 228. Traffic on the lane has increased due to a growing population there, along with delivery trucks that stop at the Cohasset Golf Club and the construction contractor business there.

School committee member Mark DeGiacomo, who has taken up the issue on behalf of the street's residents, recently met with selectman Nan Roth and golf club president Clifford Mitman to forge some resolution of the problem.

At that meeting, Mitman offered a gated drive on his property for the bus to make a turn in. "Cliff was very accommodating," said DeGiacomo. "He said that he would even move the gate further in if necessary."

To test the gate's usability, resident Janet Figueiredo arranged for a bus to come to Lamberts Lane. Safety officer Richard Yocum was on hand to oversee the successful turn-in and back-out of the bus.

What committee member Joe McElroy wanted to know about was the legality of a bus backing-up in the future, without the benefit of Yocum or some other guide.

"I want to make sure we're not breaking any state law with this," he said. "I don't want us backing up when it's not a good practice."

"It's not preferable," said DeGiacomo. "But I don't think that this is illegal. I believe there are at least five other places in town that require backing up."

Concerns were also raised by committee members about setting a precedent with Lamberts Lane. "I can think of several other streets that will be asking for the same consideration," said McElroy. "We haven't even been able to settle this one issue in over six months."

There is also a time issue to consider. A Lamberts Lane detour would need to be added to the scheduled bus run. Were other streets to ask for the same consideration, the extra time taken up by the new detours would significantly lengthen the scheduled routes.

"I think that the concern has been

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New program aims to address drug, alcohol problems

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The eight-years-young Safe Homes program has been canceled by the town's drug and alcohol committee, due to lack of participation.

An information and referral telephone hotline along with a substance abuse booklet are two new solutions to be offered by the town's drug and alcohol committee to address residents' substance abuse concerns.

Safe Homes, a program intended to answer parents' needs to know where there children are and that place is drug- and alcohol-free, never really took off.

Program participants had agreed to be present at teen parties in their home, as well as to allow their names, addresses and phone numbers to be listed in a directory sent out to other cooperating parents.

"The program was ineffective," said committee chairman Rev. Clifford Cutler. "People didn't use it to contact other parents. Some also felt it wasn't reliable and a few parents were concerned that it infringed on their privacy. They didn't like committing themselves to a pledge like that."

At one time, nearly a quarter of the 600 families with children in grades six through 12 participated. However, the program never enjoyed great success and even fell into disuse for more than a year at a time.

Using a new name, CASA (Cohasset Against Substance Abuse), the drug and alcohol committee's is at work on a substance abuse handbook for parents.

School committee member Patricia Martin offered up a handbook from the New Jersey town she resided in prior to her move to Cohasset last year. The indexed booklet tackles teens' use of alcohol, tobacco, narcotics, hallucinogens, inhalants, cocaine, crack and other abused drugs, as well as tips on parties, curfews, legal consequences and prevention programs.

Police officer and committee member Lisa Matos, who was present at the committee's meeting last Wednesday night, questioned the expense of the visually appealing handbook. "Does it have to be so fancy? You have a $2,000 grant and about $3,000 from the car show and maybe this will just end up in someone's junk drawer."

(State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, procured the $2,000 grant from Bell Atlantic Phone Company.)

Martin conceded that the booklet might well be destined for recipients' "junk drawers." However, she also pointed out that the bullet-

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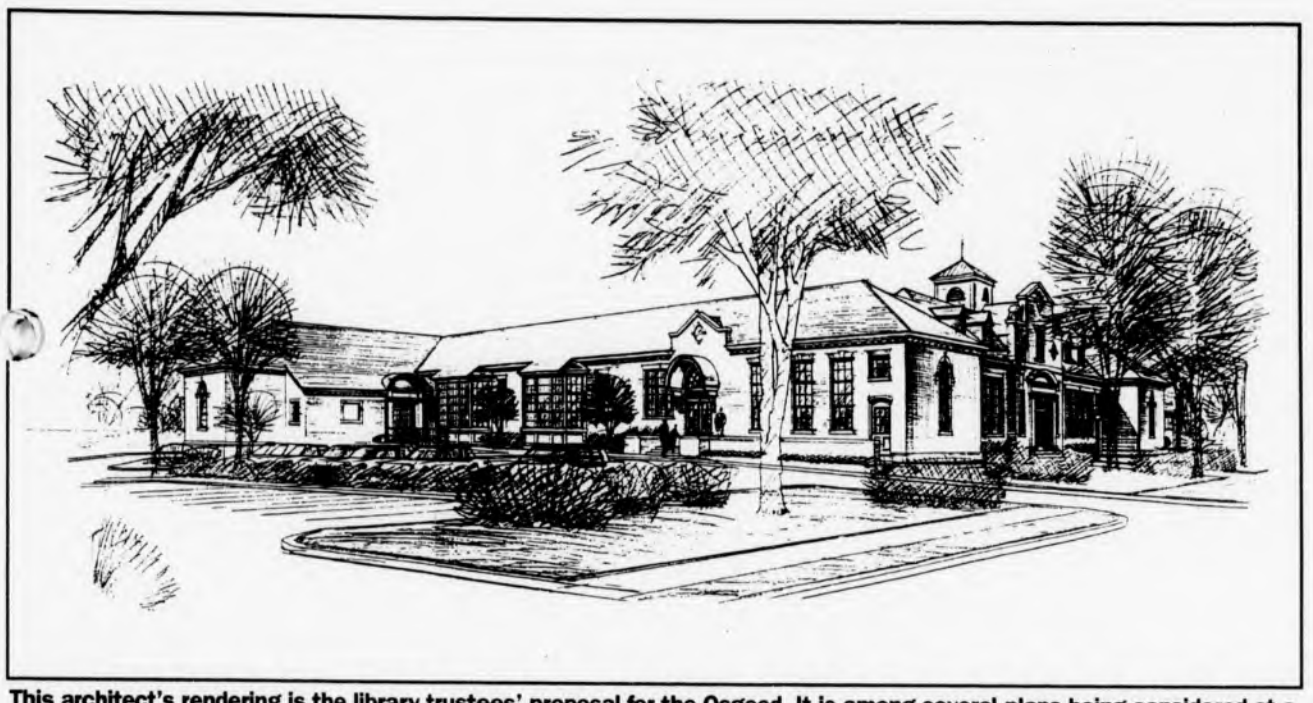
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This architect's rendering is the library trustees' proposal for the Osgood. It is among several plans being considered at a meeting tonight.

Osgood reuse options aired tonight

Library lobbies for 70-year-old building

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The library trustees are bullish on their proposal to build a new town library in the now vacant, old Joseph Osgood School off Ripley Road.

To that end, they plan a presentation before cable-TV cameras and the public at 7 p.m. tonight in the audio visual room at the middle/high school.

"The library is for everybody," said library trustee chairwoman Patience Towle. "No one doesn't benefit from a good town library.

"Once we establish the facts and go forward, who's going to be against us?" she asked.

But the trustees' plan must compete with two others to be considered. The Osgood Reuse Committee, charged with finding the best use of the venerable old building, has narrowed the field of six companies — which submitted proposals for reuse of the building — down to two. Both proposals seek to build condominiums in the school but offer space at the lower corner of the property to construct a separate, new library building. The plans from Keen Development Corporation of Cambridge and South Shore Housing Development Corporation of Kingston will be on the table at tonight's forum along with the library trustees' proposal.

The old Osgood School closed in June and has been replaced by the brand-new Osgood School off Sohier Street. When the school department first lobbied taxpayers for a new school three years ago, it suggested the Osgood School could be returned to the tax rolls to offset the cost of building the $10 million elementary school.

But at the time, no one anticipated the need for a new library, recalled Osgood Reuse Committee Chairman Chris Ford.

"The library was not part of the equation at that time," Ford said.

And it wasn't until the results of the town facilities audit last May that the need for a new library was driven home to the trustees who have spent the past several years grappling with the future direction of the library housed in the now cramped 8,000-square-foot Paul Pratt building on South Main Street.

The facilities audit looked at all municipal buildings in town and identified needed maintenance, access issues and related costs. Trustees voted shortly thereafter to "reluctantly, but firmly abandon the idea that time, study or money can make the Paul Pratt Library building suitable for Cohasset's future use as a public library," according to the trustees' report. They asked for money to conduct a library feasibility study and hired Stahl Associates Architects of Cambridge.

Even then, the trustees hoped the architectural firm could find a creative, clever way to expand the existing 100-year-old, beloved Paul Pratt Library which so many townspeople have great nostalgia and affection for. But those plans were dashed because of the cost and environmental problems related to parking expansion due to the site's proximity to wetlands, Towle explained.. She said the trustees can present a cost scenario tonight that will allay taxpayers' fears.

Towle explained the library proposal for Osgood costs $675,000 less than building a new library on the site. Not only is it cheaper than the estimated nearly $3 million to construct a new building, but the library would be able to take advantage of an architecturally pleasing structure.

"We would have a brick and slate building with gorgeous 70-year-old style windows versus a practical but homely building with wooden siding at a much higher price tag," she said.

The library plan for Osgood would demolish the 1950 wing of the building, toward the village, to create a second entrance and parking off Ripley Road. The Ripley Road level of the remaining school would provide 15,000 square feet for the library.

The two-story, 1929 addition, on the playground side of the

building could be retained for other town use or rented out. Towle said a day-care center has expressed interest in leasing that portion of the building

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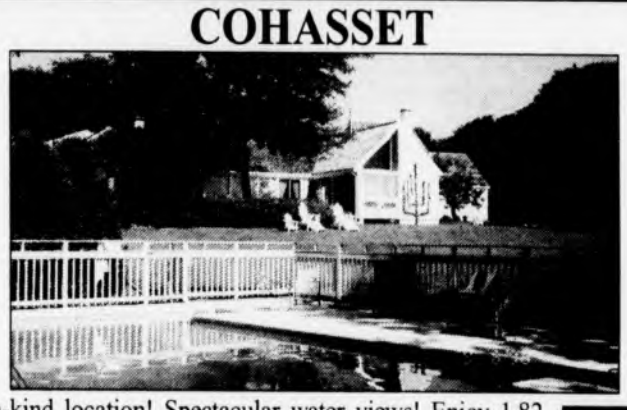
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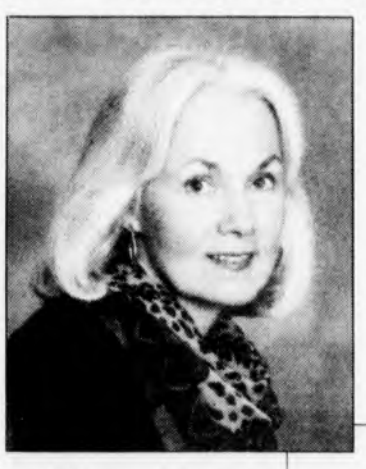
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AROUND TOWN

Family reunion

Today we will start with the latest news about the **Goodwin family** and the recent family reunion they held. Actually it was a **MacDonald** reunion — **Ruth (MacDonald) Goodwin's** family. **Ruth** and **Harold Goodwin** enjoyed the day at the Lightkeeper's House with 42 relatives from California, Florida, New Hampshire and New York; it was held Aug. 23, and **Mary** and **Ronnie Goodwin** hosted the event.

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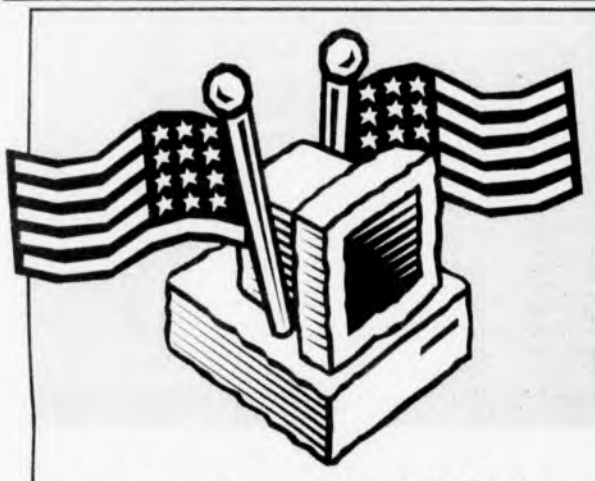
Bradford Goodwin, along with his wife **Dee** and his son **B.J.,** were here for the event, they traveled from New York; **Donnie** and **Duncan McCormack** (sons of the late **Vivian MacDonald McCormack**) attended, and Duncan provided boat rides around Minot Light. **Ruthie (Goodwin) Sve** came from Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. Ruthie was here for the reunion and a three-week vacation. She reports that it was



The smiles seen here are just the beginning. Several local women spent many hours in a labor of love creating these African American dolls. (above) The dolls, along with more than 500 others, will be sent to the Mississippi Delta region as Christmas gifts to specially chosen children. Each doll is completely hand-made and different. Pictured at right with the dolls are Merlyn Corcoran, Marsha Silvia, Linda Campbell, Ginny Thursby, Annette Sawchuk, Irene Vafides, Carol Sandblom and DeeDee Perry. Missing are Carol Martin, Roella Hoobs and Beth Perry.



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great to be able to spend lots of time with all of the family, especially her nieces **Margaret** and **Tara Goodwin** (that's **Ronnie** d **Mary's** girls).

Ruthie enjoyed time at Sandy Beach and participating in Senior Step Aerobics and Chi Gong classes at the Community Center with her mom, **Ruth Goodwin**. She reports that she had such fun picking blueberries and eating lots of lobsters. She will return to California with good memories of Cohasset, a "very special place." It is, indeed!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ROCKY!

Speaking of parties hosted by their children, **Karen** and **Paul Laugelle** had a big event to celebrate, **Rocky Laugelle's** 70th birthday! They held it at the Sons of Italy Hall, and invited all of Rocky's nearest and dearest pals (about 150 of them!). Can you believe, it was a surprise, and that it worked?! Rocky had no idea, and it truly rendered him speechless (for a little while). He was roasted and toasted and poked fun at (you should have seen **Frank Mahoney** doing his imitations of Rocky and his friends); the food was plentiful and oh-so-good, and the cake was huge and yummy. Happy birthday, Rocky, were the words of the evening, and it was truly a memorable one!

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Austin and **Dorothy Ahearn** of 41 Clay Spring Rd. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 6. The family gathered in Portsmouth, R.I., at **Larry** and **Dawn's** house and enjoyed a great day with **Maribeth, Leslie**, her husband **Chris**, and their four grandchildren. Larry's two boys, **Austin** (15 months) and **Luke** (5 months) managed to stay focused long enough to take a family photo at nearby Prescott Farm with the help of Leslie's two girls, **Jessica** (13) and **Alison** (11). They then enjoyed a lovely evening at the Sea Fare Inn. Congratulations!!

STAR GAZING

The Trustees of Reservations is joining with the South Shore Astronomical Society to offer a viewing program of the night sky Saturday, Sept. 26, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Turkey Hill Reservation in Hingham. Late September and early October is the optimum time to see the planet of Jupiter and its moons, and members of the Astronomical Society will be on hand to offer an introductory slide presentation relating to celestial objects visible in the night sky and to demonstrate the use of the telescope. Bring your own telescope and a folding chair or blanket. If you do not have a telescope, the Astronomical Society will have telescopes to share. It will also be helpful to bring a flashlight. There is no charge for this program and refreshments will be served. For any questions and more information, call The Trustees of Reservations' Canton office at (781) 821-2977. The weather delay date is Saturday, Oct. 3, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

SOCCER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Complete the weekend by attending the 16th Annual Cohasset Soccer Pancake Breakfast! It will be held Sunday, Sept. 27, at Deer Hill School, from 8 a.m. to noon. The price is $4, children under 5 are free. Proceeds are used to offset the cost of the annual awards banquets for both boys and girls varsity, junior varsity and middle school teams, as well as the purchase of new team bags and warm-up suits (checks payable to: Cohasset Soccer Club).

FOOTBALL COACH

Remember **Ray Jones**? He was an outstanding football player and METCO student some years back — is now an assistant football coach at Hamilton College. He played under coach **MacDermott** and coach **Silvia**, won't they be proud of him when they read this. Good luck to you, **Ray**, we have always known that you are a winner!

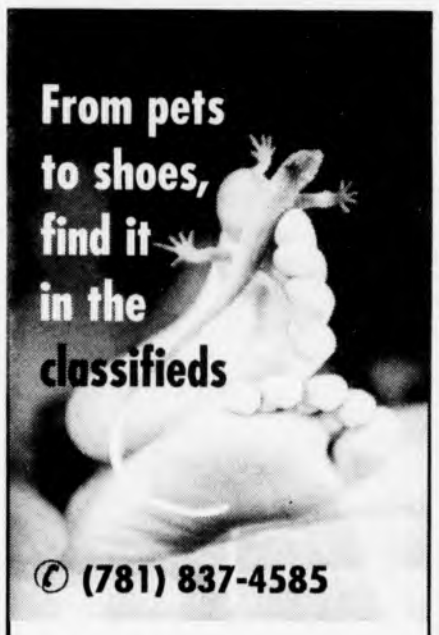
BEST WISHES

Sept. 28 is a very special day in the lives of **Muriel** and **Frank Wheelwright** — they will be celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary! Have a wonderful time, we all send our love and best wishes!

GOOD NEWS SOUGHT

The ending for this week is a request that you send or call in your news to me — we know there is lots of it out there; all it takes is a phone call or a letter dropped off at the house!

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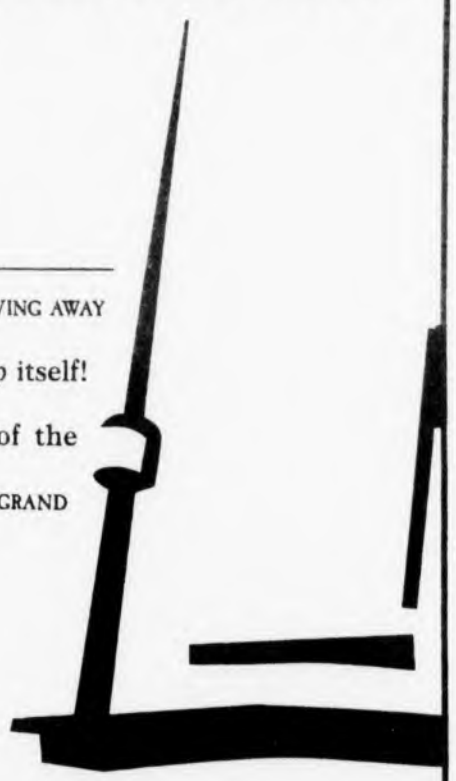
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Too much at stake

The primary results are in and now it's down to two candidates from two parties. The choices are clear and there are vast differences between the two candidates, Mary Jeannette Murray of Cohasset and Garret Bradley of Hingham.

But this is not about who is the better candidate, that will come later. This is about generating interest in an all-important race.

There is a lot at stake in the November election. Cohasset, Hingham and Hull are facing some major issues — primarily the future of education and the state's role in shaping it, both from a financial and curriculum perspective.

There are a number of other issues on the horizon as well — community projects such as school renovations to the fate of the Greenbush line of the Old Colony railroad.

It's up to all of us to take these next several weeks and get better informed about the issues, the candidates and where they stand. Hingham, Cohasset and Hull are fortunate to have such two qualified and passionate people who want to work for the better of the district. It is one of the few exciting races shaping up on the South Shore.

What we do with the contested races is up to all of us. We urge voters to spend the coming weeks attending public forums, debates and reading up on the candidates.

It's easy to sit back and let it all happen. We can understand why people are feeling apathetic about politics. So much has happened in recent weeks and months at the national level to make us all question politicians in general and their motives. Certainly our key leaders in Washington have been less than exemplary, from President Clinton to congressmen and senators. It would be laughable, but it is too depressing to see all this unfolding.

That apathy is spilling down to the state and local levels. Secretary of State William Galvin, the state's No. 1 elections official, asks folks to put their concerns aside and focus on the upcoming election. He recognizes people are emotional about all that has happened, but urges people to still participate in voting and the democratic process. Primary turnout statewide was low this week, as it has been in many states hosting primaries. Many are attributing that to the dismay and disgust people feel about the current climate in Washington.

We need to stem the apathy. We need to muster the interest and enthusiasm to make our local elections relevant and important in our lives. The state representative's race will generate local excitement and will heat up in the coming weeks as we take the opportunity to address the differences of Murray and Bradley. We'll also have choices for a number of state races.

Democracy is alive and well and we're confident it will be displayed in the coming weeks and at the general election in November. You can look to this newspaper – your hometown community newspaper – to provide you with insights, news and issues related to all the local races. We'll make sure we do our part to provide you with critical information you'll need to make your informed decisions.

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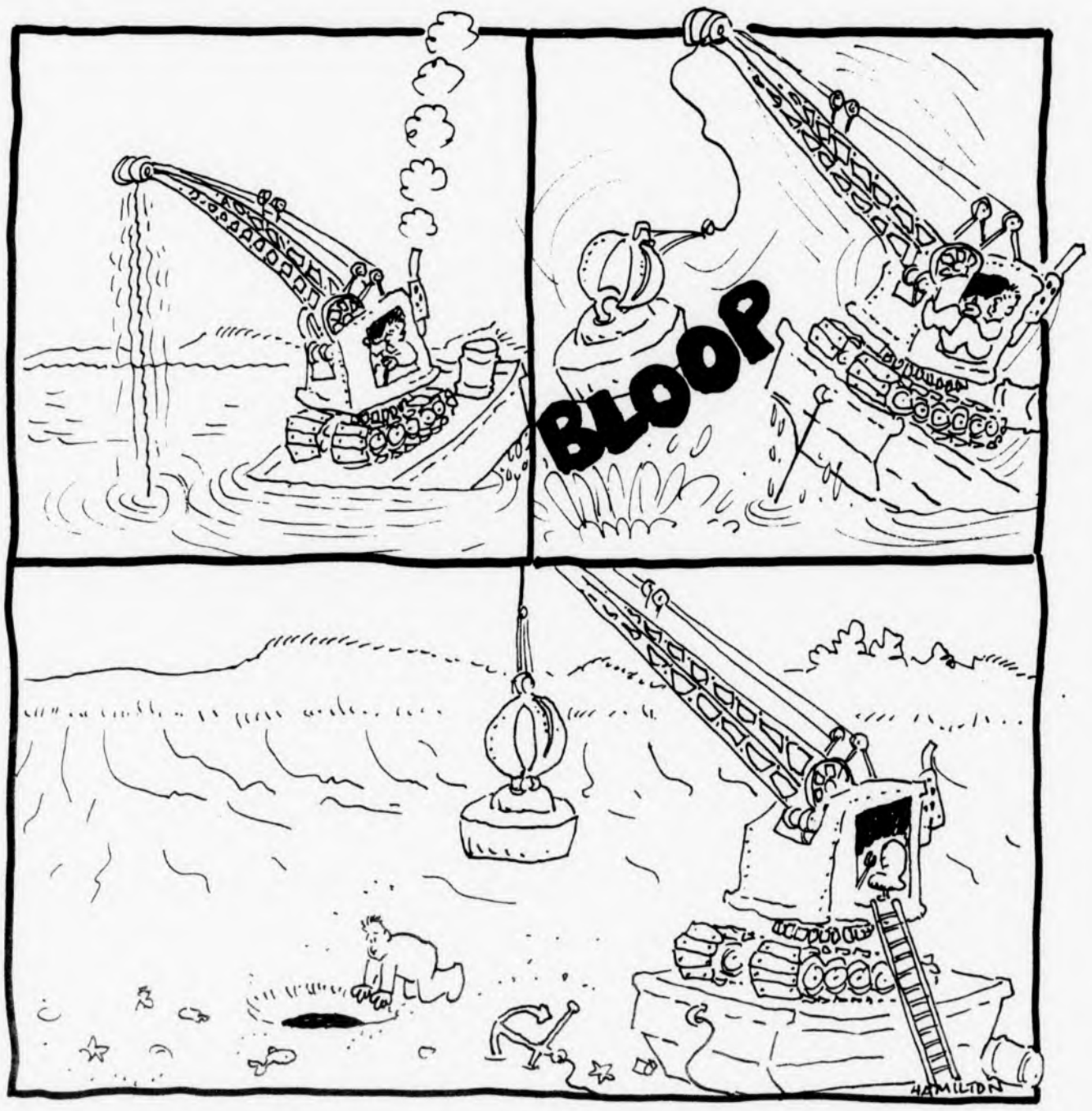
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The impeachment of a president, part one

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TOM HENSHAW



Imagine a member of the President's cabinet throwing roadblocks in the way of his boss on the key issues of the day.

And imagine the President telling the recalcitrant secretary to clean out his desk and take a hike.

And further imagine the secretary telling his chief, "Hell, no. I won't go. And I got the law behind me."

That was the situation that brought about the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, thus far our only President to be charged with "high crimes and misdemeanors." He was judged "not guilty" by a single vote.

It was February, 1868. The Civil War was over for nearly three years. The first Republican President, Abraham Lincoln, was dead. His successor, Vice President Johnson, a self-educated tailor from Tennessee, was a Democrat, specially chosen by Lincoln in 1864 to unite the divided country behind him.

Congress was the stronghold of the Republicans, led by Congressman Thaddeus Stevens, who once called the Constitution "a worthless bit of old parchment" and believed that "white people of the south ought never again to be trusted with power."

Johnson, like Lincoln before him, felt that the southerners had never really left the Union since there was no provision for secession in the Constitution, so he saw no reason why the rebel states should not be restored forthwith and their representatives allowed back into Congress.

"Do not forget," thundered our own "radical" senator from Massachusetts, Charles Sumner, "that we stand face-to-face with an enormous and malignant usurper, through whom the republic is imperiled. You must not forget that the President is a bad man, the author of incalculable woe to his country."

While the Congress chopped away at the presidential powers, Johnson told an audience in St. Louis that he was going to clean house of his adversaries in Washington. "I will kick them out as fast as I can," he said.

In that atmosphere, Congress passed the Tenure of Office Act, forbidding the President from firing any appointed government official who had been confirmed by the Senate unless the Senate gave its "advice and consent." It passed over the President's veto.

Clearly, to Johnson at least, the actions of the secretary of war, Edwin Stanton, a holdover from the Lincoln days, made him a spy for the radicals in the inner circles of the White House.

"Public considerations of a high character constrain me to say that your resignation as secretary of war will be accepted," wrote Johnson.

"I have the honor to say that public considerations of a high character, which alone had induced me to continue at the head of this department, constrain me not to resign," Stanton wrote back.

The President then fired him and on Feb. 24, 1868, the House of Representatives voted 126-47 to impeach the Chief Executive on 11 counts of "high crimes and misdemeanors," most of them involving the Tenure of Office Act.

The trial before the Senate lasted through March and April and into May before the senators were asked to vote on the first count. By the time they had reached the Rs, the count was 24 for conviction with 11 more certain to vote for it. A two-thirds majority, or 36 votes, were needed to oust the President. The radicals had 35.

The months of bickering and political maneuvering came down to one man, Sen. Edmund Ross of Kansas, who sometimes voted with the radicals, sometimes didn't.

"Tell the damned scoundrel that if he wants money, there is a bushel of it here to be had," stormed Rep. Ben Butler of Massachusetts. The rumor around Washington was that Ross would be kidnapped and offered the alternatives to vote for conviction or be killed.

No one knows Ross's thoughts as it came his turn to vote, but he wrote later that he feared the conviction of the President would so degrade the office that Congress would become the dominant of the three branches of government and democracy would be destroyed.

With that, he voted "not guilty," thus ending the only impeachment trial of an American President.

(Portions of this column were adapted from "High Crimes & Misdemeanors," by Gene Smith.)

Take the wheel



STAFF PHOTOS/ DEANNA PUTMAN

By DeAnna Putnam
STAFF WRITER

For those who are not afraid to get their hands dirty and are looking to express themselves artistically with something to show for it, pottery may be the answer. And if you're looking to take the wheel for a spin, George Dalton is the driving instructor to see.

Dalton, who has been working with clay for over 20 years, teaches classes at both the Duxbury Art Association and the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset starting the end of this month.

"Clay is great — you don't have to even be able to draw stick figures to be good with clay," says Dalton.

Dalton first discovered his artistic niche while he and his two sisters ran a gallery in Detroit. One of his sisters, Judy Rossman, was the first to venture into pottery and sparked the interest of her two siblings. Years later, both Dalton and his sister are still working with clay, but "we've taken off into different directions," says Dalton, "She's into more decorative pottery and I'm into practical pottery."

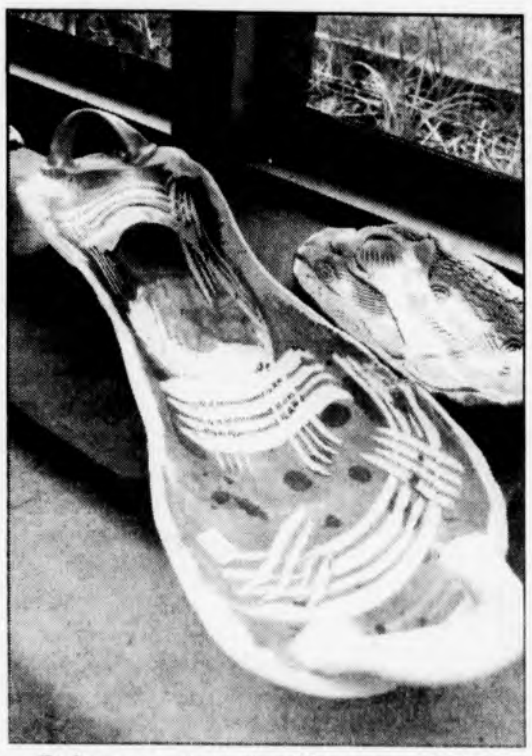
He eventually left Detroit and moved to Massachusetts where Dalton was hired to teach special education in Brockton. He taught from '86 through '93 until he got "burnt out," quit his job and went into pottery full time.

Dalton is primarily self-taught and consistently seeks out opportunities to improve his skills. Over this past summer he spent some time at Castle Hill Art Center in Truro "where the professionals go to learn." Dalton picked up pointers on how to attach things while still wet, new ways of wrapping color and how to work with sectional forms.

"My arms are only so long. If something's going to be over 2 fi to 3 feet tall you have to do it in sections, unless your a giant with really long arms."

While Dalton has taught pottery in Cohasset for several years now, he began teaching in Duxbury only within the past year and a half. He teaches three sessions a year — September, January and April — or eight weeks at a time.

When he's not teaching, Dalton works out of his home in Falmouth. His basement is set up with his wheel and kiln and plenty of storage space. Out front he has a glassed-in area where finished product is displayed, and has just finished building a shed in back for more space.



Dalton speculates that 25 percent of what he sells is custom-made, for which the customer is willing to wait about 4 to six weeks.

"It has to fit into the firing schedule," he explains.

His pieces can range anywhere from $5 to $300 and are oven-proof, microwave and dishwasher safe.

"Basically, people are paying for my skill. Other factors can come into play as well. For example, if I use cobalt, which is pretty expensive, that can raise the price," says Dalton. He primarily works with brown stoneware which produces more muted colors, but occasionally will work with white stoneware which will produce brighter color.

"Glazing can be unpredictable — sometimes the color doesn't always come out the way you want it too," he says, "And that, too, can lower or raise the price."

According Dalton, bowls are his hottest selling item as they are the most versatile.

Dalton maintains a pretty tight schedule, with Mondays and Tuesdays reserved for producing his own work as well as giving private lessons (he currently has about four students which he teaches one on one). He'll spend all day Wednesday and Thursday teaching from 9 a.m. until as late as 11 p.m. He'll then go back to his at-home routine on Friday and Saturday.

Evenings are reserved for music which Dalton states is "One-third of my life." He plays trumpet for the Cape Cod Conservatory Wind Ensemble; Brass Ring; and the Falmouth Town Band.

Dalton combines his artistic expertise and education background in Duxbury where he teachers once class for children with special needs. He explains that the children's classes are always shorter than adults, but with special needs kids he'll pay more attention to hand dexterity and coordination.

"Kids love it — they break all the rules. A kid will attack something in a totally different way. Sometimes they've shown me some shortcuts. Adults are more cautious — life has made them more cynical."

Throughout his eight-week course, Dalton will take his students from hand-building pinch pots to using the wheel, which he says ultimately takes years of practice. He'll also teach them alternative ways of making bowls, for example, using a beach ball or a balloon.

"Balloons are a great way to work — you just wrap the clay around a balloon or beach ball and when the clay stiffens, you pop it," he says.

By the third and fourth week, students will be decorating the surface of their designs using color slips, which is basically "soupy clay with color mixed in" as well as making coil pots which are long ropes of clay wrapped around each other. Then in the fifth week students will learn glazing.

"By this time they have several pieces made. I like to do this in the middle of the course so they have something to take home."

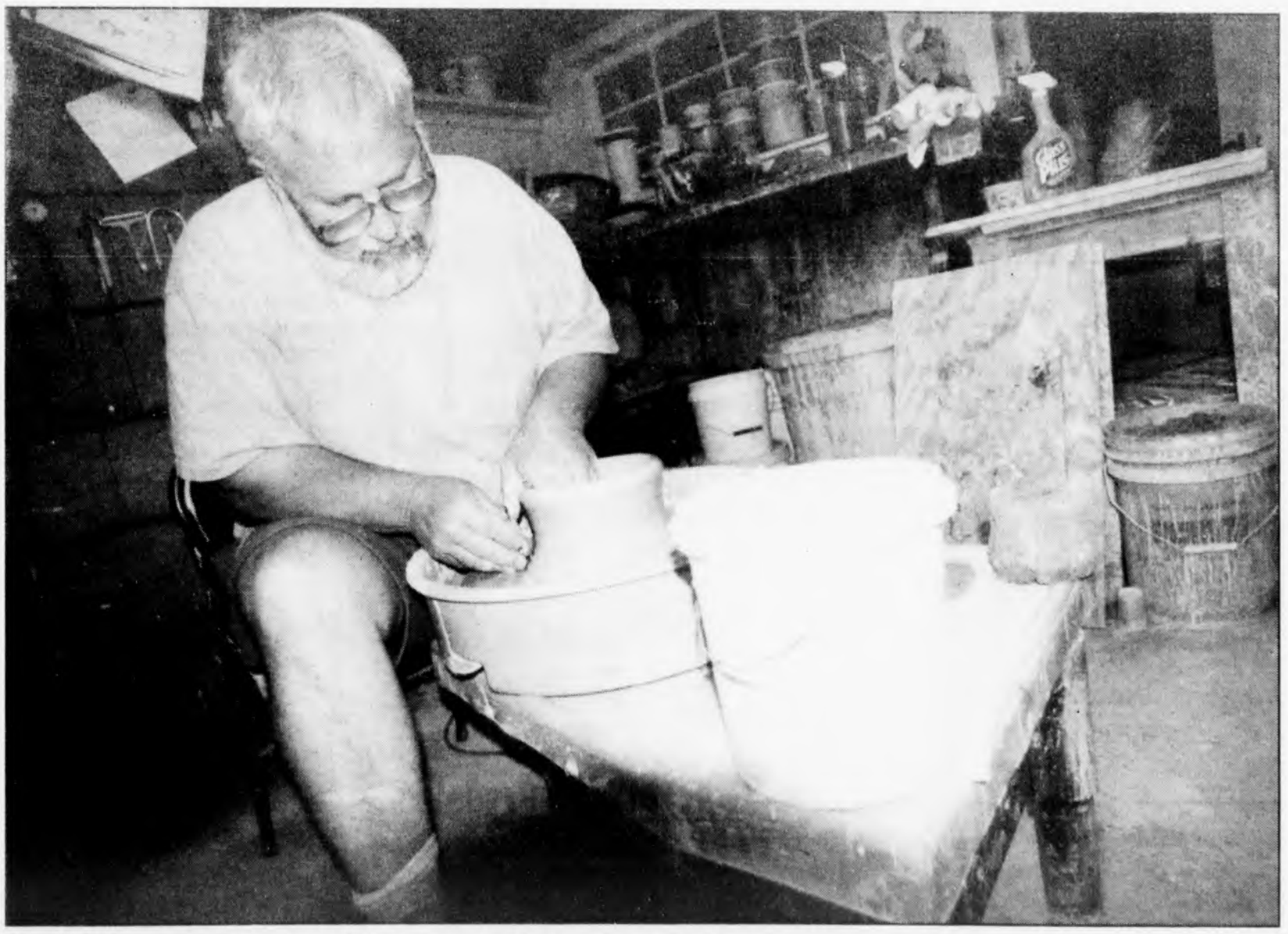
The last few weeks allow students time mostly for self-work and they get a chance to discover their personal style. Then Dalton will teach them how to pull and attach handles, make spouts for pitchers and how to form lids.

Finally, this next batch of pottery will also be glazed, which usually ends up being about five to six kiln loads.

"Students are amazed at how fast it can be produced. They expect to come away with three or four pieces, but end up with a about 20," says Dalton.

Dalton says that sometimes you can immediately pick out students "born with a touch for the wheel" within the first week. But although some students won't get the hang of things until the third week, that student may end up surpassing the one who hit the ground running day one. Other students, he says, just need help tackling a particular piece.

"The process is magical — the way it grows out of your hand in 15 seconds," says Dalton. "You start with just a lump and end up with something beautiful."



George Dalton says turning a lump of clay into a piece of pottery is a magical process.

Dalton Pottery is located at 645 Waquoit Hwy (Route 28), East Falmouth, MA, 02536. Tel: 508-540-5236.

For further information on classes, contact the Duxbury Art Association at 781-934-2731, ext. 15; or the South Shore Art Center at 781-383-2787. Classes begin Sept. 24 and 25 respectively.

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President Clinton's fate now rests with Congress

Delahunt, on House Judiciary Committee, will help decide

By Julie A. Mehegan
STAFF WRITER

Congressman Bill Delahunt has a lot on his mind.

Along with his colleagues on the House Judiciary Committee, the Quincy Democrat has the enormous responsibility of deciding how to proceed now that Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr has submitted the results of his investigation of President Clinton to Congress.

But despite the frenzy surrounding the release of the report, a spokesman for Delahunt said residents of the 10th Congressional District, which includes Cohasset, should feel confident that their Congressman is taking a slow and measured approach to the proceedings.

"We want South Shore residents and Cape Codders and all Americans to have confidence in the outcome of this case," said Steve Schwadron. "If the process is skewed or tainted or undignified, it will not achieve its overall objective of restoring public confidence in our ability to govern ourselves," he added.

On the House floor Friday, Delahunt spoke out in opposition to the immediate release of the Starr report on the Internet, but not because he thought it should be kept from people, Schwadron said.

"Congressman Delahunt didn't oppose the release of the report, but he opposed the blind, mindless release," Schwadron said. He said Delahunt feared the immediate release would result in confusion for members of Congress as well as the American people.

"Some of the frenzy surrounding the release reflected what we were concerned about. [Delahunt] wanted to pursue it in a dignified, methodical fashion. That didn't happen," Schwadron said.

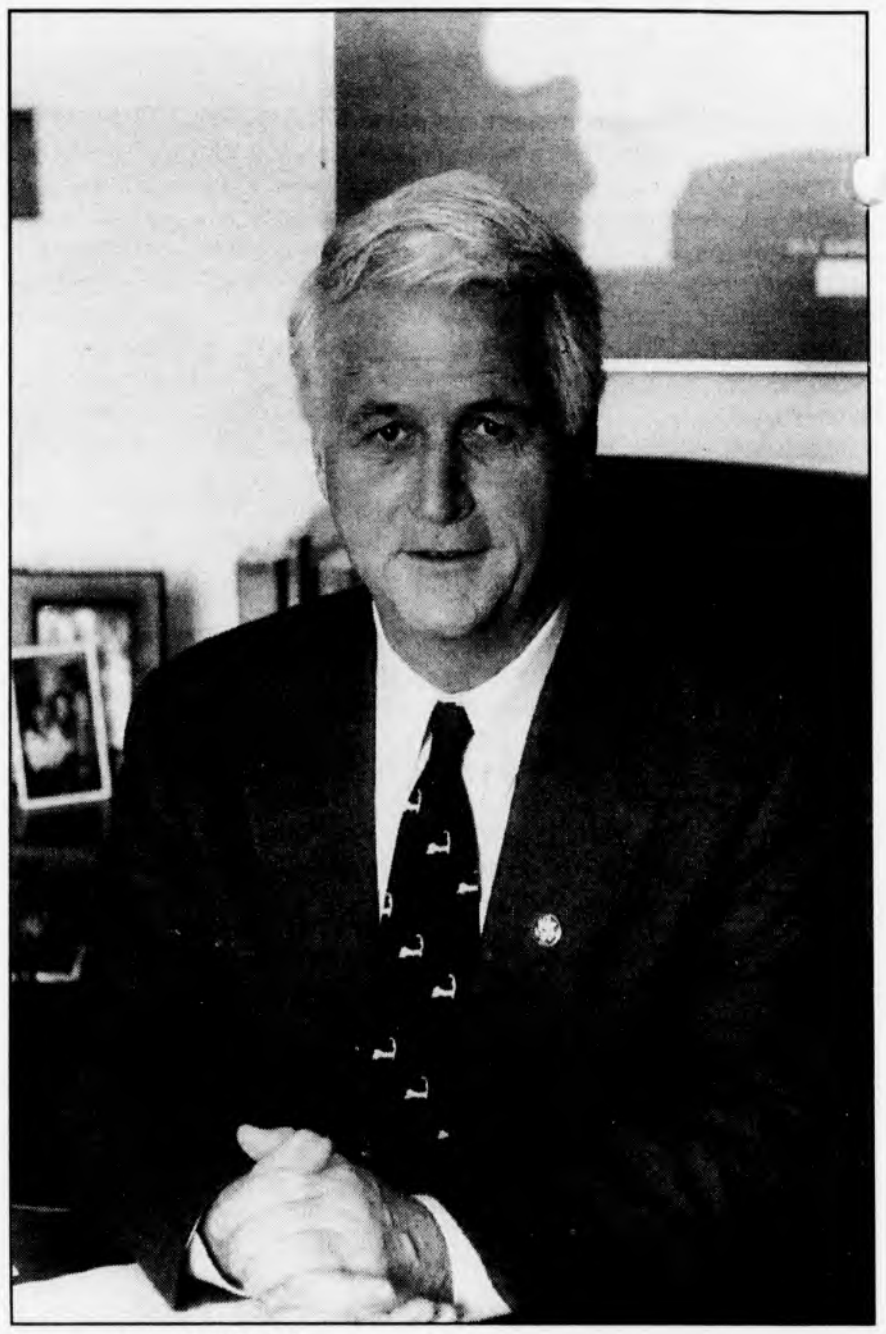
Delahunt would have preferred that the chairs of the Judiciary Committee have an opportunity to privately review the report before its release, Schwadron said.

Holding off on the release would also have removed the opportunity for the president's side to say they had been wronged by the release of the report, and ultimately would have allowed Congress to do its job more thoroughly and carefully, he added.

As the former district attorney in Norfolk County, Delahunt understands the importance of weighing the evidence on both sides before forming an opinion on a case, Schwadron said. He has spent hours poring over the report in anticipation of the Judiciary Committee's role in the proceedings.

The next step is for the Judiciary Committee to meet and decide when and how to release the remaining portion of the report, which may number 2,000 pages, and which is still locked in a House vault on Capitol Hill, Schwadron said.

There is also the question of how to handle the release of the president's videotaped grand jury testimony. The Judiciary Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, when those decisions may be made. Schwadron said the materials will likely be released within the next two weeks.



Congressman Bill Delahunt

Schwadron said Congressman Delahunt hopes members of Congress have learned some lessons from what happened last Friday, and will take a cautious approach to the release of the remaining materials.

The Judiciary Committee will then bear the awesome burden of deciding if and how to proceed with any action against the president. "Be it impeachment or another step, there really are no rules on anything else," Schwadron said.

In the meantime, Congressman Delahunt is taking a cautious approach. Unlike some other members of Congress, Delahunt is reserving judgment until all the facts are in, Schwadron said.

"Every bone in his body is telling him that while he may have personal views on what the players in this drama have done, that's not the point. His job is to get acquainted with the balance of the evidence so if he were to enter judiciary committee hearings, he would be prepared to cast an informed vote," Schwadron said.

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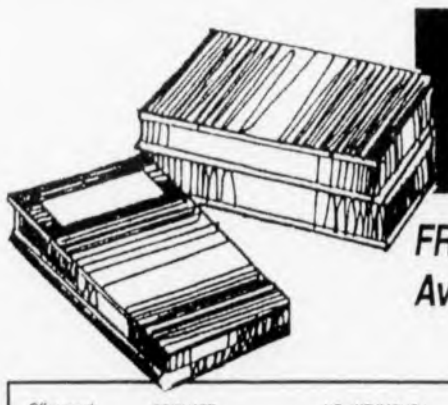
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Souvenir cassette to spread holiday cheer

Proceeds to benefit bell tower fund

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Even as the final days of summer linger on, the Hingham Memorial Bell Tower committee and VFW William R. Cutler Hingham Post #6053 are thinking ahead to the holidays.

This month, committee and post member volunteers are launching a fund-raising project. Proceeds from the sale of souvenir audio cassettes entitled ÒHoliday Cheer in Hingham Square" will help pay for the maintenance of the town's treasured historic Memorial Bell Tower as well as benefiting Hingham and other Boston-area veterans. The Memorial Bell Tower was built in 1912 and is in need of repair.

Described as "an historically unique souvenir recording," the audio cassette presents music from the bells in the free-standing bell tower, located next to Old Ship Church, which was erected in 1681 in Hingham Square.

"We had more fun recording this tape," said Master Chimer Eugene D. (Pete) Shaw. "We hope it will lift people's spirits during the holiday season."

It was decided to create a tape of Christmas music because the season

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The six-story tower was designed by William Rodger Greeley in the style of a European Campanile (a self-standing construction near a church which houses bells). The bell ringers' room is dedicated to Hingham's founder, the Rev. Peter Hobart, who was Old Ship Church's first minister.

Summit tonight on Linden Drive blasting

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The water commission will hold a public meeting tonight at 7:30 in the selectmen's meeting room at town hall to offer a solution for water loss in the Linden Drive area.

Residents of Linden Drive, Linden Circle, Rustic Drive and Stoneleigh Lane are invited to attend the special meeting. Water Commissioner John K. McNabb Jr. informed selectmen at their Sept. 14 meeting that blasting by workers laying a new sewer line in the Linden Street area had left some residents without water for several days in some cases.

"The water line apparently was laid on ledge and not properly packed in gravel," McNabb said.

Currently, the water pipes in the area are breaking each time the contractor blasts ledge to lay the new sewer main. McNabb said the water commissioners asked project engineer Domenic Tutela to divert workers to a different part of the job until the town could come up with a solution. The water commission is proposing a one-day planned water outage to install line-stops in four locations. Line-stops allow workers to repair isolated sections of pipe without shutting down service to the entire water main.

"If more blasting is necessary, we expect there will be a break," McNabb said. "If so, we can use the line breaks to isolate the problem and affect only 10-15 homes."

Selectman Diane Sullivan also restated a condition by the board of selectmen that no blasting take place before 9 a.m.

The water commission also plans to install a temporary above-ground line from Forest Avenue, adding a second source of water to the area. Currently, all water to the Linden Drive area comes from a Jerusalem Road main.

McNabb said the commission hoped the residents of the area would support the plan because workers planned to do all the work in one day.

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Selectmen approve safety measures for King Street

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Harvey said. "Safety is a real problem. The average speed is 40 miles per hour, which means some cars are going 30 and some are going 50."

Harvey said his group was aware that closing the intersection would also divert a lot of traffic farther down the highway to the corner of Beechwood and Route 3A. ASK members proposed asking the state to place left turn lanes on both sides of Route 3A at the Beechwood Street intersection. Harvey said there were 17 accidents last year at the intersection of Route 3A and Beechwood Street, which was redesigned last year to make room for the new Shaw's supermarket.

Harvey said data supplied by the Cohasset Police shows King Street accounted for 10 percent of all traffic tickets issued in Cohasset last year, with 2,500 cars per day traveling the busy route.

"This road was built for horse and buggy traffic, not 2,500 cars a day," Harvey said. "The engineering is out of step, and the traffic is increasing because of construction south of King Street."

"I have a right to use King Street to get to my office," Sawchuk said. "I pay taxes and I think you're trying to take away my right to use that street. I have a problem with all of this."

Although closing off part of King Street would be an inconvenience for residents, the road would be much safer, Harvey said. He said it was a trade-off the majority of King Street residents supported.

But the selectmen did not favor closing off any of King Street to traffic.

"It seems to me you're asking for a drastic solution, which is to close a public street to the public," said Selectmen Chairman Roseanne McMorris. "I think this is a universal problem throughout town. It is the thing people talk to me about the most."

Selectman Nan Roth favored implementing less drastic solutions rejected by ASK when researching a solution. She liked the idea of stop signs at key intersections to slow traffic, or restricting traffic at peak travel times.

Selectman Tom Callahan didn't like the idea of closing a major town road during rush hour. He said traffic on Route 3A was already heavy at rush hour, and closing King Street might make things worse. Callahan also pointed out that the state had rejected previous requests for left-turn lanes at Beechwood and Route 3A

Beechwood Street resident Wayne Sawchuk bristled at the suggestion that the town deny him access to King Street.

"I have a right to use King Street to get to my office," Sawchuk said. "I pay taxes and I think you're trying to take away my right to use that street. I have a problem with all of this."

Selectmen finally decided to test a two-part plan for several months. The town will place an all-way stop sign at the intersection of King Street and Pond Street. An illuminated sign at the top of a hill before the intersection will warning drivers to slow down for the upcoming stop sign. The town will also ban all trucks heavier than 2-1/2 tons from King Street, although Town Manager Mark Haddad pointed out that the state would have to approve that plan. If the steps taken have no effect, the selectmen pledged to revisit the topic and consider other steps.

'Baptism by fire' for superintendent

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

New school superintendent Edward "Ted" Malvey met with the Cohasset school committee for the first time as a group last week.

Malvey was introduced to committee members by chairman Rick Shea fairly early in the meeting. "We're glad to have him on board," he said.

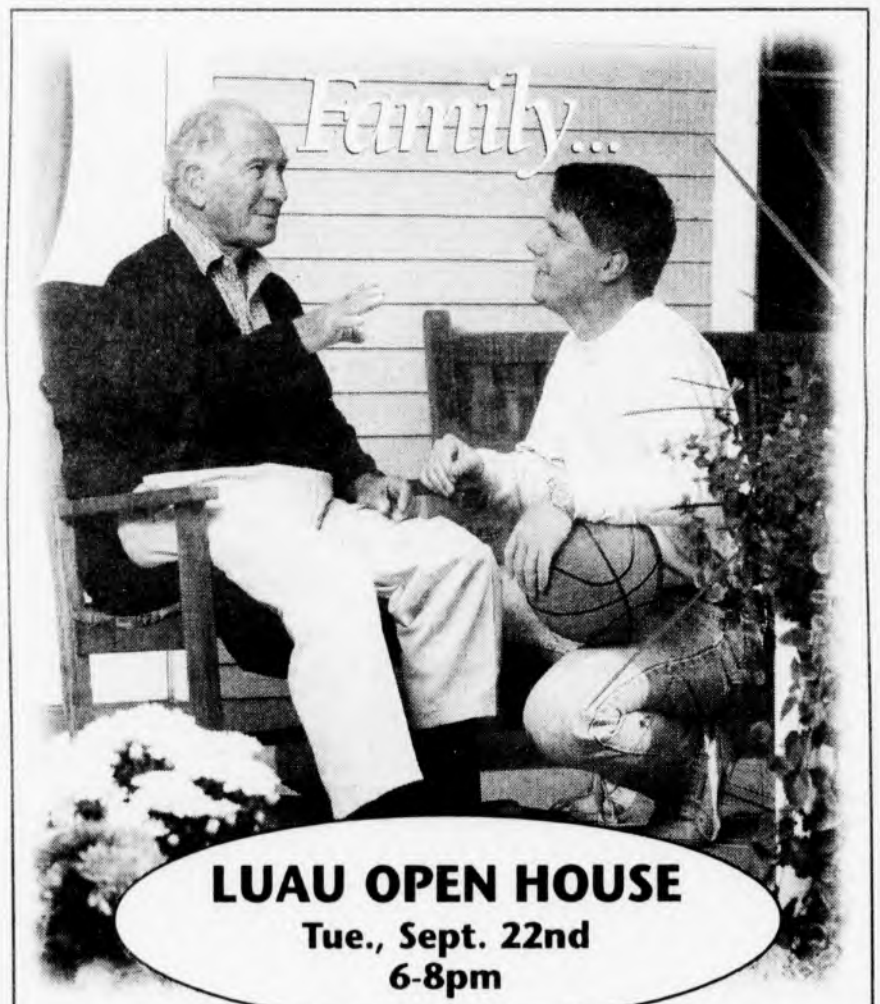
Outlining his immediate plans, the superintendent mentioned the bus route issue — especially Lamberts Lane; and the South Shore Charter School's rental of space at the old Joseph Osgood Elementary school.

Though his job officially began Sept. 1, the new superintendent had been visiting over the summer and was appraised of many of the more pressing school issues by departing superintendent Stephen Hart.

"Baptism by fire," is how Malvey described his first seven days at work in his new office.

"I've looked at the Lamberts Lane problem," said Malvey. "It feels like *deja vu* already, which tells you how familiar I've become with the issue. There are many other areas in town like Lamberts Lane so once you open the door for one street, you have to commit to it."

The new superintendent also discussed the closing of the old Osgood and plans to rent out space to a charter school and whether funds received from the rental would be under the control of the school committee.



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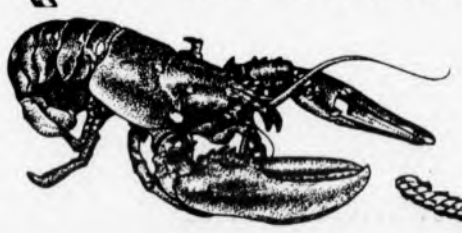
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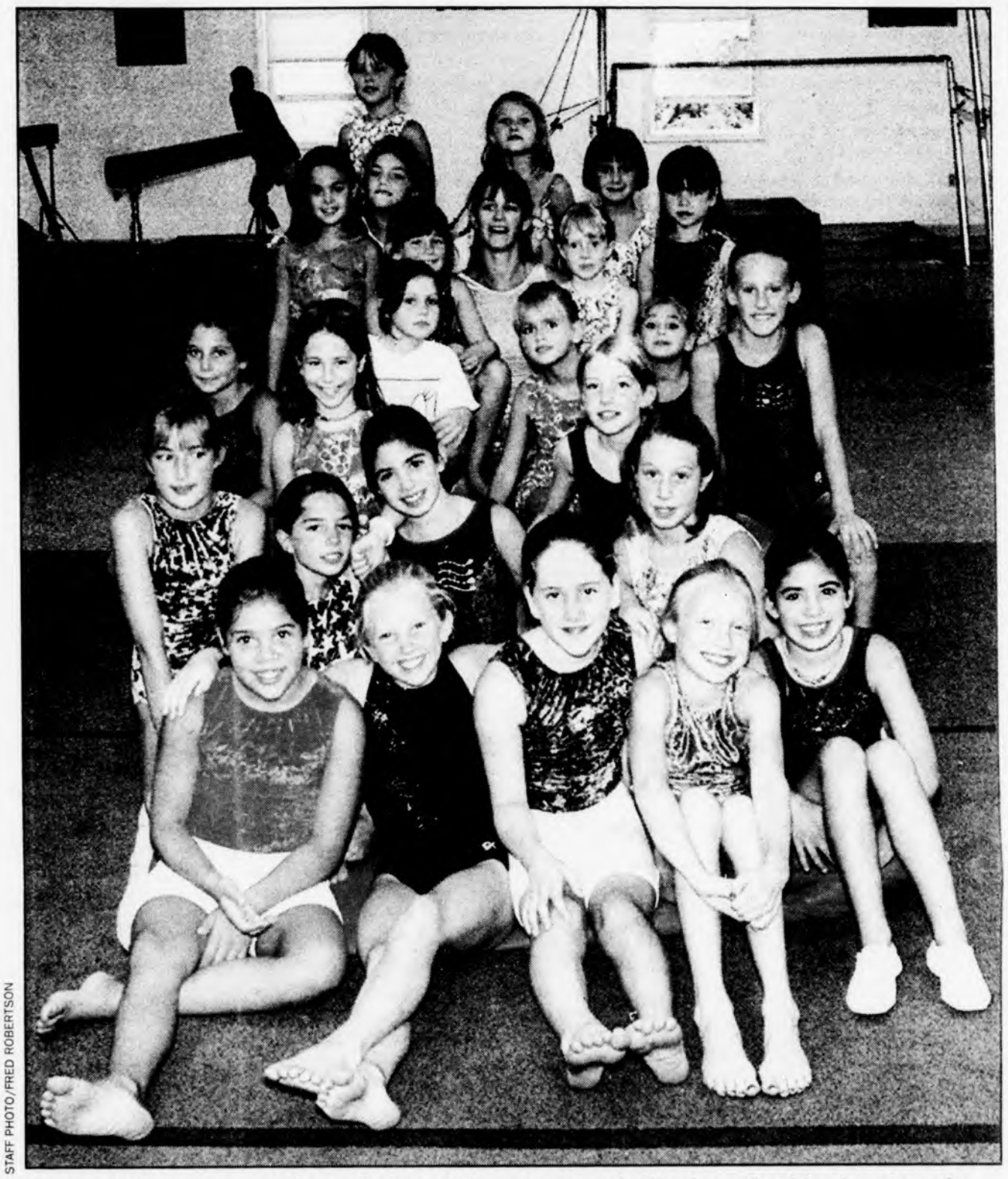
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Gymnast in Motion program director Ruthann Ardizzoni is surrounded by a bevy of tumbling beauties at the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset. The center began its fall program this week.

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MIKE HARDMAN



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I wrenched my back in Norwell in another football game in 1975. In a way that turned out good. There's a couple of times every month or so that it turns out to be a good excuse to get out of yard work.

I hurt my right knee for the first time against Abington. Not a good thing.

I think I injured a finger in a youth football game in Rockland, but that was so long ago that I think we wore leather helmets.

Twice Hanover High football teams prevented my East Bridgewater Vikings from going to the Super Bowl.

Teams I've covered in recent years have had their hearts broken by Duxbury and Hingham teams.

Now, for the very good:

My Al Bundy moment: I once ran for a 92-yard touchdown in a junior varsity game in Cohasset. That was pretty cool at the time.

On my first date with my wife, we went to Abington-Rockland football game in Middleboro of all places. There have been no injures there. In fact, Saturday is our 11th anniversary. That's a very good thing.

Both my son and daughter were born in Weymouth. That's another very good thing.

When I was considering making a job change, I asked my family and friends for advice. The basic thought was, "well, you've always been a South Shore guy."

That's true.

That's why I'm here.

Take out the four years away at college, I've spent my entire life living on the South Shore.

For the last six years, I've worked for the Community Newspaper Company in the West as the sports editor of the Easton Journal, Mansfield News, Sharon Advocate, Norton Mirror, Country Gazette, Stoughton Journal and Canton Journal. A job I enjoyed very much..

But during all of that time, I've still made my home here.

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Tumbling toward physical and emotional health

Classes booming at South Shore Community Center

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

No matter if you're an infant still dependent on your parents for everything or an 18-year-old wanting absolutely nothing to do with those same people, the South Shore Community Center in Cohasset may just have a gymnastics program for you.

From the Tumble Bugs infant program to varying levels of competitive gymnastics, young tumblers of all shapes and sizes will be flying about the Center this week with the start of the new fall program.

"Registration has been great so far, especially in some of the younger levels. We've got just a ton of pre-school kids signed up this year," said Gymnast in Motion program director Ruthann Ardizzoni. "It's a great sign of things to come for the program at the high school if these kids start at such a young age and decide to stick with the sport."

Of course. Ardizzoni has a vested interest her students growing into the sport. A former four-year captain of the gymnastic team at Cohasset High, she's been the head coach there for 13 years.

"Things have changed a great deal over the years around this sport" as well as at the center, said Ardizzoni, who is starting her 21st year with the SSCC. "There is so much more available now here at the community center than when I was growing up. I can remember when you could only use piano music to go along with your floor routine."

After training with Olympic gymnast Kathy Corrigan at her Rockland studio when the sport was really hooking on with young girls in the early-70s, Ardizzoni competed in AAU events and was a member of the first ever gymnastics team at CHS in 1976.

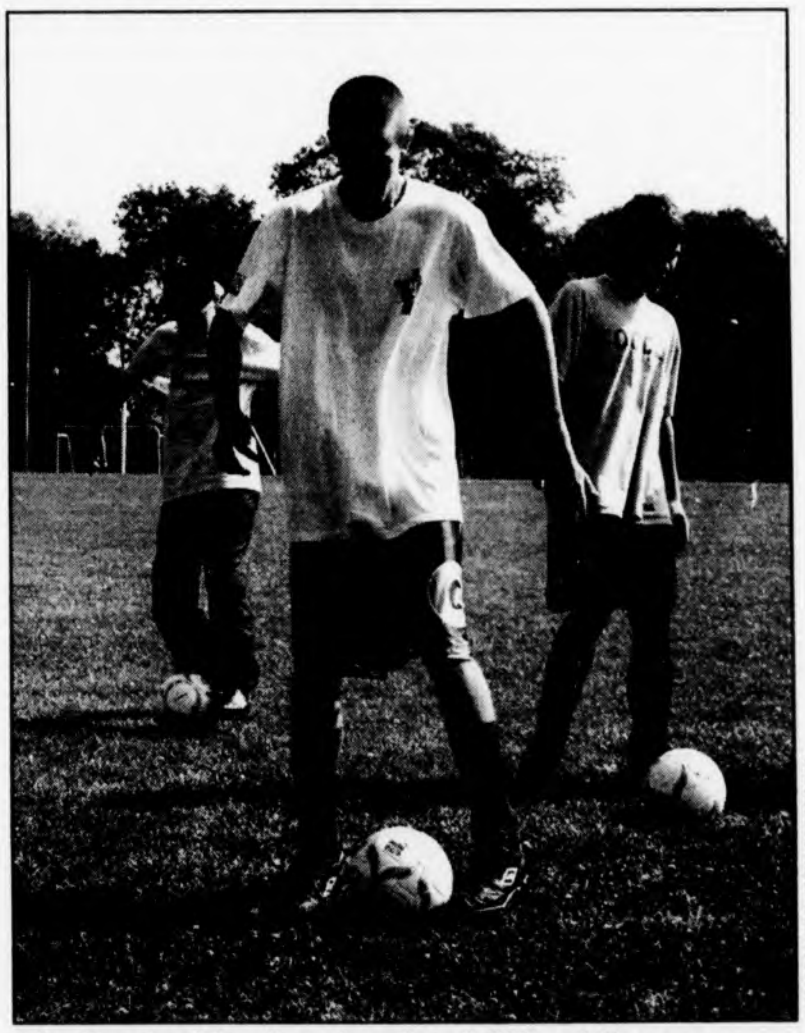
The squad didn't win a single match that year, but bounced back to win the league title her next year. The program is still strong today, having taken home at least a piece of the Pilgrim League title in four of the last five years.

You'll still see many of people from those teams still around the gym working with the younger kids or on their own routines.

"I'm really lucky in that I've got a special relationship with the kids who've gone through the high school team," said Ardizzoni. "During school breaks a bunch of them will call me to help out with classes or stop by just to say hello.

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Tyler Norod and friends work on their dribbling skills on recent sunny day in Cohasset.

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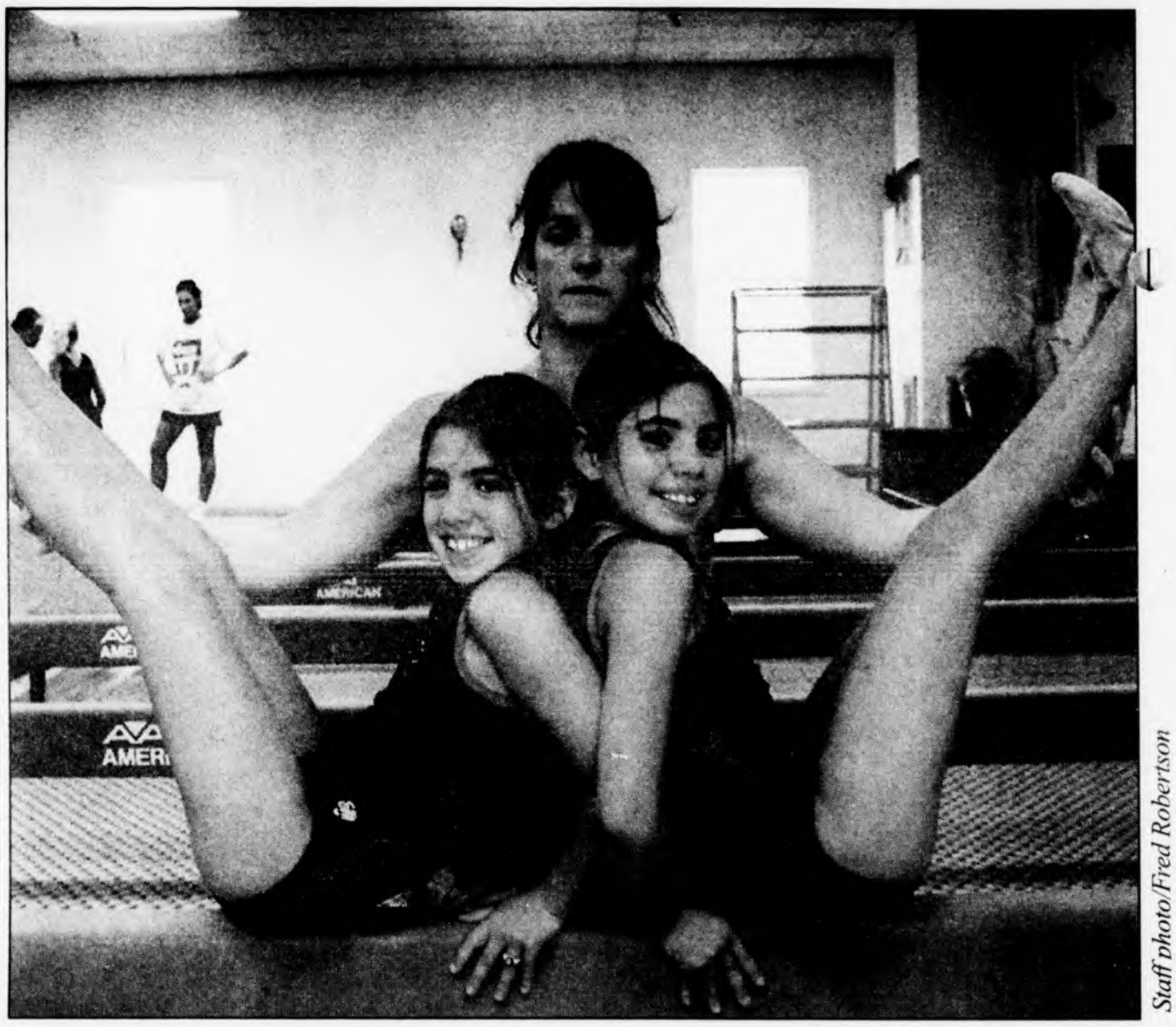
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Tumbling towards physical and emotional health

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"It's great for the younger kids to see the older girls helping out. They really look up to the older kids and see them as something that they can be someday if they keep working at it."

Taking part in gymnastic classes can be a great help in the development of a young child, both on a physical and emotional level while also creating discipline and structure to their life and developing both self-confidence and social skills.

"Most parents get their kids involved in gymnastic programs for the social development part of it, but the development of motor skills is also a tremendous benefit," Ardizzoni, who enrolled her own child in a program at the center at eight-months-old and saw her walking a month later.

"I'd say that the biggest reason that parents enroll their children in gymnastics class is that their fun for kids," she added. "There's some diversity to it as well for the kids. If you don't like the vault, maybe the beam is their thing. Or maybe it's the floor exercise. There are things for kids to choose from."

When it comes to getting a child into a gymnastics group, the younger the better she added.

"If you get a three- or four-year-old kids in a group with his peers, it a strong way to see if a child may be falling to the back of the pack when it comes to something like developing motor skills and hand-eye coordination," she added. "The sooner you come across something that could be a problem, the sooner you can do something about it."

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New season brings new hope to CHS football

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

For nearly six years now, Cohasset's Class of 1999 has been pointed to as a class with a deep well of natural talent, desire and football ability. This class has finally reached its senior year, stepped into a leadership role, and is headed into its final season as high school football players.

Despite losing five seniors who contributed greatly over the past few years, the Skippers are now starting players who have seen varsity action since the eighth grade. Under the guidance of new head coach Tony Rolfe and with 10 starting seniors and a complementing group of speedy, skilled underclassmen, the boys in blue appear poised to make their big run.

Nearly the entire Skipper offense has been rehauled under the watchful eyes of Rolfe. With the departure of three-year starting quarterback Pat Hurley to Boston College, senior Jamie DeMichele has stepped into the role of signal caller. Behind him at fullback is senior captain Justin "Juggernaut" Golden, while sophomore Daniel Trowers fills the tailback spot and senior Ben Roine becomes the "Z"-back.

Steeped in experience and strength, the front line is unquestionably the Skippers' best in years. Sophomore Craig Davis and senior Jon Considine are the bookends at the left and right tackles, with senior veterans Luke Caldwell and Adam Sasso at the guards. Senior captain John-Paul Laugelle will man the point as the center. Freshman Nick Bolster will share time with Brian Krupczak at split end, while Ronan Buick fills his brother Jamie's shoes at tight end.

Running a 5-3, with five down linemen and three linebackers, the Skipper defense will be coached by Bob Silvia and Tom Hughes. Anchored by senior Alex Russell at nosetackle with Craig Parker and John Considine at the tackles, Sean Parkinson and Caldwell will provide outside pressure as defensive ends.

The linebacking corps is Joe Carbone, Greg Parkinson and Sasso, all veteran linebackers with plenty of experience and a shared dislike for running backs. Greg Taylor and Kevin Andrews will play the two corners and are expected to play important roles in stopping rushes to the outside. Krupczak and Roine will provide insurance at the safeties.

Captains Laugelle and Golden both expressed their belief that the team has improved and that winning would require only a transfer of that improvement from the practice field into a game situation.

"I think we're a lot better than last year; we've been getting a lot done in practice," Laugelle said. "People are starting to step it up."

Golden emphasized the team's work ethic.

"Everybody contributed and worked hard in the pre-season. The work has been put in and now we need to convert that hard work and intensity into success on the football field."

When asked about his new squad, Rolfe was optimistic without sounding overconfident.

"I expect us to be competitive in every game we play; that we'll go into every game with a chance to win.

"I inherited an outstanding senior class and every senior is an integral part of the road to success. I just can't say enough about the senior class this year."

After two seasons at 1-9, the Skippers are looking forward to a much more successful year in the win column. With Rockland and East Bridgewater no longer on the Cohasset schedule, the team was able to schedule weaker opponents, such as Mashpee, whom CHS will play Friday night.

And it is important to remember that if Cohasset achieves as those connected with the team believe it will, the success will be the result of years of hard work on the part of the players and coaches.

With their opener tomorrow night in Mashpee, the Skippers will be fully prepared after a long and intense pre-season, which has hopefully left them ready for a successful season.

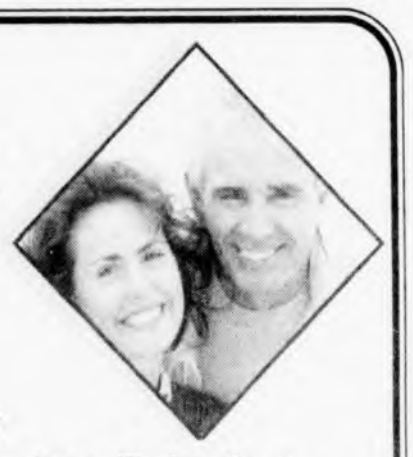
The game- Cohasset (0-0) at Mashpee (0-0), 7 p.m. Friday night

The skinny- After going up against teams with much larger enrollments in the South Shore League such as Rockland and East Bridgewater for years, Cohasset (1-9 last season) finally gets to pick on someone about their own size. Mashpee, a charter member of the Patriot League along with Rockland and E.B, will now have to deal with those football powers in their initial season.

The people to watch- Everything is new at Cohasset. Alumni Field is only a year old, head coach Tony Rolph has taken over for Bob Knurek and a whole new group of seniors has stepped forward for this year. With the advent of the Patriot League taking some of the larger schools off their schedule, CHS should be able to improve on their 1-9 record against teams their own size like Mashpee, Nauset and Charlestown.

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WATD's football season kicks off Friday

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

A late season tilt between 1997 Super Bowl participants Norwell High and Duxbury High is the marquee match-up this season on an impressive line-up that WATD-FM 95.9 has put together for their broadcast schedule.

The season begins on tomorrow (Friday) with what could be another great encounter when two teams who almost made the Super Bowl last year go head-to-head as Silver Lake travels to Marshfield.

"It's a very strong schedule this season," said Bill Wilhelm, the sports director at WATD who is starting his 21st season behind the microphone for these high school football games. "You couldn't ask for anything better than a game like Norwell and Duxbury. Overall there looks to be a lot of interesting teams this year we're going to need to keep an eye on.

"You can't beat high school sports for a fun night out," he added. "It's the best game in town. We enjoy doing the games and I think the kids enjoy the attention."

After going through a dry spell in the early 90s where they couldn't get a win things have really turned around at Silver Lake for head coach Jeff Knight and his gridiron warriors. After opening the season against the Rams they stay on the road for another killer contest against Duxbury.

Nothing like starting the year with a bang, huh? Silver Lake will also have to go on without two of their offensive stars from last season- QB Jon Bond (graduated) and Marquisse Silva, who moved out of the school district.

Silver Lake's loss is Marshfield gain as Silva is now a member of the Rams.

"Marquisse is going to be one of the players to watch this year," said Wilhelm about what could be the year of the running back. "Duxbury's David Seger also looks to be the real deal and you can't forget about Norwell's Brian Fabrizio when talking about some of the best players on the South Shore."

Week three brings in some new blood as Rockland travels to take on the Scituate Sailors on Friday, Oct. 2.

Scituate battled hard to a 5-6 record last year that included a big Thanksgiving Day win over rival Hingham but it was Rockland last year who held the crown of best team around that didn't get to go to a Super Bowl game.

The Bulldogs, who along with Scituate move to the Patriot League this year, finished last season at 10-1, the "1" being a last second loss to Norwell that knocked them out of Super Bowl contention. Although the numbers will be there for Rockland to have another strong year, last year's senior crew that included three-sport star Bobby Flynn, Josh Davidson and Brad Begley will be tough to replace.

Friday. Oct. 9 will see Duxbury on the road again against Bob Bancroft and the always tough Whitman-Hanson Panthers who will be out for blood in trying to avenge last year's loss to the Dragons.

One of the special Saturday matinees follows on Saturday, Oct. 10 East Bridgewater travels to Hingham to take on the rebuilding Harbormen.

The Green Wave of Abington make their only scheduled appearance of the year on Friday, Oct. 16 when they brave the winds off the Atlantic Ocean traveling to Hull to take on the always tough Pirates.

Hingham makes it two Saturday's in a row the next day when they host the Randolph Blue Devils.

Duxbury continues their road show on Friday, Oct 23 when they pack their bags and head south to take on Plymouth North. The next day Silver Lake hosts a rare Saturday afternoon contest when Old Colony League rival Falmouth stops by for a visit.

Marshfield will be looking for a treat rather than a trick when the host Plymouth North in a Halloween Eve contest.

Plymouth North makes their third appearance in four weeks on Friday, Nov. 7 when they host Whitman-Hanson. The Sautrday game for that will see Hingham taking on Middleboro.

The weekend of Nov. 13 will no doubt be a delight for all high school football fans as Duxbury travels to Norwell on Friday night and then Rockland loads up the bus and chugs down Route 3 to take on Silver Lake Saturday afternoon in what should turn out to be another tremendous contest.

This leads us to the biggest day on the high school football calendar- Thanksgiving. Duxbury at Marshfield will be aired live at 10 a.m. followed by the civil war that is Plymouth North against Plymouth South on tape at 12:30 p.m. The day will end with the taped Hanover at Norwell at 3 p.m.

The Friday games will be broadcast at 7 p.m. Saturday's games are scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

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BOYS' SOCCER — A TEAM

Sept.
25 at Milton Academy 3:30 p.m.
Oct.
1 Mashpee 3:15 p.m.
6 at Derby 3 p.m.
9 at Carver 6:45 p.m.
13 Cape Cod Lighthouse 3:30 p.m.
14 at St. Sebastian 3:30 p.m.
23 Hyannis 3:30 p.m.
29 at Marston Mills 3:30 p.m.
30 St. Sebastian 3:15 p.m.

BOYS' SOCCER — B TEAM

Sept.
24 Carver 4 p.m.
Oct.
2 at Chatham 3:15 p.m.
6 at Derby 3 p.m.
8 Falmouth Academy 3:30 p.m.
15 Chatham 3:30 p.m.
16 Harwich 3:30 p.m.
21 at Mashpee 3:30 p.m.
27 at Falmouth Acad. 3:30 p.m.
28 Derby 3 p.m.

GIRLS' SOCCER — A TEAM

Sept.
25 at Milton Academy 3:30 p.m.
Oct.
1 Mashpee 3:15 p.m.
8 Old Rochester 3:15 p.m.
9 at Carver 5:15 p.m.
13 Cape Cod Lighthouse 3:30 p.m.
16 Harwich 3:30 p.m.
23 at Hyannis 3:30 p.m.
29 Marston Mills 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS' SOCCER — B TEAM

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FIELD HOCKEY

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FOOTBALL

Sept.
26 at Martha's Vineyard
30 Marston Mills
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7 at Mattacheese
14 Hyannis
21 Wixon
28 Somerset
Nov.
6 at Falmouth

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Fall adult recreation program

Adult Beginner Golf — Dan Neary, $65 for five one-hour classes at 7 or 8 p.m., at the Cushing School. Starts Thursday, Oct. 1. Payable to Town of Cohasset.

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Fall soccer kicks off Saturday

Fall soccer for boys and girls, grades K through 6, begins Saturday, Sept. 19.

Junior lacrosse program wishes for old equipment

The Cohasset Junior Lacrosse program is accepting donations of old sticks, gloves, helmets, arm pads and goaltending equipment, hoping to make life a bit easier for players and parents.

Currently, the team has no extra equipment to carry to games or lend to players. That has, in the past, meant that players who have forgotten some or all of their gear have wound up driving home — often from several towns away — or have been forced to sit out.

"We can't let a player on the field without proper equipment," says junior team coach Chuck Jaffe. "The best we can hope for is to share, which is tricky given how often kids come on and off the field."

The club is particularly interested in helmets, gloves, armpads and goaltending equipment. Jaffe noted that sticks are the one thing most players have when they start out in the game, "although we would accept stick donations too."

The youth program is hoping to secure enough equipment to help out players in its summer camp, so that children who are just testing out the sport won't go whole hog on gear, only to find out they would rather play something else.

"Lacrosse equipment isn't cheap," Jaffe says. "We're just hoping that people who have some of it lying around in their basement, or whose children have outgrown youth equipment, can help us move the game along and support the junior club and lacrosse booster program in the process."

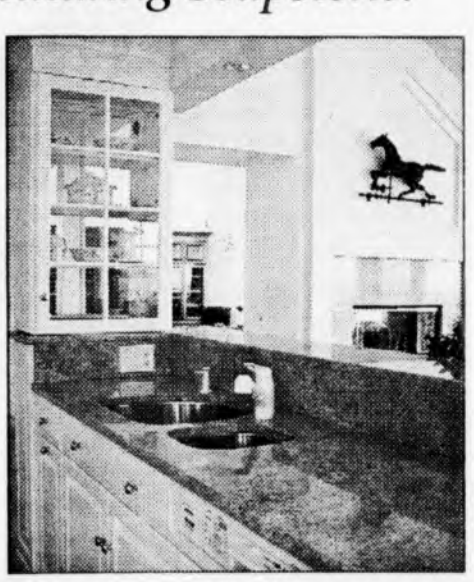
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is such a festive one, he said.

Apart from work performed on the bottom 10 feet of the tower a number of years ago, no other work of major consequence has been done on the building since it was erected.

Water is coming through the bricks, and dust from them has settled into the carpet of the tower's second floor area, where each Tuesday night from 7-8:30 p.m. the bells are traditionally rung. Bell ringers also "perform" in honor of funerals, weddings and other occasions, including during the annual Christmas in the Square celebration.

The six-story tower was designed by William Rodger Greeley in the style of a European Campanile (a self-standing construction near a church which houses bells). The bell ringers' room is dedicated to Hingham's founder, the Rev. Peter Hobart, who was Old Ship Church's first minister.

It is hoped that with the help of a grant and fund raising, repairs will begin by the end of the year.

The 34-minute cassette , which includes 23 Christmas tunes played by Shaw, contains:

¥"grand sounds of huge swinging bells" with change-ringing (peals) by a group of 10 bell ringers;

¥brief history of the Bell Tower; narrated by Hingham resident Robert Cusack; and

¥holiday tunes performed on the carillon, including selected a cappella tenor solos by Mark Blanchard.

The cassette was created by members of the bell tower committee and V.F.W. Post #6053. Barbara Menzies donated a sketch of the bell tower to adorn the audio cassette label.

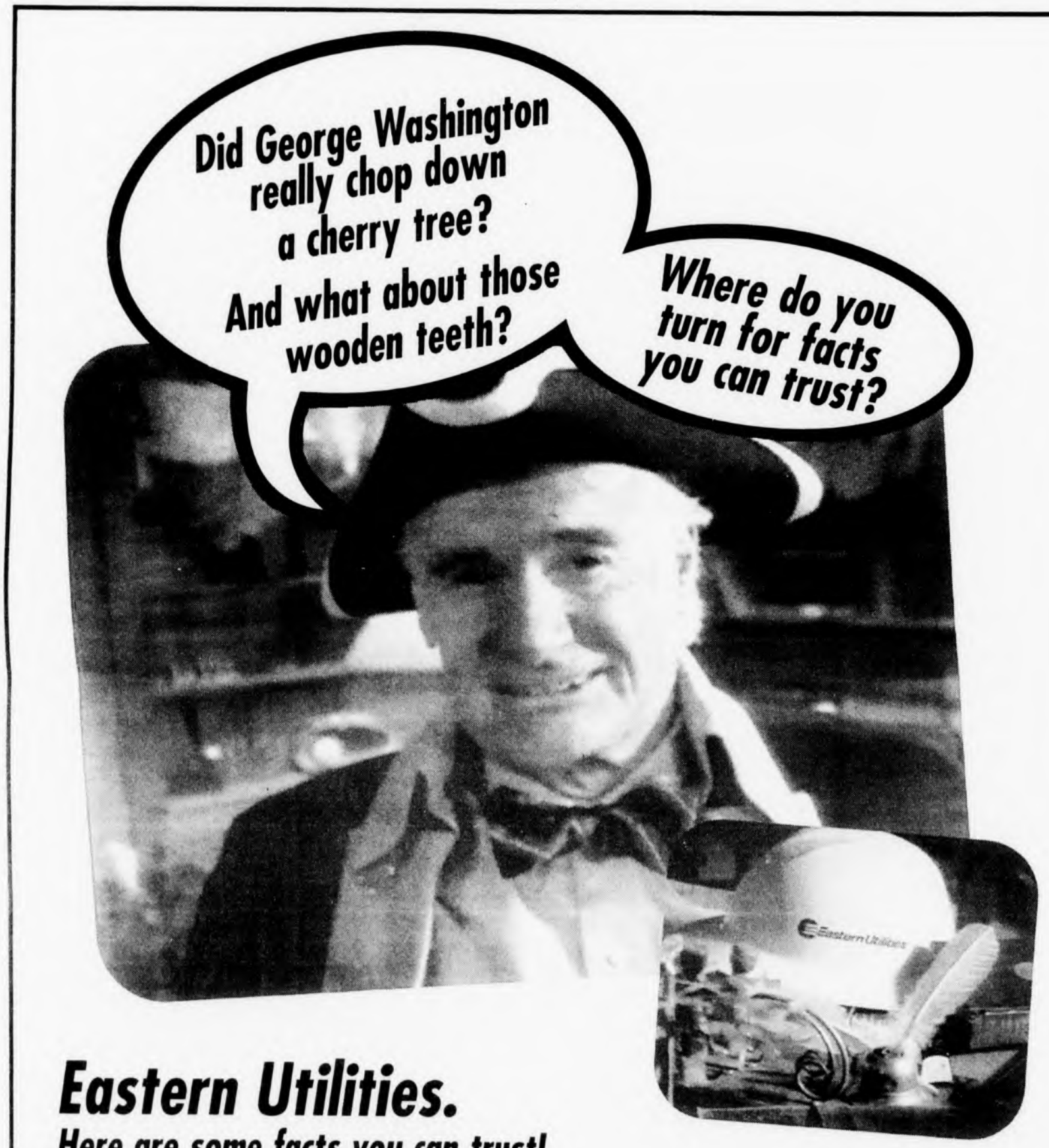
The 10 bells on the top level of the bell tower are one of only a few sets of 10 change ringing bells in North America. They range in size from 550- to 2,262 pounds and are copies of originals from Hingham, England.

"It's the first time we've recorded a tape like this," Shaw said, "and we think it sounds great! The tapes will make good souvenirs as well as stocking stuffers."

Cassettes may be purchased for a $15 donation by cash or check payable to: Hingham VFW #6053 (a non-profit, tax-exempt organization) plus $3.95 for shipping and handling. The mailing address for requests is: P.O. Box 402, Hingham, MA 02043.

The tapes, now in production, are expected to be completed by the end of September. Orders are welcome at any time, according to Shaw. Tapes may also be available from some local merchants once they're off the production line, and a sample will be available at a later date. The audio cassette was recorded by Rik Tinory Productions in Cohasset.

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Newcomers at Corn Festival

The "Freewheelers" group of the Scituate/Cohasset Newcomers Club sponsors field trips and family social activities. The first event of the 98/99 season is on Saturday, Sept. 19. It is a trip to the Corn Festival at the South Shore Science Center on Rte 123 in Norwell. Newcomers planning to attend will meet at 10 a.m. in the parking lot and enjoy cider and donut holes before proceeding to the festival as a group. Look for a "Newcomer's Club" sign on one of the cars.

Admission to the festival is $3 for adults and $2 for children age 2 and over. There is a maximum fee of $10 per family. Although the Corn Festival runs from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Newcomer group attendance is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Activities available at the Corn festival include nature walks, face painting, traditional and colonial crafts, craft activities, hay rides, animal demonstrations, a scarecrow contest and roving minstrels. Food with a corn theme will be available at Kernel's Kitchen. The event is open to all Newcomers. For more information call 383-6343.

Writing workshop to be held

Boston area author Marcia Yudkin will present a writing workshop for adults and sign copies of her new book, "Writing Articles About the World Around You," Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset. Interested writers will also explore the possibility of establishing a Buttonwood-sponsored writing group.

Those who dream of putting their perspectives in print, will recognize great story ideas within their everyday lives and learn to think like article writers. Yudkin will share her own freelance experiences, and guide audience members through the article writing process. Yudkin has published hundreds of magazine articles in a variety of periodicals, including Ladies Home Journal and the New York Times Magazine. She has also written eight other books on writing and marketing and is a regular speaker at writing conferences, workshops and seminars.

Yudkin will speak from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., and sign until 9 p.m. Although this

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Bradley to square off with Murray

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service as well as addressing issues such as education and public safety. I want to bring a productive approach to issues."

He thanked all his supporters, including his wife, Heather, and opponents Walter Murray and Josh Cutler for a good campaign.

Cutler stopped by Stars to ask Bradley for one of his bumper stickers.

"Josh gave every indication he's willing to support me," said Bradley.

Bradley, a longtime Hingham resident, places public safety at the top of his priority list, including dealing with domestic violence issues. He said he would file legislation requiring a cooling off period for those arrested for domestic violence. The law would prohibit suspects who are bailed from returning to their primary residence for 24 hours.

Bradley also supports phasing in rolling back the 5.95 percent state income tax to 4 percent over several years while linking the rollback to a healthy economy. He also favors giving $750 million of the state's $1.2 billion surplus back to cities and towns in the form of block grants to help offset such expenses as water rates and school overrides.

Education was considered of primary importance by all three Democrats.

Bradley, who was graduated from Boston College High School, Boston College and BC Law School, is taking an anti-Greenbush stance because of safety and cost concerns.

Mary Jeanette Murray is looking forward to her run against Bradley. "I'll campaign as I always have and have a lot of fun with it. I enjoy campaigning and love getting out to meet all the people. I imagine Garret and I will be meeting along the way. I think the three candidates ran a clean campaign and that's what we need."

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Choices	*Votes*
Mary Jeanette Murray	635
Garrett Bradley	370
Josh Cutler	373
Walter Murray	46

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Mary Jeanette Murray	1,425
Garrett Bradley	1,611
Josh Cutler	658
Walter Murray	85

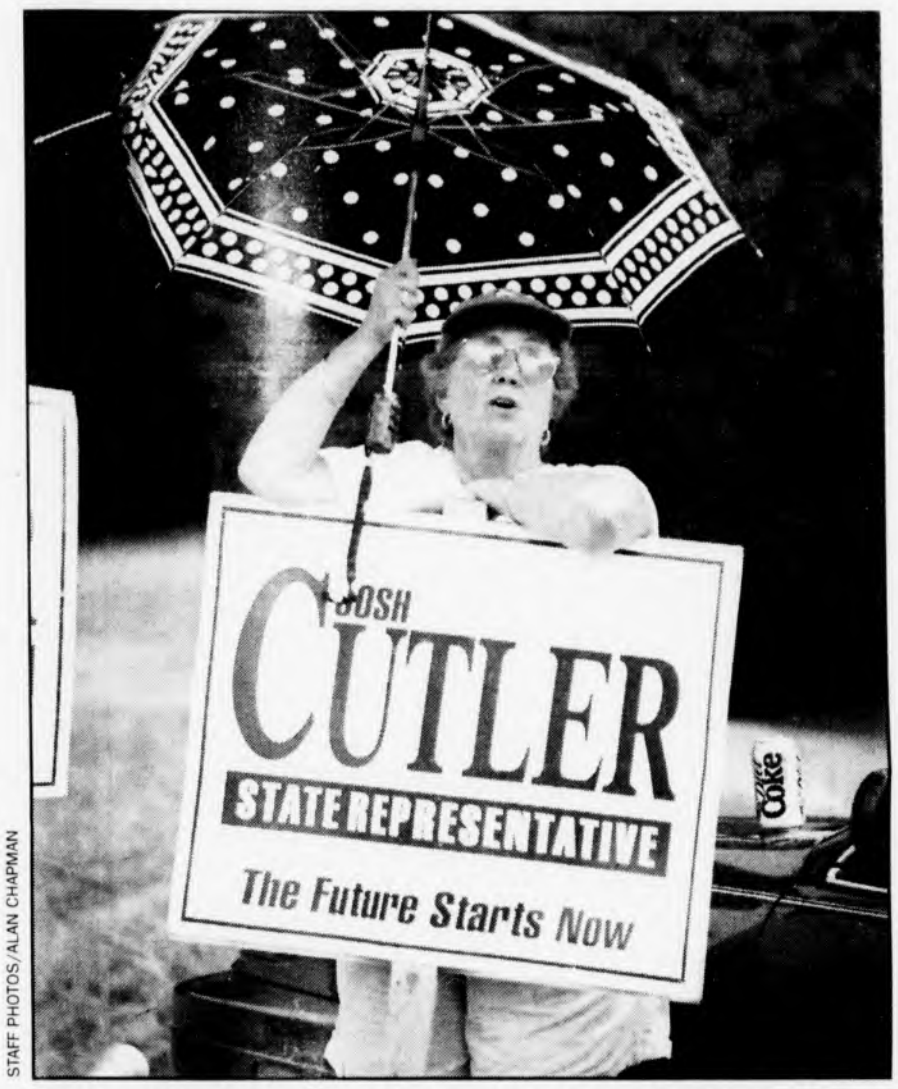
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Mary Jeanette Murray	408
Garrett Bradley	360
Josh Cutler	1,085
Walter Murray	98



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Sue Mavilia registers her ballot with poll worker Grace Tuckerman at Cohasset Town Hall



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Pat Laugelle looks for a let up in the rain during Primary Day Tuesday. Her candidate, Josh Cutler, won the Cohasset vote for a Democrat by three votes.

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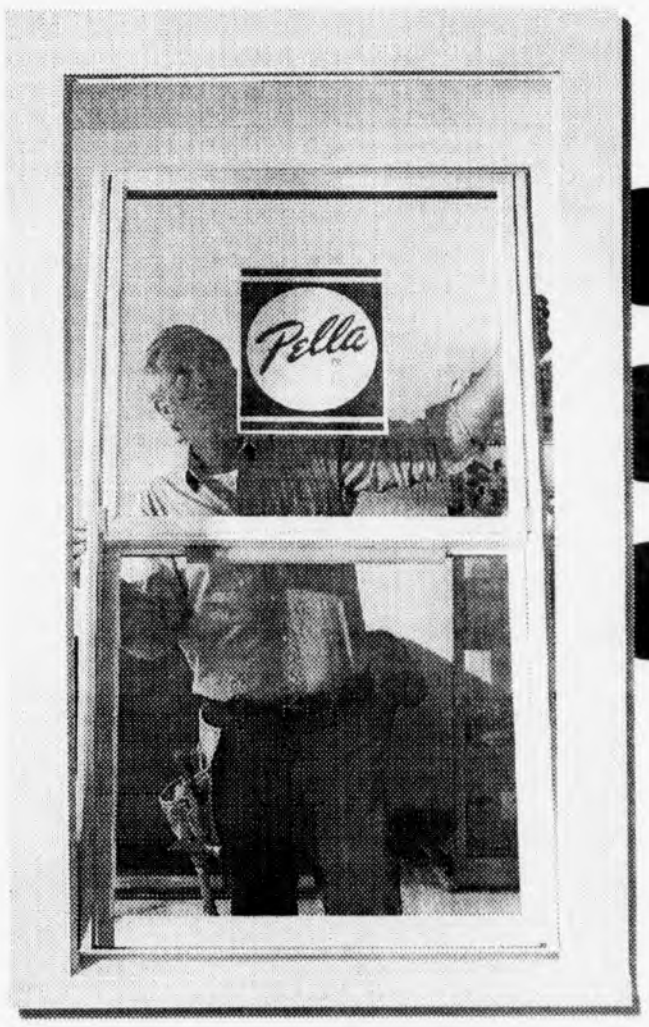
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Lamberts Lane solution raises safety questions

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expressed in the past and continues to be expressed about possible precedence," said DeGiacomo. "My understanding is that there are at least half a dozen other spots where the buses turn around now anyway, so there's really no precedent—it's already happening. But I'm trying to get that information back to the committee for the next meeting to advise them how many and where buses currently turn around and back up. I don't believe that there is a guide to assist the driver in the back, but I need to get that confirmed."

"The residents of Lamberts Lane have been on this subject for quite a while and I understand why," said McElroy. "I continue to be proactively concerned about the street, but Mark shares my concern about the safety issue raised by the proposed solution there. We're working cooperatively on this, trying to come up with a solution that doesn't create more problems than it solves."

New program aims to address drug, alcohol problems

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ed-topics in the booklet are easily recognized as a handy reference tool for parents concerned about their teens and substance abuse. "We got positive feedback on this from parents who received the booklet in New Jersey. It may have gone into a drawer, but not into the garbage," she said.

Still, Matos was concerned about the amount of money needed for the item and pointed out that "the funds raised from the car show might not happen again."

The PSO and other local companies will receive calls from Martin sometime soon to help with fundraising or printing and graphics services.

Also filling the void of the now-defunct Safe Homes program will be an information and referral hotline manned by committee treasurer Robert Harold from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday in one of the church rooms at St. Stephen's.

The calls will be strictly confidential but will not include counseling. Harold will, however, check the hotline's voice mail in case an emergency call is recorded. Those in need of counseling or treatment will be referred to an appropriate agency.

Harold has five years' experience as a drug and alcohol counselor at Faxon House Recovery Detox in Quincy. He was graduated from UMass/Boston's alcohol-drug certification program shortly before taking the job at Faxon. "I just wanted to help people," explained Harold, as to why he chose to go back to school for the counseling program.

"We want this to be anonymous," he said. "Sometimes it's not the kids who have the problem but a family member. This is a small town. You'd never know it, but there are kids walking around shouldering a family member's drinking or drug problem. That kid needs to be able to talk to someone and know that it's strictly confidential. He needs to feel free to call and find out where to go for help without worrying that he's betraying a friend or family member."

Even though Harold serves as the committee's treasurer, the operating costs for new projects are not up to him but are drawn from a town account for the Drug and Alcohol Committee.

"We'll start as soon as we gain town approval to use the funds for the hotline," said Harold.

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WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Dedham this seventeenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight.

THOMAS PATRICK HUGHES
Register of Probate
AD#660100
Cohasset Mariner, 9/17/98

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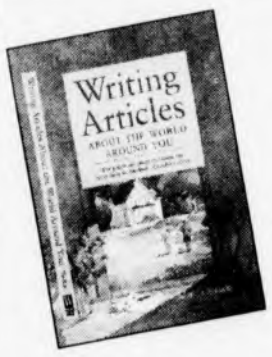
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Manager of the Cohasset Consignment Shop, Andy Merrill, noted that the shop established in 1953, is a non-profit organization, staffed by volunteers, with all proceeds going to the myriad of projects sponsored by the Social Services Leagues of the South Shore. The shop is located at Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, Cohasset and consignments are accepted 10-11 a.m. Monday through Friday and is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday noon - 4 p.m.

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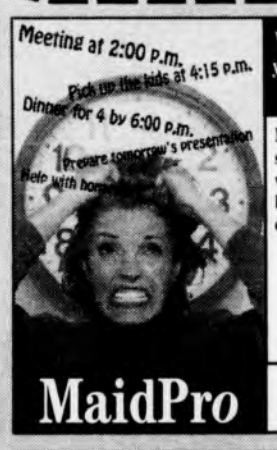
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A night for political parties

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been a relatively close one. "I think the train might have been a factor," he said, discussing his Hingham loss.

"I'll be going over to Bradley's party to show support later tonight," he said (which he did to so his support for his Democratic opponent). "I think he ran a great campaign."

His future plans are very open just now. "I see this as a beginning rather than an ending for me with new options open," he said. "I'll certainly be back soon"

Earlier in the evening, Cutler had forecasted that he'd "need a miracle in Hull" in order to beat Bradley. That miracle was not forthcoming, though he did win handily there with a 665 vote lead over Bradley. The 24 percent turnout in Hull exactly doubled the usual 12 percent voter turnout town clerk Janet Bennett is used to seeing there.

"Our primaries are always much smaller than this," said Bennett. "I think Cutler and Bradley really got out there and worked hard. Walter Murray wasn't around much — the other two, wherever you went, there they were."

Indeed, the several blocks up Nantasket Avenue to Walter Murray's much smaller gathering at Schooner's had several large billboard advertisements endorsing the smiling images of Cutler and Bradley.

The money needed to fund such displays upset Murray's chances, he believes. "It was a big blow-out for me," he said late Tuesday night. "I'm pro-life, have a Christian Coalition background and a lack of resources. I was disappointed in Hull, which is where I live and did most of my campaigning. You think the races are about the issues, but it's about money, organization and knocking on doors. He with the most money wins."

Free time was also a factor. Murray, who is an evening student at New England School of Law, also works as a litigation paralegal at Bingham Dana, which he names as the fourth largest law firm in Boston.

"Cutler said that getting campaign funds shows you have support," said Murray. "But I wouldn't raise more money than I thought necessary. $60,000 is ridiculous for a state senate race."

Murray plans to campaign differently next time around. For one thing, he plans to ask his supporters to back him financially.

Back in Hingham, Cutler and Bradley met up as planned a year ago. "We said then that we would go to the party of whoever won to show support," said Cutler.

"Josh and I met a year ago," said Bradley, standing amid his celebrating constituents. "Josh is a man of his word. We said we'd do this and he did stop by—he asked for a bumper sticker. We're going to need that support to win — nd I think we will."

Celebrants at Stars were still enjoying their boisterous win for some time after Cutler came and went, and long after the Murray party at Schooners had gone home.

"The Murray group was here for about three hours," said waitress Andrea Tsoumas. "They were a small group, quiet—they sat around a table with a radio they brought with them and listened to it. Then they went home. They seemed nice. I don't know which one was Murray."



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Heather and Garrett Bradley are all smiles at a celebratory party.

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For children ages 4 and up classes include Journey to Creativity (Mondays, 9/28 to 11/23), Thursday Art Adventures, (Thursdays, 9/24 to 11/12), and Tall Tale Arts (Fridays, 9/25 to 11/13). Children grades 1 to 3 may register for Fantasy Arts (Mondays, 9/28 to 11/23), Mixed Media Magic (Tuesdays, 9/22 to 11/10), Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes (Thursdays, 9/24 to 11/12), and Painting, Printing, Drawing and Clay, (Fridays, 9/25 to 11/13). For grades three to six courses include Art Explorations (Fridays, 9/25 to 11/13) and Recycle Mania (Tuesdays, 9/22 to 11/10), grades three to eight may register for Draw, Paint, Explore! (Thursdays, 9/24 to 11/12). Courses for grades four to six are Creating Cartoons (Thursdays, 11/5 to 12/17), and Handbuilding and Wheel for Kids (Wednesdays, 9/23 to 11/11). On Saturdays grades four to eight children may register for Learn to Draw-Learn to See (9/26 to 12/5).

The Art Center also offers special parent and child classes and workshops such as Art Time Together (Fridays 9/25 to 11/13 and Make a Mask (Mondays 10/5 and 10/19). Other holiday workshops are available including Silly, Scary Scarecrows for grades one to three (Saturday, 10/24), Family Ornament Workshop for first grade and up (Saturdays, 11/21, 12/5 and 12/12) and Holiday Happenings for preK-K and grades one to three (preK-K: 12/7 and 12/14, grades one to three: 12/10 and 12/17).

To register for a course or workshop or to receive a complete brochure, call (781) 383-ARTS or visit www.ssac.org.

Cultural Council grant workshop

The Cohasset Local Cultural Council (LCC) will present a grant writing workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at the South Shore Art Center. Patricia Walker, representing the Mass. Cultural Council, will discuss writing geared to generate a successful LCC grant. The state awards money to each town for cultural enrichment, based on population; via grants written by citizens and approved first by the Local Cultural Council, then by the state level (MCC). Walker will provide grant forms, and answer any questions from the audience.

This workshop is free to the public, but reservations are required; a minimum of 16 participants is needed. To reserve a seat, call the South Shore Art Center at (781) 383-ARTS between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.; or for questions and reservations, call LCC chairperson Nancy Connolly at (781) 383-9883 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The South Shore Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Road.

Community Center September classes

The following classes are offered at the South Shore Community Center.

Adult Yoga: Sept. 25, from 9-10 a.m. **Computer Classes for Children:** week of Sept. 23; **Gardening Class**: Native Plants - Sept. 27, from 6:45-8:45 p.m. **Cooking Corner:** Pasta- Sept. 21, from 6:45-9 p.m.; Chocolate Mousse - Sept. 30, 6:45-9 p.m.; **Dance Creative Movement:** for pre-schoolers, Sept. 24, 1-1:45 or 1:45-2:30; **Broadway Baby:** Sept. 23, from 10:15-11:15 a.m. for 3-4 year-olds; **Broadway Bound:** Sept. 23, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for 4-6-year-olds; **Musical Theatre:** "Peter Pan," Sept. 24, from 3:15-4:30 for s 4-8-years old; "Guys and Dolls," Sept. 24, from 4:30-5:45 p.m. for ages 9-15-years-old; **Adult Tap:** Sept. 28 from 8-8:45 p.m.; **Dance for Fun and Fitness:** Sept, 28 from 7-8 p.m. for 16years through adult; **Keyboarding for Jr. High/High School:** Sept. 24, from 4-5:30 p.m.; **SAT Prep-English:** Sept. 29 from, 7-9 p.m.; **Bowling Clinic:** Sept 22 from 3-4 p.m. for grades K-3; Sept. 23, from 3-4 p.m. for grades 4-6; **Mad Science:** Sept. 28, from 4-5 p.m. grades 1-3; **Kodaly Music for Pre-Schoolers:** Sept. 30 from 1-1:45 p.m. for Birth -3-years and 1:45-2:30 p.m. for 3-5-years; **Cooking and Crafts:** Sept. 28, from 1-2:30 p.m.; **Cooking, Crafts and Music:** Sept. 29, from 9-11 a.m.; **Something Special:** Sept. 29, from 11:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.; **Cooking Science and Nature:** Sept. 28, from 9-11 a.m.; **Gym Dandy Program:**, Tuesdays and Wednesdays a.m. only, for 6 months to 3-years.

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Instruction in musical theater

The South Shore Community Center announces that Danielle Herget will be joining them for instruction in musical theater. Classes in "Peter Pan" will begin Sept. 24 for boys and girls ages 4 to 8. Classes on "Guys and Dolls" will be offered, beginning Sept. 24, for boys and girls, ages 9 to 15.

Classes run from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. for "Peter Pan" and from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. for "Guys and Dolls." These sessions will run for 10 weeks, with a small performance at the end for family and friends. Acting, singing and dancing will be the focus, using the music from the two shows as the format.

Herget has danced for almost 20 years, and has been a choreographer and president of the Colby Dancers, and a founder of the Colby Dancers traveling dance troupe. She is certified by the Dance Teachers Club of Boston, and has directed shows for children, working at Stonehill College's College Academy in the Actor's Workshop.

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Selectmen split on 'anti-train' letter

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Hingham and Scituate got half a loaf from Cohasset this week.

The boards of selectmen to Cohasset's north and south, signed a letter to the state secretary of environmental affairs which includes language that opposes the train, according to Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris.

"Our concerns about impacts of restoration on our citizens motivated us to join with the other communities. It was not Cohasset's position to oppose the whole project."
— Selectman Ronnie McMorris

The letter says the MBTA's analysis on restoration of the Greenbush Line is inadequate and asks state Secretary Trudy Coxe to require the MBTA prepare a revised environmental feasibility study on the project.

McMorris and her fellow selectman Diane Sullivan refused to sign the letter which contained references to the number of grade crossings and mentioned that other transportation options may now be feasible and should be looked at.

"I don't feel it's a letter I can

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Best school reuse a matter of opinion

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

There are no shortage of opinions on what should be done with the old Osgood School.

The Osgood Reuse Committee — appointed to come up with a recommendation to return the building to the tax rolls — favors selling the school to a for-profit company which will build 29 condos for senior citizens at the site.

The library trustees see the chance to turn the venerable old building into a new, expanded town library and to that end, are seeking money to enter into the design phase of their plan.

So while those two proposals will be before October's special town meeting as warrant articles (see related story) — there's bound to be considerable debate on town meeting floor if Tuesday was any indication.

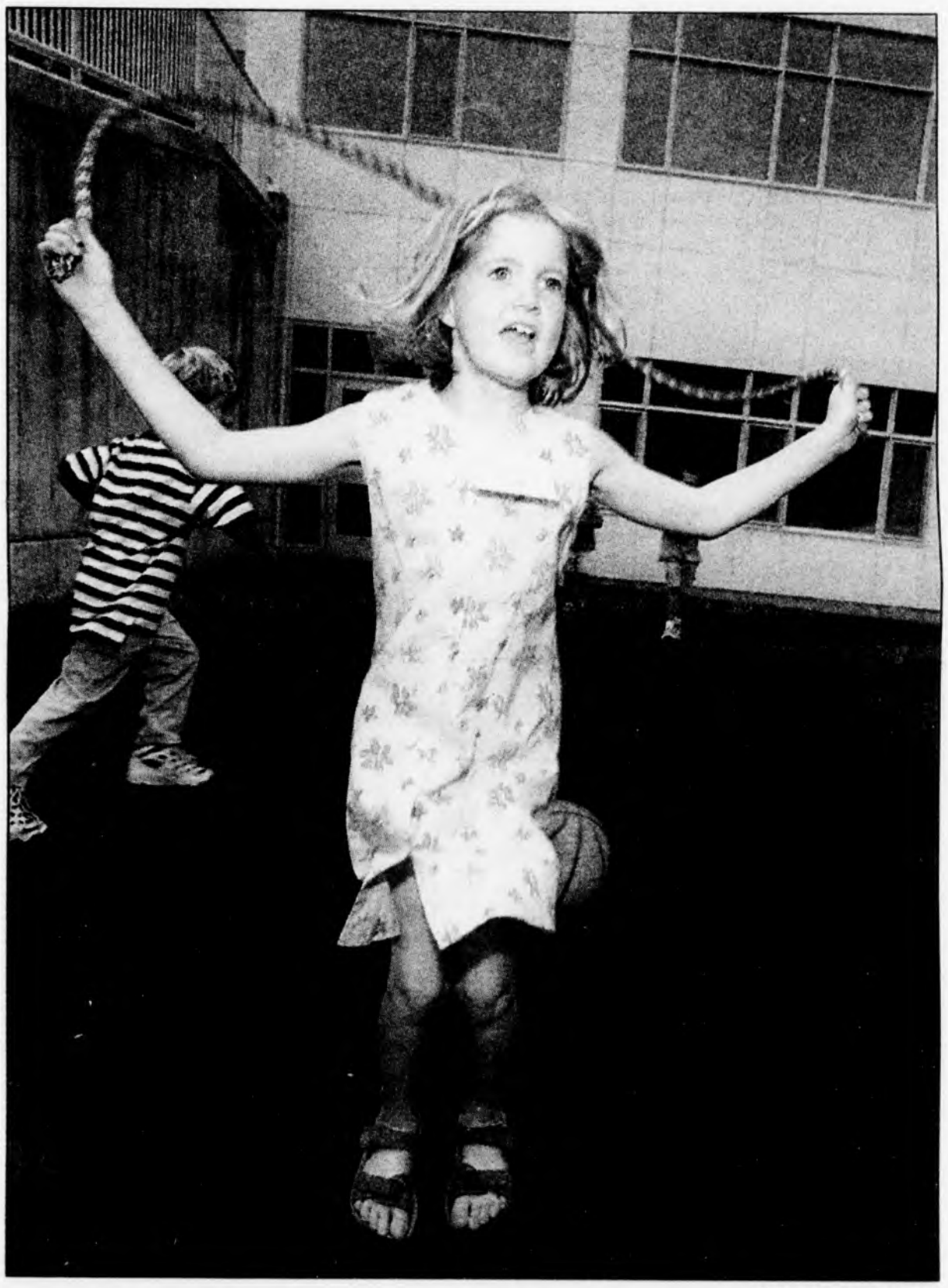
The only agreement in selectmen's chambers Tuesday night was that there is little agreement about what the future should hold for both Osgood and the existing 8,000 square foot Paul Pratt Library.

Pointing to a color photo of the Paul Pratt Library on the selectmen's office wall, Neil Glick, 7 Spring St., spoke passionately about keeping the library right where it is.

"It's a gem," he said about the 100-year-old building. "It is such a landmark both inside and outside."

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SCHOOL DAYS



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Second-grader Lauren Mack jumps rope during recess outside the new Osgood School.

Cable contract options aired

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

A representative from cable provider MediaOne met with town selectmen and Robert Hillman of the law firm Deutsch Williams which serves as town counsel, to assess the town's future needs for renewal of their 15-year cable license with that company.

Ten senior citizens of the town's elderly housing complex, Harborview, were on hand, as was school committee member Joseph McElroy, to discuss what services they would like to see MediaOne provide in their future contract with the town.

Cohasset signed a 15-year contract with American Cablevision which will come to an end some time next year. (MediaOne bought Continental Cablevision which bought American Cablevision, the original contract holder.)

Hillman explained to the dozen people in the audience that the federal government expects that towns will renew with the cable companies they've already signed on with although, he pointed out, other towns have engaged in some good-faith negotiation.

MediaOne manager of government affairs Lou Russo listened to McElroy's request for free Internet access, a modem, as well as a wide-area network to connect the schools to the town hall and library so that information could be shared more efficiently and with less cost for software.

Russo explained that putting in the fiber-optic wide-area network could be done but that its expense would have to be carried by the town.

Town manager Mark Haddad said that the board of selectmen would also like to have Internet access at town hall, as well as another camera in their room that could pan to audience members addressing board

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Homes publication debuts

Tips on the latest properties for sale, a comprehensive guide to open houses on the South Shore and a look at the latest trends in the real estate market are now within reach with the premier of South Shore Homes.

The publication, which debuts on Friday and will be available every Friday, is the latest project by Community Newspaper Company/South. It has been months in the planning stages and will be a comprehensive open house guide as well as the source for what's happening in the real estate market on the South Shore.

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Each week the publication will showcase hot properties on the market, new home construction projects, as well as complete real estate transactions from the South Shore.

"More than any other real estate publication, South Shore Homes should define and organize and report this growing market south of Boston," said Peter Vandevanter, vice president of Niche Publication for CNC. "It's in

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Cultural Council grants available

The Local Cultural Council of Cohasset, Sen. Robert Hedlund and Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, announce that $3,300 was recently made available to Cohasset from the Mass. Cultural Council in Boston to fund applications for community cultural programs and PASS grants. (PASS is a ticket subsidy program for school children).

Application forms are available at the Selectmen's office at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

Application deadline grant forms must be received by Thursday, Oct. 15, for Arts Lottery/Pass Grants 1999 cycle.

Mail or deliver completed applications in care of: Nancy Connolly, Chairperson, Cohasset Town Hall/Selectmen's Office.

For more information, call 383-9883 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Town meeting warrant

The warrant for the Oct. 26 special town meeting closed Sept. 22. Town Manager Mark Haddad informed all department heads that to submit their articles by the deadline. At the Sept. 14 selectmen's meeting, Haddad said that no citizen's articles had been submitted for the warrant, although selectmen have reserved a space for the group A Safer King Street (ASK). The group may submit an article asking residents to close part of King St. to public use except for emergency vehicles.

Dramatic club auditorium conflicts

The board of selectmen addressed a potential conflict over the use of the town hall auditorium by the Cohasset Drama Club at their Sept. 14 meeting. Town Manager Mark Haddad met with Recreation Commissioner John Worley and Jean Lagrotteria, who is the new youth program coordinator, to discuss the drama club's extensive use of the auditorium and conflicts that use has been creating with recreation programs. Selectmen Merle Brown pointed out that the drama club has used the auditorium for 90 years, although the members know that municipal uses take precedence over their practice sessions. Haddad pointed out that once the drama club announces a show, they cannot change the dates and must be allowed to use the auditorium on the scheduled dates. The selectmen finally suggested that Lagrotteria seek out other facilities, such as the community center and the Deer Hill gym, and that she plan recreation activities for the auditorium as early as possible to avoid conflicts.

James Lane litigation is in limbo

Town Manager Mark Haddad has said that he town cannot carry out the town meeting approved action on James Lane because of a lack of action by the court considering litigation to block the town's plans. Haddad said it is particularly frustrating because the court has refused to act or even schedule a hearing.

Move those floats

The selectmen are planning to tell the sailing club to permanently move its floats off the grass in front of the club by next spring. Peter Laugelle of 17 King St. complained that the sailing club has been improperly storing its floating docks on the grass for a decade. Selectmen Merle Brown said the club had promised to move the floats last year, but failed to do so because of a lack of money.

Training for liquor license holders

The selectmen are defying a ruling by the state ABCC that the town cannot force merchants to attend mandatory liquor license training. Town officials pointed out that other towns such as Brockton and Salem have mandatory training programs in place. The selectmen voted to implement the policy and see if the state challenges their decision.

Town counsel salary woes

Town counsel's request for a raise is a bit steep. That was the consensus of the selectmen at their Sept. 14 meeting when they discussed Town Counsel Paul DeRensis' request for a pay increase from $120 per hour to $140 per hour, and an annual budget of $140,000. Selectman Tom Callahan didn't like DeRensis' justification for the pay hike, which is that he received a pay raise in another town he covers, Nantucket. Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris wanted better information about what actions are covered by his contract, and which actions require a more expensive special counsel. Board members pointed out a recent conflict over how town counsel plans to staff the site assignment hearings for CHL and potential problems with his plan. The selectmen agreed to meet with DeRensis before the special town meeting to discuss the pay increase.

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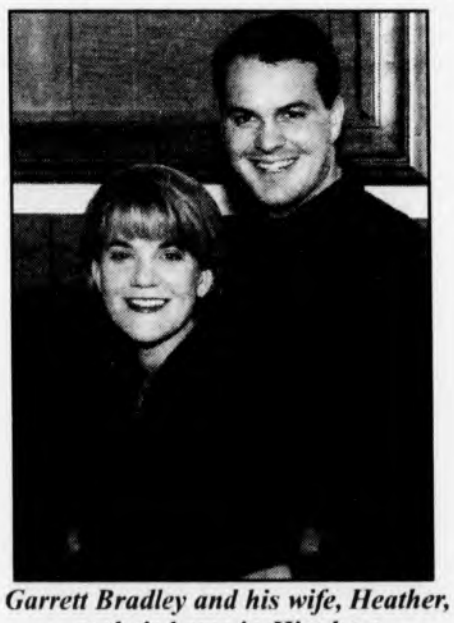
I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the Primary Election on Tuesday, September 15th. Everyone involved in the political process, from the voters to the volunteers and the candidates, made a positive contribution to our communities.

As we turn our attention to the General Election, I want voters to know that I believe my opponent, Mary Jeannette Murray, has served our district well. Her focus on constituent services is something I pledge to continue if elected as your State Representative. I promise to be a full-time Representative, and my first priority will be to help the residents of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset.

Unlike my opponent, however, I believe that a Representative can deliver excellent constituent services and at the same time be a strong advocate for our district on important issues like the education of our children, reducing the burden of taxes and water rates, and making our neighborhoods safer. A strong Representative can fight for our district at the State House on issues which impact all of us on a daily basis During the next six weeks, I hope to talk with you directly about these issues, and earn your vote on November 3rd.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 741-9998. Thank you.

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Garrett Bradley and his wife, Heather, at their home in Hingham

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A community shares its artistic wealth

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER



A pleasing landscape is visited in "South Orleans" by Ethel Baker Mayo

An astonishing array of artwork normally enjoyed in private homes will be on loan to the South Shore Art Center for its Sept. 25-27 Collectors' Choice: A Celebration of Hidden Treasures event this weekend.

More than 60 works by historic and contemporary artists such as Rembrandt, Chagall, Motherwell and deCorbusier will be on display.

"It's a very eclectic show," said Bustin. "We have an original print from John James Audubon's 'Birds of North America', an etching by Rembrandt which is in beautiful condition, and a Boccaccino Madonna and Child from 16th century Italy. What this is is an opportunity for people to see in person art works that they would ordinarily see in art history books or major museums from behind a velvet rope."

Part of the reason for the local wealth in art work can be traced to the greater Boston area's early championing of American impressionism so that families today enjoy generations-old pieces. "There are families that have been handed down coastal scenes by Frank Benson or family portraits by John Singer Sargent," said Bustin.

This is the third such event the center has held since 1992. Proceeds from the event go to support the center. The Collector's Choice committee organized dozens of volunteers for the affair. "It's such a major undertaking," said Bustin. "I don't think it's humanly possible to do something like this every year."



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Depiction of a family "Drifting" by Ture Bengtz

Those attending the event's premiere Friday night will enjoy cocktails at the center before moving on to a roast loin of pork with apple-bourbon sauce dinner at Peter and Leah Taylor Roy's oceanside home, "The Oaks," set out by The Catered Affair.

Two tents have been set up to accommodate the overflow of people who purchased the $85 tickets to enjoy a meal on the Roys' terrace overlooking the harbor.

"We were oversold and have a few disappointed people, I'm afraid," said Collector's Choice committee co-chair Eleanor Bleakie, who shares that position with Leah Taylor Roy. "It's a very popular event. I think we had 234 people respond but we had mentally planned to limit it to 180 people. We've stretched it as far as we can."

The black-tie, sit down dinner will be accompanied by a silent auction that will continue throughout the weekend, ending Sunday at 4 p.m. "Some of the very special donations we've received include weekends at ski lodges and weekends in Boston as well as a golf lesson at the Cohasset Golf Club, four tickets to Bruins games, a water color portrait of your home by local artist JoAnne Chittick and a catered dinner by the Borrowed Butler," she said.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, the Art Center's exhibit from will continue 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Collector's Choice will close after brunch on Sunday with a noontime concert with the Boston Trio made up of Boston Symphony Orchestra members. Violinist Lucia Lin, cellist Andrew Pearce and pianist Heng-Jin Park Ellsworth will perform works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Maurice Ravel, Charles Ives and Paul Schoenfield.

"We're making money for the art center and it's so wonderful that the community has responded so well," said chairman of special events committee Patsy Rabstejnek. "The exhibit will be a wonderful opportunity for people to see the beautiful artwork that's privately owned on the South Shore. We will, of course, have heavy security present during this time."

"It's a privilege to be involved in this," said Bustin. "It's a very eclectic show. Visitors will be going to a small but comprehensive museum with exquisite taste. It's a celebration of the arts."

To find out more about the Collector's Choice event or other offerings that the South Shore Art Center, visit their website at www.ssac.org or call (781) 383-ARTS



Urban art exemplified in "Saskia Down the Metro" by Red Grooms

Schools pursue handicap access bus

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Superintendent Dr. Edward "Ted" Malvey, who came on board this month, shared some information on the school bus handicap-access issue with school committee members for their consideration.

According to Malvey, a review of the proposed bus that would be converted for wheel-chair entry would require the removal of two rows of seats. "My only concern is the 'wiggle room' issue—How tight will the seating be?" he wondered.

The 70-plus seat bus being considered for handicap-access conversion is the fleet's largest bus and should therefore have extra room for student seating, explained school committee member Mark DeGiacomo.

One member of the audience at the school board meeting earlier this month asked about the possibility of leasing a handicap-access bus for the school system, rather than converting the school-owned 70-seater.

Though the idea seemed sensible to committee members, it was too late to put into motion since three buses have just been leased for the school's fleet which also includes school-owned buses.

"We've signed on the leased buses for this year," said DeGiacomo. "We may lease more next year, but that's not a done deal at this point."

Malvey told committee members that he would continue to research the subject and return to the committee with updated information on the issue for tonight's meeting.



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Selectmen split on 'anti-train' letter

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sign because it went into territory beyond what we agreed to," she said. "It asks the secretary (Coxe) to look at alternatives."

"What's wrong with that?" Selectman Merle Brown interjected.

"It's never been the position of the town to stop Greenbush and look at alternatives," McMorris said.

She was unable to persuade her board members to agree to send a separate letter with the "anti-train" language eliminated.

In July, selectmen agreed to work with Hingham and Scituate on issues that the three towns had in common regarding restoration of the Greenbush Line, the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad restoration project (the Middleboro and Plymouth lines are up and running). Those issues were noise, air pollution and vibration, selectmen said.

"Our concerns about impacts of restoration on our citizens motivated us to join with the other communities," McMorris said. "It was not the town of Cohasset's position at this point to oppose the whole project."

Concerned that Hingham and Scituate would not sign without the "anti-train" language, Selectman Nan Roth agreed the letter was beyond the scope but said she would sign it anyway to get all three towns on board with one letter.

"It will be more effective if three towns sign one letter, it will have more clout," she said.

Selectman Tom Callahan said the letter is not blatantly anti-train and didn't go far enough in his opinion.

Hingham's Greenbush coordinator Alexander Macmillan arrived later in the selectmen's meeting with the letter ready for Cohasset selectmen's signatures. Brown, Roth and Callahan signed but McMorris insisted that a notation be made that the board approved the letter in a 3-2 vote.

The notation prompted Macmillan to comment "that looks a little silly" and that it would have been better for Cohasset to send its own letter, he said.

Cohasset Mitigation Committee Chairman Tom Gruber pointed out that Coxe recently submitted her resignation and he is unsure what impact that will have on the environmental affairs office. Because the office is in limbo, it is unclear whether she will act on the letter, Gruber said.

e-mail the editor of the Cohasset Mariner at mford@cnc.com

St. Anthony parish picnic

St. Anthony Parish in Cohasset will hold a parish picnic at 2 p.m. on Oct. 4, on the grounds of the rectory at South Main Street. There will be food, music, games for the children, and fun for everyone. A dessert contest will be held for cakes, cookies and bars.

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Osgood committee endorses condo plan

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Town meeting voters will decide Oct. 26 if the old Joseph Osgood School will become a 29-condo home for the elderly, as recommended by the Osgood reuse committee, the town library's new domicile.

In a four-hour meeting Sept. 17, the Osgood reuse committee heard presentations from the library trustees, South Shore Housing Development Corp. of Kingston and Keen Development Corp. of Cambridge.

In a six-to-one vote, the committee decided to recommend Keen's proposal of 29 market rate condos. (South Shore Housing proffered 18 units with eight for affordable housing.)

"There has been a real ambivalence among committee members because we feel the library issue has to be addressed as well," said reuse committee chairman Chris Ford, who cast the dissenting vote. "I was more inclined to say, 'Let's put the library first and the housing second. We still are looking forward to the library coming forward to the town meeting and making their own proposal. A compromise could still be reached with new housing units and a library under one roof."

Keen's proposal won out over South Shore Housing's due to the prior company's experience with the conversion of classical old school buildings into condos.

According to town manager Mark Haddad, the town would receive a flat $800,000 from Keen, or $500,000 plus half the profits from the $195,000- to $265,000-range condos. That return could bring the town's earnings from the project to $1.1 million. The estimated annual tax revenue from the development would be $99,000. However, should Keen put in affordable housing units, the amount offered for the property and the tax revenue would be reduced.

A $2.3 million plan to install the town library at the old Osgood, as proposed by library trustee Patience Towle, was also heard by committee members.

"The old Osgood's left wing, added on in 1954, would be demolished. Its central section of the main floor would offer 14,000 square feet, all on one floor, which would be handicap accessible to make room for parking. The rear wing of the former school building could be leased and a section of the property toward the back could be sold as a house lot," she said.

Towle pointed out that the Paul Pratt Memorial Library building, which is appraised at $700,000, could be converted to condo and office space netting about $20,000 in annual tax revenues. A revamped library could also qualify for 40 percent state reimbursement.

In all, Towle noted that the net cost of a new library would come to $751,000. Towle explained that her proposal for the old school would cost $675,000 less than building a new structure on the site. Not only would it cost less than the estimated $3 million to construct a new building, but the library would also benefit from the architecturally pleasing structure.

"Lynn Durkin of Sand Castle Day Care is very interested in the 1929 wing in the back of the old Osgood for her clients," said Towle. "We think that would be a very compatible community service; the library for all and the day care for small children. This plan also sets up well in terms of parking. And it would offset the tax revenue that would be produced by the development."

As things stand now, the Paul Pratt Library is a packed 8,000 square foot building in need of almost twice its current space. The three floors of the building are laid out in such a way, with the basement area and uppermost floor at opposite sides of the building, that an elevator or ramp for handicap-access is not possible without incurring substantial construction costs. The horseshoe shaped drive offers only seven parking spaces though it sometimes spills out to 11, Towle said.

Osgood reu. But reuse committee members felt that a dual endorsement would be confusing

"For a while se committee member Kathy O'Malley suggested that the committee endorse the library, too there, it seemed that the committee wasn't sure which way to go," said Haddad.

Both corporations had come up with some last-minute ideas on how to incorporate a library into their elderly housing plans. Keen proposed a 7,000 square foot lot for the new library. "That would mean that we would have to build a two-floor structure," explained Towle. "That translates to higher staffing costs to man the two levels. It also means that space will be lost for the elevator and staircases we'll need. It also makes it more difficult for people with certain disabilities to get around the building."

Perhaps the greatest concern for the library trustees at this time is that they are not handicap accessible. "We cannot continue to serve the community in violation of a law that allows access to all," said Towle.

South Shore Housing proposed putting the library at the front of the building and installing villa-style elderly housing in the back in the 1929 wing. However, committee members were concerned that that would be too much activity on the three-acre site since the lot is zoned as a residential area.

"The South Shore company was willing to put in low cost housing with their regular condos, as well as incorporate the library into the building," said Ford. "Had we come back with a proposal for 14 units, that could have worked."

According to Ford, there is a school of thought that you have to maximize the dollar return aside from the community needs. "Revenue, elderly housing and a handicap accessible, computer-ready and spacious library were the issues discussed," said Ford. "We did address the first, but the other two have not really been responded to at all. At the end of the meeting, I said to three of the members who felt strongly about low-cost housing, 'You didn't get what you wanted,' and I know that they were frustrated, too."

What Ford envisions as a best-case scenario for the old Osgood is 12 to 14 units of attractive affordable housing for the elderly lining the back of the building. "It's a lovely mix, the elderly and libraries. If we move in that direction, it won't put as much money in the tax kitty tomorrow, but over the long term it will service us better for the future."

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Best school reuse a matter of opinion

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Glick said it should be preserved as a public building even though keeping the library there has its problems.

"It may be hard to make that building work for our future needs, but it's worth it," he said.

Herb Towle, 263 King St., said the old Osgood school would make a great town hall and suggested the existing town hall be sold for elderly housing.

"(Osgood) would give a far greater area for town activities to be separated into departments in ample space on a level floor area," he said. "In the event that the nearest end of the building is to be unused, save that space for a future kindergarten, when as surely will happen, the schools are again overcrowded."

Selectman Diane Sullivan questioned the Osgood committee's choice of a for-profit company, Keen Development Corporation of Cambridge, to develop the site for housing for the elderly.

She wondered why the committee didn't support the plan from the non-profit South Shore Housing Development Corporation of Kingston, which proposed 30 percent of its 26 condos be sold for about $75,000 each with the remaining units selling at market with a preference for Cohasset residents.

She was concerned about condominium fees and the proposed selling price of the Keen condos — which range in size from 750 to 1,100 square feet and in price from $195,000 for a one bedroom to $265,000 for a two bedroom unit.

"Keen's proposal may be good," Sullivan said. "But South Shore Housing's proposal gives us something our seniors can afford to pay for."

But Osgood Committee members said Keen's proposal — which could include a component for moderately-priced housing if the town chooses — brings the most money back to the town.

Keen offers $800,000 for the building while South Shore Housing's plan was to buy the building for $100,000 with a share of the profits coming back to the town adding up to a total of about $250,000.

Selectmen seemed to agree that carving off a building lot a the lower end of the school grounds along Sohier Street would be prudent so the land could be used for a possible new library building. Keen presented a rough rendering showing a two-story library on a 7,000 square foot footprint with about 20-22 parking spaces.

However, the trustees were cool to that idea. They need 14,000 square feet —preferably on one floor.

Trustees favor selling the Paul Pratt Library to offset the cost of renovating the Osgood School into a new library. They say the rear wing of the school building can be leased and have had informal talks with a day-care center interested in the site.

"Nothing we have heard tonight would make us give up our position about reuse of the old Osgood School," said Patience Towle, trustees' chairman.

Selectman Tom Callahan said he agreed the library needs more space but hoped trustees would agree to compromise and build a new structure rather than hold out for the Osgood School.

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Officials pursue 30-year sewer funding

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Financing Cohasset's massive sewer projects is a daunting task for town officials, rate payers and taxpayers. Any plan that can help the town pay to sewer north and central Cohasset is welcome. One of the latest plans involves a pilot program by the state to fund certain wastewater projects over a 30-year period rather than the more traditional 20 years. The long-term implications for the town mean lower annual debt payments. But it also means the town will take on more debt than if it borrows over a 20-year period because of the additional decade of interest associated with a 30-year loan. Essentially, a 30 year loan will cost more over the long term than a 20-year loan.

In a letter to the town, Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner David Struhs warns the town of the implications of taking on 30-year debt.

"Communities should be aware that while the annual debt service payments will decline with 30-year financing, the aggregate debt service associated with that borrowing will exceed the standard 20-year financing," Struhs said. "While 30-year financing may make sense from a wastewater rate management perspective, communities should consider the impact of increasing their debt burden on their municipal credit ratings."

"Massachusetts is the first state to implement 30-year financing, but there are some problems. They don't know specifically what they are going to be able to do. We submitted our forms by the Sept. 15 deadline, and by doing that we are telling them that we want to have that option available if and when it becomes available."
Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild

Despite the potential problems outlined by Struhs, town officials want to have the 30-year option available. Sewer Commissioner Ted Guild said his board has submitted the town's sewer projects for 30-year financing.

"The sewer commission is following up on the 30-year financing," Guild said. "Massachusetts is the first state to implement 30-year financing, but there are some problems. They don't know specifically what they are going to be able to do. We submitted our forms by the Sept. 15 deadline, and by doing that we are telling them that we want to have that option available if and when it becomes available."

Treasurer/Collector Joe Buckley confirmed that he has also been looking into the program, but there are some big problems at this time.

"The state told us that if we go with the 30-year option, the last 10 years could be at the regular interest rate instead of the reduced rate given for the first 20 years," Buckley said. "We have filed an application, but we need more information."

State officials also informed Buckley that they would not be prepared to issue a 30-year bond until sometime next spring. Struhs said the program is contingent on enough communities expressing interest and favorable market conditions.

The pilot program is a joint effort by DEP and the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to offer 30-year funding for projects designed to last 30 years or longer. Eligible projects include landfill caps, major pumping stations, combined sewer overflow controls and collection systems.

Household hazardous waste day

The Town of Cohasset will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the parking lot of the new town Department of Public Works (DPW) garage on Cedar Street.

While the event is primarily for Cohasset residents, it is also open to resident of other South Shore towns who get a "Reciprocity Letter" in advance from their local board of health or department of public works and are in towns that are members of the South Shore which are: Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Scituate and Weymouth.

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Parking fines going up

Parking fines at Sandy Beach are being increased from $15 to $25 as soon as the town posts the appropriate signs. Police Chief Brian Noonan informed selectmen that the parking fines should remain the same at all other locations.

Items needed for yard sale

The Harbor View Tenants Association, 60 Elm St., will hold a yard-bake sale and raffle Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to benefit the Tenants Activity Fund.

Contributions of clothing, linens, furniture, books, odds and ends are needed.

Drop off items at 60 Elm St. Thursday, Oct. 8, from 1 to 5 p.m.

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Favorite movie: "Homeward Bound."

Favorite book: "The Native Speaker."

Favorite junk food: Barbecue potato chips.

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October flu clinics planned

The Cohasset Board of Health and the Social Service League announce the October Flu Clinics:

It's time to "winterize and immunize!" The best way to protect yourself from the flu is a yearly flu shot. Who should get a flu shot?

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People who live with or take care of someone who is at risk of getting the flu (health care workers, primary care givers, etc.)

Anyone wanting extra protection during the winter months from the current flu strains.

There will be two flu clinics for seniors:

1. Tuesday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset.

2. Friday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to noon at Harborview, 60 Elm St., Cohasset.

Community flu clinics for all Cohasset residents:

1. Saturday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

2. Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

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DEAN'S LIST

Word from Bowdoin College is that four Cohasset students were named to the dean's list on the basis of their scholastic achievements during the spring semester of the 1997-98 academic year! Congratulations go to **Geoffrey D. Chamberlain, Johanna R. Horn** (with honors), **William T. Horn**, and **Christopher M. Kondrat**!

BEETLES DANCE CONTEST

The Second Congregational Church is planning an event that you won't want to miss; Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m., they will be holding a Beetles Dance Concert — no, not the English Beatles group, the Cambridge, Mass., group. And, it is to be an evening of fun that will appeal to all ages! Dancing to the Beetle's tunes, singing along, just watching — whatever you want to do! They would love it to be a community event, promise it will appeal to all, and want YOU to have fun. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for children. Refreshments will be provided. So, mark the date right now, that way you won't forget!

VOLUNTEER BRUNCH

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, the Cohasset Consignment Shop held a brunch to honor volunteers. Manager of the Shop, **Andy Merrill,** noted that the shop, established in 1953, is a non-profit organization, staffed by volunteers, with all proceeds going to the myriad of projects sponsored by the Social Service Leagues of the South Shore. The shop is located at Shaw's Plaza, Route 3A, and consignments are accepted Monday through Friday, and is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Items currently at the shop not to miss are men and women's sweaters and blouses from Talbots, Evan Picone, Brooks Brothers, as well as English Meakin China (1890-1910), handpainted Chinese prints with bamboo frames, glass beads, fall wreaths and a great selection of suits and after-five dresses. GO NOW!

SEMESTER IN MEXICO

Russell B. MacPherson Jr., a first-year student at Colby College, is spending the fall semester in Mexico, in the Colby in Cuernavaca program. MacPherson, a graduate of Noble and Greenough School, is the son of **Russell** and **Susan MacPherson** of Cohasset. Colby in Cuernavaca is a language-immersion program that includes courses on Mexican history and culture at the Center for Bilingual Multicultural Studies. Russell will return to the U.S. in January and will start the month on an orientation trip with other students returning from Colby programs in Cuernavaca, London and Dijon, France.

NEW ARRIVAL

Remember last summer when we told you about **George** and **Judy Fortin** and how excited they were about the impending birth of their first grandchild? Well, he's here! His name is **Christopher Joseph Shanks**, he was born Aug. 18 at 4:59 a.m. Christopher weighed in at 8 lbs. 12-1/2 oz. and was 21-1/2 inches long. His Mom, **Janice**, and Dad, **George**, are thrilled beyond words naturally; we don't think that George and Judy are out of the clouds yet! Christopher's other maternal grandparent is **Donald Weaver,** his paternal grandparents are **Edith** and **George Shanks Jr.**; need we tell you that they are beside themselves with joy too?! Congratulations to all of you, give that baby tons of hugs and kisses from all of us!

BLUE RIBBON SHOW

The South Shore Art Center is holding its Blue Ribbon Members Show Oct. 2 to Nov. 8. All members, including children and teens, are invited to submit one work to this annual members' show. Work may be dropped off Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; or Tuesday, Sept. 29, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. A $10 non-refundable fee per entry is payable upon delivery of the artwork. Works must be securely framed and wired, ready for hanging. No framing by clamped glass will be accepted. Two-dimensional work, not intended to be framed, must also be ready to hang. Sculpture and three-dimensional entries must be accompanied by a sturdy pedestal. The opening reception will be Oct. 2, from 6 to 8 p.m.

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LIBRARY CORNER

New artist at the Paul Pratt

The current artist on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library is Carol Carney, a watercolorist from Scituate. Her paintings are in numerous private collections across the country and she has frequent exhibits in the North & South Shore areas. Ms. Carney is a graduate of Massachusetts College of Art and has taught for several years in public and private schools.

Available for purchase are a variety of original watercolor paintings that reflect the Boston and surrounding areas from the "Hatch Shell" to the busy beach scenes of the South Shore. Commissioned work can be arranged and viewed at the artist's studio by appointment. Call Carol Carney at (781) 545-4791. This art exhibit will be on view until the end of September.

Library feasibility study

A public meeting will be held at Cohasset High School at 7 p.m. Oct. 17 to discuss proposals for reuse of the old Osgood School. All Cohasset residents are encouraged to attend.

The Cohasset Public Library Feasibility Study prepared by Stahl Associates, Architects, has been completed. Their conclusion for best site for the library is the old Osgood School. This decision is based on site options, structural considerations and budget constraints.

The floor plan is designed to optimize staffing on the first level in a total of 14,000 square feet. The renovations would include a small meeting room for approximately 50 people, separate story hour/craft room for the children's programs, quiet study rooms and a section for young adults.

Memorial for shipwreck victims

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Father John Murphy Plymouth Division No. 9, will hold a memorial Mass Sunday, Oct. 4, at St. Anthony's Church on South Main Street in Cohasset. The Mass will commemorate the shipwreck of the Brig St. John which took place Oct. 6, 1849. This shipwreck resulted in the loss of 99 lives of emigrants who were fleeing the Great Hunger in Ireland.

After the 1 p.m. Mass, there will be a reception at the Cohasset Community Center, where the principal speaker will be Peter Stevens, a regular contributor to the "Boston Irish Reporter," as well as a gentleman who has written several books about New England and Irish American history. Coffee and light refreshments will be available.

After the community center they will go to the Cohasset Cemetery where a wreath will be left and final prayers will be said in memory of the victims of this tragedy. Everyone is invited to attend. Anyone wishing more information, may call John Sullivan at (781) 545-1144.

Fall means apples, lots of them!

MAY I PRESENT

SALLYANN CHATTERTON



Fall means apples, lots and lots of apples! Thanks to John Chapman (better known as Johnny Appleseed) who wandered over the countryside with bags of appleseeds for 40 years, apples are everywhere! You can buy them, pick them — either way, apples have fine keeping qualities, so stock up. Here is an example of what you can prepare using fresh apples; and the ever-popular pork loin roast.

PORK ROAST WITH APPLE TOPPING

1 boneless pork loin roast (3 to 3-1/2 pounds), trimmed
1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1 jar (10 ounces) apple jelly
1 cup apple juice
1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
1 cup chopped peeled tart fresh apples
3 tablespoons chopped fresh or dried cranberries
5 teaspoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons water

Place roast on a rack in a shallow roasting pan and rub with the poultry seasoning. Bake, uncovered, at 325 degrees for 2-1/2 hours or until a meat thermometer reads 160-170.

For topping, combine the apple jelly, juice and cardamom in a saucepan. Cook and stir over low heat until smooth. Add apples and cranberries; cook until tender, about 5 to 10 minutes.

Combine cornstarch and water; stir into apple mixture. Bring to a boil. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened, about 1 to 2 minutes. Remove roast from oven and let it stand for 10 minutes before slicing. Serve with the apple topping. This should serve eight people, with about two cups topping. Be sure to have plenty, it goes fast!

Sallyann Chatterton
383-0560

Church hosts Harvest Supper

A Harvest Supper will be held at Cohasset's Beechwood Congregational Church Thursday, Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m. Ham, green beans, Harvard beets, coleslaw and potatoes will be served. Following dessert, items harvested from local gardens will be sold to benefit the church. Dinner is $6.99 for adults and $3.50 for children. Seats must be reserved by calling (781) 383-9131.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Words matter

Anyone who has been watching the Clinton debacle knows how important language is. Words and phrases should be chosen carefully especially when they are going to be subject to interpretation in an important matter.

So we must agree with Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris about the "anti-train" letter that Cohasset has now gotten on board with along with their counterparts in Hingham and Scituate.

She rightly points out that when the town of Cohasset signs onto the letter, it is very significant because up until this point, Cohasset has not taken a stand against the train.

Mrs. McMorris and her fellow selectman, Diane Sullivan, refused to sign the letter reprinted on this page, which the full boards of selectmen in our adjacent towns to the north and south had already added their signatures to.

We think they were right not to participate in this thinly veiled attempt to derail Greenbush.

Interestingly, we're not sure where Mrs. McMorris or Mrs. Sullivan stand on the train issue.

They may be for the train although after dozens of meetings, we can't recall them ever expressing their personal opinion on the issue. We respect the fact they try to deal with issues relating to restoration of the Greenbush line without getting sidetracked in emotional debate.

We know that both selectmen Tom Callahan and Merle Brown are vehemently opposed to the train because they often interject that opinion into train-related discussions. Mr. Brown had no problem with the letter while Mr. Callahan said it didn't go far enough in relating concerns about the MBTA's environmental feasibility studies.

We're disappointed that Selectman Nan Roth, who represented the swing vote, opted to sign even though she disagreed with the language.

The letter subtly touts the town of Hingham's official stance that "other transportation modes" haven't been studied enough and clearly goes beyond the scope of why Cohasset joined forces with Hingham and Scituate in the first place.

The letter undermines what could have been a united front to make real progress on the issues of noise, vibration and air pollution — common concerns we all share.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that Hingham reportedly would not sign a version of the letter, supported by Mrs. McMorris, with the phrases about train alternatives and numbers of grade crossings eliminated. After all, Hingham is embroiled in a lawsuit with the MBTA, the ultimate goal of which is to kill the project.

Sadly, Cohasset's been drawn down the slippery slope of proposing the state "study more transportation alternatives" which is just another way of saying "stop the train."

Mary Ford
Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boards join forces in train letter

DEAR SECRETARY COXE:

The Boards of Selectmen from the towns of Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate are joining to write this letter to you regarding the inadequacy of the MBTA's environmental analysis for proposed transportation improvements in the Greenbush corridor.

Our Boards met together for the first time in July of 1998 to review mutual experiences in dealing with the MBTA and our growing independent concerns about the potential adverse impacts of this project on our communities.

We have concluded that the MBTA's Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report contains serious unresolved conflicts between the data and conclusions. Each town, independently, either by itself or with outside engineering and technical assistance, reviewed the MBTA's SDEIR and subsequent reports, comparing that data with other readily available information.

Many unresolved conflicts were found. These conflicts relate to items such as the MBTA's analysis of air pollution, noise and vibration associated with the rail alternative, and safety issues related to 43 grade crossings in 17 miles.

These concerns, and others, have been echoed by various state and federal agencies which have also questioned MBTA ridership assumptions as well as the accuracy and completeness of studies designed to gauge the potential impact of rail on wetlands and abutting neighborhoods.

These conflicts are particularly troubling in light of specific charges you made to the MBTA in your Certificate dated June 1, 1995. Without good data, there is no way that either we or the MBTA can properly evaluate the impacts of the proposed project, or of any project alternatives, on our communities.

Since the original SDEIR was produced nearly five years ago, the body of technical knowledge, on which the MBTA's analyses are based, has changed: Federal agencies have adopted, or are considering the adoption of, new regulations to deal with train-related safety and health issues, including diesel emissions; other transportation modes may now be feasible; and user demographics and habits have changed.

It is our joint opinion that the conflicting analyses and data, along with the import of new developments, MUST be resolved before we can determine impacts that rail restoration will have on our coastal towns, or whether less intrusive alternatives exist. We urge you to require the preparation of timely and accurate revised supplemental EIR data as expeditiously as possible, and to conduct a public scoping session before any new studies are undertaken.

Respectfully yours,
The Boards of Selectmen of
Cohasset, Hingham and Scituate

A tad of justice, please

TO THE EDITOR:

I have just finished watching the evening McNeil-Lehrer Report, which featured President Clinton's meeting with President Yeltsin. I feel like a voice crying in the wilderness which probably makes no difference at all . . . Who cares? I wonder if anyone agrees with me? I'd love to know.

While not condoning Mr. Clinton for making stupid mistakes, for being a philanderer and a liar, I feel an overwhelming shove to come to his aid and give him credit, at least for being one of the most patient men I can imagine.

To see him on the platform in Russia with Mr. Yeltsin on that momentous occasion, being ridiculed and embarrassed before the whole world by the American press, made me sick.

Their questions re: Lewinsky were so inappropriate, so disgusting, so debasing and so damaging, that one wonders if the Americans who asked them were Russian Communist spies determined to defeat America's efforts to accomplish some good for the Russian people! Whose side are they on, anyway?

No wonder the rest of the world laughs at us! I think much of the blame for America's disgrace lies with our reporters as with Mr. Clinton. They have mercilessly, doggedly badgered his unfortunate personal misdemeanors from the very beginning, back to the Paula Jones issue and right on, no holds on anything that would downgrade him as our President. They haven't bombed the White House yet, but they sure have bombed the hell out of American public opinion.

It is ludicrous when one considers

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FROM THE D&A COMMITTEE

Substance abuse - a very real threat against kids

By Pat Martin
FOR THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMITTEE

All parents can agree on one thing and that is that parenting an adolescent can be very challenging at times. It is made even more difficult when parents must confront outside influences that threaten to harm the healthy development of their children. None of these threats are more potentially dangerous to the well-being of a child than drugs and alcohol.

The use of alcohol and drugs by adolescents is harmful for many reasons. It damages the body as well as the psychological development of the child and puts the child's future at risk as well. Substance use is also directly linked to many high risk behaviors that put children in harm's way. Alcohol is involved in 40 percent of all teen suicides, 40 percent of adolescent drownings and continues to be the number one killer of teens in alcohol-related highway deaths.

Believe it or not, all children are at risk of possible future substance abuse. This is true, regardless of where they live, to which race or socio-economic class they belong, or how educated they have become.

How can this be true? The answer lies in the fact that the greatest risk factors involved in determining future substance abuse are universal to us all and in most cases inescapable.

In several articles to follow in the months ahead, writing on behalf of the Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee, I will detail risk factors for substance abuse and offer parents insight into how they can effectively combat their child's individual risk. You will want to read these columns and make use of this helpful and crucial information.

The assessors speak out about revaluation

By James Lagrotteria
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Your Board of Assessors has decided to write this article in hopes that it will help clarify the mystery surrounding revaluation of your property. Because of the complexity of the subject, we have decided to write this in two parts. This being the first part; it will cover the process of revaluation and the value of your home in the marketplace. The second part will deal with the assessment of your home and how property sales effect your valuation. It is the hope of the Board of Assessors that this article will inform you of the revaluation need and its process. As always, we are available to answer any and all questions should you not understand this process.

To begin with, a revaluation is an update of all assessments in the town conducted under the direction of the Board of Assessors. The Board of Assessors are state-certified individuals whose duties are to discover, list and value all real and personal property in the town, in a uniform and equitable manner. The Board of Assessors are not involved in the collection of property taxes.

Under Proposition 2-1/2, state law requires that all property in the town be assessed within 10 percent of market value every three years. A revaluation is the most equitable way to accomplish this. Most likely in any three year period property values will change. However, not all property values will change at the same rate. Market value will have increased more for some neighborhoods and property types than for others. Some neighborhoods and property types may have decreased in value and others may have remained the same. One purpose of a revaluation is to make sure that assessed values reflect the changes that have occurred in property values in the current marketplace.

Members of the Assessors staff do the revaluation. They have many years of experience in property assessment and are familiar with the marketplace in town. From time to time, it may be necessary to hire some outside help due to limited staffing; as we currently do to help us with our commercial valuations.

The revaluation began Jan. 2 and we expect to complete the work by the middle of September. The resulting values will be for fiscal 1999. These assessments will be the basis for the tax bill which will be mailed in December 1998.

To make a proper assessment on a building, it is desirable that an assessor see the inside as well as the outside of the property. The law requires that property be valued from an actual view or the best information available. We will be performing a data quality control study on our existing information. If we are unable to enter your property, we will still review your assessment based on existing records and sales of properties similar to yours.

Not only will sales of similar properties on your home be used in the revaluation, many other factors come into play as well. Improvements to your property that increase the market value of your property, will also increase your assessment. Such as added rooms or garage, substantial modernization of kitchen or baths, the addition of central air-conditioning, fireplace or extensive remodeling. The construction cost of a new home is only one element considered when valuing a property for the first time as that cost may or may not reflect the current market value of your property. Normal maintenance will help retain the market value of your property, but will not affect your assessment.

HEALTH NOTES

A newsletter created by a volunteer staff issued periodically by the Board of Health.

Wastewater Workshop

About 60 people attended the wastewater Workshop at the High School last Wednesday. They learned much about the workings of the various methods of treatment of wastewater and the best way to contain the ever increasing costs of dealing with our growing septic waste problems in town. Several pending Health Board activities were discussed, and the experts offered a number of solutions to the problems that surfaced.

A great deal of time was spent in discussing the high cost of repairs and upgrades to current systems. In many cases the experts pointed to joint, combined or shared systems as the most cost effective solution. In addition, the use of high tech sewers leading, not to a central treatment plant, but to local treatment facilities was cited as being highly cost effective, sometimes reducing the costs of treatment by more than 50%.

John Higgins, of the DEP suggested that an entirely new approach was possible with wastewater districts using the utility approach, where an organization would make repairs and do maintenance and upgrades as necessary and charge the homeowners a fixed monthly rate which represents prorated costs.



The Watershed

The biggest source of water pollution in Massachusetts is not from septic systems or industrial waste, but contaminated stormwater runoff from roads, driveways, and parking lots. The problem has gotten worse in the past 20 years as developers have paved over more green.

The Massachusetts Watershed Initiative is a new program to deal with water runoff pollution. Cohasset is in the South Coastal Watershed. Since our drinking water comes from ponds in this watershed, we have only as much drinking water as we can keep safe from harmful runoffs.

Lilly Pond is particularly susceptible to damage from untreated runoff. We are only now beginning to think about sewering the houses surrounding Lilly Pond, but more important, is the need to protect Lilly Pond from runoff from our roads and highways. The Mass DPW is already helping to clean up the problem of salt intrusion into our watershed, but if we had an oil spill at 3A between Forest Avenue and Pond Street, the contamination would be in Lilly Pond within an hour.

The town needs to consider an emergency response to accidental pollution and spills, but in many ways you can help. Ensure that you or your gardener doesn't over-fertilize, and never pour oil, pesticides or other petroleum products into the ground. Take them to Cedar street for proper disposal.

Massachusetts, with one of the best environmental programs in the country is not keeping ahead of the pollution. We need to do more.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bus fleet is train alternative

TO THE EDITOR:

Many statements have been made objecting to the proposed Greenbush line's expense, impracticality and hazard. But the alternatives are usually given as commuter boats and — vaguely — buses. This letter addresses a specific alternative.

The present bus connection (No. 220) from Quincy Center Red Line station to Hingham depot should be extended, with the present time schedule, to Greenbush, with the following modifications:

1. A fleet of mini-buses, like those used by the MBTA for The Ride, should replace the large buses in the present service.

2. The buses should run express from Sea Street in Weymouth to Quincy Station.

3. The buses should follow Country Way in Scituate and Main Street in Cohasset to King Street, then left to Route 3A to Hingham depot.

4. The buses should be routed to stop at the commuter boat facility in Hingham.

Right now, the bus trip to Quincy takes about as long as the automobile trip during commuter hours, but this time can be shortened with the use of more efficient vehicles.

John Hovorka
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Testosterone levels in the White House

"If this is going to be the standard (for ousting politicians)," observed New York's Congressman John Conyers the other day, "we may not have a quorum when it comes time to vote."

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



The comment from a member of the House Judiciary Committee came as three members of Congress fell all over themselves to confess to sexual affairs before they were announced on the Internet or in a national magazine.

Illinois Republican Congressman Henry Hyde called his dalliance with Cherie Snodgrass, wife of a furniture saleman, "a youthful indiscretion," that ended in 1969 when he was an immature 45-year-old congressman.

Congressman Dan Burton, the Indiana Republican, heard the magazine "Vanity Fair" was working on the story, quickly 'fessed up' that he not only had an affair with a lady who was not his wife but had a son to prove it.

And then there was Congresswoman Helen Chenoweth of Idaho . . . and we haven't even heard from Ted Kennedy yet!

These are the people who will sit in judgment of whether or not to impeach Bill Clinton for what he did to Monica, although there is not a little evidence to show that she was a willing and eager participant.

"There aren't many people with an ounce of testosterone in them who've had the unblemished record that our fifth grade nuns would have wished for us," said Congressman James Moran, a Virginia Democrat, surveying his fellow House members.

It's been that way since the founding of the republic, although it's hard to get the goods on the earliest day practitioners since there were no websites on the Internet or National Enquirers around to record their peccadilloes.

Grover Cleveland ran successfully for president in spite of the chants, "Ma, ma, where's my pa? Gone to the White House, ha, ha, ha!" in recollection of the fact that the unmarried Cleveland fathered a child that may or may not have been his when he was sheriff of Erie County, New York.

John Adams, the deacon's son and least likely to sew wild oats, wrote in his biography, "I was of an amorous disposition and very early from 10 or 11 years, was very fond of the society of females," but if he ever put his words into action there was no Ken Starr around to dig it out for us.

When he was minister to France, Thomas Jefferson found time for a roll in the hay with an artist, Maria Coway, and when he was president, Jefferson was carrying on what became a 38-year relationship and had several children with a slave girl named Sally Hemmings.

To make matters more lurid, Sally was the daughter of John Wayles, who was also the father of Jefferson's real wife, Martha, which made Sally and Martha half-sisters. Think of what the Internet or the National Enquirer - or even the New York Times - could have done with that one!

On the eve of the 1920 presidential campaign, the Republican National Committee discovered that the 15-year relationship between their candidate, Warren Harding, and Mrs. Carrie Phillips was not exactly platonic and it cost them more than $20,000 to send her and her husband on a slow boat to Japan during the campaign.

That evidently did nothing to lower the Harding testosterone level for the next thing the RNC knew the president was getting a secretarial job for a young girl named Nan Britton and she was showing her gratitude in a hotel room in lower Manhattan.

And then there was Jack Kennedy . . . but enough of that. I've got to take a cold shower.

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the moral escapades of foreign leaders around the world. Take a recall on the dignified British Throne for the past few centuries. The Kings even murdered their wives for their mistresses and nobody seemed to complain enough to dethrone them. Loose living has been the norm in almost all of Europe, to say nothing of the Eastern nations.

In our own little Washington world we wonder how many Senators, Congressmen and newsmen who stand with stones in hand, are innocent enough to cast the first one. Cast them, they do, innocent or not.

One commentator on the broadcast mentioned Franklin Roosevelt and his success as a leader during the last war. Fortunately for him, the press didn't lambaste him publicly for his mistress of years. They kept it a secret. The Kennedy boys managed unscathed to enjoy their wild parties and shoddy indiscretions. Their characters were never held up to public scrutiny by the unrelenting press — until it was all over.

I wouldn't blame Bill for crying "Give me a break." If I had to endure the undignified questions reporters asked at important meetings with foreign dignitaries, including England's Mr. Blair, I would have long since blown my top at their audacity and gross insults.

To batter our President at the Russian Conference in front of the Russian Government . . . a conference called to discuss probably one of the most seriously dangerous situations in history, one has to be nothing less than a fool. How small, how unsophisticated can you be? Sad to say, it makes America itself look foolish. What happened to our dignity and our intellectual prowess? I would have been proud of Bill Clinton if he had shown the guts to stand on his feet and answer the reporters: "Madam and Sir, I find your questions totally inappropriate with no relevance whatever to this meeting. I have no intentions of honoring them with an answer other than this."

There are really no excuses for Clinton's coarse mistakes, nor any excuses for such shameful behavior on the part of the reporters. Too much power and abuse of our treasure, the free press, is bad news, indeed.

At least, Bill made an attempt to admit his mistakes, even though tainted with a bit of scapegoating. Can't we be magnanimous enough to give him credit for that and super control of his temper?

H. W. Eckel
46 Gammons Rd.

Cohasset does need more senior housing

TO THE EDITOR:

I do not want to enter into the discussion of what is the greatest need, library or senior housing. However, I do want to point out why we need housing.

Those of us who graduated from the armed services after World War II, grew up during the depression. To be able to go to the Five & Ten to buy a cement on rubber sole for the holes in our shoes, that was a luxury. So we grabbed at the opportunity to have an education. We were married or soon got married, had kids, bought a nice home in towns like Cohasset. We wanted our kids to have everything we did not have growing up and we wanted them to have a good education.

We did pretty much of the above even though we did not make the big money that has been available lately. Sure some, like attorneys and doctors, made the big bucks but even they had trouble accumulating assets. There were no Roth IRAs, or any IRAs, no 401Ks. The biggest deduction we had for our income tax purpose was the interest on home mortgages and real estate tax.

Some started their own business and plowed their earnings back into the company helping it and the economy grow. Others were successful salesmen, a lot who found out as they reached 50 years and were making pretty good money, the company would reduce their territory or let them go.

By now the kids are through college and the house is about paid for, now we would start paying ourselves and plan for retirement. However, we soon found that some of us were passing away very early in life and leaving their widows with a nice house but no assets to maintain the house or to support themselves.

They had run out of time.

The widows could sell the house but where would they live? The income from the sale would make them ineligible for Harbor View at 60 Elm St. They had lived in Cohasset now for 25, 30, 40 years. Their friends are here. They had paid taxes, built schools and supported their churches and do not want to move.

Osgood would make the perfect solution. They could sell their house, purchase a condo of 900 to 1,000 sq. ft. and still have funds left over to live comfortably.

Could Town Meeting approve the sale of Osgood and restrict the funds to be used to build a new library. These funds along with the funds from the sale of the present library could go a long way toward a new library. Our debt service is going to be very expensive and there are other problems we have to face. Maybe by selling Osgood and restricting the funds for a new library we could have both housing and library without putting any more strain on near maxed out Town credit card.

Joe Buckley
28 Linden Drive

Don't barricade King Street

DEAR SELECTMEN:

The Sept. 10 edition of the Cohasset Mariner presents a front-page article "ASK! Gains momentum with support of officials," in which the author, Constance Pittman Lindner reports that a group made up of King Street residents have "met with the backing of selectmen and the planning board." According to the reporter, you voted to place the issue in front of town meeting, where a vote will be taken on closing off a section of the "King-Beechwood intersection in order to force traffic back to 3A."

I empathize with the traffic-related concerns that my King Street neighbors have voiced; many residents would prefer to live in minimum vehicle zones such as cul-de-sacs, one way or dead-end streets. As a Cohasset resident, near King Street abutter, and motorist, however, I would like to weigh-in against the recommendation to close off the King-Beechwood in-

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tersection. King Street runs 1-1/4 miles from Beechwood Street to the Sunoco Station on Route 3A and continues another four fifths of one mile as part of Route 3A, concluding with a right hand turn up to the new four-way stop that intersects North Main Street. Hopefully the traffic data that ASK! has presented, excludes any portion of King beyond the Sunoco station. I am admittedly skeptical about the statistics — particularly concerning the reported number of vehicles (2,500) traversing it daily.

From my own recent observation, conducted between 11 a.m. and 12:05 p.m., Saturday, 9/12/98, from which I would summarize the following: A total of 116 cars were observed entering or exiting King Street. This traffic pattern would need to be sustained for almost 22 hours to achieve the volume of 2,500 vehicles that ASK! identified. Additionally, 70 percent of the Beechwood Street traffic, regardless of whether they were heading towards or away from Shaw's, chose not to enter King Street.

What was most surprising during this observance (other than the number of motorists who actually come to a complete stop at the intersection — thank you), was the traffic volume that Beechwood services. Beechwood Street supported 294 vehicles; this represents more than 2-1/2 times the amount that my neighbors on King Street experienced — with King Street contributing 21 of the total.

So, you think, big deal, what does this all mean? I agree — even with 294 vehicles per hour on a busy thoroughfare such as Beechwood — this represents less than five cars every 60 seconds. On King Street, the same calculation results in two cars per minute. Selectmen, the one and one-quarter mile stretch of King does not present itself as a busy street; speeders no doubt, (What roadways are free of them?) — but volume? No way!

If you are also skeptical of my observations (I will not take it personally, this hour was one of the quietest I had all week!), please drive down King Street at different times of the day. Depending on the time, you may see a few cars — you may even observe our local constabulary's favorite hiding place — but you will not see a traffic jam or any near-semblance. Not once since the Stop & Shop intersection was created, have I had to wait more than one light cycle to enter 3A from King Street. What you will see and possibly experience is one of the most picturesque byways in Cohasset. Adding four-way stop signs at Pond and King, introducing speed bumps, and/or even establishing a one-way street, are solutions that should be investigated, but please don't barricade it!

Dan Walsh
254 Beechwood St.

Mr. Walsh provided the Mariner with a copy of his letter.

Officials wrestle with growth committee

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset needs to do something to control growth and development in town. On that point, nobody disagrees. But how to formulate a plan to control growth and what kind of committee should oversee the process is another story. The board of selectmen wrestled with these problems.

A tentative agreement was reached at a recent meeting on the shape of a new growth and development committee, which would be comprised of two citizens, two selectmen, one member from the conservation commission, a planning board member and a representative from the village revitalization committee. Selectmen plan to air the matter again soon. While the details of the committee are incomplete, selectmen are seeking two citizen volunteers. Interested citizens should contact the selectmen's office at town hall.

Selectman Nan Roth said one of the first goals of the new committee should be to interview candidates to serve as the town's planner.

"I think we should set up a committee and first and foremost have them look into hiring a planner and determining costs," said Roth. "But the first job of this committee should be to hire a planner. To ask a committee of volunteers to do this is too much."

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she wants the committee to determine the goals and objectives for the town to formulate a master plan.

"As a community, we need to look at our town in various areas and think about where we want to go," McMorris said. "I think we need some clear goals for a master plan. We need to set the framework for the plan by looking at planning, zoning, and the effects of uncontrolled growth."

Selectmen Tom Callahan objected to the idea that the committee should spend time developing goals for a master plan. Callahan wanted to form the committee rapidly to start immediate work on a master plan.

"I think you want to study and re-study ad nauseam," Callahan said to McMorris. "I want to just do it, and get it going."

McMorris countered that she wasn't proposing a study to study growth. She said the committee needed a clear set of goals and objectives to lay a solid foundation for an effective master plan.

"Is this to control growth?" McMorris asked. "Is it to put a limit on the impacts to our infrastructure? Is it to deal with pollution? You need to lay that out before you bring in a planner."

McMorris favored establishing an ad hoc committee, but selectman Merle Brown disagreed, proposing the formation of a full committee that would report to town meeting.

The selectmen asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to invite a representative from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to a public meeting to talk about the planning process and what's involved in a master plan.

"The MAPC can help," Callahan said. "I'd like to see the committee get going and not drag this out until 2001 or 2002."

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GOVERNOR

Candidate	Precincts 1	2	Total
Argeo Paul Cellucci	214	164	378
Joseph D. Malone	171	162	333
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	9	8	17
Total	394	334	728

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Janet E. Jaghelian	179	160	339
Jane Maria Swift	173	143	316
Write-ins	2	1	3
Blanks	40	30	70
Total	394	334	728

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Brad Bailey	275	213	488
Write-ins	3	2	5
Blanks	116	119	235
Total	394	334	728

SECRETARY OF STATE

Dale C. Jenkins Jr.	261	208	469
Write-ins	1	0	1
Blanks	132	126	258
Total	394	334	728

TREASURER

Robert A. Maginn	262	209	471
Write-ins	1	1	2
Blanks	131	124	255
Total	394	334	728

AUDITOR

Michael T. Duffy	263	209	472
Write-ins	2	0	2
Blanks	129	125	254
Total	394	334	728

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONG.

Eric V. Bleicken	252	201	453
Write-ins	2	2	4
Blanks	140	131	271
Total	394	334	728

REP. IN GENERAL CT.

Mary Jeanette Murray	344	291	635
Write-ins	5	5	10
Blanks	45	38	83
Total	394	334	728

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Jeffrey A. Locke	290	233	523
Write-ins	2	0	2
Blanks	102	101	203
Total	394	334	728

SHERIFF

Jack Flood	286	238	524
Write-ins	0	1	1
Blanks	108	95	203
Total	394	334	728

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Robert D. Hall Jr.	263	214	477
Write-ins	2	1	3
Blanks	129	119	248
Total	394	334	728

DEMOCRATS

GOVERNOR

Brian J. Donnelly	88	100	188
Scott Harshbarger	212	209	421
Patricia McGovern	119	104	223
Blanks	8	14	22
Total	427	427	854

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Dorothy A. Kelly Gay	123	125	248
Warren E. Tolman	194	196	390
Write-ins	1	0	1
Blanks	109	106	215
Total	427	427	854

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Lois G. Pines	158	172	330
Thomas F. Reilly	242	231	473
Write-ins	2	0	2
Blanks	25	24	49
Total	427	427	854

SECRETARY OF STATE

William Francis Galvin	272	279	551
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	155	148	303
Total	427	427	854

TREASURER

Shannon P. O'Brien	275	273	548
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	152	154	306
Total	427	427	854

AUDITOR

A. Joseph DeNucci	277	270	547
Write-ins	1	0	1
Blanks	149	157	306
Total	427	427	854

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONG.

William D. Delahunt	307	302	609
Write-ins	1	1	2
Blanks	119	124	243
Total	427	427	854

REP. IN GENERAL CT.

Garrett J. Bradley	169	201	370
Joshua Cutler	208	165	373
Walter S. Murray	21	25	46
Write-ins	0	2	2
Blanks	29	34	63
Total	427	427	854

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

John J. Corrigan	121	95	216
William R. Keating	154	167	321
William P. O'Donnell	89	102	191
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	63	63	126
Total	427	427	854

SHERIFF

Michael G. Bellotti	263	267	530
Write-ins	0	1	1
Blanks	164	159	323
Total	427	427	854

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Peter H. Collins	224	233	457
John W. Fallon	67	66	133
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	136	128	264
Total	427	427	854

Wastewater treatment committee proposed

At the Sept. 14 selectmen's meeting, selectman Tom Callahan proposed the establishment of a wastewater treatment committee to study the town's sewer and septic issues. Callahan said the current boards that oversee wastewater — the sewer commission, health board and water commission — are too busy with other business to devote any significant time to examining wastewater treatment. Callahan suggested that a separate committee could pore over previous town wastewater documents and studies, seek out grants, and examine ways to deal with wastewater issues. Callahan said he envisioned the committee as an advisory group to the selectmen.

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The great wall of Hanover



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A group of worried Hanover defenders stand at the ready as Mark Equi prepares to fire a shot on net in CHS soccer action from this week. Dennis Rooney runs interference on the play.

Memories of great times on the pond

THE FISH STORY



MARK TRASK

The days are getting shorter. You sense that as you look into the back yard after you arrive home from work, and the grass is growing long in the early evening darkness. The lawnmower rests 'til Saturday now. The cool crisp mornings heat up to midday and settle back into quiet fog-on-the-bog evenings, the warm ponds muscling vapor into the atmosphere under the hot sun are blanketed in misty vapors by dark. So how is the fishing this time of year?

We rolled out the old photographs going back 14 years to when we opened the first store up on 3A in Cohasset and these in no particular order are some of what we found:

9/28/96 Ryan Fay got a largemouth bass in Bound Brook on a shiner. 9/24/96 Dave Murphy and son Christopher weighed in a 24-pound striper that took a pogie near Hogshead. 10/4/86 Bob Sweeney captures a 9-pound, 12-ounce largemouth on a red Culprit worm. 10/20/86 Ed Struzik of Pembroke fools a 12-pound Coho with a Mepps spinner in the Indianhead. 9/30/96 a visit to the Lighthouse Point jetty was fruitful for Manuel Fontes who brought home a 28-pound, 4-ounce striper, 43 inches long. 9/22/96 Peter Maitland tossed a mackerel chunk to a waiting 22-pound, 6-ouncer, a 41-inch long striper. One of the after-school crew, Joe Guider, spent 9/29/96 fishing and his striper made a meal for a 1.5-pound largemouth. 9/29/96 the Terry boys, Dave Sr. and Jr. nailed a pair of fine bass from Pleasant Beach in Cohasset. Sr.'s went 28 pounds while Jr.'s tipped the scale at 17 pounds, 6 ounces. 10/23/98 yours truly captured his first and last keeper of the year on a clam chunk at Cunningham Bridge. 10/7/96 Ryan Fay found another hungry largemouth in Bound Brook. 10/26/96 John Greenwood of Rockland fooled an Aaron River bass, the Pop-P chomper weighed in at 4 pounds, 12 ounces. 10/1/96 Mike Mahony stopped painting long enough to catch his 38-inch keeper from the rocks north of Minot Beach.

10/11/96 Steve O'Donaghue tubed up a 27-pound 43-inch striper. 9/25/96 Ryan Fay nailed another pound-and-a-half bass at Bound Brook. 9/21/96 Dave Mitchell used a Rapala to fool his largemouth. 9/28/96 Jared Barilaro had his turn at the scale with a Bound Brook bass. 9/29/96 Adam Cahill nabbed a hefty catfish on a shiner. 9/26/96 another 37-inch striper for

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STAFF PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

The Cohasset gridders are working hard to get a number in the left side of the won/loss column for new coach Tony Rolfe. They are home under the lights Friday night against Latin Academy. Kick-off is at 6 p.m.

Gridders hope for better luck Friday night

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Despite dominating the game on both sides of the ball in the second half, the Cohasset Skippers ran out of time and fell to the Mashpee Falcons 18-12. Cohasset, playing on Mashpee's home field, was led on the offensive side of the ball by Jamie DeMichele and Daniel Trowers.

The visiting Skippers posted nearly 300 yards of offense, most of that through DeMichele's arm and Trowers' feet. The senior signal-caller completed nine of 16 passes in his first start at QB, and his first game in two seasons. Trowers, a sophomore tailback, gobbled up 132 yards on 19 carries, the best rushing game by a Skipper in years.

However, DeMichele and Trowers hardly worked alone. The Cohasset offensive line put forth a mammoth effort to allow the backs to perform, particularly in the final period. Cohasset marched 90 yards in under two minutes, coming up a mere four yards short of the tying touchdown.

Tackles John Considine and Craig Davis, guards Adam Sasso and Luke Caldwell, and center captain John-Paul Laugelle, all played well, aided no doubt by the preseason efforts of strength and conditioning coach Mark Hall.

And senior captain fullback Justin Golden led the way for Trowers, blocking prospective tacklers with

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Gridders hope for better luck Friday night

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relish.

Cohasset found themselves down a touchdown mere seconds into the game, after fumbling the opening kickoff. The Falcons recovered the ball and took it in for a quick six. Gamely, the visitors came back and tied the game when Trowers jetted in from 32 yards out.

The Skipper defense had a hard time stopping Mashpee's Robert Dias, who rushed for 110 yards on 17 carries. Dias accounted for the Falcons' second TD, when he crossed the goal line after a 12-yard carry. However, Mashpee's third and final score was just as much a matter of which way the ball bounces as the first. A tipped DeMichele pass was picked off and taken in for six points, giving the hosts a 18-6 edge.

Trowers would score once more and DeMichele and the offensive line would roll for 90 yards as the clock wound down, but the Mashpee defense held firm and Cohasset was handed a loss in its first game.

The Skippers should be far from discouraged, however. Bright spots included interceptions by Sasso and Golden and Cohasset's final, desperate charge for the paint.

Golden was quick to get to the point when asked about his squad's play.

"There's not much to say; we just came up short. We have to pick up the intensity and start beating people up on the line. Otherwise, this Friday will be no different."

The Skippers are home under the lights Friday night.

Friday night football

The game: Latin Academy at Cohasset
The venue: Alumni Field, 6 p.m.
The skinny: Cohasset came up with a sterling effort in the second half of their opening game 18-12 loss to Mashpee, but it wasn't enough to get the job done. Hopefully continued success through the arm of Jaime DeMichelle and on the ground with sophomore RB Dan Trowers will help lead the Skippers to victory.

Skippers enjoy a long awaited taste of victory

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Winning is truly an addictive concept. One bite at the apple and that's all you can think about until your next meal.

Welcome to the world of the girls varsity soccer program. They've got one (a last-minute 1-0 thriller against Middleboro to open the season) and now they want more. A lot more.

"We've been in our games this season, but it's a situation where we just couldn't seem to break through at right time and put the ball in the net," said new head coach Debbie Beal. "But the biggest thing is that you see an improvement with the girls every time that they step out onto the field and they're having fun."

Beal, the JV coach at Scituate for the last three seasons where she was a soccer star before moving onto the University of Rhode Island, inherited a team that hadn't won a game over the last two seasons. Freshman forward Becky Ross quickly changed that when she put in her own rebound in the waning minutes against Middleboro.

"You'd have thought we were at a block party after the game. The girls were just off the wall and very excited," said Beal. "They came into the year with a great attitude and have played hard since the first day of practice. They really deserved to get that first win under their belt.

"This group really want to win," she added. "They want to be a team that succeeds together. Every day we come out here I see more and more kids doing good things."

After losses to Hanover and Norton, the Skippers (1-3) traveled to Norwell on Thursday in search of that illusive second win. They came away with a strong effort but on the losing end of a 2-0 decision against their South Shore League rival.

Junior goalie Alex DeRosa kept the Clippers at bay for most of the contest but Cohasset was not able to get a sustained offense going the other way on Norwell goalie Maeve Boroa.

"I'm very happy with the way that we played," said Beal as her junior class dominated charges battled off the late-summer afternoon heat. "We started right from the basics at the beginning of the year and you can see the skills starting to blossom game after game. You can already see that kids are more comfortable with the ball. They're not afraid to carry and dribble it up the field.

"I really believe that things are starting to change for the better. You can see it in these kids eyes how much they want to win. With so many young players on this team it can't help but bode well for the future."

Presently Beal has a strong and experienced defense in front of DeRosa while the offense is still trying to find its groove.

"The defense has been outstanding," said Beal of the crew that includes juniors Maura Duffy, Jessie Zerendow and Jenny Chastain, sophomore Clara Sceery and senior co-captains Alyssa McNamara and Caitlin O'Neil. "They all have varsity experience and know what needs to be done out there."

The forward line is less experienced and thus is taking a little more time to come around, said Beal, but the talent is definitely there to be harvested.

"When we get everything together, out biggest offensive weapon is going to be speed. (Sophomore) Catherine Flaherty in particular looks like a bullet on the field," said Beal. "Ross has played well and we also have some experience up there with senior Sue Thompson and Alissa Conley.

"We're coming along," she added. "Sooner or later we're going to start finishing on these scoring opportunities."

Also seeing time this season for the Skippers are Katie Brister, Maureen Equi, Kerry McCarthy, Jackie Kahn, Eileen Ridge, Maggie O'Neil, Kate Grimm, Emily Libby, Caitlin Stansell, Kathleen McCarthy, Cara Foley, Ary Afshar, Kate Bosworth, Skyler Ralston and Carly Carter.

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Memories of great times on the pond

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Mike Mahoney, this one was heavier though.

10/1/96 Rich Hegenberger's mackerel chunk was in the right place, a 44-inch striper inhaled it and weighed in at 31 pounds, 4 ounces. Ryan Bradley of Scituate cast his mackerel chunk from Minot Beach and came up with a 43-inch, 29-pound, 10-ounce striped bass. 10/6/96 turfman Rick O'Donnell nailed a 44-inch striper that scaled out at 21 pounds 13 ounces. 10/14/98 Mike Farraher joined the Bound Brook team with a largemouth bass. 9/24/97 Sandy Marks used a shad lure to catch a 17-pound, 9-ounce, 39-inch bass. 9/30/97 Jack Pattison's pogie chunk was dinner for a 25-pound, 13-ounce bass. Rory MacDonald took his 18-pound bass on cut mackerel off Pt. Allerton. 10/5/97 Mark Rennie caught a nice pickerel. 12/24/97 Wayne Galvin finished wrapping presents, went out fishing and caught a 4-pound, 13-ounce trout, 23-1/2 inches long. 9/28/97 a 25-pound, 44-inch striper had Kevin McLevedge all smiles. 11/12/97 Adam Cahill brought in a 15-inch pickerel from Hunter's Pond. 9/29/90 Barry Getto used a live eel to capture a 37-pound bass in Cohasset Harbor.

9/29/88 a 44-pound striper snacked on Jim Dresser's Atom swimmer. 11/13/88 Nick DiNardo weighed in a 5-pound largemouth from Aaron River Reservoir. 9/20/87 Bob D'Angelo used a chunk pogie to entice a 39-pound, 13-ounce bass to the hook. And then there was Bob McKay's 63-pound mammoth from the Gut.

10/11/91 Troy Chatterton was hooked after helping John Litchfield weigh in a Peggotty Beach 39-pounder. 9/23/91 Kevin Jenkins had a great summer topped by 23-pound, 2-ounce striper that gobbled his seaworm off First Cliff. 10/26/91 a 4-pound, 9-ounce largemouth took Kevin Williams' spinnerbait at Greenbush. 9/26/91 a 15-pound, 9-ounce blue slammed Dan Sullivan's Windcheater popper in Hingham Harbor.

11/3/91 Dave Doyle weighed in a 5-pound, 7-ounce Lily Pond largemouth. 10/4/91 Brian Kenerson and Jeff Adams hooked a pair of 43-inch stripers in Plymouth Harbor. 9/26/91 Peter Madge remembers weighing in a 48-inch bass from outside Cohasset Harbor. 11/10/92 Matt Peck and Brian Long nailed a big Lily Pond pickerel on a shiner. 10/3/92 a shiner was the bait also for Ben Bornstein's Lily Pond largemouth. 10/3/92 Caroline Carter hauled in a 10-pound, 4-ounce blue and went in search of a guy to help filet it. 10/8/93 was a banner day for Joe Dinezio and his 52-inch bass. 9/25/93 Ted Abbadessa caught a 26-pound striper in the Brewsters. 9/25/98 Steve Ide brought home a 14-pound blue that took his red and white Rapala. Anthony Deicicchi was out the same day and captured a 12-pound bluefish on a bucktail lure. 11/30/93 Jeff Adams and Larry Griffin limited out on State Forest trout. Freshwater and saltwater both.

On 10/13/91 Peter convinced Linda to go fishing and she got the big one, a 2-pound, 10-ounce pickerel. 10/30/88 Keith Goff used a shiner to bag a 4-pound, 13-ounce bass at Aaron River Reservoir. 10/3/87 Sean Galligan weighed in a 5-1/2 pound largemouth from Lily. 10/15/88 Brian Kimpton was into the cod at the H-Buoy. 12/12/90 Brian Litchfield used a shiner to fool a late bass from Lily. 10/15/88 John Wilson used a Rapala to get a dinnersized largemouth from Furnace Pond.

Eric Aronson went out 10/18/92 and came back with a 5-pound, 11-ounce hawg from the Beechwood River. 11/15/92 John Weatherbee also used a shiner to bring in his 5-pound, 11-ounce bass. 10/26/87 Dave Terry had a career day with a 2-pound trout and a 5-pound northern from Gull Pond. 11/15/94 a 4-pound, 2 and a 5-pound 4-ounce largemouth rewarded Jeff Bowen of Scituate at Aaron River Reservoir. 10/9/95 Jim Wescott bagged a 43-inch striper at Smith Rock on a tube and worm rig. 10/11 and 10/16/95 off the Gurnet a 50-inch and a 51-inch striper for Jeff Adams on consecutive trips.

I would say late season fishing is pretty good. I think Pete Flaherty, Peter Abbott and Joe Durkin would all agree as they weighed in stripers this week. 9/21/98 Ted Abbadessa weighs in a 29-pound striper, 40 inches, 27-inch girth. Ted agrees.

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Ryan Tufts struggles mightily with a bass he caught while vacationing this summer on Nantucket.

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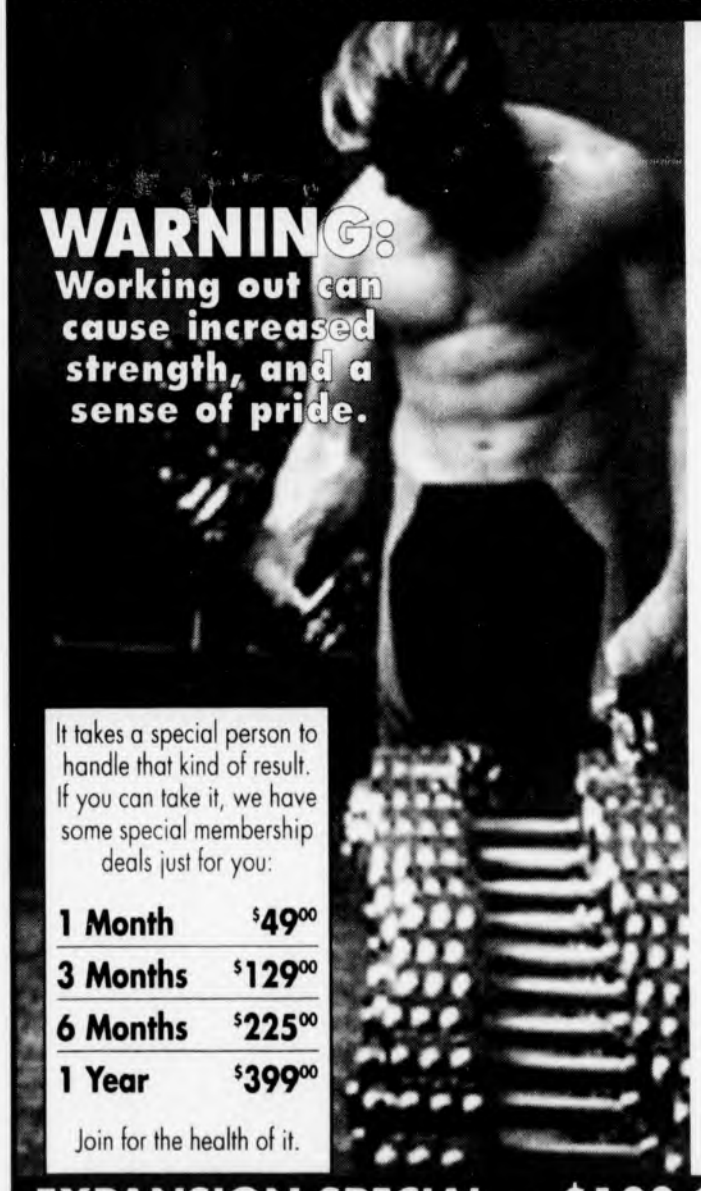
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Cohasset resident Harry Judd (second from the left) to part last week in the Boston to New York AIDS Ride.

Cohasset man helps in AIDS ride

Cambridge letter carrier Bob Libertore and Fenway letter carriers Harry Judd, Lisa Monzione and Robin Smith of the U.S. Postal Service, joined 3,000 other bikers on a 275-mile trek from Boston's Northeastern University to New York.

The ride is spread out over three days and will challenge the stamina of even the best athlete as they try to conquer the hilly terrain of Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York. Many riders are motivated by the memories of friends and loved ones lost to AIDS and they draw their strength from these memories. Teams made up of volunteers will be on hand along the way to offer water, medical assistance and moral support.

No strangers to volunteering, last year Monzione, Smith and Judd, a Cohasset resident, volunteered to help park bicycles in a pen during the ride. That experience motivated them to take the challenge and they agreed to ride this year.

Each rider has to be totally committed and must raise at least $1,600 to participate. However, the expenses don't stop there. The riders are also responsible for providing their own equipment such as a suitable bike, helmets, padded shorts and seats, pedals, shoes and water bottles. This year the Postal Service provided their team with bicycle shirts that are made with a special material designed to wick moisture away from the body to help maintain a more comfortable riding level for the riders.

Many hours of training and conditioning have been logged by these dedicated riders. Each month, the committee would send out a schedule suggesting various training rides. One ride was actually 84 miles long coupled with oppressive 90 degree heat. "We had the wind in our faces the whole time. It felt like we weren't even moving!" recalls Judd. The postal team has also trained by taking back to back rides to build up their endurance.

The Tanqueray American AIDS rides have raised almost $90 million since 1994. The committee helps the riders with fund-raising, and money also comes by means of donations from family and friends as well as through word of mouth. "I was at the dump and one of my neighbors came up to ask me about the ride," said Judd. "We talked for a few minutes and then she said, "Who do I make the check out to?"

Monzione, Smith, Judd and Libertore look forward to the people along the way to give them moral support. "When we are actually doing the ride, people will be cheering us, and that will give us more oomph to go. It's going to be awesome!" said an enthusiastic Monzione. We wish them the best of luck as they ride into the sunset.





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Cohasset Little League tryouts are this Sunday

The Cohasset Youth Baseball Association (CYBA) has announced that Sunday, Sept. 27, at 3 p.m. at Barnes Field on North Main Street, it will conduct the 1999 season major league tryouts.

Youngsters who will be either 10, 11 or 12 years old on or before July 31, 1999 and are not currently playing at the major league level, are invited and encouraged to participate in this once-a-year tryout event.

Each participant will be asked to perform in a series of basic baseball skill tasks which include hitting, running, throwing and fielding fly and ground balls. Each participant will be scored on a 1-5 point basis in each of the five noted areas of performance.

Three coaches representing each of the existing six major league teams (18 total) will perform the evaluation exercise. Each of the major league teams' three scores will be consolidated and added in with the other five teams' average score in order to obtain a participant's total score. The quantity of departing 12-year-olds, relocation and other circumstances will be the basis for determining the abundance of openings in the major league for the 1999 season.

Shortly after the conclusion of the tryout program, CYBA managers and coaches will meet to select those ballplayers who, by virtue of their attained score, complemented by the quantity of league openings, are eligible to be drafted. These tryouts are only for 10-, 11- and 12-year-olds who conform to the Little League age requirements and birth year (Aug. 1 to July 31).

All those who are eligible should plan to attend as this is the only opportunity to try out. Applications are available at town hall or can be completed upon arrival at Barnes Field. Participants are requested to arrive at 2:30 p.m. to facilitate the registration process.

There is no money required for this exercise but each participant should being a baseball glove, hat and long pants. Cleats are optional. No other attire/equipment is required. All candidates will receive notification from the CYBA within three days following the tryouts. Parents are welcome to watch this event which generally is expected to last approximately 90 minutes (4:30 p.m.)

Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 4.

Any questions regarding these tryouts can be forwarded to Dan Leahy (383-1005), Mark DeGiacomo (383-6413) or Bob Morgan (383-3265).

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fall adult recreation program

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Men's Under 35 Basketball — Gates Jr. High School, Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., Sept. 21, 1998 to May 26, 1999, $25, payable Friends of Scituate Recreation.

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*Golf next session begins Nov. 5 to Dec. 10, 1998.

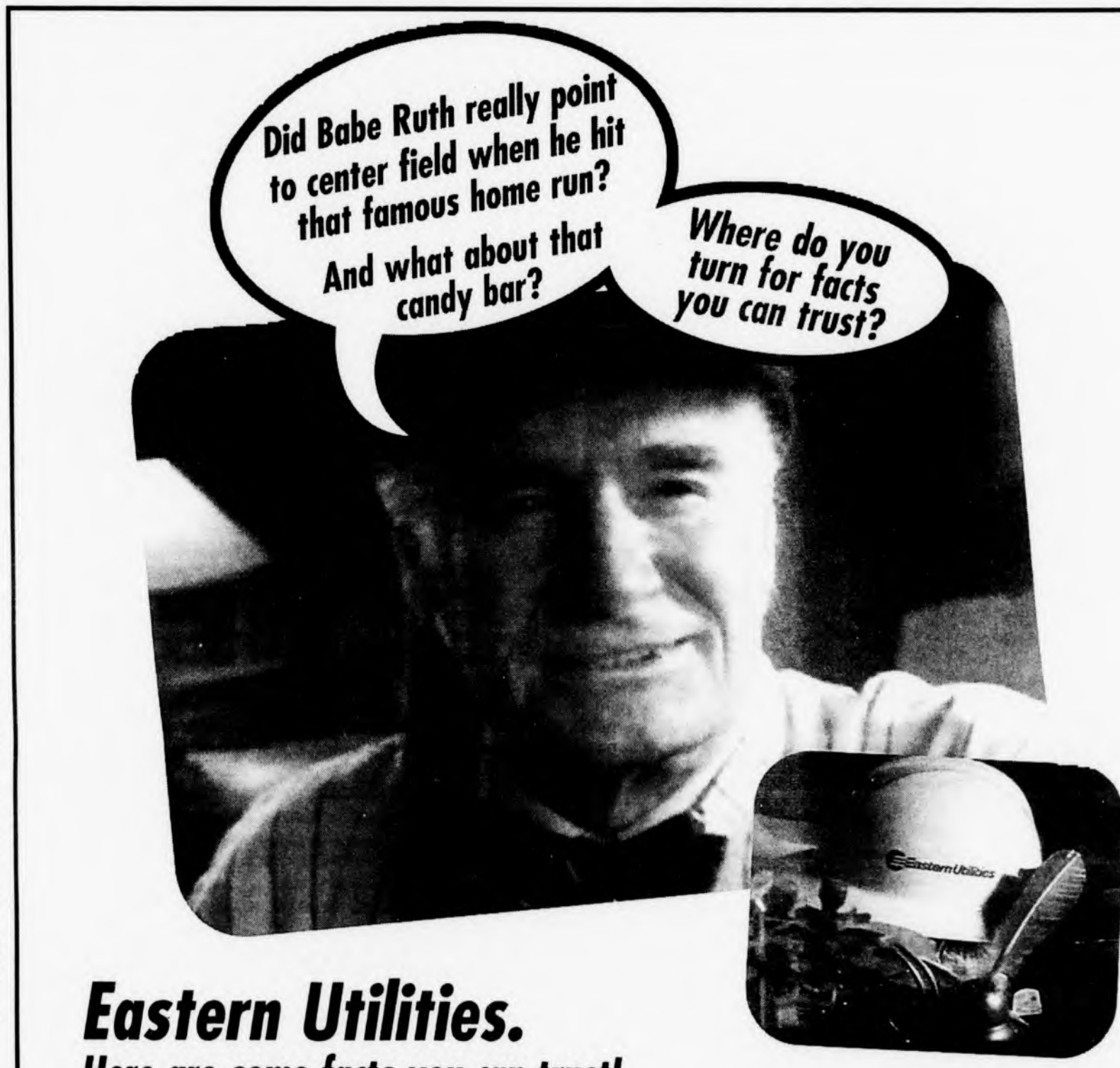
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Lagrotteria helps with new Teen Center's evolution

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

"It's going to be great, if you can picture it," said Jen Lagrotteria, pointing around the cinder-block structure that will house the new Teen Center by mid-September.

"Here's where the snack bar will be," she said. "The kids voted to keep the wood beam ceiling exposed. They also voted on my office area—I'm going to be 'wire-fenced in,' she laughed.

Teens from the center have done most of the construction through the summer months, knocking down walls and cleaning the interior. Seniors Tony Bramblett and Jamie Butman have been in charge of the work.

A stretch of mustard-colored paint has been applied to the wall near the front door for consideration; the jury is still out on this one.

"Since they do all the work for this place, they can paint it black if they want," said Lagrotteria, adding with a worried expression, "but they wouldn't do that."

A visit to police chief Brian Noonan six months ago led the young woman to this place. She was in search of volunteer work and Noonan sent her to recreation director Jack Worley.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Jen Lagrotteria pitches in at "The Garage," the new teen center in the town parking lot.

Since then, Lagrotteria has worked with Worley, supervising the Teen Center at Independence Hall for about two to three nights a week.

When the new fiscal year began on July 1, a $15,000 salary was set aside to hire an assistant for Worley. Lagrotteria was a natural shoe-in.

Other changes included co-joining the Teen Center board and the teen Center financial accounts into the Youth Resources Committee, now the sole administrative body for youth activities in town. Moneys from fund-raising activities now are directed to new the committee, cutting down on donators' confusion as to what organization people are contributing to.

The old Teen Center pulled in about 10 teens on a weekend night, and cost $800 to $1,000 to operate with insurance costs included.

"The Independence Hall Teen Center will probably be handed over to the town at the end of September when the new teen center garage is 'ready to go'," said Worley. "One of the problems with keeping the old center open is that we still have to pay a substantial monthly insurance bill. We didn't really get in there until the end of August and we have to have the primary things done—plumbing and the floors, in particular—before we can get the kids in there."

Lagrotteria, whose appointment as youth coordinator expanded her responsibilities to include setting up the new Teen Center, puts in extra hours at the rose-colored garage. (That is, when she isn't working at her family's Shoe Market store or preparing for starting on her master's program at Wheelock College this fall.)

With school on now, Lagrotteria will venture forth from the garage to draw in more kids.

"Jennifer an I met with Mark Haddad recently," said Worley. "We decided that the focal point of her job will be development of programs for the garage. She and I will work together on those sorts of things. You need someone riding in the trenches with the kids. So Jen will go to the schools to register them. She'll have to do a lot of leg work, but we've done this sort of thing before and it may be the best way to draw the kids to the program."

The "Garage Project", as it is known to those most involved in it, is a cooperative undertaking, with many of the teens who will attend the finished meeting place actively involved in its re-vamping. Eventually, up to 100 kids will be able to fill the building when electrical re-wiring, painting and plumbing is complete.

The original Independence Hall Teen Center was also the result of the combined interest of many. "A group of parents started it four years ago and it's been running ever since," said Lagrotteria.

"The Youth Resources Committee is made up of parents, recreation department members and kids. The parents are great and have been coming up with ideas for fund-raising."

Other donations have come in the form of *gratis* materials from Hancock Paint, Hingham Lumber, Glastonbury Abbey, W.B. Mason Office Supplies and others.

Several weeks ago, a check came in from American Airlines, made out to the new Teen Center in the amount of $2,000. The check was a payment of sorts for filming at the town center. Haddad had suggested the donation to the airline company.

An exchange of inter-town services is also hoped for. Worley imagines a center where teens can meet up with each other, use computers, receive tutoring from the schools, hold dances, and attended academic and cultural seminars on music. "Maybe seniors can help with tutoring and maybe volunteers can help the seniors plan for college," said Lagrotteria.

The center will be open until 7 or 8 p.m. on weekends and two to three week nights so that the younger teens are not excluded from activities there. Also, the kids can still have

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Local Coastsweep beach cleanup is a success

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

As part of the 11-year-old statewide beach cleanup organized by Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management (MCZM), Philip Lehr of Cohasset and Betsy Harling of Hingham served as Coastsweep leaders in their respective towns last Saturday. As such, they were responsible for leading a group effort to remove and itemize debris left behind on their town's beach from marine traffic, sewage run off and visitors.

MCZM, a state agency, has been in the business of managing the Commonwealth's coastal resources while promoting responsible economic development here.

Reports sent off to the Center for Marine Conservation in Washington allow Coastsweep to identify the sources of marine refuse and solve the problem.

"When we find out where the debris is coming from, we can put pressure on the people that are causing it," said Robin Lacey of MCZM. "For instance, if it's coming from marine traffic, we can lobby to get something done about that. Some of the garbage gets washed down from sewer drains. Sometimes it's not easy to tell which is which."

Sept. 19 is the official International Coastal Cleanup day which began with a 10 a.m. kickoff clean-up at Revere Beach. Hundreds of volunteers pitched in on the effort.

Sponsors, such as BankBoston, Brita, the MBTA, WBOS-92.9 FM, the Center for Marine Conservation, the Urban Harbors Institute/U.Mass Boston and the New England Aquarium, among others, helped to bring the event forth.

While the Revere gathering was a large one, many communities made out fine with a small group.

"It went well," opined Boy Scout master Lehr, of his 26-member group's efforts. "Most of my volunteers were scouts from troop 28 of Cohasset. There were also some Cohasset residents—a young couple and some women that came over with some school-age girls."

The two-hour task netted 143 pieces of individual pieces of plastic, 114 beverage cans, 74 food wrappers and 96 cigarette butts. Also removed from Bassing Beach was a lawn mower, six wire lobster traps, a truck leaf spring (from the rear of a vehicle), a whiskey keg, a computer circuit board, and an engine carburetor.

"The lawn mower was pretty incredible," said Lehr. "What we don't want to find is hypodermic needles, and we did find one last year."

For that reason, all volunteers wear closed-toe shoes and keep their latex gloves on. The younger participants are also told to let the adults know where they've spotted glass or a needle so that they can retrieve it instead.

Participants are supplied by the state with latex gloves, trash bags and collection cards allow easy categorization of items. While one person walks along placing refuse into his trash bag, another walks alongside and tallies off whatever is found.

The Bassing Beach party extended this year to include the jetty towards Scituate.

"We did twice the area than we

BEACH CLEANUP, PAGE 28

Lagrotteria helps with new Teen Center's evolution

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time to make it to the library which closes at 9 p.m.

Lagrotteria wants the teens to have fun at the new center. I'd like the kids to be less concerned with fundraising so that when I say 'whale watch' or 'let's have a dance,' they don't automatically think about fund-raisers," she said.

Lagrotteria would like to see the center become a common meeting place, too. "It's a community project so I'd lake the community to use it," she said. "I'd love for senior citizens to come and enjoy the center while the kids are off at school."

Worley has specific plans for the teens who will attend the center. "It should provide an atmosphere where they can go to catch up with one another or do other things we'll provide for them. We're hoping to set up some kind of tutoring volunteerism, computers and dances. The focus wouldn't be just recreational. A lot would also be academic and cultural; seminars on various topics like art, music and that sort of thing."

While the old teen Center primarily serves grades seven and eight, the new center will go up through grade3 12. With current concerns about teens running amuck in Cohasset village, many hope that the new center will offer local youths a better place to spend their time.

"I think the Teen Center will help," said Lagrotteria, who majored in special ed. "The teen years are a time of social, intellectual and emotional growth," she explained. "Your curiosity grows in your teen years but there's not a lot for kids to do here. If you can integrate their needs and curiosity with the community—parents and school—there is no way it can go wrong."

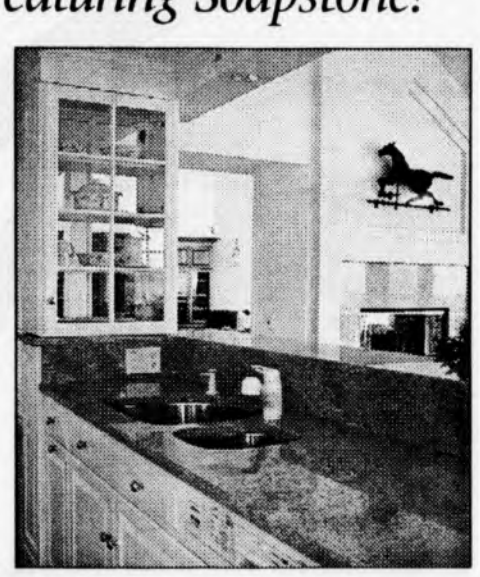
Lagrotteria notes that trouble with adolescents roaming about downtown has been going on since she was a teen. "It really does take a village. Instead of throwing up their arms, why don't people throw them in together? This is a small town. If it could work anywhere, it can work here."

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MediaOne cable-TV contract options aired

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members who currently cannot be seen by home viewers.

Selectman Tom Callahan pointed out that sometimes the audio does not work and viewers cannot hear the proceedings.

Indeed, that evening's discussion was a jumpy, lined image transmitted to home televisions. Both Russo and Haddad, at different points during the evening, were unsuccessful in re-tuning the video.

Other requests from Haddad included a voice-over option for town officials to address residents on the local cable channel in case of emergency, a cable drop at the senior center so that residents there could receive cable and more video equipment for town hall so that other events there with conflicting schedules could be recorded.

McElroy is expected to put together more information about needed audio-visual equipment for the schools.

Seniors' concerns centered mainly on discounts which, though offered in other towns, has not been enjoyed in Cohasset as it once was earlier on in the contract.

Harborview resident and housing authority member Betty Grassie complained that she has sent out two or three letters to MediaOne on town letterhead but none were answered. "I saw the letters and copied them for Betty," said Haddad. "The letters were on town letterhead."

"I've been at Harborview nine years and used to have a low rate," said Grassie. "My bill got up to $35 per month and so I canceled Cable 2. But it just keeps going up. What more can we do but write letters and come to you?"

Russo explained that cable discounts for seniors and others, included disabled war veterans, are not mandated by license but are negotiated town to town. Some of the lower discounts mentioned by Grassie and other Harborview residents during the meeting were still offered from old contracts or had ceased to be honored.

"I don't feel that a 10 percent discount is enough," said selectman Dianne Sullivan. "No less than 25 percent seems to be a reasonable discount."

Selectman Nan Roth noted that Cohasset pays higher rates for cable service than many other towns. Russo explained that rates are derived from federal information on demographics and media income.

One more complaint lodged by Grassie was about the unfair marketing tactics of a number of MediaOne's salesmen to promote their "smart Box" earlier this year.

According to Russo, employees who continued with aggressive sales tactics after being reprimanded were dismissed from the company.

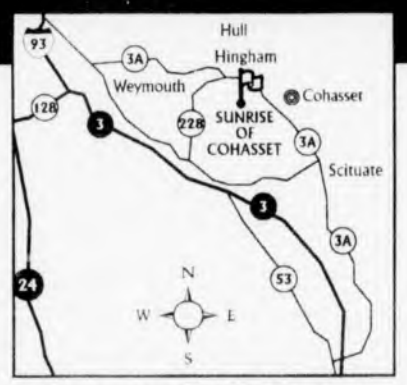
Grassie also wanted to know just who exactly is on the cable committee.

"I was 'cable guy' for the town," said Hillman, who at one time served as the entire cable committee until his position with the town's counsel firm made his service with the committee inappropriate. "We had no quorum for a year, though we did have meetings. No one was willing to serve," he said. "Anyone who would like to attend a meeting is welcome to attend."

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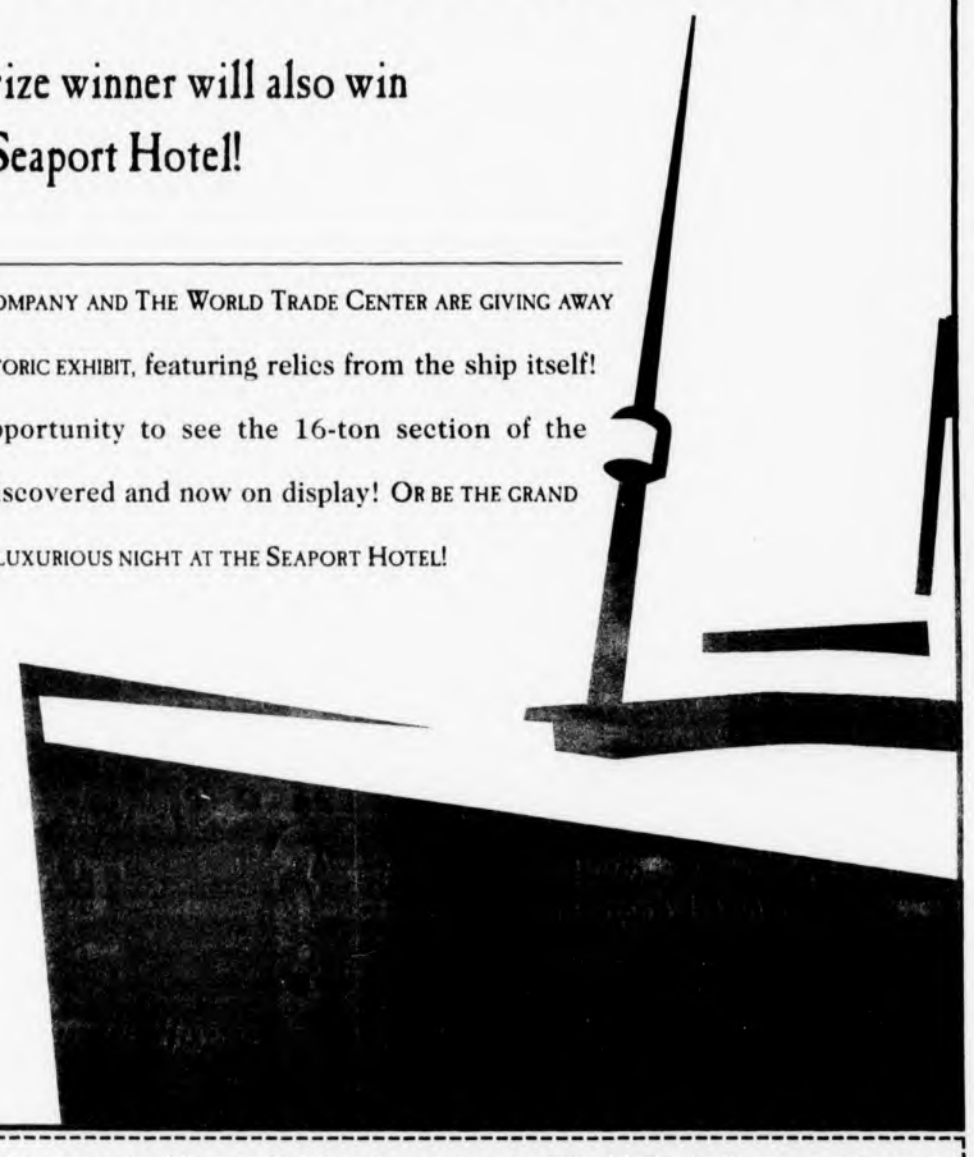
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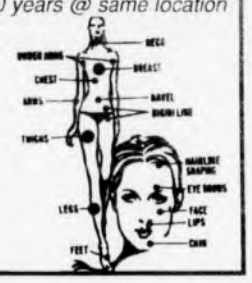
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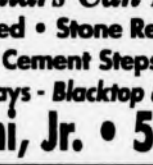
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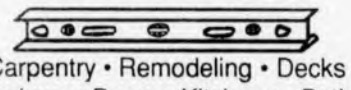
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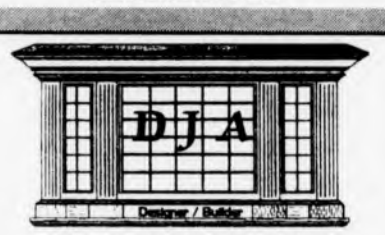
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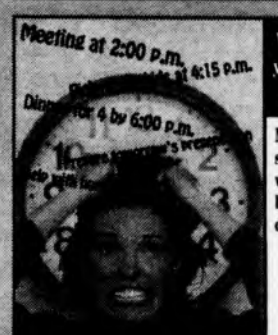
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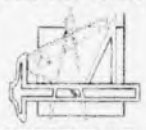
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Daisy V. Souther

D[redacted]y V. (Veinot) Souther, 87, of Cohasset, a hom[redacted]aker, died Monday, Sept. 14, at home following a brief illness.

Mrs. Souther was born in Hemford, Nova Scotia. She lived in Cohasset since 1930.

Wife of the late Kenneth Souther, she leaves three sons, William O. Souther and Peter R. Souther, both of Cohasset, and Kenneth E. Souther of Scituate; a grandchild, and two great-grandchildren all of Scituate.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Sept. 17, at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery.

Donations in Mrs. Souther's memory may be made to the South Shore Visiting Nurse Association, 100 Bay State Dr. Braintree 02185 or the American Lung Association, 25 Spring St., Walpole 02081.

Marvin H. Raffe

Marvin H. Raffe, 75, of Cohasset died Aug. 20 at Scituate Life Care, Scituate, after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Boston, son of the late Max and Anna (Nitenson) Raffe, Mr. Raffe was raised and educated in Brookline. He was a graduate of Brookline High School. He also lived in Brockton for 27 years before moving to Cohasset where he lived for 28 years.

Mr. Raffe was a jazz pianist all his life. He taught thousands of people throughout Massachusetts. He also played with the Erskine Hawkins Band, Jimmy McPartland Group, Vaughn Monroe Orchestra and at Ken's Copley Square and the Darbury Room.

He leaves his wife Rosalind F. (Farbush) Raffe of Cohasset; a daughter, Elizabeth Ward of Colo.; a sister, Sylvia Weissenger of Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held Oct. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m., at the South Shore Arts Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, made the arrangements.

Donations in Mr. Raffe's memory may be made to the New England Home for Little Wanderers, 68 Fargo St., Boston, MA 02210.

Theresa S. Oddi

Theresa S. (Goldsmith) Oddi of Cohasset died Aug. 25.

She leaves her husband, Guido Oddi; two daughters, Judith Leahy of Dorchester and Patricia Oddi of South Boston; a brother and sister, Kenneth Goldsmith and Madeline Blair, both of Arizona; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews, including Rolanda Duschene. She was the mother of the late Peggy Gallagher.

A funeral service was held Aug. 30 in Keaney Funeral Home, Dorchester. Burial was in Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association Fund, 20 Speen St., Framingham 01701.



Laura A. Leonard

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Laura A. Leonard, 85, of Cohasset, died Sept. 5, at Cohasset Knoll in Cohasset following a brief illness.

Ms. Leonard, daughter of the late Joseph L. And Grace (Ferreira) Leonard, was a lifelong resident of Cohasset. She was a graduate of Cohasset High School, Boston University, and Boston University graduate school where she received her Ph.D. in English.

Ms. Leonard worked as a English teacher for 39 years in Cohasset and retired in 1974.

She was a hostess at Kimball's and Hugo's Lighthouse, summers from the late 1930s to the mid 1950s.

Ms. Leonard leaves three nieces, Patricia Litz of Scituate, Ann Westfield of Plymouth and Susan Leonard of Cohasset; a sister-in-law, Ann Leonard of Cohasset; two grandnieces and a great-grandnephew. She was the sister of the late John Leonard.

A funeral Mass was held Sept. 9, at St. Anthony's Church. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset. Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

Donations in Ms. Leonard's memory may be made to the Laura A. Leonard Scholarship Fund, c/o Pilgrim Cooperative Bank, 48 South Main St., Cohasset.

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Local Coastsweep beach cleanup is a success

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ever had before our six years of participation," said Lehr. "That area doesn't collect as much trash as the inside of Bassing Beach, but it still gets trash there.

One reason the group was able to cover twice the range they've normally covered may be that the Cohasset Conservation Trust began non-camping rules this past year.

The 1,436 items found this year is only slightly higher in number than the 1,399 items found last year. Factor in that the group covered a two-mile area, double the amount covered in the past, and the success of the trust's efforts in the area are apparent.

"The non-camping rule just started this year and the numbers sort of justify it," said Lehr.

One of the benefits of the annual volunteer effort is found in itemized accounts. A list called the "Dirty Dozen" from last year included cigarette butts, plastic food bags and wrappers, plastic pieces, foamed plastic pieces, glass pieces, caps and lids, paper pieces, plastic rope, straws, plastic beverage bottles, glass beverage bottles and metal beverage cans.

Cigarette butts comprised 33 percent of the items found in 1997. Beach-goers and storm water overflow from city streets and waterways are responsible for this most frequently found item. The cigarette's plastic filters remain on the beach for many years. That is, if they haven't been swallowed by wildlife that sometimes mistake the discarded item for food.

Releasing the information to the public creates a greater awareness. For instance, fewer discarded oil and lube bottles have been found in the past few years now that more people understand that the small amount of oil present in the bottles can do harm to marine life. Also, the remaining oil can be recycled.

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ED REFORM: 5 Years Later

The 1993 Education Reform Act changed the rules for local schools in every community in Massachusetts. In a year-long series of reports beginning this week, Community Newspaper Company, which publishes the Cohasset Mariner, will explore the impact this key piece of legislation has had on local schools in the five years since it was signed into law.



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Pamela McNamara teaches fifth-graders at the Deer Hill School.

Suburban schools struggle with Education Reform

Enrollment increases and spending caps put schools in a pinch

By Chris Szechenyi and Eric Bauer
CNC STAFF WRITERS

It began with a bold promise: billions of dollars in new state aid would provide every public school student in Massachusetts with a consistent level of education, whether they lived in a wealthy suburb or a threadbare urban neighborhood.

Five years later, a coalition of suburban schools is up in arms over the results of the Education Reform Act of 1993. Instead of bringing equity to school funding, they say it has left them struggling to cope with increasing student enrollment, caps on local property taxes and an inadequate slice of the new funding.

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A mixed bag for the town

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Five years after the initiation of the state's Education Reform Act, Cohasset joins a number of other suburban school districts in questioning just how effective the legis-

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Private ways, a prickly issue

Effects of accepting roads debated

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen are taking the cautious approach when recommending which private ways in town should be accepted as town roads.

The more town roads or "public ways" — the more state money comes back to the town each year to take care of them in the form of Chapter 90 highway funds.

But selectmen are grappling with whether the benefit of the extra money outweighs the possible downside of opening the door to more development.

They also fear they could be setting a dangerous precedent on road construction standards that could be used as a cudgel over the town's head. In other words, if a road is accepted that doesn't meet subdivision standards, a developer might not have to construct a new road to meet the higher standard.

"We are dealing with a delicate issue here. We have Pandora's Box on the table."

— Planning board chairman Al Moore

At Tuesday's meeting, selectmen agreed to defer to the Oct. 26 special town meeting recommendations on accepting Short Street, Oak Street, Norfolk Road, Forest Notch, Reservoir Road and Rocky Lane as public ways.

They withdrew articles — which are items of business before town meeting — proposing acceptance of Whitney Woods Lane, Riverview Drive, Bates Lane, Lantern Lane and Locust Road because of development worries. Poring over local maps, selectmen said these roads could provide future access to the undeveloped land which they abut.

Under the town by-laws, a developer only needs 50 feet of frontage to access a subdivision off a town road and under state law, a property owner who has frontage on a public way can, as a matter of right, use it as an entrance to a subdivision.

The selectmen's decision left the Private Ways Committee in a quandary on how to proceed. The committee, which has studied the private ways issue for the better part of three years, came up with a priority list of roads based on their condition so the town would not have to spend a lot on repairs once they became public ways. The Norfolk County engineers subse-

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Scituate Hill water tank deal possible

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Water Commissioner John K. McNabb Jr. has hammered out the details of a possible solution to placing a new water tank on Scituate Hill in a location favorable to both the town and the owner of the land, J. Michael Susi and Sons. McNabb detailed the plans with the caveat that there are still some details that must be worked out for the deal to receive approval by the town and Susi.

"I met with John Michael Susi Sr. and discussed our need for a tank and our need to go to Scituate Hill," McNabb said. "The water commission decided it was better to go to Scituate Hill than fight the neighbors and the ZBA over Bear Hill."

The saga of the search for a location on Scituate Hill began last year when a group of residents vehemently opposed a plan by the water commission to build a second water tank on Bear Hill. Currently, there is one tank on Bear Hill, but the town needs a second structure to provide adequate fire fighting reserves, to create redundancy in the system, and to clean the existing tank to improve water quality, taste and odor. Residents living in sight of Bear Hill felt it was unfair for the town to make them look at two structures, suggesting that the town look at Scituate Hill as an alternative.

The current plan would place the tank on the back part of the hill away from Route 3A. Susi

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Register to vote

Any citizen of the United States who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or election day may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections

The last day to register to vote for the State Election Nov. 3 is Wednesday, Oct. 14, and the last day to register for the Special Town Meeting is Friday, Oct. 16. The Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on both these dates. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Political signs up too early

Selectmen are concerned that residents are breaking the town by-law restricting political signs to the two weeks before an election.

The state election isn't until Nov. 3, but dozens of political signs are popping up all over town.

"As I drive all over town, there are political signs everywhere," said Selectman Nan Roth. "I rather liked with when the only signs were in the two weeks before an election."

Selectman Tom Callahan said it was a "free speech issue" and disagreed with his fellow board members.

"What's the big deal, so what?" he said about the proliferation of signs.

But Selectman Diane Sullivan said the by-law should be adhered to.

"A lot consider the signs to be a blight," she said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said he would check into the status of the by-law, which also requires the signs be placed a certain distance from the road.

No parking signs to stay

Despite a plea for abutters, selectmen won't take down the "No Parking Either Side" signs on North Main Street near the end of Jerusalem Road.

Suzanne and Geoff Filby, 134 N. Main St., asked selectmen to remove the no parking signs. The Filbys said in normal circumstances there will be no street parking, but on rare occasions cars must park in the road.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris wanted to reconsider the issue out of fairness. She pointed out that the affected residents did not have the benefit of a public hearing on the matter.

"These people were never notified until the signs went up in front of their house," McMorris said.

Selectman Merle Brown said no public hearing was needed because the traffic committee had taken the matter up and made its recommendation which was adopted by selectmen. Both discussions occurred in public meetings.

Brown said the highway superintendent, police chief and safety officer agreed the signs were a good idea.

Library proposal not supported

Selectmen voted not to recommend the plan to use the old Osgood School as a new town library at the Oct. 26 Special Town Meeting . Library trustees are seeking money to pay for the design phase of their proposal to construct at new 14,000 square foot library in the former elementary school. Instead, selectmen will recommend the town allow them to sell the school building to a private developer who will construct condominiums for senior citizens at the site.

Condition of World War I Memorial

Henry C. Drewes of Harwich wrote to selectmen complaining about the condition of the World War I Memorial on the town common.

"I recently had occasion to drive to Boston at a leisurely pace and went through your beautiful town," Drewes wrote. "I stopped at the memorial to World War I veterans on the village green, as my father left for World War I while a resident in [redacted] hasset."

Drewes went on to say he was disappointed in the deteriorating condition of the memorial.

"Moisture has invaded the glass covered list to the extend that several veterans' names are all but obliterated, including that of my father," he said.

Selectman Merle Brown said he would bring the issue up to the local veterans groups.

Religious observance coincides with camp

Several members of the town's Jewish community told school committee member Patricia Martin that the scheduled trip to Camp Bournedale coincided with Yom Kippur, the most sacred holiday in the Jewish calendar, which begins a Sept. 29 at sundown.

Yom Kippur, the "day of atonement," is marked by 24 hours of fasting and prayer.

Martin suggested at last week's school board meeting that religious observances should be kept in mind when scheduling special events for students in the future.

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Mon. 5	11:14	11.5	5:02	11:38	11.7	5:27
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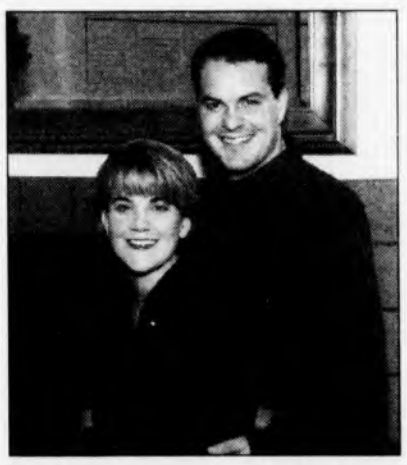
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Unlike my opponent, however, I believe that a Representative can deliver excellent constituent services and at the same time be a strong advocate for our district on important issues like the education of our children, reducing the burden of taxes and water rates, and making our neighborhoods safer. Our Representative must fight for our district on issues which impact all of us on a daily basis, and make sure that we have a strong voice advocating for us on Beacon Hill.

During the next five weeks, I hope to talk with you directly about these issues, and earn your vote on November 3rd. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 741-9998. Thank you.

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Garrett Bradley and his wife, Heather, at their home in Hingham

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Portrait painter brings life to the canvas

Capturing magic in her art

By Kay Linnehan
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

At the end of the 19th century, Mary Cassatt, perhaps the greatest American woman painter, then at the height of her artistic powers, was described by her hometown newspaper, the Philadelphia Public Ledger, as an art student, the sister of the president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and owner of the world's smallest Pekinese dog.

Today, at the end of the 20th century, even though 97 percent of the paintings displayed in major museums were done by men, women artists are at last emerging from the shadows of neglect. They are speaking with a creative language that rises from other wellsprings, so that their work mirrors both their femininity and a completeness they find in the beautiful.

> ***"Even as a very young child, I'd try to draw the illustrations in my storybooks. And I'm still learning, making the pieces of this great puzzle called painting fall into place."***
> — Laurie Borden

One such woman is South Shore portrait painter Laurie Borden. Acclaimed by critics and the public alike, Borden paints with a womanly sense of intimacy even as her disciplined technique and the rigorous honesty with which she approaches her work characterize the master painter.

On a cloudless, pristine morning, such thoughts do not intrude on Borden in her sun-drenched studio in the Christopher Gallery, Cohasset, as she repositions an easel so that light seems to vibrate across the surface of a portrait-in-progress — that of five-year old Marade, who sits happily engrossed in the orange and white kitten she gently cradles.



Charcoal sketch of Matthew, age 5, by Laurie Borden.

Satisfied at last with the play of light on color, Borden turns to her visitor and says, "I'm after the mystical connection between this little girl and the kitten. It's magic, and I work to make sure it comes through." Indeed, even though the painting is far from finished, innocence, love and life beckon to us from the canvas.

"This is what I always wanted to do," Borden confides. "It must be in the genes. My father created great dioramas, one of which is in the Smithsonian. My mother's greatest gift was the encouragement she gave to our gifts. Her enthusiasm was the soil that let me flower creatively," she said. "Even as a very young child, I'd try to draw the illustrations in my storybooks. And I'm still learning, making the pieces of this great puzzle called painting fall into place."

Borden credits her father-in-law for encouraging her to do portraits.

"I took classes at the Cohasset (South Shore) Art Center with Clement Micarelli (everybody calls him 'Mic')," Borden recalled. "He got me to be serious about portraiture. I went to see his work at Artist's Son Gallery, loved what I saw, and had to find out how he did it.

"I kept coming back for another look, then another look, and ended up marrying his son Domenic, who owns the gallery. After that, I worked with Dom in the gallery, studied other artists' work, and painted what made me happy, which are children and animals," she said. "Then in 1989 I got serious enough about my own work to begin taking commissions. Right now I have 16 of them waiting."

Photography and sketches help Borden with her portrait work.

"Work on a painting begins," she said, "when I meet and observe my subjects. It's almost impossible to make a child or an animal hold a pose long enough to paint from life, so I take photographs, lots of them. From these I make preliminary sketches, which the client and I approve together. I want to give the client a sense of the size and feel of what the final work will look like. Then I paint from both the sketches and the photos."

"I love capturing my subjects in their favorite settings, even out of doors, if that's where they're best defined. I want my people to leap from the canvas," Borden addded.

She selects a brush from an array before her and once again becomes absorbed in capturing with pigment on canvas the click of the present moment in sync with the eternal rhythms of life.

A graduate of Weymouth South High School, Borden later studied at New England School of Design, The Art Institute of Boston and Massasoit College. While working in an advertising agency as a commercial illustrator, she got her first portrait commission, a painting of the boss' dog.

To this day, the illustrator's strong sense of design remains evident in her work. She acknowledges with joy that the birth of her son Christopher deepened the already rich empathy she feels for her young subjects.

Even though Borden is immersed in her work as portrait artist with a year's worth of commissions waiting, she somehow squeezes in time to experiment with making traditional American quilts.

"They're wonderful examples of womanly love of hearth and home that speak to my love of color, harmony, and design."

She also is often involved in what has been called 'one of the great dramas of the kitchen' — the gentle art of baking homemade breads.

"Homemade bread, that peerless homely heritage that must not be smothered by 'store-bought'." Her schedule becomes even more hectic when she plans and hosts, together with her husband, Dom Micarelli, receptions at the Christopher Gallery. (Last year the Artist's Son Gallery was renamed in honor of Laurie and Dom's son Christopher.)

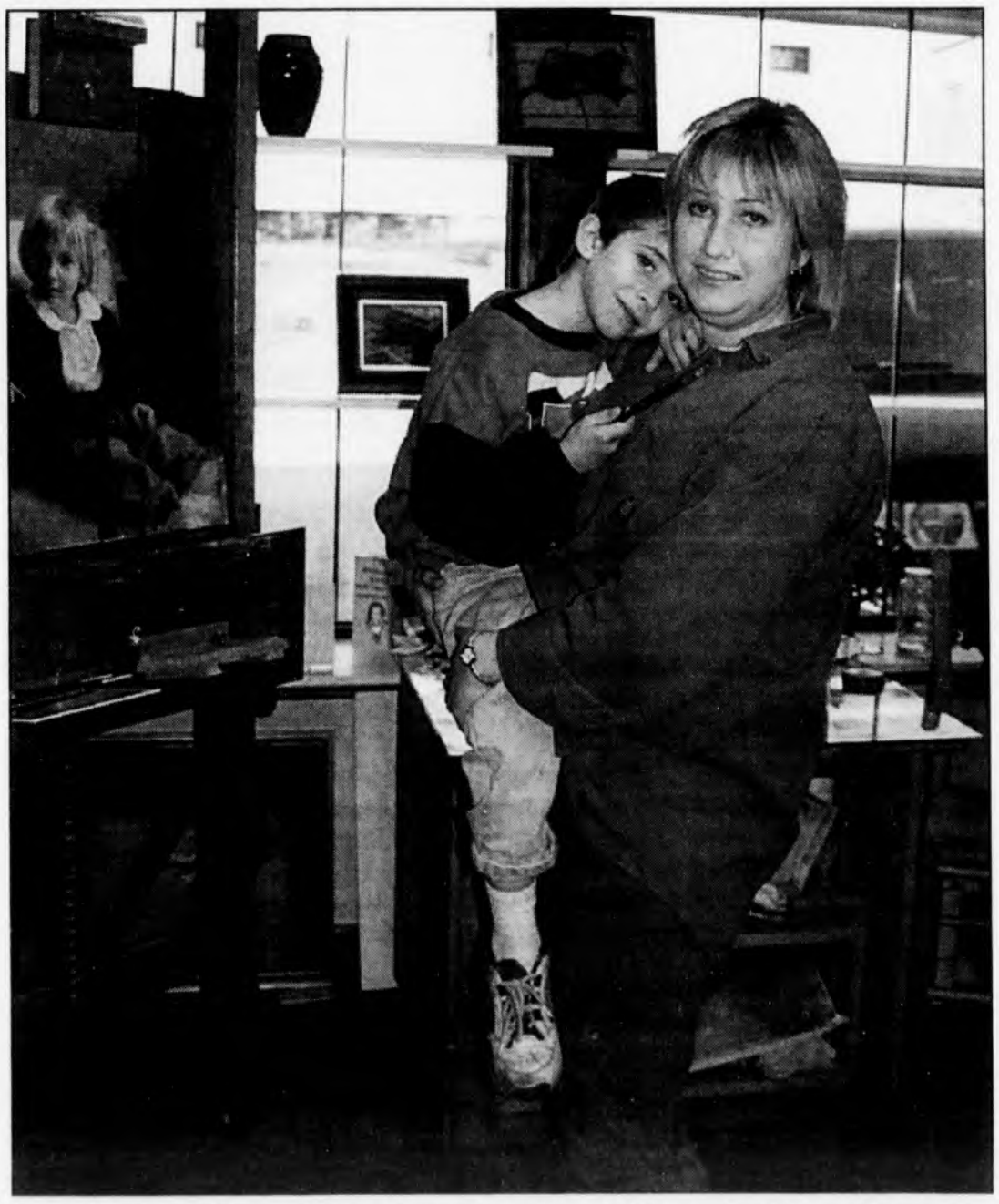


"Marade and Kitten," an oil on canvas, by painted by Laurie Borden.

With no little regret she admits her special personal project, a series of portraits of her son tentatively entitled, 'The many faces of Christopher' goes forward only on an 'as-time-permits-basis,' when he joins her in the studio after school and on weekends.

Borden's work hangs in numerous private collections. Together with prizes and popular choice awards in regional exhibits, she has received much critical acclaim.

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Laurie Borden with her son, Christopher, in her studio at the Christopher Gallery off Route 3A.

Education reform is mixed bag for the town

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lation has been thus far.

The 1993 Education Reform Act was designed to bring equity to school financing, and while it has benefited the state's poorer schools, more well-heeled school districts have felt the brunt of increases in student enrollment, caps on local property taxes and minimal state aid.

The "foundation formula" is used by the state to determine how much state aid each school district gets. The formula takes into account, among other things, a town's "standard of effort," based on its property wealth, to tax local property owners to reach a budget goal set by the state *(see related chart, page 13)*.

If taxing itself at that standard of effort fails to reach the school's budget goals, then the state makes up the difference. If a town is wealthy enough to surpass the budget goal, then the school gets minimal aid from the state — $100 per student this year.

Town accountant Michael Buckley said Cohasset has not been adversely affected by the act.

"Our district hasn't experienced significant enrollment growth that has put us in a financial pinch and our per pupil spending hasn't slipped," he said.

School Superintendent Dr. Edward "Ted" Malvey would like to see the state kick in more money for schools in towns like Cohasset to take the burden off the local taxpayers.

"We are seeing some student growth and certainly, we wouldn't mind seeing the finances increase on the state side as well," he explained.

Overall, Malvey sees education reform as being beneficial in terms of the programs implemented under the law.

"There are a lot of things happening within the educational framework and we all benefit from that," he said.

Cohasset, which has a small school system, has not suffered from cutbacks in courses and enlargement of class sizes which has been the case for some other affluent towns under the five-year-old act.

"It's the lower and middle class communities that get the lion's share of the funds," said state senate president Thomas Birmingham, who helped craft the Education Reform Act. "That's no accident. That's by design."

Former school superintendent Stephen Hart, who oversaw Cohasset schools adoption of ed reform policy, explained that the benefits have been its emphasis on education as well as clearer guidelines on school curriculum. Hart, as well as Malvey, would like to see the schools receive more state dollars rather than need to rely so heavily on the town's tax base for school funding.

Staff writer Carol Meyer also contributed to this report.



Sixth-grade teacher Larry Shultz helps Allison Dean with her work in science at the Deer Hill School.

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Accepting private ways, can be a prickly issue

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quently provided surveys of the roads in question as a public service.

"These were our best and brightest," said private ways chairman Ross Rosano. "Either they were the most recently built or are old roads that are in good shape."

But Planning Board Chairman Al Moore cautioned selectmen to move on carefully.

"We are dealing with a delicate issue here," he said. "We have Pandora's Box on the table."

Moore explained that while some of the streets are fully developed, others have open house lots which may back up to larger acreage creating the possibility of a big development the town hadn't planned on.

"I'm not saying we don't want any development," he said. "But we ought to realize that Cohasset has undeveloped land that (currently) has no frontage which we could be opening up."

Planning board member Bob Sturdy said there is case law showing the planning board can't require a developer to construct a road to any higher standard — which includes road construction and drainage — than that of accepted streets.

"Some smartie might come up and say you can't compel me to put in curb stones and a certain width," he said.

Because some of the roads in question do not meet subdivision standards, selectmen asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to ask town counsel for further clarification on the matter.

Moore, the planning board chairman, said the town must ask itself what is had to gain by accepting these roads.

"What do we get out of it?" he asked.

The town gets about $2,000 per year per mile of its public roadways in state money which can't be spent to maintain private ways. There were 12 miles of roads being considered for acceptance as public ways by selectmen this week. The town has received $330,000 in Chapter 90 funds over the past two years (the money comes in two-year allotments), Haddad said.

Town meeting will also be asked to appropriate $50,000 to help maintain the private ways in town.

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EEE virus found in mosquitoes

The Eastern Equine Encephalitis Surveillance Program of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health informed the Cohasset Mosquito Control Committee that for the first time this season EEE virus has been isolated from mosquitoes trapped in Lakeville Sept. 21.

"Avoid outdoor activity during peak hours of mosquito activity at dawn and dusk."

Because EEE virus has been found in mosquitoes, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has advised residents of eastern and southeastern Massachusetts to take the following precautions:

"Avoid outdoor activity during peak hours of mosquito activity at dawn and dusk."

"If you must be outdoors when mosquitoes are active, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants. Use mosquito repellent that contains DEET and follow the directions on the label. Avoid using DEET concentrations above 10 to 15 percent on children.

"Take special care to cover up the arms and legs of children playing near swampy areas. Baby carriages and playpens used outdoors should be covered with mosquito netting.

"Repair and securely fasten all screens on the doors and windows of your home.

"Eliminate backyard mosquito breeding areas by preventing the collection of standing water in ditches, clogged gutters, tires, wheelbarrows and wading pools."

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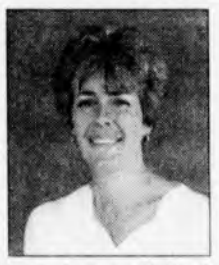


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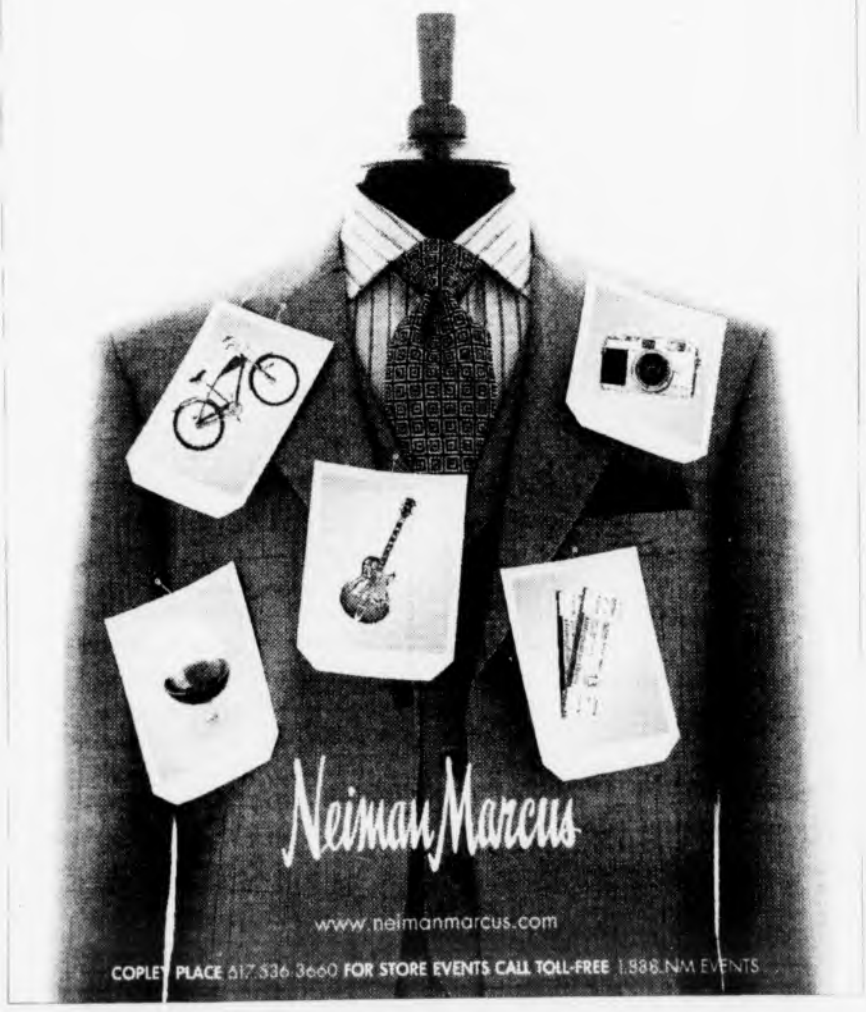
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Landfill site assignment hearings are postponed

Legal negotiations going well, officials say

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The board of health voted last Tuesday to delay until Nov. 18 site assignment hearings for the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill. Health board Chairman Kevin Ulmer said the CHL sub-committee he chairs has made great progress toward the negotiation of a settlement of outstanding legal and environmental issues related to the landfill. The site assignment hearings were originally scheduled for Aug. 4, but have been delayed several times so the sub-committee could continue its closed-door negotiations. The site assignment is the chief approval that allows CHL to operate a landfill in town. The sub-committee is working with CHL to settle all outstanding legal issues, remediation matters and closure details.

Sub-committee member John K. McNabb Jr., who is representing the water commission, said the Nov. 18 date is significant because it was exactly one year ago on that same date in 1997 that CHL-owner Paul Barry admitted at a health board meeting to dumping material in Area IV-B, which is not approved for landfilling. McNabb said whatever the outcome of the negotiations by CHL and the sub-committee, site assignment hearings will take place.

"There will be hearings even if the negotiations go fine, and they are going very well," McNabb said. "It's very likely we will have an agreement by Nov. 18, and I think people will be very pleased with what we agree to. We still need hearings because you can't amend, change or rescind a site assignment without a hearing and there will be changes. People should assume there will be hearings."

Barry closed the facility on Thursday, July 2, saying that the landfill was pretty much out of space. The CHL sub-committee held its first meeting on July 1, in executive session only, just one day before CHL closed down. Six town officials make up the sub-committee: Ulmer, McNabb, selectmen Ronnie McMorris, former zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo, and conservation committee Chairman Jeff Waal.

Previously, Ulmer said there is no timetable for the completion of the subcommittee's work. All lawsuits, legal actions and appeals have continued while the sub-committee tries to negotiate a settlement with CHL. The sub-committee has worked hard to reach an all-encompassing settlement which will address five unsettled court cases, wetlands damage, permit violations, illegal dumping, closure details, post-closure plans and other unresolved details.

Scituate Hill water tank deal possible

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would give the town one acre of land at no cost, help pay for pipes, and provide access to the tank for maintenance. In exchange, Susi would have the right to rent out the top of the tank for communications antennas and keep any revenues from such a lease.

"We told him [Susi] that we wanted the top of the hill, and he said 'If you want the top, you might as well take the whole thing'," McNabb said.

The water commission has the authority to initiate eminent domain proceedings and seize private land for water tanks, as long as it pays fair-market value for the property. The town would not be required to take the entire 62-acre parcel that Susi owns.

Susi plans to build either residential homes or an industrial facility at the very top of the hill, which overlooks the Atlantic Ocean. The tank relies on gravity to deliver water, so a higher location could mean a shorter, cheaper tank than the kind needed on a lower elevation. McNabb said the back parcel is 160-feet above mean sea level, about the same height as the top of Bear Hill, which is 158-feet above mean sea level, the minimum height the water commission needs for a second tank.

But an eminent domain taking would increase the cost of building a new tank. The town originally allocated $1.4 million two years ago to build a new two million gallon water tank on Bear Hill. After intense opposition from residents, town meeting approved an additional $200,000 last year to build a tank on Scituate Hill. McNabb said the water commission estimates the cost of the current plan at around $1.64 million, $40,000 more than the water commission has set aside for the tank.

McNabb said town counsel is examining the plan, which has not yet been approved by the water commission. If the plan is approved by the water commission, a contract would have to be drawn up and signed, and the ZBA would have to approve variances for the tank and any antennas. McNabb said the new tank could be built in about a year if all the hurdles are cleared.

Currently, the water commission plans to build a two million gallon concrete, ground-level water tank. McNabb said the water commissioners are exploring the possibility of building a steel tank instead, either a ground-level unit or an elevated unit on stilts. McNabb said a ground-level steel tank could be several hundreds of thousands of dollars cheaper than a concrete tank. An elevated unit would be more expensive, but the town could make up the cost without sacrificing water pressure by building a smaller tank. The smaller elevated tank would benefit from being raised higher off the ground than a ground-level tank, but there are additional costs associated with placing a huge water tank on steel stilts.

Noel Collins, a local businessman, originally worked in conjunction with Susi to try and find a location on Scituate Hill that gave the town free land in exchange for certain considerations, such as the support of the water commission to change the land from industrial to residential zoning. Collins told the water commission that the back parcel would not be available until Susi received approval for whatever project it chose for the site. McNabb said Susi's latest plans envision the land as the national headquarters for a major corporation.

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Schools to take over crossing guard duties

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The school department will seek $6,500 to pay for crossing guards at the Deer Hill and new Osgood School driveway off Sohier Street.

In the past, Cohasset police have provided coverage in the morning and afternoon for youngsters crossing the road at Deer Hill and the old Osgood School off Ripley Road.

But that coverage was not always available because police assigned to the post are "on call" should an incident arise in another part of town.

Police Chief Brian Noonan wrote to then superintendent Stephen Hart last February with his concerns about leaving the school crossings unguarded when police are called away to respond to calls in their sectors.

He asked the school department to implement civilian school crossing guards for this school year.

However, no final plans were made.

"We're the only town that does this, so far as I know. I would totally support the school when they go before the advisory committee on this."

— Police Chief Brian Noonan

"Chief Noonan brought this to my attention and explained the issue came down to manpower," superintendent Dr. Edward "Ted" Malvey told the school committee last week.

In the past, town police provided coverage from 8:40 to 9:15 a.m. and 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. at the Osgood and from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and 2:25 to 2:40 p.m. at Deer Hill.

"We have a shore car and a highway car," Police Chief Brian Noonan explained. "The shore car would cover the old Osgood because it was in the shore area and the highway car would take care of the Deer Hill school. But with the new Osgood moving up behind Deer Hill, it would require the highway car to do both crossings, keeping our officer out of service from 8 to 9:15 a.m. and 2:25 to almost 3:15 p.m.

"It's unacceptable to keep a car off the road three hours out of an eight hour shift. Besides, whenever there was an emergency elsewhere, we'd have to leave," he said.

According to Noonan, Osgood secretary Ilene Colwill was always on the spot to pinch-hit when an officer had to leave for other business.

"She would be there for us in a heartbeat," he said. But, because the new school is situated at about 500-yards from Sohier Street, it would not be as easy for an officer responding to get someone down to cover the crossing.

"We can't predict when emergencies will occur," said Noonan. "We're the only town that does this, so far as I know. I would totally support the school when they go before the advisory committee on this."

During last week's school committee meeting, Malvey suggested hiring a crossing guard at an hourly rate of anywhere from $8 to $10 per hour, the average payment for crossing guards in neighboring towns.

"It's my recommendation that we go to the advisory committee," said Malvey. "I think we have a need for this. We have an obligation to go back to this issue—it's a town issue. These are our children."

According to Noonan, it should cost $6,500 to hire, outfit and pay for a crossing guard.

"Our officers, Lisa Matos and Shellee Peters, were very protective of the kids and the kids used to bring them presents," said Noonan. "It's a great job for somebody who is retired and wants to look out for the children."

For now, police will continue to provide coverage from 8:40 to 9 a.m. and 2:55 to 3:10 for Osgood pupils.

Gas main break on Black Rock Road

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Black Rock Road residents were evacuated from their homes Monday afternoon after a contractor accidentally struck a gas line there.

The call came into the station at 1:16 p.m.

Fire Chief Roger Lincoln called Boston Gas which arrived with gas detectors to ascertain if residents' homes had affected by the leak. Evacuated residents were not permitted back in their homes until the residences were determined clear of danger.

A Hull firetruck came in to cover the Cohasset station, as both engines and additional firefighters were called to the scene at 93 Black Rock Road.

"It was relatively routine for us," said Fire Chief Nick Russo of the Hull Fire Department. "This is part of our mutual agreement with all the surrounding towns. Luckily for us, the day was otherwise uneventful in Hull and Cohasset."

The incident could not have been anticipated.

"Gas mains are marked prior to construction," explained Lincoln. "A blaster or anyone else digging is supposed to know within a reasonable distance where the utility is set."

The street had been marked, according to Lincoln, by an organization that not only puts in the markings but is also notified when digging is to occur so that gas mains don't rupture and water mains don't get broken.

Fire captain Mike Trask was the first to arrive on the scene and ordered the initial help. "He evacuated the area and stretched a hose line from the engine to make sure that if there were any gas emission the fire department would be able to control it," explained Lincoln.

When the gas company arrived, workers shut off the flow of gas to the main and then checked the houses for accumulation prior to reopening them.

An ambulance was also on hand, in case of emergency.

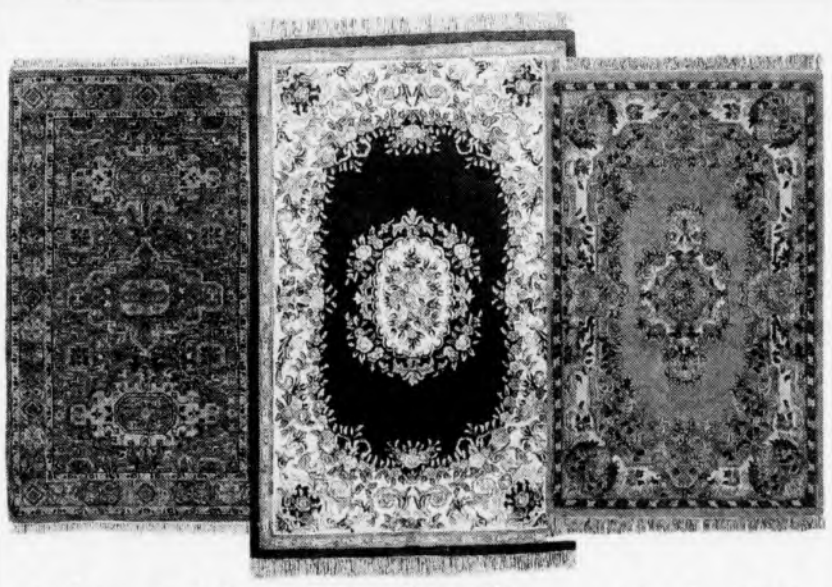
"Certainly, we were concerned with the fact that the gas emitting from a break in the main might ignite," said Lincoln. "We were concerned that there be no civilians or spectators nearby. I'm happy that there was no explosion and there were no injuries."

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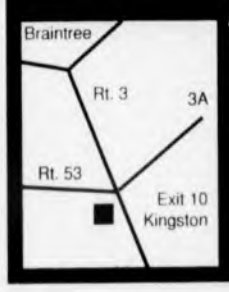
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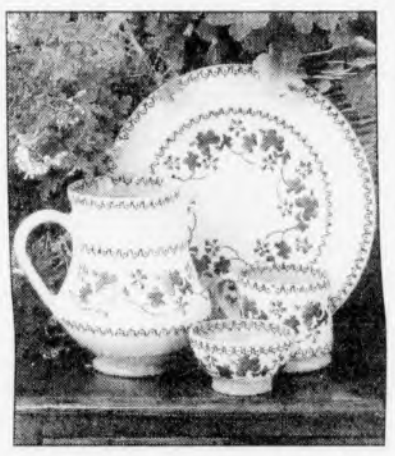


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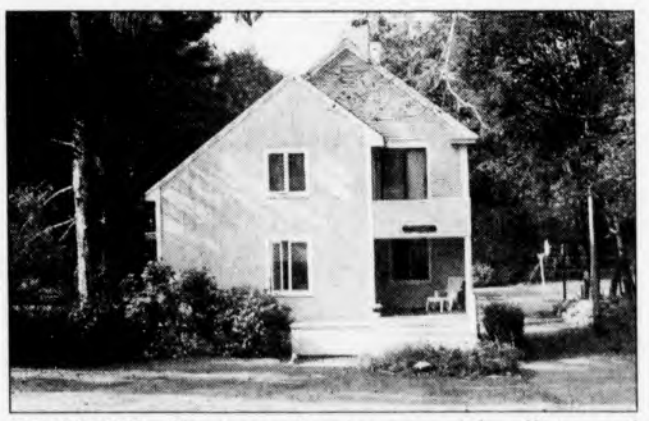


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Louise E. Rose celebrates her 100th birthday, Oct. 2. Happy Birthday, Louise!

RETIREMENT PARTY

A retirement party was held for former superintendent of Cohasset Schools, **Steve Hart**, last week. More than 180 people attended the farewell party, held at the Barker Tavern in Scituate, Sept. 17. Principal **Curt Collins** was the master of ceremonies and did an outstanding job leading the farewells (one of his many talents is keeping a crowd going, and knowing just what to say and how to say it). There were accolades and best wishes galore, and Steve was most pleased! His parting gift was a trip to the spot of his choice, which we are sure he and his wife will love (that is if **Mirium** can tear him away from the finishing touches he is helping with at the new Osgood School). We want to take the time to wish Steve the very best as he begins the next stage of his life, and to say Thank You, Steve, for your loving care and concern you showed while you were superintendent! You are a gem that will always shine brightly in the world, whatever your next job will be!

NEW GRANDSON

Had a call from **Barbara Potolicchio** last week, just call her Gramma now! Barbara's daughter **Dina** and husband **John** (of Hingham) presented her with a brand new grandson, **Joseph Michael O'Neil,** Sept. 20. Joseph weighed 8 lbs. and was 19 inches long. Besides his folks and Barbara there to love him to pieces, his Uncle **Brad** cannot wait to take him on his first adventure — and, the same goes for Joseph's paternal grandparents; **Joan O'Neil** of Rye, N.H., and **Ted O'Neil** of Hull. Congrats go to all of you, we cannot wait to see that baby strolling around town!

BIRTHDAYS GALORE

Last month we told you about **Libby Pompeo's** birthday bash; now we want to extend belated birthday wishes to some other Pompeos! **Jeannine Pompeo Coburn**, whose birthday was Sept. 4; **Tara Pompeo**, whose birthday was celebrated Sept. 16 (the day after grandmother Libby); and, **Karen Pompeo Burke**, whose birthday was Sept. 17. Best wishes to all of you!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SUE

Finally, we have to send Happy Birthday greetings all the way to Maine — Denmark, Maine, to be exact! Oct. 8 is the big day, and the birthday gal is non other than **Sue Fone** (whom we all miss so much!) All of Cohasset sends love and best wishes, and cheers to many more!

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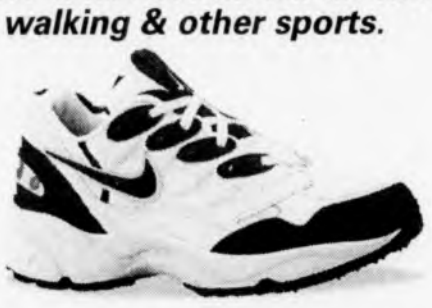
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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Mr. & Mrs. Joel G. Whitman

Whitman/Anderson wedding

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The bride was given in marriage by her father Robert C. Anderson. The Matron of honor was Katie Santarsiero of San Jose, Calif. The Bridesmaids were Karen Atkinson of Cohasset, Paula Casey of St. Louis, Mo.; Terri Rodway of Portland, Maine; Christina Kreuzer of Kingston and Lisa Tennent of Lynn.

John MacDonald III of Cohasset served as best man. Ushers were Joshua, Adam and Eric Whitman of Cohasset and Michael and Christian Anderson of Scituate.

The bride is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Stonehill College in Easton. She is employed at Cover Concepts Marketing in Boston.

Her husband is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Franklin Institute of Technology in Boston. He is employed at Hewitts Cove Marina in Hingham.

A reception was held at the Lightkeeper's House in Cohasset.

After a wedding trip to Bermuda the couple will reside in Weymouth.

For those veggie lovers out there!

MAY I PRESENT

SALLYANN CHATTERTON



This week let's do something for those who don't eat meat — there are lots out there, so hopefully there are many to enjoy this — even if you think that you cannot live without some form of meat or fowl for a night's supper, you will be amazed how full you feel and how good this tastes for a change. My aunt used to serve this to us, we thought it was a real treat!

VEGETABLE NUT LOAF

2 eggs
1/4 cup catsup
1 cup cooked rice
1/4 cup fine bread crumbs
2 cups mixed canned or leftover vegetables
1/2 cup finely chopped nuts

Beat eggs and add remaining ingredients in order listed. Pack gently into greased loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes. Serve with tomato sauce.

TOMATO SAUCE

1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup flour
2-1/2 cups tomatoes
1 teaspoon sugar
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1 quart boiling water
1 tbsp. salt
1 tbsp. sugar
2 tbsp. butter
1/4 cup milk
1/4 cup grated cheese
1 cup soft bread crumbs
1 tbsp. chopped parsley
1/2 tsp salt
pepper to taste

Wash turnip and cut into quarters. Cook turnip in boiling water with 1 tablespoon salt and 1 tablespoon sugar. When tender, drain and remove pulp, leaving a 1-inch shell. Mash pulp with remaining ingredients in order given, fill the shells with this mixture and place in greased pan. Cook along with the vegetable nut loaf for the same amount of time.

Hope you enjoy this different and delicious meal!

— Sallyann Chatterton

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EDITORIAL

Five years later

Depending on where you live, the Education Reform Act of 1993 was a boon to your neighborhood school, or a growing hole in your pocket.

Proponents of the landmark legislation saw it as a comprehensive blueprint aimed at leveling the playing field in public education while raising the standards statewide. In lower- income communities, Ed Reform and its complex change in state funding served to pump cash into the public schools, bringing in more teachers, better equipment and an overall improvement in the ability of that community to educate its children. Many middle-income and well-to-do communities - many of the towns in the region covered by Community Newspaper Company publications - have only received a minimum amount of aid, leaving many taxpayers and school officials feeling they haven't gotten their fair share.

It is this formula that has some suburban taxpayers and school officials up in arms. While the quality of education and teacher training in particular are getting the most ink lately, the fairness of the Ed Reform funding formula has been the focus of an important debate since the new law was passed.

This edition of our newspaper includes the first of what will be a monthly series during this school year looking at how we pay for public education, how well the statewide testing program works, how schools stack up against one another, and the cost of special education, among other topics.

This first installment looks at how local schools compare to the state's "foundation budget" - the amount the state recommends as the minimum each town should be spending on its schools. The stories in this series are being created by a team of reporters and editors from throughout the company's 100-plus newspapers in eastern Massachusetts. Our efforts are meant to shine light on this important issue, to look at how the billions of dollars in Education Reform money have been spent, and to find out what you, our readers, think are the successes or failures of Ed Reform.

No one is against quality public education. The debate has always been about how to achieve that and how to pay for it. To help focus that debate, we are planning a public forum on Education Reform starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington. A panel of educators and experts in the field will face questioning from a panel of journalists. We hope many of the questions raised in this forum will flow from you, our readers. We hope you'll plan to attend the forum, give us feedback through calls, letters to the editor and e-mails to this newspaper. We believe we share an interest in this most important topic: the education of our children.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beltway billiousness vs. sunny suburbanites

TO THE EDITOR:

Why the discrepancy between the high approval rating of Clinton outside the Washington Beltway and the almost universal disapproval by the pols and pundits inside the Beltway?

Because the insiders have long recognized the cynical hypocrisy and the aura of lawlessness that pervades the current White House. Being egotists, the insiders are outraged that the Clinton crowd would presume them so dumb as to be susceptible to transparent spinning, hair splitting, clever language tricks and other forms of semi-lying to them. The Starr report didn't surprise them, they already knew their man, but it did provide opportunity to vent their resentment of past mendacity.

But what do us hicks from the sticks know? Apparently about 60 percent don't know much, but opinions aren't hampered by the minor disadvantage of knowing little and thinking less. Some have a pathetic compulsion to appear sophisticated by claiming that the President's immorality and character is nobody else's business, while demonstrating naive innocence of the meaning of the evidence. Some believe the nonsense that the President, not the normal cycle of business ups and downs, is responsible for current prosperity. Some want to shoot the messenger, braying that the Starr report is only evidence of Starr's prurience. (I suppose these airheads would respond to a message that their house is on fire by retorting that the messenger is a firebug)!

It's clear that the common denominator of those excusing the President is stunning ignorance of the relevant facts, of the history of the case, of the spectacular incompetence of this administration in foreign affairs, of the discrepancies between Clinton's impressive rhetoric and the minuscule accomplishments.

The Beltway denizens, who observe the President and his noxious minions every day, quite naturally blamed the White House immediately for leaking destructive information about Congressman Hyde and others, even though in this instance the minions probably were innocent.

But that's the unlovely aura that has emanated from the White House these last few years, and that's why the chattering class, the pundits and pols inside the Beltway, have had enough, even though 60 percent of us hicks have yet to catch on.

R. Murray Campbell
75 Old Pasture Road

Youth programs need financial support

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Youth Resources Committee charged with development of Teen Services and facility construction is sending, via the October tax bills, a letter requesting financial support from our community.

The letter, explaining our objectives and goals, will be included with the next tax assessment mailing along with a pre-addressed return envelope.

Our teenage population needs community financial support in order to initially develop both programs and facilities which, once underway, are expected to become financially self-supporting.

The Cohasset Council of Elder Affairs are thanked for its time and efforts preparing both the letters and tax bills for mailing. The council members volunteer their services for all tax bill mailings, as well as other periodic mailings from local organizations.

Our thanks also go to Town Treasurer, Mr. Joseph D. Buckley, for allowing our letter to be included with the tax bills, saving considerable money which Youth Resources can ill afford.

We thank the community for its anticipated concern and generosity on behalf of our youth.

Jack Worley
Recreation Director
41 Highland Ave.

Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

Murray, Bradley square off on 'On the Mark'

First debate highlights common ground

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The biggest difference between Mary Jeanette Murray and Garrett Bradley may the their ages.

A former county prosecutor, Bradley, 28, a Democrat, will try to unseat Murray, 73, a Republican, seeking her 12th consecutive term as state representative for the Third Plymouth District in the state election Nov. 3.

On last week's "On the Mark" cable-TV show hosted by Ilana Marks of Scituate, the two candidates found they shared common ground on issues such as their opposition to restoration of the Greenbush Line of the Old Colony Railroad. They also both put education, public safety and tax relief at the top of their priority list.



Garrett Bradley



Mary Jeanette Murray

Murray has run unopposed for the past ten years except for an 11th-hour sticker campaign two years ago. Bradley defeated challengers Josh Cutler and Walter Murray, both of Hull, for the Democratic Party nomination for state representative in the Sept. 15 primary.

In answering a caller's question, Bradley described himself as socially conscious and fiscally conservative. Murray said she was "middle of the road but leaning conservative" although she supported some social liberal issues.

"Where I lean mostly is where my constituents stand," said Murray, a grandmother, who served as a Cohasset selectman before heading to the Statehouse 22 years ago. "I try to know where my people are coming from."

They both agree that serving as a state representative is a full-time job.

"I've pledged to be a full-time state representative," said Bradley in response to Murray's signs touting her full-time service. "If the time it takes to do the job is anywhere near as much as running a campaign, it is most definitely full-time."

In response to another caller who described the public schools on the South Shore as "abysmal" the two candidates parted ways on the issue of "vouchers" to offset the cost of private schools.

While Bradley, who lives in Hingham with his wife Heather, does not support vouchers for private schools, he advocates increased accountability, oversight and more state money for the public schools.

"Massachusetts is ranked 45th in the nation in the amount of state money going to the public schools, that has to change," he said.

Murray supports vouchers if the state picks up the tab.

They both want to see the state pay for Charter Schools, so that the money does not follow the student from the sending school district to the charter school — as is currently the case — ultimately hurting the sending school district's bottom line.

Concerning public safety, both say domestic violence is an important issue.

Murray is not optimistic that Bradley would be successful with his proposed bill legislating a 24-hour cooling off period for perpetrators arrested following an incident of domestic violence.

He points out that victims don't always get restraining orders and his proposed bill would provide a safeguard so that perpetrators could not return home for 24 hours.

"This will protect them (victims), even when they don't want to protect themselves," he said.

Murray said more emphasis should be put on restraining orders.

"It's taken us a long time for women to understand they have the right," she said.

Both Bradley and Murray are opposed to term limits.

Murray said she supports capping spending in a state representative's race to $18,000, a limit proposed by the League of Women Voters.

Bradley who has raised upwards of $60,000, said it is difficult to run against an incumbent.

"It's hard to get your name out there," he said.

One caller was angry that Bradley and Marks, the host, were not showing Murray the respect she deserves by calling her "Mary Jeanette" and not "Representative Murray."

Marks explained she asked the candidates what they preferred to be called before the show.

Murray said she likes being called Mary Jeanette and when she gets calls asking for "Representative Murray", she knows they are from the Statehouse and are not her constituents.

Bradley opposes the death penalty while Murray favors it.

For murder in the first degree, the penalty is life without parole, Bradley explained.

"Let them die in prison," he said.

Murray said she supports the death penalty when it was aimed at those who kill police in the line of duty.

Asked if President Clinton should resign, Bradley described the president's behavior as "deplorable" but said the impeachment process should be able to run its course.

"There are two sides to every story, when I see the house proceedings and the trial in the senate, then I'll have an opinion," he said.

Murray said Clinton should stay because he only has two years to go.

"We don't know what we're getting in Gore, he'll be investigated, too," she said.

The cable show will be rebroadcast at 8 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1.

Clarifying the revaluation mystery

By Jim Lagrotteria
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

This is the second in a two-part series of articles by the Board of Assessors to help clarify the mystery of revaluation of your property.

State law requires that your property be assessed at market value. Market value is defined as the amount a typical, well-informed purchaser would be willing to pay for a property. For a sale to be a market value (arm's length) sale, the seller and buyer must be unrelated, the buyer must be willing (but not under pressure) to buy, the property must be on the market for a reasonable length of time, the payment must be in cash or its equivalent, and the financing must be typical for that type of property. If there have been no recent arm's-length sales of your property, the next best evidence is the arm's-length sales of reasonably comparable properties. These are properties similar to yours in location, age, style, condition and other features that affect market value, such as the number of bedrooms, bathrooms and size of garage. A list of these sales is maintained in the Assessor's office, is considered public information and is available to any homeowner.

If no reasonable comparable sales exist, we will then consider all other factors that may affect the market value of your property. The cost of replacing your building(s), less depreciation, plus the value of your land could be used. For rental properties, the income and expenses should be considered.

General economic conditions such as interest rates, inflation rates and changes in the tax laws will influence the value of real estate. As property values change in the marketplace, those changes must be reflected on the assessment roll. Not all assessments change at the same rate. There are many differences between individual properties and between neighborhoods. In one area, the sales may indicate a substantial increase in value in a given year. In another neighborhood, there may be no change, or even a decrease in property values. Different types of properties within the same neighborhood may also show different value changes. For example, one-story homes may be in more demand than two-story homes or vice versa. Older homes in the same area may be rising in value more slowly than newer homes. Among the numerous factors to be considered that will cause values to differ between properties are location, condition, size, quality, number of baths, basement finish, garages and many others.

All of these conditions must be reviewed and analyzed before placing a value on your property. Then a further review of this information to ensure that your assessment will correspond fairly to other properties in your neighborhood will be required. Following our review, the State Department of Revenue will review all of the new assessments and then a public review period is allowed. The time of the public review is announced in the local newspapers.

Should you not agree with your new assessment, talk with the Assessors.

During the informal public review period you can learn how your assessment was made, what factors were considered and what type of records we have on your property. Should you further disagree with your assessment, you will need to file an abatement application with the Assessing Department when the third quarter bill is due. The Board of Assessors has three months in which to act on your application and will inform you of their decision on an approved Department of Revenue form. There are exemptions that provide for tax relief for qualified homeowners available, inquire at the Assessor's office to determine whether you qualify.

State law puts the burden of proof on the property owner to show that the assessment is incorrect. Simply stating that your assessment or property taxes are too high is not relevant. You should establish in your mind what you think your property is worth. The best evidence that could be considered would be a recent arm's length sale of your property. The next evidence would be recent sales of properties similar to yours. The closer in similarity and proximity, the better the evidence. An appraisal of your property by an independent appraiser would be additional evidence.

Although the value of your property affects your share of taxes, the actual amount you pay is determined by the budget needs of the town and school. Once this decision is made by the town, a tax rate is adopted that will generate the needed dollars to fund Town Meetings wishes. Your property taxes are determined by multiplying the tax rate by your assessment. Tax Rate times Assessed Value/000 = Taxes.

Bill Clinton in Wonderland

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



"'Have some wine,' the March Hare said, in an encouraging tone. Alice looked all around the table, but there was nothing on it but tea. 'I don't see any wine,' she remarked. 'There isn't any,' said the March Hare."

Am I the only one who has noticed that there is an Alice in Wonderland quality to some of the things that are happening in Washington to and around Bill Clinton?

The president seems to be able to do the things that would get Will Cordero and Dave Meggett banned in Boston and folks will not only forgive him, they'll applaud him as well.

Mind you, these are the very things that pastors all over the land thunder against every Sunday morning. It makes one wonder if anyone is listening.

Kenneth Starr releases a 445-page report chronicling in excruciating detail the many things Bill was doing to Monica and nothing much happens except that I have given up smoking cigars.

A Gallup poll taken when the report was revealed - and the good parts, at least, read by most Americans - showed that 64 per cent of us approved of the job he was doing in the White House.

More difficult to explain is another part of that poll showed that 72 percent thought it very important for a president to provide moral leadership for the country and 68 percent thought Clinton was a weak moral leader.

Yet, when asked if, as a result of the Monica matter, they are more or less likely to believe Bill when he speaks on matters of public policy, 55 per cent of us said they really weren't affected at all.

Mind you, these are the very things that pastors all over the land thunder against every Sunday morning. It makes one wonder if anyone is listening.

A couple of weeks later a video tape of the president's four hour and 12 minutes of testimony before the Grand Jury, even more titillating than the written report, is shown on television sets everywhere.

Polls taken after the broadcast reported that 70 percent thought the questions were fair, 62 percent thought he was hiding something and 81 percent thought that he lied under oath.

Yet 66 percent said they approved of the job he was doing and 68 percent said his sins were not of a magnitude to bring his impeachment.

The same day that the tape of his testimony was shown on TV, his live appearance before the United Nations drew a warm reception.

"It reflects the love and respect the international community feels for you," he was told.

Not only that, but political contributions to Clinton's Democratic party actually went up and a $2,500-per-person fund-raiser for a Democratic candidate for governor of Illinois had to be moved to a larger hall to accommodate the crowd.

"When our donors get angry, they get out their checkbooks," said Ellen Malcolm, a party fund-raiser.

I leave it to Tom Oliphant and Dave Nyhan to figure out what all this means but in the unlikely event that I were to become a politician, the first thing I would do is buzz my secretary and tell her:

"Miss Smith, my popularity is slipping. Send in the nubile interns, please."

ED REFORM:
5 Years Later

Suburban schools struggle to cope

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"Education Reform cuts state aid to the bone for suburban school districts," said James H. Powers of Needham, a leader in that coalition. "There are 160 communities on the warpath because they're caught between the state aid formula, Proposition 2 1/2 and state mandates."

What sparked this new movement is the way that more than $2 billion in new funding has been doled out by the state to 350-plus school districts. The complaint from the suburban coalition has now set up a high-stakes showdown between rich and poor school districts. The battleground will be the floor of the State House, as the Education Reform Act comes up for review in the year 2000.

Driving the coalition are representatives of the districts that have been hit by a double blow. They receive only the minimum amount of Education Reform aid - $100 per student this year, up from $25 in 1993. Meanwhile, they have been pinched by Education Reform's costly mandates, such as providing new curricula and added time in class for learning.

The result is that wealthy towns with famous school systems like Lexington and Newton are crying foul over the state funding formula.

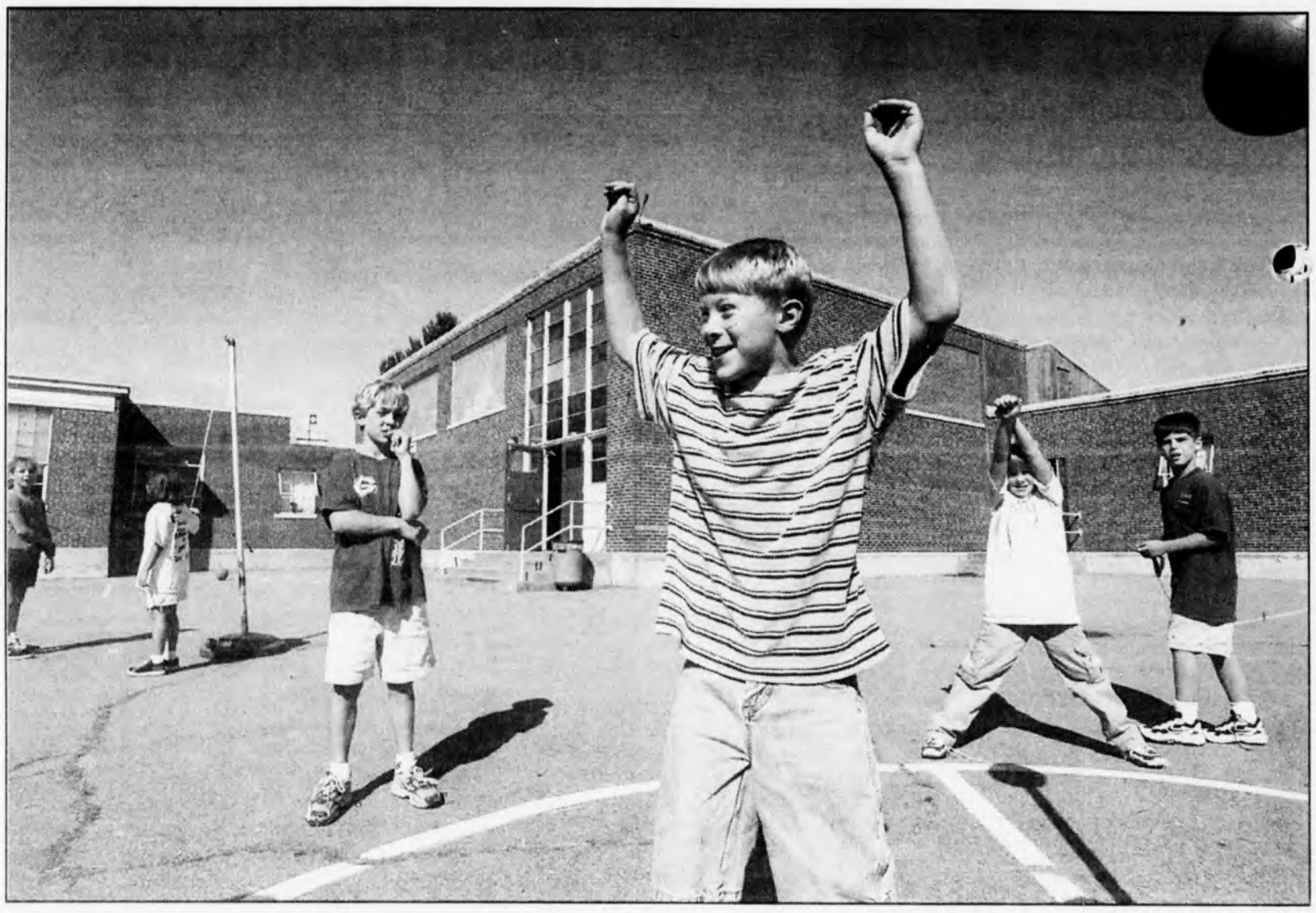
"They're beginning to see the level of education they want to provide erode," said Peter Finn, executive director of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents. "Middle class and some wealthy communities have begun to spend less per pupil. They have begun to curtail programs and go with larger class sizes."

The position has met with a less than sympathetic response from the some of the state's key education and political leaders.

John R. Silber, chairman of the state Board of Education, said he is concerned less with the gripes of suburban schools than with children in places such as Lawrence, Brockton, New Bedford - cities that, he said, have been "devastated by a loss of jobs and a decline in real estate values."

"I don't deny for a moment that there are inequities in any plan a state can devise," Silber said. "But I don't believe that Massachusetts' inequities are anything but minimal. There are only a minority of suburbs that are under-funded. Many of them have enormous waste. They are spending way too much money in the central office."

The coalition will also find a formidable opponent at the State House.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Parker Berg celebrates a winning effort during recess on the playground at Deer Hill School. Local officials say ed reform has improved education but put more of the burden for paying for schools on Cohasset taxpayers.

Today the state contributes a total of $2.5 billion annually to local school operations, representing about 40 percent of the aggregate operating budget. That is up from about 30 percent in 1993.

"It's the lower- and middle-class communities that get the lion's share of the funds," acknowledged State Senate President Thomas Birmingham, a Democrat from Chelsea, one of the architects of Education Reform. "That's no accident. That's by design."

As a result of that design, some of the poorest communities have received the most Education Reform money for their schools. Between 1993 and 1998, for example, state aid per pupil jumped 238 percent in Everett, 111 percent in Revere and 109 percent in Boston, according to data provided by the state Department of Education.

This fundamental change in school financing was prompted, in part, by a 1993 decision by the state Supreme Judicial Court that called it unconstitutional for schools to rely so heavily on local property taxes for funding. It was also designed to ease the effects of recession in the early 1990s, when many schools were forced to cut their budgets.

"Because the system had been so ravaged, the first goal was to stop the bleeding and get the patient back to functional," said Mark Roosevelt, a former legislator who helped draft the Education Reform Act.

Since its inception, the act has narrowed the gap in spending between rich districts and poor districts. Today the state contributes a total of $2.5 billion annually to local school operations, representing about 40 percent of the aggregate operating budget. That is up from about 30 percent in 1993.

By the year 2000, the state will have increased its annual contribution to the schools by $2 billion as a result of Education Reform alone. That has translated into hefty increases for school districts with relatively low property wealth.

"Our system of continuing to rely on property taxes to fund education is fundamentally bankrupt. It creates tensions between schools and other municipal services."

Jay R.Kaufman, Lexington state rep.

Despite those gains, state Rep. Jay R. Kaufman, a Democrat from Lexington, said the process of education funding remains troublesome.

"Our system of continuing to rely on property taxes to fund education is fundamentally bankrupt," Kaufman said. "It creates tensions between schools and other municipal services."

Working with state Sen. Stanley C. Rosenberg, Kaufman has been studying alternatives to the property tax as a basis for education funding.

One target of their concern is districts growing faster than the limits of Proposition 2 1/2 will accommodate, that is, school systems with growing populations such as Ashland and Hopkinton, according to state Sen. David P. Magnani, a Democrat from Framingham.

"Their enrollment growth has been so high, their local property tax hasn't been able to keep up," he said.

That has created a Catch-22 for some school systems whose reputations draw new families to town.

For example, Newton has been unable to reduce class sizes as much as it intended. "The schools here are packed," said School Superintendent Jeffrey Young. "Newton is struggling with the growing number of kids and the resources available."

The city has been "extremely supportive of the schools," Young said. "However, it can go on only so long with local funding. At some point, if the state continues to hold high expectations -as it should - it will have to give us more financial support."

Under the terms of Education Reform, the state uses a complex funding formula with the intent of bringing every school district up to what it calls a foundation budget - the minimum level needed to provide an adequate education.

The infusion of state funds has not only helped older industrial cities such as Lynn, Chelsea and Revere, it has benefited smaller Cape Cod towns as well. The state's contribution to Wellfleet, for example, has increased by 287 percent.

By one standard, the program has been a smashing success.

"We're getting very close to that magic point where everyone is spending at least the minimum amount," said Cam Huff, a senior research associate with the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation.

By the year 2000, almost every school district in the state is expected to reach its foundation budget.

However, despite the efforts of Education Reform, rich towns and poor towns still stand far apart in the resources they can muster. Lexington, Wellesley, Brookline, Dover, Concord, Cambridge, Truro, Dover-Sherborn, Concord-Carlisle, Weston and Lincoln-Sudbury each spend between 50 to 100 percent more on their schools than the level defined as adequate by the state, reflecting their rich tax base and commitment to schools.

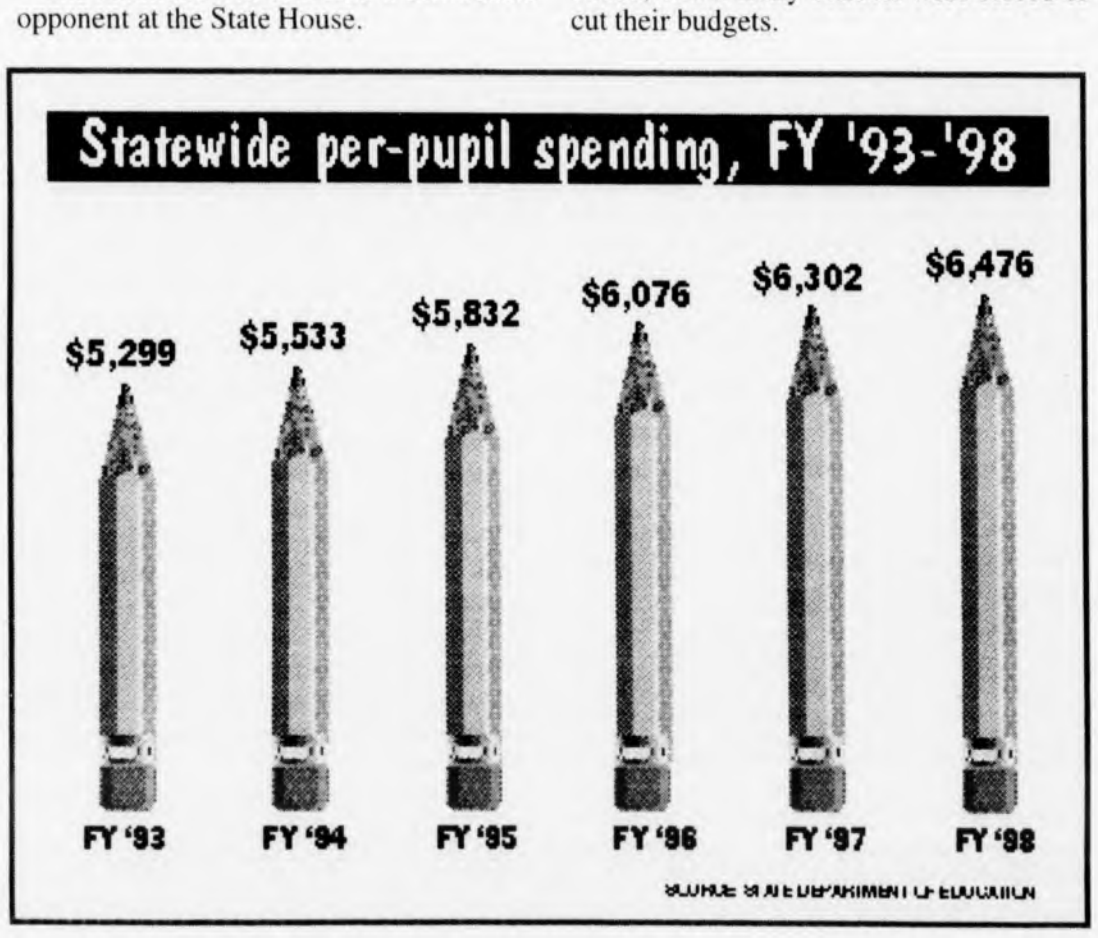
According to the architects of Education Reform, that powerful resource is not affected by the new formula.

"We do not require a perfectly level playing field," Birmingham said, "but we must lower the trajectory of inequality."

That "trajectory of inequality" has declined steadily since 1993, but the difference between what towns actuallytown of Chelsea spends $6,954 on each student.

The biggest spenders in the state are high schools and vocational schools in wealthy communities that get little Education Reform

SCHOOLS, PAGE 13



EDUCATION REFORM: WHERE THE MONEY WENT IN OUR TOWNS

District Name	FY98 Student Enrollment*	FY98 Per Pupil Spending	% change in per pupil spending last 5 years	FY98 State Aid Per Pupil	% Change in State Aid Per Pupil over last 5 years	How much district spends over minimum required**
Abington	2,262	$5,523	24%	$2,300	39%	101%
Acton	2,115	$6,009	9%	$616	55%	108%
Acton Boxborough	1,787	$7,877	17%	$1,256	21%	134%
Acushnet	1,319	$5,251	67%	$2,963	146%	97%
Amesbury	2,847	$5,452	22%	$2,824	60%	94%
Arlington	3,961	$7,315	6%	$967	28%	126%
Ashland	1,971	$6,266	13%	$639	61%	109%
Assabet Valley	725	$10,434	14%	$3,748	10%	113%
Avon	591	$6,963	16%	$669	73%	124%
Barnstable	6,701	$5,728	41%	$495	131%	106%
Bedford	1,861	$8,327	12%	$641	60%	142%
Bellingham	2,543	$5,514	24%	$2,268	34%	97%
Belmont	3,151	$6,925	3%	$593	69%	120%
Beverly	4,709	$6,003	22%	$1,064	48%	106%
Billerica	5,894	$6,021	30%	$1,859	110%	104%
Blackstone Millville	2,221	$5,043	13%	$3,416	30%	95%
Blackstone Valley	847	$9,652	49%	$5,531	20%	107%
Blue Hills	870	$9,900	22%	$3,625	17%	108%
Boston	62,633	$7,835	19%	$2,303	110%	107%
Bourne	2,331	$5,435	29%	$946	136%	99%
Boxborough	506	$4,794	-14%	$414	83%	84%
Boxford	984	$4,291	2%	$429	105%	81%
Braintree	4,588	$6,227	16%	$660	72%	106%
Brewster	707	$6,078	27%	$500	225%	119%
Bristol County	342	$11,277	4%	$3,718	-25%	131%
Bristol Plymouth	780	$9,040	24%	$5,298	20%	102%
Brookline	5,580	$8,949	15%	$559	94%	149%
Burlington	3,548	$6,874	7%	$708	55%	118%
Cambridge	8,801	$10,011	4%	$533	79%	153%
Canton	2,666	$6,612	8%	$622	68%	114%
Cape Cod	546	$10,709	14%	$3,072	-v2%	126%
Carlisle	656	$7,201	20%	$531	74%	129%
Chatham	603	$9,644	33%	$409	303%	183%
Chelmsford	5,402	$5,800	24%	$917	117%	102%
Cohasset	1,142	$7,403	30%	$705	61%	131%
Concord	1,727	$8,524	13%	$563	75%	151%
Concord Carlisle	876	$10,642	9%	$1,406	14%	174%
Danvers	3,608	$6,477	7%	$591	71%	118%
Dedham	2,777	$7,171	12%	$767	52%	124%
Dennis Yarmouth	4,386	$5,977	23%	$1,180	42%	108%
Dover	462	$8,195	6%	$349	218%	150%
Dover Sherborn	832	$9,374	-4%	$1,120	-4%	162%
Duxbury	2,761	$6,537	28%	$642	83%	116%
Eastham	365	$6,440	17%	$382	235%	122%
Easton	3,381	$5,329	19%	$1,463	52%	99%
Essex	496	$5,596	23%	$912	162%	104%
Essex County	578	$12,161	60%	$5,934	71%	141%
Falmouth	4,656	$5,802	15%	$642	71%	106%
Foxborough	2,674	$6,475	28%	$1,726	68%	111%
Framingham	7,489	$7,629	30%	$651	74%	121%
Franklin	4,647	$5,709	44%	$2,309	117%	101%
Georgetown	1,228	$5,801	21%	$1,614	44%	105%
Hamilton Wenham	1,859	$6,671	22%	$1,319	32%	124%
Hanover	2,316	$6,330	32%	$1,047	101%	113%
Harwich	1,522	$6,768	21%	$518	176%	127%
Hingham	3,182	$6,272	24%	$727	69%	110%
Holbrook	1,351	$4,880	20%	$2,651	28%	98%
Holliston	2,697	$6,155	37%	$1,587	93%	108%
Hopedale	1,026	$5,500	14%	$2,560	213%	97%
Hopkinton	2,145	$5,760	18%	$692	76%	98%
Hudson	2,490	$6,523	33%	$1,936	27%	110%
Hull	1,571	$6,345	24%	$2,179	97%	103%
Ipswich	1,760	$6,333	10%	$724	53%	115%
King Philip	1,551	$6,526	20%	$2,331	16%	111%
Lexington	4,954	$8,457	15%	$641	54%	144%
Lincoln	501	$11,611	15%	$523	74%	203%
Lincoln Sudbury	922	$12,158	29%	$1,624	15%	202%
Lynn	13,898	$6,590	36%	$4,807	89%	95%
Malden	5,266	$6,990	39%	$2,931	41%	109%
Manchester	746	$7,833	6%	$643	57%	145%
Mansfield	3,602	$5,849	11%	$1,421	191%	99%
Marblehead	2,628	$6,746	9%	$588	69%	124%
Marion	459	$6,566	17%	$371	262%	126%
Marlborough	4,229	$6,875	24%	$693	76%	114%
Marshfield	4,216	$5,367	24%	$1,948	100%	93%
Masconomet	1,390	$7,542	14%	$1,351	1%	130%
Mashpee	1,830	$6,013	20%	$611	608%	110%
Mattapoisett	527	$6,207	21%	$536	119%	119%
Maynard	1,407	$6,444	17%	$1,065	21%	107%
Medfield	2,308	$5,565	7%	$571	55%	98%
Medford	5,675	$6,523	8%	$1,767	16%	105%
Medway	2,140	$6,235	23%	$1,587	87%	110%
Melrose	3,338	$6,554	23%	$1,296	38%	114%
Mendon Upton	1,563	$5,711	20%	$2,083	12%	101%
Middleborough	3,410	$5,865	60%	$3,490	107%	97%
Middleton	643	$3,953	-21%	$516	26%	75%
Milford	3,997	$6,415	34%	$2,306	34%	107%
Millis	1,182	$5,802	14%	$1,197	52%	102%
Minuteman	460	$20,185	45%	$4,794	27%	218%
Nahant	441	$5,606	26%	$558	119%	101%
Nashoba	2,591	$7,141	0%	$1,835	33%	123%
Nashoba Valley	499	$8,986	13%	$3,927	5%	99%
Natick	3,950	$7,158	4%	$669	45%	123%
Nauset	1,731	$7,413	80%	$1,562	92%	137%
Needham	3,979	$7,560	19%	$596	66%	130%
Newburyport	2,207	$6,909	30%	$1,079	51%	123%
Newton	10,556	$8,319	16%	$585	69%	135%
Norfolk	1,067	$5,355	37%	$1,880	142%	97%
Norfolk County	210	$12,788	-4%	$3,048	-16%	137%
North Andover	3,826	$5,913	24%	$640	62%	104%
North Middlesex	4,648	$5,412	38%	$3,464	70%	94%
North Shore	424	$10,498	42%	$3,117	30%	117%
Northboro Southboro	840	$7,669	32%	$1,494	28%	136%
Northborough	1,806	$4,410	-7%	$843	23%	83%
Northeast Metropolitan	1,196	$9,640	25%	$4,219	51%	103%
Norton	2,522	$5,632	28%	$2,713	95%	97%
Norwell	1,735	$7,120	23%	$730	54%	126%
Norwood	3,523	$6,636	11%	$676	70%	112%
Orleans	338	$6,938	19%	$366	236%	133%
Pathfinder	440	$11,159	31%	$4,315	12%	127%
Peabody	6,296	$5,831	7%	$1,590	32%	101%
Pentucket	3,046	$5,623	-4%	$2,856	-25%	102%
Pioneer	1,114	$5,831	18%	$2,711	71%	107%
Plymouth	8,503	$6,345	128%	$1,727	186%	103%
Provincetown	269	$13,759	29%	$686	94%	222%
Reading	3,838	$6,071	27%	$896	108%	106%
Rockland	2,652	$6,300	36%	$2,951	65%	104%
Salem	4,900	$6,339	15%	$1,642	97%	99%
Sandwich	3,517	$5,508	11%	$733	33%	106%
Saugus	3,166	$6,295	16%	$815	66%	109%
Scituate	2,710	$6,019	14%	$795	58%	105%
Sharon	2,932	$6,349	29%	$964	30%	110%
Shawsheen Valley	1,198	$10,074	14%	$2,606	-1%	112%
Sherborn	414	$6,634	16%	$456	110%	122%
Silver Lake	2,612	$6,759	30%	$2,927	19%	111%
Somerville	6,739	$7,050	9%	$2,939	43%	99%
South Middlesex	803	$12,043	7%	$2,861	-8%	128%
South Shore	497	$9,944	-20%	$3,644	-26%	111%
Southborough	1,059	$5,763	-8%	$517	49%	102%
Southeastern	1,245	$8,866	24%	$5,879	25%	101%
Stoneham	2,643	$6,191	18%	$641	83%	106%
Stoughton	3,936	$5,998	32%	$1,787	38%	101%
Sudbury	2,366	$6,347	10%	$506	58%	112%
Swampscott	2,082	$6,672	15%	$606	62%	124%
Tantasqua	1,523	$6,587	25%	$2,653	45%	115%
Tewksbury	3,876	$5,645	26%	$2,022	53%	98%
Topsfield	647	$5,195	14%	$439	128%	97%
Tri County	755	$8,959	16%	$3,595	22%	100%
Triton	3,228	$5,652	9%	$2,005	38%	100%
Truro	264	$8,098	-16%	$447	423%	152%
Upper Cape Cod	477	$9,242	15%	$2,838	9%	109%
Uxbridge	1,847	$5,262	29%	$2,608	101%	95%
Wakefield	3,283	$6,700	19%	$930	47%	115%
Walpole	3,469	$5,821	21%	$1,002	74%	103%
Waltham	5,198	$8,713	32%	$876	61%	135%
Wareham	3,351	$6,008	36%	$2,612	134%	96%
Watertown	2,716	$8,165	10%	$615	77%	134%
Wayland	2,342	$8,195	17%	$617	56%	143%
Wellesley	3,312	$8,588	17%	$569	72%	149%
Wellfleet	177	$9,453	38%	$418	287%	181%
Westborough	2,901	$6,968	3%	$549	36%	126%
Westford	3,516	$5,408	12%	$811	89%	96%
Weston	1,612	$10,916	20%	$445	124%	189%
Westwood	2,181	$8,308	-2%	$602	37%	146%
Weymouth	6,444	$6,032	27%	$2,291	36%	100%
Whitman Hanson	4,130	$5,887	40%	$3,788	74%	106%
Whittier	986	$9,544	14%	$4,522	-2%	103%
Wilmington	3,210	$6,189	13%	$670	56%	107%
Winchester	2,980	$7,066	14%	$705	58%	124%
Woburn	4,486	$6,422	7%	$671	75%	106%
Wrentham	1,018	$5,763	52%	$2,563	160%	103%
STATEWIDE	**901,876**	**$6,476**	**22%**	**$2,538**	**59%**	**104%**

* Number of students district is financially responsible for.
** Based on budgeted FY '98 spending.

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aid. For instance, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School spends $12,158 per pupil and Minuteman, a tax-supported vocational school in Lexington, spends a whopping $20,185 per student.

"This is a very crucial time right now," said Jerry Wasserman, vice chairman of the Suburban Coalition that is leading the fight for a changed formula. "We're nearing the end of the first cycle of Ed Reform. We would like a funding floor that says every community gets a minimum of 25 percent of their education budget from the state."

Already proposals are being prepared to change the formula. The League of Women Voters has offered one alternative measure, and Jay Kaufman said he plans to introduce legislation next year to revamp the funding process.

Despite the backlash sparked by the funding formula, its authors said it has accomplished its goals.

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Jerry Wasserman,
vice chairman of the Suburban Coalition

"The biggest achievement of Ed[ucation] Reform is that by the year 2000, no matter where you were born, a decent amount of money will be spent to educate you," said Mark Roosevelt. "Now that begs the question: has education improved?"

Next month: *how has the Education Reform Act affected the quality of public education and student achievement?*

Inching toward a resolution of Newtonville wastewater woes

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The public health emergency caused by failing septic systems at four Newtonville homes continues to plague the neighborhood. The owners of four homes on Atlantic Avenue — numbers 26, 26A, 30 and 36 — have been forced to pump ailing systems twice over the summer to prevent raw sewage from bubbling up onto their lawns. The sewer commission has plans to connect the homes to the sewer system, but that won't happen until next spring. Meanwhile, residents and members of the health board are searching for ways to expedite the sewer connection process and end the septic nightmare in that part of Newtonville.

Recently, Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik sent a letter to the sewer commission regarding a state sewer extension permit needed to connect the four homes to the town's system. Godzik said he hoped his letter would convince officials at the Department of Environmental Protection to approve the permit quickly so work could begin.

"The thing is there's something about the sewer extension permit from the state that must be resolved," Godzik said. "The letter to the sewer commission about the permit may be able to help the process along."

In the letter to the sewer commission, Godzik stresses the need for quick action on the problem. He writes that the only solution to the crisis is to connect the four homes to the sewer system as soon as possible.

"The public health emergency conditions at 26, 26A, 30 and 36 Atlantic Ave. continue unabated with all systems in failure and no reasonable on-site solution available," Godzik writes in the letter.

Additionally, the project must wait while Tutela Engineering, a private company serving as the town's sewer consultant and engineer, obtains easements to connect the four homes, said Sewer Commissioner Ted Guild.

"Tutela has done the preliminary engineering and now we need easements," Guild said. "We got a bid from the contractor who is doing the North Cohasset project and we have the money in the budget."

Godzik said it is important that the work be done as soon as possible to avoid further problems when the water table rises in the late winter and early spring.

"If we get too close to winter, the contractor won't do the project until next spring," Godzik said. "In the winter the water levels rise and by spring it could be a real mess out there."

The four Atlantic Avenue homes sit on rocky ledge that is poorly suited for septic systems. Last April, the board of health declared the four Atlantic Avenue properties a public health emergency because of exposed sewage percolating aboveground from the failed systems. The health board had considered ordering the four homeowners to install tight tanks, sealed septic units, but rejected that option in favor of pumping as needed. Tight tanks have extremely limited capacity and require frequent drainage.

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— Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik

Guild said the four homes would be connected to the town's system using part of the 15,000 gallons per day of additional capacity authorized by the state under the terms of the Second Amended Final Agreement for Judgment. The judgment is a an agreement between the town and the state on terms for resolving Cohasset's decades-old wastewater treatment problems. About half of the additional capacity went to the Deer Hill School and the new Osgood School. The remaining capacity is reserved for other uses, including some businesses, other public uses, and public health emergencies. Guild said the four Atlantic Avenue homes should be connected to the sewer system by next spring.

"I told those families that they would have to endure one more summer of problems this year, and then their problem would be history by next year," Guild said.

However, one of the Atlantic Avenue homeowners, Frances Burnham, wonders what exactly constitutes a public health emergency and what kind of action should follow. Burnham said she has written letters to the health board and sewer commission asking for an answer to that question, but received no reply.

Last April, the health board ordered the sewer commission to connect the four homes within 30 days because the situation posed an imminent threat to public health. The health board even threatened to sue the sewer commission if it didn't connect the four homes. Town Counsel Paul DeRensis ruled that the health board did not have the authority to force the sewer commission to connect the four homes. Since then, the four homes have required pumping on an as-needed basis.

"They have pumped us only when we have entreated them to do so," Burnham said. "There is no schedule for pumping."

Burnham's flooding is exacerbated by flooding off of other people's property because she lives near the bottom of a bowl-shaped depression. In 1995 the fecal coliform (a bacteria from human excrement) count on Burnham's property reached 20,000 parts per million (ppm). Last January the count stood at 6,400 ppm. The town shuts down beaches when the fecal coliform count reaches only 220 ppm.

October flu clinics planned

The Cohasset Board of Health and the Social Service League announce the October Flu Clinics:

It's time to "winterize and immunize!" The best way to protect yourself from the flu is a yearly flu shot. Who should get a flu shot?

People who are 65 or older.

Children or adults with chronic lung disease, heart disease, diabetes or other chronic health problems. Children or teens who, for medical reasons, take an aspirin every day.

People who live with or take care of someone who is at risk of getting the flu (health care workers, primary care givers, etc.)

Anyone wanting extra protection during the winter months from the current flu strains.

There will be two flu clinics for seniors:

1. Tuesday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.

2. Friday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to noon at Harborview, 60 Elm St.

Community flu clinics for all Cohasset residents:

1. Saturday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

2. Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

3. Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7 to 9 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

Note: Please wear a short sleeve shirt.

Any seniors who have not received the pneumonia vaccine or who have not had a tetanus booster for 10 years or more, may call the league office at 383-0771 or 383-0821 for our walk-in clinic hours. All vaccines are free for Cohasset residents.



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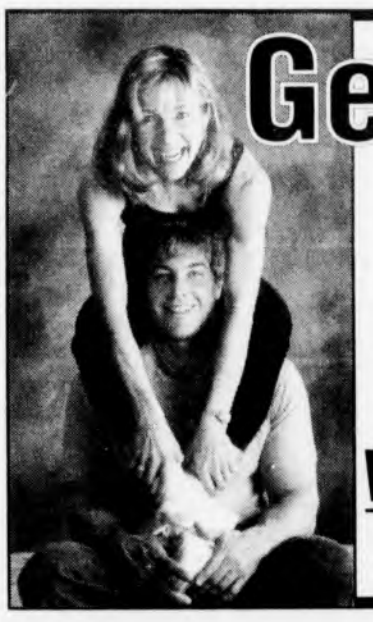
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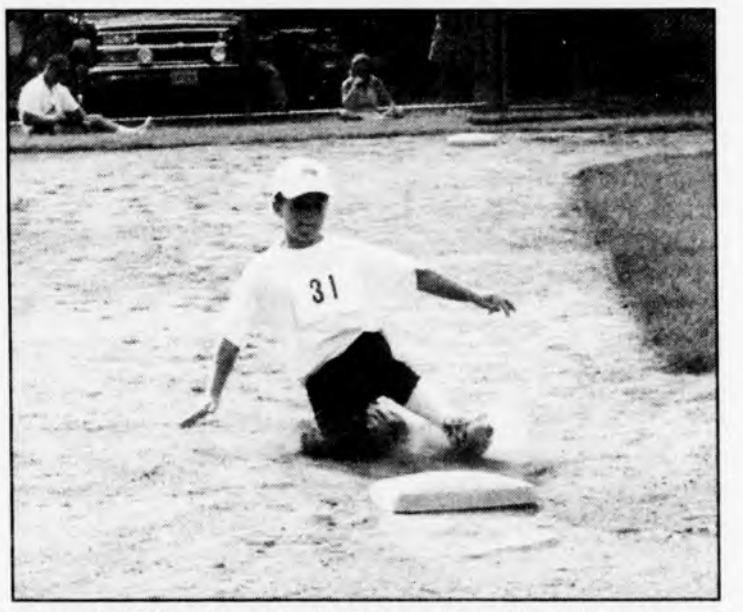
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Staff photos/
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Zack Murray powers his way down the line.



Michael McCue shows fine technique as he slides into second



Major league prospect Reed Dickinson gets ready to take off down the line Sunday morning at the spring league tryout session. Please see the league assignments on page 17.

Skipper stickmen gaining valuable experience

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Experience is a funny thing. Every coach wants it, but there's only one way to get it.

You've got to bite the bullet and play the younger kids.

That where the CHS field hockey team stands. At 2-2-1 the very young squad is learning on the fly as they try for a return to the MIAA state tourney.

With only seven upperclassmen to go with 12 tenth graders and 3 freshmen on the roster, 10th year head coach Debbie Bostwick said this season would be full balancing act between trying to get back to post-season play and giving the younger players the playing time they need to grow into experienced varsity-level players.

Bostwick is trying to do all this as a solo act. Although the junior high field hockey program is booming with more than 30 players, the same is not true at the high school where there is no JV program this season because not enough girls came out for the team.

"I've got six to nine kids this season who are picking up a stick for the first time," said Bostwick. "It's a challenge to give those kids the instruction they need while also trying to help the older players develop their game and get the team back to the tourney."

Joining Hull, Carver, Hanover and Hull in the South Shore League, Bostwick admitted her squad "probably the underdog of the group" this season.

Under the leadership of senior captains Meaghan Connolly, Jill Magner and Katie Devine the squad opened the year with a 4-1 win over Middleboro, a team Bostwick said looked very familiar to her.

"They're in the same boat that we are. They're young and re-building," she said. "The girls were excited to get the first game out of the way and

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Trowers leads Skippers in big win

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Already, the Cohasset Skippers have equaled their win total from last season. In the wake of last week's well-played, pulse raising 18-12 loss to the Mashpee Falcons, the Skippers ran all over the Dragons of Latin Academy. On the strength of a smothering defense and a versatile, high-voltage offense, Cohasset charged out to a 32-0 lead. Coach Tony Rolfe then pulled his starters to prevent a blow-out.

Breaking through holes wrenched open by a dominating offensive line, sophomore back Daniel Trowers posted 181 yards on nine carries, giving him two consecutive 100-yard games (he rushed for 132 yards last week.)

Cohasset kicked off their scoring when the offense, with runs by Trowers, rolled down to the 17. QB Jamie DeMichele, in only his second start at that position, fired to Brian Krupczak from 17 yards out to put his team on the board. And the romp

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STAFF PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

The "V" is for victory. Sophomore Brian Kruczack gets a second to catch his breath after scoring against Latin Academy. The Skippers hope for continued success when they travel to take on South Shore League rival Carver at 7 p.m. Friday night.

Trowers leads Skippers in big win over Latin Academy

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was on.

Minutes later, the Boys in Blue had the ball back and were on the warpath again. Trowers streaked in for a 52-yard scoring run. DeMichele and Krupczak hooked up again for the two point conversion, bringing the score to 14-0, in favor of the home team.

After the stingy Skipper defense ended a second Latin Academy offensive series, senior Ben Roine took the punt in from 45 yards to give Cohasset a gaping 20-0 lead.

Clearly overmatched, Latin Academy couldn't get the ball on Cohasset's half of the field and kicked again. This time, the drive was highlighted by carries by DeMichele and bruising senior fullback Justin Golden. These rushes set up Trowers from the one, and the sophomore phenom found paydirt, pushing the edge to 26-0.

Cohasset wasn't done, however. Their defense bent, but did not break, and senior defensive back Raheem Shepard picked off a Dragon pass at the CHS one-yard-line and took it to the 12 before being brought down.

"We're going to be able to hold our own this season. There's a good deal of spirit and enthusiasm on the team and they're getting more experience every time that they step out on the field. It's a bit of a learning experience, but we're going to be fine."

HEAD COACH DEBBY BOSTWICK

The Skippers wasted no time, as Trowers busted through for an 88-yard TD sprint, his third of the game. This ended the Skipper scoring at 32-0. Rolfe pulled his starters and Latin Academy chalked up 14 points, but the game was no longer in question.

Trowers' three touchdowns brought him to a total of four on the year, making him the fourth leading scorer in Eastern Mass Division 4 football. And this week, The Boston Globe named him a Star of the Week.

Asked if he knew how big an impact Trowers would have, Rolfe replied, "I didn't know anyone on this team before this year. I'd seen him at some track meets and heard so many good things about him, that it wasn't a surprise to me. For a sophomore he runs very well."

Rolfe also credited the Cohasset offensive line in having a hand in the victory.

"Our offensive line did a great job. After watching the film, they did an even better job than I had thought."

Golden, whose blocks helped pave the way for Trowers' 181 yards, evaluated the team's performance.

"The victory came early in the season and we didn't waste time getting in the endzone. We jumped right on them and put some points on the board. I can only hope that we take this momentum into Carver on Friday. If we come out of the gate slow, it could be a long night."

The 1-1 Crusaders will play host as the Skippers travel down to Carver Friday night to put their record above .500.

Skipper stickmen gaining valuable experience

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it was a great way to start the year because everyone was able to get into the game and play."

After a 2-0 loss to Scituate the Skippers bounced back with a big performance against a much bigger and experienced East Bridgewater squad.

Not matter what the makers of Godzilla told you over the summer, size didn't matter here as junior Jen Meehan set up Connolly for a goal with only 33 seconds remaining to give the hometown team a monstrous 1-0 win breaking what had become an extended losing streak against the Vikings.

"That win was a huge boost for everyone," said Bostwick. "We held our own against a team that was much bigger than us. We just kept plugging away and good things finally happened for us."

Such luck was not apparent in a 0-0 tie against Mashpee, a game the Skippers completely dominated but were not able to win.

"We did everything but score," said Bostwick, including having more corner hits than Mashpee by a 15-2 margin. "It was just an unbelievable game. The ball just wouldn't go into the net."

They followed up the tie with a 3-1 loss against Carver.

"We're going to be able to hold our own this season," surmised Bostwick. "There's a good deal of spirit and enthusiasm on the team and they're getting more experience every time that they step on the field. It's a bit of a learning experience, but we're going to be fine."

Junior Melissa Romano and sophomore Krysten Considine have been sharing duties in the net.

Break up the Skippers

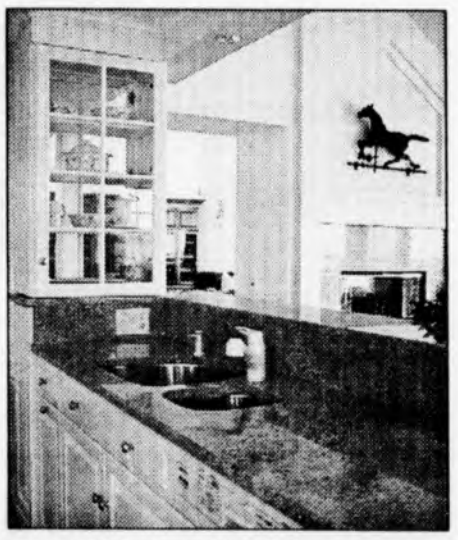
THE GAME: Cohasset (1-1) at Carver (1-1), Friday night at 7 p.m.

THE HISTORY: The Crusaders spoiled homecoming for CHS with a 28-14 win.

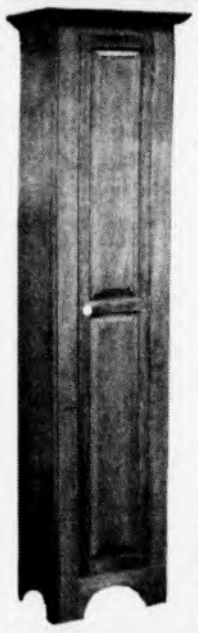
THE SKINNY: After last week's romp over Latin Academy, CHS cannot come into this South Shore League contest with a swelled head. Sophomore Daniel Trowers looks to be one of the better runners in that the Skippers have had in a long while and Jaime DeMichele has looked strong at quarterback but the hometown team will have on top of their game to go into Carver and come out with a win.

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Major League 1999 Team assignments

On Sept. 27 the annual CYBA Major League Tryouts were conducted at Barnes Field, North Main Street, Cohasset.

The CYBA is pleased to announce the 1999 team assignments as a result of that event.

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Tuesdays — 2:15-3:15 p.m. for ages 4-6.

Wednesdays — 1:30-2:15 p.m. for 3+ years; 2:15-3:15 p.m. for ages 4-6; 3:15-4:15 p.m. for ages 4-6; and 4:15-5:15 p.m. for ages 7-11.

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10/5	at Hanover	3:30
10/7	Norton	3:30
10/9	Norwell	3:30
Varsity Boys Soccer		
10/1	Abington	7:00
10/5	Hanover	3:30
10/7	at Norton	3:30
10/9	at Norwell	3:30
Football		
10/2	at Carver	7:00
10/9	at Abington	7:00

Indoor golf lesson registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for beginner level instruction in golf, to be taught by golf pro, Dan Neary. Classes are held Thursday evenings at the Cushing School gym, Scituate, beginning Thursday, Oct. 1.

Openings remain in a 7 and 8 p.m. class and each session consists of five, one-hour classes. The cost for this program is $65 for residents of Cohasset and Scituate.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 383-4109. Classes are limited in size and registrations will be accepted on a first-call enrolled basis.

Fall adult recreation programs available

Adult Beginner Golf — Dan Neary, $65 for five one-hour classes at 7 or 8 p.m., at the Cushing School. Starts Thursday, Oct. 1. Payable to Town of Cohasset.

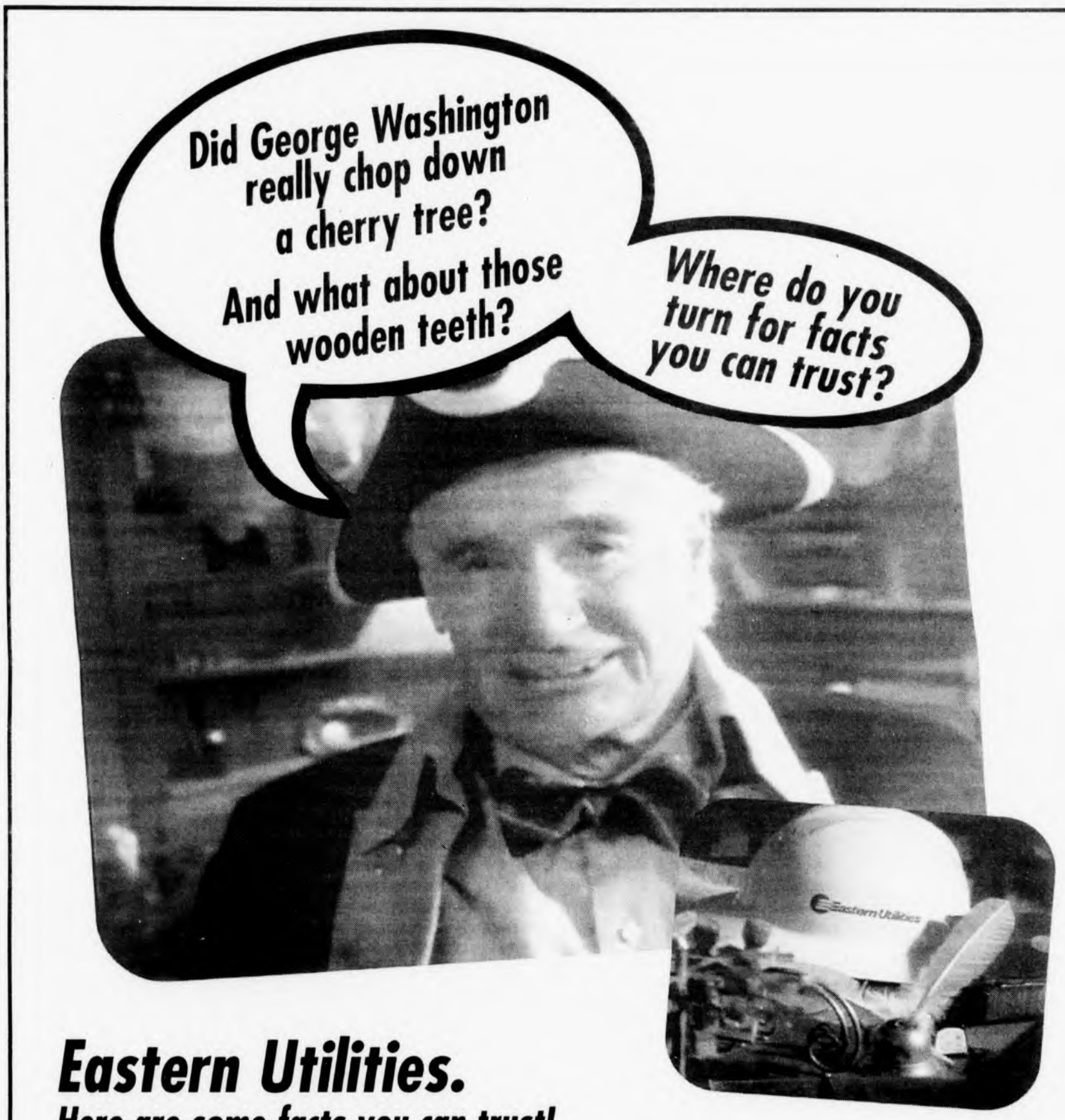
Men's Under 35 Basketball — Gates Jr. High School, Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., to May 26, 1999, $25, payable Friends of Scituate Recreation.

Men's Over 35 Basketball — Gates Jr. High School, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 9 p.m.,to May 27, 1999, $25 payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

Adult, Advanced Co-ed Volleyball — Gates Jr. High School, Wednesday, to May 26, 1999, $25, payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

Beginner/Intermediate Volleyball — Gates Jr. High School, Friday, to May 28, 1999, 6:30 to 9 p.m., $25, payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

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Skippers set course for more power

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

CHS boys soccer head coach Jeff Martell is not unlike TV's ultimate tool man, Tim Taylor. They're both on a constant search for a little bit more power.

"We need to get better at converting the offensive chances when we have them," said the second year coach of the 1-4-1 squad. "You're not going to win many games if you don't put the ball in the net."

Such was the case against South Shore League rival Hull in a recent game. Although the game ended up in a 4-4 tie, the Skippers dominated the contest for the most part but were never able to put the final nail into the Pirates coffin

After a week off from games the Skippers get back into action tonight (Thursday) with a doubleheader against the Green Wave of Abington. The girls start it off at 5:15 p.m. with the boys game scheduled to kick-off sometime around 7 p.m.

"The last couple games have been somewhat disappointing to us. We expected to play better than we have been showing as of late," said Martell. "We've got the talent. It's just taking longer to develop than I would have hoped."

One highlight has been the play of keeper Kevin DeVito, whose booming kicks have become an important weapon in CHS' arsenal.

"He's a good keeper," said Martell. "Kevin is solid and he knows what he's doing back there."

Steve Sceery put the Skippers on top in the early minutes against Hull, but the Pirates stormed right back with a score of their own to make it 1-1 only seven minutes into the contest.

The score did nothing to take the steam out of the Skippers as the forward line of Sceery, captain Mark Equi, Erik Shea and Dennis Rooney kept the pressure on the Hull end of the field. The pressure paid off when Ben Littauer launched an innocent enough looping clear-in shot that found its way between the crossbar and the keeper's fingers at the 18:57 mark of the half to put Cohasset up 2-1.

The lead would be short-lived as Hull tied the game once again six minutes later on a penalty kick after a hand ball was called in the crease.

Cohasset jumped on top again before the break when Sceery scored his second of the evening (third on the season) when he converted an Equi corner kick with a low blast from the top of the penalty area.

They added to that lead seven minutes later when Rooney picked up a pass that went over the Hull defenders and deposited it in the net to get Cohasset their first two-goal lead of the game.

"Dennis (Rooney) had a strong game overall," said Martell. "It was good to see him break through and pick up a goal as well as make some really nice crossing passes to set other people up."

Hull came storming back to get to 4-3 with six minutes to go and then tied the game a couple minutes later when Ricky Cox converted a crossing pass just in front of the net.

"That was a little tough to take," said Martell. "We had them down but were not able to finish them off."

To their credit the Skippers did not let the two goals get them down as the game wound down.

Sceery just missed a hat trick when he headed the ball just wide off a cross from Equi and then Justin Maitland put one just over the crossbar as time ran out.

Fielding a veteran team this season, Martell said a number of younger players including Tim Baird, Matt Bilodeau and Ben Bixby had also stepped forward and played well for the Skippers.

Also seeing time at varsity have been Tom Anderson, Jake Nohe, Ben Peterson, Andrew Laing, Travis Moore, Jake Motley, Evan Murphy, Noel Grinnell, Hunt Pile and Devin Buick.



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Justin Maitland gets a kick out of Hanover's Teddy Marinis.

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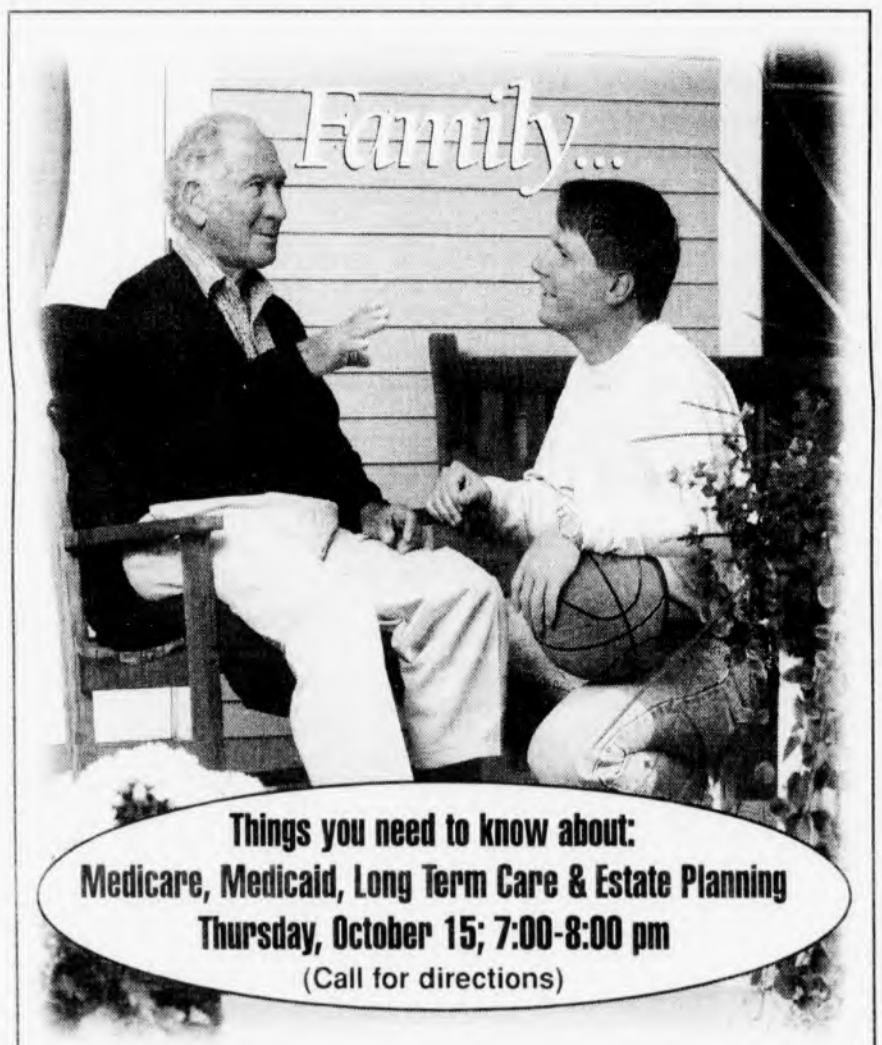
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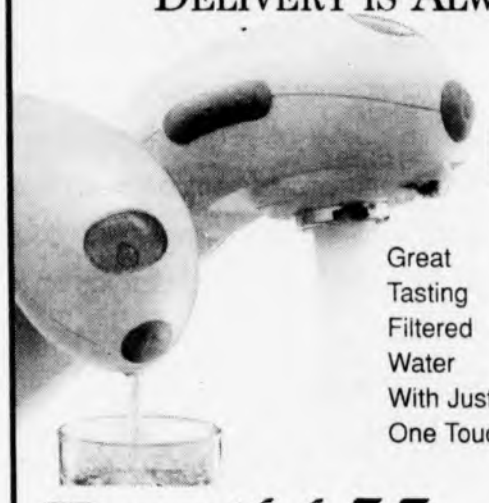
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Charter School cancels out Osgood use plan

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

A request from the South Shore Charter School to rent space at the old Joseph Osgood Elementary School has been withdrawn. The 3.7 mile drive from Hull to the empty school, combined with a smoothly-run first week, gave the charter school founder and principal Timothy Anderson second thoughts.

Town Manager Mark Haddad also denied Anderson's request to put up all 115 students because of safety and liability issues in the 70-year-old building.

Originally, Anderson had talked with Haddad about renting out a portion of the old Osgood for 25 to 30 kids.

"We were working towards getting that accomplished when Tim said that they wanted to put all 110 or 115 students there because something had come up," said Haddad. "I told them that that was too much and we decided not to proceed with it."

According to Anderson, the first few days at the secondary school on Nantasket Avenue went well enough for him to realize that though the fit was a bit tight, a basic re-shifting of classroom assignments had allowed the students to continue in their old school.

"If you can imagine kids rushing between classes down a corridor, then just imagine that corridor as a 3.7 mile drive," said Anderson. "That's a long corridor. So we started running into the problem of wanting everyone in one building. We asked Mark if that would be possible and he said, 'Not really.'"

Because many older students spend time out of school at work sites or college courses, there was more room available at the Hull school site than had originally been accounted for.

"It makes more sense to keep the students all together in one space and not accept new students for now," said Anderson.

Anderson said that it was around Aug. 23 that he first learned without an elevator, the school would not be able to use part of the building at 120 Nantasket Ave. that it had been leasing due to lack of handicap accessibility. The structure once housed a motel and restaurant.

"That was only two weeks before school started and we realized we'd have to scramble," he said. "As the date got closer to opening day, we began to look at it a little more clearly. We never went in the Osgood until we'd started the school year for a few days. By then, we realized that we could handle this.

"We're just thankful to Cohasset for their neighborliness and efforts to help us out. We hope that our paths get to cross again," said Anderson.

For now, the old Osgood remains empty and still under discussion for use as a 29-condo facility for senior citizens or new home to the 95-year-old Paul Pratt Library.

LIBRARY CORNER

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October is the month that the Paul Pratt Memorial Library renews its magazine subscriptions. To help the staff evaluate the usefulness and popularity of its current subscriptions, the library is asking readers which magazines they use most.

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So next time you visit the library, be sure to fill out one of the cards at the desk to let the staff know which magazines you value most.

Children's Room news

All children who participated in the summer reading program and who have not picked up their keyrings, are asked to do so at this time.

The Cohasset Assemblies to start

Donald Mason, Patricia Leahy and the Committee for the Assemblies announce the starting date will be Oct. 6 at St. Stephen's Church. The Assemblies, a series of social dance classes for fifth and sixth grades designed to introduce youngsters to the basics of social dance and etiquette, have a long tradition in Cohasset.

Each class is opened with a formal receiving line in which the children are taught to properly introduce themselves with a good firm handclasp and good eye contact. The classes include traditional social dances plus contemporary dances, party dances and dance games with candy prizes, making the Assemblies a fun experience for children.

The classes are held Tuesdays from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. for fifth grade and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for sixth grade. Invitations have been mailed to all Cohasset children with dates of classes and subscription information. If you have not received one, please call Mason at (617) 734-3447 or Leahy, (781) 383-1005 or a committee member: fifth-grade girls-Mary Ernst; boys-Donna Morgan; sixth-grade girls-Martha Ogrodnik; Boys-Maureen Terz.

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Handicap-access bus conversion still on table

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Still under discussion among school committee members is how best to incorporate handicap-access in at least one of the town fleet's buses so that wheelchair-bound students can travel with peers to and from school and on class trips.

"This is something we'd like to see accomplished," said committee member Mark DeGiacomo. He also pointed out that at this point, handicap access is a legal as well as a social issue.

Indeed, a growing awareness that people requiring handicap-accessibility should be able to travel like everyone else has made its way into national legislation, which will affect the way commercial bus lines provide their service to the public.

New Department of Transportation guidelines will require all bus lines that offer scheduled passenger service to purchase only carriers set up with wheelchair lifts and tie-downs that allow passengers to ride in their own chairs. By the year 2012, only fully wheel-chair accessible vehicles will be allowed to provide passenger service for the bus lines.

For school committee members, the legality of their current handicap-access bus situation was not the driving concern.

Vice-chairman Kathy Ofsthun pointed out that by law, the school is actually covered on this matter. "We provide transportation, "she said. "It's just that the children are not all together."

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Former school superintendent Stephen Hart looked into converting the fleet's largest bus so that it would be handicap-accessible. At that time, he placed the cost for bus conversion at $3,000 to $3,500.

The issue has remained on the table, with most of the discussion directed at the number of seats that would need to be removed to make way for a lift and wheelchair space.

School Supt. Edward "Ted" Malvey, having done some homework on the subject, has found that the number of potential bus riders (for the large bus) for the new Osgood school had already reached 77, if not more. "That means that on any given day, all 77 could opt to take the public ride to school," he said. "With four seats less to make room for a lift and handicap-access space, that's 12 we can't fit." (Each seat can accommodate three students.)

Another aspect that could impact ridership, according to Malvey, is that some parents are now driving Osgood students to school. "Once the newness of school wears off, parents may not drive their kids to school each morning," he said.

Committee member Joe McElroy suggested that the school committee try for a "switcheroo," whereby one of the fleet's newly leased buses could be switched for another bus that would arrive already set up for handicap-access.

"It may take two to three months to do, but handicap-access on buses is more commonplace now," said McElroy.

Malvey said it's not clear whether a handicap-access bus large enough to transport all potential riders exists in any fleet.

DeGiacomo suggested that a slight reconfiguration of bus routes might lessen the number of children on the 77-seat carrier's run.

Malvey plans to get back to the committee about the possibility of procuring a large-enough handicap-access bus as well as whether the current route can be reconfigured to open up some spaces on the 77-seater by adding some students onto any one of the five other Osgood buses.

Household hazardous waste day

The Town of Cohasset will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the parking lot of the new town Department of Public Works (DPW) garage on Cedar Street.

While the event is primarily for Cohasset residents, it is also open to resident of other South Shore towns who get a "Reciprocity Letter" in advance from their local board of health or department of public works and are in towns that are members of the South Shore which are: Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Scituate and Weymouth.

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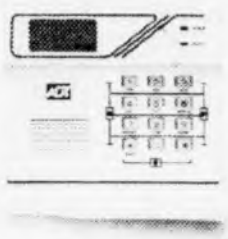
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Lamberts Lane to be added to school bus route

Volunteers to help with bus turnaround

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The half-year-old Lamberts Lane bus issue came to a stop last week when school committee members approved adding the narrow, winding, dead-end street to the scheduled bus route.

The one condition attached to their okay is that a volunteer be present to guide the bus as it backs up to a gated area at the Cohasset Golf Club to make its turnaround.

The decision was reached after committee member Mark DeGiacomo orchestrated several visits to the site with town manager Mark Haddad, selectman Nan Roth, Lamberts Lane residents, a bus and driver; and golf club president Clifford Mitman.

DeGiacomo outlined a number of "unique conditions" on behalf of Lamberts Lane parents and their schoolchildren: nine miles of narrow, winding road; no safety benefit of sidewalks; truck traffic from two business at the end of the road. That combined with assurances that the street's residents would serve as volunteer guides for the bus back-up, was enough to garner the plan's approval from his fellow committee members.

Supt. Edward "Ted" Malvey also noted that there are eight other streets in town that would like to see similar bus service for their children.

School superintendent Edward "Ted" Malvey drove down to the spot himself for a first-hand look.

"I contacted the Motor Vehicle Registry to find out about the legality of this," said Malvey. "It is legal."

"I think it has merit to send a bus down that particular lane," he said.

According to Malvey, the 25 minutes necessary for this particular route will now take an additional 12 minutes for a total of 37.

"I don't think that's too bad," he said. "I come from areas where kids are on buses pushing close to an hour. It's certainly doable."

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After the school board's unanimous approval, chairman Rick Shea commended the five residents present for supporting the ongoing effort to bring bus service to their street. The residents stood while applauding and thanked DeGiacomo before taking their leave.

"Thank you, Joe, for starting it," Shea added, referring to committee member Joe McElroy's early push to remedy the Lamberts Lane situation.

UPWARD BOUND



Jodi Rosano climbs the ladder on the playground at the new Osgood School.

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Giftwrap fund-raiser underway

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Parents Advisory Council

The next P.A.C. meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Deer Hill teachers' lounge. All parents/guardians of children receiving services under Chapter 766 are welcome.

For more information, call P.A.C. chairperson Kim Maynard at 383-2707 or Maureen Jerz at 383-6592.

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Appalachia Project deadline: Oct. 15

The Cohasset Applachia Service Project is receiving registrations for their 1999 work project trip. Tentative dates for the ASP '99 trip are June 26 through July 4, 1999. The trip is open to anyone, 10th grade and over. Adults are also encouraged to sign on as advisors for the trip. There are forms available in the office at Cohasset High School, and at the following churches here in Cohasset: Second Congregational, First Parish, St. Stephen's Episcopal, St. Anthony's Catholic and Panagia Greek Orthodox. Forms with a non-refundable fee of $50 must be returned by Oct. 15. For information call Gary Ritts at (781) 383-0345.

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Classes will be held at the Second Congregational Church, Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 1 and will continue through Nov. 19. Margot Cheel will be the facilitator. There is no charge for the course, but do bring a notebook and a copy of *The Artist's Way* by Julie Cameron to the first class.

Items needed for yard sale

The Harbor View Tenants Association, 60 Elm St., will hold a yard-bake sale and raffle Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to benefit the Tenants Activity Fund.

Contributions of clothing, linens, furniture, books, odds and ends are needed.

Drop off items at 60 Elm St. Thursday, Oct. 8, from 1 to 5 p.m.

For additional information, call 383-1796, 383-8144 or 383-1384.

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Tickets are $10, call (781) 545-3195. Tickets are also available at Buttonwood Books and Front Street Book Store.

St. Anthony parish picnic

St. Anthony Parish in Cohasset will hold a parish picnic at 2 p.m. on Oct. 4, on the grounds of the rectory at South Main Street. There will be food, music, games for the children, and fun for everyone. A dessert contest will be held for cakes, cookies and bars.

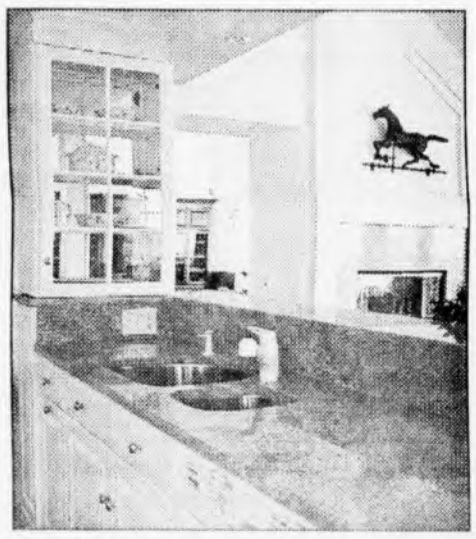
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Mary M. Lydon

Mary M. (Foley) Lydon, 83, of Cohasset, a former social worker at Mattapan State Hospital, died Sept. 27 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston following a brief illness.

Mrs. Lydon lived in Dorchester for more than 75 years and was one of the first families to live in the Codman Hill Avenue section. She spent summers in Hull all her life. For the past five years, she lived with her son and daughter-in-law in Cohasset.

She was a graduate of St. Gregory's in Dorchester and a 1938 graduate of Emmanuel College in Boston.

Mrs. Lydon was a member of St. Gregory's Women's Sodality.

Wife of the late Patrick J. Lydon, Esquire, she leaves three sons, Timothy G. Lydon of Weymouth, Patrick J. Lydon Jr. of Abington and Billy T. Lydon of Cohasset; six grandchildren, Kim, Patrick, Jamie and Ryan of Abington, Christian and Nicholas of Cohasset; and two great-grandchildren, Sean and Christopher of Abington.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Burial will be in New Calvary Cemetery, Boston.

Visiting hours are from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 29 Crafts St., Newton, 02060.

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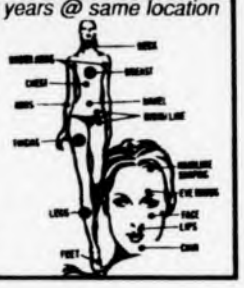
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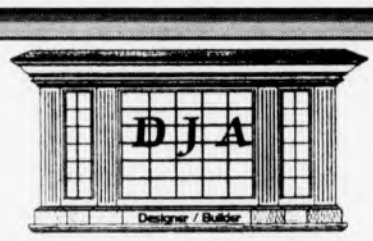
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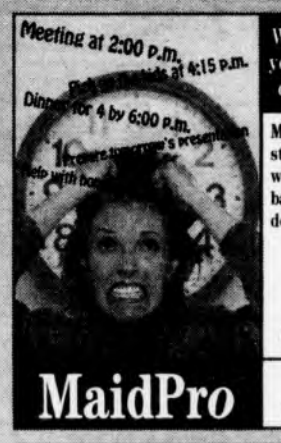
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

12:11 a.m. Red Gate Lane, medical aid, services rendered.

12:41 a.m. Brewster Road and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation/warning.

12:48 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, ...lical aid. Removed to hospital.

...34 a.m. Atlantic Avenue, disturbance.

...55 a.m. Highland Avenue, larceny.

4:13 a.m. Atlantic Avenue, general services.

4:57 a.m. Atlantic Avenue, general services.

6:58 a.m. Howe Road, fire, investigation, false/accidental alarm.

8:39 a.m. Ash Street, medical aid. Removed to hospital.

10:07 a.m. North Main Street, parking violation.

11:28 a.m. Nichols Road, medical aid. Patient sign off.

12:30 p.m. HQ, to Dedham HOC, prisoner transport.

1:16 p.m. Ripley Road, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed.

3:33 p.m. Lothrop Lane, medical aid. Removed to hospital.

4:59 p.m. Atlantic Avenue and Nichols Road, MV stop. arrest: Robert A. Paton, DOB 7/19/61, of 15 N. Main St., Cohasset, charges: operating after revocation, 2nd offense.

6:46 p.m. Cunningham's Bridge, parking violation.

8:11 p.m. Jerusalem Road, burglary/B & E.

8:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation/warning.

9:09 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation/warning.

9:28 p.m. Government Island, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed.

9:57 p.m. Government Island, disturbance. Dispersed.

10:39 p.m. Elm Street, assist motorist.

10:39 p.m. Sohier Street, open door/window.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

12:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Verbal warning.

1:07 a.m. Atlantic Avenue, assist citizen.

1:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation issued.

1:28 a.m. Bailey Road, general services.

1:35 a.m. Square, MV stop. Citation issued.

7:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation/warning.

5:35 p.m. Hammond Avenue, animal complaint. Referred to other agency.

5:44 p.m. Beechwood and Doane Street, MV stop.

8:40 p.m. South Main Street, medical aid. Services rendered.

10:02 p.m. Beechwood Street, MV stop. Verbal warning.

10:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation/warning.

11:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, open door/window. Secured building.

11:22 p.m. South Main Street, MV stop. Verbal warning.

11:43 p.m. South Main Street, open door/window. Investigated, report taken.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:21 a.m. Forest Avenue, MV stop. Arrest: Christopher D. Leighton, DOB 9/11/79, of 46 Forest Ave., Cohasset. Charges: warrants (2).

7:55 a.m. King Street and Chief Justice Cushing Highway, investigation.

10:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, suspicious auto.

11:00 a.m. North Main Street, fire. Services rendered.

12:00 p.m. Ripley Road, vandalism. Services rendered.

12:10 p.m. Pond Street, MV violations. Citation issued.

12:41 p.m. North Main Street, MV stop. Verbal warning.

12:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Verbal warning.

2:48 p.m. Margin Street, arrest: Paul J. O'Leary, DOB 2/24/67, of 19 Arrowhead Rd., Cohasset. Charges: warrant.

3:01 p.m. Sohier Street, MV stop. Citation issued.

4:46 p.m. Evergreen Lane, officer wanted.

4:53 p.m. Ripley Road, MV stop. Verbal warning.

5:50 p.m. South Main Street, MV stop. Citation/warning.

6:02 p.m. Elm Street, recovered property. Services rendered.

6:05 p.m. Beechwood Street, MV stop. Verbal warning.

7:30 p.m. Hull Street, noise complaint. Services rendered.

7:47 p.m. Hull Street, noise complaint. Services rendered.

8:33 p.m. King Street, MV stop.

8:03 p.m. Cedar Street, officer wanted. Services rendered.

11:15 p.m. North Main Street, MV stop. Verbal warning.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:55 a.m. Border Street, vandalism. report taken.

6:57 a.m. Jerusalem Road and Howe Road, MVA, investigated, report taken.

8:32 a.m. Sohier Street, MV stop. Citation issued.

8:34 a.m. South Main Street and Summer Street, MV stop. Citation/warning.

8:55 a.m. Sohier Street, MV stop. Traffic citation issued.

9:16 a.m. Ledgewood Drive, general services. Referred to other agency.

9:30 a.m. Elm Street, medical aid. Services rendered.

9:52 a.m. Hull Street and Lamberts Lane, MV stop. Citation/warning.

9:53 a.m. Elm Court, fire, inspections. Services rendered.

10:00 a.m. Government Island, vandalism. Investigated/report taken.

10:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation issued.

1:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, lost property.

3:20 p.m. South Main Street, MV stop. Citation/warning.

8:19 p.m. North Main Street, annoying phone calls.

10:44 p.m. Atlantic Avenue, annoying phone calls.

11:14 p.m. Beach Street, house checks. Services rendered.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

2:52 a.m. Brewster Road, investigation.

8:16 a.m. King Street, MV stop.

8:57 a.m. South Main Street, officer wanted.

10:31 a.m. Ripley Road, assist motorist. Services rendered.

10:37 a.m. Jerusalem Road, officer wanted.

2:37 p.m. Parkingway, MV stop. Verbal warning.

3:34 p.m. South Main Street, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed.

6:23 p.m. Sohier Street, larceny.

7:40 p.m. Pleasant Street, vandalism. Advised civil action.

7:50 p.m. Sohier Street, noise complaint. Referred to other agency.

8:57 p.m. South Main Street, assist citizen. Referred to other agency.

9:24 p.m. Sohier Street, noise complaint. Referred to other agency.

9:36 p.m. King Street, animal complaint. Services rendered.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

12:26 a.m. Atlantic Avenue, general services rendered.

1:08 a.m. Atlantic Avenue and Jerusalem Road, MV stop. Citation/warning.

7:39 a.m. Ripley Road, assist motorist. Services rendered.

8:30 a.m. Reservoir Road, civil offenses, advised civil action.

10:57 a.m. Margin Street, annoying phone calls.

1:15 p.m. Elm and Margin Streets, MV stop. Verbal warning.

1:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway and Beechwood, MV stop. Citation/warning.

1:47 p.m. King Street and Lily Pond Lane, MV stop. Citation issued.

2:02 p.m. King Street and Lily Pond Lane, MV stop. Citation issued.

2:03 p.m. Elm Street, larceny.

2:27 p.m. King Street, MV stop. Citation issued.

2:37 p.m. Atlantic Avenue, suspicious auto.

2:56 p.m. Chief Justice Cushign Highway and Beechwood Street, MV stop. Citation issued.

3:00 p.m. The Square, assault.

5:07 p.m. South Main Street, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed.

6:15 p.m. Ripley Road and Tower Lane, animal complaint.

7:51 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, disturbance, gathering. Area search, negative.

8:03 p.m. North Main Street, open door/window. Secured building.

9:15 p.m. Pond Street, animal complaint. Referred to other agency.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

12:54 a.m. South Main and Summer Street, MV stop. Verbal warning.

2:10 a.m. Atlantic Avenue, suspicious other.

4:12 a.m. Elm Court, disturbance. Peace restored.

4:32 a.m. Elm Court, disturbance. Peace restored.

6:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation issued.

6:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation issued.

6:46 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation issued.

9:45 a.m. Various locations, fire. Services rendered.

10:00 a.m. Border Street, officer wanted.

11:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation/warning

12:00 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation/warning

1:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation issued.

1:23 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation issued.

1:51 p.m.. North Main Street, medical aid. Removed to hospital.

4:31 p.m. Sohier Street, disturbance, gathering. Dispersed.

5:25 p.m. Linden Drive, suspicious person.

5:25 p.m. Bancroft Road, MVA. Patient sign off.

6:07 p.m. Pond Street, fire.

10:28 p.m. Beechwood Street, violation of restraining order. Investigated, report taken.

10:46 p.m. Church Street, animal complaint.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Highway, MV stop. Citation/warning

10:05 a.m. Pond Street, fire. Services rendered.

10:24 a.m. Black Rock Road, assist motorist. Services rendered.

10:39 a.m. Briarwood Lane, parking violation. Parking ticket issued.

12:22 p.m. King Street, MV stop. Citation/warning.

12:29 p.m. Gulf River, Little Harbor, harbor enforcement.

12:35 p.m. King Street and Lily Pond, MV stop. Citation/warning.

12:51 p.m. King Street, MV stop. Citation issued.

1:11 p.m. King Street, MV stop. Citation/warning.

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Master plan tops Cohasset Village agenda

Revitalization effort moves along

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Nobody said revitalizing Cohasset Village would be easy, but it has its rewards. Successfully obtaining grants or developing an effective plan to connect the harbor and the village help make all the work worthwhile. Members of the Village Revitalization Task Force Committee met last month to discuss their latest projects, including a master plan for the village, a vision for Cohasset's downtown, future grant proposals, and plans to develop ideas to connect the harbor and the village.

"Things are going very well," said task force Chairman Dean Rizzo. "We are hoping to soon acquire a key component of the village revitalization: a master plan to deal with the improvements we're suggesting and an economic development plan."

The task force has applied for a $35,000 grant to pay for the entire cost of the master plan, which would address key deficiencies in the area and offer well-defined, uniform solutions that reflect the needs of the whole community.

"Currently, we are developing a scope of work for what we want to do," Rizzo said. "Also, we are working on the committee's vision for the village. Hopefully, all this work will be done soon, and we can issue an RFP (request for proposal) and select a planner. We can't do a lot of work without funding."

Rizzo said the task force is hoping it acquires the $35,000 grant for the master plan. If Cohasset's application is rejected, the task force will ask the town for funds.

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"We are developing a master plan for the village, which we anticipate the town will incorporate into its proposed master plan for the entire town," Rizzo said. "If we need to seek town funding, we will spend more time coordinating the two plans together to save money."

Some of the areas in the village that need attention include infrastructure problems, poor signage, inadequate parking, poor sidewalks and inadequate lighting. Businesses frequently open and close, there are no large restaurants, sidewalks are not suitable for pedestrians, and the harbor is difficult to reach even though it is within walking distance from the village.

Connecting the village and the harbor is a problem that is receiving extra attention from the task force thanks to a $5,000 Department of Housing and Community Development Municipal Incentive Grant. Local Architect Jim Shipsky is developing possible solutions to the problem with input from the task force and the community. Ri[illegible] about 40 residents respond[illegible] survey in The Mariner asking input on village/harbor connections. Shipsky plans to publish the results in the Oct. 8 Mariner, five days before a public meeting on the subject.

The task force is also pursuing grants for several projects. The state awarded the town a $165,000 grant to construct a new sidewalk and associated improvements in front of St. Stephen's church. The sidewalk proposal is on hold while the task force focuses on the master plan. There is also a regional application for $60,000 to study ways to connect the downtowns of Hingham, Hull, Scituate and Cohasset to attract consumers, tourists and visitors from neighboring communities.

Fire Department open house

The Cohasset Fire Department at 44 Elm St. will host its second open house Oct. 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. Learn about fire prevention and enjoy free Papa Gino's pizza. Meet Sparky!

This year the Cohasset Fire and Police Departments will sponsor a Kidcare Photo I.D. Event. The purpose of the Kidcare Event is to provide parents with a free standardized, high quality instant photograph of their child in an I.D. booklet where they can also maintain current vital statistics. The Kidcare Photo I.D. provides parents with information necessary to have handy if their child is ever lost or abducted.

This year the Kidcare Event will be for those children in grades Kindergarten through third grade.

Memorial for shipwreck victims

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Father John Murphy Plymouth Division No. 9, will hold a memorial Mass Sunday, Oct. 4, at St. Anthony's Church on South Main Street in Cohasset. The Mass will commemorate the shipwreck of the Brig St. John which took place Oct. 6, 1849. This shipwreck resulted in the loss of 99 lives of emigrants who were fleeing the Great Hunger in Ireland.

After the 1 p.m. Mass, there will be a reception at the Cohasset Community Center, where the principal speaker will be Peter Stevens, a regular contributor to the "Boston Irish Reporter," as well as a gentleman who has written several books about New England and Irish American history. Coffee and light refreshments will be available.

After the community center they will go to the Cohasset Cemetery where a wreath will be left and final prayers will be said in memory of the victims of this tragedy. Everyone is invited to attend. Anyone wishing more information, may call John Sullivan at (781) 545-1144.

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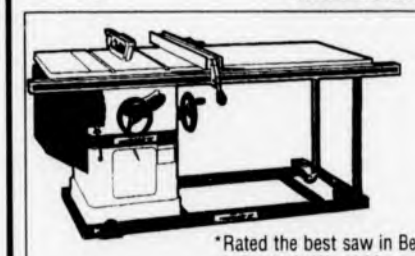
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Village, harbor issues to take center stage

Public forum is Oct. 13

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Local Architect Jim Shipsky has been charged with the task of studying ways to connect the village to the harbor and how to revitalize both areas. Using a $5,000 state grant, Shipsky has spent several months soliciting public comment, conducting surveys, and meeting with various committees to discuss the village and the harbor. Shipsky has collected enough ideas to present the information at a public discussion on the subject.

The Village Revitalization Task Force will hold a public discussion next Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. in the town hall auditorium. Shipsky will also use the forum to discuss a survey which appeared in The Mariner asking for residents' comments on various proposals for the village and the harbor. The results of the survey appear on page 5. At the forum, Shipsky will also go over some of the ideas he has included in his planning study at Tuesday's meeting.

"There were 29 responses total, clearly not enough for me to claim a representative sample of the town," Shipsky said. "Maybe the responses represent primarily the more opinionated, but I have already incorporated some comments into my planning study."

Despite the small number of responses, Shipsky said he was surprised by some of the comments he received. None of the respondents

PUBLIC FORUM, PAGE 4

Political season sprouts an early crop of signs

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Political signs. They're everywhere. Especially this year when incumbent state representative Mary Jeanette Murray, D-Cohasset, is facing a challenge from newcomer Garrett Bradley of Hingham. The mere existence of an important political race shouldn't affect the number of signs in town this early in the election cycle. After all, Cohasset has a town policy prohibiting political signs until two weeks before a primary or general election and one week after. Residents must also pay $1 for each sign. But someone has challenged the town's policy, which is not a bylaw, as unconstitutional and a restriction on free speech. Currently, the policy is not being enforced.

"It is the right of the people under the Constitution for free political speech. What they had was a system of regulation that no one would own up to."

— Norm Paley, Malone supporter

The issue of the signs first came up publicly at the Sept. 29 selectmen's meeting when selectman Nan Roth lamented the number of political signs already on front lawns six weeks before the election. The selectmen thought there was a town bylaw in place, but after some checking, Town Manager Mark Haddad determined there was no bylaw. Haddad couldn't find any-

POLITICAL SEASON, PAGE 6

FIRED UP!



PHOTO/SHELLY BABIN

Ryan McGovern gets an up close look at the Cohasset ladder truck during the fire department open house on Saturday.

King Street guardrails stalled

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

King Street neighbors, who are members of a group lobbying for increased safety measures on their narrow winding road, say installation of guardrails could make the problem worse.

"We ask you to postpone them to allow us to research other alternatives," said Heidi Salerno, 487 King St.

The group — known as ASK! (A Safer King Street) — was concerned about a warrant article before the Oct. 26 Special Town Meeting asking for $15,000 to install guardrails in two places along the street which is described as one of the most scenic in town.

Salerno explained that the street is so narrow that the guardrails will force pedestrians into the road and create a visual barrier making the cars travel more closely creating conditions for a head-on collision.

Plans were to install guardrails along the road at Peppermint Book and on James Hill.

Selectman Nan Roth said the guardrails would keep a car from going into Lily Pond and affecting the town's water supply. She also said it would be interesting to hear other people's opinions on the issue.

Ed Connolly, 1 Lily Pond Lane, said more research on the negative aspects of guard rails is needed.

And Debbie Cook, 281 King St., said that pushing baby carriages or riding a bike would be more treach-

KING STREET, PAGE 4

Twenty years in Cohasset

This week, the Cohasset Mariner celebrates its 20th anniversary. When the paper debuted in October of 1978 Jimmy Carter was president, Michael Dukakis was governor, the prime rate hovered at 12 percent, and the average house in town cost about $68,000.

Inside, through photographs, interesting facts, stories and familiar faces — we take a look back over the past two decades and spotlight some local people whose contributions help make the Cohasset Mariner unique. We hope you enjoy this special issue which is our way of thanking you, our readers, for 20 great years.

THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

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Fri. 9	2:14	11.3	8:20	2:32	12.0	8:54
Sat. 10	3:10	10.8	9:13	3:27	11.5	9:51
Sun. 11	4:09	10.2	10:09	4:26	11.0	10:50
Mon. 12	5:11	9.7	11:10	5:29	10.4	11:53
Tues. 13	6:17	9.4	——	6:35	10.0	12:13
Wed. 14	7:22	9.3	12:58	7:40	9.8	1:19
Thurs. 15	8:24	9.4	2:01	8:42	9.8	2:22

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Art. 10 - Increased funding authorization to permit the Town to complete the North Cohasset Project.

Art. 11 - Funding to evaluate and design the extension of the Central Cohasset Project to the area of Lily Pond.

Art. 12 - Authorization of the taking of additional easements in connection with the Central Cohasset Project.

Copies of the warrant articles and related exhibits may be examined prior to Town Meeting at the Office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, and at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Location: Town Hall Auditorium
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Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections

The last day to register to vote for the State Election Nov. 3 is Wednesday, Oct. 14, and the last day to register for the Special Town Meeting is Friday, Oct. 16. The Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on both these dates. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library.

Correction is noted

Last week's article about a Black Rock Road gas leak incorrectly used the word "emission" instead of "ignition". It should have read, "[Fire Captain Mike Trask] evacuated the area and stretched a hose line from the engine to make sure that if there were any gas ignition the fire department would be able to control it," explained [Fire Chief Roger] Lincoln. The Mariner regrets the error.

Household hazardous waste day

The Town of Cohasset will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the parking lot of the new town Department of Public Works (DPW) garage on Cedar Street.

While the event is primarily for Cohasset residents, it is also open to resident of other South Shore towns who get a "Reciprocity Letter" in advance from their local board of health or department of public works and are in towns that are members of the South Shore which are: Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Scituate and Weymouth.

Household hazardous waste items accepted include paint thinner, kerosene, gasoline, dry gas, paint strippers, spot removers, degreasers, antifreeze, brake fluid, waxes, photo chemicals, drain cleaners, glues, weed killers, pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, rat poison, insect repellents, batteries, acids and aerosols.

Wastes that will NOT be accepted include any type of commercial wastes, such as PCB's, dioxin containing wastes, radioactive materials, explosive materials, ammunition, pathological wastes and compressed gasses (other than aerosols).

Cultural Council grants available

The Local Cultural Council of Cohasset, Sen. Robert Hedlund and Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, announce that $3,300 was recently made available to Cohasset from the Mass. Cultural Council in Boston to fund applications for community cultural programs and PASS grants. (PASS is a ticket subsidy program for school children).

Application forms are available at the Selectmen's office at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

Application deadline grant forms must be received by Thursday, Oct. 15, for Arts Lottery/Pass Grants 1999 cycle.

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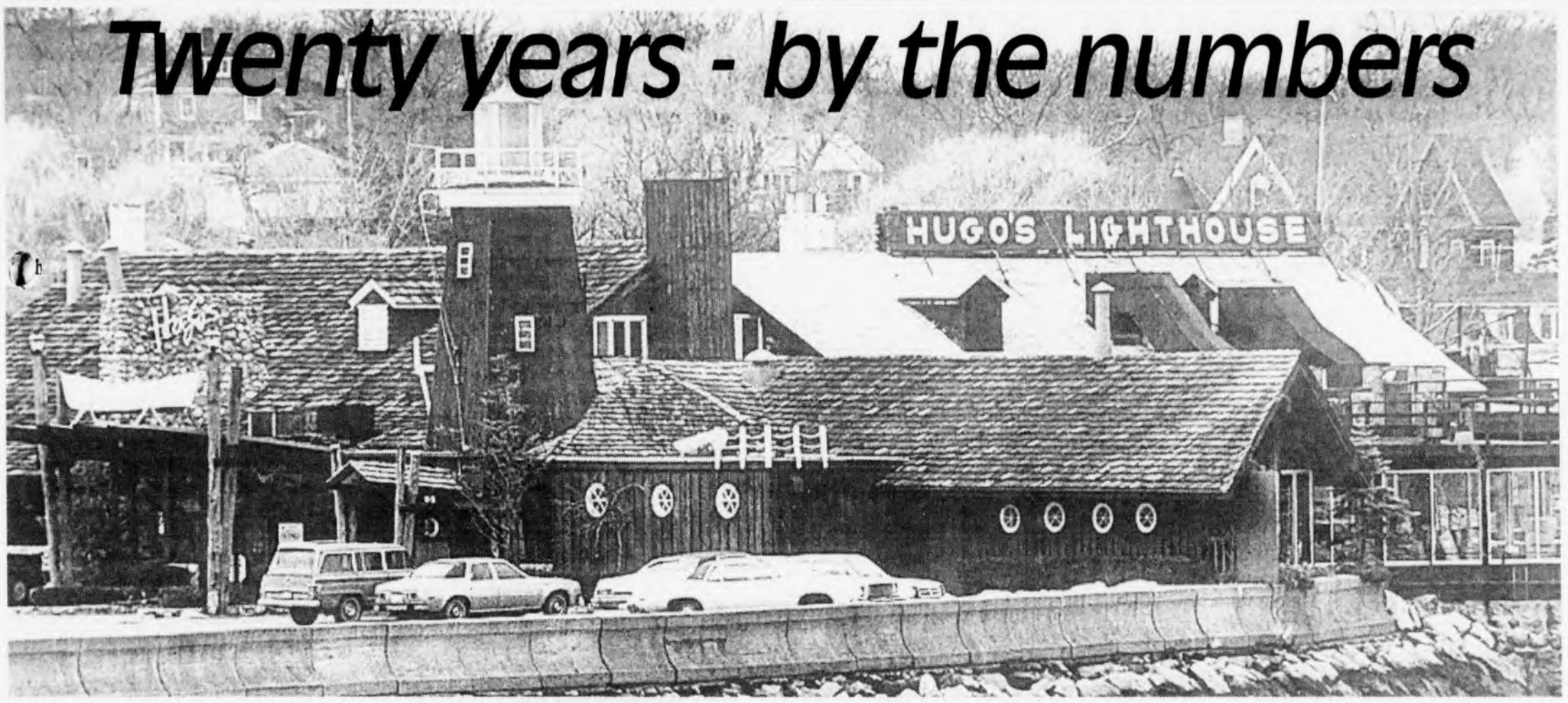
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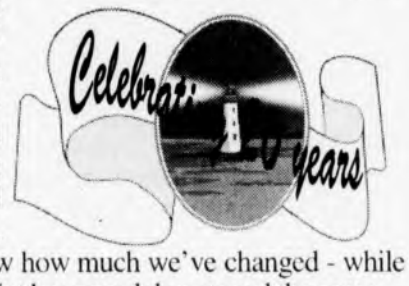
Twenty years - by the numbers



By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

While numbers can't define Cohasset, they can provide us with an interesting snapshot of life in this seaside town. The following figures were taken from the 1978 and 1997 Cohasset Town Reports and by asking around town. Some show how much we've changed - while others depict how much has stayed the same.





Population: 7,749 (1978); 7,873 (1997)

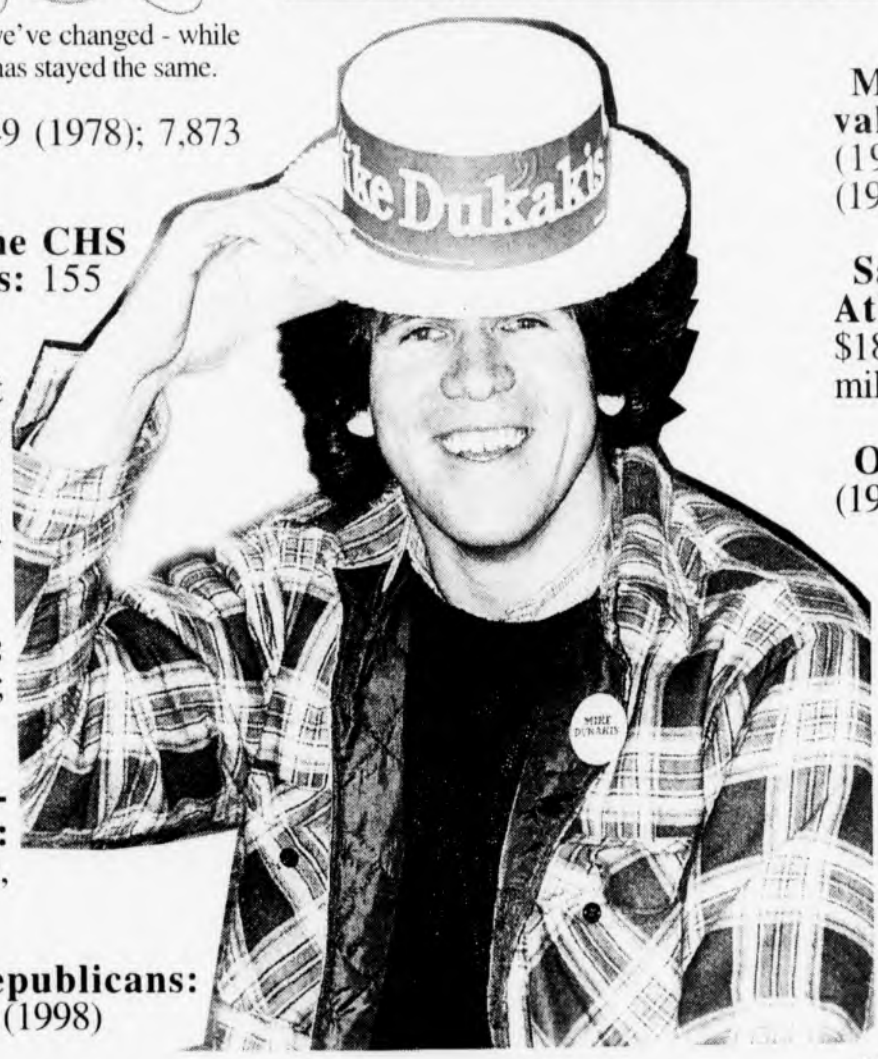
Members of the CHS graduating class: 155 (1978), 60 (1997)

Town budget (including schools): $6,329,958 (1978); $17,893,904 (1997)

Legal counsel: $15,000 (1978); $135,000 (1997)

School superintendent's salary: $33,569 (1978), $103,276 (1997)

Registered Republicans: 1329 (1978), 1071 (1998)



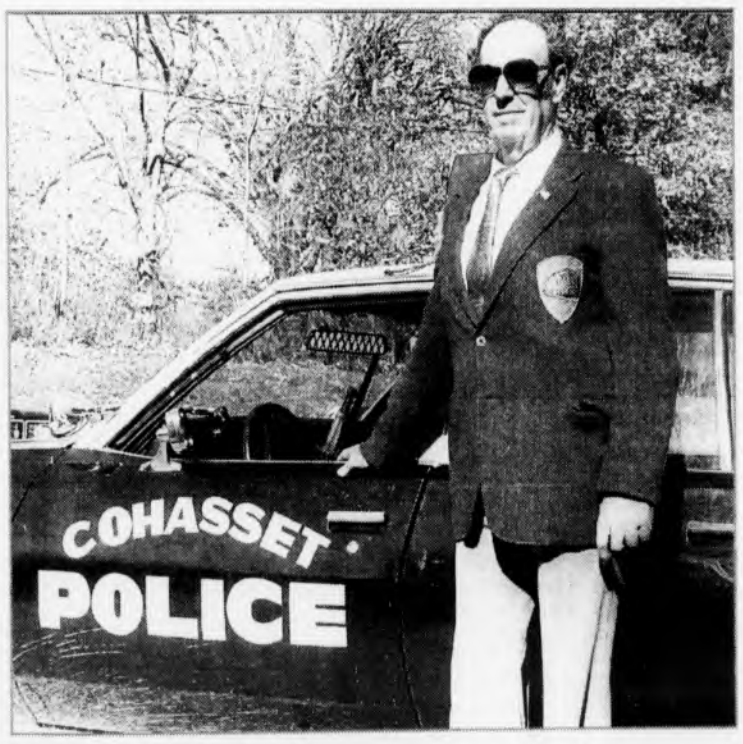
Registered Democrats: 1167 (1978), 1085 (1998)

Registered unenrolled: 2100 91978), 2821 (1998)

Births: 52 (1978), 74 (1997)

Deaths: 71 (1978), 71 (1997)

Marriages: 72 (1978), 37 (1997)



Tax rate: $49.60 (1978), $15.05 (1997)

Appointed boards and committees: 19 (1978), 44 (1997)

Residential property valuation: $96,552,000 (1978), $775,261,000 (1997)

Median home value: $68,600 (1978), $284,500 (1997)

Sales price of 181 Atlantic Ave.: $185,000 (1978), $2.3 million (1998)

OUI arrests: 40 (1978), 21 (1997)

Arrests for minors in possession of alcohol: 2 (1978), 26 (1997)

Motor vehicle excise taxes: $329,719 (1978), $753,970 (1997)

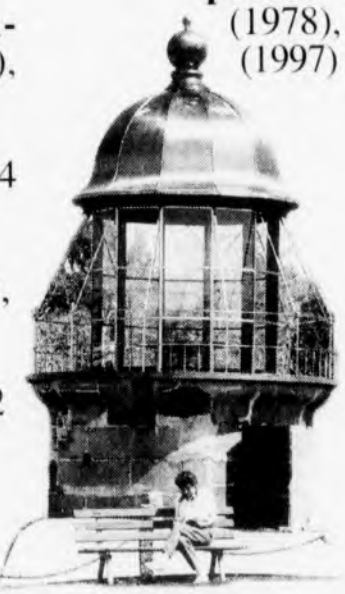
Cohasset votes cast for Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray in state primary: 767 (1978); 635 (1998)

Ambulance transports: 249 (1978), 350 (1997)



Ambulance revenue: $4,380 (1978), $112,865 (1997)

Stolen motor vehicles: 16 (1978), 6 (1997)



Village, harbor issues to take center stage

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are identified by name, but the comments serve as an interesting look at the way people feel about connecting the harbor and the village.

About two-thirds of the people who responded favor changes to the village harbor area and offered suggestions in harmony with Shipsky's survey. Many people favored using town funds for some improvements, especially a walkway and changes to the village center.

"This really surprised me," Shipsky said. "I thought the question made it easy to say, 'Let the Feds pay for it.', but 20 people want it enough to pay for it. This is solid support."

Some of the positive comments from the survey include: "I would like to see a jogging/bike path along the water. A lot of our town is too dangerous and hilly to enjoy as a family. We love jogging, biking, roller blading and just got back from Boulder, Colorado, where the developed the Boulder Creek for all to enjoy with a 20-mile path along it. We spent every day there. It's fabulous."

Another respondent lamented the lack of dining in the area. "If you want to go for an affordable dinner or drinks, you need to go to Hingham, Hull or Scituate to be by the water. What about Cohasset?"

Other people responded more succinctly. "It's about time," one person commented.

Some residents responded by telephone with ideas that Shipsky loved. Charles Santoro suggested holding an annual kayak tournament and festival in the harbor. Santoro suggested that kayakers could race in the rapids at the Border Street bridge. The festival could include a lobster cooking contest, a chowder competition, parking at the Charthouse with shuttles to Sandy Beach and the Music Circus, and possibly a blues festival or other musical entertainment.

Al Odermatt suggested drawing a picture of the existing area and then how it would look if all the changes were implemented. He also disliked the idea of using the DPW garage as a teen enter because it will interfere with the Red Lion Inn.

Other respondents suggested eliminating overhead wires, improving wheelchair accessibility on sidewalks and planting elm trees along Elm Street.

The people who responded to the survey were evenly split on additional parking in the village and the harbor.

"What surprised me here was how many respondents who were otherwise strongly in favor of the suggested improvements were against having more parking," Shipsky said. "These people do not want to see more cars and parking lots in Cohasset."

Not everyone liked the idea of making changes to the village and harbor. Seven people disagreed with the entire purpose of the study.

"There were seven respondents who were extremely negative about the whole thing," Shipsky said. "They circled every 'DISAGREE'. They think Cohasset should be left alone. No signs to identify things, changes of any sort, no more parking, no public toilets. They clearly feel strongly about this."

Some of their comments: "Leave the town as it is. The beauty of the town is that it is quaint and untouched. If people want activity and boardwalks, go to another town. A few feared turning Cohasset into a less attractive town. "This is not Rockport. We don't want it to be." Some chastised Shipsky for his ideas. "Enjoy your job; don't overdo it," wrote one respondent. "Please do not destroy the beauty of Cohasset. It is not a place to make your millions. It is a wonderful place to live," wrote another.

Residents will have an opportunity to discuss the survey, offer suggestions or talk about matters related to the village and harbor at Tuesday's meeting.

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King Street guardrails stalled

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erous with the addition of guard rails.

Selectman Diane Sullivan said the board is committed to working with the group to find solutions to safety issues on the street but the matter went beyond abutters' concerns.

"We need to look at what may be safest for all citizens who use the street," she said.

Selectmen decided to keep the request for the money in the town warrant but assured the residents no decision on guard rails would be reached without more research and their input.

Initially ASK! wanted the town to close off King Street to through traffic – which would divert the traffic from Beechwood to Route 3A — but have agreed to see how effective a new four-way stop at King and Pond Street is toward slowing down traffic.

In a telephone interview, ASK! Member Betsy Connolly said a new traffic study revealed that of the 2200 cars that travel King Street daily, 1600 use the street in the commuting hours of 6-9 a.m. and 4-6:30 p.m.

"That shows a lot of cars are cutting through from Norwell and Scituate," she said.

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1. I would like a more attractive walkway around the harbor, with better access to the water, not shared with cars.

AGREE	UNDECIDED	DISAGREE
19	3	7

2. I would like some kind of changes along Elm Street to make the harbor area and village area united.

AGREE	UNDECIDED	DISAGREE
17	3	9

3. I would like changes in the village center to make it more lively.

AGREE	UNDECIDED	DISAGREE
20	2	7

4. I would like more parking spaces in the village center and harbor areas.

AGREE	UNDECIDED	DISAGREE
11	5	12

5. I would support using Town funds for:

	AGREE	UNDECIDED	DISAGREE
Walkway	19	1	8
Elm Street changes	13	7	9
Village Center changes	17	4	7
More parking space	12	4	12

6. I would only support such projects if they are funded by grants.

AGREE	UNDECIDED	DISAGREE
4	2	20

7. I am in favor of Town facilities such as parking spaces and recreation areas [which are now unmarked and in some cases appear to be private property] being identified as Town facilities.

AGREE	UNDECIDED	DISAGREE
22	1	5

8. I would like more streetscape amenities in the village/harbor areas, such as public toilets, park benches, trees & landscaping, walkway lighting, shelters, etc.

AGREE	UNDECIDED	DISAGREE
19	1	8

9. I would like more services around the harbor, such as a variety of places to eat, marine/fishing supply stores, boatyards, docks, public boat landings, excursion boats, piers.

AGREE	UNDECIDED	DISAGREE
14	3	2

10. I now visit the harbor about this frequently:

ONCE A DAY	ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR
9	20	2	0

11. I would spend more time at the harbor if improvements of the kind described above were made.

AGREE	UNDECIDED	DISAGREE
19		9

12. I now visit the village about this frequently:

ONCE A DAY	ONCE A WEEK	ONCE A MONTH	ONCE A YEAR
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13. I would spend more time in the village if improvements of the kind described above were made.

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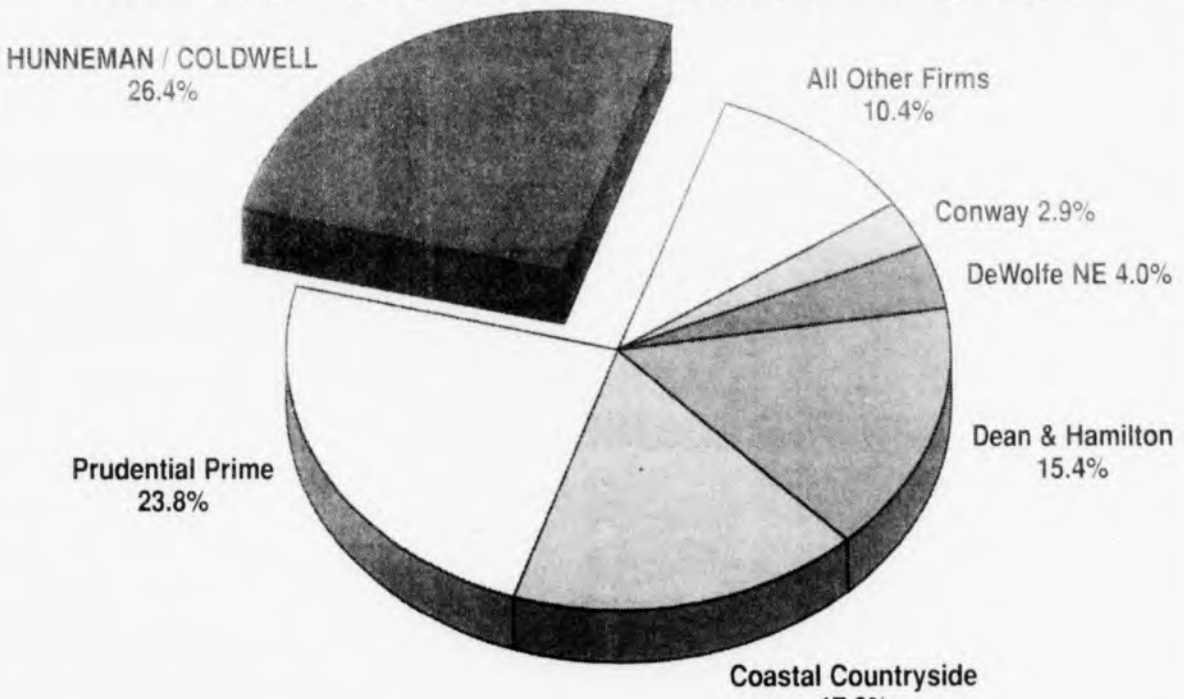
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Political season sprouts an early crop of signs

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thing in writing referring to political signs, and the selectmen determined it had just been an informal town policy used over the years.

The problem with the sign actually started before the primary with Norm Paley of Scituate, who was working on the Joe Malone campaign. A Malone supporter wanted to put up 25 signs in Cohasset, but couldn't afford to pay $25 for 25 signs. Paley was outraged.

"I went ballistic," Paley said. "It is the right of the people under the Constitution for free political speech. What they had was a system of regulation that no one would own up to."

Building Inspector Robert Egan said he first became involved when Paley complained about the policy. Egan said the town has bylaws covering every type of sign except for political signs. As an example, real estate signs are restricted to one six-square-foot sign in one location on the actual property that is for sale.

Although Egan said the town would probably craft a bylaw limiting the size and timing of political signs without charging a fee, selectmen have rejected such a plan. On the advice of Town Counsel Paul DeRensis, selectmen decided not to pursue a policy so they would not infringe upon anyone's right to free speech.

Paley said his research has shown that state law does not allow fees for political signs, but does allow towns to restrict when signs can be posted.

"State law says you can regulate dates, you can restrict signs to private property, you can implement certain control measure, you can ask for a bond and to be responsible for taking down signs so the DPW doesn't have to do it," Paley said. "I think that's reasonable.

"But a town doesn't have the right to charge you for a service when they're not providing one. It's not like charging for a building permit to pay a building inspector."

How do the two candidates feel about all of this? Murray has adhered to the policy for all of her previous elections. But this year, she said she has been inundated with requests for signs. Murray is also facing a challenger this year. She said Hingham used to ban all political signs until the attorney general ruled the restrictions unconstitutional. Generally, she doesn't place signs in Hingham, but added she may have to this year because she is facing a local challenger.

In addition, she usually took down her Cohasset signs right after the primary with the help of her husband, who died not too long ago. Andrew Paley filed his complaint. Murray spoke with Haddad, who told her that the policy would not be enforced and she could keep her signs out. Many of the signs bearing her name are left-over from the primary.

"I've never had a problem with the policy and I always paid because I thought it was a bylaw that had been passed at a town meeting I missed," Murray said. "If that's the policy they want, I would abide by it."

Bradley also had no problem taking down his signs until two weeks before the primary if Murray agreed to do the same.

"We took our signs down after the primary, but kept seeing Murray signs as we went through Cohasset," Bradley said. "The we were told it isn't really a rule. Signs are a necessary evil in a campaign. We've put some up because we really don't want to be at a disadvantage. If Mary Jeanette (Murray) agrees to take them down, I would agree to that."

This close to the election there may be little point in taking down political signs Murray said, adding that she would do it if the town asked her to abide by the policy. With the election just four weeks away, she may be right. Both candidates plan to take down their signs within one week following the November election.

Definition of storage to be studied

Just what the zoning by-law means by "storage" when it pertains to trailers is something the zoning board is pondering.

James R. Lennon, 20 Tad Lane, is appealing the building inspector's decision that the camping trailer being kept across the street is not a violation of the zoning by-laws. Even though his neighbors, the Campedellis, have moved the trailer further back, Lennon can still see it from his house and thinks it's unsightly.

John McNabb, who is the spokesman for Lennon, said the 34-foot Airstreamer should not be allowed in town for more than 30 days, under the zoning by-laws.

However, the zoning board and building inspector aren't so sure. The question may come down to what the definition of "storage" is.

Building Inspector Bob Egan explained the zoning by-law, in his view, protects against trailers or mobile homes being used as living quarters to replace a house.

"It is not intended to prohibit someone owning a camping trailer and then when they are not using it, legally parking it on their property and adhering to all setbacks, etc.," he said.

McNabb said he inferred that "stored," which is not defined in the by-law, meant being enclosed in a building, like a garage.

Noreen Campedelli said the silver-colored trailer is a recreational vehicle.

"I guess beauty is in the eye of the beholder," she said.

The zoning board pointed out that the storage of boats is allowed in all districts in town and bring about few complaints.

"Winter storage of boats is a very time-honored tradition," member Jane Goedecke said.

"And a messy one," member Barbara Power replied.

The board took the matter under advisement.

"It comes down to our definition of storage," chairman Woody Chittick said.

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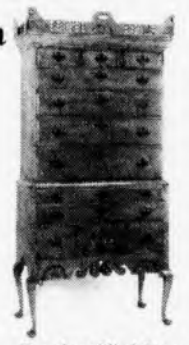
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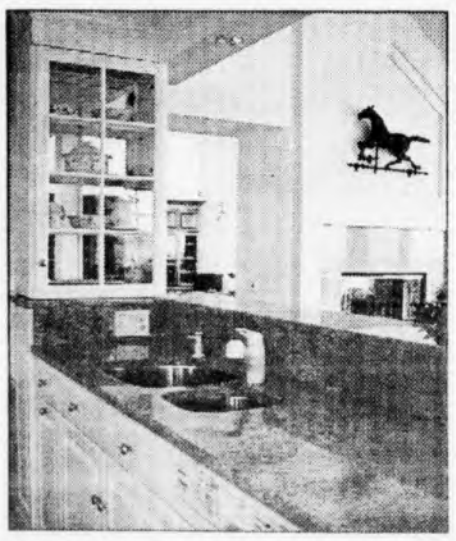
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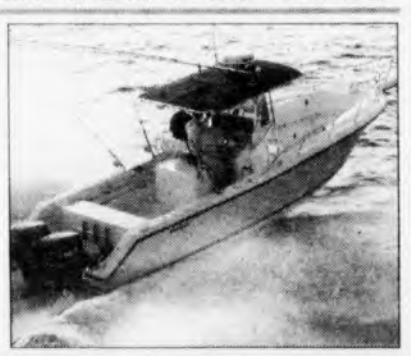
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Ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Osgood School

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

A crowd of 500 turned out Sunday afternoon for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the new Joseph Osgood Elementary School and was treated to a tour of the new facility followed by a playground presentation.

"We had a good crowd, it ran smoothly and I think everyone enjoyed themselves," said school committee member and event organizer Patricia Martin of the late afternoon gathering that gathered on the new school grounds.

Community representatives who had been involved in bringing the new school to fruition stood by as school committee chairman Rick Shea cut a large gold-trimmed red ribbon. Joining him were Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris, school facilities chairman David Chase, Osgood Principal Marilee Cantelmo, school superintendent Dr. Ted Malvey and past-school superintendent Stephen Hart.

"The best part was the 'oohing' and 'aahing' people did when they toured the building and the pride that registered in the faces of the children and staff."

— Patricia Martin, school committee

"We had everything going for us including the weather," said Martin. "The best part was the 'oohing' and 'aahing' people did when they toured the building and the pride that registered in the faces of the children and staff."

The playground presentation included a bench for the site, which the husbands of Adrienne McCarthy and Mary Goodwin, who had been involved in organizing the project, delivered with pride and humor.

"Ronald Goodwin and John McCarthy presented a bench to their wives," said Martin, "because they were proud of their wives' achievements, recognized what a difficult role they had played and said that the bench would give them a chance to sit."

The bench was purchased with funds from the PSO (Parent School Organization) and another donor.

Those members of the crowd who had been involved in the effort to get the new school up and running were singled out for recognition, both during the ribbon-cutting ceremony and later, when the playground was dedicated.

"I was glad that it went so well," said Martin. "It was inspiring that so many people showed. It was a real good feeling for the community and a real source of pride for everyone."



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As I begin to write this week's around town column, I must admit to being a little nervous! Why, you ask? Well, my former English teacher, **Mr. MacDonald**, is back, living in Cohasset! When I met him today, he told me that he had just finished reading my column — oh heavens! I can only tell you what I told him, that everything I know about writing I learned from him. What a wonderful man! And what a terrific teacher! I'm sure that everyone felt exactly the same way, and that through his teaching many are probably enjoying reading and writing as much as I do! Many thanks to you, Mr. MacDonald, and Welcome Home!

ON THE MEND

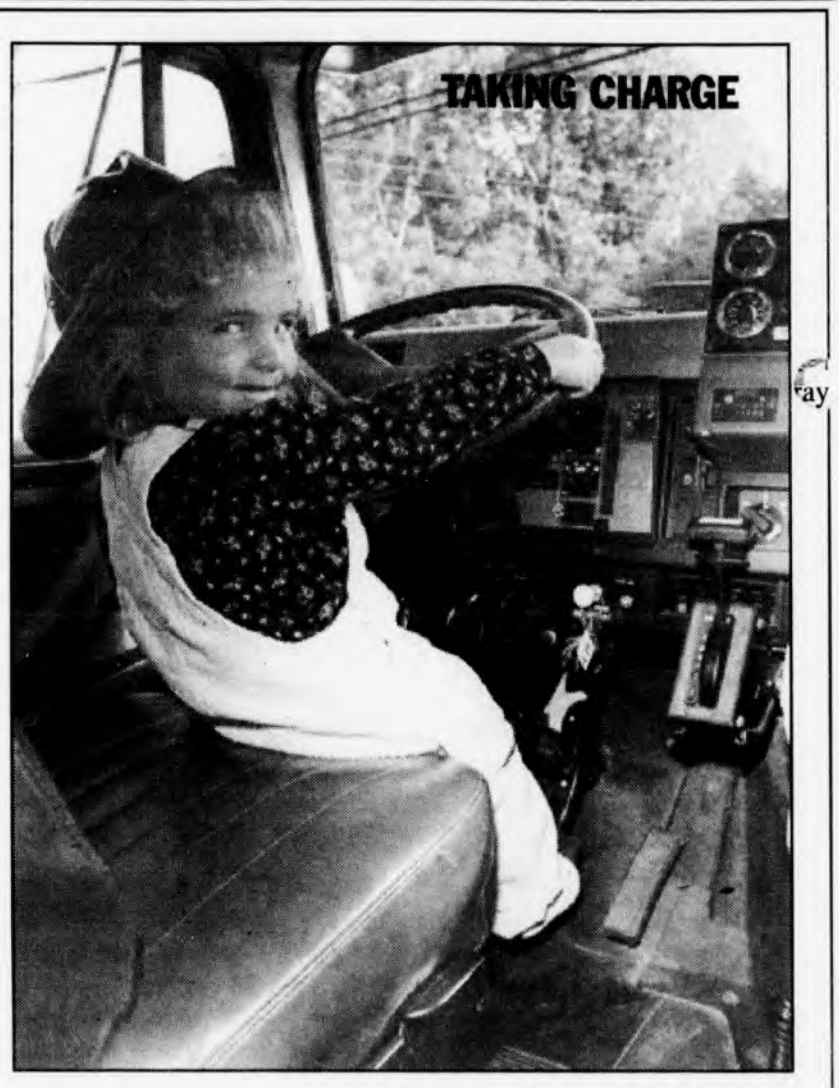
Dennis Walsh was spotted around town yesterday, he looks and feels great! His surgery is behind him, and everything is A-OK! You know he was feeling much better, he was up at the high school putting the hockey team together. Such good news! Den reports that he will be back teaching in November, and we're sure that his students cannot wait!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

"Lokie" had a wonderful 72nd birthday Sept. 30 — his brother and sisters and other relatives surprised him by taking him out to dinner to celebrate, and a great time was had by all! Happy birthday, Lokie, and here's to your next 72 years!

DEDICATED SEASON

If you weren't there, you have probably heard about it by now, but on the off chance that you haven't, we'll tell you — last Friday night (the opening home game for the CHS Football Skippers), the Gridiron Club asked **Clark Chatterton** to draw the winning raffle ticket. When Clark got out on the field it was announced that the team had dedicated their season to him — then, with their helmets held high, each member of the team shook his hand, as did the coaches. They showed him their helmets, they all have CC on them in honor of Clark. Isn't that just the nicest thing to do? You had better believe there wasn't a dry eye in the house, it was very moving! So much so that even Clark was rendered speechless! He was very touched by the gesture, and is cheering even louder for "his" Skippers!



PHOTO/SHELLY BABIN

Zoe Nugent gets behind the wheel of the ambulance during open house at the Cohasset Fire Station on Saturday.

OH, THOSE SIGNS

As was noted in last week's issue of the Mariner, lots of people don't like the political signs that are "sprouting up" all over town — what several people have mentioned to us are the yard sale signs — why aren't the sale holders made to take the sign down after the sale is over? Just one more thing to think about.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please don't forget that October is the month that the Paul Pratt Memorial Library renews its magazine subscriptions and they want your input as to which ones you use the most. Make it a point to fill out one of the cards at the desk, so that the staff may do their best to please you!

GET WELL SOON

We surely hope that **Bob Leavitt** is on the mend as this goes to press! Bob has been battling viral pneumonia for some time now, but we are confident that he'll be fine! There are few people finer than Bob, and everyone loves him! Couple that with all the prayers headed his way, and we know he will win! Just know that everyone loves you and that everyone cares, sooo much!

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AROUND TOWN



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With Sparky the Fire Dog, at the fire department open house are: (front row, L-R) Capt. James Gurry, Jay Fiori, Sparky (aka Randall Rosano), Capt. James Runey, Edward Corbo; (top row) Jack Hernan and Frank Mahoney.

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HATS OFF

Hats off to **Mary Goodwin** and **Adrienne MacCarthy**, all of their efforts certainly paid off for the new Osgood playground! According to the proper authorities (the kiddos) everything is just as they hoped it would be and it is a lot of fun! Good work, ladies! By the way, if ever you need coordinators, remember all of the work that they did, and all of the work they got their enlisted help to do! Awesome!

FLU CLINICS

That nasty word is back — FLU! We have been asked to remind Seniors that there are two Flu Clinics for you: Tuesday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m., at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., and Friday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to noon at Harborview, 60 Elm St., Cohasset. There will also be Community Flu Clinics for all Cohasset residents: Saturday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.; Saturday, October 24, 10 a.m. to noon, at Cohasset Town Hall; and, Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7 to 9 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall. You are asked to please wear a short-sleeved shirt!

Owls of New England

The South Shore Community Center, in conjunction with South Shore Natural Science Center, will present "Owls of New England" Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. This 45-minute presentation will introduce youngsters to these birds of the night with an opportunity to learn about these magnificent, silent hunters and see a live owl up close. Tickets are $5 and are limited. Pre-registration for the event is necessary.

Call South Shore Community Center, (781) 383-0088 for more information.

e-mail the editor of the Cohasset Mariner at mford@cnc.com

GOOD NEWS

We are happy to report that **Richard Kurtz** is doing ever-so-well after his recent surgery! Hopefully we will be seeing him "around town" real soon, after all, you can't keep a good man down! Right?

GIVE ME A BUZZ

That's the news for this week, next week could be the week that you or a member of your family gets their name in print! Just give me a buzz!

— Sallyann Chatterton
383-0560

The Old Town Workshop

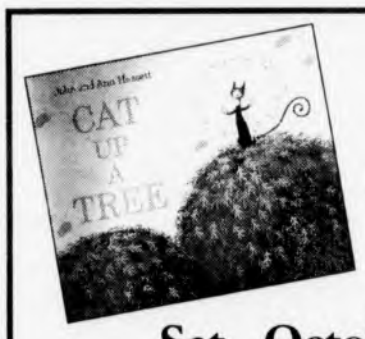


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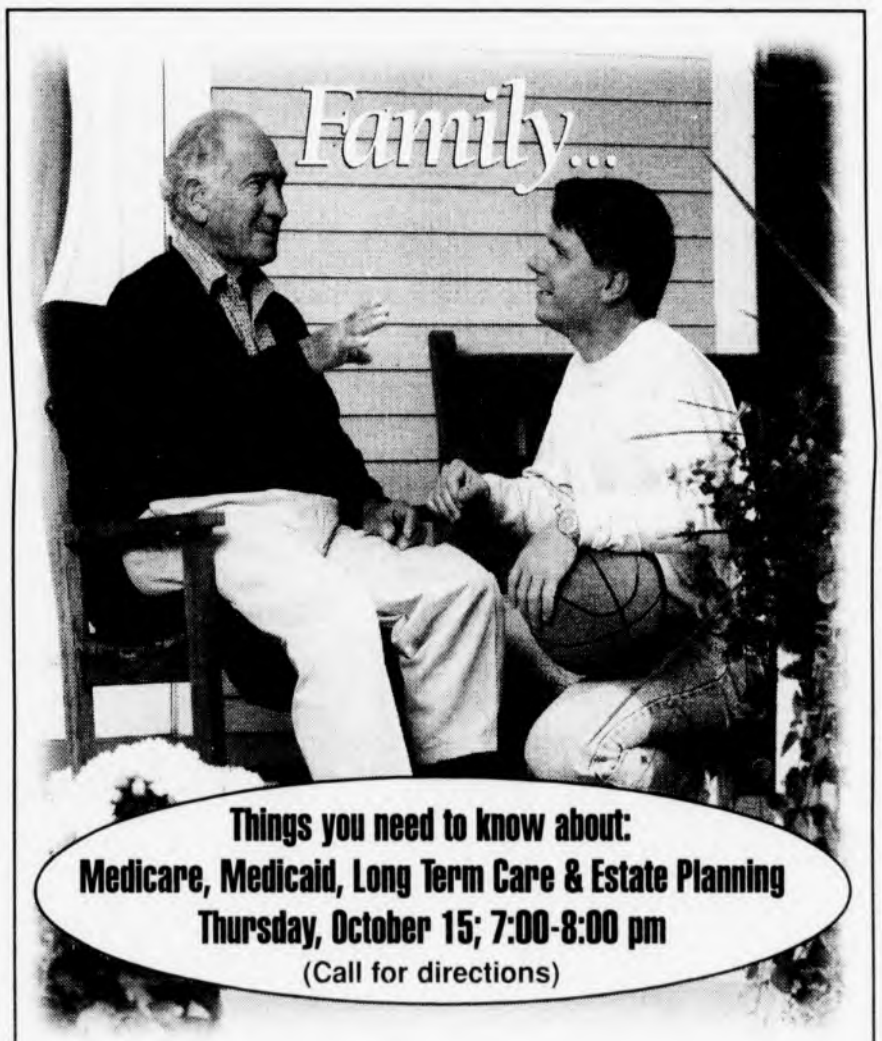


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EDITORIAL

A generation of news

Twenty years ago this week, the Cohasset Mariner debuted in town. While in the overall scheme of things, two decades is just a moment in time — for those of us who have lived through that moment, it's everything. Children were born and grew up, some friends and family passed away, while others got married, changed careers and moved away.

A generation ago, Cohasset was much the same place it is today. A beautiful seaside town, it was still recovering from the after effects of the "Storm of '78" in October when the premier issue of the Mariner arrived in your mailboxes. In contrast, the winter of 1998 was a mild one with no major storms.

The planning board — chaired by Glenn Pratt — completed a cemetery study that year. Today, Mr. Pratt sits on the cemetery study committee, which is still grappling with the issue. And the waiting list for mooring permits was as much a problem then as it is now as evidenced by then harbor committee chairman Charles G. Fink's recommendation that establishing a new procedure for mooring space is a priority.

Some local landmarks changed hands or were created. Hugo's was replaced by the Chart House now soon to be replaced by Atlantica. The Log 'n Line, now Bernard's, was a popular spot for locals and the Minot Light Replica and the refurbished Lightkeepers' Residence hadn't yet come into being.

Two major motion pictures called Cohasset home for a summer — "The Witches of Eastwick" in 1986 and "Housesitter" in 1991.

We were happy to find that some familiar names and faces were as involved then in town affairs as they are today.

Harold Litchfield, who took over the new position of DPW superintendent just last year, was highway surveyor; Sheila Evans and Barbara Power were and are library trustees (Mrs. Power, who sits on the zoning board today, was also a planning board member in 1978); Noel Ripley was and is chairman of the Cohasset Historical Commission. Some people changed hats or moved up the ladder — then Selectman Mary Jeanette Murray was also our state representative; Police Chief Brian Noonan was a young patrolman and Fire Chief Roger Lincoln was a young firefighter.

Little did we know in 1978 that William F. Weld who ran unsuccessfully for state attorney general losing to Francis X. Bellotti would be a future governor. And who would have guessed that after Gov. Michael Dukakis failed to win the nomination of his party in the state primary that year — setting the stage for a new governor, Edward J. King — Gov. Dukakis would stage a comeback four years later.

With the prime rate hovering at 12 percent and price increases in Middle East oil driving inflation — state taxpayers would soon take control of their local taxes by passing Prop. 2-1/2 in 1980.

All that news aside, no anniversary issue would be complete without thanking our cartoonist, Jim Hamilton; around town columnist, Sallyann Chatterton and sports correspondent Jim O'Sullivan for all the "local color" they add to the paper every week. And of course, we couldn't do it without you, our readers.

Over the past 20 years, the Cohasset Mariner has been proud to publish the most thorough coverage of the place you call home, be it in the schools, sports, town government, community events, civic groups or people around town. We look forward to being there for the next generation and beyond.

— Mary Ford
Editor



More EEE virus found in mosquitoes

The most recent report from the Eastern Equine Encephalitis Surveillance Program of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, dated Oct. 2, indicated that the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus has been isolated "from five pools of ... mosquitoes trapped on 9/27 in Kingston (1), Carver (1), Easton (1) and Halifax (2)." The report also notes that "a total of eight EEE virus isolates ... have been identified in mosquitoes trapped through 9/21 in Rhode Island."

Last week's edition of the Cohasset Mariner (Oct. 1, page 5), listed five precautions to take, as recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The Mosquito Control Committee of the Cohasset Board of Health urges all citizens to observe and put into practice all those precautions applicable to their situation.

For more questions, call the Cohasset Board of Health at 383-4116 or Charles Gainor at 383-0498.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Parents grateful for support

DEAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

On behalf of the residents, we would like to thank the school committee for their time and consideration in resolving the Lamberts Lane bus issue. As parents, we have a great sense of relief that our children's safety has been addressed.

Throughout this process a number of people have been helpful and generous with their time: Joe McElroy, the Cohasset Police including Officer Richard Yocum, Cliff Mitman of the Cohasset Golf Club, the Board of Selectman, Mark Haddad, Hugh Morgan and especially Mark DeGiacomo.

The Lamberts Lane Residents
Mary and Bill Foley
Sallyann Kakas Quebec
Barbara and Michael Mullin
Karen and Larry Aherne
Dorian and Robert Brady

Ed's note: A copy of this letter was provided to the Mariner for publication.

In support of new library at Osgood School

TO THE EDITOR:

I was director of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library for 29 years, retiring in June 1998.

The Board of Library Trustees are giving the town excellent advice: to turn the Joseph Osgood School into a public library.

The outgrown library building and site have hampered library services for several years. If the town misses this opportunity, services will continue to be inadequate. Cohasset will not long endure an inferior library. Will the town act in five years, 10 years? Will a site as good as Osgood School be available then? Will land and building then cost closer to $10 million?

Cohasset residents make unfair, uncompensated use of the Hingham Library. Some compensation to Hingham would be appropriate if Cohasset does not furnish accessible, adequate services.

The Board of Library Trustees worked very hard from 1973-78 to develop a marvelous renovation of the library, at a modest cost of $200,000. At that time I strongly recommended a new, one-level library with adequate parking. The renovation has served a good 20-year life, capping a fine 100 years of service from Paul Pratt's gift.

Now the town has a fine opportunity to again renew the town library, founded 120 years ago under the leadership of then-superintendent of schools Joseph Osgood.

Richard Hayes
Scituate

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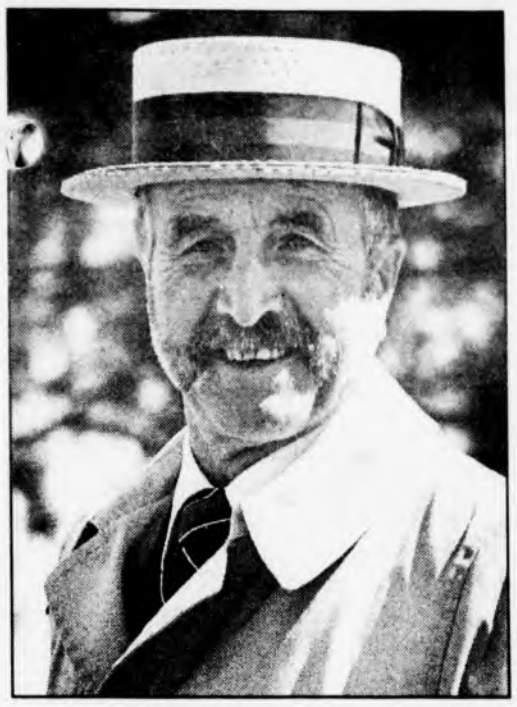
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What has been Cohasset's biggest challenge of the past 20 years and what problems do you foresee?



Sewers and more sewers.

— Rocco Laugelle, selectman, 1979-1994.



Infrastructure was and will be the biggest problem.

— Henry Ainslie, selectman, 1971-1983.



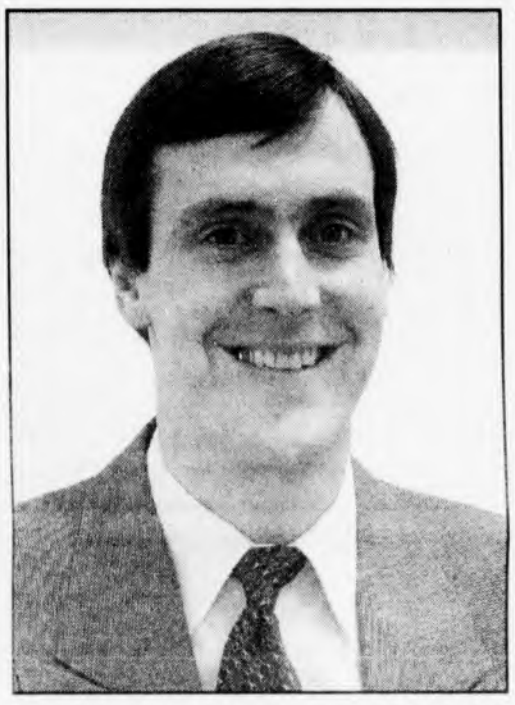
Making sure the town grows in an orderly fashion, everything else is ancillary to that.

— Martha Gjesteby, selectman, 1987-1996; school committee, 1979-85; planning board, 1973-75



On both counts, being penny-wise and pound foolish, we tend to be shortsighted which costs more in the long run.

— Al Moore, planning board, 1987 - present



To continue to maintain the viability of the town meeting process in light of the changing times.

— George L. Marlette, town moderator, 1993-present



Prop. 2-1/2 was a huge event in the political and economic life in town. Looking ahead, the questions of growth and planning will take center stage.

— Jane Goedecke, selectman, 1990-1996; advisory committee, 1984-1990

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Osgood Library supported

TO THE EDITOR:

There's a great opportunity in Cohasset to have a library for the 21st century at a comparatively low cost. Then we could enjoy the many services a modern public library building offers — easy access, all services on one floor, space for more books, computers, tapes, videos, space for teenagers, space for a meeting room for library programs.

Handsome as the Paul Pratt building is, it was built for a smaller population, for the library needs of the public nearly 100 years ago. We need to look ahead to the next century, to be able to provide library resources needed then.

I was much impressed by the architect's plans for remodeling the Osgood School into a library. The exterior looked like the public building it is and the interior is well adapted to serve library needs. The floor plan is flexible, so that whatever future technologies that might develop could be provided for. If the school can be recycled as a library, everyone in town can benefit, from toddlers to the oldest citizens. Eventually we would have to build a larger library, undoubtedly at higher cost. Why not seize this opportunity now?

I have spent all my working life as a librarian and have been involved in planning three library buildings and remodeling a fourth. I see the use of the Osgood School for a public library as a great advantage to the town of Cohasset. Plan to go to Town Meeting Monday evening, Oct. 26, and support Article 8 in the warrant. I urge parents whose children will be using the library in the coming years, and indeed all others, to vote for this use of the Osgood School.

Eleanor Cooney Smith
62 Cedar St.

Community Center looks great

TO THE EDITOR:

If you have recently been downtown Cohasset, you have probably noticed how wonderful the Community Center looks!

We have just finished painting the outside of the building thanks to Keating Painting Co. We are in the process of hanging shutters on the outside of the building thanks to Matt Salerno. The Community Garden Club of Cohasset has trimmed, planted and edged in our front yard and what a difference it has made! Barbara Anglin, The Secret Gardener, has done a wonderful job on the Friendship Perennial Border Garden, as can be seen from the abundance of flowering plantings. She is looking for new perennials to add, and would love some Japanese Anemones and Coneflowers. If anyone is cleaning out their garden this fall, we would be happy to accept any plantings they might have to donate! Please keep in mind that she would love to add in some spring bulbs, particularly Anemone Blanda and Grape Muscari, or any other bulbs you might have. To donate, call the Center at 383-0088. We can arrange for pick up, or you can drop them at the office during the week.

Again, I would like to say "Hats Off!" to all of the Center's friends who have helped us spruce up our appearance this year!

Stephanie Church
Program Director

ZBA approves dog runs

The zoning board approved a special permit allowing the addition of 15 dog runs in the west wing at the kennel at 249 Cedar St.

The existing kennel, which was built in 1983, has places for 60 dogs but only half those cages have dog runs. There are no plans to increase the number of dogs.

The plan is a scaled-down version of the one proposed last spring which asked for 30 additional dog runs. Kennel owners, John and Christine Millar, subsequently dropped plans to add an east wing with 15 dog runs because it further encroached into the sideline setback restriction.

The zoning board was satisfied that the increased dog runs would not exacerbate any noise problems. The owners said there would actually be less barking because the dogs would not have to be removed from their cages and walked by hand. When that happens, the dogs are paraded in front of other dogs which stirs them up.

"They made a reasonable case to cut down the noise," chairman Woody Chittick said.

The perils of courtesy in the workplace

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Little did Safeway supermarkets know that when they started their "Superior Service" campaign to make things a little more pleasant for their customers that they would be opening a can of worms.

But that's the way things seem to go nowadays. There's some form of litigation at the end of even the most innocent of moves.

To Safeway, "Superior Service" meant its employees were supposed to smile at customers, not snarl at them. They were to be courteous, even offer to carry out their groceries and, above all, make eye contact with them to show them that they really care.

But to some customers, it meant something entirely different.

A dozen Safeway workers in California, 11 women and one man, have filed union grievances, complaining that the smile-and-make-eye-contact policy is being misinterpreted by the customers.

The smile and the eye are taken by shoppers, mostly of the male persuasion, as a signal that the clerk is offering more than help in locating a bunch of grapes or a head of lettuce or even a cut of tenderloin.

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"Let me decide who I am going to say hello to with a big smile," said Richelle Roberts, a produce clerk in Martinez, Calif., one of the 12, who said she was propositioned every day by men who were not really interested in the price of celery.

(You don't suppose Monica was into "Superior Service" when she smiled at Bill and . . . naw?)

The AP news story of Safeway's dilemma doesn't say what the lone male clerk is grieving but I suspect he's not getting the same attention as the women and he'd like his share before Safeway dumps the policy altogether.

A policy of giving two free drink coupons to frequent fliers as an apology for a recent pilots' strike is about to land Northwest Airlines in hot water, too.

Already, flight attendants (who we used to call "stewardesses") are starting to complain the extra drinks are raising the libidos among the passengers, male, of course.

It's not an exact science, this business of encouraging the help to be nicer to the customers who pay the freight.

The Mass Turnpike Authority tried to solve the problem earlier this year by offering bonuses to toll takers who were polite to the motorists and didn't try to rip the toll out of their hands and throw their change at them. As far as I know, it's working, possibly because there is money involved.

The matter of rude behavior is not confined to the humble workers in the vineyard either.

It wasn't too long ago that the U. S. Congress itself found it necessary to set up a retreat for senators and representatives where they could learn not to insult each other - or at least do it in a nice way.

This was shortly after Cong. Dick Armey of Texas accidentally mispronounced our own Cong. Frank's name was Barney "Fag."

You can measure for yourself the success of the retreat by the dialogue in Bill vs. Monica.

If you're 18 or older, that is.

Looking back on 15 years 'Around Town'

Chatterton spreads the good news

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Just drop the "ton" and it's a perfect name, acknowledged Sallyann Chatterton, whose Around Town column has given Cohasseters something to chat about for the past 15 years.

Birth announcements, class reunions, work achievements and other milestones are sorted out from the information-filled bits of paper Chatterton collects over the week. "People stop me downtown sometimes," she said. "I'm not always prepared so I write on the backs of deposit slips or whatever I can find."

From the antiquated Smith Corona she puts on her kitchen table, the latest happenings pour out, sometimes at 4 a.m. "I sit there in my sweats and type away," said Chatterton. "A UPS man came by the other day and said, 'You're the first person I've seen with a typewriter in the longest time.' But it's electric, I'm upgraded."



Chatterton inherited the antiquated "office piano", along with the column, from the prior around town writer, who had something new that she wanted to look into at that time and asked Chatterton to cover the position for a little while.

She's been at it ever since, keeping track of the comings and goings of townspeople, many of whom she's known since her relocation to Cohasset at age 16. She and her father moved here from her grandparents' Cape home, where they had moved seven years before when Chatterton's mother died.

It was there that she found a love for the ocean, where she learned to sail and swim. "I've always lived near the sea," said Chatterton. "I'm lucky that way. I don't know what I'd do without it. I used to swim, but now I just love to go there. You realize the scope of things and how little you are."

Perhaps that sensibility carries over into her work, which Chatterton keeps clear of local gossip.

"Happy things, that's what I choose to write about," she said. "If you want negativity, all you have to do is turn on the TV. I don't think there's room for that in a local paper. I also write about people who are sick so people can send them a card. People say, 'thanks for telling me so and so was sick because I wouldn't have known otherwise'."

Chatterton's husband, Clark, athletic director and math teacher at the high school, as well as manager of the Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent concession stands, has recently faced his own bout with illness and received well wishes from many townspeople.

"Clark just finished the last of six months of chemotherapy for his bladder cancer and will soon start radiation treatment," she explained. The prognosis is good because all of the cancer was removed and the follow-up treatments are what the Chattertons refer to as "health insurance".

Chatterton's husband is as much a town fixture as she is. His father, the Rev. Frank Chatterton, was minister of the Second Congregational Church in town. Currently, Clark's mother, Mimi, lives in an addition he built to the back of his house for his parents 25 years ago.

Chatteron explained, "Clark kept asking his father when he was going to retire and found out that his father felt he couldn't retire because the church owned the parsonage—where would he go? So Clark built the add on. That's the kind of person he is."

Their home is filled with colorful collections that pay tribute to family, whether its her brimming shelves of Italian pottery started years ago by her grandmother and then added on to over the years; her grandfather's prize fish plaque; her father's wooden soldiers or her many framed photographs. "I'm a collector," shrugged Chatterton.

Collector, indeed. Favorable feedback is stored up as happily by Chatterton as any other part of her collection. "It's the most rewarding part of the job," she said. "I just got a thank you note from a girl who had been visiting here from Texas. It's amazing how many people receive the Mariner from out of state."

Perhaps the ultimate high point for Sallyann was meeting up with her high school English teacher, Al MacDonald, in town. "He said to me that he just finished reading my column and it was very good. It was as though I'd never even graduated! But he is responsible for all my writing—Al MacDonald. Oh, he was wonderful. I also wrote that he was wonderful in my column."

One more perk for Chatterton, she said, is that people feel that they know her just from reading the column.

The only low point Chatterton

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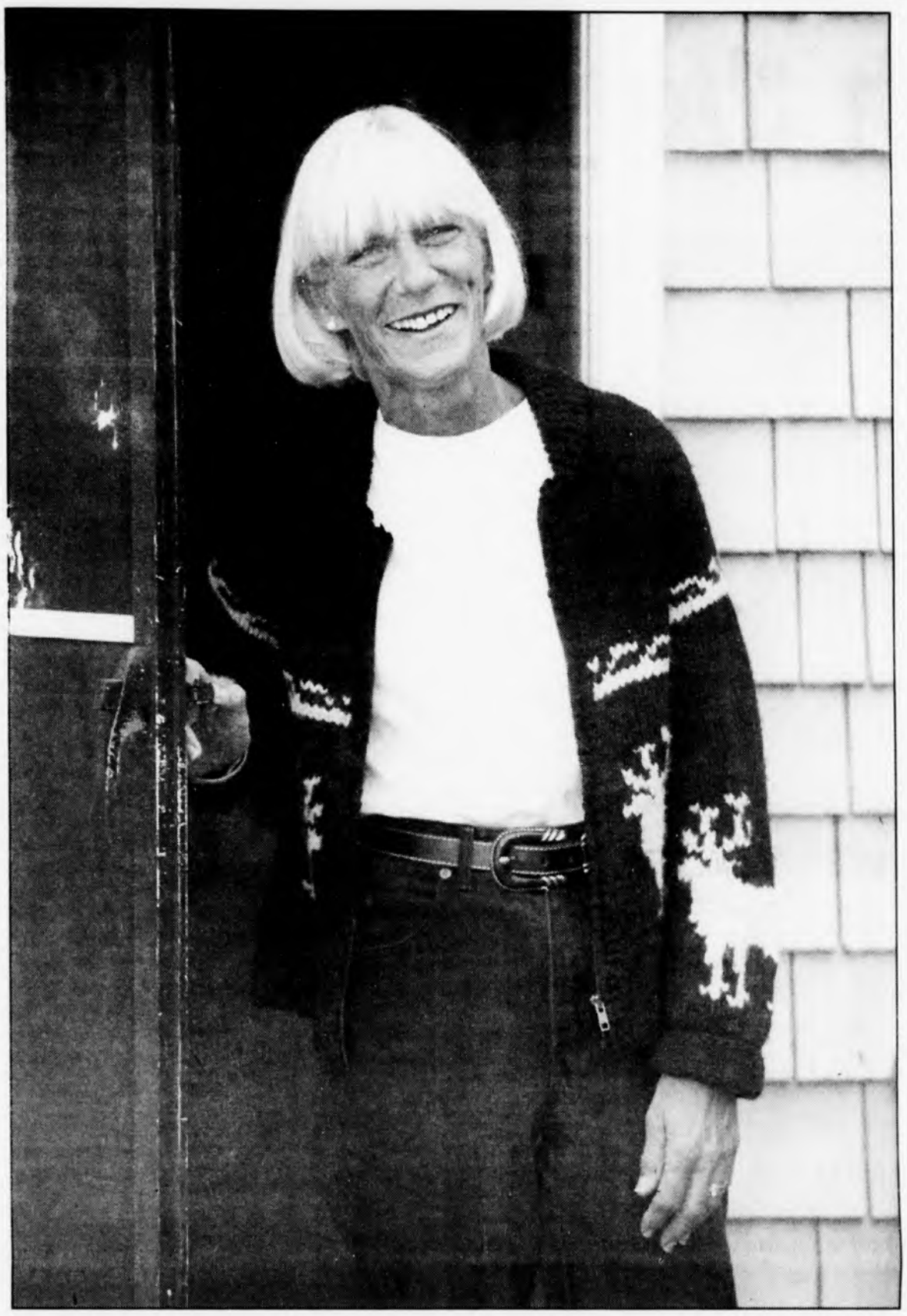
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Sallyann Chatterton has been spreading the good news through her Around Town column for 15 years.

15 years 'Around Town'

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could think of was this summer when she mistakenly added 10 years on to a class reunion story. "The reunion organizer, Paul Sinopoli of CHS 1978, called me and said, 'I'm growing old fast enough, thank you!'"

If she could name one unpleasant aspect to her job, Chatterton would say it's "when someone calls about someone else because they have an ax to grind. If you can't say something nice, don't bother. I don't put that kind of stuff in. Everyone here has something positive about them and I prefer to focus on that."

But such acrimony is uncommon. For the most part, Chatterton enjoys her forays into the world of Cohasset via bank slip notes and her trusty Smith Corona. "Not much has changed in the good news I hear," she said. "Although, the children I once wrote about are now calling me to tell me about their own children. You get to the point where you feel as though they're all your own."

"Happy things, that's what I choose to write about. If you want negativity, all you have to do is turn on the TV."

— Sallyann Chatterton

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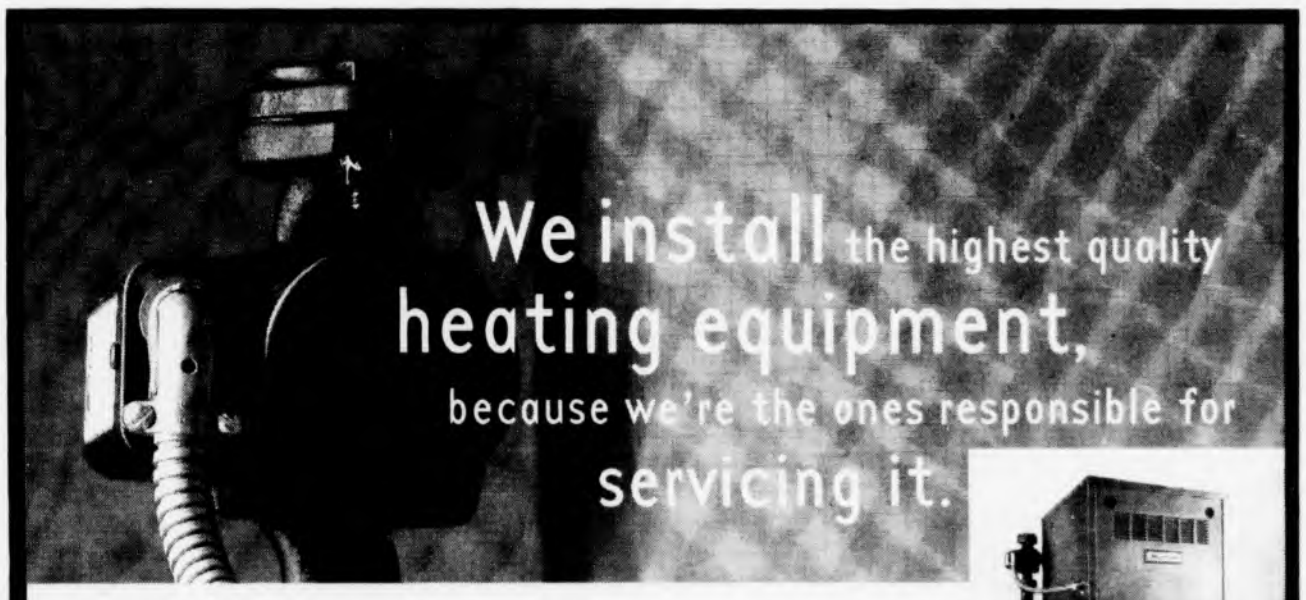
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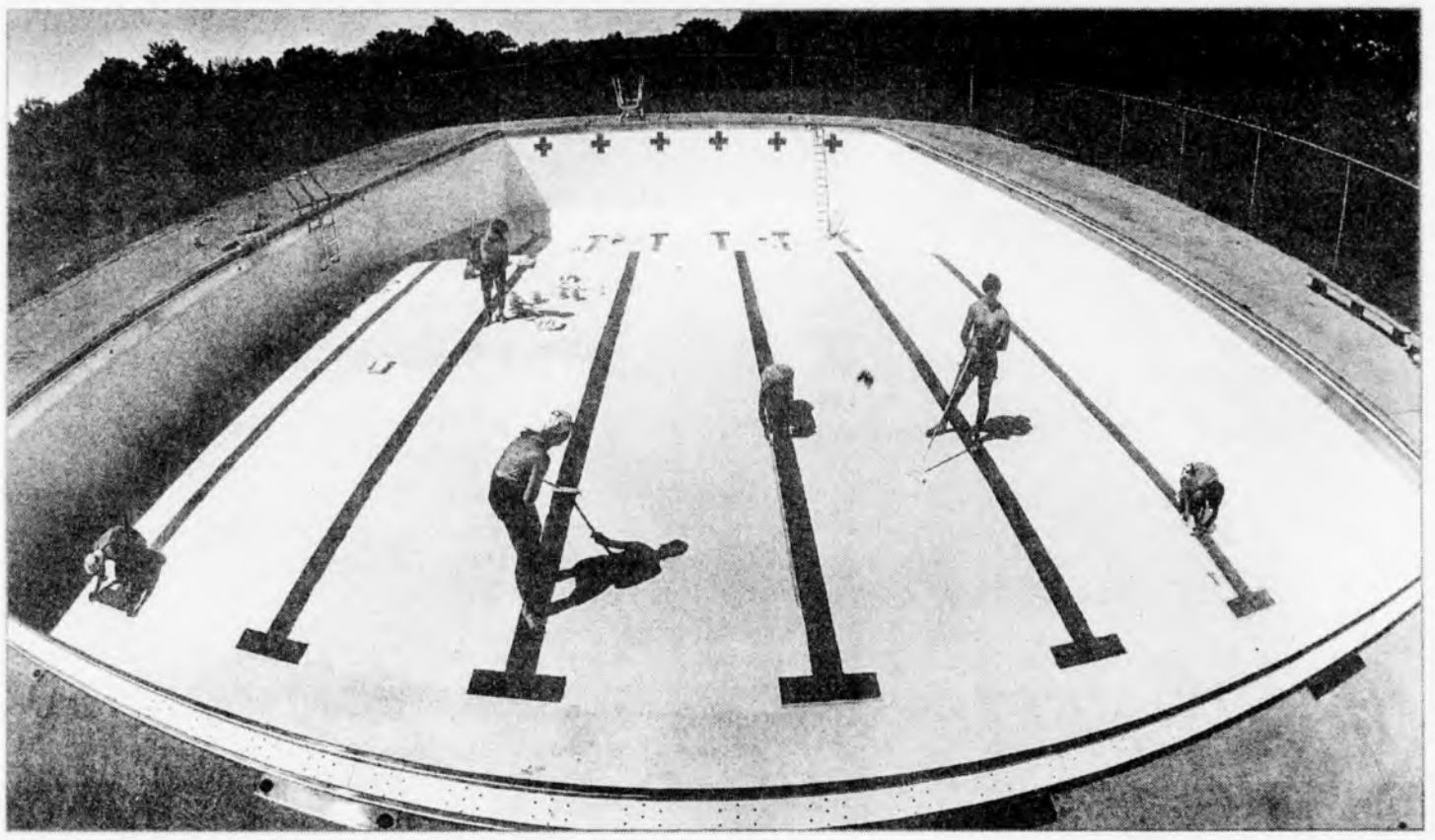
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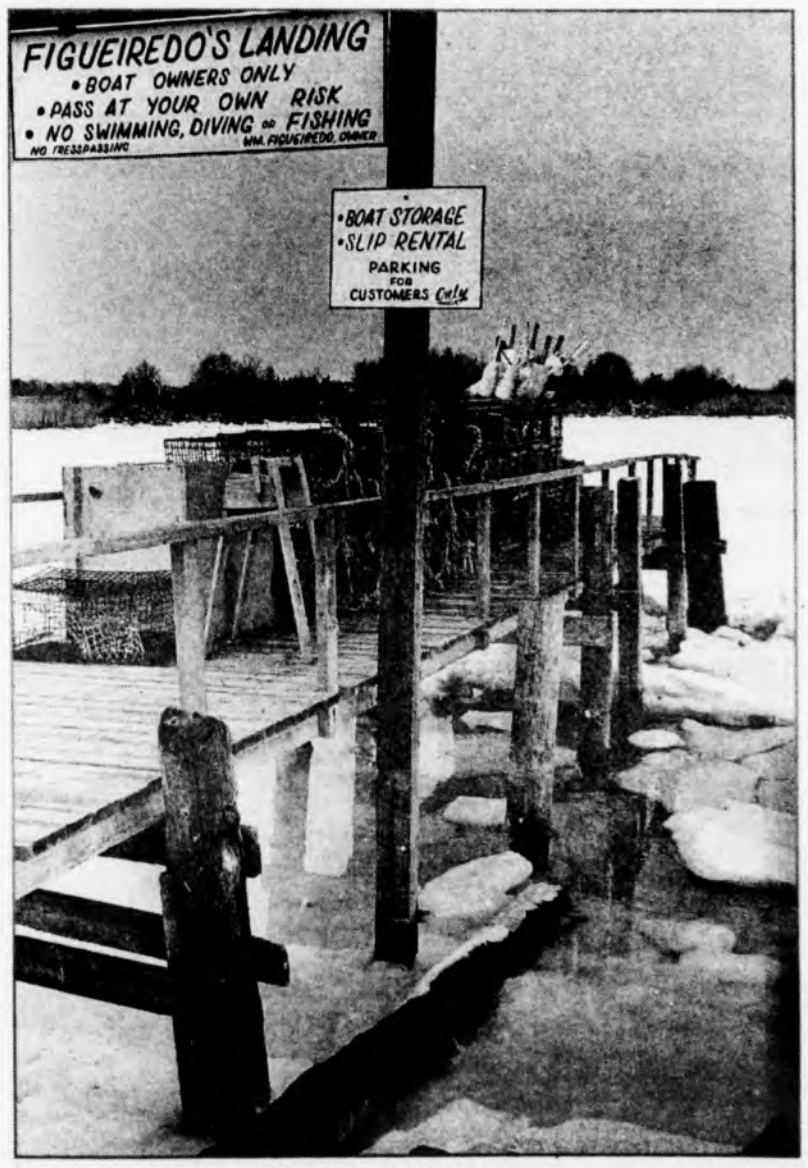
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Film Flashback

'Witches' lands in Cohasset, Scituate

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER



It was a bit racy, by New England standards, and the means that justified the end for the Hollywood crew that descended on Cohasset common and breezed into Scituate Harbor in 1986 angered some—but most residents look back and smile on the summer that the Witches of Eastwick came to town.

The 1986 film starring "witches" Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer and Susan Sarandon who conjure up the "ideal man" who turns out to be the devil himself (Jack Nicholson), turned Cohasset into Eastwick for a time. Local business signs and even the town hall's sign, were replaced with Eastwick signs. In Scituate, the landmark Quarterdeck was dubbed 'The Yapping Fox.'

But selling the town did not come cheap.

According to then-selectmen chairman Diane Sullivan of Cohasset, the town got $25,000, St. Stephen's earned the same for use of their church and Roukounakis' gas station got a nice sum because the film crew parked there during the shoot.

Cohasset Hardware, and Cards and Shards fared well, too, in their agreement to replace their signs with Eastwick names.

Sullivan explained that there was some controversy about using a town church for filming but that the parish did vote to do so. "Generally, people are of the Hollywood persuasion," joked Sullivan.

"Most of the money paid to the town went to rehab the pond on the common. Some people thought it a bit racy, but a lot of people did well by it," said Sullivan

Others didn't fare as well.

Some car owners returning to their parked vehicles discovered they had been towed by the film crew to clear the "set". The cars were returned later to the same location, along with a Hollywood-style peace offering—a bottle of champagne.

"Sure, there were some complaints," said Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan.

"People in the Jerusalem Road area got mad because they had to park their cars elsewhere and one resident on Little Harbor Road had to cut through backyards to get into his house. But overall, people would get out of their cars and watch the acting from a distance. I think they enjoyed it."

Perhaps none enjoyed it more than Noonan himself, who took a week's vacation to work with the film crew. He found Warner Bros. "a very nice outfit to work with—very nice people," during the time that he provided security for them.

Noonan was one of four men hired by the movie production company to work five to six days of the week.

"They usually worked 12 hours a day and had meals made for everyone out of a huge trailer," recalled Noonan. "The girls (Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer and Susan Sarandon) were very nice. It was very warm one day and I met one of the actresses, Michelle Pfeiffer, who gave me a drink of water. That was nice of her. She just saw that I looked thirsty. They were a nice group and it was interesting to watch how they did things."

Bringing "Eastwick's" witchery to film meant take after take, as well as old fashioned gadgetry.

"It was very thrilling," said Cards and Shards owner Sue Straley. "Most people don't get a chance to see something like that. That summer was a college education in film-making at its best. There were just so many things that I didn't know about, like how many times they have to keep doing things; how they put cameras on tracks and ride along for the fast-moving scenes; and how they could "float" the witches in the air by lifting them up on a board and lightly bobbing it up and down outside a second floor window."

Robert M. Davenport recalls seeing a crew one night on Border Street, filming a pink doorway that served as Cher's character's home. "It was a full moon and it was sort of interesting to see them out there," he said.

Davenport also got to see "rain" dashed against Susan Sarandon's "cottage" on Scituate's Bassing Beach with a little help from large water hose and even larger fan.

Besides getting an insider's view on Hollywood instruments for make-believe, Straley was the recipient of a "nice sum" for changing her sign."

"It was one of the best times we ever had here," she said. "We ate lunch in our backyard with the actors after filming was over. It was a fabulous experience. They were very considerate and we were closed only one day, really."

For the two weeks that their real sign was in limbo, Straley and her staff had visitors coming in for the deli food advertised on the Eastwick sign outside.

There was also a family trying to attend a funeral in town who wan-

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While primarily filmed in neighboring Cohasset, the 1986 shooting of the Witches of Eastwick made its way into Scituate Harbor, too. In the movie, Cher brings her wares to Scituate's Quarterdeck, which was re-named The Yapping Fox during the shoot.

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dered in to ask Straley how to get to Cohasset. They thought that they were in Eastwick, despite following the directions to the funeral home.



Eastwick, indeed, with a cape-clad Nicholson in a chase scene on Jerusalem Road and the three actresses suspended in mid-air.

Bedevilment was in the air and many caught the acting bug.

"Lots of townspeople were in the church scene," said Sullivan. "My son reacted so well in the scene when Nicholson threw up next to our pew that Nicholson came over later and complimented him on his acting ability. It's funny, but only a week or so ago, a video store worker asked me if I was in the church scene in that movie. He recognized my hair," said Sullivan, whose trademark coif has remained the same since her "Hollywood" days.

The heat and humidity registered on the extras filming the church scene; the church is not air conditioned. A machine with a large pipe poured cool air into the room but people still needed to mop at themselves with the boxes of Kleenex the film crew passed around between takes, according to Sullivan.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

A pony-tail clad Jack Nicholson makes his way from a movie scene shot at Cohasset Harbor.

Extras worked four days a week at about $50 per day and had to wear the same clothing for [illegible] days in a row for one scene, and another set of clothing for two days for another scene.

An entertaining moment for Sullivan was watching actress Victoria Cartwright, who played the chairman of the board of selectmen in the church scene, in a particularly lively moment. "It was kind of interesting when she lost it in the church scene, and it was my job to watch this from my pew."

Though a decade has come and gone since the filming of the Witches of Eastwick, some still have their opinions about Nicholson's friendliness or lack thereof, the hardship on the community and the propriety of bringing author John Updike's supernatural thriller to Cohasset.

"There were some negatives," agreed Sullivan. "The filming of the bicycle scene on Beach Street involved some language that some people weren't happy with. But overall, it was positive. Maybe if we knew it was such a racy movie, we would have thought about it twice. Still, the pluses outweighed the minuses. I don't recall us taking a lot of heat."

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He 'draws' on local issues for his cartoons

By Alison Cohen
MARINER STAFF

At first glance he seems rather sedate. Then you see the impish gleam in the eyes that must have made his reputation in the fourth grade.

Meet Jim Hamilton, cartoonist extraordinaire.



Hamilton has been drawing cartoons from the time he figured out how to bend his wrist and hold a crayon. He used to entertain his buddies with them in grade school and by high school he was drawing a strip for the school newspaper.

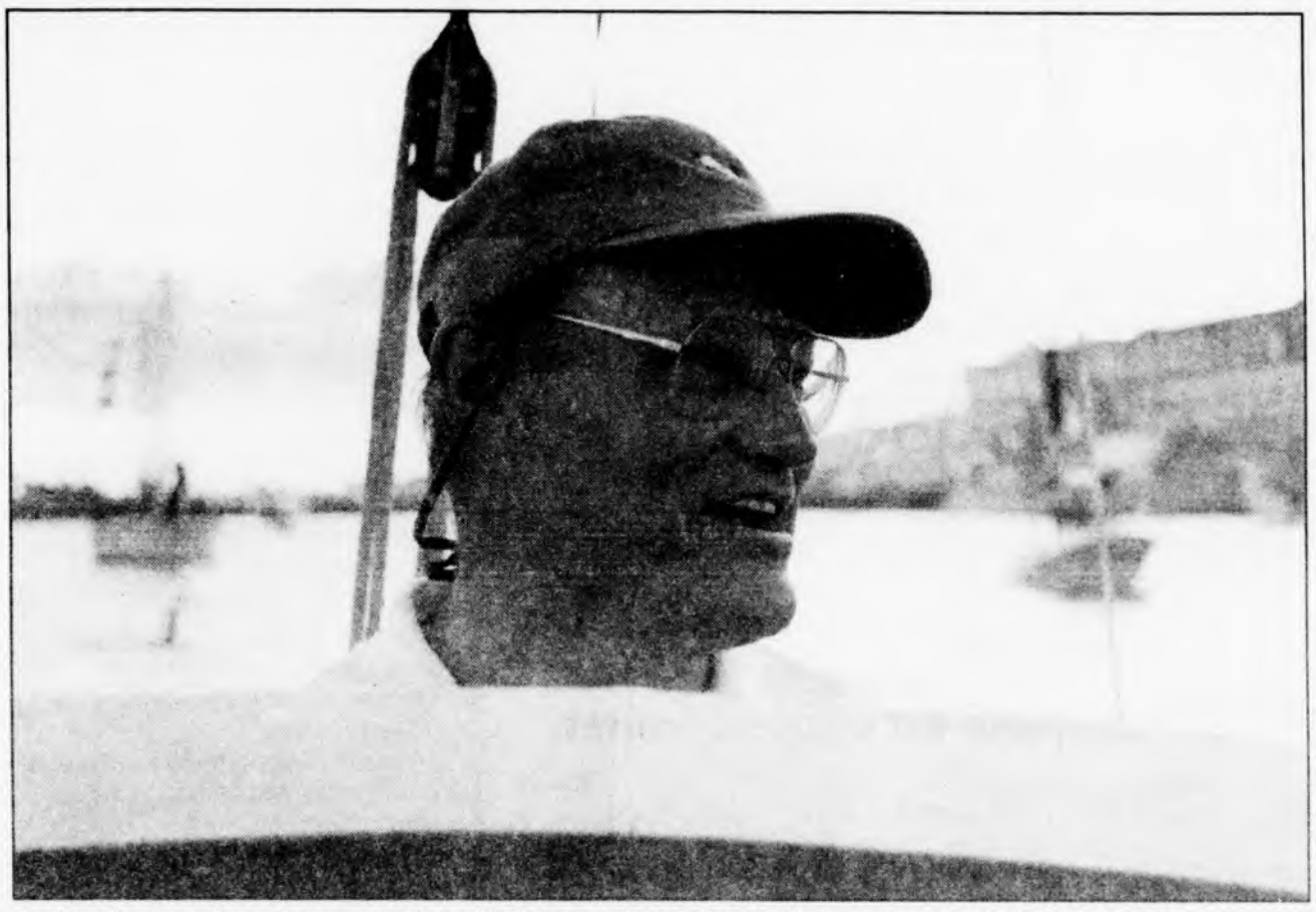
That was long ago — but he's been involved in print and graphic work one way or another ever since.

Hamilton's cartoons have been appearing in the Cohasset Mariner since January 1990. They got here through a rather circuitous route.

Hamilton has always designed his own Christmas cards. As you might guess from his work in the Mariner, if there are visions of sugarplums dancing in his head, they dance to the tune of a different drummer.

He considers the cartoons his way of sending a letter to the editor — lucky for us and our readers that he is such a faithful and prolific correspondent. They also serve as his way of getting involved in his town government.

"I've worked on town committees before, but find that just as my fellow committee members are getting energized, I'm already past my bedtime and have to apply all my mental skills toward keeping awake," Hamilton said.



Jim Hamilton's cartoons have graced the editorial page of the Cohasset Mariner since the beginning of 1990.

"Maybe editorial page illustrations get more people to read about what's going on with town management and get them more interested in helping control the events of the town," he added.

The ideas that shape Hamilton's cartoons come from any number of sources. He reads the paper, watches the selectmen via cable and chats with the neighbors. Sometimes the topics are the big, important things that affect the town; and sometimes they are the little foibles and foolishness that give the town its character. Or characters.

Everybody seems to have their favorite Hamilton cartoon — and probably a few have cartoons they wish had never seen the light of day. Hamilton thinks those folks may be taking themselves, and things in general, too seriously.

"Nobody has called me threatening bodily harm," he joked, "but I am surprised at folks who take a cartoon literally.

"A cartoon is supposed to make a statement using the least amount of detail and copy which will attract a reader's attention," he explained. "Never mind if it's an overstatement or so subtle that most people miss the message as long as it produces some kind of response, it's done the job."

Hamilton's cartoons work because he knows his town so well, even if he can't lay claim to being a townie. Although he can't say he is a third generation Cohassetite, at least he can say he's entered his third decade.







Hamilton's arrival in town was precipitated by a surfeit of snow and a dearth of the milk of human kindness.

He and his wife were living in Cambridge in the late '60s. One year a series of heavy spring snow storms hit the city. Since there was no place to park his car except the street — where parking was prohibited during snow emergencies — his car was towed to the Cambridge city dump.

"I had to go by cab to collect it, kind of like bailing a relative out of jail," he recollected. "Not only did I have to pay a towing fee and fine, but my emergency light and snow shovel were stolen from the car.

"I said to Laurie, 'O.K., that's it for city living, let's go find a place in the country.'"

The Hamiltons kind of fancied living in an antique Cape. They tied up with a broker who was the friend of a friend, and off they went looking at homes on the South Shore.

"We first saw our future house blanketed under snow on a beautiful day, and it was love at first sight," Hamilton said.

The would-be seller had really set the stage to hook a romantic. There were fires blazing in the fireplaces and the owner's child was decked out in Colonial garb. Hamilton and his wife fell hook, line and sinker.

"We made an offer on the house and only after the snow melted found that it was in the town of Cohasset and needed a lot of work."

The house sits on a hill in the middle of the farm country of Cohasset. Hamilton loves the ambiance of King Street. There's a horse corral behind the house and a garden with corn and tomatoes and crafty raccoons.

One of his favorite parts of life in a small town was the weekly trip to the dump. He'd show up with his one barrelfull and meet up with his neighbors.

"Cohasset used to have one of the most impressive landfills on the South Shore, a really great place to swap ideas, run for political office, raise money and talk shop with folks you'd never see otherwise," Hamilton said.

He also used to come home with perfectly good treasures until his wife broke him of his trash-picking tendencies.

"There comes a point in mid-life where you have to take more to the dump than you bring home," Hamilton philosophized.

Although he misses the dump that was, he's getting used to the new ways. He thinks the RTF — everybody's affectionate appellation for the recycling transfer facility — has the potential to rank right up there with the best in the country "as long as they let us slow down long enough to get to know and enjoy the place better."

The RTF has been a favorite topic. He's also delved into the cemetery problem, the Lily Pond landtaking and the mysteries of town meeting. Oh yes, the selectmen are regular cartoon fodder.

"I couldn't quite get Martha's caricature, but she's been a good sport about past attempts," Hamilton said about his efforts to capture former selectman Martha Gjesteby in ink.

Hamilton doesn't suffer from a lack of role models. If you ask who his favorite cartoonist is, he'll list just about every political cartoonist since Thomas Nast put pen to paper in the 1800s. Although he follows all the political cartoonists, such as Szep and Oliphant, he still has a soft spot in his heart for the strips he grew up reading in the old Boston Herald's funny papers.

Al Capp was one of his favorites. He liked Capp's sensuously drawn women and the offbeat characters in continuing political story lines. In his last years, Capp grew bitter and his politics were increasingly shrill and reactionary, but Hamilton remembers the glory years when Capp was the best.

Francis Dahl was another favorite. Dahl did a local strip in the Herald focusing on Boston and New England news items gleaned from the daily papers. Hamilton said Dahl's cartoons tended to feature birds, beasts, Bostonians and Ver-

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He 'draws' on local issues for his cartoons

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mont cows.

There definitely is a morbid side to Hamilton — he's a real Charles Addams fan. Hamilton decorated his high school senior prom with cutouts of Addams' creepy mansions, monsters and madmen long before television tamed them and turned them into cute little parlor creatures. Today, Hamilton can be found turning the newspaper pages to find out how far Larson's bizarre twist of imagination has led him into the "Far Side."

If pushed to explain the method behind his madness, Hamilton says he likes to take stereotypical situations and put real people in them.

"If we can't laugh at ourselves, what's left?" he asked. "The boards and commissions are really doing the town a service. Those people work like hell, but they can also take it to an extreme."

"Maybe editorial page illustrations get more people to read about what's going on with town management and get them more interested in helping control the events of the town."

— Jim Hamilton

Hamilton sees himself as a deflator of dogma armed only with a Pentel pen.

He'd also like to encourage the townspeople to work together better.

"Since our town can't expand width-wise — you're either in the sea or Wompatuck State Park — and Hingham and Scituate aren't willing to fork over some of their territories, we've got to make do with the revenues generated by a primarily residential population," Hamilton said.

"Small business enterprises should be encouraged by the town rather than hassled with bureaucratic impediments. Finally, we've all got to get realistic about where the money comes from to fund town services and essentially what we're going to have to do without to keep our cost of living in line with our incomes."

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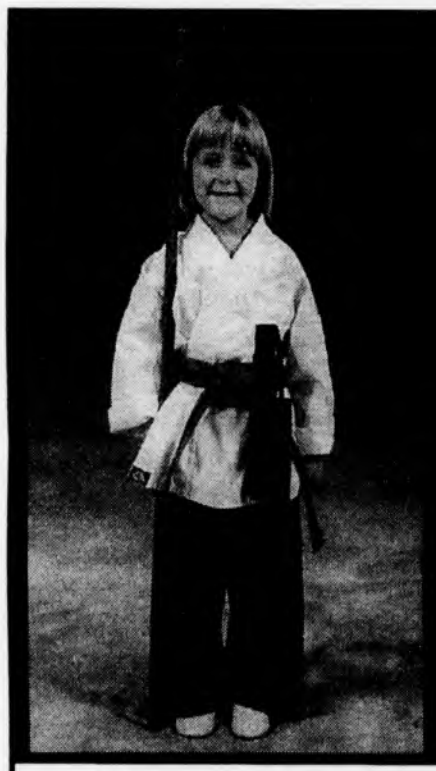
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Sophomore RB Daniel Trowers (#3) looks for a little room to run against Boston Latin. The Clippers will try to get back on the winning side of things Friday night at Abington.

Skippers prepare to battle the Green Wave

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Very rarely does a team play as well defensively as the Cohasset Skippers did Friday night and still lose. Cohasset's defense did nearly everything possible to stifle the offense of the Carver Crusader offense, finally allowing a score with only 2:30 remaining in the third quarter.

However, the Skipper offense was ineffective, virtually non-existent in comparison to its dominance in last week's 32-14 blowout over Latin Academy.

The Skippers rode down to Carver for this year's contest, a trip enjoyed by this reporter a few hours later while snacking on tangerine chicken and scallion pancakes, and were greeted rudely by the Crusaders at game time.

After Ben Roine received the kick-off and carried it to the Cohasset 37 yard line, the Boys in Blue were forced to punt after three downs.

The Crusaders gained enough for a first down despite running in the teeth of the Cohasset defense. Linebackers Greg Parkinson and Luke Caldwell each had a pair of nice tackles, and defensive back Daniel Trowers forced Crusader Bill McDonald out of bounds after a solid gain. But Cohasset's big defensive play, one of several during the game, came when Raheem Shepherd delivered a touchdown-saving, bone-jarring, mothers-cringing-in-the-stands hit to a Carver receiver, popping the ball loose. While Shepherd followed through on the hit, Roine dove on and recovered the ball for the visitors.

With the momentum now in their favor, the Skippers began eating up the yards. Trowers carried for 17 behind blocks by Craig Davis at

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A tale of two teams

Stickmen still searching for an identity

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

So which CHS field hockey team is going to show up for coach Debby Bostwick when they next take the field against Carver on Tuesday night?

Will it be the hustling squad that pulled out big wins against Norwell and East Bridgewater earlier this season or the young, inexperienced team that showed up in recent losses to Notre Dame and Hanover?

If you know the answer, give coach Bostwick a jingle. She's still looking for the answer herself and none seemed to be forthcoming Tuesday after the Skippers dropped a 3-0 league game to Hull

"We're not a bad team, in fact we've got some pretty good talent on the field. There just have been times where we have failed to apply that talent."
DEBBY BOSTWICK

"I sat them down for a long talk before the Hull game and said it was totally up to them what kind of team they wanted to be this season," said Bostwick, who is trying to send her squad to the state tourney for the second year in a row. "If they want to be a recreation time, then fine. But I think we are a better team than that.

"I have a hard time figuring out how we can play so well in one game and then lose our concentration and look pretty bad the next time out," she added. "We're not a bad team, in fact we've got some pretty good talent on the field. There just have been times where we have failed to apply that talent."

That's what you get when you are as young as the Skippers are this season. Bostwick has a core of strong veteran players, but her hand has been forced a little since there is no JV lacrosse program at the school this season. Thus, Bostwick is developing a team without the help of a JV coach and some of the underclassman aren't getting the much needed sub-varsity game experience.

One game where they did step up and use all their talent was a recent 0-0 tie against the Division 2 Hingham squad of the Patriot League.

"We just played our socks off against Hingham," said Bostwick. "We got solid play from Melissa Rosano (3 saves) and Kristin Consadine (4 saves) in the net. It was just an extremely well played game by both teams. We put together a real team effort."

Also playing well was the front line

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Skippers conquer Wave in SSL battle

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Getting some solid scoring chances off their hustle and the lucky bounce of the soccer ball, the Skippers boys soccer team got their second win of the season Thursday night in a 2-1 victory over the Green Wave of Abington.

The Skippers find themselves at 2-6-1 as they begin their second tour around the South Shore League. Any hopes they have about post-season play could hinge on their play this week as they prepare for league battles with Norwell (Friday), Carver at home on Tuesday and then back on the road to Hull on Oct. 15.

Against Abington, who was winless coming into the game, the Skippers found themselves in a hard and physical battle with a young team that was very hungry to get their first taste of victory on the year.

The visitors did not play like a winless team, going step for step with the Skippers and even jumping out to a 1-0 lead when senior co-captain Russ Burns converted a corner kick from senior Dennis McCleary halfway through the first half.

The goal seemed to fire up Cohasset as the Skippers immediately turned their intensity up a notch and tied the score at 1-1 less than two minutes later when junior Travis Moore scored his first varsity goal.

The Skippers were buzzing around the offensive end when a shot got by the Abington goalie, sophomore Dan Frenier, but was headed out before crossing the line by an alert Green Wave defender. The ball went straight to Moore who wasted no time in blasting the ball high into the open net.

Moore nearly made it two in a row three minutes later off a throw-in from senior captain Mark Equi.

Equi made a long throw to Moore, who was standing about 25 yards from the goal in the middle of the field. Before the ball could hit the ground Moore got his foot underneath it and launched a nice shot on goal that Frenier jumped high to grab before it went in the net.

From there both defenses settled down and there was no more scoring in the first half.

Sophomore Matt Gustin and Jared Crowley as well as seniors Matt Kramer and Anthony Leverone were strong in front of Frenier while Ben Bixby, Mike Baird and Evan Murphy were solid in front of Cohasset

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Jim O'Sullivan enjoyed a moment at the prom this spring with friend Alison Kinchla. O'Sullivan, the senior class president at CHS, has been a correspondent with this newspaper since he was in the eighth grade.

O'Sullivan knows CHS sports

Mark Twain used to tell people that writing was a fairly easy thing to do. Just make sure you write about something that you know.

Fortunately for us, Jim O'Sullivan knows Cohasset sports.

O'Sullivan, a senior at Cohasset High School, has been a vital part of this newspaper since way back when he was in the eighth grade.

"I love both sports and journalism, so it seemed like the thing for me to do," said O'Sullivan, adding with a laugh that it also seemed like a good way "to get some playing time."

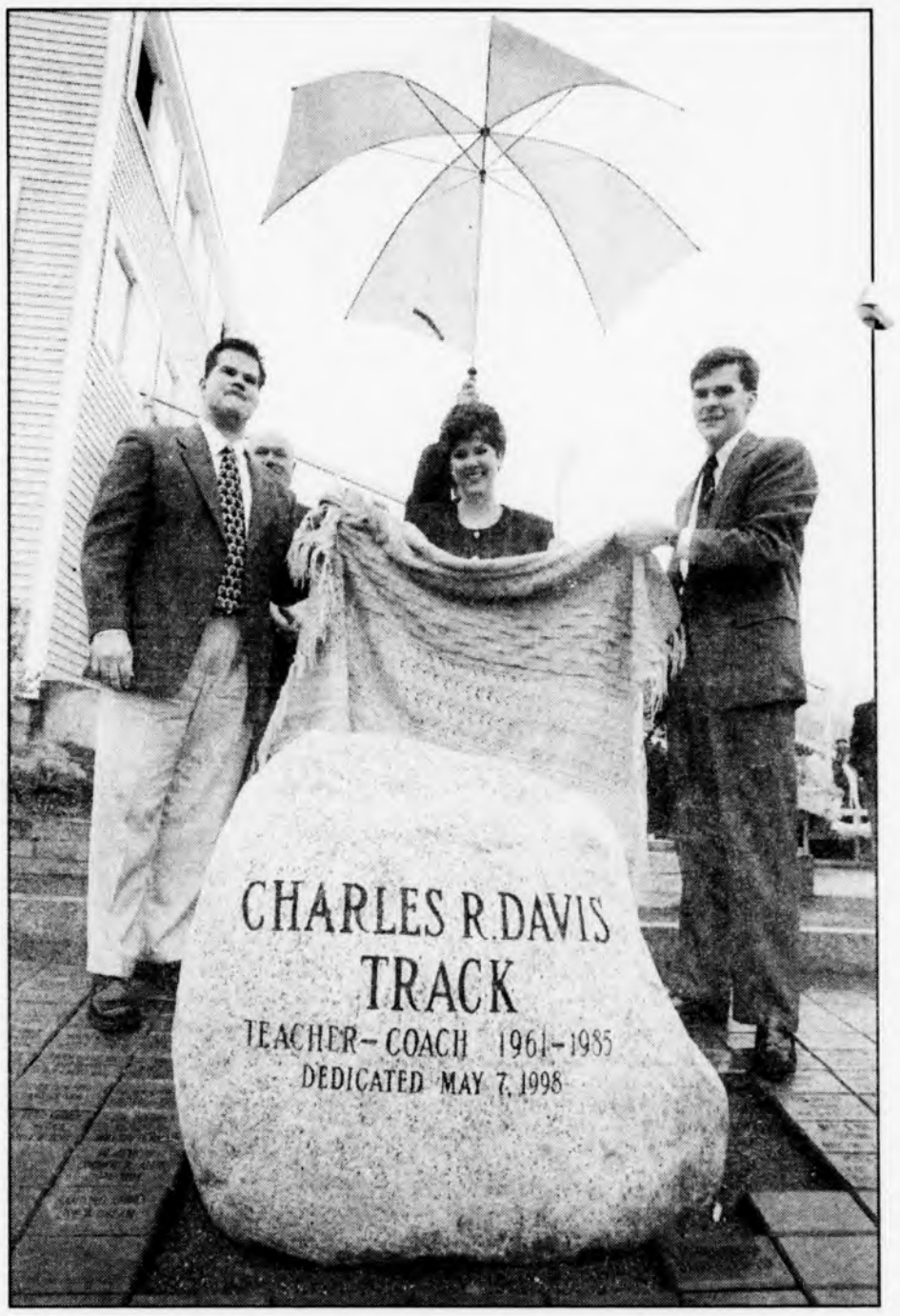
A football and baseball player, O'Sullivan's insights into the high school sports scene and superior writing skills belie his young age.

Not your average jock, O'Sullivan is also president of his class and president of the National Honor Society at CHS.

College plans are not finalized as of yet, but O'Sullivan hopes to study English and then get an advanced degree in Journalism.

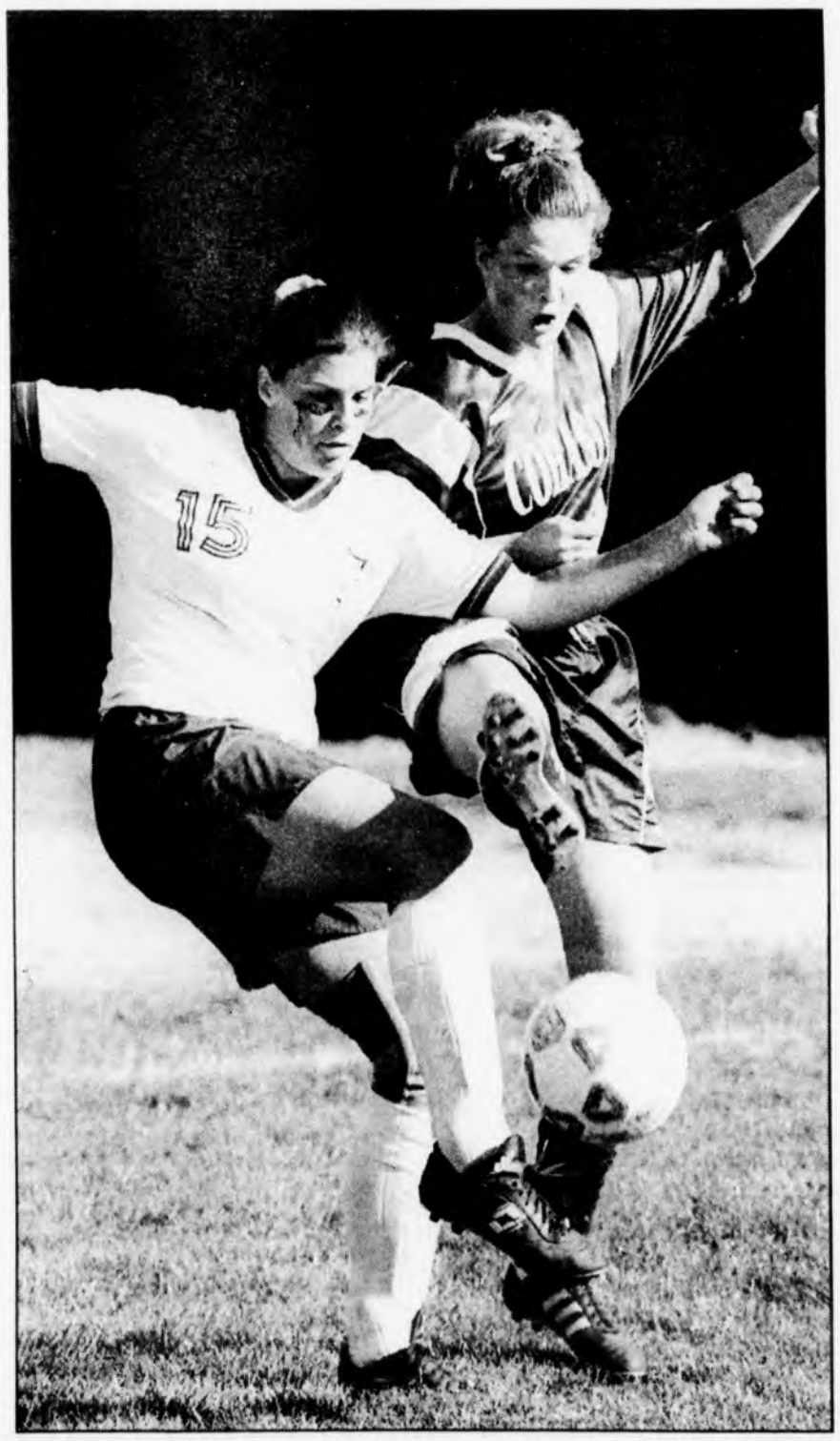
Two decades of memories at CHS





Looking back in time, clockwise: Joe Slotnick (#35) and Ryan Bishop can only watch as a Winthrop shot goes through the hoop during the EMass hoop finals at the Boston Garden in 1995. The Skippers would lose this heartbreaker in triple-overtime. Members of the Davis family officially unveil a stone dedicating the track at Alumni Field in the name of Charles R. Davis. Davis, a beloved teacher and track coach at the school for 24 years, died unexpectedly in 1985. Cohasset athletic director Clark Chatterton, second from left, has been the driving force behind Cohasset High athletics for many years. The varsity football team announced last week that they are dedicating their season to Chatterton for all of the work he's done for sports at the high school over the years. Kate Carroll starred both as a soccer player and on the softball field for CHS.





Twenty years ago this week Red Sox nation was still trying to get over their playoff loss at the hands of the dreaded New York Yankees while Bruins fans were just beginning to learn about the greatness that is Ray Bourque and Celtic followers were still a year away from entering the Larry Bird era.

Locally, Cohasset athletes finally had a place to chronicle the athletic exploits of their sons and daughters with the initial publication of the Cohasset Mariner.

And what fun we have had.

We saw Bryan Edwards, who's now a record producer in Boston, help bring glory to the basketball program at CHS as he battle future NBA player Billy Curley for high school basketball supremacy on the South Shore in the early 90s.

A few years later, it would be the boys hoop team under the direction of current coach Ron Ford making waves once again defying all the odds while stepping into their role as David against the basketball Goliath's of Eastern Massachusetts.

In 1995 it was a much larger Winthrop squad that did the deed, eliminating a game Clipper squad in the EMass finals in what turned out to be a triple-overtime thriller at the Boston Garden. Players like Jared Hardwick and Tom Allen did their school proud in leaving all that they had on the floor of the old building.

Next year it was back to the same building (except it was now called the FleetCenter) and a similar heartbreaking result as Ryan Bishop and Joe Slotnick helped the team back to the EMass finals before being eliminated by Winchester.

One of the younger players from that crew, Paul-Michael Quintin, became one of the few players to eclipse the 1,000 career point mark at Cohasset last season.

We also saw the school wrestling team rise to prominence as one of the top teams in their class in the state these past few years.

One wrestler in particular, Ray Jones, excelled both on the mats as well as on the football field.

The boys haven't had all of the fun, though.

Kate Collins was an all-star on both the soccer field and the softball diamond while Erika Hettstrom was a superior gymnast for CHS, making it all the way to the state individual finals.

Another star on the mats, Ruthann Ardizzoni, was a junior at the high school back when we began this ride. She's now been the head coach of the CHS gymnastic team for 14 years and has five South Shore League titles and a 30 meet winning streak to her credit.

"What I remember most about the past 20 years is all of the hard work and dedication that the athletes have put into the performances," said Ardizzoni, who still keeps in touch with many of her former charges. "It's a great feeling watching someone set a goal and reach it."

Here's to another 20 years of people reaching their goals.

-David Wolcott

Let the music play all night long

EXTRA POINTS

DAVID WOLCOTT



You could cut the tension with a knife.

This is the game everyone's been waiting for all season long. The winner goes onto the title game, the loser just goes home. You'd swear that every single alumnist from both of the schools has made their way to the field.

After all the hype, it was finally game time. The time for talking had ceased. Instead of singing it, now was the time to bring it.

Suddenly, the hometown heroes appear out of the darkness from their locker room. They charge the field as Barry Manilow's "Copacabana" blares from the speakers. The boys suddenly drop their helmets, call off the game and dance the night away under the stars with any willing partner they could find.

What's wrong with this picture? Well, a sporting event is just like any good party when it comes to your choice of music.

Pick the wrong selection and your audience is history.

More than a pre-game talk from the coach or a nasty quote or two in the newspaper from the other side, nothing motivates a team like their choice of music. Walk past any locker room before a big game and you are bound to something emanating from the sound system that would generally make a coach deaf and a parent cry.

"Whatever we play, we play it loud," admitted Hanover High quarterback Ryan Hoyle, whose team adopted AC/DC's "Thunderstruck" as their team song last season.

The key, said Hoyle, is the tunes have to be of the anthem variety "to get the adrenaline pumping."

No Garth Brooks for these gentleman. It's got to be the hardest of the hard rock genre.

You know the ones. The song that make any self-respecting teenager's blood boil, heart and soul pound through the chest cavity, fists shake and liver quiver like a fish out of water.

"We've got some beauties on our tape," admitted Hoyle, listing hits from such favorites as Van Halen, Metallica and Danzig. "The coaches are in another room so they put up with it."

Being the helpful people that we are here in the newsroom, let us offer you some of our own musical tips so you don't make the same mistake our friends did at the top of this column.

Stay with the standards- You pay your $3 and there's just some things you expect to see at the game. Gary Glitter's "Rock and Roll, Pt. 2", "Welcome to the Jungle" from Guns and Roses and Queen's "We Will Rock You" come immediately to mind. Yes, they are probably overdone, but they're tried and true staples of the game as much lettermen jackets and the 50-50 raffle.

Have a little fun with your selections- Try to include at least one or two from the following group: "Macarena", Barenaked Ladies "One Week", Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire" or anything by Bob Dylan. They won't do anything really to impact the game, but sit back and enjoy the fun as the guy next to you attempts to translate what the artist is actually saying.

Maintain the home field advantage- Always keep a stack of tunes handy to help quell an uprising from the visiting team. Anything from Yanni, John Tesh, the Spice Girls, Backstreet Boys, Roger Whittaker, Boxcar Willie or any movie star who was under the impression that they could actually sing should do the trick. By the time you get to the refrain, watch the other team's fans run for the exit. Don't forget to supply ear plugs for your own diehard followers.

Find something you like and stick with it- Pick a song to play after your team score and stick with it. Once the fans start looking for it they'll join in on the fun.

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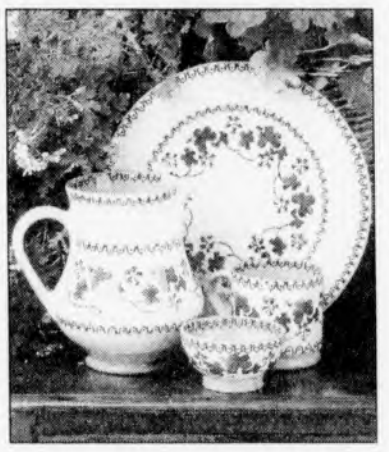
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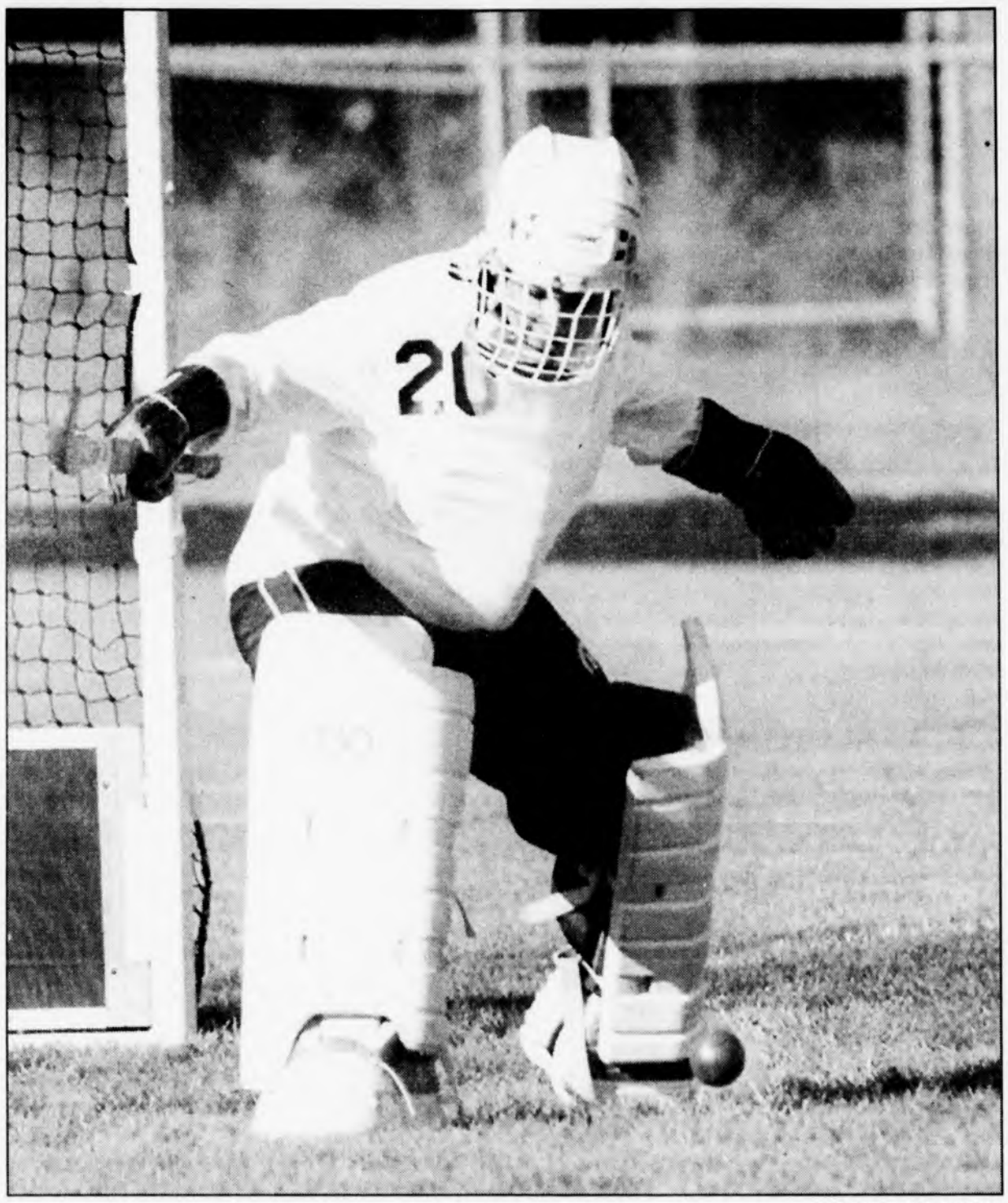
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Goaltender Melissa Rosano makes a kick save against Notre Dame.

Stickmen still searching for an identity

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of Maggie O'Connor, Andi Shaughnessy and Melissa Pyform as well as Meghan Connolly, Katie Devine, Kelly Devine and Jill Magner on defense.

With those highs, you need to take the low points as well. Bostwick said she expected a little bit of a letdown against Carver. She got it as Cohasset dropped a 3-1 decision.

Shaughnessy scored first for the Skippers in the first half but it was all downhill from there as the Crusaders scored three times without retaliation to get the league win.

The Skippers came right back, though, behind the strong defense of Kelly Lordan and goals from O'Connor (two) and one from Shaughnessy to beat Norwell 3-1.

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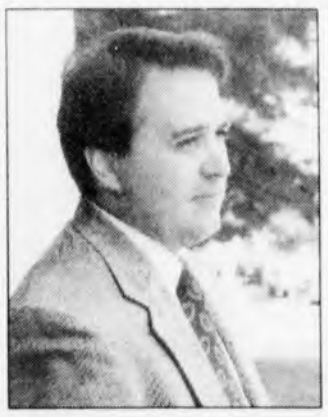
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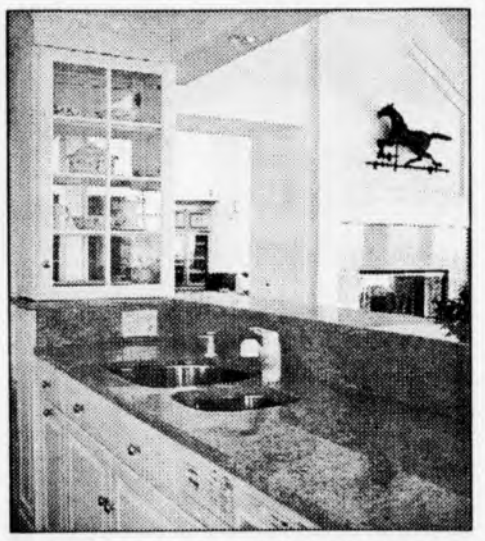
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Skippers conquer Wave in SSL battle

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keeper Kevin DeVito, who made a couple big saves on McCleary and senior co-captain Brian Maslanka in the waning minutes of the half.

Both teams came out for the last 40 minutes looking to get the deciding goals. Cohasset had the early advantage, including glittering chances from the foot of Ben Littauer and the head of Mark Equi, but it would be the hustle of Ben Peterson that put the Skippers up to stay.

Peterson, a sophomore, stole a clearing attempt and sent a beautiful crossing pass to Steve Sceery who didn't disappoint as he put his fourth goal on the season into the net with 19 minutes to go.

Abington would keep the pressure on and almost scored with six minutes left when the ball squirted past DeVito and towards the goal line only to be re-directed just in time on a excellent defensive play by Bixby.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Locals shine at Babson

A pair of Cohasset residents are doing their hometown proud on the athletic fields at Babson College.

Sophomore Karen Niessink has been playing well for the 1-5 women's tennis squad.

On the field hockey pitch, freshman Lindy Holway has appeared in six games as a key reserve for the 5-4 squad.

Free sports websites available

The Cohasset Mariner and Town Online, the online service of the Community Newspaper Company (CNC), are offering free web sites to all high school, youth and recreation sports organizations and teams.

CNC will provide the web site and train organization representatives in web page design and building, using self-publishing internet software that is acessible from any computer. Most people only need one 2 1/2-hour training session to get the hang of it. There are no hidden fees and no catches.

Each group and team will build and maintain its own site. Post game results, schedules, a calendar of events, bulletin board, lists of officials and team rosters, photos and/or directions to fields. Coming very soon - each group will have the capability of holding its own online chats.

This is a great way for sports teams and organizations to get their results and message to the public using the web through Town Online.

The program is available to all youth, adult, recreational and high school sports teams and organizations. Even groups who already have websites are invited to join in and be a part of a growing web network that receives over 1.5 million hits a month...and growing.

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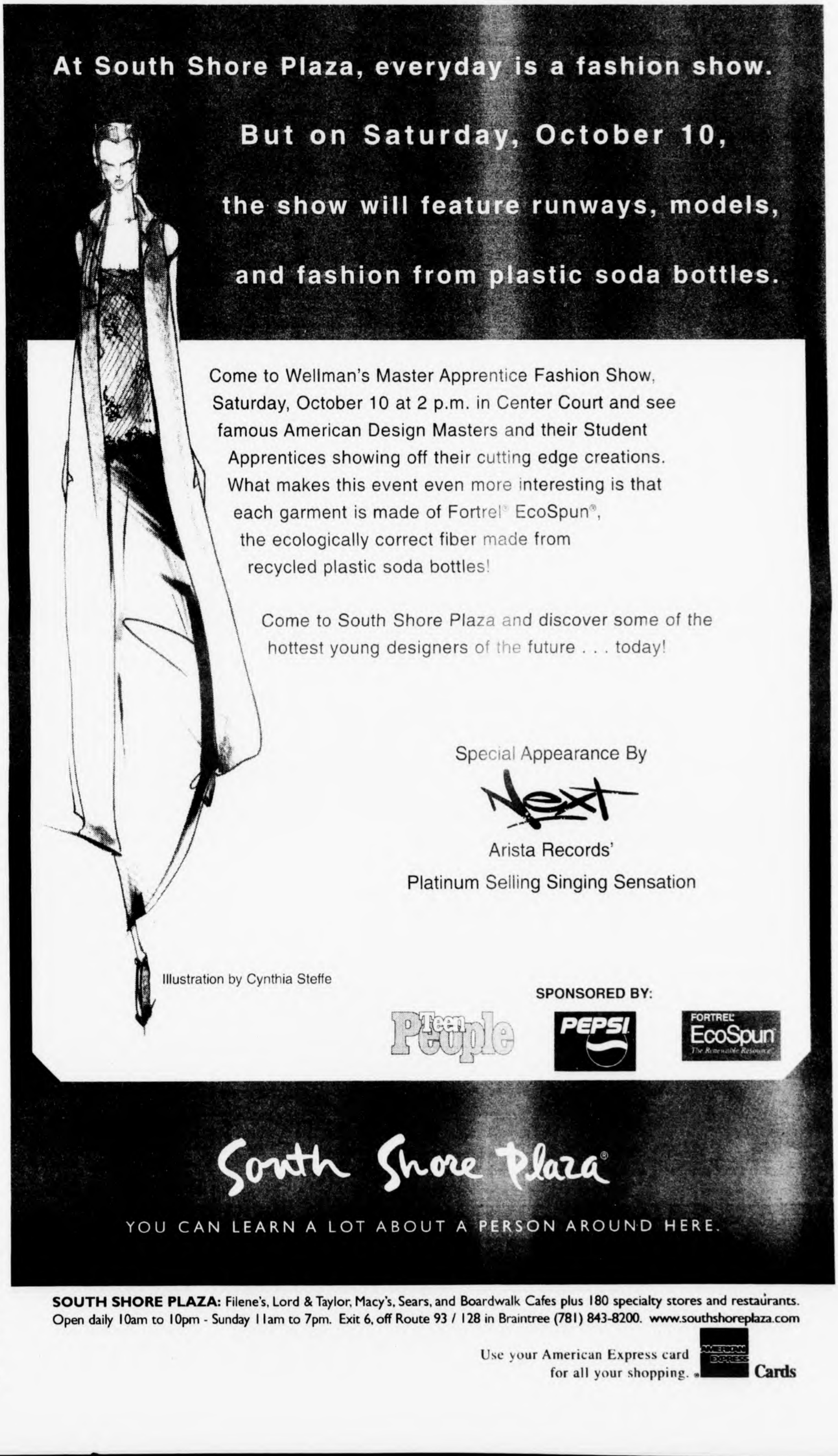
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Fridays — 12:15 -1 p.m. for 3+ years and 2-3 p.m. Sports/Gym for ages 4-6.



Skippers navigating through some rough seas

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

The year-long ride around the learning curve for the CHS girls soccer team continues.

With their opening day win over Middleboro and impressive tie against Hull last week, the young Skippers squad continues to work hard in an attempt to take their game to the post-season tournament level.

As always, though, there will be bumps along the road to having a winning program for the 1-7-1 team.

That road takes them through the South Shore League for the second time this season as they host Norwell (Friday) and Carver on Tuesday before traveling to Hull next Thursday.

"We're not quite there yet," said rookie head coach Debbie Beal. "We've done some good things over the year but we still have a lot to learn as a team. We are not a bad team, it's just that we haven't been able to develop a killer instinct yet. They're not finishing the plays when they have the chance. We need to put that final nail in the coffin.

"We've just got to go at it a little bit harder," added Beal. "The spirit is definitely willing, but it's just a matter of getting it done. They're more than willing to move around to different positions and do what's needed for the team to win."

Beal was also happy with the effort her team put forth in the tie against Hull.

"We had so many chances in the second half of that game to put it away but the ball just didn't ever seem to bounce our way," said Beal. "They've got a tough keeper, but we weren't intimidated at all and just kept firing the ball at the net. We made the opportunities happen, but we just couldn't finish."

Their latest obstacle came Thursday night at home against Abington when the pre-game warm-up turned into community auditions for a new goaltender when the regular keeper, junior Alex DeRosa, was unavailable to play.

"We have a major shortage of girl goalkeepers in this school system," said Beal with a chuckle. "Kids were lining up at the door to play goalie when I was their age, but it's a lot different now."

Since somebody's got to be in the net, the lucky player this night was junior defender Jessie Zerendow who ended up being one of the highlights of the season so far.

"She was unbelievable," said Beal about her new find, who made nine strong saves before a shot was finally able to get behind her late in the first half. "You would not have believed that the first time Jessie had ever played goalie was five minutes before this game.

"Jessie was phenomenal and came up with some big saves that kept us in the game."

With an inexperienced keeper, Beal said her backs and midfielders had to step up and take charge to protect the net.

"Alex is so solid that she is like a security blanket back there for the defenders and they might get a little bit too relaxed because they know she'll be there," said Beal. "With someone else back there they'll actually play better because they know it's up to them. Things start to click faster and they'll move the ball out of the zone faster."

Some of those defenders who stepped up their game included senior captain Caitlyn O'Neil, junior Maura Duffy, Zerendow, Caitlin Stansell at stopper, junior Eileen Ridge, Jenny Chastain and halfback Jackie Kahn.



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CHS girls' soccer co-captain Caitlin O'Neil tries to keep control of the ball.

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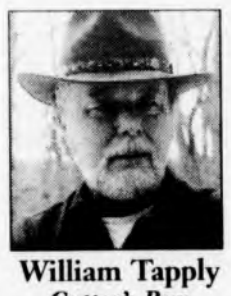
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Skippers prepare to battle the Green Wave

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tackle and Caldwell at guard.

A play-making block by fullback Justin Golden enables quarterback Jamie DeMichele to fire a strike to senior end Sean Parkinson at the Cohasset 34 yard line. Golden gained the first with a two yard carry, and a draw play for Trowers gained still more yardage.

But the Crusaders stormed the backfield and sacked DeMichele for a six yard loss. Golden countered with an eight-yard gain, but the momentum was lost and Cohasset was forced to punt.

Again the Carver offense got rolling, and again they were stymied by the emerging Skipper defense. Seniors Greg Taylor and Adam Sasso both made tackles and Greg Parkinson fought his way into the backfield to drop a ballcarrier for a two-yard loss. A hungry swarm of Cohasset tacklers, including Alex Russell, Caldwell, Sasso and Sean Parkinson snowed under the Carver quarterback for a sack.

Then came another huge defensive play, as the Crusaders faced fourth and short on the Cohasset 44. Sasso met the ballcarrier coming around end, stood him up, and deposited him on his backside to stuff the attempt and give the Skippers the ball back.

Cohasset's offense couldn't get cooking and opted to punt on fourth down. Sean Parkinson, coming into his own on special teams, hustled downfield and was waiting eagerly to pounce on the pigskin when it was fumbled by the punt returner. The visitors were in prime real estate as they started their drive at the Carver 27 yard line.

Penalties forced a second and 20, but a tackle-breaking 24-yard run by Trowers brought Cohasset down to the 15, with first and 10. But the Carver defense held and both teams had posted goose eggs when they headed to the lockerroom.

The Crusaders came out strong in the second half and McDonald kept breaking through the defensive line and linebacking corps, before being brought down, often by Shepherd with textbook tackles. But the home team proved overpowering on their maiden drive after the break, and McDonald found the endzone from eight yards out. Caldwell batted down the two point conversion pass attempt and the Crusaders stood a tantalizingly small six point away.

Taylor made a very nice catch on the line drive kick-off and put on a burst of speed to the Skipper 36-yard line for a 20-yard return. Following strong blocks by Laugelle, Golden began to gobble up yardage. Penalties on both sides slowed the drive, and the five minute drive ended after Cohasset could do no more despite nearly crossing into Carver's red zone.

Once again, the Skipper defense rose to the occasion and put their offensive counterparts in position to win the game. They forced a punt, which Roine carried to his own 30. Cohasset went right to work, as DeMichele hooked up with freshman end Nick Bolster for a nine-yard pick-up.

Trowers also gained nine, this on a run to the Cohasset 48. DeMichele hit Trowers through the air and the sophomore back was brought down at the Carver 42. With Shepherd now carrying the ball, to replace the weary Trowers who had just posted back-to-back 100-plus yard games, Cohasset looked as if it were going to hit paydirt. Shepherd rushed for eight to the Carver 24.

Shepherd and his offensive line did what they could, but the Crusader wall refused to yield. Cohasset was forced to turn over on downs with 1:11 remaining in the game. But the Skippers walked off the field with the knowledge that they had fought a capable Crusader team almost to a standstill.

Captain Golden put the game in perspective.

"The upside to a tough loss like this is that our defense made a big statement. Our offense played well at times, but we made a couple of stupid mistakes inside their 20 that killed our drives. It was a war and we lost. We need to win the next one."

That next one is a Friday night nautical battle in Abington, where the Skippers will square off against the Green Waves.

Skippers vs Green Wave

THE GAME: Cohasset (1-2, 0-1 in South Shore League) at Abington (2-1, 1-0 in SSL), 7 p.m.

THE HISTORY: Abington won last year, 21-12.

THE SKINNY: Abington is on a roll after their 18-12 win over SSL rival Norton while Cohasset wasn't able to put anything on the board at Carver in their 6-0 loss. Both team are experiencing somewhat of a resurgence this season and are coming together in what could be a very good game. With the win Abington can go 3-1 for the first time in a long time.

THE PEOPLE TO WATCH: Both teams have someone who can break the game open with one carry of the football. Skippers sophomore Daniel Trowers has been a pleasant surprise this season while Abington's Marcus LaPointe, who rushed for 157 yards against Norton, has been having a great year on both sides of the ball.

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Using wood or glass debated

Doors get top billing at youth resources meeting

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The four teens and four adults present at a special meeting of the Youth Resources Committee Tuesday night spent close to two hours in negotiations about the garage doors for the new Teen Center in the town parking lot.

Security, user-safety, door longevity, aesthetics, maintenance and expense were the factors weighed by the group, who were fairly divided between wanting to continue with the garage theme versus replacing the wooden overhead doors with snazzier-looking glass doors.

What it boiled down to for all involved was aesthetics versus expense.

Committee member Liz Bates had followed up on maintaining and/or fixing the two doors currently in place at the garage. The left door on the Red Lion Inn side of the structure is in good enough condition to be moved to the right to replace the dilapidated one which could fetch about $200 if sold. The cost would come to $6,000 to $6,500, estimated Bates.

The option of glass doors was researched by committee member Tony Bramblett, who pointed out that the $5,265 it would cost for two new glass doors plus a front handicap-access ramp would be a better deal than the overhanging doors.

While the numbers spoke clearly, aesthetics were just as debatable.

Committee chairman Jack Worley told members that he had received seven calls from students, all in favor of keeping the garage door style.

"We have a financial issue here and limited funds to work with. We're looking at $4,100 for the glass doors versus $5,500 and hidden costs for the wooden doors. That's 50 percent of the money we have now. I hope that we take that into consideration and can rise above our emotions about what we want. Getting people to come and policing it will be the hard part," said member Ron Nicynski.

"If we keep losing the glass on the door, then we have a bigger problem than doors. That's a serious problem."
— committee member Ron Nicynski

"We'll have to get out there and raise some more money," said Bates to the teens who seemed most keen on restoring the overhanging doors. "We'll have a pretty long wish list—TV, sound system, snack bar...".

Bates also pointed out that the police had said not to go with glass because it could attract vandalism. "Police Chief Brian Noonan had suggested that the doors be kept low-key, not too nice," she said.

"I could name 10 kids off the top of my head who are involved in this," said one of the teens, as the others nodded in agreement. "They all hang around at night downtown, just a block or two from the garage. Their parents don't care that they're out there. It's the kids who don't come to our garage that are going to ruin it for us."

Some of the budget for the garage, which once housed the highway department, will have to go toward installing Plexiglas windows at the back of the garage to prevent breakage.

Committee member Matt Ogrodnik reported to the committee that absentee member Rose Collins did not want the glass doors because "people would probably prefer wood and might not like the impression of large glass doors." Collins had also informed Worley by phone of her vote in advance of the Tuesday night meeting.

The glass doors at first lost votes, too, because of the vandalism problem.

"If we keep losing the glass on the door, then we have a bigger problem than doors," said Nicynski. "That's a serious problem."

Members decided in a to put in one glass door on the left side of the garage, replace the right door with the left one and sell the broken-down right door to help cut costs.

Curfew set for Trick-or-Treaters

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The board of selectmen have elected to set a trick or treat curfew of 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. this year to prevent Halloween trickery in the later hours.

The curfew is in response to the events of two Halloweens ago, when about 100 juveniles roamed about the town in packs of 20 to 30, pelting two bicycle patrol officers, as well as three cruisers, with eggs.

"It really opened people's eyes," said school committee member Mark DeGiacomo, referring to the seriousness of the egging incidents. The school board discussed the issue last week.

Last year, efforts to keep Cohasset egg-free on Halloween were put into place to avoid another episode of vandalism downtown.

In the past despite local grocery and convenience store managers' compliance with Police Chief Brian Noonan's request to not sell eggs to youths in the week prior to Halloween, the resourceful teens had gone out of town or bought the missiles on the "black market" for $5 a dozen.

Last year's Halloween calm has been credited to the voluntary curfew and teen dances and a football game, which seemed to keep the high-jinx in check. Noonan is hoping for a calm Halloween this year, too.

School technology meeting slated

The advisory committee and selectmen will meet 7 p.m., Oct. 14 at the high school's AV room to review the $350,000 technology request form the school for the Oct. 26 special town meeting.

School superintendent Dr. Ted Malvey informed school committee last week to mark their calendars for the meeting in which the moneys requested for updating the school's technology will be discussed.

School committee member Joe McElroy suggested to Malvey that the town's Computer Study Committee and the Capitol Budget Committee be invited to attend so that they can be kept appraised of the matter.

Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers to meet

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Cohasset Concerned Taxpayers will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19 at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset.

Taxpayers will meet with the Library Trustees regarding their Osgood Reuse and discuss other special town meeting warrant articles.

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Recent improvements at the Ripley Media Center at Cohasset Middle High School have upgraded the look of the facility. A new rug, clean painted walls and a new library media specialist have contributed to the changes. Joan Gallagher, a veteran of both public and school libraries, has set her goal for this year. She wants to expand the materials collection and work with staff and students to use both traditional and newer research tools to their fullest.

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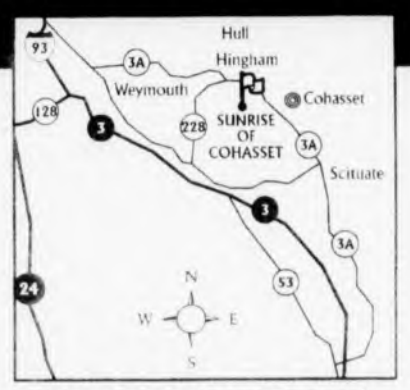
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Appalachia Project deadline: Oct. 15

The Cohasset Applachia Service Project is receiving registrations for their 1999 work project trip. Tentative dates for the ASP '99 trip are June 26 through July 4, 1999. The trip is open to anyone, 10th grade and over. Adults are also encouraged to sign on as advisors for the trip. There are forms available in the office at Cohasset High School, and at the following churches here in Cohasset: Second Congregational, First Parish, St. Stephen's Episcopal, St. Anthony's Catholic and Panagia Greek Orthodox. Forms with a non-refundable fee of $50 must be returned by Oct. 15. For information call Gary Ritts at (781) 383-0345.

Aging is subject of series

A four-session program for Elders, their families and caregivers, will be presented Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9, Oct. 14, 21, 28 and Nov. 4 at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St. The regional program will be sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs, Hingham Elder Services, the Hull, Norwell and Scituate Councils on Aging, Affiliated Community VNA, Inc. and the Norwell VNA, Inc.

The first program, Oct. 14, will cover the Physical Aspects of Aging, an overview of the normal aging process, as well as those diseases that are age-related. Presenters will be Meg Doherty, MS, RN, Executive Director, Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. and Susan R. Donaldson, MD, Medical Director, Psychiatry Division, Quincy Hospital.

Farmers' Market Harvest Folk Festival

The Third Annual Cohasset Village Farmers' Market Harvest Folk Festival will be held Thursday, Oct. 15, from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Cohasset Common and in historic Cohasset Village, South Main Street (rain date is Thursday, Oct. 22). Come and harvest some fresh vegetables, plants, flowers, herbs, breads, honey products, baked goods, lobsters, jams and jellies, homemade soaps and many crafts. Your children will have a great time enjoying the many activities such as Story Telling, by Diane Edgecomb; The B.J. Hickman Magic Show, Pony Rides, Hay Rides, Face Painting, Pumpkin Decorating, Scarecrow Decorating, Pumpkin Luminary, Gymnastic Demonstrations and a Village Scavenger Hunt. Enjoy fresh lobster, chowder and corn on the cob while listening to great folk music featuring singer/songwriter Mark Purcell, Chris McNeil and the Homemade Jamb String Band. Learn a few great harvest recipes from cooking demonstrations and you will not want to miss the Harvest Bounty Soup to benefit the Cohasset Food Panty. Donations for the Food Pantry will be accepted.

If you need directions or further information, call the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce at (781) 383-1010.

October flu clinics planned

The Cohasset Board of Health and the Social Service League announce the October Flu Clinics:

It's time to "winterize and immunize!" The best way to protect yourself from the flu is a yearly flu shot. Who should get a flu shot?

People who are 65 or older.

Children or adults with chronic lung disease, heart disease, diabetes or other chronic health problems. Children or teens who, for medical reasons, take an aspirin every day.

People who live with or take care of someone who is at risk of getting the flu (health care workers, primary care givers, etc.)

Anyone wanting extra protection during the winter months from the current flu strains.

There will be two flu clinics for seniors:

1. Tuesday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave.

2. Friday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to noon at Harborview, 60 Elm St.

Community flu clinics for all Cohasset residents:

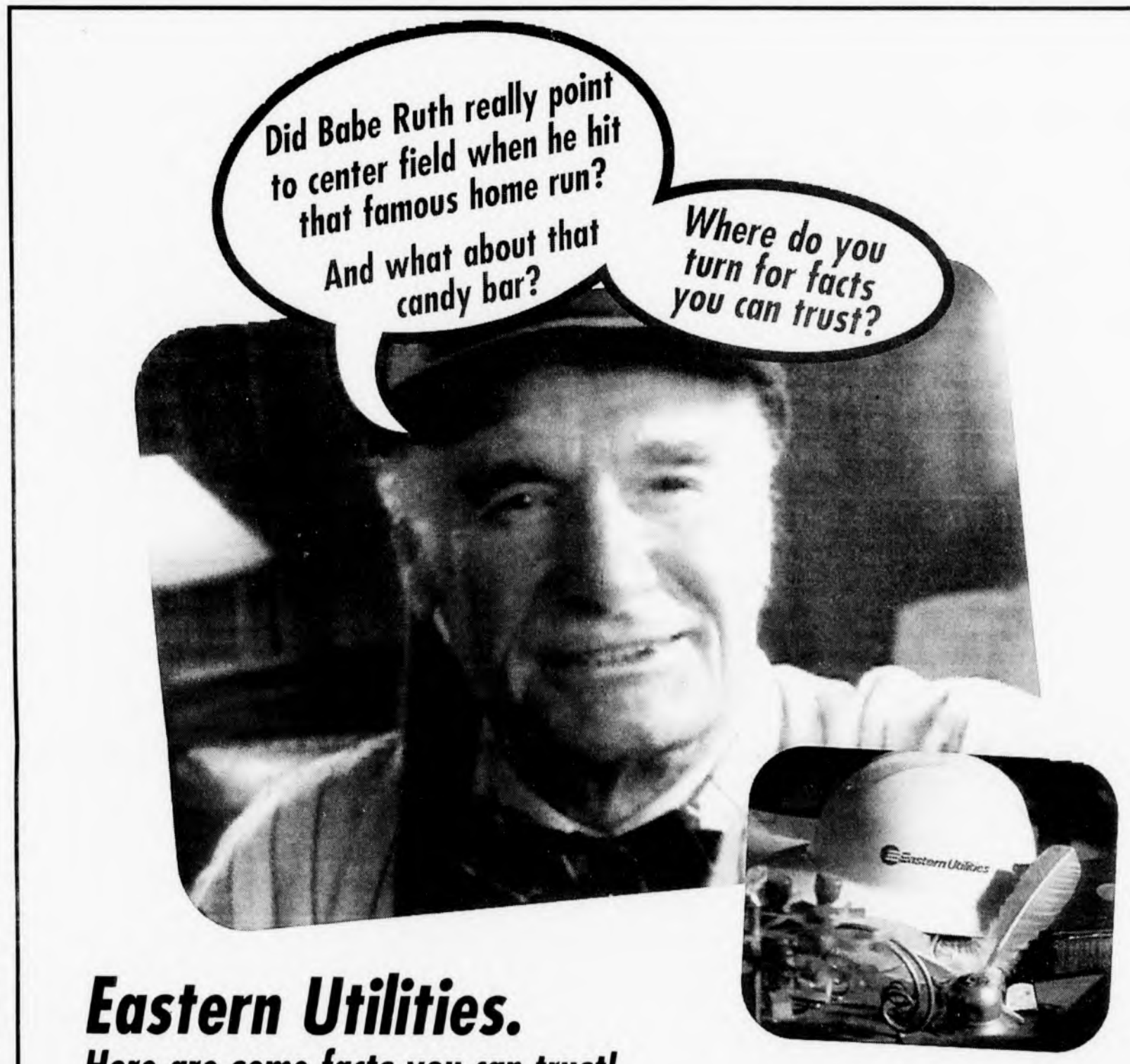
1. Saturday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

2. Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

3. Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7 to 9 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

Note: Please wear a short sleeve shirt.

Any seniors who have not received the pneumonia vaccine or who have not had a tetanus booster for 10 years or more, may call the league office at 383-0771 or 383-0821 for our walk-in clinic hours. All vaccines are free for Cohasset residents.



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By the way... As it usually is with legends, these two are a bit cloudy. **As for pointing:** It was the third game of the 1932 World Series; the Yankees playing at Chicago's Wrigley Field. There was no love lost between the teams - and the Cubs were taunting Ruth as he came to bat in the fifth inning. The Babe took two strikes and then held up two fingers - as if to say: "That's two!" And then he gestured out toward the mound - or maybe the center field bleachers. He hit the next pitch 500 feet into those bleachers - the longest home run ever hit at Wrigley Field. Ruth both denied and affirmed that he had indeed pointed. The acclaimed sportswriter Grantland Rice said that Ruth did point - did, indeed, "call the shot." [Source: New York Yankees home page: http://www.yankees.com/ruth.trib/br.story.p4.html] **As for the candy bar:** The Curtiss Candy Co. in Chicago claimed that the Baby Ruth bar was named for Ruth Cleveland, the daughter of President Grover Cleveland: she was the first baby ever born in the White House. (Ruth Cleveland tragically died of diphtheria at age 13.) However, many people (including the Babe himself) thought the candy bar was named after George Herman Ruth, the Yankee slugger. [Source: Urban legends homepage: http://www.urbanlegends.com/products/baby.ruth/baby_ruth_candy_bar.html]

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, SEPT. 21

12:24 a.m. Linden Dr., B&E to MV, investigative report taken.

3:01 a.m. Atlantic Ave., disturbance, area search negative.

9:11 a.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:14 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:32 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:35 a.m. Beechwood and King Sts., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:41 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

10:23 a.m. S. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:21 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

12:03 p.m. N. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

12:52 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

1:25 p.m. N. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

1:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

1:49 p.m. N. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

1:54 p.m. N. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

2:11 p.m. N. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

2:20 p.m. N. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

2:26 p.m. N. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

2:48 p.m. N. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

2:54 p.m. N. Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

2:57 p.m. N. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

3:04 p.m. N. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

3:19 p.m. N. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

3:28 p.m. Forest Ave., suspicious MV, investigated, report taken.

4:11 p.m. Ripley Rd., suspicious (other), area search negative.

4:15 p.m. Area of Avini Cleaners, tree down, services rendered.

5:30 p.m. Otis Ave., vandalism, investigated, report taken.

5:34 p.m. Cohasset Plaza, general disturbance, dispersed gathering.

11:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious (other), departmental action.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

3:30 a.m. Forest Ave., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:40 a.m. King St., suspicious person, services rendered.

8:43 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

11 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

11:13 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:27 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

11:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and King St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

12:30 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

12:36 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

1:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:14 p.m. Beechwood St., suspicious MV, investigated, report taken.

3:36 p.m. Cedar St., log entry information.

3:42 p.m. Windy Hill and Jerusalem Rds., disabled MV, referred to other agency.

9:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., log entry information.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

12:37 a.m. Ripley Rd., vandalism, departmental action.

6:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, arrest: Mark Anthony Brown, 20, 289 D St. #1, South Boston. Charges: false name to a police officer, operating a MV without a license, failure to stay within marked lanes, buying, receiving, etc., stolen MV, possession of burglarious tools, malicious destruction of property over $250, expired inspection sticker, and receiving stolen property over $250.

8:31 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Marion Way, MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

8:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Marion Way, MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

8:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Marion Way, MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Marion Way, MV stop, arrest: Daniel Kelleher, 42, 455 First Parish Rd., Scituate. Charges: WMS warrant.

9:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Marion Way, MV stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

9:52 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Marion Way, MV stop, services rendered.

10:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Marion Way, MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

10:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Marion Way, MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

10:56 a.m. North Main St., MV violations, log entry information.

1:54 p.m. Jerusalem Rd. and Forest Ave., suspicious MV, departmental action.

2:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

2:38 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

2:58 p.m. The Square, MV stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

1:39 a.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Ln., MV stop, verbal warning.

6:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:44 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

6:54 a.m. Hull St., fire investigation, report taken.

6:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, vehicle stored/impounded.

8:38 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:50 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

10:55 a.m. Forest Ave. and Black Rock Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:41 p.m. 3A by Stop and Shop, MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

2:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

2:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

2:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

3:28 p.m. Alumni Field, fire (misc.), services rendered.

4:19 p.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

5:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

5:59 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

Police made 13 arrests last month

September was yet another busy month for the Cohasset Police Department.

During the month, the department made a total of 13 arrests. Six were for outstanding warrants, two were for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol and one for Violation of a Protective Order. There was one arrest for Receiving Stolen Property, one for motor vehicle violations and, finally, two for Protective Custody.

There was one Breaking and Entering reported, a business.

During September, the Department received a total of 749 calls for service. Of those calls, 123 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls.

During September, the department issued 239 traffic citations for fines totaling $9,625 and 108 parking tickets for fines totaling $1,660.

For the past several weeks, the State Police Stop Team has been assisting with radar patrols on Route 3A. There was no accident in the Route 3A and Beechwood Street area for more than a month.

Finally, the South Shore Music Circus ended their season featuring 37 shows. As in past years, the South Shore Music Circus ran a very professional operation and there were no major incidents occurring during the season.



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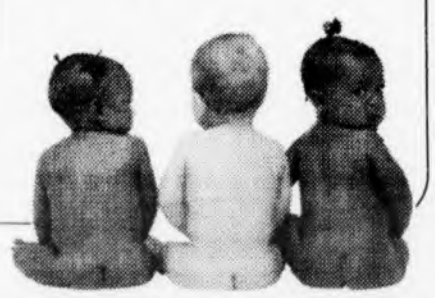
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In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

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Oct. 15, 8 to 9 p.m. Debate on "Open House with Barbara Kiriakos," Media One, Channel 10.

Oct. 19, 6 to 7 p.m. Debate on WATD Radio 95.9 FM.

Oct. 20, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Forum sponsored by the Hingham, Hull and Cohasset Chambers of Commerce at the Old Derby Academy, 34 Main St. (across from the Loring Hall Cinema). The public is invited and encouraged to ask questions.

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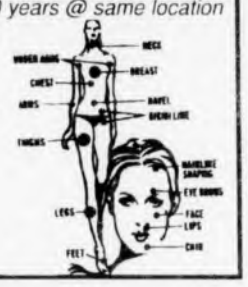
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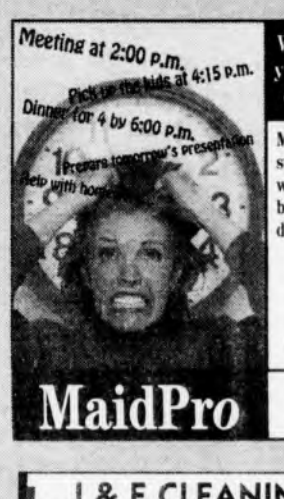
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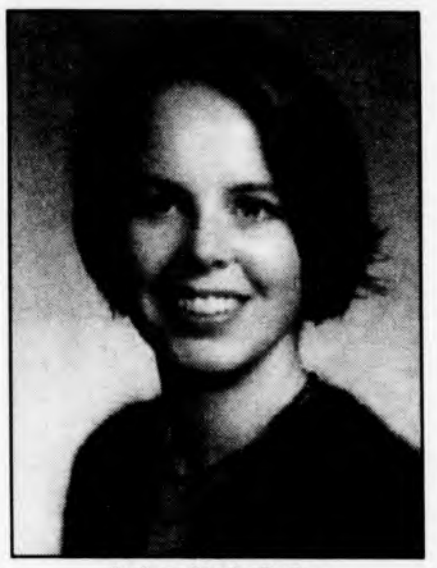
Andrea Marie Burke

The funeral of Andrea Marie Burke, an accomplished scholar, singer and athlete, was Oct. 6. Andrea died after a valiant 10-year struggle with brain cancer, diagnosed soon after graduating from Harvard College. She was 35 years old.

She was the daughter of Thomas E. and M. Rita Gilligan Burke and sister of Joanna M. Burke of Malibu, Calif., Thomas W. Burke of Charlotte, N.C., Maryadele Colville, Portola Valley, Calif.; Christopher J. Burke, Lake Bluff, Ill., John A. Burke, Houston, Texas, and the late Patricia E. Burke.

Andrea and her brothers and sisters were born and raised in Cohasset. Her love of music and showmanship became apparent when at age three she started competing and performing as a diminutive figure skater at Cohasset Winter Gardens, winning third place in New England Juvenile Tournament. Her talent as a singer-actress surprised her family when she sang the lead in "Joseph and the Multicolored Coat," at Deerhill School as a sixth-grader.

She entered Milton Academy as a seventh-grader where she received a succession of honors including the Benjamin Fosdick Harding Latin prize, many Milton speech team awards, editor of the Milton school paper, the lead in an original senior year musical, "44 B.C.," and was a member of the Varsity Field Hockey



Andrea Marie Burke

Team. She completed her Milton years as valedictorian of the Class of '81 Girls' School. Her teen years also found her winning awards as a champion junior golfer, tennis team player and received her sailing master.

She was accepted Early Action at Harvard, majored in English and graduated with honors in the class of '85-'86. Andrea's extra curricular at Harvard involved writing for "The Salient," the Harvard Radcliffe Conservative Club publication and pursuing her first love, music. Starting freshman year she was the lead singer in a campus rock band, "Hand to Mouth," and every year appeared in Hasty Pudding musicals. Globe critic John Engstrom, in his review (4/26/84) of Andrea's lead in a campus production of a Neil Simon musical "exudes such musical and dramatic authority, it's hard to believe she hasn't been singing and acting professionally for years." Arthur Freidman, Boston Herald Theater Critic, in a review (11/13/84) of Andrea's one-woman performance in a musical production, "Chinese Cabaret" at the Wang Center China Showcase, "A voice for which angels would throw down their spears and water heaven with their tears."

After brain surgery at Mass General Hospital in Boston, Andrea chose to settle in Santa Monica where she had gone to pursue a singing career. With her mental acumen compromised, most employment was limited. She was able to gain satisfaction through her English-Spanish tutoring business, her myriad Pro-Life endeavors, regular involvement in Santa Monica's Wellness Community (cancer support group), daily ministering to Santa Monica's street people praying, listening and sharing food, and most important to her was being a daily communicant at Saint Monica's Church. Many would say she saved her "best performance" for her last.

The McNamara Sparrell Funeral Home in Cohasset handled arrangements. Burial was at Woodside Cemetery, Cohasset.

Rose C. Cilento

Rose C. (Gray) Cilento of Cohasset, wife of the late Angelo A. Cilento, died Thursday, Sept. 10 at the Cohasset Knoll Skilled Nursing Facility.

Mrs. Cilento was a secretary for the Chevrolet Division of General Motors in Bloomfield, N.J., for 30 years.

She was born in Newark and graduated from the secretarial school at the Blessed Sacrament School.

Mrs. Cilento leaves a son, Bartley G. Cilento, MD of Scituate; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 14 at St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate. Arrangements were made by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, 382 First Parish Road, Scituate.

Donations in Mrs. Cilento's memory may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, P.O. Box 859060, Braintree, 02185.

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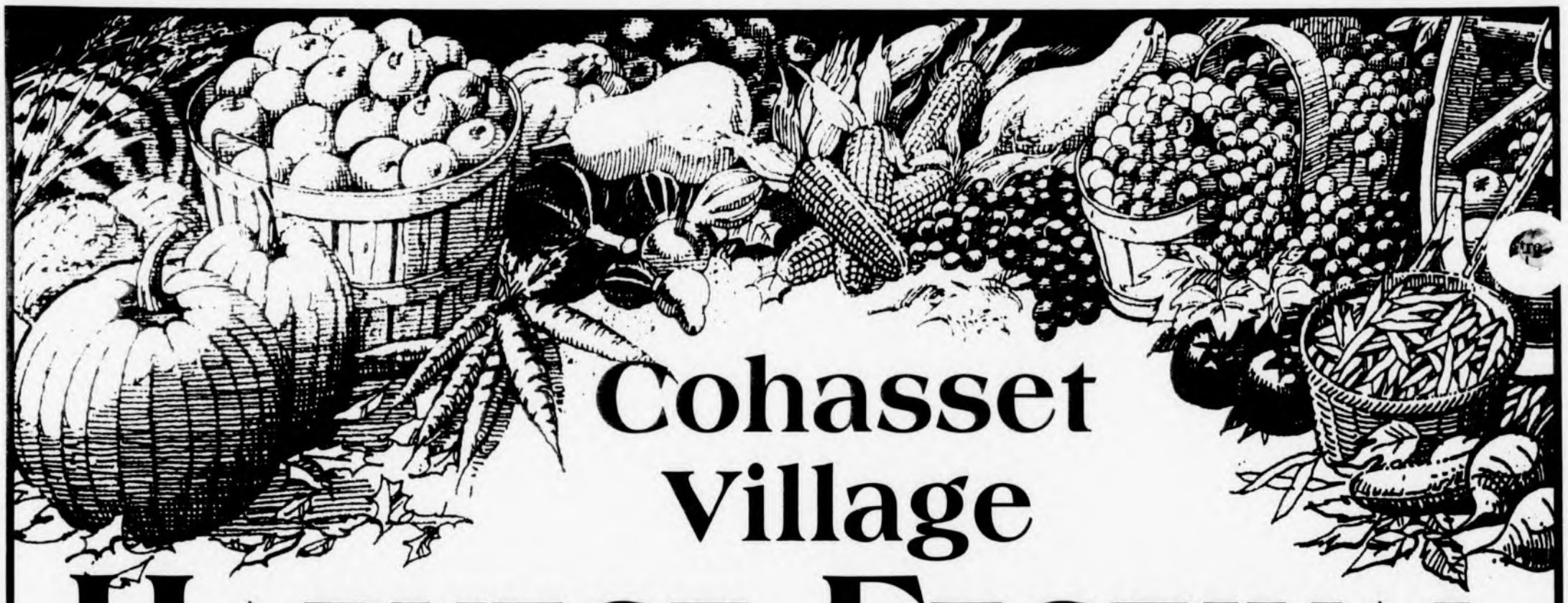
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Sewer costs don't take a nose dive

Project funding on town meeting agenda

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

If sewer commissioners could turn back the clock to the 1997 annual town meeting — there's little doubt they would ask for more money to sewer North Cohasset.

The best engineering estimates at the time showed the project would cost about $6.6 million.

But after three bid rounds with the same bad news, commissioners are resigned to the fact it will cost about 40 percent more than anticipated to connect the affected homes to the Hull treatment plant.

"Nothing is ever going to change that," said Chairman Ted Guild.

The sewer commission will explain options on how to pay for the cost overrun and its impact on homeowners in North Cohasset at a special sewer forum at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Cohasset Town Hall.

Voters at the Oct. 26 Special Town Meeting will be asked to appropriate about $2.5 million to finish the project which includes connecting about 320 "dwelling units" in North Cohasset to a sewer main (hook ups include houses, condos and apartments). Installation of the sewer main — known as Phase One of the project — is about 50 percent complete and is being paid for with part of the original appropriation.

"Their engineers made a horrendous error so why should we be asked to pick up the burden for their engineers' mistake?"
— Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Road

Sewer commissioners don't expect voters to reject the additional appropriation because the users will pay the town back the entire cost of the increase through betterment's as-

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Catching speeders: that's the ticket

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset residents are fed up with drivers exceeding the speed limit and commuters using side street as shortcuts. It seems the selectmen discuss some kind of traffic problem every time they meet. At a recent meeting, selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said more residents ask her about traffic conditions than any other problem in town. Much of the traffic and many of the problems come from out-of-town commuters passing through Cohasset to reach jobs and other destinations. But here's a lesser known fact: many of the speeders and traffic law violators live in town.

This year, Cohasset police have issued 1,380 tickets so far or 4.6 per day, worth about $69,000.

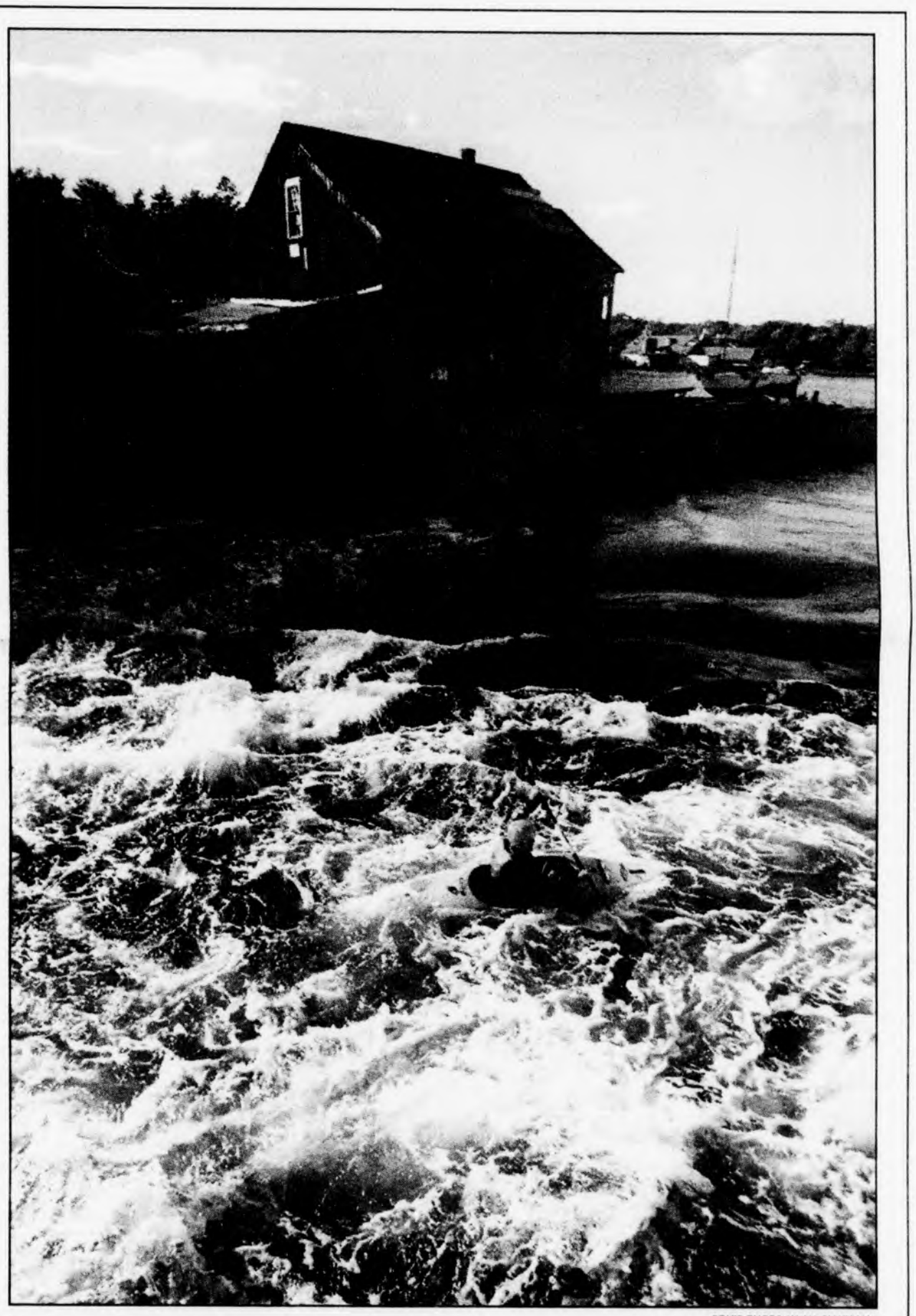
Police Chief Brian Noonan said there is no doubt that his department issues more traffic tickets to out-of-town commuters than to residents of Cohasset. Commuters from Marshfield, Norwell and Scituate frequently cut through Cohasset to get to Route 3A, to reach other southerly destinations, or to avoid crowded secondary roads like Route 228. But Cohasset residents still account for many of the tickets issued within town borders.

"Residents ask up to set up the radar in certain areas of town, which we do, and it seems the first car we pull over is always a Cohasset resident," Noonan said. "I would kindly like to say there are a lot of problems with residents too."

It's not that Noonan is saying that residents are the problem. But based on the number of tickets the police issue to locals, residents are contributing to traffic problems.

The number of tickets issued by police is much higher this year than last year. Last year, Cohasset police

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cory Hebert works on his kayaking technique using a tidal current between Government Island and the Mill River Marine Railway. A kayaking competition was one of several ideas offered at the village forum Tuesday as a way to draw more people to the harbor area.

Cohasset Harbor walkway floated

By Mike Campbell
CORRESPONDENT

Jim Shipsky had one thought in his mind when he began to search for a way to revitalize the harbor - "Wouldn't it be nice if you could walk around the harbor?"

Shipsky, a local architect hired with the help of a $5,000 state grant, has spent the past few months gathering public opinions and developing plans on how best to revitalize the harbor and better connect the area to the village. Last night, he presented a preliminary plan of the harbor district to about 20 residents at a public meeting hosted by the Village Revitalization Task Force at town hall.

"I think if you drive around the harbor your impression is it's a beautiful, charming harbor," Shipsky said. "I was asked to look at it as a planner. Ninety-five percent is gorgeous, but I'm focusing on that other five percent."

Shipsky conducted his work on the premise of making the area more pedestrian-friendly. At the meeting, he used a series of slides to detail the obstacles one would encounter attempting to walk from the Hagerty property, over to Government Island, down Border Street and around the Kimball's motel. He highlighted downed utility poles that must be traversed on Gov-

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Ambulance billing update

The fire department billed for 45 ambulance transports last month for a total due of $16,505.76. During the same period, the department collected $11,075.90 in ambulance bills. So far this fiscal year, which started July 1, the fire department has sent bills totally $43,199.37 for ambulance service and has collected $33,088.44. The money collected may be for service provided in prior fiscal years. It can take from two months to up to two years to collect on some of the calls.

Historical society dinner slated

The Cohasset Historical Society is planning a gathering for Sunday, Oct. 25 at Kimball's by the Sea with a cash bar at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6.

A 30-minute slide show on the history of the Cape Cod Canal by the Army Corps of Engineers will be presented.

Call the historical society at 383-1434 for more information.

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Sat. 17	10:05	9.8	3:47	10:23	9.9	4:08
Sun. 18	10:46	10.0	4:30	11:06	9.9	4:51
Mon. 19	11:24	10.1	5:09	11:45	9.9	5:31
Tues. 20	11:59	10.2	5:46	——	——	6:10
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Norfolk County Sheriff Jack Flood, left, presents a check for $2,800 to Police Chief Brian Noonan, as state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray and Det. Rick Grassie stand by.

Police department receives $2800 grant

The Norfolk County Sheriff's Department recently awarded Cohasset police with grant for $2812 to help pay for photographic and forensic equipment to support investigative functions of the detective unit.

The grant is one of 23 totaling $64,000 awarded to police departments as part of the sheriff department's Public Safety Grant Program.

The grants are possible because of the restructuring of the Civil Process Division, which collects fees for delivery of various court documents to litigants.

"By reorganizing the Civil Process Division, we've generated a profit which I believe should be returned to the county's taxpayers. The most direct way to do that is through public safety grants to local police departments. That saves taxpayers from funding those needs through property taxes," Sheriff Jack Flood said.

Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan requested the grant to obtain equipment necessary to support the department's investigative unit.

"Currently, we lack the equipment that other police agencies take for granted," he said. "For example, photographic equipment is necessary to properly document crime scenes as is forensic equipment to properly process crime scenes and evidence."

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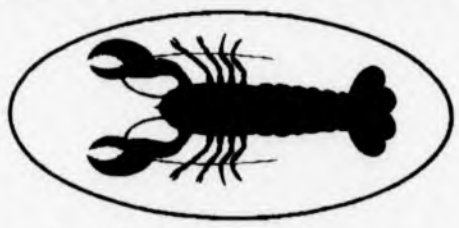
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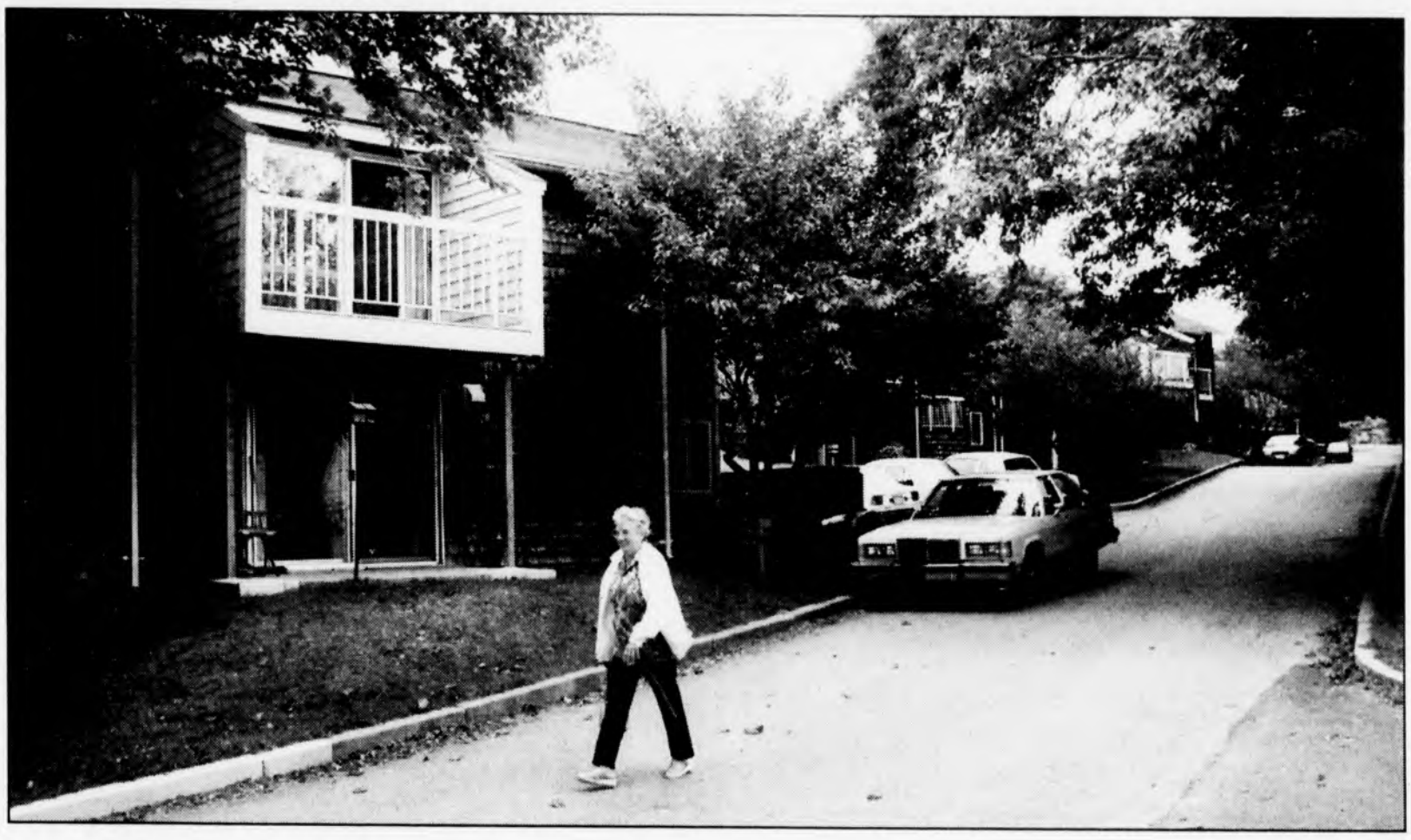
Elderly housing, a growing concern to many

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

A six-to-one vote by the Osgood Reuse Committee Sept. 17 to recommend Keen Development Corp. of Cambridge's proposal of 29 market-rate condos for the old Osgood School was an ambivalent decision, with some members preferring the non-profit South Shore Housing plan that offered more affordable housing. (A 3-to-4 vote had initially been cast against the South Shore Housing proposal).

The issue will go before town meeting Oct. 26. And although, the article is worded simply to allow selectmen to dispose of the old school – if Selectman Diane Sullivan has her way, the pros and cons of the Keen and South Shore proposals will be debated.

According to town manager Mark Haddad, the town would receive a flat $800,000 from Keen, or $500,000 plus half the profits from the $195,000- to $265,000-priced condos. That return could bring the town's earnings from the project to $1.1 million. The estimated annual tax revenue from the development would be $99,000. However, should Keen put in affordable housing units, the amount offered for the property and the tax revenue would be reduced. The Osgood Reuse Committee was given the charge two years ago to find the best way to return the school to the tax rolls.



PHOTOS/FRED ROBERTSON

Rose De Mello takes a brisk walk by the senior housing complex off Elm Street.

The current state of the elderly housing situation in Cohasset is of growing concern, given that the population is expanding in number.

According to Cohasset Housing Authority Chairman John D. Muncey, a 1990 Elder Affairs census of the town found 1,352 people aged 60 or older, comprising 20 percent of the population. A 1998 census found that the over-60 group now comprises 23 percent of the town's residents and approximately 450 of them are over 75 years of age; about a third of the senior population.

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"The elderly housing situation is a need that is not now being met," said Muncey. "If you want state housing like we have at 60 Elm St., that's state funded. There is no state money for building that type of housing anymore. It's difficult to get something like that today, which is why we wanted to get the old Osgood school into the housing market—private housing for the elderly is expensive."

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray pointed out that all three housing authorities in her jurisdiction of Cohasset, Hull and Hingham have a waiting list. Even the old Lincoln School in Hingham, also converted for elderly housing, has a waiting list. "They also now allow disabled people, no matter what their age, which makes the waiting list even longer," explained Murray.

The Elm Street housing, built in 1975, is located just behind the town police and fire stations, and enjoys walking proximity to the village. Residents enjoy large windows that look out on shrubbery carefully maintained by maintenance man Vinny Mischoli for the last 10 years.

"This is a nice place," said Mischoli, of the 64 units of Nantucket-style condos. "A lot of people don't even know it's here. I think if more people knew that this place existed, we'd have an even longer waiting list."

According to Cohasset Housing Authority administrator Marilyn LeBlanc, Elm Street complex is "working well, but space is always an issue." At this time, there are about 40 people waiting for an apartment at Elm Street.

The wait list is updated each year, with about 10 percent missing from the roll for a variety of reasons. There are also emergency situations which take priority.

"People deserve a decent place to live, no matter what their resources are," said LeBlanc. "That's why we need housing authorities to take care of the town's elders. People who live and work here are given local preference and they're taken in first."

According to Boston's Citizens Housing and Planning Association's executive director Aaron Gornstein, there has been very little state-subsidized housing built in recent years. "We've been trying to raise this issue and talk about the need to produce elderly housing. Some communities, especially smaller towns where people want to stay put, are really experiencing the shortage."

According to Gornstein, the private sector is certainly meeting the high-end, assisted-living needs and the wealthy elderly will fare very well. "It is meeting a segment of the market demand, but those units are $3,000 a month. What we would like to see is housing for the elderly on a fixed or low income. People want to be able to 'age in place,' meaning that they would like assistance with building a wheelchair ramp, getting home healthcare, or maybe a reduction in their property taxes which many elderly are now finding prohibitive."

Selectman Sullivan is well aware of the need for affordable housing for the elderly in Cohasset. Her side-by-side comparison of South Shore Housing's proposal with Keen's led her to view that the South Shore Housing proposal was better for the town's seniors.

"It did not bring the maximum return to the town financially," said Sullivan. "But I felt the greater need was for moderate housing. Eight of South Shore Housing's units would be $70,000 and $75,000, and they would be granted based on income guidelines of $31,000 and $33,000 for two bedrooms. That's affordable."

Compare that with the Keen proposal, with units ranging as high as $265,000, she said. There would also be condo fees with electricity, heat and air conditioning not included.

"If a person is selling a home and if they're really wealthy, they don't go into approximately 700 to 900 square feet," said Sullivan, who felt that affordable housing in town would encompass parents who, say, have struggled to put their children through school and may have used a great deal of equity on their homes. "They won't have a lot of money to put down on a luxury condo," she said.

According to Sullivan, the reuse committee had checked the references on Keen and the Kingston-based South Shore Housing, and both were excellent.

The only difference, so far as Sullivan can see, comes down to money for the town. "The up front money for SSH was $100,000 up front and 50% of the profits, estimated at $300,000. But if the units go for less money, that's less revenue for the town. So the town has to decide which is more important for its residents: to assist with seniors or maximize profits."

Sullivan also favored the use of space proposed by South Shore Housing, which would leave more of the old school open for the residents' use for meetings, lunch or whatever use they would like to make of the extra space.

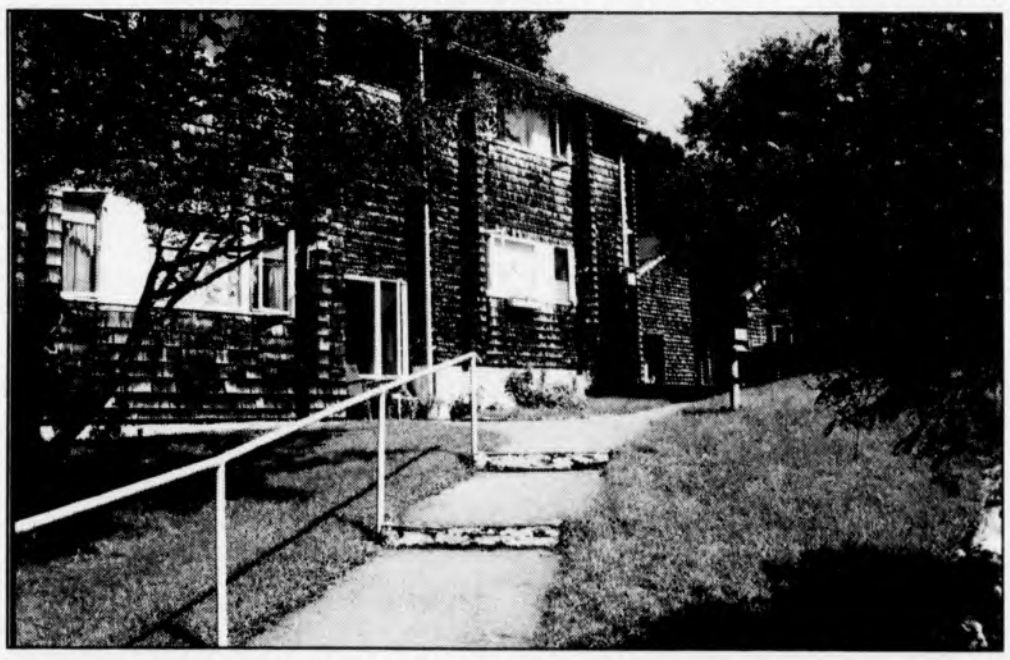
But others in town are clamoring for use of the old Osgood, too.

Library trustee Patience Towle has argued before the reuse committee for a plan to install the town library at the old Osgood.

According to Towle, the Paul Pratt library building is appraised at $700,000 and could be converted to condo and office space which could net about $20,000 in annual tax revenues. A revamped library could also qualify for 40 percent state reimbursement.

The total cost of a new library would come to $751,000, which is $675,000 less than another proposal to build a new structure on the site for the library.

So far as the library issue is concerned, Sullivan sees that as a moot point now. "There is no state funding, which means there is no 40 percent return to the town as it was canceled and is not on the drawing board to be reinstated," she said. "But we have an ideal situation for 26 homes with eight low income homes for the elderly. There would be 18 units at $200,000 and eight at the $75,000 range—that encompasses affordable and low-income housing needs for the elderly."



The Elm Street complex, built in 1975, is located just behind the police and fire stations.

It is not clear when the issue comes to fall town meeting, if townspeople will hear a presentation on South Shore Housing or on the Keen proposal.

That's because Articles 6 and 7 of the Warrant for Special Town Meeting were written with the input of town counsel to prevent selectmen from being tied in legally to any given developer. The articles only suggest giving selectmen permission to "convey, sell or otherwise dispose of the building in conjunction with the School Committee vote of Sept. 10, 1998, declaring the building as surplus, or to take any other action relative thereto."

Sullivan, who would consider Keen if it could match what South Shore offers, sees the five-year waiting list for Elm Street as proof of an affordable elderly housing need in the community.

Muncey, too, would have preferred South Shore Housing's plan presented to the reuse committee, because he doesn't see Keen's proposal as affordable, although the company has offered alternative pricing structures. "If you move in there, you're only making a lateral move because your taxes and other expenses will be the same as in your $200,000 to $300,000 house, plus you've got the condo fees on top of it," he said.

"A lot of the seniors are in fixed incomes," said Muncey. "There are people that will tell you that the elderly don't seem to clamoring for housing but if you built affordable housing here, you'd be surprised at the number of people that would step forward for it."

"There are varying needs among the elderly," said Gornstein, of Citizens' Housing. "We advocate a spectrum of housing alternatives. It's tough because you have to find the funding to do it. The government at state and federal levels, especially federal, has fallen short in trying to meet the elderly housing needs in the Commonwealth. I'd like to say we're making a lot of progress, but we're not. I think people have learned a lot about this and how to do things cost-effectively in the last 10 years, but it's difficult . We're competing against education, day care and other worthwhile causes that bump up against this. Until we see people in dire need, that's what it takes to turn things around."

Cohasset Harbor walkway floated at village forum

ernment Island and the absence of a sidewalk after turning right onto the Border Street bridge.

Commenting on the section of Border Street between the old Chart House and Veterans Memorial Park, Shipsky said "the sidewalk is nothing more than a paint mark on the pavement. In the summer when the area is parked up, there's only about three feet for pedestrians."

Shipsky brought a proposed model of a continuous walkway following the aforementioned path to show those in attendance. He admitted that the design is strictly preliminary and parts are "tentative in the extreme."

"I really haven't designed anything," Shipsky said. " I just walked around the harbor and have taken my cue from what's already there."

The proposed walk would follow the shore from the Hagerty property, where he suggested two areas for seating (possibly with picnic tables), pass in front of the sailing club and follow the existing sea wall to the Gulf river, another spot ideal for possible seating. On his model, Shipsky accentuated the abundance of space on Government Island near the Minot Light Replica, with a cluster of white tents. He would like to see the area, which he says is approximately the same size as the Common, used for community events. Shipsky has received ideas ranging from a harborfest to a kayak competition that could be held at the area.

At the exit to Government Island, the path would turn right onto a new sidewalk and follow the side of the road until the Chart House parking lot. At the lot he would like to see the path situated next to the sea wall, but mentioned it would require discussion with the owner of the property since it is not town land. Next the path follows Border street to the Lawrence Wharf, an area Shipsky felt there was a "great deal of unrealized potential."

After arriving at the Veterans Memorial Park, the plan entered one of the stages he considered "tentative in the extreme." Shipsky proposed a floating walkway that would cut across the harbor from the park to the Town Pier on the opposite side. He also said there would be no intrusions on the privacy of the people staying at Kimballs and that there could even be a gangplank leading to the grounds of the motel. The architect felt the public dock would be a perfect place for a concession area.

Comments from those who attended the meeting were mixed. "You're going to have to expect the litter to increase," said one resident. Also raised were fears that public restrooms, another concern of the committee, would be vandalized.

Shipsky also presented his thoughts on Elm street. He proposed narrowing it at certain points to create larger sidewalks and possibly planting new rows of elms in place of the poorly maintained trees currently lining the road.

"The narrowing of that street in my book is one of the worst things you could do," one resident of Elm Street said. "There's no problem with pedestrian traffic on Elm Street at the moment." The resident was fearful that losing any width would only cause more problems on a road already heavily traveled by speeding traffic.

Resident Bill Good, who also sits on the planning board, was positive about both the walking plan and the Elm street idea. "There was a lot of traffic that's really tearing through there right now," Good said. "I knew it before it was widened and it certainly had a more town-like and neighborhood flavor. If the street was actually narrower it would make it less of a thoroughfare."

Others were curious what the draw of the harbor would be for people outside of Cohasset. Shipsky and the chairman of the committee, Dean Rizzo, explained there would be an economic result to the plan, including more business for local merchants, but the plan's focus and the board's main concern was with the residents.

"I think the general feeling if you talk to people is that this is a benefit to the community and the residents," Rizzo said.

"I think if it were done, lots and lots of people would use it and enjoy it," Shipsky said. He added "it would have been nice if more people had showed interest in it." (He only received about 29 responses to a questionnaire.)

The task force will take the comments and input from Tuesday's meeting under advisement as it pursues the revitalization of the village and harbor area.

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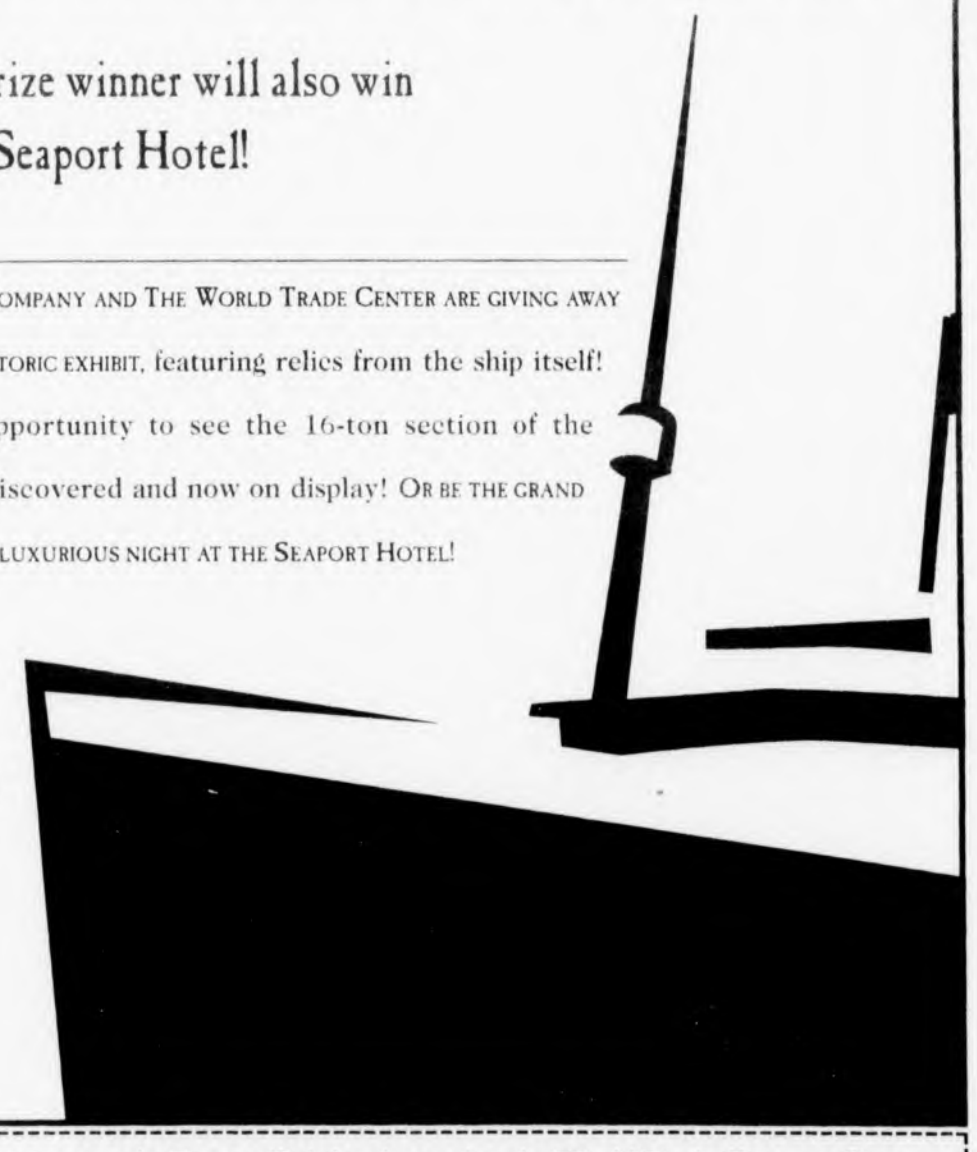
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Cohasset gets AA3 rating from Moody's

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset is a great town. That's the sentiment shared by most residents. Apparently, its a sentiment shared by Moody's Investors Services as well. Recently, Moody's upgraded Cohasset's bond rating by one category from A1 to AA3. What this means for Cohasset is lower interest rates for bonds, which translates into long-term cash savings for municipal projects.

"It means we're in good standing with investors," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "Their confidence is high that we will pay back our debt, so the interest rates are lower. I'm very excited about this."

The new rating has already translated into significant cash savings for Cohasset. The town obtained the $10 million bond for the new Osgood School last week at a 4.38 percent interest rate, much lower than the six percent rate estimated at town meeting. The lower 4.38 percent rate on the school bond will save the town about nine percent on debt service over 20 years versus the cost of a borrowing at six percent.

Town Treasurer Joseph Buckley said town officials are already hard at work trying to increase the rating by another category to AA2. Officials from Moody's have indicated that the they might increase the town's rating again if local leaders finalize plans to correct Cohasset's sewer problems and increase the local tax base. Moody's is impressed with Cohasset's history of solid financial management, a stable tax base which has grown at an average of four percent annually during the past several years, and a low level of debt compared to other communities of comparable size.

According to a report prepared by Moody's, "The favorable AA3 rating reflects the town's moderately sized, mostly residential tax base; well above average wealth levels; low debt burden and average debt structure; and sound financial operations."

Haddad and Buckley gave much of the credit for the higher rating to sound fiscal management in the past and support by residents for overrides and tax increases.

"The willingness of the voters to raise taxes, the fiscal constraints over the last several years— long before I got here— the combined efforts of the selectmen, the town accountant, the treasurer, and the advisory committee have all led to the higher rating," Haddad said. "The tax payers will only benefit from this in the long run."

Moody's decision marks the second time in recent years that the town's bond rating has increased. Standard and Poor's increased the town's bond rating two years ago, but Moody's hesitated because Cohasset has no industrial tax base. But Moody's changed its position based on several factors. Real estate in Cohasset is far more expensive than the state and national averages. The median value of an owner occupied house in Cohasset is $283,700, about 74 percent higher than the state median value of $163,046 and more than three times the national median of about $94,000. Also, much of the new construction in Cohasset has been coming from large, one-family homes that cost more than $500,000.

Another positive factor from Moody's viewpoint is the median family income in Cohasset, which is $74,310, considerably higher than the state median of $44,332. In addition, the per capita income in Cohasset is $33,166, about 81 percent higher than the state figure of $18,323.76.

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Sewer project costs don't take a nose dive

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sessed over 20 years. But they do expect a motion from the floor of town meeting to amend the article asking taxpayers to pick up 50 percent of the cost of the overrun or about $1.3 million. Articles are items of business before town meeting. If the amendment is successful, a Prop.2-1/2 override ballot vote would be required because the amount could not be absorbed within the tax cap.

It's all about fairness, said Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Road, who will offer the amendment.

"It's their mistake," she said. "Their engineers made a horrendous error so why should we be asked to pick up the burden for their engineers' mistake?"

The 1997 town meeting approved the North Cohasset project at $6.6 million with a 50 percent taxpayer subsidy contingent on a successful Prop. 2-1/2 override, which subsequently passed. Voters also okayed the $13 million Central Cohasset sewer project, also with the 50 percent taxpayer subsidy.

If voters approve the sewer commission article at the Oct. 26 special town meeting without the expected amendment, those in the North Cohasset sewer district will pay about 63 percent of the cost of the project. The increase would add about $340 more a year for 20 years to each affected homeowner.

If the sewer commission's article fails at town meeting, remaining moneys of the initial $6.6 million appropriation will be used to buy the components. Affected homeowners would be required to connect to the sewer main within two years and would have to hire their own contractors to do the work, which would be more costly in the long run, Guild said.

"And I suspect it would be quite a headache," he added.

North Cohasset homes will be hooked up to the sewer line via a pump system due to the high amount of ledge. This type of connection is more complicated and expensive than the gravity system slated for the Central Cohasset, which includes about 660 "dwelling units."

Last spring, selectmen directed the sewer commission to bid the Central Cohasset project and the remaining phases of the North Cohasset project together to see if that would cut costs.

Guild, the sewer commission chairman, explained there would not be economies of scale by bidding the projects as a unit.

"The cost of the components is standardized and that is not going to change," he said. The rest is digging trenches which doesn't involve buying any parts, so there are no potential savings there.

The apparent low bidder, Albanese D&S Inc. of Malden is installing sewers in Hingham and one of the other low bidders, D&C Construction of Rockland is installing the sewer main in North Cohasset. Guild thinks the bids are what the market will bear considering both companies are already mobilized and doing work in the area.

Guild said there is some positive financial news to report. A less expensive pump, which is available and has been sufficiently tested, will cut about $250,000 off the cost of the project.

However, if the additional appropriation for North Cohasset is successful at the special town meeting later this month, it is unclear whether selectmen will wait to award the contract until a lawsuit is resolved. The lawsuit, launched by the sewer commission, asks a judge to determine who has authority to bid and award contracts under the Town Manager Act, enacted in 1997.

Catching speeders: that's the ticket

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issued 1,353 traffic tickets, 3.7 per day, worth $65,635. But many people ask for court hearings, and the final cash tally for last year was $41,363 collected from traffic violations. This year, the police have issued 1,380 tickets so far, 4.6 per day, worth about $69,000. In addition to local enforcement, the State Police have helped the town by camping out at the intersection of Route 3A and Beechwood and writing "many books of tickets", according to Noonan.

"We have stepped up patrols in response to requests from the selectmen to do more, who in turn are responding to requests from residents to do more," Noonan said. "I show the selectmen what we're doing on a weekly basis."

The biggest problem areas in town include King Street, Beechwood Street, Forest Avenue, North and South Main Streets, and Route 3A. Noonan said Route 3A has been the biggest problem this year, especially at the intersection with Beechwood Street. The posted speed limit at the intersection is 35 MPH, but the drivers pulled over there for speeding average between 53 and 58 MPH.

King Street residents have been particularly vocal about problems on their road. In response to complaints from King Street residents, Noonan performed a traffic study which determined that 2,400 cars per day use the road. In addition, the study showed that 1,600 cars per day turn off Beechwood Street onto King Street to get to Route 3A. Noonan said almost all of those cars contain commuters from out of town. Selectmen recently approved a plan placing an all-way stop sign at the intersection of King Street and Pond Street, but Noonan is unsure how that will help. He said commuters sometimes overcompensate for stop signs by accelerating afterward and traveling the rest of the road at a faster speed.

The King Street shortcut is attractive because commuters can avoid two traffic lights on 3A. Ironically, the shortcut only saves drivers about two minutes of travel time, Noonan said.

"People like to avoid traffic lights," Noonan said.

There are other ironies as well. Noonan said people complain that more should be done to enforce traffic, yet many people who get pulled over complain that the police should be chasing "real" crime.

"A lot of people also ask us if we have something better to do," Noonan said.

Forest Avenue is a popular cut-through for Hull residents. Noonan said many of the tickets officers write on Forest Avenue are to residents of Hull.

While there are traffic problems in Cohasset, Noonan doesn't believe conditions are any worse in Cohasset than other communities in the area. He said he was quite certain that Hingham, with a population of about 22,000 and several highways in town, writes far more tickets than Cohasset. Hingham even has a division of the police devoted solely to traffic safety. Population growth and commercial expansion in the entire region is causing traffic problems throughout the South Shore.

Noonan said the only way to increase police enforcement of traffic laws would be to add another officer and a vehicle to provide more coverage for the town. Noonan devotes as much of his resources to traffic enforcement as possible, but their are limits to what he can provide. Currently, officers perform radar checks in addition to performing other law enforcement duties. Noonan said setting up a separate traffic enforcement division would allow police to monitor traffic more closely. But until the town decides to do that, the Cohasset Police will do their best to catch traffic violators, whether they are from out of town or long-time residents of Cohasset.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held on alternate Tuesdays.

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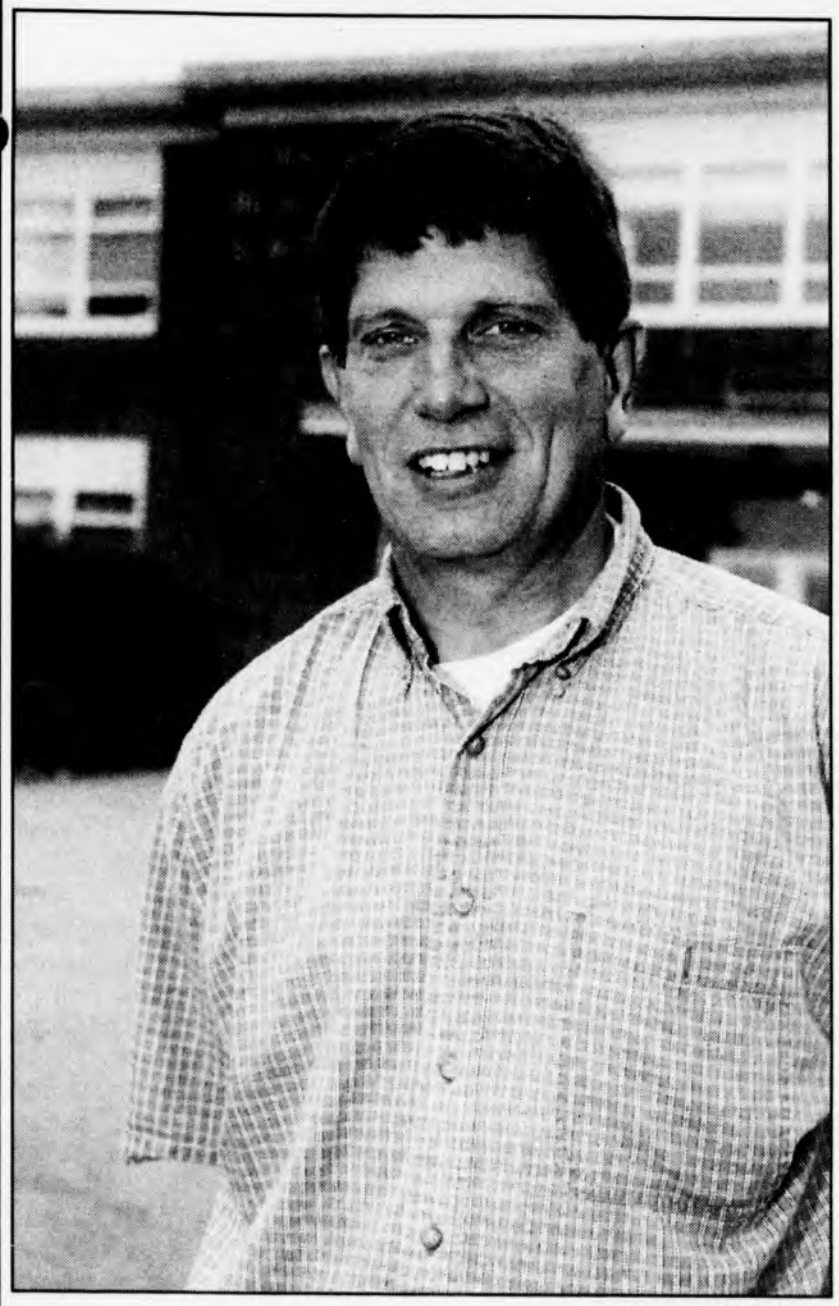
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Best day of your life: In the delivery room assisting with my second son's birth (my oldest son was born before fathers were allowed in the delivery room).

Biggest worry: The environment.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite TV show: "The Simpsons."

Favorite movie: "The Graduate."

Favorite book: "A Distant Mirror," by Barbara Tuchman.

Favorite junk food: Pizza.

Dumbest thing I've ever done: I fell off the roof of my house while painting. I had put the ladder on the porch roof. Dumb!

Person you'd most like to meet: Walter Peyton.

Pet peeve: Traffic

Salute to Jean and Dan Cotton postponed

The Oct. 25 reception planned to salute Dan and Jean Cotton for their tireless dedication and involvement in the town of Cohasset has been postponed.

The committee had planned to surprise Dan and Jean with a monetary gift in their name for the Social Service League's Annual Scholarship Fund and plant a tree marked with a plaque. Both will be small tokens of our appreciation for Dan and Jean's good deeds, civic accomplishments and kindness to a multitude of Cohasset citizens. We also hope you will send notes wishing them well directly to their home at 27 King St., Cohasset, 02025.

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IN THE ARMY

We salute Army National Guard **Colonel Norman A. Welch Jr.** of Cohasset—Colonel Welch graduated from the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks in Carlisle, Pa.

WOW, TRIPLETS!

Christine and **Scott Arnold** are positively beaming with love and pride, want to know the reason? Actually, there are three of them....**Scott Thomas Arnold, Sean Frances Arnold** and **Christian Joseph Arnold**! Oh WOW! The boys were born on Aug. 31, at New England Medical Center in Boston, and are now at South Shore Hospital, doing wonderfully well! Imagine triplets! Have no fear though, they will have scads of love and hugs and kisses to go around, as this blessed event is hared by their grandparents too! They will have **Barbara Arnold** of Cohasset and Florida and **Joanmarie** and **Tom Gorman,** their loving grandparents, to be there whenever they promised the first peek when they go strolling around town. So, be on the lookout for the carriage that looks like a big Caddy, it could be theirs!

CARROT CAKE

Received a call from a delightful lady last week, she is on a quest to find a recipe for carrot cake. That sounds like an easy request, here's the tough part—it calls for three jars of baby carrots instead of the grated carrots that most recipes call for. She claims this is the best recipe that she has ever used, but she cannot find her copy (thinks she loaned it to someone and forgot to get it back). If you are the proud owner of this recipe, could you please give me a call (383-0560)? The lady will be out of town for a while, so I promised we'd all get together and try to have it upon her return. (and she) thank you in advance!



That's Eric Studley getting a close-up look at the Cohasset ladder truck during the fire department open house Oct. 3. The Mariner printed another boy's name by mistake last week. Sorry about that, Eric!

GRAND OPENING

It certainly was nice to see all of the people attending the "grand opening" of the new Osgood School, and to see the pride in the eyes of the students (and their parents and their teachers) as the townspeople took the tour of the building! We should all be proud of such a superior building!

SENIORS TO VISIT SALEM

If you love Halloween, and you are a Senior, please take note! On Oct. 25 The Cohasset C.O.A is planning a trip to Salem, what fun! It will include a guided tour of Salem with a "real witch", A full traditional "Witches" Buffet luncheon at the historic Peppercorn's in the heart of Salem, a tour of the House of Seven Gables, a tour of The Witch Museum and Witches Dungeon, a visit to Witch Memorial Park, the Old Burying Grounds the services of a Traditional Tours Escort, and round trip transportation via Deluxe Motorcoach—all for $59 per person! That just sounds like such fun, contact the Cohasset C.O.A (383-9112) if you are interested. Hopefully someone will take pictures so that we may all share this happening!

TRIPS AFAR

Ran into **Jean Magner** the other day—she and **Bob** just returned from a trip to Las Vegas (where they went to a family wedding that was "great"), followed by a trip to Hawaii (from which they hated to leave, it was so "beautiful, warm, sunny"). Ain't retirement grand?! And do you know of two people that deserve it more than they? Just keep up your travels, then report back to us, we love to hear it!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday greetings to **George Haley**! We're not sure how young he is, but we're sure of one thing—he never changes! Hope your day is a special one indeed, George!

A FINE LADY

We are happy to report that **Elinor Kennedy** is out of the hospital, and is loving her new home at New England Friends Home in Hingham. As many of you know, she is 96 years old, and still writing poetry and going strong! A fine lady!

OFF TO ARIZONA

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Mr. and Mrs. Jones were married on Oct. 11, 1938 in the Evangelical Congregational Church in Hingham. They are both lifelong residents of Hingham.

The Jones' were honored by their son and his family, Edward and Janice Jones, of Hingham and their daughter and her family, Blanche and Peter Whitman of Cohasset. Their grandchildren and great-granddaughter were also in attendance.

Wellspring's 'Mission Possible' challenge

On the counter of Dwyers Cleaning Spot there's an aged tape player and a half-burned cassette tape, suggestions of the opening scenes in the TV show "Mission Impossible." The purpose of this display is to call attention to Wellspring's "Mission Possible," a fall fund and information drive aimed at sending news of Wellspring out to the community as well as encouraging financial support.

As a Wellspring ambassador, Dwyers has agreed to raise funds for Wellspring, and now, those funds will be doubled.

An anonymous benefactor has offered Wellspring Multi-Service Center, the South Shore's social-services agency located in Hull, a $10,000 matching grant to bolster its annual fall fundraising effort.

To donate to the multi-services agency in time to have your donation qualify for the matching challenge grant, please make checks payable to Wellspring Multi-Service Center and send to 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, MA 02045. Contributions are tax-deductible. Cash donations of any size may also be made at Dwyers Cleaning Spot, Route 3A, anytime up until the Oct. 17 deadline.

Holiday Bazaar at Beechwood

The Holiday Bazaar will be held at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Church Street in Cohasset Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come early for the famous sea glass candy. A chowder luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m.

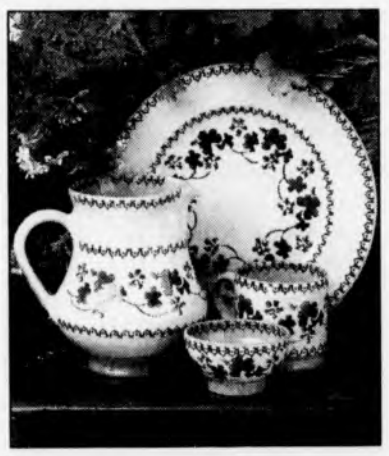
Search for goodies on the food, fancy work, Thanksgiving, Christmas and candy tables. Bring your children to meet Mrs. Santa from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The "Pocket Lady" will arrive at 1 p.m. There will be games and crafts for children.

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'Tis the season for apple pie

MAY I PRESENT

SALLYANN CHATTERTON



It's finally fall: time to dig sweaters and blankets out of the Cedar chest and mothballs, ferret out the rakes, and think about cooking in ernest!! It is nice to go into this rust-tinted season anticipating smoke coming out of chimneys and aromas wafting out of kitchens; now is the time to pull pots and pans from their summer hiding places and use them again! Here's a real treat for you to try, I'll bet it will become one of your favorites! It came from The Publick House in Sturbridge—it smells great, tastes even better and makes use of the abundance of apples that are around at this time of year.

MARLBOROUGH PIE
6 tart apples
1 tsp. butter
2 eggs beaten
1 lemon, juice and grated rind
1cup sugar

Cook and strain the apples; add the butter and cool. Add the eggs; lemon rind and sugar. Put in a deep dish pie shell and, bake in moderate oven 375 degrees for one hour or until the crust is done. Garnish with small cakes of puff pastry baked separately, if desired. Makes one 9" pie.

If pie isn't your "thing", try this unusual cake recipe—it is called "Mayonnaise Cake" and is a wonderful cake to make if you don't have any eggs and you need a cake for an emergency!

MAYONNAISE CAKE

1-1/2 cups sugar
1 cup mayonnaise
3 cups flour
1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
4 tablespoons coca
pinch salt
1 cup milk
1 tsp. vanilla

Combing sugar and mayonnaise, add vanilla. Sift dry ingredients and add alternately to mayonnaise mixture with milk. Beat until smooth, pour into layer cake pans (or cup cake pans). Bake in 350 degree oven for 25-30 minutes.

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Norfolk County Sheriff

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The news and you

Can you believe it's already Oct. 15? School has been in session for more than a month and judging by the quantity of news releases we're receiving here at the Mariner, your clubs and activities are almost in full swing.

That summer hiatus which many organizations took is now just a memory.

So this is a good time to give you, our readers, a friendly reminder about deadlines as the holidays approach and your publicity chairmen prepare press releases about upcoming meetings, events and fund-raisers.

Here's the scoop.

Copy for all "happenings" and school news should be in by 8 a.m.., Friday for the following week's issue. We realize while meeting that deadline can be difficult, most clubs and groups plan their activities well ahead of time.

So we ask you to put us on your calendar. Thursday is the day when the Mariner arrives in your mailbox and the following morning is the time to get your news items in for the next issue.

Why do we need the early deadline?

Our typesetters and production team are based in Marshfield where 14 of the Cohasset Mariner's sister newspapers and a myriad of special sections are also produced. Getting our copy in early helps streamline the process and prevents typesetting log jams on the day when the paper goes to press.

For the record, we will continue to accept all letters to the editor, obituaries, and sports news (which happens over the weekend) up until noon on Tuesday.

If you forget or can't drop your news item off by Friday, please call us. We will make exceptions but cannot guarantee that a late item will get in that week.

Items can be left at our drop spot at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St., or at the Cohasset Mariner office in Hingham Square at 73 South St. For your convenience, we also accept news items by fax and e-mail. Our fax number is 741-2931 and our e-mail address is: mford@cnc.com. Sorry, we cannot take happenings over the phone.

We enjoy being your local paper — that's why we're in the business. So don't be shy. Let us hear from you, your clubs, organizations, and your schools. And we always want your opinion, whether verbally over the telephone, in person, or with a letter to the editor.

We also welcome news tips and story ideas. So if you have something you think may be newsworthy, please contact us at 383-8139.

— Mary Ford, editor



Celebrating our 20th anniversary last week, we included one of our favorite cartoons by Jim Hamilton. It first appeared on Aug. 8, 1991. We forgot to include the following for those of you who are new to town: "The Housesitter film crew wants Cohasset Common to look picture perfect for their location shoot which happens later in August. They might even bring their own ducks to guarantee a picturesque setting."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Osgood staff says thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

To all volunteers involved in the new Osgood school project:

The Osgood faculty would like to express our sincere appreciation for the countless hours of planning, meetings, reviews, packing, unpacking and moving that you willingly and tirelessly provided.

We are indeed fortunate to have this state of the art facility for the children, staff and community.

This new setting surely will enhance the education of our youngsters. We thank you, each and every one, for making this beautiful new school possible.

The Osgood Staff

Victims of discrimination

TO THE EDITOR,

Many people don't realize they live on Private Ways. It's amazing that streets such as Fair Oaks Lane, Old Pasture Road and many others remain private ways long after they were developed.

I wrote to the Selectmen on Feb. 4, 1996, suggesting establishment of a Private Ways Committee. Since then, I have written four follow-up letters and have discussed the unsatisfactory situation at four Town Meetings, several Private Way Committee and Selectmen meetings. While we "spin our wheels," neighboring towns are making steady progress. We haven't accepted a new public way in about 25 years.

During November 1995, Mr. Moore, Chairman of the Cohasset Planning Board stated:

a) "I feel the town has some obligation to residents, whether they live on private or public ways."

b) "Some private ways have been in use for over 200 years. There's nothing private about them. Our forefathers were very diligent about these things. We never seem to get around to dealing with it."

Almost three years later Mr. Moore and Mr. Sturdy counseled the Selectmen to move slowly. The Selectmen embraced this guidance.

As resident of Private Ways, we are the victims of discrimination. We pay taxes, but maintenance of our streets and water service is our financial responsibility. There is a significant liability exposure.

Please call me at 383-0505 and enroll in moving this issue forward in a fair and orderly process. Attending the Fall Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, Oct. 26 is a good starting point.

Joe McElroy

59 Windy Hill

The following are private ways:

Aaron River Road, Adams Road, Bailey Road, Bates Lane, Black Rock Road, Bound Brook Lane, Brewster Road, Briarwood Lane, Cedar Acres Drive, Cedar Acres Lane, Cedar Lane, Cedarledge Village, Cove Road, Crocker Lane, Deep Run. Diab Lane, Ennice Avenue, Evergreen Lane, Fairoaks Lane, Fernway, Flintlock Ridge Road, Forest Notch, Forestside Drive, Gammons Road, Grace Drive, Haystack Lane, Highland Court, Hillside Drive, Hobart Lane, Holly Circle, Howe Road, Howes Lane, Jerusalem Lane, Jerusalem Road Drive, Juniper Rise, Lantern Lane, Ledge Way. Ledgewood Drive, Lily Pond Lane, Little Harbor Road, Locust Road, Lothrup Lane, Margin Court, Marion Way, Meadow Lane, Mednel Road, Mowhawk Way, Norfolk Lane, Norman Todd Lane, Old Pasture Road, Otis Avenue, Pine Ridge Road, Pleasant Lane, Pratt Courty, Red Fox Lane, Ridge Top Road, River Road, Riverview Drive, Rust Way, Rocky Lane, Sandy Beach Lane, Schofield Road, Sheldon Road, Spindrift Lane, Steep Rock Way, Steven Lane, Stoneleigh Lane, Stoneleigh Road, Surry Drive, Tad Lane, Tower Lane, Turkey Hill Road, Virginia Lane, West Gate Lane, Wheelwright Farm, Whitehead Road, Whitney Woods Lane, Winsor Road, Windy Hill Road and Wood Way.

Fitness opportunity at Cohasset High School

TO THE EDITOR:

Through the auspices of Cohasset High School and Dr. Mike Gill of the Health Education Department CHS has commercial quality fitness center .

We are interested in making this facility available to all residents at a nominal fee charge which cannot be determined until we have an idea of how many residents might have interest utilizing the facility.

If you feel that you or members of your family might be interested in using the CHS gym, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-4109 right away.

We would like to know approximately how many residents would utilize the facility if we were able to keep it open during evening hours.

The facility includes about $75,000 worth of equipment consisting of a variety strength building equipment, two treadmills, two stairmasters, five stationary bikes and a stairmaster freerunner all of commercial quality.

The nominal fee charge would be employed to provide supervision during hours of operation, as well as revenue dedicated towards maintenance and upkeep of the equipment

The fitness center, located in the old study hall room, is currently utilized by students and staff and by CHS gym classes. Ideally, this unique opportunity could be made available to all residents outside of school hours.

You may call 383-4109, 24 hours a day and if you receive voice-mail, please leave the number of people in your family who might utilize this facility if a nominal fee were charged and the facility open evenings/weekends.

Jack Whorley

Recreation Director

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CANIDATES CORNER

Bradley calls on Murray to explain Flip-Flop

Former Assistant District Attorney and State Representative candidate Garrett Bradley took issue this week with Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray's claim that she supports a ban on assault weapons. Murray, who stated in the newspaper last week that she supports the ban, voted against the Assault Weapons Bill that was passed this term in the House of Representatives. Bradley, a former Assistant District Attorney in Plymouth Country, supports the legislation and believes that it would help protect our children and reduce violence in our neighborhoods.

"The legislation that Representative Murray voted against would make gun owners responsible for the safe use and storage of their firearms," stated Bradley. "The bill mandates the safe storage of all guns and calls for all assault and other large capacity weapons that are sold in our state to include safety devices designed to prevent the discharge of the weapons by an unauthorized user. This legislation would without a doubt help to prevent the needless deaths of children and others who are killed each year in gun related accidents."

"Representative Murray can't have it both ways," continued Bradley. "If she supports a ban on assault weapons, why did she vote against it during the only opportunity to pass the legislation during this legislative term?"

Bradley does not agree with all of the provisions of the gun safety bill, but felt that the increased safety provisions in the bill, which would help protect children from accident involving guns, warranted his strong support. Bradley feels that Murray put the interests of a few gun store owners ahead of interests our community has to provide a safe environment for our children.

The legislation not only mandated increased gun safety, but also significantly increased the punishment for those criminals who use guns when committing felonies. The bill also provided for cost-effective ways for responsible gun owners to secure their weapons, including the provision of gunlocks and other safety devices.

Rep. Murray responds to Bradley on gun bill

In order to support his argument, Garrett Bradley omits a crucial point in his press release regarding Murray's so-called "flip-flop" on the assault weapons ban bill.

What Mr. Bradley doesn't tell you is that the House version of the bill to ban assault weapons — which Murray supported — was a different bill altogether when it came back from the conference committee for a subsequent vote. Murray did, indeed, oppose that version of the bill which among other things, removed many of the House provisions intended to protect lawful gun owners.

Murray believes believe in our Constitution and in the second amendment which clearly submits that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." She also firmly believes in supporting legislation which keeps guns out of children's hands, such as legislation requiring gun locks and gun safes for the home. Many such bills which would mandate increased gun safety and significantly increase the punishment for criminals who use guns in the commission of felonies are filed annually. Murray has consistently supported such legislation, but these bills do not even make it out of committee.

The conference committee version of the assault weapons ban bill expanded the definition of assault weapons to encompass any automatic firearm, including those firearms used by hunters and sportsmen, and even those single-fire arms carried by veterans in parades.

Murray could not, in good conscience, vote for a bill which she believes is nothing more than a first step — the proverbial camel's nose under the tent — to deny lawful gun owners their constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

Mr. Bradley is naive if he does not recognize and acknowledge the true intent of this bill and disingenuous to give you, the voter, only half of the story.

Chat live with Garrett Bradley

Voters in Hingham and Cohasset will have an opportunity to question state representative candidate Garrett Bradley as part of the Hingham Journal and Cohasset Mariner live on-line chat session.

Bradley, a resident of Hingham, will field questions and concerns from voters as he goes on line live Thursday, Oct. 22, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Readers can log on to the papers' web site at www.townonline.com. Once there, readers will find a banner ad and they simply click on the banner to chat live with Bradley, a Democrat who is challenging longtime Republican incumbent Mary Jeanette Murray in the Nov. 3 election.

Murray, a Cohasset resident, declined the papers' invitation to chat on line with voters. She said she could not work out her schedule.

Candidates forum slated

Meet the candidates for state representative in Cohasset, Hingham and Hull, Garret Bradley, Democrat, and Mary Jeanette Murray, Republican, Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 5:45 to 7 p.m., at Old Derby Academy, 34 Main St., Hingham Square. Refreshments will be provided.

Each candidate will give a brief opening statement and then entertain questions from those in attendance.

Ask the candidates the questions that are important to you and your business.

This event is jointly sponsored by Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, Hull Chamber of Commerce, Hingham Business Council and Government Affairs Committee of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce and Hingham Institution for Savings.

Any questions for the candidates may be faxed to (617) 479-1111.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

They deserve credit too

TO THE EDITOR,

When Moody's Investors Service raised Cohasset rating to Aa3 they said "The favorable rating reflects the town's moderately sized, mostly residential tax base, well above average wealth level of resident's low debt burden and average debt structure, and sound financial operations."

However, they did not mention one more very important element—our volunteers. People like Virginia Anderson, Mary Andracchio, Steve Leighton, Phyllis Leighton, Louise Smulen, Tilly Nardo, Maria Perroncello, Pat Hanlon, Libby Pompeo, Olga Sawchuk, Connie Tolman and Peter Tolman. These seniors always volunteer to mail out tax bills.

Thanks again to you all and all the other volunteers who help out in this beautiful ours.

Joe Buckely

Treasurer/Collector

Osgood is best choice for new library

TO THE EDITOR:

What a tremendous opportunity has come our way. The Osgood School, which for so many years served our children and their educational needs, could now become the building which continues to educate and enrich ALL the citizens of our town—the New Cohasset Library.

The current library is one of our town's most valuable institutions. Its per capita use goes way beyond the average use of the library in towns of comparable size. As former Trustees, we have watched the struggle to find space for the new technology, better access for the physically impaired, and additions to the collection of Large Print Books, tapes and videos as well as fiction, nonfiction and research materials. There simply is not room, and yet the need is critical if we are to serve the citizens as well in the future as we have in the past.

We have an unparalleled opportunity now to create badly needed new space all on one level with adequate parking, handicapped access and flexibility. The location is ideal and the building is already owned by the town. It would continue to be used for a public purpose with a minimum impact on its residential neighborhood.

To renovate the School into a new library will be far less costly than trying to build a new library. Some of the playground area can be sold for development if that is deemed advisable and the old for development into offices or apartments, thus returning money to the tax rolls.

Let's make it happen!

Lucille McLoughlin

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Angled parking a concern

Mr. Mark Haddad
Town Manager
Town Hall
Cohasset, MA 02025

DEAR MR. HADDAD:

As my two young sons now begin to participate in town activities, I greatly look forward to weekend events involving soccer and baseball played on the lower field at Cohasset High School. The angled parking overlooking these playing fields and along the main exit from the High School provides convenient parking and the embankments immediately beneath this parking provides excellent lawn chair/blanket viewing for proud parents. This parking, as I have observed, also presents all the elements for tragedy.

These spaces tend to downward sloped towards the playing fields and viewing areas. A car or truck or "Titanic" SUV which would slip out of the parking gear or have its emergency brake insecurely set is liable to roll down the embankment and into unsuspecting parents and children. The outcome would be obvious. Too many times over the past year, I have seen harried parents un-piling their cars with eager young athletes and too many times I have seen young children placed unattended in vehicles to stay warm on a cold Fall/Spring day. Although I am sure that the probability of a tragic happening is low, it is remains a possibility.

I take great pride in being a resident of this town and find it to be efficiently run. I hope, therefore, that I do not present myself as a needless alarmist. I believe, however, that providing pre-cast concrete parking curbs is an inexpensive proactive measure to address this potentiality. I ask that you give this request serious consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Kearney

245 Pond St.

Editor's note: This letter was in Selectmen's correspondence

Real purpose of Monicagate - money

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Now we're getting down to the real purpose of Monicagate, if that's what future historians will choose to call that thing that's going on in Washington.

It's money.

Publishing magnate Rupert Murdoch has offered Monica a reported $3 million to write a book about her experiences as a White House intern and submit to an exclusive interview with Fox TV.

(I would suggest the title "Me 'n Bill." There's something folksy about it.)

Rupert's offer tops the $2 million that was reportedly readied for the exclusive rights to her story by the publishing house of Harper Collins.

Which in turn tops the $1 million offered by the tabloid Star and the cool million Roseanne Barr was prepared to pay Monica for a single appearance on her (Roseanne's) TV talk show.

And this followed hot on the heels of reports that the pleasingly plump U. S. intern (ret.) would model in the Italian stylist Gattinoni's October fashion show in Milan for a mere $470,000.

Giovanni Ciacci, a spokesman for Gattinoni, said Monica was picked for the show because "she is ruined in the United States now. What can she do but flee to Europe?"

Even Ken Starr, author of the best selling report since "Lady Chatterley's Lover," has been offered a new job - by Larry Flynt of "Hustler" magazine.

(I can think of three reasons for her to stay put. The figure is preceded by a dollar sign and followed by six zeros.)

Monica was scheduled to model a two-piece blue dress (unstained) from the "Roma Outsize" collection, which also featured a "condom dress" of tight latex studded with blue pills symbolizing Viagra.

But Oct. 6, the date of the fashion show, passed and if Monica appeared on the runway in Milan it went unreported and I'm sure the Herald and the National Enquirer would have given it full-page-and-more treatment if she had.

A number of Bill's old girl friends are making out like bandits since they were ditched by the First Seducer.

Gennifer Flowers, the Prez's gal pal from the Arkansas days, recently moved to Las Vegas where she is working up to a singing career.

The other day, she performed for the annual conference of the Electronic Retailing Conference at the MGM Grand, singing "Who's Got the Last Laugh Now," and "Why Haven't I Heard from You?"

"I want to see my name up in those lights, up on those billboards," she said.

Did the affair with Bill aid and abet her singing career?

"Obviously, it's something that can't be ignored, but at the same time it's something that needs to be handled tastefully and with dignity," said Gennifer.

Paula Jones is not doing badly, either.

The girl who says was scared out of her wits by Bill's actions in that room at the Excelsior Hotel in Little Rock, according to reports, has been offered $700,000 just to go away but she's holding out for a million.

Even Ken Starr, author of the best selling report since "Lady Chatterley's Lover," has been offered a new job - by Larry Flynt of "Hustler" magazine.

"After a reading of the Starr report I am impressed by the salacious and voyeuristic nature of your work," wrote Flynt. "The Starr report contains more pornographic references than those provided by Hustler Online services this month."

Officials eye new occupancy law with caution

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The town of Hopkinton is a rapidly growing community sitting way out on the Route 495 belt. Tremendous residential and commercial growth in the last few years has placed a massive strain on the town's municipal services. Hopkinton has become the first Massachusetts town to approve a home-rule petition adopting a state law that allows the town to assess the value of new property upon occupancy. Traditionally, property assessments are fixed at certain times of the year with no deviations allowed. But in fast-growing towns like Hopkinton, town officials feel they need to assess property values immediately to make sure they are receiving adequate tax money to run municipal services.

Assistant Assessor Cheryl Pooler confirmed that she has examined the Hopkinton plan, and recommended that Cohasset wait and see how assessment upon occupancy works for that town.

"I see this bill as well intended, but not thoroughly thought out," Pooler said. "I recommend a wait-and-see approach. Maybe after one or two

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tax cycles, the town of Hopkinton could advise as to the feasibility of this new legislation."

Tax assessments can be a little confusing, but state laws dictate when a town can or cannot assess or "fix" the value of a property to determine the owner's local tax bill. If a town collects taxes twice per year, then properties can be assessed only on January 1, meaning that the value of the property remains unchanged for one year until the following Jan. 1. Towns that bill quarterly, like Cohasset, can assess property values twice per year: on Jan. 1 or June 30.

"Because Cohasset bills quarterly, we have through June 30 to assess property values," Pooler said. "How a property sits on June 30 is how it be assessed for the rest of the year. Most houses are built in the spring and we can pick those up in June. Towns with semi-annual billing have it harder because the way a house sits on Jan. 1 is how it will be assessed for the rest of the year."

This can become a problem in communities experiencing a lot of new construction, Pooler said. If a property has only a foundation laid on Jan. 1, then that is what is assessed for tax payments. Even if the entire building is completed four weeks later, the town collects only the taxes assessed on the foundation until the next assessment period. If a town bills twice a year, then it has to wait until the following year to fully assess projects completed after Jan. 1.

The rules also affect homeowners. If a homeowner demolishes a house, the tax bill remains the same until the next period even though the value has decreased. The same holds true for a devastating fire, much like the one that destroyed a $1 million home on Atlantic Ave. recently. Homeowners can ask for adjustments, but assessors rarely award rebates and are not required to do so by law.

"Last November, there was a property on the corner of Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road that the owner moved to Hull," Pooler said. "The owner filed for an abatement but was denied by assessors. Statutorily, the assessors are not supposed to grant abatements like that."

Another problem with the Hopkinton plan is that it never allows financial planners to close out their books and make projections for the future.

"We work in cycles throughout the year, but with this plan it would be a never-ending process," Pooler said. "If [this] bill were adopted, it would require assessors to constantly change the tax rolls anytime during the year. The tax roll would never be finalized. We try to project new growth for budgeting purposes, but we would not be able to project new growth."

Busing issues still on school board agenda

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Two busing issues remain before the school committee: Lamberts Lane and handicap-access conversion.

At this time, the only thing standing between Lamberts Lane schoolchildren and a safer pick-up is designating stops along the mile-long stretch.

School Superintendent Ted Malvey informed school committee members at the Oct. 1 meeting that efforts to find bus stops on the lane are currently underway.

The addition of Lamberts Lane to the bus route will add 12 minutes to the schedule but will provide a safer ride to school for the children there. Their narrow, winding lane has no sidewalks, which makes their walk to the present bus stop at Route 228 dangerous for them. Compounding their risk is the delivery truck traffic brought in to the area by the Cohasset Golf Club and a nearby construction business.

Through the organizing efforts of school committee member Mark DeGiacomo, arrangements have been made with golf club president Cliff Mitman to use a gate at the club for the bus to back up to for easier turnaround. A volunteer Lamberts Lane parent will be present each day to act as guides for the bus driver's back up and turn.

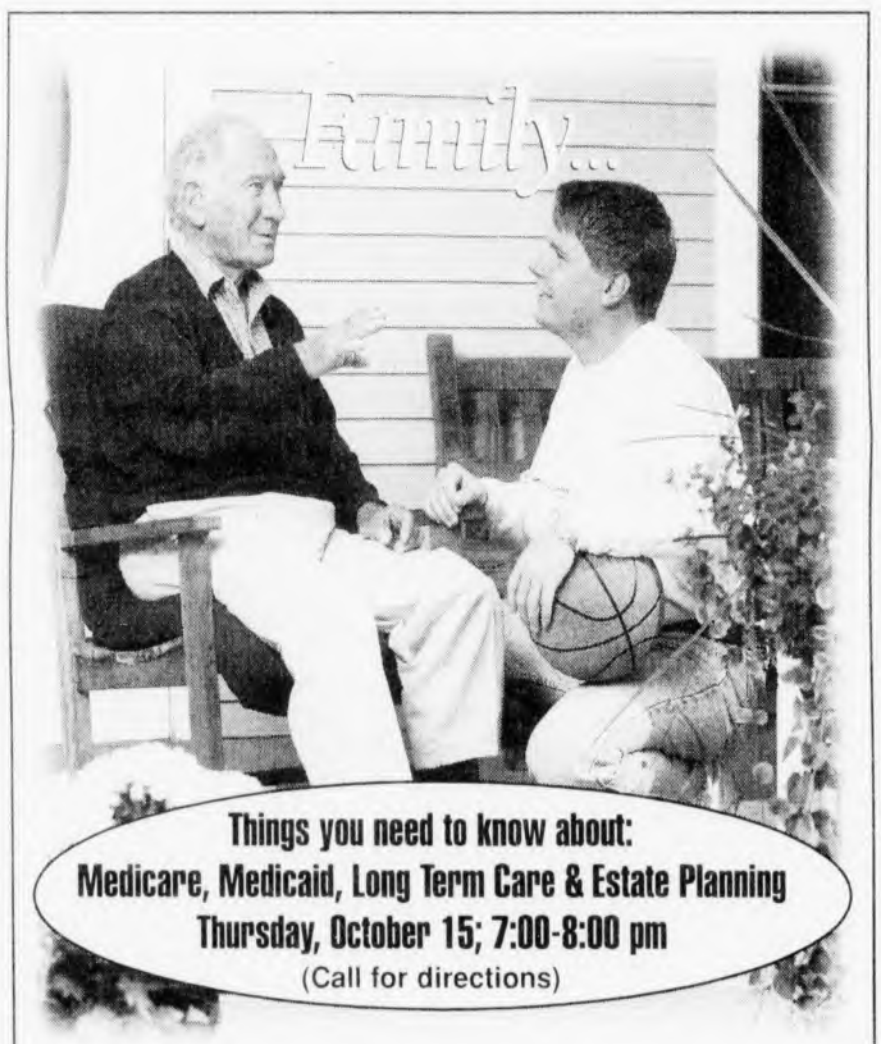
"I just want to make it clear that there will be no bus stop that children might stray from near that turn-around site," said Malvey.

Also raised by Malvey is the ongoing consideration of how best to create handicap-access on a large bus so that all students can travel together.

Currently, students requiring handicap-access receive front door pick-up and drop-off from a small bus equipped for their needs.

The committee would like to see one bus from the school's fleet converted so that wheelchair-bound students can at least travel with classmates on school trips. However, it would require losing 12 seats to convert the bus. The Osgood route for the large bus, should all students show up for pick-up, would be full to capacity.

Malvey will continue looking into reconfiguring the Osgood routes so that less children will board the 77-seat carrier.



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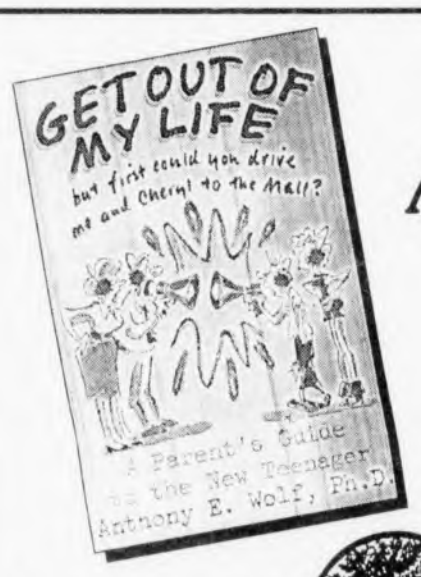
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Planners okay Jerusalem Road Estates

But proposal still faces obstacles

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Sounds of frustration and disbelief spread across the roomful of neighbors as the planning board approved a proposal for 23 homes off Jerusalem Road last week.

It seemed to the almost 20 concerned residents in attendance that the planning board, and especially chairman Al Moore, would oppose the plan. Only moments before casting the tie-breaking vote, he expressed strong reservations about the project.

"I've been on the board for a while and I don't think I've ever seen an application so universally opposed by residents, with stacks of correspondence and a tick list," said Moore. "I'm saying, maybe this just isn't the right thing to do. I've been wrestling with this issue for two weeks."

Moore explained to disappointed neighbors that he was concerned about potential litigation and protecting the town's ability to maintain some control over the project.

Planning board members Terry Atherton and William Good said an approval would allow the board to define conditions, such as the road slope, which is steeper than allowed; waivers needed for the 800-feet-longer than permissible cul-de-sac; as well as issues concerning the two access roads, one of which would go over a pre-existing well.

Moore also pointed out that should the developer Steven Corey of Weymouth go to court on this issue and win, the board would no longer be able to set conditions.

"Let's say we draw a line in the sand with this and say, 'No, we're just going to reject it outright,'" said Moore. "Then Corey can go to court and we could end up with a court judge that sees us as too restrictive and might let him go ahead and build as filed in court."

While the planning board decision clears a hurdle for the developer, the project still faces obstacles from both the conservation and sewer commissions.

The sewer commission said it won't allow the development to connect to the new sewer line that will link North Cohasset to the Hull sewage treatment plant.

Corey may sue if the subdivision is denied access to the sewer, according to his attorney, Charles Humphreys of Cohasset. North Cohasset's wastewater will be sent to Hull and treated in their municipal plant," explained sewer commission Chairman Ted Guild. "We have a contract with Hull for 85,000 gallons per day of treatment capacity and if we exceed that, the town is subject to certain penalties. Therefore, we cannot tie in more than we've already committed to with Hull and that's the reason we can't tie in Jerusalem Road Estates."

The development needs the hook-up to because many of its acres are on wetlands and ledge, with little land suitable for on-site septic systems. So in order to be workable, the houses must have hook-ups to the sewer.

The sewer commission has adopted the basic policy that any excess capacity for sewer access should go to homes already existing. "A lot of our homes shouldn't have been built because the land is so rocky—but they are built so our policy is to benefit the existing homes," said Guild.

The conservation commission said that the proposed project is next to Rattlesnake Run, which is classified as a perennial river and therefore protected under the state's Rivers Protection Act. "Development of permanent structures is restricted within 200 feet of a perennial river's annual mean high water mark," said commission vice chairman Sue Cope.

Humphreys has said that he can prove the run was dry during a non-draught period two years ago, which disqualifies it as a perennial river.

"Naturally, the neighbors would have preferred the land to stay in its natural state, but it's time for it to be developed."
—CHARLES HUMPHREYS

At least one neighbor may also prove to be an obstacle.

William Chisolm, 605 Jerusalem Road, whose home is situated just across from the proposed development's driveway, said he will appeal the planning board decision.

Other neighbors expressed concern about the soundness of the plan, too.

"I have concerns about their ability to follow through on things they've promised," said Roger Gregory, 600 Jerusalem Road. "Given the volatility of the economy today, why are they pursuing this? It's a major commitment of money on their part and they need to make sure they meet certain requirements."

"To the best of my knowledge, the water has always been there," said another Jerusalem Road resident about Rattlesnake Run, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "I don't know what [Humphreys] means by 'dry.' Does the entire riverbed have to be dry or just part of it?"

Humphreys said the project should move forward.

"This is not an easy thing," he acknowledged. "Naturally, the neighbors would have preferred the land to stay in its natural state, but it's time for it to be developed. The planning board worked out a compromise between the right to develop the land with a consideration for the concerns of the neighbors. We tried to accommodate those concerns as we went along."

Moore said neither the developer nor the planning board can be blamed.

"It's not the applicant's fault or the planning board's fault," said Moore. "If people want to know how these things happen, they should go to the small hearings and make themselves heard."

Moore pointed out that if there's a bad guy in this whole thing it's the board of trustees of the Curtis Estate who, somewhere along the way, didn't follow the trust and decided they wouldn't use the estate for the purposes it had originally been set aside for.

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After three years and more than 20 applications by Corey, the planning board is ready to move on to other matters.

"I've spent more time on this than I'd care to," said Moore, about the acreage he once referred to as a "chunk of granite with 10 million years of seagull dung on top of it."

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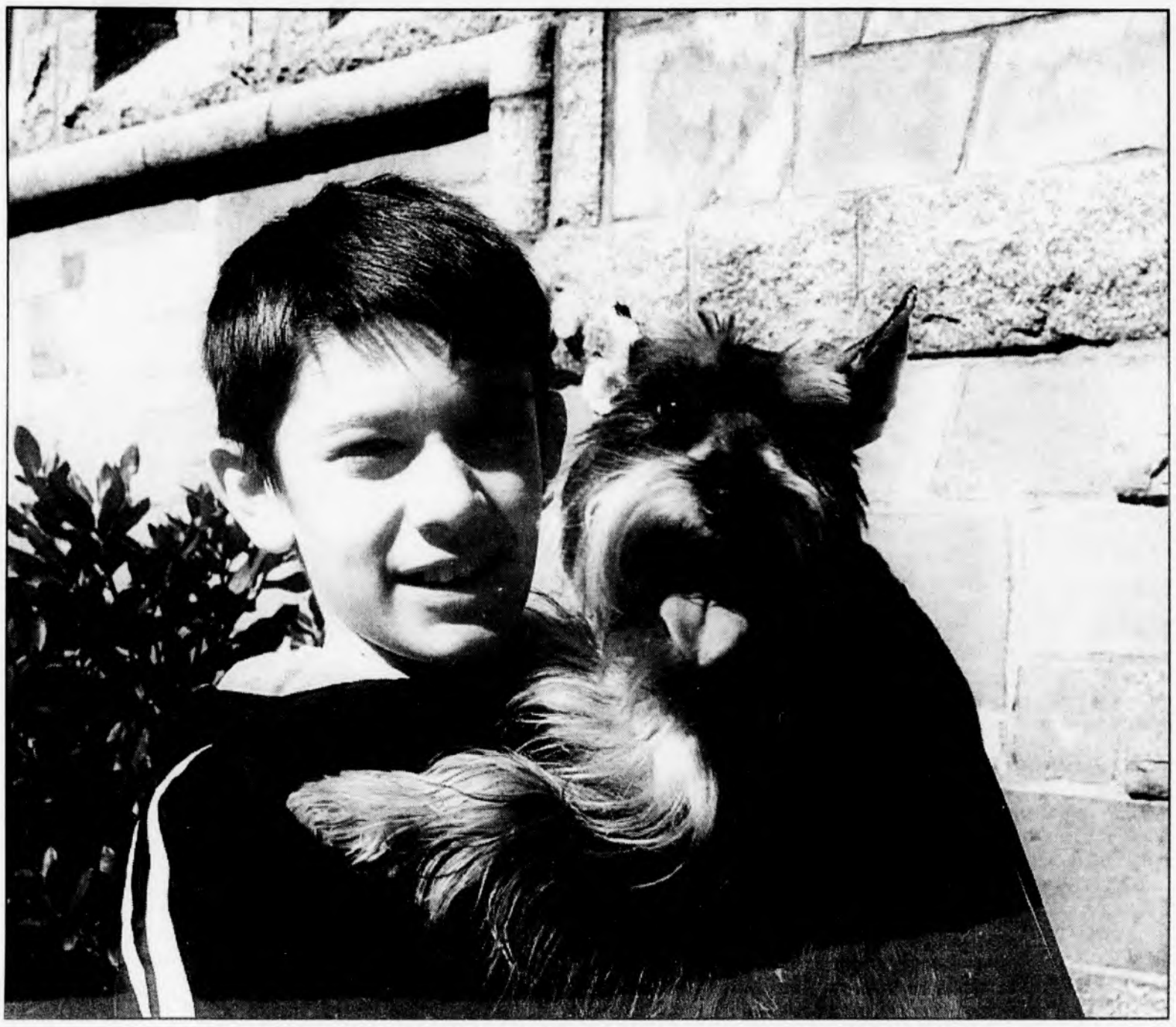
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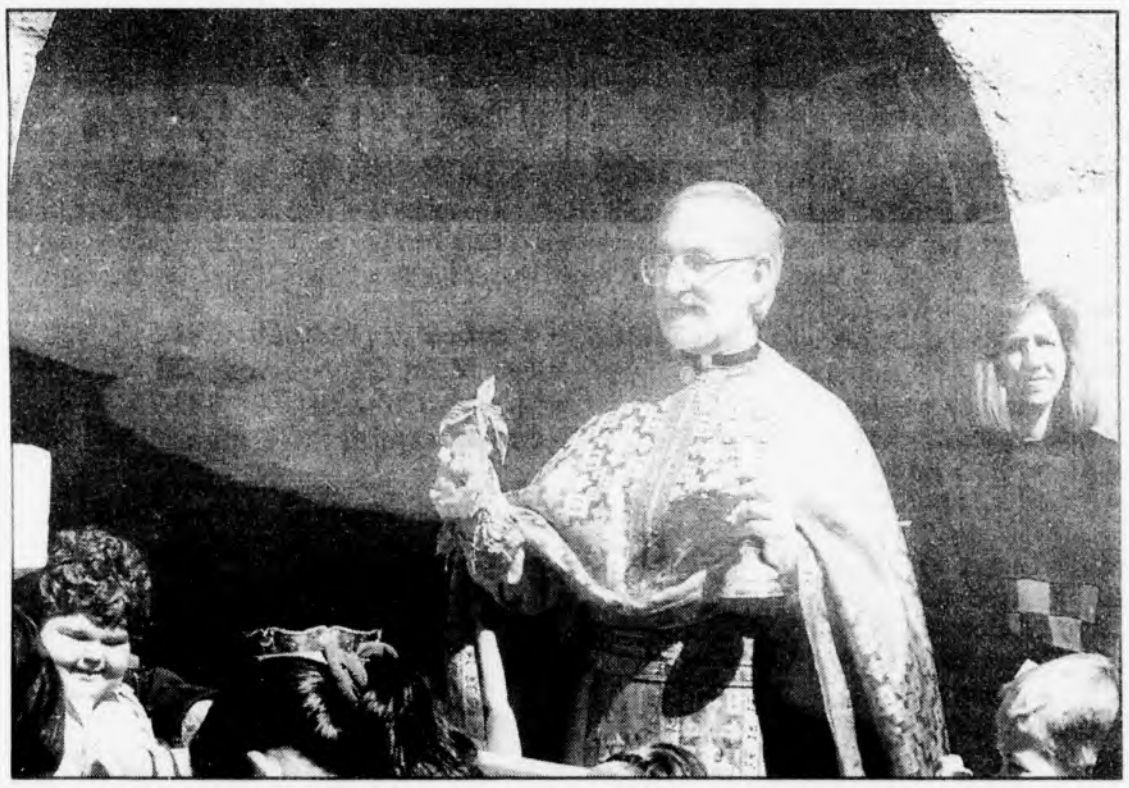
Jim Bates with his dog "Fritz" came to the service. The children remembered all of the saints and people who have animals.

All creatures great and small

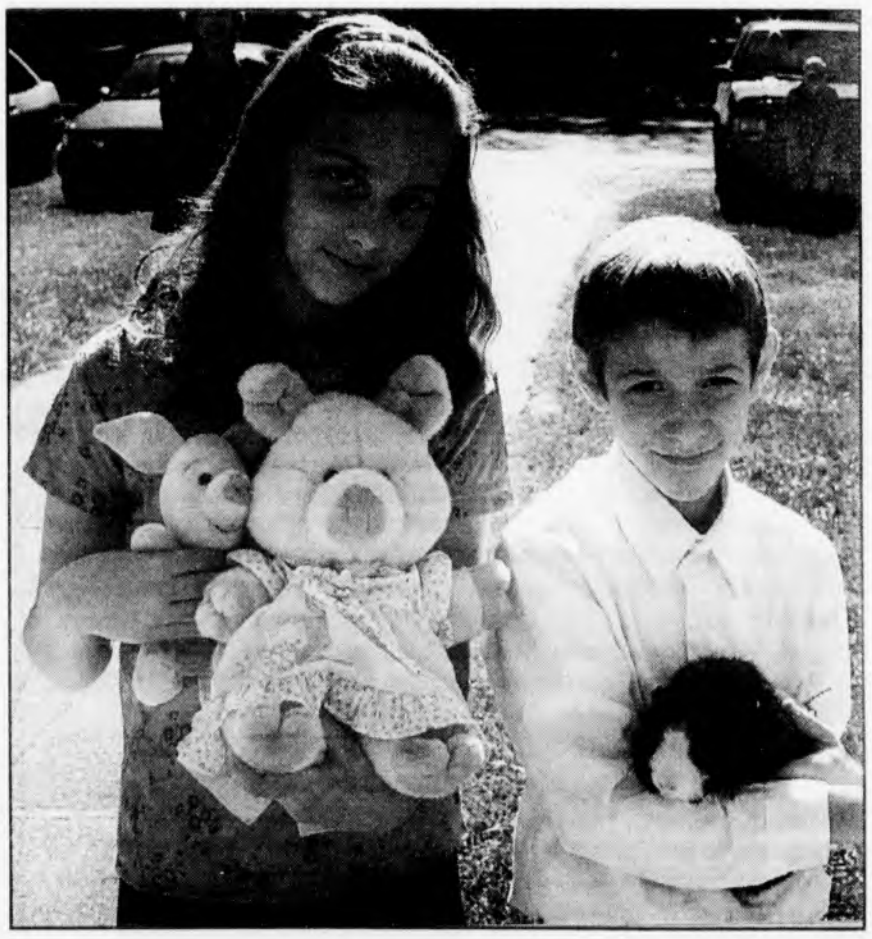
Animals, children blessed in special ceremony



"Dutches," who is owned by Marion Pappas, was on hand for the special ceremony.



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Irene and Christopher Botsolis attend the service with their animals. A special prayer was said for the environment at the service.



Jordana Botsolis, Stacia Moskovis and Marion Pappas brought their animals to the church to be blessed.

COHASSET SPORTS



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Former Scituate High soccer star Debbie Beal has crossed enemy lines and taken over the Cohasset girls varsity soccer program.

Beal adapts well to rigors of coaching

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset High girls soccer coach Debbie Beal can't help but be a tad bit envious when she watches the Lady Skippers going through their drills and scrimmages during practice.

It wasn't so long ago that Beal, in her first year as head varsity coach, was in their shoes, rather cleats.

So what's Beal's advice to her players? Enjoy the game while it lasts because as the years go by, other commitments surface and you won't have nearly as much time to get on the field.

"I could be playing in so many different leagues right now with my friends," the personable Beal explained, "but everybody has different work schedules that it's tough to get together."

Beal, a physical education teacher at Cohasset High, made the most of her soccer, both in high school and college. A 1991 graduate of Scituate High School, Beal was a key player on the Lady Sailors' squad and two-time South Shore League All-Star. She went on to attend the University of Rhode Island and made the team as a walk-on.

Beal played three seasons at the midfield position before switching over to sweeper as a senior. Beal had a solid final season at U.R.I., and was selected the team's Most Valuable Player.

The Lady Rams had a sound team, but at the Division 1 level, played against some stiff competition. The squad's talent wasn't always reflected in its overall record.

"We had great athletes," said Beal, "but we played teams that were nationally ranked."

After graduating from U.R.I., with a physical education/exercise science degree, Beal intended to get into the rehabilitation field, but decided instead she wanted to teach.

Along the way Beal "fell upon" the JV soccer coaching job at Scituate H.S., which she held for three years. She thoroughly enjoyed the coaching side of soccer and her Cohasset squad competes against many of the players Beal coached for those three seasons.

"My first year I had a great team," she said. "They're all on the varsity team now."

As Cohasset's head coach, Beal takes a hands-on ap-

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Skippers experiencing the winds of change

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Enough was enough for the members of the CHS boys varsity soccer team.

After starting out the season playing not as well as they had expected coming into the year, the 2-6-2 team reached the boiling point after a recent South Shore League tie to Hull.

"The day after that game the team came together and challenged each other to make a commitment to the team and play better than what we had been showing on the field," said second year head coach Jeff Martell. "Ever since then it's been a change for the better. They've come together as group."

Hull was an especially emotional game for the Skippers, who controlled most of the play and were up 4-2 with less than five minutes to go but let down in the end and the Pirates were able to get a couple goals past Kevin DeVito to tie the game.

The new togetherness was never more evident than Tuesday afternoon when the squad faced Carver and took home a 2-2 tie against the Crusaders, a team that had given them a good thrashing when they met earlier this season.

"The boys had it in their mind to make up for that game. They beat us pretty bad back then," said Martell. "A win would have been a big help to us, but the tie is what we got. We played them fairly equal and both teams had a chance to take home the win."

Jake Motley and Dennis Rooney got the scores for Cohasset, who are back in action Thursday at Hull as part of a doubleheader and then travel to Middleboro on Friday and then to Abington next Thursday.

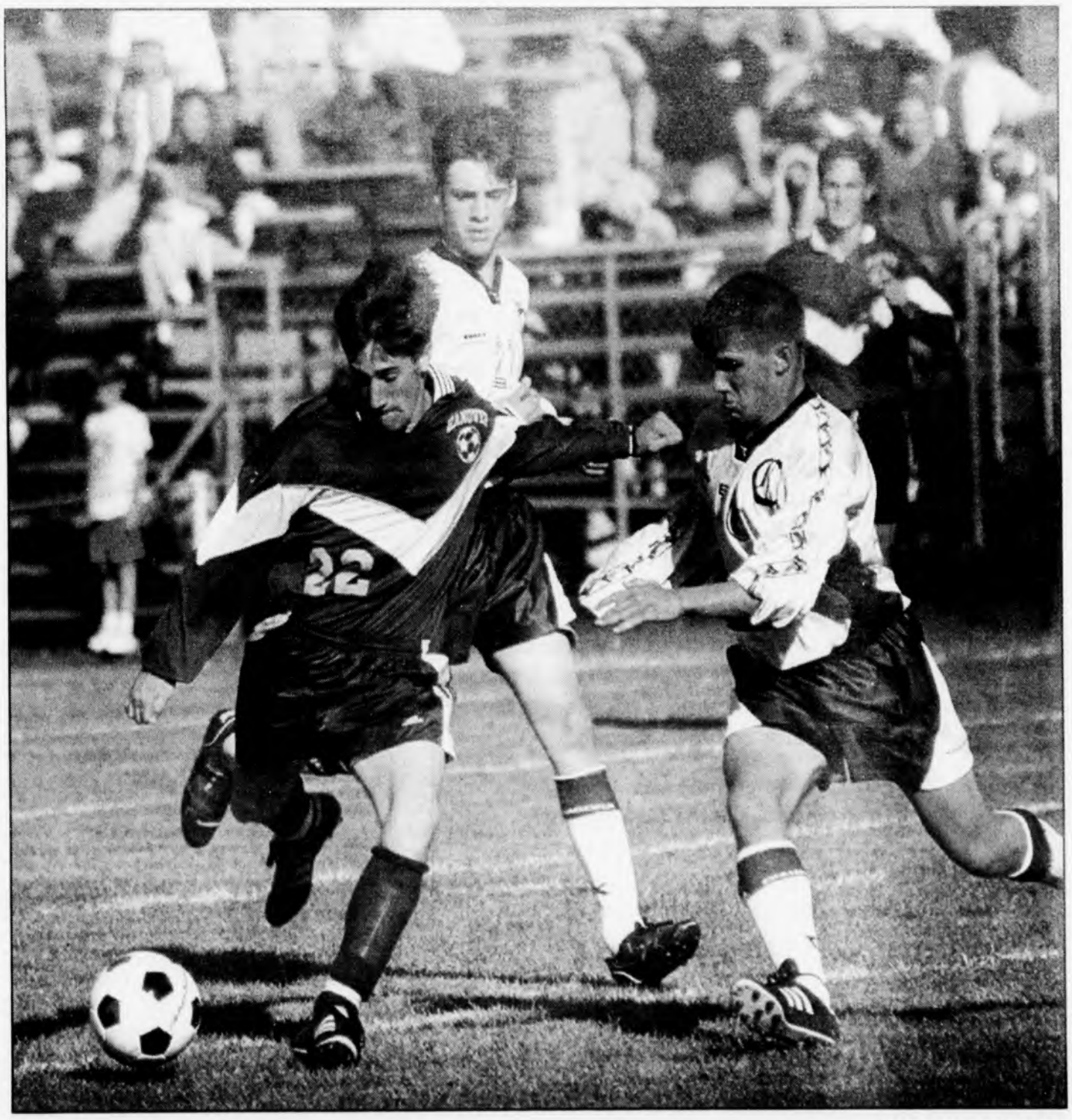
As they got through their South Shore League schedule the second time around, Martell said opponents should bank on seeing a different Skipper squad than the first run through.

""We are a different team now and we are a better one at that," said Martell. "Ever since that tie with Hull we seemed to jelled much better as a unit. We are working together, playing crisper and everything just seems to be a little bit more effective that it was earlier in the year.

"This team hasn't given up on the tournament yet," he added. "We need to win some game, but we still think that we are going to be in the hunt."

To stay in the hunt, the Skippers are going to need continued production from top scorer Steve Sceery as well as the continued strong play from their top defensive unit, also known as Three Ben's and a Baird.

"There's not really a superstar player there, but they work very well together and are very good at covering for one another," said Martell of Ben Bixby, Ben Littauer, Ben Peterson and Mike Baird. "They do a good job of working together as a unit."



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Devin Bulck (#21) and Mike Baird close in on a Hanover attacker.

Gridders hope to get back on track tonight

Skippers washed away by Green Wave

By Tony Costello
CORRESPONDENT

If Christopher Columbus had encountered such foul elements that the local high school football teams faced this past holiday weekend, would there be a New World today?

Would there be a Columbus, Ohio? If not, then the Buckeyes could not possibly hold the number one ranking in college football. There would be no Columbus Clipper baseball team that the New York Yankees could have recalled the now legendary Shane Spencer up from.

Not to fret, dear reader. The local gridiron action went one as planned, with some slight delays. Abington's Green Wave football squad had to wait a couple of days, but for their opponent, the Cohasset Skippers, they could not delay the inevitable-a 20-6 South Shore League loss to the Green Wave.

Marcus LaPointe navigated his way through the sloppy conditions at Memorial Field in a manner that Columbus could appreciate. LaPointe picked up 133 yards rushing along with a pair of touchdowns as the Green Wave improved to 2-0 in the SSL, 3-1 overall.

The Skippers fall to 0-2 in league play, 1-3 overall. They look to get back on the winning side of things tonight (Thursday) when they host Norton in a special mid-week matinee. Kick-off is at 5 p.m.

Cohasset did manage to keep things v-e-r-y i-n-t-e-r-e-s-t-i-n-g, as Arte Johnson was once fond of saying. (No, he didn't serve in Columbus' crew.) The Skippers actually led for most of the first half, compliments of their talented sophomore tailback, Daniel Trowers.

Trowers ran one in from eight yards out and Cohasset led 6-0 in the first quarter. But that initial drive proved to be Cohasset's last threat. Abington's defense shut down Cohasset the rest of the way, not yielding another first down until the waning seconds of the game.

Cohasset clung to their advantage and had the Green Wave pinned deep in their own territory, at the 15 to be exact. But a 42-yard dash by Dan Miller ignited the hosts. QB Mike McCreary's sneak from the one capped off the drive. Chuck Alexander's PAT gave the Green Wave a lead they would not relinquish.

Abington dried off (as much as possible) and proceeded to wash away any hopes that the Skippers may have entertained about reclaiming any momentum. On the second play from scrimmage in the third quarter, LaPointe took off and outraced the Cohasset secondary for a 57-yard touchdown run and a 13-6 Green Wave lead.

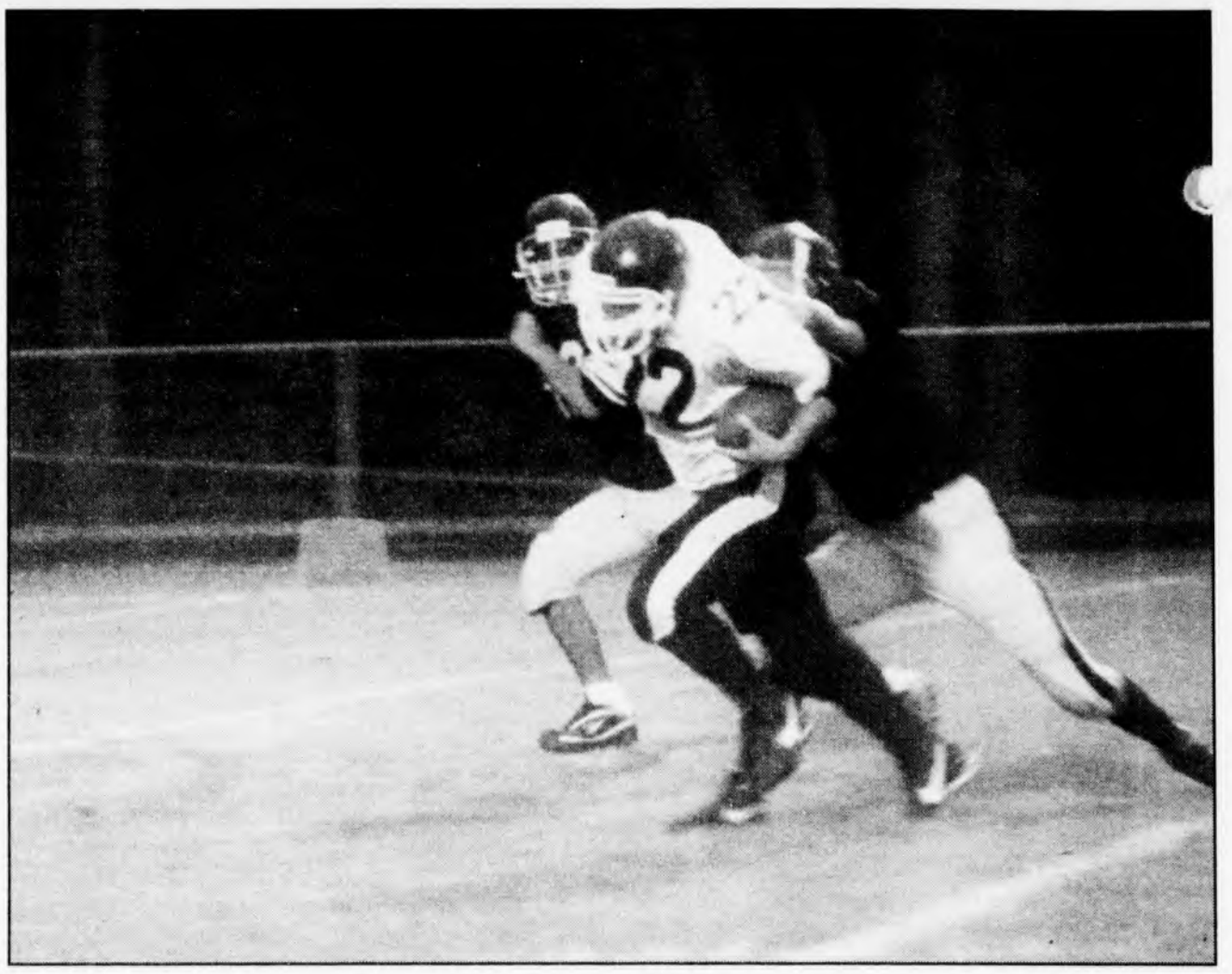
LaPointe had a hand at both ends of the final Abington touchdown. His brutal hit forced a Cohasset fumble that was pounced on by Jon Watters (the most appropriately named player in this contest). LaPointe capped off the 30-yard drive with a plunge from the one. Alexander nailed the PAT and that was it for Cohasset, who fell to 0-2 in league play.

UP NEXT: Abington will make the trek to the northern tip of the South Shore League on Friday night, taking on the Hull Pirates with the kickoff set for 7:00 PM. The young Pirates feature a talented running back in Adam Littlefield. SE Brian McNamara is a deep threat in the Hull attack.

The Pirates got whacked by defending SSL champ Norwell last week, suffering a 34-14 setback. McNamara hauled in a 70-yard touchdown pass for the Pirates in the loss. Hull was victimized by Brian Fabrizio, who ran for 200 yards and tacked on four touchdowns as well.

AROUND THE SSL: Carver waited until the fourth quarter to make things happen, exploding for all of their points in the final ten minutes to take a 22-0 non-league win over Savio Prep.

Hanover got a combined 209 yards rushing from Andy Breda and Joe Murphy as the Indians routed the Norton Lancers, 24-0.



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Fullback Justin Golden ties to break a big run into the open field.

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Beal adapts well to rigors of coaching

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proach, getting on the field and taking part in as many drills as possible. She enjoys the closeness of the team [illegible] seeing the girls outside of the classroom environment.

"Just being with the kids and trying to teach them is a blast," Beal said. "They're out of school, more laid back and a lot of fun."

More importantly, Beal teaches her players without instilling the approach she took during her playing days. Each athlete, she knows, is different and not looking for the same thing from soccer.

"I'm a very competitive person and I hate to lose," Beal said. "But you can't coach like that. I want to give the kids the opportunity to excel and to have fun."

Beal believes the difference between coaching at the varsity level, compared to JV to be huge. Freshmen, for the most part, are coming off a youth program and the key is dealing with different maturity levels.

Beal has found that the great soccer player have one move that they do very well. All their moves with the ball grow from that move. During the first week of practice, Beal worked with the players on individual skills, with the goal of finding one each player was comfortable with "and growing from there."

Beal admits the team goes through some "bad days" because of the quality of competition it plays against. But she can't help but be encouraged by the players' enthusiasm on the field and desire to get better.

"They want to win," Beal said. "They're a team and do everything together. Cohasset's such a small school. You're not dealing with a thousand kids."

And as much as she likes coaching the game, Beal would love to be back on the field, helping to lead her team to victory.

"I'd definitely go back to college and do it again," she said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Major League 1999 Team assignments

On Sept. 27 the annual CYBA Major League Tryouts were conducted at Barnes Field, North Main Street, Cohasset.

The CYBA is pleased to announce the 1999 team assignments as a result of that event.

A's - Tyler Kennedy, Austen Lanzillotti, Zach Murray and Michael Plomondon.

Cardinals - Conor Holway, Josh Lambert, Sam MacDonald, Nathan Needle and Tim Smith

Dodgers - Chris Davis, Jared Kinch and Nick Zappolo.

Pirates - Justin Alexander, John Coffey, Zach Etkind, Corbin Faber, Andrew Jerz, Stefan Parnell, William Pinkus and Ryan Poh.

Rangers - Fletcher Smalzel and Brandon Smith

Red Sox - Davis Brown, Tyler Brown, William Carbone, Patrick Horigan, Daniel McCarthy, Chris Pescatore and Steven Simmons.

Indoor golf lesson registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for beginner level instruction in golf, to be taught by golf pro, Dan Neary. Classes are held Thursday evenings at the Cushing Elementary School gym, Scituate, beginning Nov. 5.

Lessons are five weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly at a cost of $65 per person.

Classes are limited to eight people and registrations are accepted on a first enrolled basis.

Should you require the use of golf clubs for the classes please indicate this at the time of your registration and you will be loaned clubs free of charge.

Openings remain in the 7 p.m. and the 8 p.m. classes.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 383-4109.

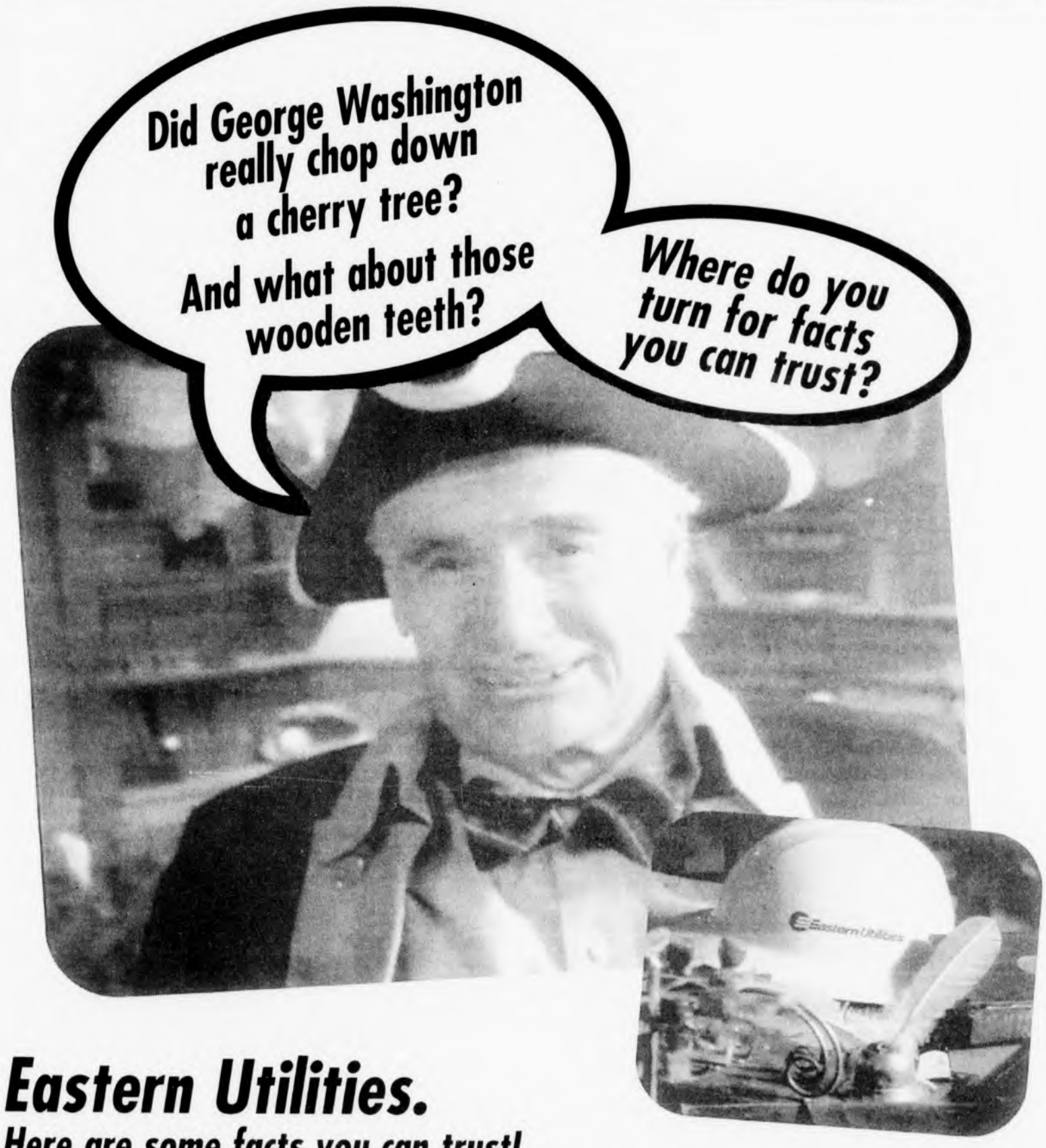
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Men's Over 35 Basketball — Gates Jr. High School, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 9 p.m.,to May 27, 1999, $25 payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

Adult, Advanced Co-ed Volleyball — Gates Jr. High School, Wednesday, to May 26, 1999, $25, payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

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Welcome to the year of the running back



EXTRA POINTS

By Mike Hardman

You know the names.

It's hard not to if you are a high school football fan.

Just listen for awhile and you'll hear the names of the top running backs on the South Shore.

And there's a lot of good ones this year.

Dave Seger: He is Duxbury High's one person wrecking crew.

Norwell High's Brian Fabrizio: He is the top scorer in the state these days.

And they are only two.

You can throw Marshfield's Marquisse Silva into the mix. Coaches and players alike fear him with the ball in his hands.

Don't leave Hanover's Andy Breda out of the picture although South Shore League coaches wish he would take a night off when it is their turn to play the Indians.

Abington coach Jim Kelliher would hate to think what life would be like without Marcus LaPointe, who is just a bull of a runner.

Don't forget to put Rockland's Rob Killinger on the list. Quietly, although how quiet can you be if you run for around 150 yards every Friday night, he has become one of the best for the 4-0 Bulldogs.

But listening to him after he ran for a touchdown and 174-yards on 17 carries as the Bulldogs ran to 14-0 win over Middleboro last Friday night at Battis Field, you wouldn't know it.

Killinger says he's having a "pretty good" season, but he would much rather talk about his offensive line. That's a smart move if you're a running back and this is one senior who is pretty bright about football.

"The line was great," he said. "We all like to run behind them. We have a lot of confidence in them. They are experienced, physical and they were tough."

Rockland head coach Ken Owen is also a pretty smart guy. He knows that when he needs to have his team eat up the clock and collect yardage, it's a very good idea to give the ball to the 5 feet, 10 inch, 205-pounder. That's what he did in the fourth quarter of the Middleboro game. Rockland was clinging on to a 7-0 lead with 7:48 left in the game, but by the time, Killinger ran for his 14-yard score, there was only a 1:38 left in the game.

"I was happy to see Rob score," said Owen. "He worked hard for the last touchdown and we wanted him to get one."

Killinger doesn't sprint away from defenders, like a Fabrizio or Seger does. Instead, he runs over them and through them.

"You're not going to arm tackle him," said Mike Thibeau. "He's strong."

Thibeau knows little bit about tackling as a former defensive back at the University of Rhode Island. He was also in charge of taking care of all the bumps and bruises that Killinger that inflicted on the Sachems on Friday night as he was filling in as the trainer at Middleboro High.

Four games into the season, Killinger has left Abington, Marshfield, Scituate and now Middleboro, battered after he was done running over them.

He likes contact. This is one running back, who isn't looking to see his name next to 80-yard touchdown runs.

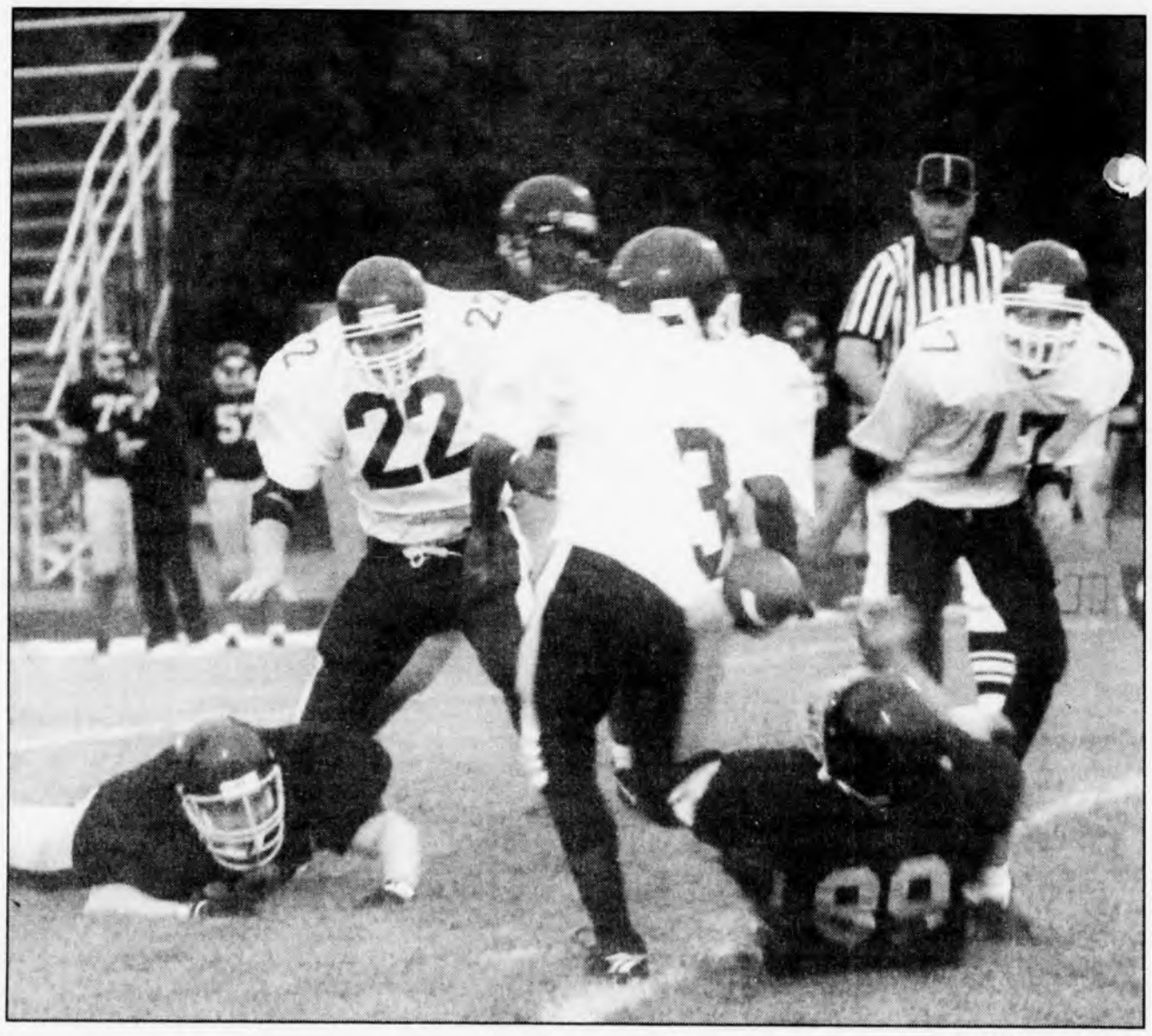
There is only one stat that he is concerned about. When Killinger runs with the ball, he is just looking 10 yards ahead.

"The first downs were big," said Killinger. "That's what we try for. We don't have the breakaway back."

But, they do have a back who is looking straight ahead.

"It's been going pretty good so far," said Killinger, "(but) it's still a long season."

And he'll take it 10 yards at a time, thank you.



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Sophomore Daniel Trowers, seen here trying to break out of a tackle against Latin Academy, has exploded onto the scene this season as one of the top running backs on the South Shore.

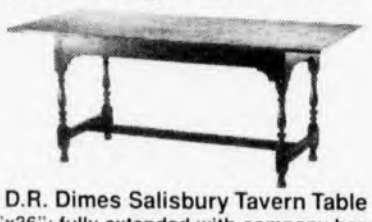
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Varsity Girls Soccer

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10/16	at Middleboro	3:30
10/22	at Abington	7:00
10/26	Randolph	5:00

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Football

10/15	Norton	5:00
10/23	Nauset	6:00

Sunday Morning Football is back.

Attention all football heroes. Sunday Morning Football returns once again this Sunday.

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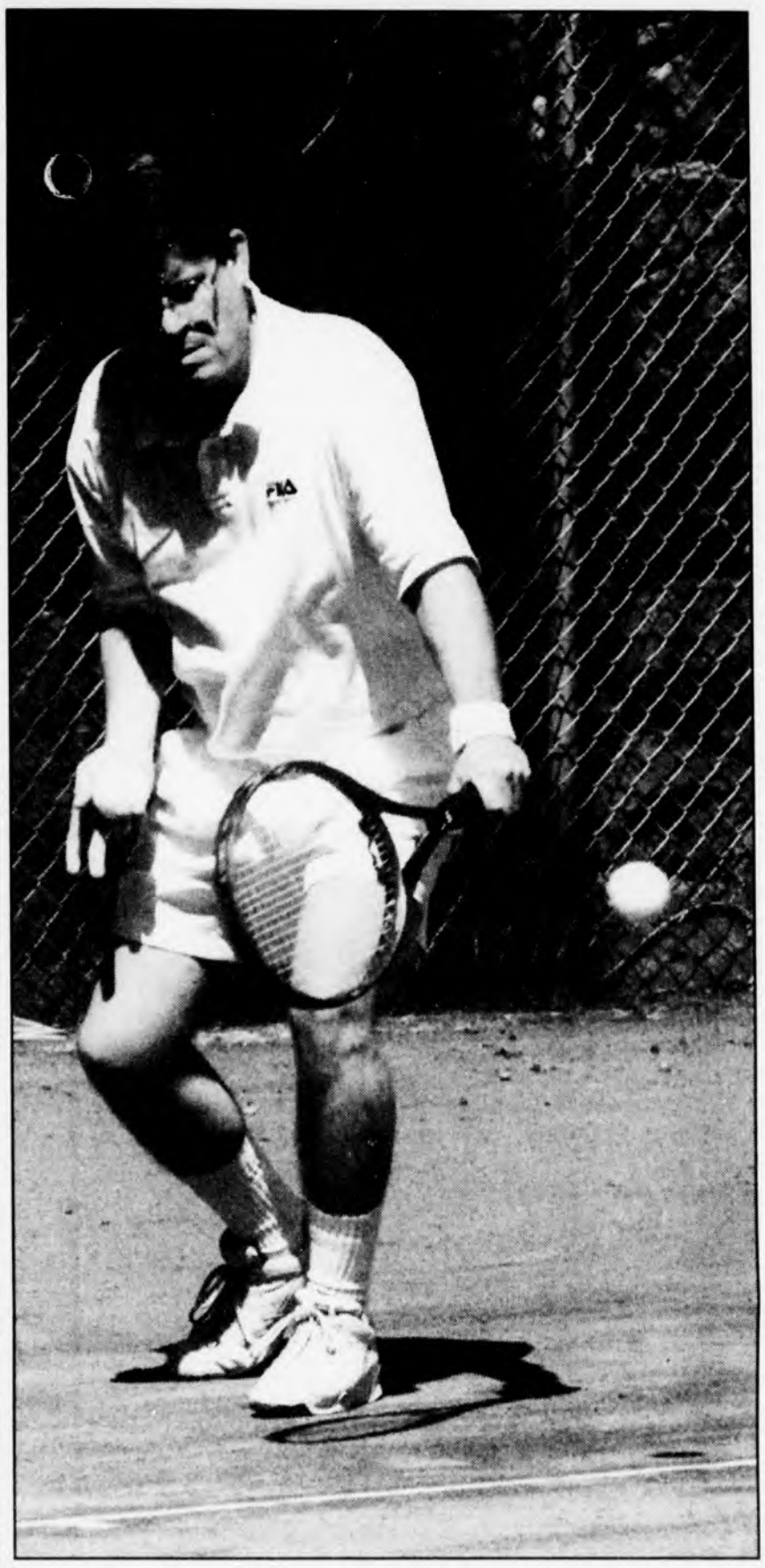
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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Deer Hill hat project underway

By Ann Berman
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

Deer Hill students and seventh graders are knitting hats for the Plymouth Area Coalition For The Homeless. They are knitting warm wool hats which will then be sent to a homeless shelter for men, women and children, located in Kingston. Students are being taught to knit simple wool hats at Afterschool Art on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and seventh graders, who learned to knit last year, are knitting away, too.

They now have 54 completed hats and are working, every day, to add more to the collection. Parents, grandparents and members of the community are welcome to knit hats as well, and the simple instructions are available at the Deer Hill School.

Last year, Deer Hill students knit 184 wool hats for Rosie's Place, a Boston area homeless shelter. At Christmas time, with the kind help of parent volunteers, we drove all the students to Rosie's Place to deliver the hats. They hope to make at least as many for the Plymouth shelter and would appreciate your support.

Completed parent/grandparent/community member hats should be labeled and brought to the Deer Hill office.

If you have questions about this project I can be contacted at Deer Hill School, 383-6115.

Commended students in the 1999 Merit Program

The principal, Curtis S. Collings, Jr., of Cohasset Middle and High School announced that Lucius K. Caldwell, Benjamin T. Littauer, James V. O'Sullivan, Stephen M. Reynolds, and Steven R. Sceery have been named Commended Students in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

Some 34,500 Commended Students throughout the nation are being honored for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards to be offered next spring, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 1999 Merit Program by taking the 1997 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

AP Scholars named at CHS

Nine students at Cohasset High School have been named AP Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations. Approximately 23 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP Examinations. Only about 13 percent of the more than 635,000 students who took AP Examinations in May 1998 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams (or their equivalent semester-long courses and exams). At Cohasset High School:

Three students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Kathleen Buckley, John Flanagan, and Alison Kinchla.

Six students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grade of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Jane Flaherty, Amanda Gontarz, Lindy Holway, James O'Sullivan, Andrew Ross, and Kelly Tufts.

AP Examinations, which students take in May after completing challenging college-level courses at their high school, are graded on a 5-point scale (5 is the highest). Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit and/or placement for grades of 3 or higher, and more than 1,400 institutions award a year of credit (sophomore standing) to students with a sufficient number of qualifying grades. There are 32 AP Examinations offered in 18 subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice and free-response (essay or problem-solving) questions.

Ripley Media Center upgrades

Recent improvements at the Ripley Media Center at Cohasset Middle High School have upgraded the look of the facility. A new rug, clean painted walls and a new library media specialist have contributed to the changes. Joan Gallagher, a veteran of both public and school libraries, has set her goal for this year. She wants to expand the materials collection and work with staff and students to use both traditional and newer research tools to their fullest.

Parents or other Cohasset residents who would like to volunteer to assist with ongoing, as well as, special projects are invited to call the Ripley at 383-2447 for details.

Volunteers sought for school library

Parents or other Cohasset residents who would like to volunteer to assist with ongoing, as well as, special projects at the Cohasset Middle/High School Ripley Library Media Center are invited to call 383-2447 for details.

LIBRARY CORNER

Flowers at the Library

The flower arrangement now displayed on the main service desk in the rotunda of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library were given in memory of Wilma H. Husband, of Springfield and Orleans, who died in July,

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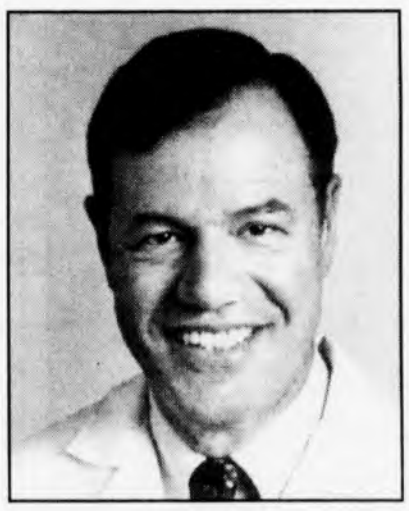


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Winner of television, film, and stage acting awards in both the 1950's and the 1990's, *Twelve Angry Men* will be presented in a revised version that makes use of a jury composed of both males and females on Oct. 16-18 by the Drama Workshop at Cohasset High School.

Adding to the tension of *Twelve Angry Men and Women* is the fact that the audience will all be in the jury room (or at least as near to the actors as possible) because they will be seated on-stage in a theatre-in-the-round set-up with nobody more than ten feet from the jurors as the play unfolds.

Drama Workshop director Ron Emmons feels that this plays demands this type of staging.

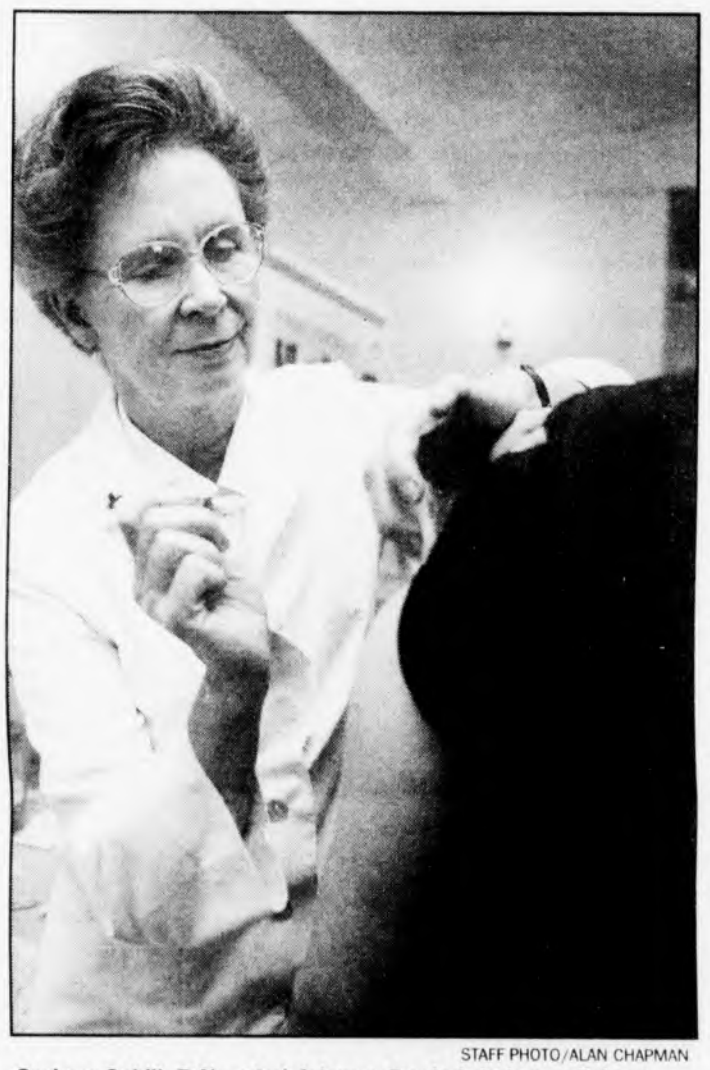
"There should be no tricks here, " he said. "The play only works if the audience feels that they are there as the tension builds. They can't escape the decision any more than the characters can."

Appearing in the cast are a number of Drama Workshop veterans including seniors Jordan Fiore, Ron Nicynski, Meredith O'Hayre, Jim O'Sullivan and Steve Reynolds, junior Grace Gardner, and sophomores Elizabeth Ingber, Julia Lovallo and Ashley Ulmer. Nicynski returns to the CHS stage as an actor following a year directing successful productions of *Annie* and *Into the Woods* for the Players by the Sea. Except for Nicynski, the veterans appeared in the joint British and American Through Our Eyes or Godspell last year with O'Sullivan and O'Hayre winning acting awards for their work on the Drama Festival version of *Through Our Eyes*. Making their CHS debut *Twelve Angry Men and Women* are seniors Ryan Long, Jake Motley, and Patrick Murphy, Stephanie Perkinson. Stage manager for the show is Liz Hassan.

Because of the intimate nature of this production only 60 seats will be available for each performance. Tickets may be purchased for $5 from any cast member. They may reserved on-line at EmmonsR@aol.com but will only be held at the box office until one half-hour before show time. *Twelve Angry Men and Women* will be performed at 8:00 on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16 and 17, with doors opening at 7:30 and at 7:00 on Sunday, Oct. 18, with a 6:30 opening. The audience is reminded that all seats be general admission so that early arrival is advised.

Later this month the Drama Workshop will again perform with six students from Southend (England) High School for Girls in a new dramatization of Edgar Lee Masters' *Spoon River Anthology*. In January a revised version of *What You Will*, a comedy by the Workshop director based upon Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* will be presented and will be repeated as the Cohasset High School entry in the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival in late February.

IT'S HAPPENING



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Corinne Cahill, R.N., administers a flu shot during a clinic at the Second Congregational Church. The clinics are sponsored by the Social Service League and Board of Health.

October flu clinics planned

The Cohasset Board of Health and the Social Service League announce the October Flu Clinics:

It's time to "winterize and immunize!" The best way to protect yourself from the flu is a yearly flu shot. Who should get a flu shot?

People who are 65 or older.

Children or adults with chronic lung disease, heart disease, diabetes or other chronic health problems. Children or teens who, for medical reasons, take an aspirin every day.

People who live with or take care of someone who is at risk of getting the flu (health care workers, primary care givers, etc.)

Anyone wanting extra protection during the winter months from the current flu strains.

There is one remaining flu clinic specifically for seniors:

Friday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to noon at Harborview, 60 Elm St.

Community flu clinics for all Cohasset residents are: Saturday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.; Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.; andTuesday, Oct. 27, 7 to 9 p.m. at Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Ave.

Note: Please wear a short sleeve shirt.

Any seniors who have not received the pneumonia vaccine or who have not had a tetanus booster for 10 years or more, may call the league office at 383-0771 or 383-0821 for our walk-in clinic hours. All vaccines are free for Cohasset residents.

Halloween Fair set for Oct. 25

Spooks and cartoon characters of all shapes, sizes and ages will want to be ready to take to the Common Sunday, Oct. 25 when the annual South Shore Community Center Nursery School Halloween Fair steps off with it's traditional costume parade at 1:30 p.m. Little ghosts and goblins will want to stay around until the fair's end at 3:30 p.m. to try their hands at enchanting games of skill and luck, special craft activities, the moon walk, playport, goblin target game and of course lots of refreshments.

Tickets for all games and activities may be purchased throughout the day on the Common. Tickets are three for $1 with most games and activities requiring two or three tickets to participate.

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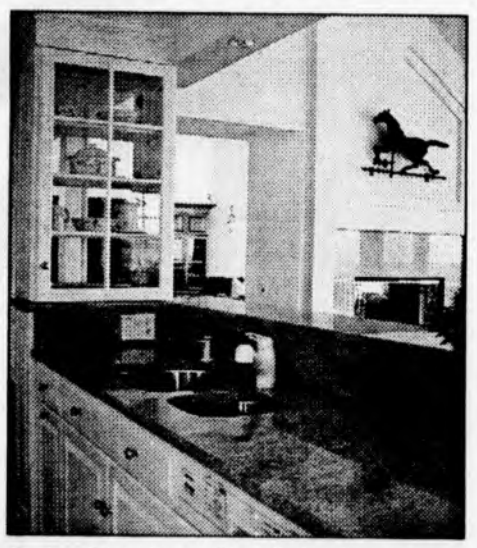
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DOCKET NO. 98P2303EP

Estate of JOHN H. BURNS
late of COHASSET
In the County of NORFOLK

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that ANNA F. BURNS, of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK be appointed executrix named in the will without surety on the bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on **November 12, 1998.**

In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.

WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of September 1998.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
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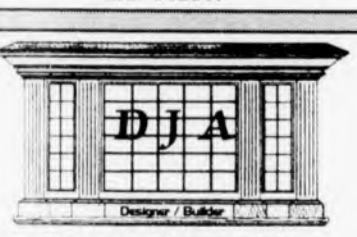
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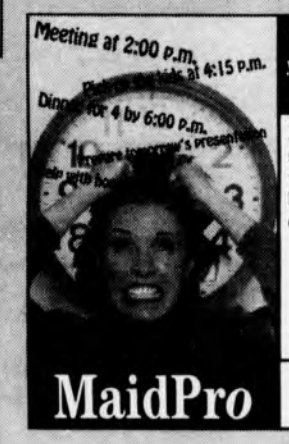
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OBITUARIES

Margaret A. DeRosa

Margaret A. (Pizzimenti) DeRosa, 73, of Cohasset, a retired secretary, died Wednesday, Oct. 1, at home.

Mrs. DeRosa worked as an administrative secretary for the principal of Weymouth South High School for 17 years, retiring in 1987.

Born in Boston, she lived in Weymouth most of her life and moved to Cohasset in 1977.

She graduated from Girls High School in Boston and attended Northeastern University.

Mrs. DeRosa leaves her husband, Anthony P. DeRosa; two sons, Richard DeRosa of Cohasset and Robert DeRosa of Orange; a daughter, Linda DeRosa-Coakley of Cohasset; a brother, Paul Pizzimenti of Revere; a sister, Grace Smedberg of Malden; four grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church. Interment was in Woodside Cemetery.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset directed the arrangements.

POLICE LOG

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

1:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

1:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, arrest: Mark E. Warsheski, 35, 56 Surf Ave., Marshfield. Charges: Operating under the influence of liquor, operating a MV negligently so as to endanger, failure to stay within marked lanes and speeding.

1:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen, services rendered.

2:22 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious person, area search negative.

2:38 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious activity, departmental action.

9:45 a.m. Pond St., Fire (misc.), services rendered.

12:04 p.m. Atlantic Ave., burglar alarm.

1:32 p.m. Church St., vandalism, services rendered.

2:09 p.m. North Main St., officer wanted, services rendered.

2:37 p.m. North Main St., disturbance, gathering, peace restored.

6:39 p.m. Highland Ave., MVA, services rendered.

7:46 p.m. Beach St., fire, investigation, services rendered.

8:10 p.m. South Main St., disturbance, dispersed gathering.

8:34 p.m. South Main St., disturbance, dispersed gathering.

9:26 p.m. Sailing Club, disturbance, area search negative.

9:43 p.m. Fernway, disturbance, services rendered.

10:01 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, departmental action.

10:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, departmental action.

10:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, departmental action.

11:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, departmental action.

11:37 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, departmental action.

11:50 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

12:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious MV, referred to other agency.

12:59 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other PD, services rendered.

7:32 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, referred to other agency.

1:03 p.m. Black Rock Beach, assist other agency, services rendered.

3:01 p.m. Atlantic Ave., trespassing, dispersed gathering.

3:17 p.m. Pond St., suspicious auto, departmental action.

3:51 p.m. Ripley Rd., suspicious activity, departmental action.

5:57 p.m. Hammond Ave., animal complaint, departmental action.

8:47 p.m. Norfolk Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:22 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Schofield Rd., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:37 p. m. S. Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

MONDAY, SEPT. 28

12:23 a.m. Ripley Road, Suspicious auto, area search negative.

8:30 a.m. Ripley Road, Trespassing, departmental action.

10:06 a.m. Red Gate Lane and Fernway, General services, departmental action.

11:26 a.m. Lamberts Lane, Medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:16 p.m. Black Rock Road, Fire, investigation, removed hazardous material.

2:15 p.m. Ripley Road, Vandalism, investigated/report taken.

9:13 p.m. Lamberts Lane, Suspicious (other), area search negative.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29

7:25 a.m. Stockbridge Street, Medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:02 a.m. Cushing Plaza, Larceny by check, investigated/report taken.

4:54 p.m. Sohier Street, Medical aid, removed to hospital.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30

2:04 a.m. Elm Street, Assist citizen, area search negative.

6:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing HWY, Burglary/breaking and entering, investigated/report taken.

6:22 a.m. Stockbridge Street, Warrant arrest, departmental action.

7:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing HWY, Fire, structure, fire extinguished.

10:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing HWY and Beechwood Street, Assist other agency, services rendered.

11:12 a.m. Reservoir Road, Assist motorist, services rendered.

11:39 a.m. Lamberts Lane, Medical aid, removed to hospital.

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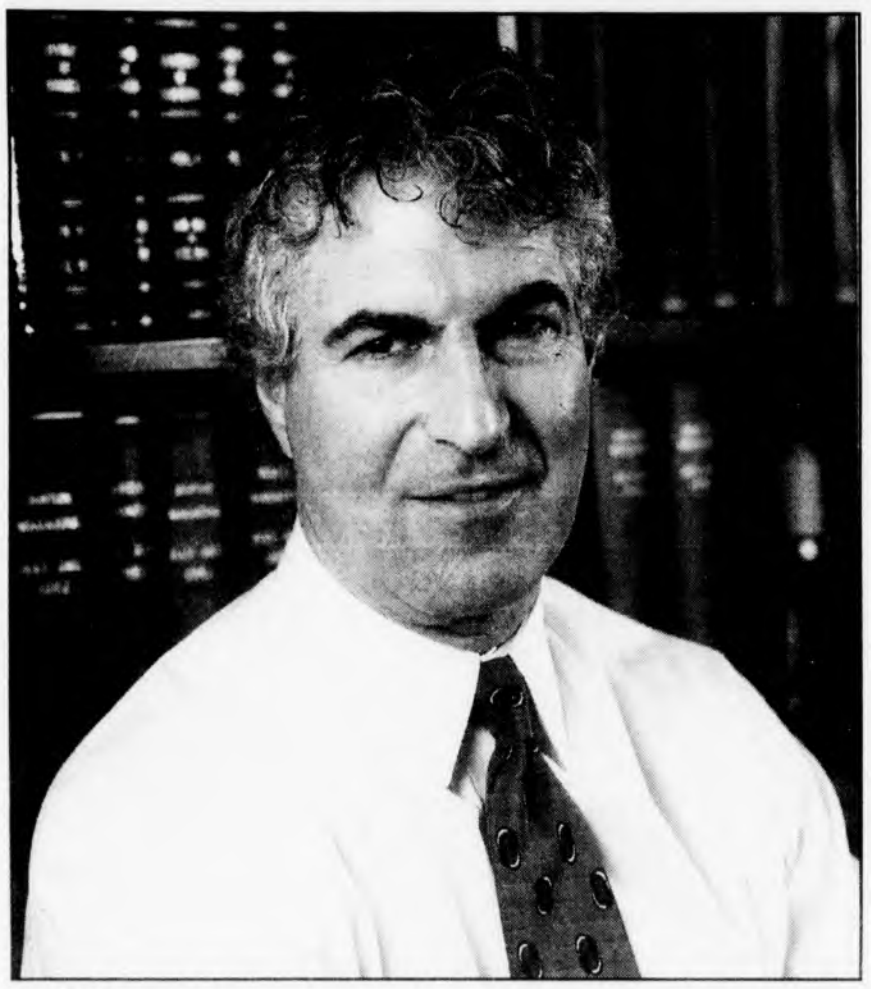
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Boston Magazine's Montgomery to return to radio



Tim Montgomery

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Cohasseter Tim Montgomery announced his plans to step down after 10 months as Boston Magazine publisher so that he can return to his original love, radio.

"By and large, it's been a wonderful experience and I've enjoyed it," he said, looking back on his foray into the publishing world.

When the owners of the magazine approached Montgomery a year ago, he was a little skeptical at first. "I'm a radio guy, but it seemed like an interesting and exciting venture."

During his time with the magazine, the publication ran some controversial pieces that stirred discussion among Boston and suburban residents.

The "Head Negro in Charge" headline used by the magazine for Cheryl Bentsen's featured article on Henry Louis "Skip" Gates Jr., chairman of the African American Studies Department at Harvard University stirred up debate in the African-American community and throughout the nation.

The phrase "Head Negro in Charge" is new African-American intellectual parlance for someone like Gates who "was effectively anointed premier black intellectual in the United States... and chief interpreter of the black experience for white America" by The New Yorker magazine editor, Tina Brown, according to Bentsen's article.

Indeed, Gates was named one of the "25 most influential Americans" by Time magazine last year.

Following the swirl of media coverage about the issue, magazine editor Craig Unger expressed his "regrets and genuine sorrow if I have inadvertently caused anyone any pain." Unger explained that he had discussed the headline with African-American friends and associates. "None of them found it offensive," he said.

Cohasset Interruptus was another unsettling article, with its perhaps too personal description of an inappropriate relationship between Michael Kennedy and a much younger local girl that also created some controversy for its very personal nature.

"That's all behind us," said Montgomery. "Some of the editorial issues, sometimes I would like to have been able to control more," he said. "But you can't do that or the magazine wouldn't have editorial integrity. You need to create an environment where the editorial people feel challenged to do their job. Still, that sometimes was a little frustrati- "

Montgomery is keeping [illegible] his future plans but hints tha[illegible] may be in radio, from which he ca[illegible].

"I've spent my whole career in radio," said Montgomery, who once owned a group of radio stations. "I kind of miss it. I'm reasonably certain I'll be returning to radio."

Montgomery explained that the pace is different in radio, with its daily deadline, as opposed to the monthly deadline of magazines.

During his tenure, he organized the sales department and brought revenue up higher than it had ever been. "I think I've worked in the community very hard to make people understand that Boston Magazine is an integral part of the Boston community. For someone who grew up in the area, I think that helped build trust with advertisers and community leaders."

"It's been a great year, working with a great staff and reporting on the life of a great city every month," said Montgomery. "I think we all had a good time."

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The Third Annual Cohasset Village Farmers' Market Harvest Folk Festival is Thursday, Oct. 15, from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Cohasset Common (rain date is Thursday, Oct. 22). Come and harvest some fresh vegetables, plants, flowers, herbs, breads, honey products, baked goods, lobsters, jams and jellies, homemade soaps and many crafts. Your children will have a great time enjoying the many activities such as Story Telling, by Diane Edgecomb; The B.J. Hickman Magic Show, Pony Rides, Hay Rides, Face Painting, Pumpkin Decorating, Scarecrow Decorating, Pumpkin Luminary, Gymnastic Demonstrations and a Village Scavenger Hunt. Enjoy fresh lobster, chowder and corn on the cob while listening to great folk music featuring singer/songwriter Mark Purcell, Chris McNeil and the Homemade Jamb String Band. Learn a few great harvest recipes from cooking demonstrations and you will not want to miss the Harvest Bounty Soup to benefit the Cohasset Food Panty. Donations for the Food Pantry will be accepted.

Concert on Sunday at the center

The South Shore Art Center will present a concert with David Dodson at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 18 as part of the ongoing series, Sundays at the Center. David Dodson is a singer from Maine by way of Texas. For this weekend Dodson will be joined by the "Swan's Island Boys," musical friends Dean Stevens, Doug Day, Denny Williams, Eric Kilburn, and Dillon Bustin. Admission to the concert is $10.

Sundays at the Center is an ongoing series produced by the Art Center featuring musical events one Sunday each month. The South Shore Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Road in Cohasset. For more information call 383-2787.

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Speedy special town meeting is hoped for

But it's unlikely, moderator says

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

If Town Moderator George Marlette has his druthers then Monday's special town meeting will run like clockwork.

But this is Cohasset where the venerable form of open town meeting government thrives and issues of all kinds can usually get an airing.

In his six years as moderator, Marlette has only presided over one town meeting — his first, a special town meeting in Oct. 1992 — that lasted only one night.

Still Tuesday, he was optimistic that this one — which gets underway at 7 p.m. Monday at the middle/high school auditorium — could also make it into the record books.

"I think we could have a stab at it," Marlette said.

"I will gavel the meeting to order the moment we have 100 bodies registered," he added about the required quorum before business can get underway. The meeting is scheduled 30 minutes earlier than usual and Marlette hopes voters will be prompt so all can take advantage of the extra 1/2 hour.

But Wednesday after what he described as a "grueling" 2-1/4 hour pre-town meeting session with town officials, Marlette conceded "it's going to be a two-nighter."

"We tried to resolve differences and simply the process," he said.

There are 30 articles — or items of

TOWN MEETING, PAGE 4

Old fire boxes up for grabs

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Residents may have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to get their hands on one of Cohasset's 112 fire boxes. Since the early part of this century, residents could report a fire by pulling the little white lever on one of pole-mounted fire boxes in town. Alarm boxes would alert fire fighters, who would respond to the box location and look for the fire or emergency. But it's a different world in 1998. Cellular telephones, beepers, faxes, e-mail, the Internet and the proliferation of communications equipment have made the little red boxes obsolete.

Alarm boxes would alert fire fighters, who would respond to the box location and look for the fire or emergency.

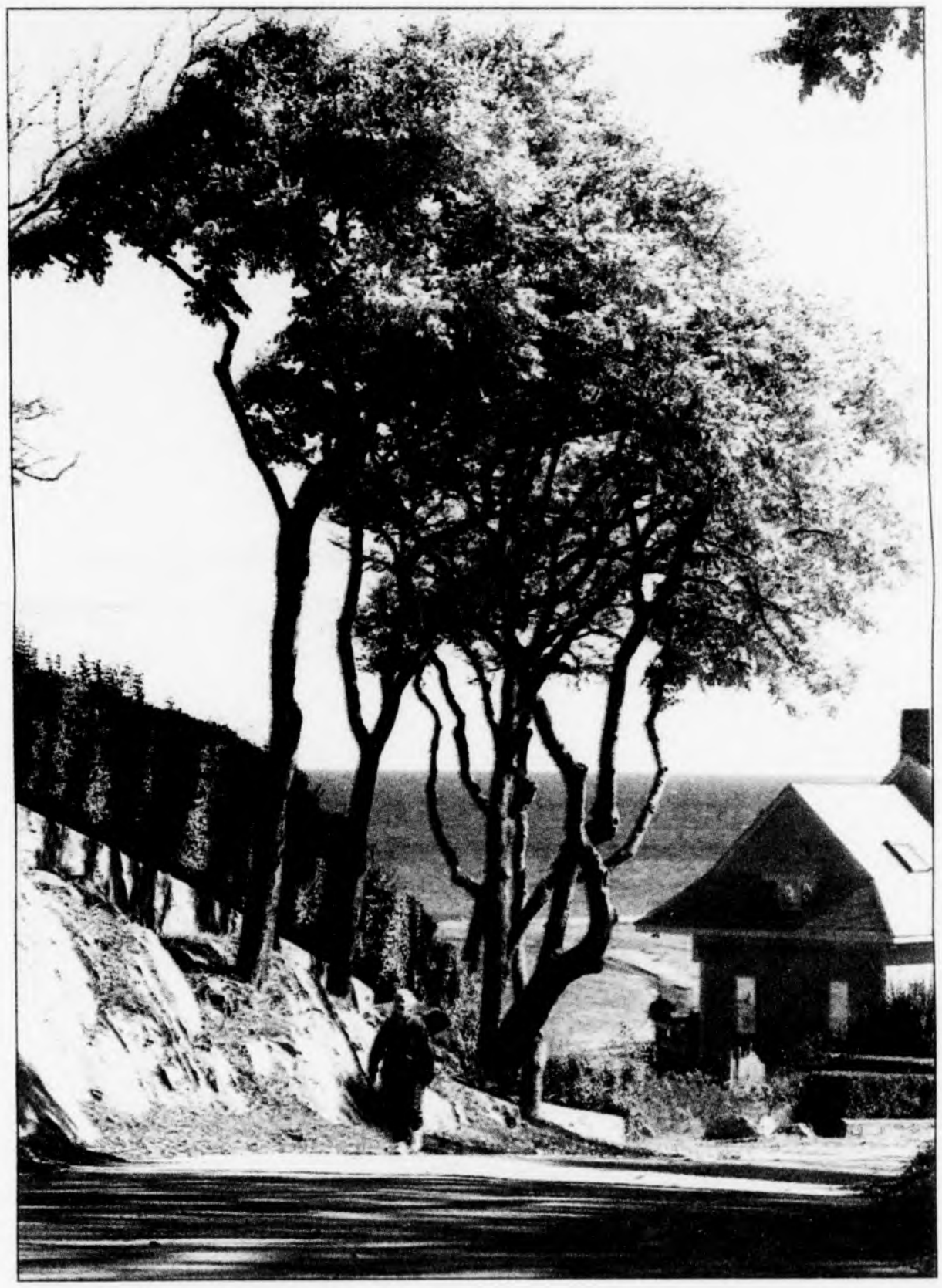
Now the boxes have been decommissioned and removed from telephone poles, leaving the town with a new problem: what to do with the little red devices. Selectmen are interested in seeing whether the public is interested in getting ahold of one of the red boxes, possibly for a fee or maybe at no cost. Residents interested in getting a box should contact the selectmen's office by mail as soon as possible.

Officially known as the "municipal fire alarm telegraph system," the pole mounted boxes and master boxes in commercial buildings have served the town well for decades. But few people have used them in the last decade, around the same time E-911 came into use. When a dispatcher receives a 911, the caller's name, address, telephone number, and apartment number appear on a computer screen. Even if the call is interrupted, the information is transmitted as long as a telephone connection is established.

When Fire Alarm Superintendent Steve Wigmore announced his plans to retire two years ago after 32 years on the job, the time seemed right to eliminate the boxes and the $65,000 in annual maintenance costs. Selectmen successfully petitioned the Legislature to eliminate the wire inspec-

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AUTUMN SPLENDOR



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Sister Barbara Feney of St. Joseph's Villa walks along Jerusalem Road on a beautiful fall day.

Victim's family sought suspended sentence

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Judge Mark Coven said he took the wishes of the victim's family into account when meting out the punishment for the driver in a fatal accident that occurred last spring in Cohasset.

William Leigh Atherton, 18, received 2-1/2 years supervised probation and loss of his driver's license for 10 years after pleading guilty to motor vehicle homicide by reckless operation at what was described as an emotional hearing before Judge Coven in Quincy District Court on Friday.

Atherton of Clay Spring Road was the driver in a June 9 car crash that claimed the life of his friend and Cohasset High School classmate, Bourke Corcoran just four days before graduation. Corcoran, 18, was killed when police said the 1995 Nissan 200 SX, Atherton was driving, careened out of control and crashed down an embankment on King Street.

Police said Atherton's car was traveling in excess of 70 mph - which is 40mph over the speed limit on the narrow, winding road — when the accident occurred at about 11 p.m. that night.

In addition to the 10-year loss of license, the district attorney's office had asked for 2-1/2 years incarceration, with one year served and the balance suspended with supervised probation.

A victim's impact statement was read before sentencing, District Attorney Jeffrey Locke's office said.

"The only reason the case did not go to trial is because the victim's

SENTENCING, PAGE 4

THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Open space and concom volunteers needed

The selectmen are seeking a number of local residents to serve on the open space committee. At Tuesday's meeting, selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she would like to see more citizen involvement on the open space committee. Selectman Tom Callahan also pointed out that the conservation commission is seeking alternate members. Anyone interested in the open space position or serving as a conservation commission alternate should contact the selectmen's office at 383-4105.

King Street speed limit gets partial approval

The Registry of Motor Vehicles has approved a posted speed limit of 30 MPH on King Street. But before residents get excited, they should understand that the Massachusetts Highway Department still needs to approve the posted speed limit, an unlikely event according to Town Manager Mark Haddad. Mass Highway rejected the town's request to ban truck traffic on King Street, a measure Haddad was sure the state agency would approve. Haddad said King Street does not meet the state's minimum requirements for a truck exclusion or a 30 MPH speed limit.

Selectmen approve town meeting articles

The selectmen have decided to support all three sewer articles—articles 11, 12, and 13— as well as articles 27 and 28 for school technology funding. One final article that was approved will request $7,086 to pay Town Counsel Paul DeRensis' office for an overdue bill from last year.

Harbor dock moratorium possible

The Cohasset Harbor Committee has asked the selectmen to place a one-year moratorium on new docks while members seek a grant to hire a consultant for a master plan. Harbor committee Chairman John Bertolami said the moratorium would apply only to new permits for docks for one year while his committee pursues the grant.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she was concerned that the moratorium might affect plans to reopen the Charthouse as the Atlantica Restaurant. Other members worried about how the plan would affect the Hagerty Property project. Bertolami said the moratorium would affect only the dock at the Hagerty Property, and he didn't believe that part of the plan would be ready within a year. But Bob Davenport pointed out that the Hagerty Committee could be ready to [illegible] dock permits in less than one yea[illegible]

Selectman Tom Callahan said he wasn't sure the town had the authority to place a moratorium on docks, which fall under state jurisdiction. McMorris asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to get a legal ruling from town counsel determining whether the town could implement a moratorium.

Absentee ballots available for state election Nov. 3

Absentee ballots for the State Election, Nov. 3 are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime on Monday, Nov. 2 at which time the office will be closed to prepare for the election. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only: Absence from the town during the hours the polls are open: Physical disability; and Religious beliefs which prevent voting at the polls on election day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, by fax or hand delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant. A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absent voter, sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Nov. 3 to be counted.

The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the OVAL to the right of your choice, follow directions as to the number of candidates for each office, and to vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line and completely fill in the OVAL.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

D & A drug hotline starts

The Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee is starting a new Drug and Alcohol Information and Referral Hotline on Tuesday, Oct. 27. Persons needing help with a drug or alcohol problem may call 383-4120. All calls are confidential, and staffed by a trained drug and alcoholism counselor on Tuesdays between 6 and 10 p.m.. On other days and at other times callers may leave a message.

The Drug and Alcohol Committee will post flyers throughout the town with the Hotline number on them.

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Schools gear up for information age

Phase II of school technology plan before town meeting

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Town officials pondered a wish list of computer technology at a multi-board meeting last week to bring Cohasset schools into the — well, '90s.

The $350,000 price tag attached to what is called Phase II of a four-part plan to bring Cohasset schools into the information age will go before voters at the Oct. 26 special town meeting.

Schools Supt. Edward Malvey said Cohasset needs to remedy the situation if its students are to be able to keep up with their counterparts.

"As a new superintendent coming through, I do have better manners than coming in at our first meeting and asking you for $350,000," said Malvey. "But I'm not so sure we're in the curve at all. We're hoping the funding will get us into the curve and maybe even around it."

Cohasset is not alone in facing expensive technology upgrades for its schools. Under the five-year-old Education Reform Act, school districts across the state must bring their schools technologically up to speed.

The Education Technology (ET) bond bill, submitted by Governor Weld in 1995, assumes that education technology is primarily a local responsibility, but that the state can provide incentives and leverage for local spending by making limited amounts of state money available; can use incentives to promote the drafting of high quality local technology plans in the service of education reform; and can provide central network resources as a safety net to ensure that no one is left out of the technology loop.

Indeed, the Department of Education granted a total of $54,000 for wiring and training in response to Cohasset school district's technology plan.

Ironically, Massachusetts is a high-tech state with schools that are woefully low on technology. Massachusetts ranks 39th in its number of computers per classroom and 49th in computer networks through school district buildings. While Texas annually allots $30 per student for technology, Massachusetts spends $6.

What technology ideally should do for students in this age of education reform is provide curriculum frameworks, enhance professional development and recertification and improve administrative efficiency.

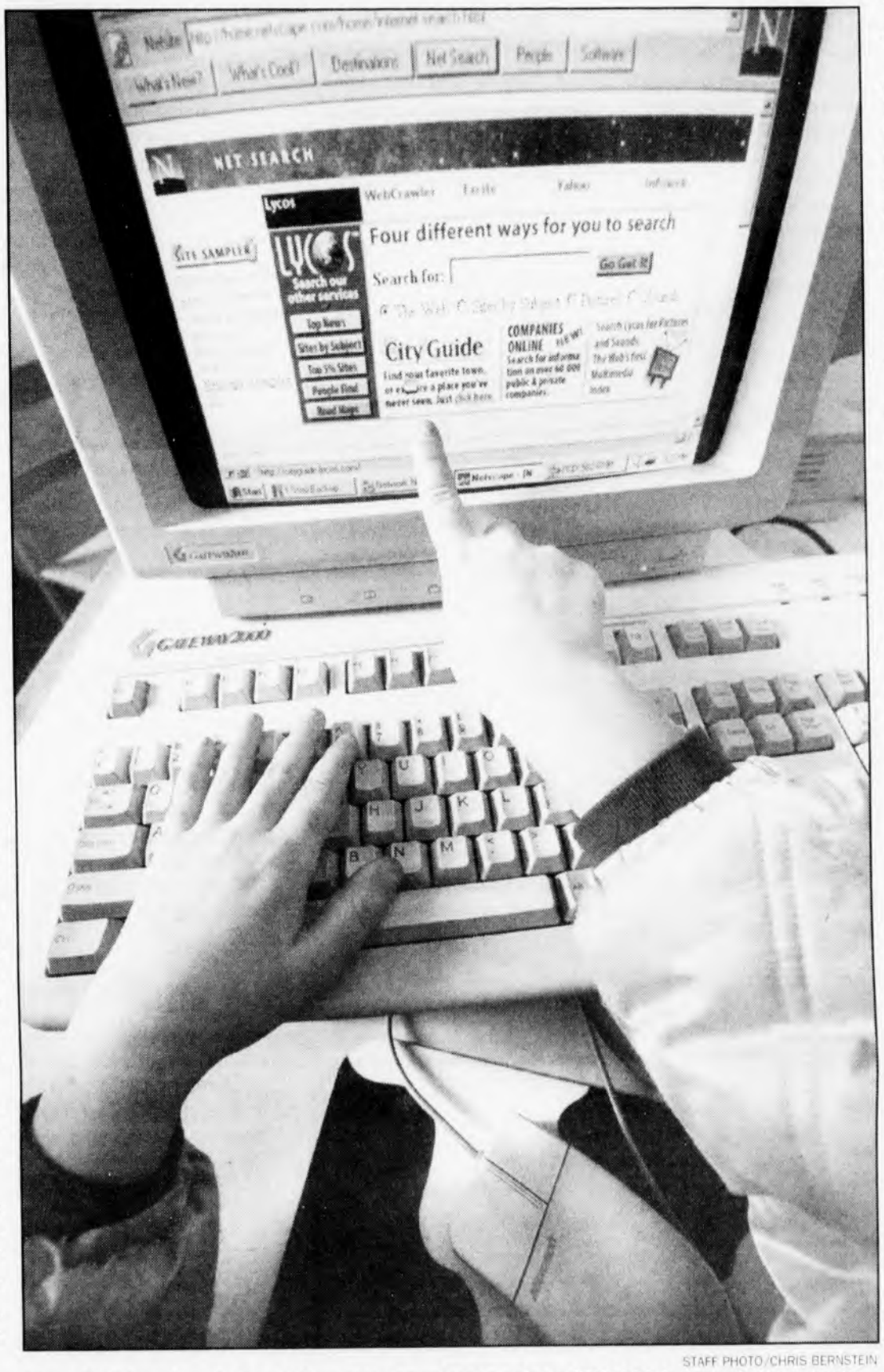
"According to a state Department of Education report from June of this year, Cohasset placed 209 out of 350 school districts, give or take a few," explained school committee member Joe McElroy, who is liaison to the education technology committee.

"The Department of Education is recommending that, as a rule of thumb for fiscal year '98, about $350 per student is necessary to support technology within a typical school district," he added. "We spent $88 per student last year. We're recommending less than $350 per student to do some catch-up. We're not gold-plating our request."

Last year, Cohasset voters approved $100,000 for Phase I to wire the Deer Hill and middle-high school, setting the stage for high-tech computers and software considered at Thursday's meeting which included selectmen, the advisory committee and capital budget committee in addition to the school committee.

The schools will need to spend a grand total of $800,000 over four years to fully implement the Education Technology Committee's plan.

Article 27 on the Oct. 26 Special Town Meeting warrant requests $200,000 to purchase equipment and Article 28 requests $150,000 for a "multi-year basis computer hardware, software and related equipment, including training."



STAFF PHOTO/CHRIS BERNSTEIN

The school department will ask town meeting voters to ante up $350,000 to upgrade the schools' computers.

The articles were split in two so that more money wouldn't be borrowed than needed and so that there would be flexibility to do more than just buy equipment. "Certain items that have longevity are good to buy but others might be better leased," explained McElroy. "We split our request into two articles so we would have the flexibility to do more than just buy equipment."

According to Malvey, the PCs will be used in class, library and lab settings. The new technology would allow the schools to link into on one comprehensive system, allowing easier communication and management. Teachers will use e-mail for easier inter-office communication and can also retrieve lesson plans from the Internet. Students will learn how to use the Internet to research subjects and problem-solve. Video, CD ROM and televised instructional programs will be able to be seen by all students in the different school buildings.

"We need to do more to make our students competitive because they will be sitting beside students in college who've come from high schools with updated technology."
— Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey

The new technology will bring Cohasset students up-to-date in the academic world.

"Any of us who have put kids through college know that computers have changed college in terms of learning," said Malvey. "Computers are now used as a selling point, such as a computer-to-student ratio. We need to do more to make our students competitive because they will be sitting beside students in college who've come from high schools with updated technology."

"The state Department of Education Technology Department encourages a ratio of four or five students to one computer for the last couple of years as part of its education reform policy," said McElroy.

Currently, Deer Hill has six classroom computers, four administration computers and 22 lab computers. Under the proposed Phase II request, there would be 18 classroom computers and seven administration computers, complete with software packages and Internet access.

The middle-high school has 30 classroom computers, 15 math lab computers, 11 library computers, 14 English lab computers and six technology lab computers. The Phase II money would add 25 Math lab computers, 25 humanities lab computers, 10 library computers, five technology computers, and 25 middle school lab computers, also complete with software packages. Furniture and installation will cost additional money.

Pre-kindergarten through third-grade students of the Osgood School will receive computers bought with what is left of its construction budget, once construction there is finished. The new school was already wired for Internet access.

These changes would bring the student-to-computer ratio for Osgood students to 9:1; the Deer Hill student-to-computer ratio to 6:1 and the middle-high school ratio to 4:1 at the end of the four-year technology program, according to school committee Chairman Rick Shea's calculation.

Capital budget committee member Stacey Weaver wanted to know about the research behind the $350,000 request.

"Did you research this?" asked Weaver. "Because for every dollar spent on hardware, there will be $4 to $5 on implementation."

"We have a number of technologically-savvy people in place now," explained Malvey, describing how staff will provide training to students and other faculty. "I've authorized the hiring of an additional aide for the year and a new system-wide director will also be brought on."

A within-budget computer installation package by Gateway computer company will help to the schools' computer system up and running.

"If both warrant articles are turned down by the town, I think you would have a situation that would be extremely disappointing to students, their parents and to the faculty," said Shea. "It would also be a potentially demoralizing situation."

Technology purchases have been put on hold for the last couple of years while the technology plan was put in place by wiring the schools for Internet accessibility. The schools are now hooked up, but lacking the computers to make use of the upgrade.

"The Education Reform Act pushes for use of technology in the curriculum through inquiry-based and discovery-based instruction rather than relying solely on lectures with note-taking," explained Shea. "Many of the kids are now doing this at home, but not all the kids have this access at home and they need to learn how to utilize the Net through teacher instruction at school."

Shea believes that getting the new computers to teachers is critical, not just for administrative purposes, but also because of the cost-savings involved in teachers updating their knowledge through research, sharing their findings with other teachers and holding computer-based "faculty meetings."

"More and more, teaching has become a profession of collaboration with special needs teachers, with other teachers in teams and with a curriculum coordinator," explained Shea. "Having a networked PC for these teachers will greatly improve their productivity and will allow teachers to collaborate without having to meet face to face, which is currently an issue with the teachers because of time issues."

There is also the morale aspect. A recent visit to Whitman-Hanson schools during the superintendent search brought school committee members face-to-face with the wealth of technology available to students in the less affluent town. Students attending a Mashpee athletic event this year were also wowed by the computer technology there.

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"These upgrades are being done all over the state and it would be very unfortunate if Cohasset were not also willing to get the second phase of this technology plan funded," said Shea.

"I'm optimistic, not just hopeful," said McElroy. "We really have to do this. It's part of our way of life It offers tremendous potential for both managing the school district more effectively and making more effective available curriculum resources and facilitating learning for students. I'm 100 percent behind catching up and giving Cohasset students a competitive edge."

Speedy special town meeting is hoped for

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business before town meeting — which include a handful of housekeeping matters, such as unpaid bills, which Marlette hopes to pass with a single motion to speed things up.

If history is a gauge, then the sewer articles could stir considerable debate. The sewer commission is asking the town to appropriate about $2.7 million to complete the North Cohasset sewer project. The money would be paid back entirely by the users but many expect an amendment to be launched from the floor which will ask taxpayers to pick up 50 percent of the cost.

Also on the agenda is the disposition of the old Osgood School. A majority of selectmen back selling the building to a private company, Keen Development Corp. of Cambridge, which will turn the former elementary school into condominiums for senior citizens.

Voters can expect a presentation from Keen as well as from the library trustees who are lobbying hard for the town to consider the school as the site for a new library. The trustees will ask town meeting for money to proceed with construction drawings for their project.

"The reuse of Osgood is a big issue."

SELECTMEN CHAIRMAN RONNIE MCMORRIS

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said she thinks Osgood will generate the most interest.

"The reuse of Osgood is a big issue," she said.

Voters will also be asked to accept a handful of private ways as town roads. There's a chance those on private ways left off the list will let their views be known. The town can't use state money to maintain private ways, many of which have been neglected over the years, a situation which upsets their residents who note they pay the same amount of taxes as those on town streets.

The school committee is asking for $350,000 for the second phase of the technology plan to gear the schools up for the 21st century by adding computers and software (see related story page 3). While the advisory committee, selectmen and capital budget committee have been briefed on the plan, some voters may wa[illegible]id h the issue explained before considering approval of such a large sum.

Marlette said he will likely adjourn the meeting at about 10:45 p.m. unless there is very little left to discuss. If the meeting goes to a second night, it will reconvene Tuesday in the high school auditorium

Victim's family sought suspended sentence

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family asked for 2-1/2 years with no incarceration," Judge Coven said.

"I tried to adhere to the wishes of the family through a very trying time. They wished to put an end to this and not go on to trial. Their wishes were predominant," he said. "I made it clear to both parties if they (Corcorans) were seeking incarceration, I would not accept a guilty plea."

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JUDGE MARK COVEN

Atherton's license cannot be reinstated for any reason within the ten years.

"There is no opportunity for hardship," Locke's spokeswoman Nina Flaherty said.

Atherton, whose lawyer is Daniel O'Malley of Quincy, also pled guilty to operating recklessly so as to endanger, for which he will undergo psychological evaluation and counseling. He was also guilty of failure to stay within marked lanes and speeding.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said in this case, probation is a more severe punishment than a suspended sentence because if the probation is violated, Atherton can be sentenced to the full 2-1/2 year term.

"If the Corcorans are satisfied with the sentence, then we're certainly satisfied," Noonan said.

The Registry of Motor Vehicles indefinitely revoked Atherton's license June 11. Before the June 9 accident, Atherton had had three speeding tickets and one written warning for speeding and had been involved in a single-car accident last winter. His license was suspended in Aug. 1997 for having three moving violations within a year. It was reinstated two months later.

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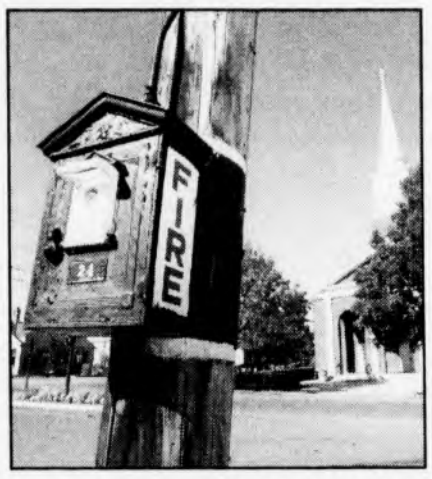
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Old fire boxes up for grabs



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Fire boxes used to be a familiar sight in town.

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tor's position, and Wigmore spent many of the waning days of his wire inspector's career removing the fire boxes.

Selectman Diane Sullivan said she wants to give away the boxes to residents on a first-come first-served basis. The selectmen did agree to give away one box to the Cohasset Historical Commission, either the device with the lowest number or the one the commission wants the most. If more than 111 residents apply for the remaining boxes, Sullivan suggested a lottery.

"I don't think we should charge residents," Sullivan said.

But fire boxes have some collector's value. Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris asked Town Manager Mark Haddad to gauge public interest and see if people would be willing to pay for the boxes. Haddad said that Hull decommissioned its boxes last year and was able to sell the devices to local fire fighters and to a company contacted through a trade journal.

Police department receives grants

Cohasset police received two grants this week.

A $12,081 grant from the state Executive Office of Public Safety will continue to pay for the town's PALS (Police Assisting Local Schools) program, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

Another state grant for $16,000 will support the department's fiscal year 1999 community policing program.

Noonan said the grant will continue to support the bike and marine patrols and pay for the addition of a police website which is being developed.

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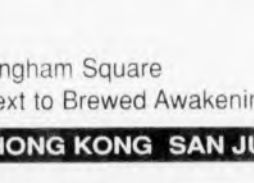
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St. Anthony's breaks ground for new center

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

A 10,500 square foot parish center at St. Anthony Parish is well on its way to becoming a reality. Construction workers broke ground on Oct. 15 and the ground has been stripped so work can begin on the foundation and building. The construction marks the end of a one-year effort by church officials to build the new parish center. Neighbors were concerned that the new building would exacerbate flooding in the area, but the church's architects considered those fears and presented a well designed plan. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill, pastor at St. Anthony's, said the construction company estimates it will take 240 days to complete the project.

"This will be the largest hall in town with capacity for 325 people," Mulvehill said. "We told all the different town agencies that it will be available for their use if they need to hold community meetings."

Mulvehill said he hopes the parish center will serve the whole community, but there is one snag. At Tuesday's selectmen's meeting, some members of the board delayed a request from Town Manager Mark Haddad to waive the building permit fees for the center. Haddad said he thought the fee was around $12,000, but he wasn't sure of the exact figure.

The parish center will add eight classrooms, a 2,352 square-foot auditorium, a religious education office, and a parish office.

"I thought we would waive the policy because they are a non-profit agency," Haddad said.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris asked Haddad to see what the town had done in the past about waiving building permit fees for non-profit agencies. Selectman Diane Sullivan asked Haddad to find out the exact fee and report back to selectmen at their next meeting.

Church officials have been working on the parish center plans for the past five years. St. Anthony Parish needs the center to accommodate increased membership at the church. On a typical weekend, more than 1,200 people attend mass at the church. Currently, St. Anthony's offers religious education classes to 650 children, yet has no formal classrooms for instruction. Classes are held in the church basement, the rectory, and the "crying room" in the back of the parish. Parishioners also need an auditorium for weddings, meetings, social gatherings and other church functions.

The parish center will add eight classrooms, a 2,352 square-foot auditorium, a religious education office, and a parish office. The new building will face Sankey Lane, and the architecture will match the exterior of the existing church.

St. Anthony Parish was set apart from St. Paul Parish in Hingham in 1886, according to a small history compiled by Mulvehill. He said a church dedicated to St. Anthony of Padua had been built in Cohasset in 1875 and parishioners from St. Anthony Parish used that structure as their house of worship for the next 89 years. In 1964, church officials built a new St. Anthony Parish at its current location on the corner of Summer and South Main Streets. Parishioners used the old church's basement for a meeting room until the building was demolished in 1979. Since that time, church leaders have known they needed to locate a new meeting place. In 1993, Father John Keohane, the late pastor of St. Anthony's, started planning the new parish center.



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At St. Anthony's groundbreaking are: Dave Kelliher (contractor), Ginny MacLeod, Paul Rooney, Fr. Mulvehill, Lucille McLoughlin, Joe Donahue and Brian Donahue.

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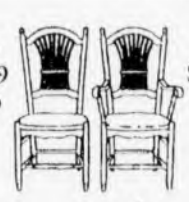
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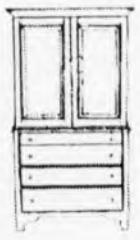

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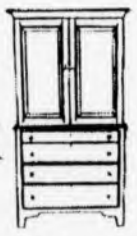

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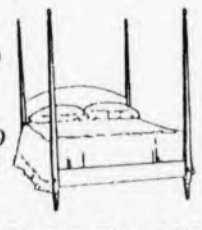

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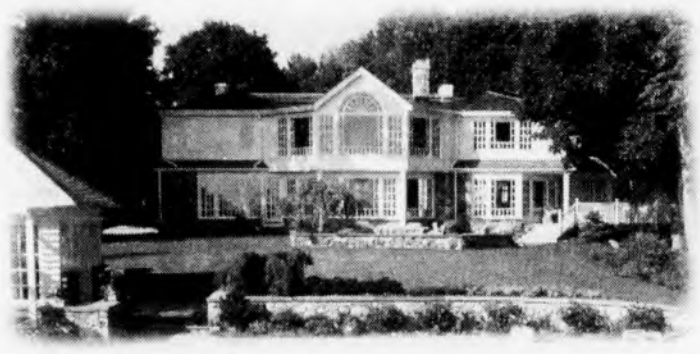
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Tinytown Gazette

Truths about Education Reform:

What Garrett Bradley doesn't want you to know.

...When we looked at Garrett Bradley's ad a little more closely this week, we were disheartened. Garrett's "facts" about Rep. Mary Jeanette's votes weren't wrong. Those were her roll call votes, exactly. But what he attempted to imply about Rep. Murray just wasn't true. And the only reason we knew it didn't ring true is because those facts are part of our early history.

Educational Reform, like the Tinytown Gazette, was in its infancy in 1993 - the details were still being debated and discussed. We went to those early meetings.

Rep. Murray may have voted the way Garrett said she did, but a lot of other democrats voted with Rep. Murray on those roll calls. The Reform sponsors just couldn't establish solid dollar amounts to fund the program. Here are a few of the locals: now former State Senator Brian McDonald (D, Weymouth), Janet O'Brien (D, Hanover) Vice Chairman of the House Committee on Education, Paul Haley (D) Chairman of Ways & Means Committee, Frank Hynes (D, Scituate, Norwell)

Also, Garrett's ad states that Rep. Murray voted against the increased state aid for public schools provided for in the Educational Reform Act.

In fact, **Rep. Murray voted to increase school aid over the original bill's figures** (the one she voted down) in an amendment which surfaced during the debate on Ed Reform.

She didn't like the aspect of a powerless school committee turning over all its hiring responsibilities to its employees, and she said that loudly and clearly at the time. She, along with the legislators who voted against the reform, knew Ed Reform would be doubly hard on middle class taxpayers living in affluent communities, because those middle class taxpayers would be paying up the ying yang for their own schools and everybody else's. History has proven Rep. Murray and her fellow democrats to be sages.

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...**We happen to know that Hingham and Cohasset school systems and taxpayers aren't all that happy with their Ed Reform lots. Their percentages are minimum compared to other towns.**

In fact, on the front page of a recent Fidelity newspaper, where Garrett probably got the figures for his ad, a headline appears stating:
SUBURBAN SCHOOLS STRUGGLE WITH EDUCATIONAL REFORM — Enrollment increases and spending caps put schools in pinch.

In fact, the slices of the pie may have gone up, but Educational Reform cut State Aid to the bone for suburban school districts.

Next Bradley factoid. Did Rep. Murray really vote to allow the diversion of taxpayer funds from the public school system to support private schools as Garrett claims? No, again.

She voted "Yes" to take the question to a referendum. She wanted to give the people in Massachusetts the opportunity to vote directly on this issue. Mary Jeanette feels strongly about giving her constituents their voice in their government. Only a ballot could have clarified the question.

In 1995 and again in 1997 MJM voted against additional funding for UMass because she felt school administrators were not controlling their budgets. The vote was 105 to 47 AGAINST. This was the same time Billy Bulger was anointed as chancellor at UMass...and attempted to build a plush UMass skyscraper office in Boston so he could be closer to all his old State House cronies. All the newspapers screamed.

We publishers do owe our readers our opinions every now and then. Seldom do we change anyone's mind, they respect us so little. But we do watch politics, and we are historical participants in the sense that we write about stuff, think about it, and have an historical perspective...

Tanna Kasperowicz
Oct. 19,1998
Publisher



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AROUND TOWN

THANK YOU, ANNA!

Anna Abbruzzese deserves every accolade possible for a job well done—what and ending to the Farmer's Market season! There was everything imaginable on the Common last Thursday, with every age group being fulfilled to the brim with happiness. The music was grand (Deer Hill Band was on hand), the games for the kiddos were oh-so-much fun, booths, raffles...the list goes on. Once again Anna outdid herself, and she should be proud. She always gives 110 percent, and we are the ones that benefit from all her hard work. Be sure that you tell her how appreciated she is when you see her "around town"!

AN INSPIRATION

While we are speaking about residents that do nice things for our town, how about **Mickey Patrolia** and his **wife**? They are spotted all over the downtown area, picking up litter and debris that has been scattered into brush and by the side of the road—the whole town parking lot and all the surrounding area is always spotless, and now you know who to thank. An inspiration to all, that's for sure!

LOOKING GRAND

The Cohasset Teachers Association held a reception for **Dennis Walsh** last week, thanking him for three years as their President. All is well with Dennis, who looks positively super, and he will be back at his teaching helm real soon. And, his hockey program is underway, so that should make everyone feel great!

SONNY'S IN TOWN

Sonny Lance is in town for a couple of weeks, and he is glad to be here! Sonny was a member of the CHS Class of 1959 who now lives in Tennessee; formally of North Main Street fame, where he was known as a "Northender" when they were growing up. If You haven't seen him yet, be sure to be on the "lookout", he would love to say hello to you and you can give him a welcome back hug!

ON THE MEND

We are happy to report that **Carl Sestito Sr.** is home resting comfortably, after recent surgery. He celebrated his 90th birthday while he was a patient at South Shore Hospital, no one there could believe it! In fact, he is so young and spry, he came home way ahead of schedule. But then anyone who knows him isn't one bit surprised by that! The next thing on his agenda is his annual flight to Florida, where he will recuperate—in the spring he will return to continue his good deeds...rather like the swallows and Capistrano! And, you can bet that all await his return! He is LOVED!

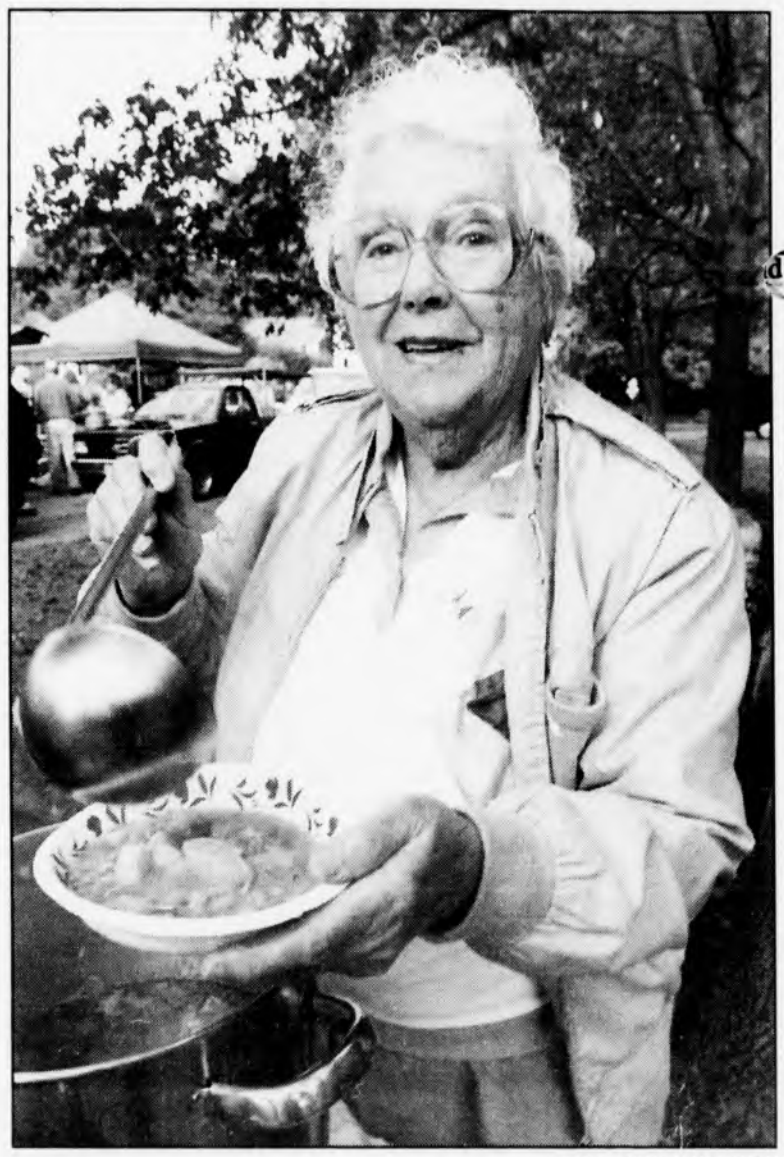
BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday greetings go to **Ken Fone**, we hope his day was a magical one, full of fun and laughter! Here's to many more, Ken!

10 YEARS!

Speaking of reunions, the **Cohasset High School Class of 1988** is planning theirs. Ten years, does that seem at all possible? It is to be held on December 26, 1988, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cohasset Lightkeepers House. For information please call Holly Pompeo (617) 630-5790 or Erica Ford (781) 925-5894.

MMM, MMM GOOD!



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Libby Pompeo serves up harvest soup to all comers at the final Farmers' Market of the season last week. For more photos, see page 14.

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WHAT A GUY

Frank Neer was spotted around town last week, looking as dapper and handsome as ever! What a guy! He asked to be remembered to everyone!

OPEN AT LAST

Bernard's is open and to rave reviews! Located at the former Log 'n' Line spot, it is going gangbusters—full every night. All reports are that the food is outstanding, as is everything about the establishment! Oh, isn't it nice to have a local place to dine at again. It's only open evenings, but the menu is potted in the window, so check it out if you haven't already done so. By the way, the specials are said to be spectacular too.

SCARY STUFF

Attention witches and skeletons pumpkins and ghosts—the **South Shore Community Center Nursery School** is holding their Halloween Fair this Sunday (Oct. 25), beginning with its traditional costume parade at 1:30, followed by games, special craft activities, a moon walk, and tons of refreshments Tickets for the games and activities may be purchased right there on the Common (3 for $1, most games being priced at 2 or 3 tickets). For more information on the wonderful day, call 383-0036. Don't miss this gala, your little ones will be thrilled to take part in the day's events.

Sallyann Chatterton
383-0560



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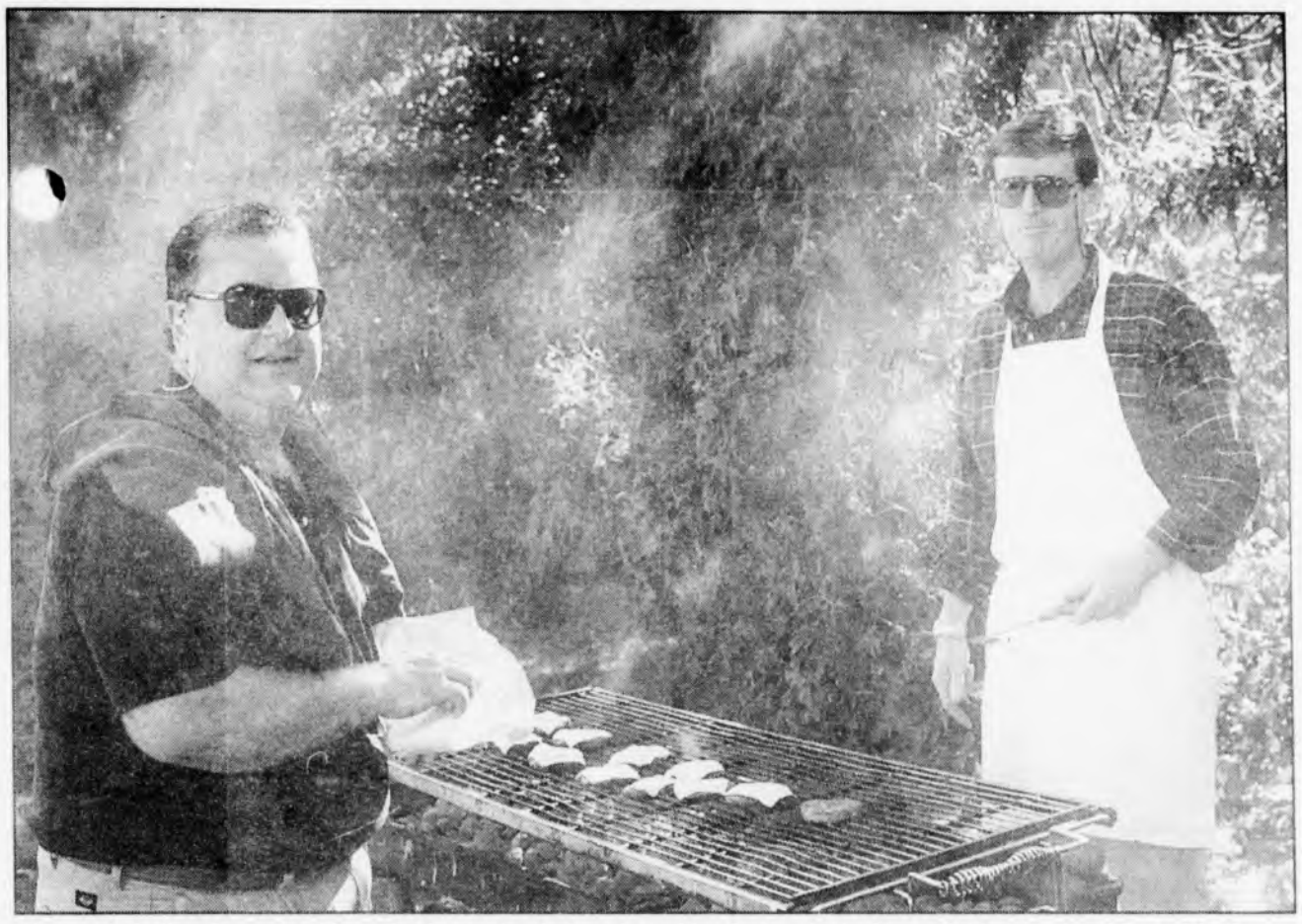
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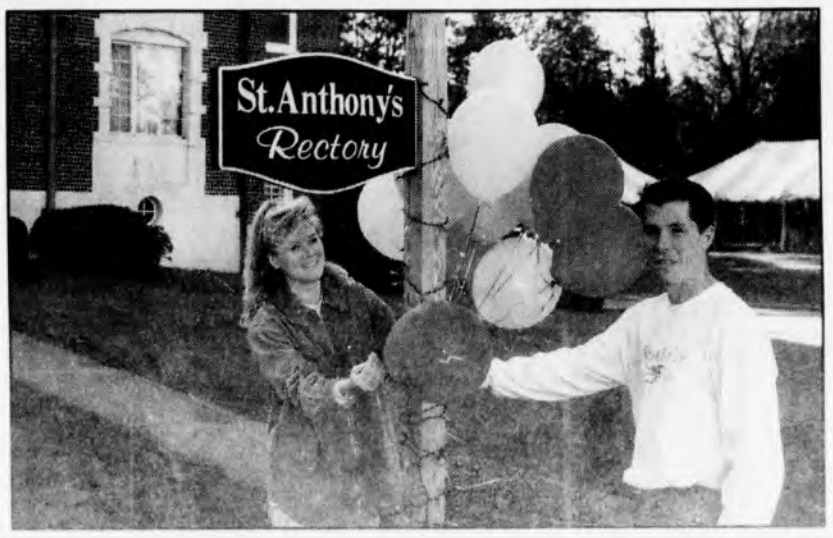
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✘ His key business experience consists of a failed attempt at self-employment.

✘ He lacks education relevant to the job, with just a bachelor's degree in English.

✘ He did little to distinguish himself during three terms in the legislature and held no leadership positions.

Michael Bellotti has made outrageous statements with little regard for the facts. When challenged he runs away.

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- Northeastern University, 1968, Bachelor's Degree, Government

EXPERIENCE:
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- State Representative 10 years
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- Norfolk County Public Defender
- Avon Town Counsel 8 years
- Computer company vice president
- Public Affairs Commentator, WCVB-TV's "Five on Five"

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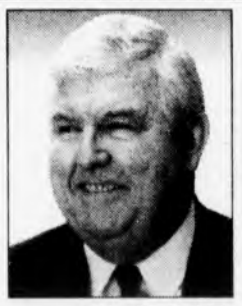
EDUCATION:
- Clayton University, Bachelor's Degree, Criminal Justice

EXPERIENCE:
- Police Officer, Houston
- MBTA Revenue Agent
- Office Manager
- Braintree Town Meeting Member
- Braintree Constable

MICHAEL BELLOTTI

EDUCATION:
- Boston College, 1998, Bachelor's Degree, English

EXPERIENCE:
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Osgood reuse options

You don't have to be a town meeting groupie to find the venerable form of democracy interesting. Cohasset government still includes open town meetings during which any citizen can speak out on an issue.

Monday's special town meeting gets underway at 7 p.m. at the middle/high school auditorium and judging from the town warrant, promises lively debate on several matters.

But one of the most critical issues before Monday's session is the disposition of the old Joseph Osgood School. A few years back, town meeting charged the Osgood Reuse Committee with finding a way to put the school on to the tax rolls to offset the cost of the new $10 million elementary school which opened its doors last month.

The committee did its job and will recommend the building be sold to a private developer who plans to turn the structure into about 29 condominiums for senior citizens.

Selectman Diane Sullivan thinks the building should be sold to a non-profit company which would construct more affordable units in the building.

And the library trustees are also lobbying for the building and recommend it be refurbished into a new, expanded town library. They suggest selling the Paul Pratt building instead of Osgood.

The town of Hingham debated selling its vacant Central Junior High School to a private developer about seven years ago to turn it into an assisted-living complex. Needless to say, that didn't happen and last Saturday, town officials cut the ribbon to open a magnificent new Hingham Town Hall in the renovated school building— a project that survived several town meetings, price overruns, and other hurdles before coming to fruition.

No doubt voters on Monday night will hear presentations from all sides of the Osgood reuse issue.

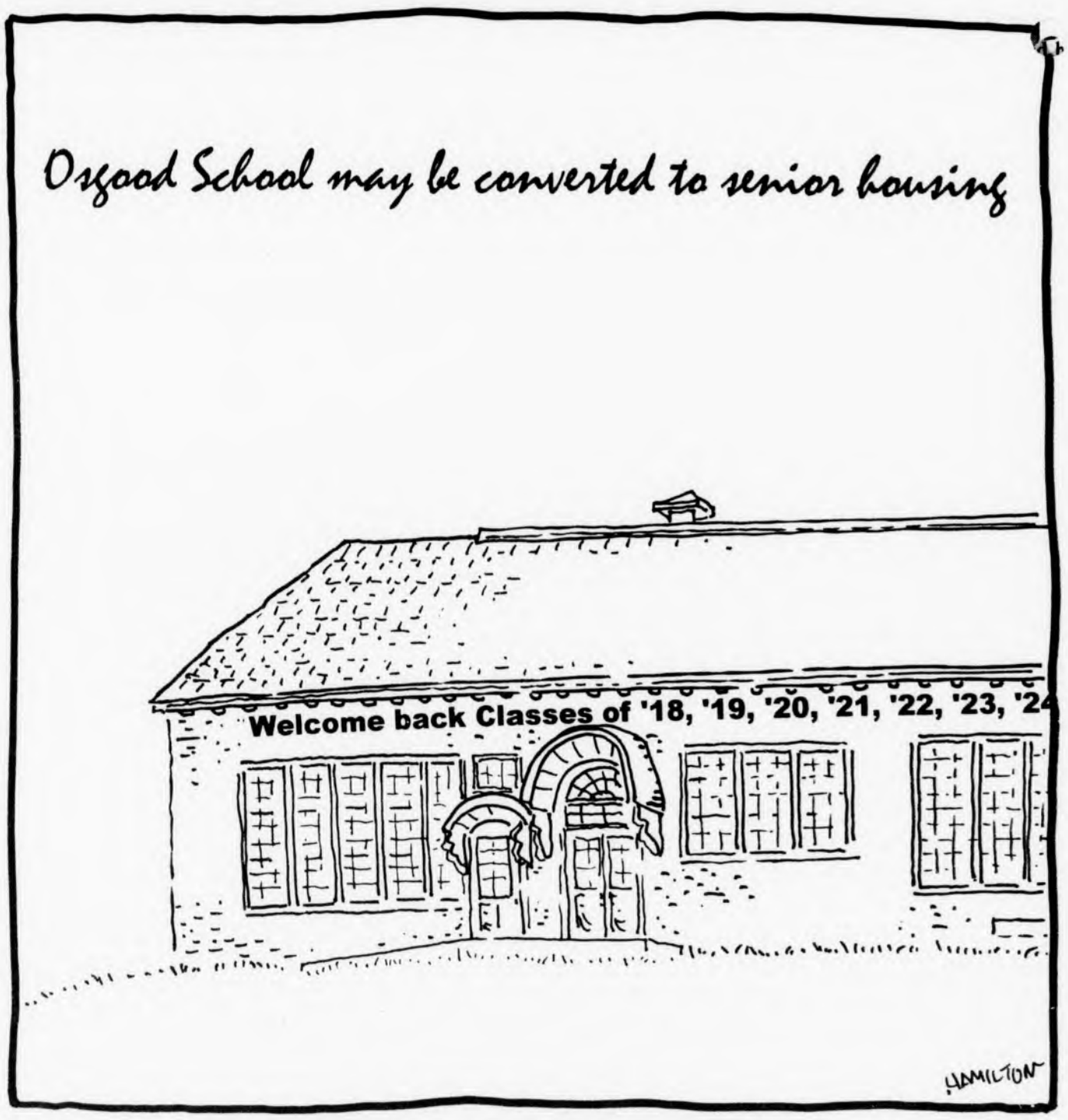
We urge you to attend with an open mind. Once the Osgood building is sold, it is gone forever.

We think the library trustees' proposal deserves careful consideration. The trustees argue that everyone in town benefits from the library. They also point out the Paul Pratt building faces expensive handicap-accessibility upgrades if the library stays there.

If you feel strongly about the need for housing for senior citizens, please go to town meeting and let your voice be heard.

Over the years, we've found town meeting provides the best forum to become enlightened on the issues and to cast an informed vote.

— Mary Ford
Editor



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Official response to Hingham

Ms. Katharine Reardon, Chairman
Hingham Board of Selectmen

The Cohasset Board of Selectmen is in receipt of a letter dated Sept. 26 from Alexander Macmillan, who represents himself as the Hingham Greenbush Coordinator. In his letter Mr. Macmillan questions the position of the Cohasset Board of Selectmen relative to seeking alternatives to the proposed Greenbush Line and seeks a clarification of the Board's position. Please consider this letter as an official response from the Town of Cohasset.

To begin with, the Cohasset Board of Selectmen finds this letter from Mr. Macmillan offensive and totally inappropriate. The Town of Cohasset joined together with the Towns of Hingham and Scituate in an effort to mitigate issues of mutual concern between the three Towns. Specifically, the Town of Cohasset was interested in mitigating the issues of air pollution, noise and vibration. It is clear that Mr. Macmillan is attempting to take a leadership role in this issue with the intention to undercut the Greenbush project. Please understand that Mr. Macmillan does not speak for the Cohasset Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen made a commitment to the community to do the best possible job with mitigation and will continue that effort.

The Town of Cohasset is willing to continue to work with the Towns of Hingham and Scituate on mitigation matters in a cooperative effort. The Town looks forward to continuing our efforts in solving the many mitigation matters. Please feel free to contact the Board of Selectmen to discuss this matter in more detail.

Mark W. Haddad
Town Manager

Editor's note: this letter was in selectmen's correspondence.

State funding for library construction

TO DIANE SULLIVAN, SELECTMAN :

Your are quoted in the "Cohasset Mariner" issued Oct. 15, as saying "There is no state funding, which means there is no 40 percent return as it was canceled and it is not on the drawing board to be reinstated." This is a possible $940,000 short changing of the taxpayers of Cohasset—almost a million dollars that will go to another town's library.

The Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) expects the Library Construction Program to continue well into the next century. Instead of not being on the drawing board to be reinstated the fact is that the MBLC will introduce, in January, legislation requesting $160 million for the Library Construction Program. The planned wording is the same as Senate Bill 2103 submitted last year. It will be introduced in the Senate and then referred to the Committee on Appropriations for study. Last year the bill was reported out favorably and was promptly passed in the Senate and sent to the House of Representatives. The Board anticipates a repeat of previous grant schedules which would be as follows:

October of 1999 Program notices to all libraries

January of 2000 Deadline for completed applications

April of 2000 Review panels will evaluate applications

May of 2000 Funding recommendations to MBLC

July of 2000 State funds available for reimbursement

The MBLC expects to be funding this round of grants over the next eight years. They are enthusiastic about Cohasset's possible application and they are unequivocal in stating the sooner we apply the sooner we will be funded.

As we all know, the town faces many millions of dollars in handicapped accessibility and maintenance costs and the status of Cohasset's library services will be effected for the next 40 years by our ability to obtain this library construction grant to reduce this burden. It is the joint responsibility of the Selectmen and the Trustees to bring these funds to Cohasset not to presume they are unlikely. To that end the Library Trustees will continue to provide courteous, accurate information about the state of the library and how to fit its needs into the town's overall financial plan.

Patience G. Towle,
Chair, Board of Library Trustees

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More village benches needed

TO THE EDITOR:

I have a slight problem with the town of Cohasset and I would like to present it to you for your observation and possible help.

I feel this problem is of equal importance to all disabled people regardless of age.

I am a senior citizen living at Harborview, the Senior Housing complex. I like to walk to the center of town but I have difficulty doing this as there are no places to sit down. There is one bench just past the corner of our complex and not another bench until you are almost to the Senior Center and that bench has three legs which I don't trust.

We need places to rest when we are trying to enjoy our town. Disabled people of all ages are faced with the same problem. No place to stop and rest.

Towns like Scituate have put benches all along Front Street and they not only look pretty but everyone is enjoying them. Lexington and I believe Newburyport have added imitations of the old fashioned gas lamps and they really look so nice. Sort of old fashioned and quaint looking.

Can't we do something like this in Cohasset? Am I asking too much?

We would still like to enjoy our town as much as we can. Surely someone can help us out and I can't believe some of our young artists wouldn't be willing to paint them. Please help us out, we are still concerned caring citizens and would like to continue to enjoy our town

Thank you for listening to me and please don't turn a deaf ear to our plea. We still care about Cohasset and would like to be able to enjoy it as much as we can.

Elizabeth M. Spaulding
60 Elm St., Apt 58

Osgood School re-use

TO THE EDITOR:

As one of the 23% of people over 60 years, in the Town of Cohasset, I would like to state my objections at the campaign to voters regarding the re-use to eliminate Senior Housing and to use the Osgood School totally for the Library.

The sale of Paul Pratt (part of Library plan) a major historical and beautiful building was against the advice of their study committee. Can't you picture, Condos and Office space, with the traffic and sewerage which it would generate. The Town of Cohasset has already lost some of its most historic and beautiful buildings.

Secondly, the last minute presentation of plans by the Library is a reminder of the tactics of the Music Circus vote for the new school. The Selectmen of the Town of Cohasset should follow a rigid schedule for the capital projects that their appointed committee has put forth.

The original plan for re-use was for senior congregate and affordable housing. The bid for proposals was changed to include the Library.

The Town of Cohasset voted to put the building back on the tax rolls as quickly as possible. The bids presented at only a selectmen's meeting were in number two. One bid by South Shore Housing was not considered, and in my opinion was the only bid for affordable housing.

With the transportation improvements in the region, this could also generate a population boom and potentially increase the demand for affordable housing units. Also, many people of Cohasset, owners of large homes, as taxes increase and maintenance becomes a factor, would like to down-size and stay in the home town.

In summation, the Town of Cohasset and voters, need to be pro-active on the matter of housing and not reactive.

Townspeople also know that Town Meeting votes can be swayed by a well prepared presentation, but also realize in decisions regarding needed monies, the final decision is made on a ballot question.

Nancy Snowdale
52 Mill Lane

All citizens benefit from library

TO THE EDITOR:

Cohasset will decide this week the disposition of the Joseph Osgood School facility. It will be either for housing development or for the much needed facilities expansion of the Paul Pratt Library. Apart from the limited net value of additional tax revenue and the interest of a developer, the Osgood facility is a one time opportunity to expand our library in a now-in-place building perfectly suited for library needs. On the other hand, the present housing for the elderly has only little relative pressure from Cohasset citizens.

Only 65 % of the present occupants at 60 Elm Street were Cohasset citizens. Further, the vaunted five year wait by 40 applicants for housing has only four from Cohasset.

The value of additional elderly and low cost housing is clearly not focused to help our present citizens.

The demand rather is outside our town. The Paul Pratt Public Library is desperately in need of expansion which will otherwise be a great expense in the near future. By selecting the Osgood School building now for library expansion, the town will be an immense beneficiary. All its citizens will enjoy its benefits including the elderly.

Diarmuid O'Connell
25 Sohier Street

Osgood library use supported

TO THE EDITOR,

On Oct. 26 the voters of Cohasset will have a unique opportunity to enhance the educational welfare of all our citizens. The library needs more space, a problem most of us did not appreciate a year ago. That space is now available at the old Joseph Osgood School at a probable ultimate cost of $710,000, a much wiser investment than the one time bonanza of $800,000 from a developer who will leave us with no ready space for our library and the need still with us.

After the move to the new facility the sale of the Paul Pratt building should recoup most of the lost $800,000, so I can see no sensible reason to delay providing for the intellectual well being of all our citizens.

I urge you all to vote yes on article 8 in favor of a new library. The educational enhancement of all our citizens, and the sharing of knowledge in our public library should remain our primary goals.

Robert Sceery MD
Gammons Road

CANDIDATES CORNER

Bradley campaign builds momentum

Former assistant district attorney and Democratic nominee for state representative Garrett Bradley continued to build momentum in his bid to unseat incumbent Mary Jeannette Murray this week with the announcement of endorsements from Treasurer candidate Shannon O'Brien and former Congressional candidate Phil Johnson. These endorsements come on the heels of similar shows of support last week from Congressman William Delahunt, Lt. Governor candidate Warren Tolman and Bradley's former opponent in the Democratic Primary, Josh Cutler.

Bradley has also been endorsed by a large number of local elected officials, Democratic Party activists, community leaders, and district residents. He has also earned the support of the AFL-CIO, a number of local unions, MassNARAL, and Commonwealth Coalition, which is a group composed of labor, environmental, social service and educational organizations.

Murray champions elder and veteran issues

Some of Mary Jeanette Murray's most heartfelt moments as a state Representative come when she can give voice to the needs of senior citizens and veterans.

"It's easy in our youth culture to neglect, even ignore, the needs and special circumstances of our senior citizens," says Murray, who has served on the Elder Affairs Committee, "and it's equally easy in peacetime to forget about our veterans, forget about the sacrifices these men and women have made in the pursuit of freedom. I bring a valuable perspective to the discussion of elder and veteran issues and a commitment to make their lives a little more comfortable."

She has made improving elder housing a priority, has worked tirelessly to expand the availability of home health care and cosponsored legislation to establish assisted living residences.

"We worked hard to secure votes for the housing package which provides money for public housing repairs," says Mary Jeanette. "Many public housing units are senior units in desperate need of repair. It's shameful that these units have been allowed to deteriorate to a point where they pose a danger to elderly residents."

Veterans, too, have a champion in Murray, a Marine, V.F.W. auxiliary member, American Legion member, past-president of the American Legion auxiliary and recipient of the Disabled American Veterans' "Certificate of Merit." She was appointed by Gov. Weld to the Massachusetts Women in Military Service Foundation for which she served as chairman of fundraising for the Women in Military Service Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Until recently, Massachusetts was one of only two states in the country which taxed military pensions. Murray worked to remedy that wrong and to exempt veterans' pensions from state income tax, a change in the tax law that, she says, was "long, long overdue."

Her effort to honor veterans with plaques in the State House has been a particularly gratifying personal project.

Rep. Murray welcomes your thoughts and questions. She can be contacted at (781) 383-1000 or at her State House Office at (617) 722-2400.

Chat live with Garrett Bradley

Voters in Hingham and Cohasset will have an opportunity to question state representative candidate Garrett Bradley as part of the Hingham Journal and Cohasset Mariner live online chat session.

Bradley, a resident of Hingham, will field questions and concerns from voters as he goes on line live Thursday, Oct. 22, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Readers can log on to the papers' web site at www.townonline.com. Once there, readers will find a banner ad and they simply click on the banner to chat live with Bradley, a Democrat who is challenging longtime Republican incumbent Mary Jeanette Murray in the Nov. 3 election.

Murray, a Cohasset resident, declined the papers' invitation to chat on line with voters. She said she could not work out her schedule.

Candidates on cable

"On the Mark" with Ilana Marks' is offering any candidate running for office in the November elections, the opportunity to join our Open House live broadcast on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. This will give them a last opportunity to get their message out to the voters. "On the Mark" is broadcast in Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate, Hanover, Norwell and Marshfield.

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John Jacob, who got his start in the fur industry at the turn of the 19th century and moved on to downtown New York real estate, was entitled to say that because he may have been America's first billionaire. That's billionaire, with a "B."

There are 189 of them in the States now — billionaires, that is — according to a survey by Forbes magazine.

There would have been 29 more, the magazine figured, had not the stock market taken a turn for the worse during the summer. It's an iffy business, this being a billionaire, if 13 per cent of them can be wiped out when the market hiccups.

Geez, it wasn't too long ago that we were oohing and aahing over the $121 million Shaq O'Neal was to get over seven years just for playing a child's game for the Los Angeles Lakers.

The richest man in America is Bill Gates, the chairman of Microsoft, who managed to keep $58.4 billion of his fortune, even after his net worth took a reported $9 billion beating in the market between July 17 and Aug. 31.

Gates is so far ahead of the No. 2 billionaire, investor Warren Buffett with $29.4 billion, that Bill probably picks up the check when they meet for a beer at the corner pub after a tough day of defending their billions on Wall Street.

Sam Walton, the founder of the Wal-Mart stores, who divvied his billions up with family members, would have come close to topping Gates had he not died in 1992. His five heirs, Alice, Helen, Jim, John and S. Robson, ranked sixth through 10th on the billionaires' list. Their total: $55 billion.

But Gates and Buffett and the rest of the 187 billionaires are penny ante compared to the old timers, known as "the robber barons," who were unencumbered by such foolishness as anti-trust laws. They don't make 'em like they used to.

American Heritage, a magazine published by Forbes, took a look at the old scalawags' bank accounts and figured that Bill Gates would be fifth on the all-time list behind John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and John Jacob Astor.

Rockefeller, the oil man and grandsire of a vice president of the United States, accumulated a fortune estimated at a billion bucks when he started giving it away, but American Heritage figures that, at today's prices, old John's nest egg amounted to $190 billion.

(The gross national product of the U. S., in 1929 was only $103 billion.)

At the height of his wealth in the 1890s, John D. Sr. had nothing better to do, so he founded the University of Chicago and endowed it with $35 million — parking meter money to the Rockefellers. In the 1930s, he was giving away dimes to the depression poor.

Astor, a German immigrant who cornered the western fur trade almost two centuries ago, was said to have been worth more than $20 million when he died in 1948. Carnegie, the Scottish immigrant who founded U. S. Steel, had enough in his kitty to give away $350 million.

Vanderbilt, who borrowed $100 from his mother at age 16, bought a boat, and started the ferry service from Staten Island to Manhattan, amassed enough money from steam boats and railroads that one of his heirs was able to import a whole Broadway play, "The Wild Rose," complete with cast and scenery, to entertain his guests at a Newport tennis week.

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Hingham's Greenbush letter irks selectmen

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen recently reiterated their commitment to working with their counterparts in Scituate and Hingham on mitigating vibration, noise and pollution, which are issues of mutual concern about the train among the three towns. But they are upset that Hingham's Greenbush coordinator Alexander Macmillan apparently overstepped his bounds in a Sept. 25 letter to the Army Corps of Engineers, the lead federal agency in the project.

Macmillan encloses with the ACOE letter a memorandum written by a Tech Environmental, a consultant paid by Cohasset, which responds to Sverdrup's (the MBTA's consultant) rebuttal of Tech's report on Greenbush.

Selectman Diane Sullivan, who sits on the Cohasset mitigation committee, was particularly incensed by the matter, which was discussed two weeks ago.

"We want to run our own issues in our own town."

— Selectman Diane Sullivan

"I don't think he should be acting on behalf of Cohasset," she said about Macmillan. "We want to run our own issues in our own town."

The Greenbush Line, the third leg of the Old Colony Railroad restoration project, is stalled as the MBTA works through mitigation issues in the affected towns. Hingham is also embroiled in a lawsuit claiming the MBTA is trying to skirt federal environmental laws by paying for Greenbush with only state dollars. The Plymouth and Middleboro Lines were constructed primarily with federal money. Hingham selectmen are committed to opposing the train and Scituate walked away from negotiations with the MBTA because it could not reach an accord over layover site. But Cohasset has not taken an official stance against the train.

Three weeks ago, Sullivan and Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris refused to sign a letter from the three towns to the state secretary of environmental affairs asking for another environmental feasibility study because it contained language about seeking transportation alternatives.

McMorris said undercutting the project is not what Cohasset should be doing.

"We are committed to do everything we can to mitigate the effects of Greenbush when and if it is restored," she said.

McMorris said Cohasset selectmen would express their displeasure over Macmillan's letter to Hingham selectmen (see letter page 10).

Sullivan said the implication of Macmillan's letter is "that he is in charge of the effort and that is not the fact at all."

Safety improvements eyed for intersection

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The state police don't need much convincing that the corner of Beechwood and Route 3A is a recipe for disaster.

According to a report by Trooper Robert P. Pitts following four days of radar enforcement last month at the intersection, police issued a total of 81 citations and 38 seat-belt violations.

Cohasset police have said the intersection is one of the most dangerous in town since it was widened to four lanes on Route 3A after the construction of Shaw's Plaza.

In Oct. 1997, Police Chief Brian Noonan wrote to the state highway department asking for several changes to make the area safer. The state agreed to post signs indicating traffic light ahead and to reposition signs warning of a lane drop but did not agree to dedicated turning lanes.

Police hope to convince the state otherwise at the traffic committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight at town hall. State highway engineers and state police have been invited, Safety Officer Richard Yocum said.

Yocum said vehicles are traveling at an average speed of 53-58 mph through the intersection. The speed limit is 35 mph.

Interested citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting.

In another traffic matter, police said they have issued a total of 38 warnings on King Street in just two days following the installation of the new four-way stop King and Pond streets Oct. 15.

Many cars aren't stopping and police will start issuing citations, Sgt. Robert Jackson said.

New town history fund created

The town has established the new Town Historical Commission Book Fund to collect tax-deductible contributions toward the creation of a third volume of Cohasset's history. The creation of the fund was formality that will allow everyone who donates money for the book to deduct the amount from their taxes.

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Selectmen wrestle with $2.7 million sewer article

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset's sewer problems stole the show at yet another public meeting on Tuesday night when the selectmen rejected the possibility of changing the motion for a town meeting article. The sewer commissioners met with the selectmen to request their support for three town meeting articles, including a major change in one motion. Sewer Commissioners Ted Guild and Henry Rattenbury asked the selectmen to support a change in the motion for Article 11, which asks the town to approve $2.7 million to cover cost over-runs in the North Cohasset sewer project. The original motion which appears in the town meeting warrant asks voters to approve the project through sewer betterments. The new motion would have asked voters to approve the project with 50 percent town funding through a Proposition 2-1/2 override.

The selectmen voted 3-1 to support the original language as it appears in the town meeting warrant. Selectman Tom Callahan cast the dissenting vote; selectman Merle Brown did not attend the meeting. Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said changing the language in the motion would jeopardize the entire project.

"I think you're jeopardizing a public project by putting in the 50-50 funding language," McMorris said. "There's an element here of changing what the article is about."

Guild said he believed there would be enough support at town for 50-50 funding. He also said that 50-50 funding would be the most equitable solution to dealing with the extra cost.

"Town meeting can either vote it up or down," Guild said.

The new language would have asked voters only to support the project with 50-50 funding. Guild said changing the motion would expedite the discussion and give voters a chance to address the question of 50-50 funding. If town meeting rejected the new motion, then Guild planned to have someone in place to call for reconsideration of the article as it appears in the warrant. Reconsidering an article requires a majority vote of those present at town meeting.

But Town Manager Mark Haddad was nervous that voters would reject the new motion, reject reconsideration of the original motion, and leave the town without a solution to the North Cohasset cost over-run.

Selectman Callahan also disliked the idea of preparing someone to call for reconsideration in advance of town meeting.

"I can't believe you're sitting here talking about how to rig the vote at town meeting," Callahan said. "I'm going to speak at town meeting to defeat this. It's the same article town meeting defeated last year."

Rattenbury said placing the 50-50 language in the motion would be less confusing than reading an amendment on the floor of town meeting.

"As soon as someone starts reading an amendment, people cringe," he said. It's confusing."

Lisa Bumstead of the citizen's group CEES (Citizens for equitable Environmental Solutions) offered that changing the motion and handing it out at the door of town meeting would confuse many people.

"I think it's important to recognize how people shape their votes based on the information in their warrant," she said. "People really need to be able to look at what's in the warrant. I think it's really important to keep the motion unchanged in the warrant and then change it and modify it on the floor of town meeting."

In addition to discussing the language in the motion, the selectmen grilled the sewer commissioners on other items such as the benefits of public loans versus private loans, the accuracy of engineers' cost predictions, and whether the town should even consider paying for 50 percent of the sewer project. At one point, the sewer commissioners left the meeting with about a half-dozen residents in tow to hold a mini-meeting in the hallway.

The two sewer commissioners returned still supporting their position, however Guild agreed to stick with the original motion as a way of showing unity among town officials.

"If we go with the new motion, I fear that it is possible we could jeopardize the project," Guild said. "It will take no time at all to amend the motion to 50-50 on the floor of town meeting."

Salute to Jean and Dan Cotton Postponed

The Oct. 25 reception planned to salute Dan and Jean Cotton for their tireless dedication and involvement in the town of Cohasset has been postponed.

The committee had planned to surprise Dan and Jean with a monetary gift in their name for the Social Service League's Annual Scholarship Fund and plant a tree marked with a plaque. Both will be small tokens of our appreciation for Dan and Jean's good deeds, civic accomplishments and kindness to a multitude of Cohasset citizens. We also hope you will send notes wishing them well directly to their home at 27 King St., Cohasset, 02025.

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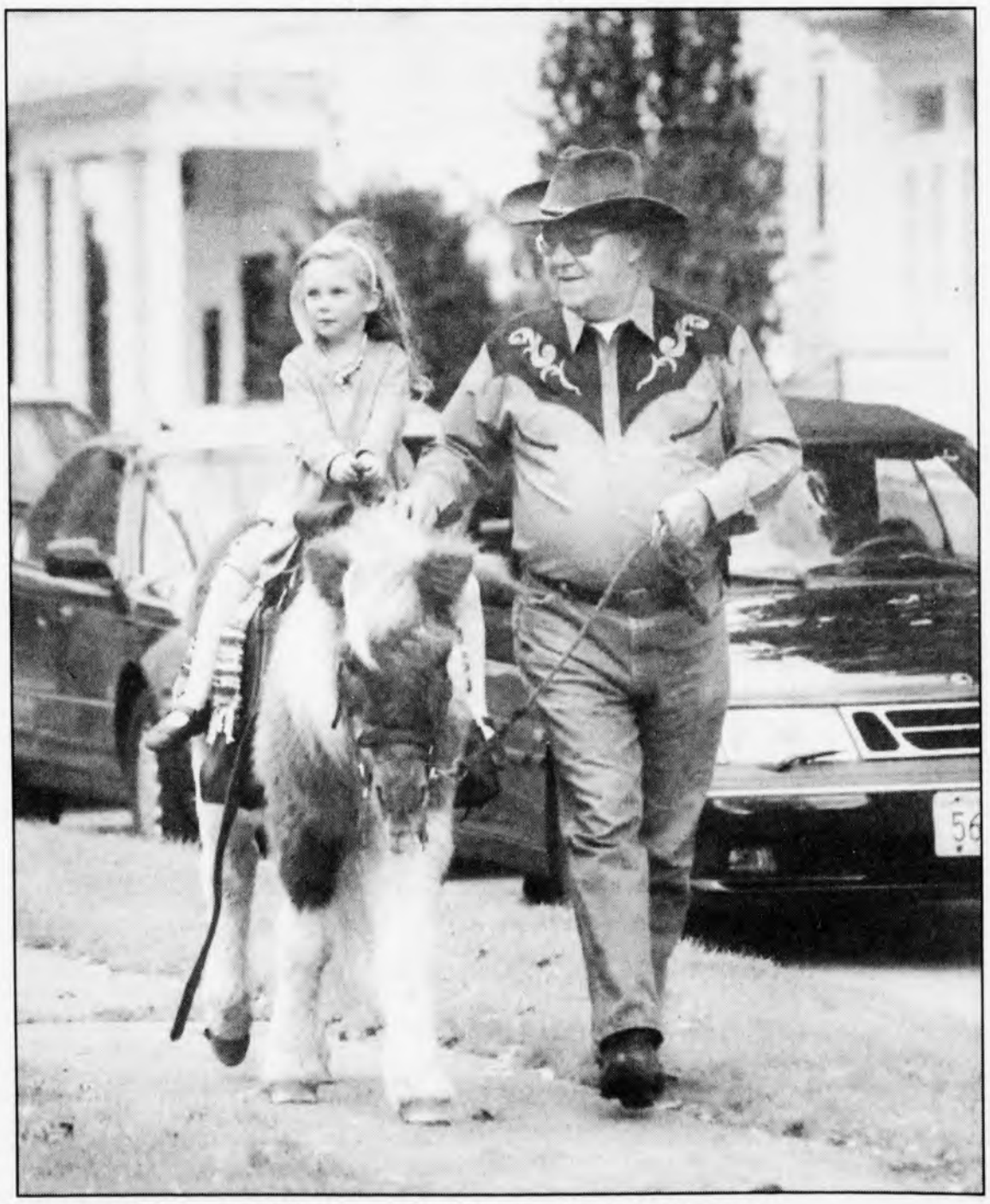


Kelly Vickers and Madison Jones dance to the folk music of Mark Purcell at the Harvest Fair which capped off the Farmers' Markets for the season.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman



Jack Underhill is amazed at B.J. Hickman's magic.



Claire Oswald gets a tour of the common from atop a pony handled by Bill Joubert.

CANDIDATES CORNER

Murray champions quality of life issues

"One of my priorities as a legislator," says Mary Jeanette Murray," is to attend to the quality of life issues that define a community's character, that make a community an attractive and healthful place. What we call progress is not always, in the long run, progress. We have to think through every change we make and ask ourselves how it will ultimately impact our quality of life."

For Murray, a quality of life issue can be making works of art available for display in public buildings or sponsoring her "Scent Bill," now law, which encapsulates perfume samples in magazines mailed to homes.

"At first, people snickered at that bill," remembers Murray, "until they began to understand how many thousands of people with respiratory illness were suffering every time the mail was delivered. For me, that bill was a quality of life issue."

Another quality of life issue was casino gambling — and its deleterious effects — which Murray opposed when it was proposed for Hull. She also worked closely with local officials to preserve and restore open space, the Sapponaro property at Turkey Hill, the South Shore Country Club and the Nantasket Beach Reservation, and to clean up our roadsides with her strong support of the Bottle Bill.

Murray welcomes your thoughts and questions. She can be reached at (781) 383-1000 or at her Statehouse office at (617) 722-2400.

Bradley responds to Murray on gun bill

Recently in the candidate's corner section of the Hingham Journal and Cohasset Mariner, Murray responded to former assistant district attorney and current state representative candidate Garrett Bradley's request that she explain her position against the assault weapons ban that was signed into law this summer. Rep. Murray indicated that she voted for an earlier draft, but changed her vote when it came time to vote on the version that was actually signed into law. As reasons therefore, she indicated that many changes took place and she was uncomfortable with the bill. Specifically, she has stated in these papers, and on a WATD radio debate, that one reason she voted against the bill was that there was no exception for veterans who carry firearms while marching in parades. She was asked if she brought this up when the bill was debated. Her response was that she did not know about it at that time. This begs the question, then how can you claim this as a reason for voting against the bill? It is also important to note that she was the only legislator to switch her vote.

It is true that the bill failed to leave an exception for those veterans who carry firearms in parades. However, it was amended, and that amendment will take effect the same day the law goes into effect on Oct. 21, 1998. Rep Murray called Bradley naive for not recognizing the true intent of the bill. Those type of statements detract from a strong issued based campaign and are simply unfortunate. It is also unfortunate when those statements are supported with inaccurate facts.

Murray's voting record is clear on assault weapons. She has consistently voted against banning them:

Official Journal of the House, Roll Call #308, 2/27/96

Official Journal of the House, Roll Call #275, 6/18/98

Official Journal of the House, Roll Call #304, 7/20/98

Lack of leadership on education

Democratic Nominee for State Representative Garret Bradley cited Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray's lack of leadership on education issues as a significant problem for the communities of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. Bradley pointed to a number of key Murray votes against education improvements, including a vote against the landmark Education Reform Act.

Bradley cited Murray's 1993 vote against the Education Reform Act as the most significant of her anti-education votes. Against the wishes of Rep. Murray, the bill passed and brought significant improvements and additional funds for our public schools. Since passage of the Reform Act, Hingham has seen a 69 percent increase in state aid per pupil, Hull has seen a 97 percent increase and Cohasset has benefited from a 61 percent increase.

Bradley also pointed to Rep. Murray's votes against providing communities with an additional $380 per low income high school student (1993), for diverting taxpayer funds from public schools to support private schools (1994), and $60 million for education technology projects (1996) as further proof that our district needs a representative who will work hard to improve the public school system in Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. Murray even voted against additional funding in 1995 and 1997 for the University of Massachusetts.

For more information on the Bradley campaign call (781) 741-9998.

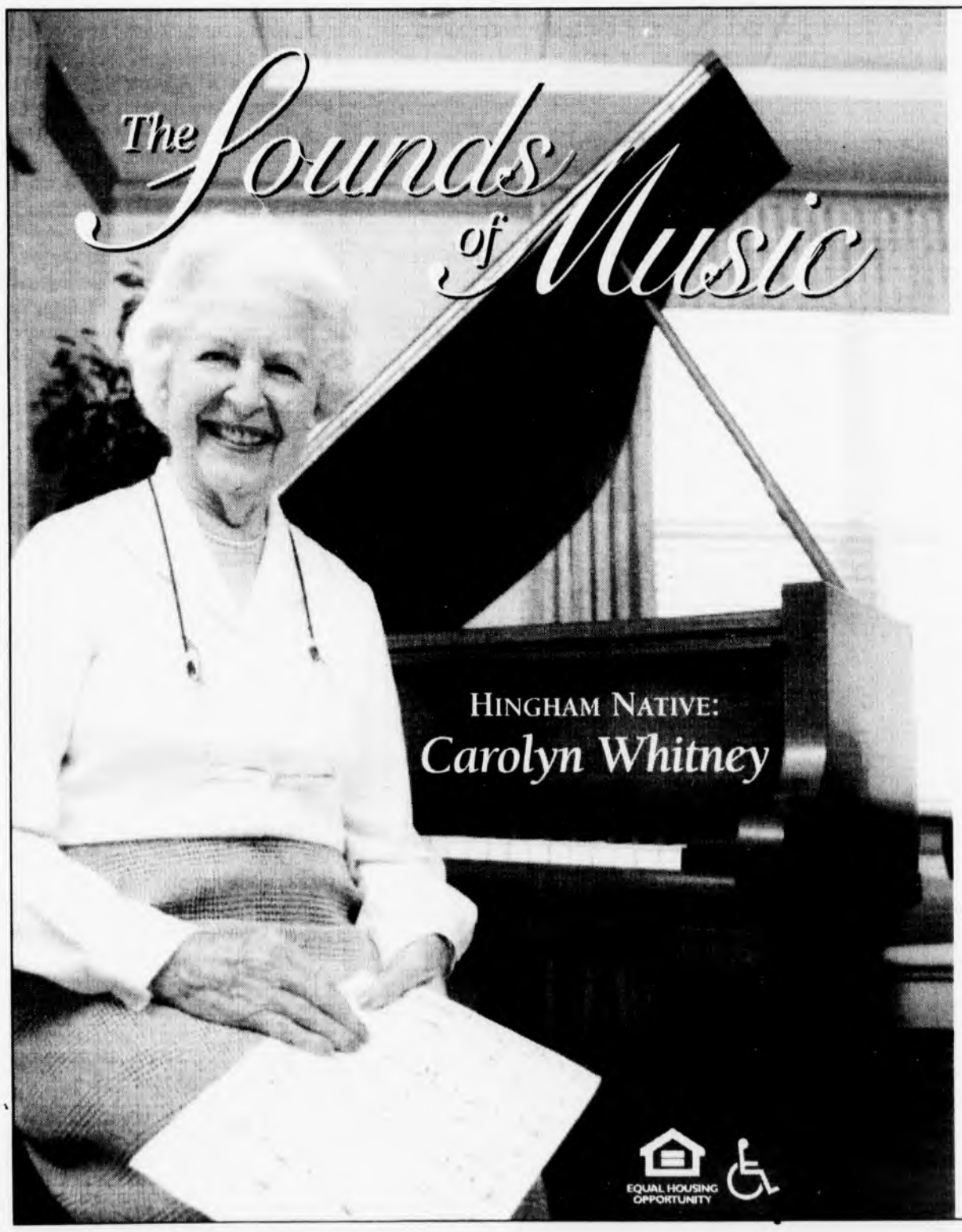
Murray says education a top priority

Long a voice on Beacon Hill for quality education, State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray says that quality education begins with the resolve to make education a priority.

"As a society, we have to stand up and say that education matters," she said "We have to really mean it, have to defend a policy of zero tolerance towards drugs, weapons and intimidation in the schools, and have the political will to follow through. It means acknowledging the unique and crucial role that teachers play in preparing our children for productive, responsible citizenship.

Murray has been vocal in her support of increased local aid to cities and towns to fund state mandated programs. She sponsored a bill — that became law — requiring criminal background checks for school employees and has called for swift and severe penalties for anyone carrying weapons at school. She has defended school choice, called for an expanded after-school program, and has been a vocal proponent of parental involvement in education.

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Learning the ropes

High school course provides alternative to classroom

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

It was seven years ago that the director of Cohasset's alternative school, Jack Buckley, thought it would be great to teach his students the ropes. Literally.

"I came up with the idea for Cohasset," explained Buckley. "But it's a long-established teaching tool with Outward Bound, a program in which people are put into physically challenging activities in the outdoors that require them to work together as a group to complete the experience."

The Outward Bound-derived rope course seemed perfect to Buckley, who was at that time searching for a team-building activity for his students.

A visit to Project Adventure, a Wrentham-Hamilton area company that builds and promotes ropes course activities, wowed Buckley and his students.

"I had taken the students there for a physical education type of activity and left thinking it would be a nice thing to have one on our own campus. I just started trying to make that happen and, luckily, people were receptive to it right from the beginning and I had no trouble getting it started."

Overall, Buckley found the administration to have always been supportive of that program and the alternative school, overall, despite the recent decision to discontinue it.

"The alternative school ended last winter, primarily because under the new Education Reform Act, all youngsters have to pass MCAS state-standardized tests to prove academic proficiency," explained high school principal Curtis Collins. "The program was so small that we only had one teacher, essentially. There was no way we could organize that program in such a way that we could get teachers to teach some of the courses and have Jack to do all the rest. There were eight to 10 kids in the program and I needed to make sure they placed in the proper courses so they had a chance to pass those tests to qualify for graduation."

Though the alternative school is no longer, its curriculum is living on under different names in standard school curriculum, according to Buckley. For example, the ropes course, which began as part of the alternative school and was built by some of its students, is now "outdoor education", an elective class open to grades 9-12.

The ropes course is carried out in a wooded area behind the school.

It offers the alternative school approach, which provided a different school experience with a little more guidance for students not satisfied with the standard curriculum, explained Buckley, who directed the school for 10 years.

"I was responsible for English, science and social studies instruction and with good reason, it was feared that the level of instruction that the students needed to pass tests for graduation couldn't be delivered by one person," said Buckley. "We needed to either cut or expand the program to include two other teachers—that's where the funding problem comes in. We just didn't have the money to do that. But the school did a lot of good since it was founded by Al McDonald in 1972 and I've enjoyed directing it since I came in when he retired in 1987."



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Meg Moore starts up the ropes course with the help of Laura McAuliffe and instructor Jack Buckley during a recent high school open house.

Buckley allows that the decision was "disappointing." Nonetheless, he sees the closing of the alternative school as an opportunity to provide electives to all students that were originally open to only alternative school students.

"Throwing a written test at students is traditional," he said. "But there's always the tug between doing traditional things like test- and note-taking to legitimize a course versus the desire to do things a little differently—whether you just try to assess students in terms of their contributions in class on a daily basis or whether you need to have a more formal assessment in written work or presentation."

Buckley believes that there isn't one approach that works better than another, saying that it's like comparing apples and oranges when they're so different but are both good for you.

"I think the downfall of schools is they are so busy being institutions that they can't figure out how to incorporate some of the other things that require thinking in different ways," he said. "For example, it's a lot easier to take 12 kids out to Boston Harbor for three hours to see the missiles from the Cold War to bring the lesson alive than it is to bring an entire grade. It's also a question of values and what kind of scholastic experiences are seen as important."

Collins seems to agree. "I think incorporating some of Jack's ideas into the school is working well.. We're pretty academic and it's nice for a kid to fit something like climbing or rowing in for a change of pace and also to give them a taste of something they ordinarily wouldn't have gotten involved in. I think we should be opening doors to these kids and sometimes the kids get narrowly focused on their studies. This opens up their world and gives them some variety with Jack's program."

One way Buckley does that is through a boat-building course that incorporates engineering, design and rowing lessons.

"I think it's a nice taste for these kids of what life is all about—that's Jack's kind of stuff," said Collins.

Buckley's ropes course is taught in the same way he taught his alternative school classes—with group participation in a group effort. Through the ropes course, the students are introduced to recreational activities such as biking, hiking and climbing done as part of a team, which makes up about 50 percent of the course.

Ropes course students are taught the fundamental safety rules of climbing that can then be applied to rock climbing and even mountaineering. Students are treated to a visit to Quincy Quarry where they get to apply their skills at climbing. One small group of Buckley's students recently went to climb Cathedral Ledge in North Conway, NH.

"They loved it," said Buckley, of his students response to their first rock-climbing venture. "A few of them just came back wanting to climb more, get the gear then need and find some more rocks."

Buckley enjoys watching his students become more skillful at what they take up. "They start knowing nothing and become competent, efficient and confident climbers. You hope that newfound confidence transfers into other areas of their lives where they might need confidence, like in other new situations."

Any group interested in trying its hand at the ropes course can call Jack Buckley at the high school, 383-6100.

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COHASSET SPORTS



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Chris Caron, #34, and Justin Golden lead a host of Skippers defenders in trying to bring down an Abington runner. CHS is home for the annual Homecoming game Saturday afternoon at Alumni Field against Nauset. Kick-off is at 1 p.m.

Skippers fired up for Saturday's Homecoming

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Coming off a tough loss to the Abington Green Wave, the Cohasset High Skippers triumphed with ease over the Norton Lancers last Thursday, posting a 24-6 victory. Quarterback Jamie DeMichele gunned a 35-yard pass to freshman Nick Bolster for the first CHS score. Sophomore running back Daniel Trowers streaked through holes shoved open by Cohasset's vaunted offensive line for two touchdowns.

But as dominant as the home team offense was, the Skipper defense was positively unyielding. Allowing a paltry 37 yards in offense, the Boys in Blue conceded merely two first downs, one of those a 20-yard TD pass which gave Norton their only points.

Senior defensive end Luke Caldwell was particularly outstanding, as he chalked up 3 1/2 sacks. Linebackers Greg Parkinson and Adam Sasso both had big games, while Raheem Shepard and Greg Taylor anchored the secondary.

Norton barely kept Cohasset from scoring early in the game, when Cohasset threw a widely varied running game at them. Like the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Coach Rolfe's boys hit their opponents with thunder and lightning. Trowers scampered around tacklers for big gains a la Warrick Dunn, while Justin Golden did his best Mike Alstott imitation with a crashing first down carry.

Except Cohasset had two more

SKIPPERS, PAGE 18

Stickers faced with a must win situation

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

There's nothing like having a little bit of a flair for the dramatic.

The CHS field hockey team waited until one of the final games last season to earn their spot in the post-season tourney.

Is anyone else experiencing a little bit of deja-vu?

It's down to two wins and in for the stickers, who have to win road games against Notre Dame (Thursday) and Hull (Monday at 6 p.m.) to get back to the dance.

"These two are games that I know we can win," said head coach Debbie Bostwick. "The Hanover game (a loss on Tuesday) was one thing, but both Notre Dame and Hull are teams that we can beat if we are on top of our game."

The Skippers came into the loss to Hanover on a high note after thrashing Norwell 4-1 and playing to a 0-0 standoff with the Carver Crusaders.

"Carver was just an awesome game," said Bostwick. "We went back and forth and both teams had the advantage for stretches of time. The thing that I liked about it was that it was a total team effort on out part

"We had a number of superb chances to put the ball in the net but it never happened."

Defense was the name of the game in this contest, she added. Bostwick said her players marked the Crusaders scorers superbly, not allowing them to get in the rhythm of the game.

"You could see their forwards get frustrated after a while, but we were out there having a great time with it," said Bostwick. "We were able to hold them down."

Leading the defense were co-captains Katie Devine and sweeper Jill Magner as well as midfielder Megan Connolly, who held the fort down in front of the goalkeeping tandem of Kristin Considine and Melissa Rosano.

The good times continued to roll when the Skipper hosted Norwell, getting two goals in each half to blow past the Clippers 4-1.

"The offense really stepped up and the defense was strong as well" in keeping Considine lonely all game long, said Bostwick.

Maggie O'Connor opened the scoring 18 minutes into the game when she scored on a feed from Andi Shaughnessy.

It would be 2-0 nothing five minutes later when the Skippers worked a corner hit play to perfection, Jenn Mehan assisting on a Katie Devine goal.

"I was so thrilled when that play worked," said Bostwick. "It's something we'd been working on in practice and they executed it perfectly."

After Norwell scored to make it 2-1 five minutes into the second half, O'Connor (with an assist to Shaughnessy) and Shaughnessy (set up by Connolly) scored two minutes apart to put the game away for Cohasset.

When two teams become one

CHS/Norwell to form a combined gymnastics squad

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Last season they were rivals on the gymnastic mats of the Pilgrim League.

This season they're going to be teammates.

With a unanimous vote of the Cohasset school committee Thursday night, the towns of Cohasset and Norwell will field a combined gymnastics team this winter.

According to Cohasset athletic director Clark Chatterton, the move very well could have saved the gymnastic programs at both of the schools.

"We were looking realistically at not having enough kids to field a team this winter and I don't think Norwell was in any better of a position," said Chatterton. "I'm thrilled that we were able to do something before we had to consider not fielding a team.

"The parents that I've spoken to are also very pleased we were able to get something done," added Chatterton. "The kids and their parents have put a great deal into the program and they deserve to have a program at the high school."

The Cohasset/Norwell entry will compete in the Pilgrim Conference Division 2 with Hingham, Randolph, Scituate and Hanover. Cohasset is considered the host town for this squad and veteran coach Ruthann Ardizzoni will continue leading the team.

GYMNASTICS, PAGE 18



The CHS gymnastic squad, seen here relaxing last season before a meet, will be bolstered this season by some friends from Norwell High. The two schools decided to combine their teams after it looked like low participation might force the elimination of both programs.

When two gymnastic teams become one

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The towns will evenly split the cost of running the team this year, which is expected to be between $7,500 to $8,000 in all.

Chatterton stressed that the reason for the arrangement was simply to be a able to field a viable squad.

"There has been some concern that towns may form agreements simply to have a better team, but that in no way is the case here," he explained. "This is being done only to keep the programs running."

Chatterton added that their is some investigation being done to see if similar arrangements would benefit the hockey and spring track teams at the school. Discussion is still in the early stages for those program and the earliest that any changes could take place would be the fall of 2000.

Small towns like Norwell and Cohasset are faced with making such decisions to keep some of their athletic programs alive. Smaller sports like gymnastics, wrestling, track and hockey are usually the first to feel the crunch at schools which have smaller enrollments.

Holbrook and Avon combined their forces to put together a football team last season and similar agreements are not uncommon between some of the smaller towns on the North Shore.

Cohasset abandoned their girls softball program after fielding a JV only team this season because of lack of interest. On the brighter side, the hockey program at the school will regain its varsity status this winter after a year of playing only JV games.

"What really hurt us is when we officially changed to a grades 9 through 12 school," said Chatterton. "Not being able to use seventh and eight graders to help fill out some of the spots on the teams was a big blow to take."

Cohasset is the defending Pilgrim League champion.

Skippers fired up for Saturday's Homecoming

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elements to add. DeMichele ran the option straight from the textbook and used his speed to gain first downs, and Shepard spelled Trowers in the backfield to pick up several yards.

But the ball refused to go in the end zone, and Cohasset turned over on downs. Strong defense, with notable tackles by Sasso and Parkinson, forced the Lancers to punt. The two squads traded punts until Bolster dove and gathered in DeMichele's hurl on his fingertips for his first varsity touchdown and his team's first points. Golden bashed through the line for the two-point conversion.

Norton staved off Cohasset for the rest of the half and the hosts took an 8-0 lead into the locker room. A holding penalty and a Caldwell backfield tackle forced second down and 26 on the Lancers. The visitors punted, but penalties and tight defense brought up third down a long 20 for the Skippers.

Trowers got the call and followed blocks from Golden, Caldwell, J.P. Laugelle and sophomore Craig Davis to romp 51 yards to paydirt. DeMichele's keeper on the conversion attempt doubled the Cohasset lead to 16-0.

Norton began their next drive on the Skipper 22-yard line after a successful reverse on the kick-off return. A penalty on Cohasset brought the Lancers down to the 11-yard line. Alex Russell and Sean Parkinson stuffed the ballcarrier for no gain and a Caldwell sack handed Norton a third and 22 situation. A short gain was stopped by Taylor and Greg Parkinson, but the touchdown pass put Norton on the board, making the score 16-6.

Russell fell on the onsides kick to give Cohasset the ball and DeMichele picked up a first down on a nice 13-yard scramble. A Skipper turnover ended the third quarter, but the Lancers had already exhausted their scoring ability. The Boys in Blue would score one more TD when Trowers capped a drive with a one-yard run behind blocks from John Considine and Golden, a mere formality.

Coach Tony Rolfe was pleased with his team's play, particularly that of the offensive line and the defense.

"Our defense played exceptionally well. They gave up 17 yards besides that touchdown.

Our offensive line played very well. We really pushed them around up front. Those guys are at the point now that they pretty much know where to go and what to do.

"We have to play the game rather than just go through the motions. We did that last week. And I think Jamie DeMichele has his best game. I know he did. He's really playing the position now."

Rolfe's comments gave credit to the offensive line, one of the most under-appreciated units in all of sports. While the Cohasset running backs are excellent, their impact would be minimal if not for the size, strength, and ability of this year's offensive line. With four seniors, the O line has paid its dues and is now reaping the benefits.

Cohasset plays one of its biggest games of the year Saturday as they square off against Nauset at Cohasset's Alumni Field.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for beginner level instruction in golf, to be taught by golf pro, Dan Neary. Classes are held Thursday evenings at the Cushing Elementary School gym, Scituate, beginning Nov. 5.

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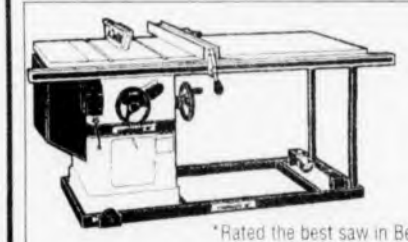
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HOMECOMING

THE GAME: Nauset (3-2) at Cohasset (2-3, 1-2 in the South Shore League).

THE PERTINENT INFO: At Alumni Field, Cohasset, on Saturday, Oct. 24. Kick-off is at 1 p.m. Homecoming festivities will take place at halftime.

THE SKINNY: Cohasset will be trying to build on their impressive dismantling of Norton last week with another big effort in front of the Homecoming game crowd. Nauset may be at the bottom of the Atlantic Coast League, but when you play with teams like Duxbury, Whitman-Hanson, Plymouth North and Marshfield that's not exactly an unexpected place to be. The Skippers will need continued impressive efforts on both sides of the football if they want to come out on top in this one.

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EXTRA POINTS

DAVID WOLCOTT



When you talk about some of the sports movies that have been made over the past 20 years you realize that there have been some major league turkeys in the bunch.

"The Fish that Saved Pittsburgh" did absolutely nothing for the career Julius Erving and probably should have been a warning to Shaquille O'Neil and Dennis Rodman, both of whom have recently made some equally stinko flicks lately.

"Major League 2" and "Major League 3" proved that, yes, you can have way too much of a good thing.

And who could forget "I Like to Hurt People" and "All the Marbles", both of which accomplished the impossible and made professional wrestling look real.

Real stupid, that is.

But one movie that'll never be included on anyone's worst ever lists is "Bull Durham", -a true to life account of a year with a lower minor league baseball team and their trials and travails both on and off the field.

One of the best aspects to the movie was its authenticity. Take the scene where Crash Davis (as played by Kevin Costner), the grizzled veteran catcher on his last legs after getting his on shot at "The Show" is giving lessons to the latest young pitching phenom blazing up the minor league system, Nuke LaRouche (Timothy Robbins), about what being in the major leagues is all about.

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COACH QUOTE- "Team X is in a rebuilding year but they are always dangerous. We'll have to be on the top of our game to beat them"

TRANSLATION- "Boy does Team X stink. Not just a regular stink, we're talking about a Chinese-food-left-under-a-porch-on-a-blazing-Summer-day kind of a stink. I may just dress the cheerleaders for this game. In fact, if we lose I will personally walk through their school parking lot during Homecoming wearing only a feather boa and a smile."

COACH QUOTE- "Team X is a good team and are very underrated. It's no shame that we lost to them."

TRANSLATION- "I can't believe that I have to walk through their school parking during Homecoming wearing only a feather boa and a smile. Oh, the humanity. Darn it all to heck. Gee whiz gosh golly."

COACH QUOTE- "I know that Team X is undefeated and headed to another championship but I'm sure my boys will go out there and give it their all."

TRANSLATION- "Oh my gosh, these guys are going to kill us. They've got kids in the band bigger than my linemen and with more athletic talent. Somebody should make sure they've got more than one ambulance at the field. I think we're going to need a whole fleet of them after they are done with us. I just hope they stop the game before we get killed."

COACH QUOTE- "The team seems to have the right attitude. I think we should see a great effort against Team X."

TRANSLATION- "Have you ever done laps around the field with a Buick strapped to your back? Son, you lose this game and that's all you'll be doing for the rest of this season."

PLAYER QUOTE- "It's not just a one person show here, it's a team effort. Together we stand, divided we fall. I couldn't have rushed for an average of 233.9 yards per game without them."

TRANSLATION- "If these jerks screw up my college scholarship I swear I'm just going to break down and cry. I've got a shoe contract riding on this game and these oafs can't get out of their own way. Somebody call my agent. I demand to be traded to another high school that appreciates my talents."

Fitness Center available at CHS

Through the auspices of Cohasset High School and Dr. Mike Gill of the Health Education Department; CHS has a commercial quality fitness center.

CHS is interested in making this facility available to all residents at a nominal fee charge which cannot be determined until we have an idea of how many residents might have interest utilizing the facility. If you feel that you or members of your family might be interested in using the CHS gym, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-4109 right away.

The Rec. Dept. would like to know approximately how many residents would utilize the facility if they were able to keep it open during evening and weekend hours.

The facility includes about $75,000 worth of equipment consisting of a variety strength building equipment, two treadmills, two stairmasters, five stationary bikes and a stairmaster free-runner all of commercial quality.

The nominal fee charge would be employed to provide supervision during hours of operation, as well as revenue dedicated towards maintenance and upkeep of the equipment

The fitness center, located in the old study hall room, is currently utilized by students and staff and by CHS gym classes. Ideally, this unique opportunity could be made available to all residents outside of school hours. You may call 383-4109, 24 hours a day and if you receive voice-mail, please leave the number of people in your family who might utilize this facility if a nominal fee were charged and the facility open evenings/weekends.

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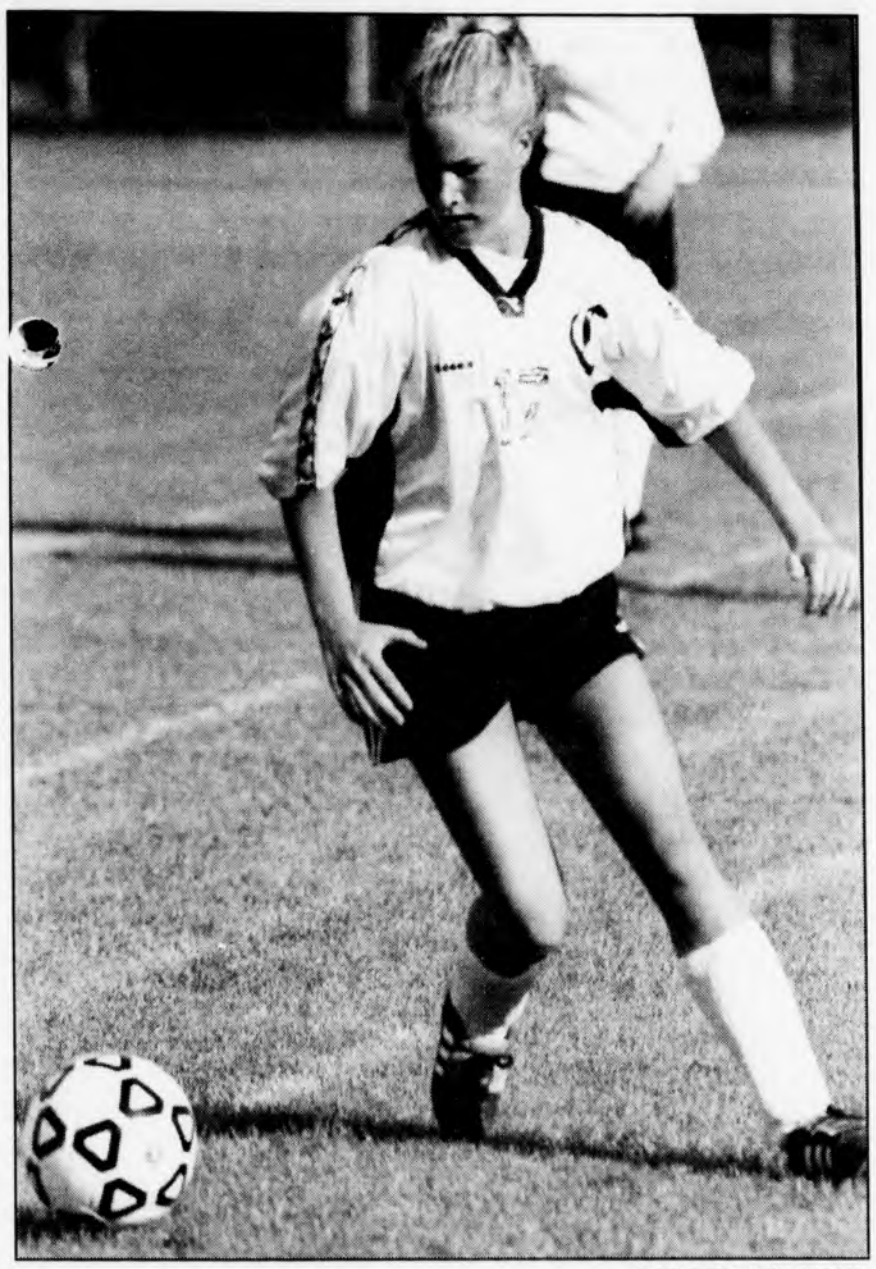
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Emily Libby controls the ball in a recent match with Hull.

Skippers look to end season on a high note

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

With the state tourney now an impossibility for the CHS girls' soccer team, it's time for them to fold up their tents and wait until next year.

Not.

To the contrary, there having a little bit too much fun to stop now.

Things are starting to come together for the young team as the year goes on, recently picking up their second win of the season, a 1-0 conquering of Norton, and then traveling to Hull to get a 1-1 tie in a physical battle with the Pirates.

The Skippers play at Abington Thursday (7 p.m. start with the boys playing at 5:15 p.m.) before closing out the year at home with Randolph Oct. 26.

After not winning a single game last season, the Skippers opened the year with an upset win over Middleboro and have been steadily improving as the season has worn on.

"We are getting there," said coach Debbie Beal. "Step by step they are starting to pull it all together and are playing some good soccer over the past couple weeks."

They're going to have to continue to play good soccer with a new face in net as former defenseman Jessie Zerendow, a junior, has stepped up as the new starting keeper.

Although she's never played the position before, Zerendow seems to have developed a knack for the spot.

Her development was never more evident than in the tie with Hull. After a fairly slow first period, she turned away shot after shot from the Pirates in the second half until they were finally able to put one past her off of a corner kick with less than five minutes to go in the game.

"We had a need and Jessie has stepped up to fill it," said Beal. "Things were a little slow for her in the first half but she really came through with some huge saves in the second half. Hull kept firing on her until they were finally able to get one by us.

"Jessie's a great athlete and more than willing to do whatever needs to be to help the team win. She's done a great job for us."

After junior midfielder Eileen Ridge curled a corner kick passed the outstretched arms of the Hull keeper late in the first half it looked like Beal and company were well on their way to their third win of the season. Although they would eventually have to settle for the tie, Beal said she was happy with the way her team was progressing.

"We are better now from when we started off the season. You can see everything starting to click between the players and everyone is out there looking to make the pass to send someone on a break," explained Beal. "We are not playing the game in a panic mode like we were in the beginning of the season.

"What we need to do now is take it to the next level and start putting the passes from foot to foot. Right now we seem to have the right idea, but the pass always seems to be one step ahead or one step behind the intended target."

Fall adult recreation programs available

Adult Beginner Golf — Dan Neary, $65 for five one-hour classes at 7 or 8 p.m., at the Cushing School. Starts Thursday, Oct. 1. Payable to Town of Cohasset.

Men's Under 35 Basketball — Gates Jr. High School, Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., to May 26, 1999, $25, payable Friends of Scituate Recreation.

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*Golf next session begins Nov. 5 to Dec. 10, 1998.

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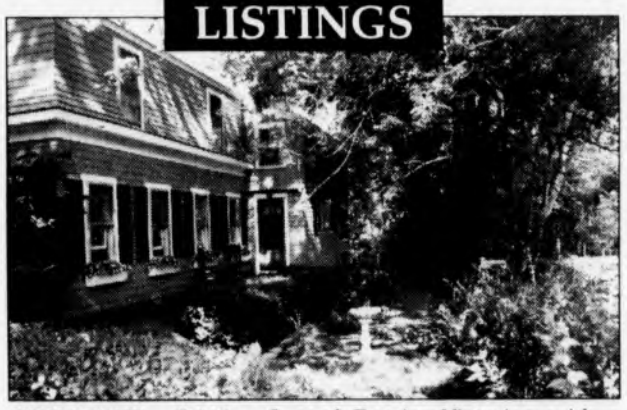
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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Sixth graders attend outdoor education program

By Rebecca Lehr
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SPECIAL TO THE MARINER



Danielle Hajjar, Christian St. Pierre and Meaghan Rizzotti examine specimens in the "marine lab" class at Camp Bournedale.



Chelsea Richardson, Matt Baroudi and Elyse Portanova get help dissecting a dogfish from Mimi, the marine lab instructor.

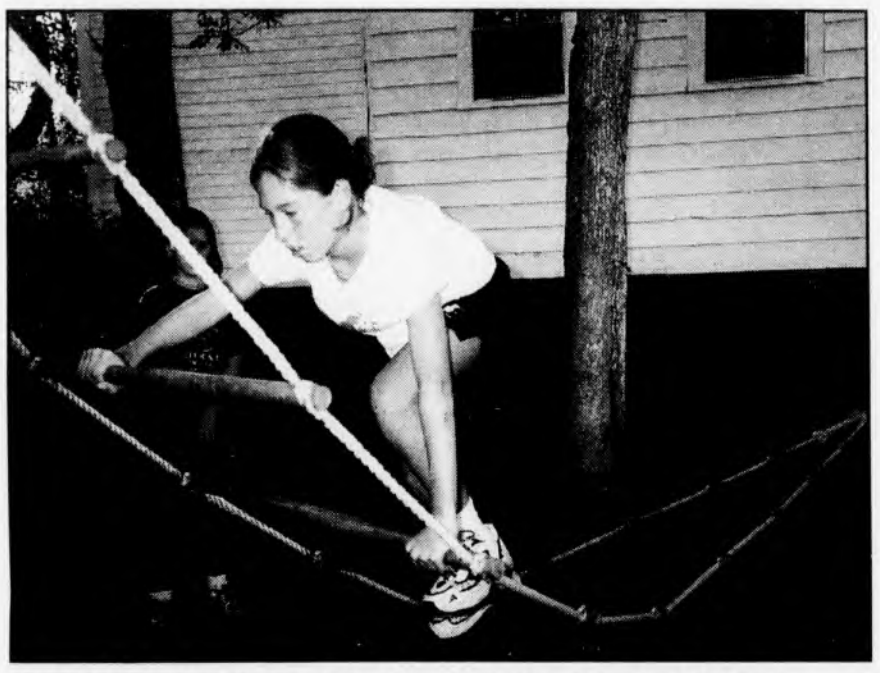
The sixth graders at the Deer Hill School in Cohasset went to Camp Bournedale in North Plymouth. Camp Bournedale is an outdoor environmental educational program. The students left Cohasset on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 30, and returned to Cohasset on Friday evening, Oct. 2.

Camp Bournedale was started by Mr. and Mrs. Gerson in 1939. Mr. Gerson was a teacher who wanted to start a summer camp. The camp is now run by their son, Arnie Gerson. Although it was started as a summer camp, it now runs from March until Thanksgiving. During the summer it is an all boys camp. The focus of the camp has changed into more of an outdoor education program, but there is still time for fishing and playing. When asked about the future of the camp, Arnie Gerson said that he hopes to continue to improve the facilities.

While attending the outdoor education program, the students participated in a variety of activities and four different classes. One of the four courses students could choose from was rocketry. In rocketry the students built, painted, and decorated a small model rocket and launched it. When launched, the rocket traveled up about 100 feet in the air. Most students were able to get their rockets back; however, some were carried off by the wind and were not retrieved.

The two mandatory classes at Camp Bournedale were Adventure Challenge and Marine Biology. In

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Chelsea Richardson conquers the bridge during her adventure challenge course.

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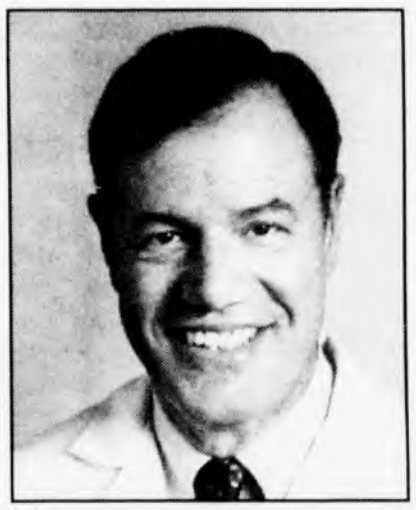
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Sixth-grade students eagerly awaiting their "adventure challenge."

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Adventure students worked with other students to solve problems such as getting into a line according to shoe size without talking to one another, or getting from one side of a "ditch" to another using only a ten-foot rope. In order to succeed in this class you had to be able to work well with a group. This class was the favorite of most people.

Sixth grader Molly Liddell said, "I liked Adventure because it was exciting and I did things I thought I couldn't do."

The part that Toby Norman liked best was the fact that "You enjoy working together for a common goal." In Marine Biology students took a bus to a nearby beach and studied the animals in their natural habitats. The instructors, Mike and Phil, were experts in this area and could identify many species of sea creatures which the students found in the tidal pools or the salt water marshes.

Another course offered to students was "ponding". In ponding students visited two nearby fresh water habitats. They scooped up animals and plants with nets and then studied them. The instructor, Jim Hanrahan, helped to identify all the animals that were found. A wide variety of insects and small fish were found. Students felt that they gained a great deal of knowledge about fresh water habitats and had a lot of fun doing it.

Students who elected to take the marine lab class had an opportunity to dissect a dogfish and observe its internal systems. Others, who enjoy working with their hands, built birdhouses.

Most students were disappointed when Friday afternoon rolled around and they had to leave. When they returned to Cohasset they were happy to see the many parents and siblings anxiously awaiting their return. Their experiences at Camp Bournedale will provide lasting memories for all the sixth graders.

Basic benefits for special needs children

The Cohasset Parent Advisory Council will be sponsoring a workshop presented by the Federation for Children with Special Needs on "Basic Rights." Basic information about Chapter 766 and other state and federal special education laws to assist parents in the planning, discussion-making and the monitoring of their child's I.E.P. To be held Nov. 3, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Cohasset High School, cafeteria. All parents, guardians, and teachers of special needs students are encouraged to attend. For more information contact P.A.C. Co-chairs: Kim Maynard 383-2707 or Maureen Jerz 383-6592.

Funds needed for leadership program

Three students from Cohasset High School have been chosen by the school administration to attend the Presidential Classroom leadership program in Washington, D.C.

Mike Baird, Megan Connolly and Steve Reynolds need to raise $2,700 to fund this very worthwhile educational experience. They will be selling the Entertainment '99 Book as one of their fund raising activities. The gold card and coupons provide the buyer with opportunities to enjoy two-for-one dinners at many outstanding South Shore and Boston restaurants. Kimball's By the Sea, La Dalat, Bert's Cove, The Red Parrot, Oceana at Marriott Longwharf, and Michael's Waterfront are just a few of the excellent choices. There are discounts for fast food restaurants, movie theaters, dry cleaning, sport events, hotels, and airline tickets.

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Deer Hill Band Night

Come to Deer Hill Band Night at Papa Gino's, Monday, Oct. 26 from 4-9 p.m.

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Cohasset PSO fall fund-raiser

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So take a chance, support our schools and share an evening with friends, live music, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Bring your raffle ticket to gain admission to the cocktail party. The winning ticket will be drawn at the party, however the winner need not be present to win.

Raffle tickets are available at: Carousel Antiques, Cohasset Hardware, Buttonwood Books, The Good Sport and the South Shore Community Center.

For further information call Kathy Yeager 9820 or Andrea Flynn 6745.

Ripley Media Center upgrades

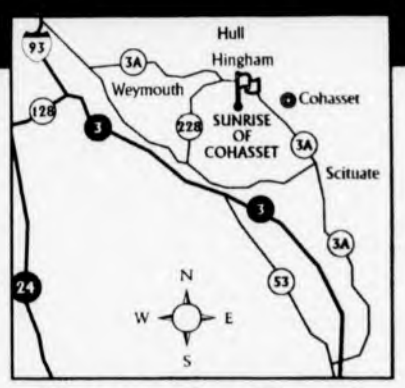
Recent improvements at the Ripley Media Center at Cohasset Middle High School have upgraded the look of the facility. A new rug, clean painted walls and a new library media specialist have contributed to the changes. Joan Gallagher, a veteran of both public and school libraries, has set her goal for this year. She wants to expand the materials collection and work with staff and students to use both traditional and newer research tools to their fullest.

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Library survey results

Results of the user survey done this summer at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library have been tallied. The most frequently requested improvements are: more videos, more books on tape, and more parking. Library Director Janet Husband said that these results confirm what the staff has been saying. "They get requests for videos every day and I wish that we could accommodate a really great collection of videos," she said.

"I am happy to say, however, that we are in the process of adding a significant number of new books on tape. In fact, we have relocated them to a spot in the New Book Room which will allow room for growth." Books on tape are used by commuters who can listen to books that they might not have the time to read and they are increasingly popular with visually-impaired readers. Husband says that more books are being published simultaneously in hard cover and on audio. The library will be trying to keep up with new titles as well as stocking a solid collection of classics.

Other results of the library user survey have been more surprising: Almost half of the respondents make heavy use of the library's magazines and newspapers. "How-to" books and books on current events top the list of specific non-fiction books used. A whole range of new or improved services were suggested: young adult programs, book discussion groups, a speaker's series, travel lectures, and public use computers.

The Library Trustees have found much to consider in these preliminary statistics and hope to glean even more information when an of the comments and suggestions made by respondents are further analyzed. They would like to thank an those who took the time to fill out the questionnaire. Better library service has always been their goal; they intend to be responsive to the needs of the library's users.

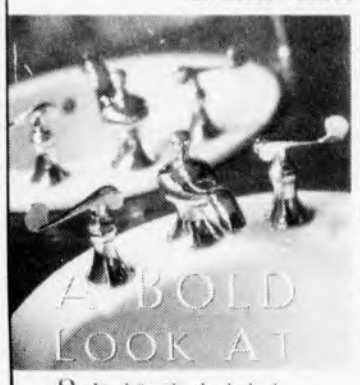
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Here's some good news for Internet users: logging on to the Old Colony Library Network's home page (http://www.ocln.org) and using you Paul Pratt Memorial Library card, you can get free home access to many useful databases. ***Search Bank*** is a collection of five magazine databases, some of which offer full-text articles. They include the *General Reference Magazine Index,* the *National Newspaper Index,* the *Expanded Academic Index,* the *Health Reference Center* and the *General Business File.* This database is funded for library and home use by the Mass. Library and Information Network.

Two other databases are funded through the Old Colony Library Network (OCLN), the library network to which the Paul Pratt Library belongs. These are ***GaleNet,*** an extensive database covering topics in science, history and literature, and the ***Patriot Ledger Index,*** which also includes full text articles from 1995 to the present.

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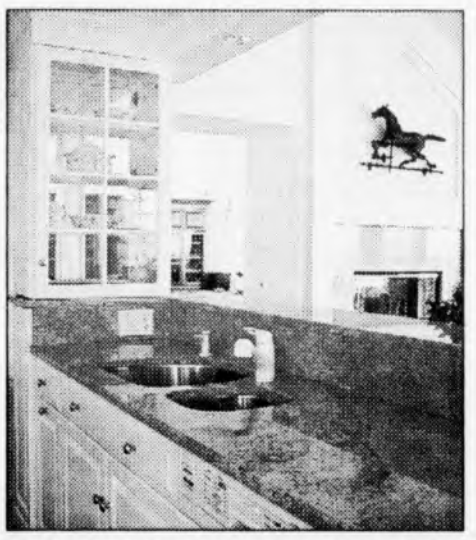
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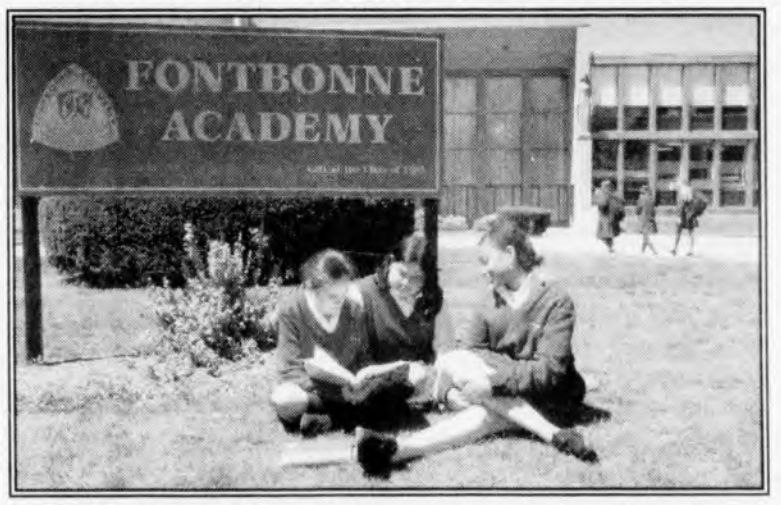
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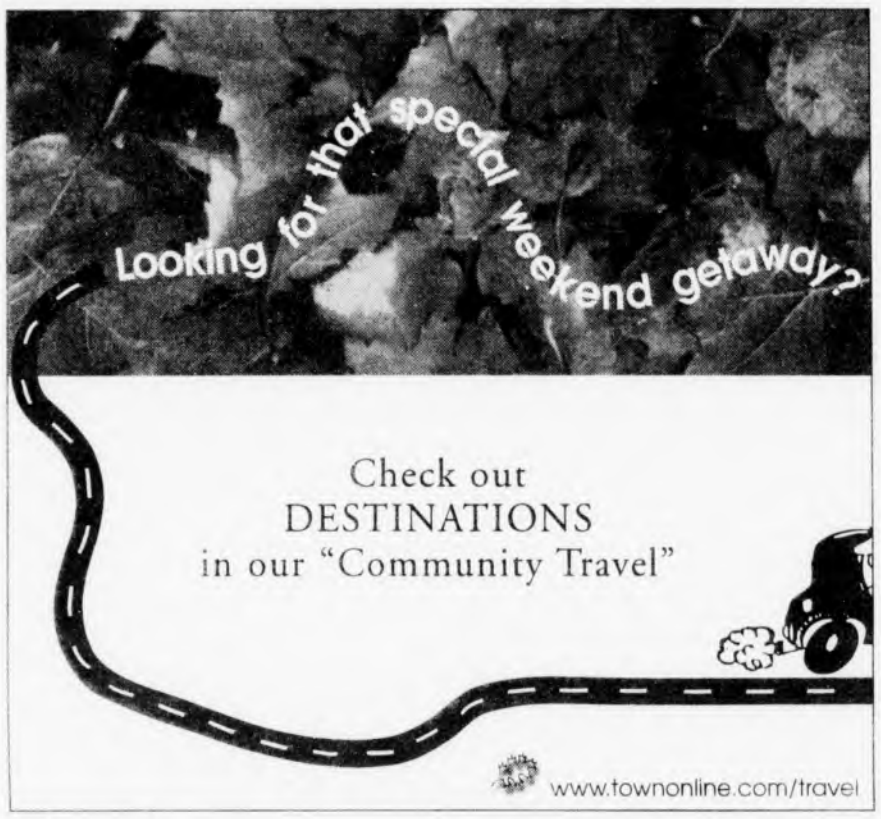


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Bonnie Delanne, 6, gets ready for the season at the annual Holiday Bazaar at the Beechwood Congregational Church on Saturday.

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Pre-Halloween Fun

Pre-Halloween fun will be held from 3:15 - 5:15 p.m. on Oct. 23 for grades K - 4. A $15 pre-registration fee is required. Children will bowl, do crafts, play Halloween games, visit the haunted house and more.

Jingle bell walk

The Fifth Jingle Bell Walk will take place on Friday, Nov. 27 (rain date Nov. 28). Join the festivities beginning at 2 p.m. as Mr. and Mrs. Clause arrive at Cohasset Harbor by lobster boat and join in the parade to the Community Center for songs, cookies and punch. The Bells of St. Stephen's Carillon will ring and the bell tower will be open to the public. Later, there will be a gathering on the common for lighting the Luminaria and tree, music and hayrides.

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OBITUARIES

Alba M. Crossen

Alba M. (Deuterio) Crossen, 81, of Cohasset, retired secretary for the Hull Building Department, died Wednesday Oct. 14, at her home.

Mrs. Crossen worked for 15 years for the department, retiring in 1981.

Born in Boston she lived in Hull before moving to Cohasset 16 years ago.

She graduated from the University of Massachusetts.

She was active in the St. Mary's Sodality, the Red Cross and was a member of the former Hull Women's Club and Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Hull.

Wife of late Ralph P. Crossen, she leaves two sons, Ralph M. Crossen of Scituate and Joseph F. Crossen of Palm Beach, Fla.; three daughters, Virginia Harvey of Hingham, Patricia B. Tolini of Rockland and Jacqueline M. Crossen-Sills of Norwell; two sisters, Virginia Wilklis and Olga Fitzpatrick, both of Arlington; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Oct. 17, at St. Ann's Church. Burial was in Hull Village Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St. Hingham.

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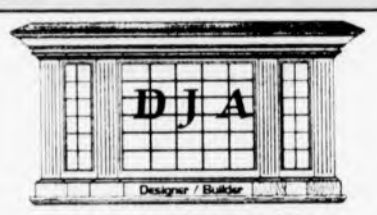
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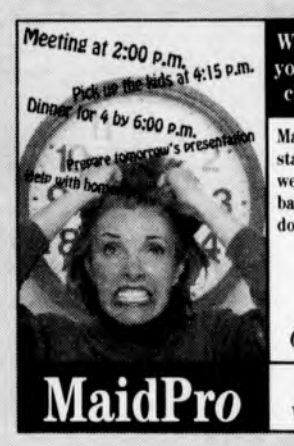
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Byzantine iconography workshop

Christopher Gosey, an artist who creates icons in the Byzantine and Ethiopian style, will offer a presentation on Byzantine Iconography: History and Methods illustrated with slides on Friday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m. to be followed the next day, Saturday, Oct. 24, by a workshop in which participants can create an icon of their own, at Saint Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave. Friday's presentation will trace the development of the icon from its pre-Christian roots in imperial Rome and Roman occupied Egypt to the height of its development in Byzantium and Byzantium's spiritual successor, Russia. The admission to the presentation is free. The icon workshop will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday and continue all day until 7 p.m. Participants should bring a bag lunch. Workshop participants do not need to have attended the presentation the night before. Each participant will create a 5" x 7" icon in acrylic of Saint Mary or John the Baptist. The cost of the workshop is $85 per person which includes all supplies.

Gosey is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in environmental design. He has studied the egg tempora method of Russian Orthodox Christian icon painting under iconographer and recent Russian émigré Ksenia Pokrovskaya. Gosey's icons have been exhibited in Boston and at the Harvard Divinity School. His icon of Saint Clement adorns St. Clement's Church in Philadelphia, and that of Saint Stephen at Saint Stephen's Church in Cohasset. The Greek word "eikon" means "image" and theologically speaking is defined as the word of God depicted through the use of line and color. This is why icons are often said to be written instead of painted.

For more information concerning either the icon presentation or workshop, please call Saint Stephen's Church Office at (781) 383-1083.

CHS drama club show

The Cohasset Drama Workshop will present "Twelve Angry Men and Women," this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at CHS auditorium. Under the direction of Ron Emmons, the cast includes seniors Stephen Reynolds, Jim O'Sullivan, Meredith O'Hayre, Patrick Murphy, Ryan Long, Ron Nieynski, Stephanie Perkinson, Jordan Fiore and Jake Motley; junior Grace Gardner; and sophomores Asley Ulmer, Julia Lovallo and Elizabeth Ingber. The show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are $5 and are available at the door or through the high school or cast members. Tickets are limited to 60 seats a performance so be sure to arrive early to ensure a seat.

Cohasset Youth Resources Homecoming dance

The Youth Resources is holding a Homecoming Dance on Saturday, Oct. 24 for grades 7 and 8. The dance will be held at the Deer Hill School and will run from 7:30 -10 p.m., admission is $5.

Organist to give concert at St. Stephen's

As part of its Sunday Concert Series, St. Stephen's Church will present organist David E. Ogletree in a recital Sunday, Oct. 25, at 3 p.m. Ogletree is artist in residence at the Hammond Castle Museum in Gloucester, and is also vice president of Rodgers Organs of New England. Ogletree is a recitalist on National Public Radio and for the American Guild of Organists. He is a graduate of Philadelphia's prestigious Curtis Institute where he received a full scholarship.

A free-will offering will be taken, and a reception will follow the program.

The church is located at 16 Highland Ave. in Cohasset, is handicapped-accessible, and there is plenty of parking in the village lot. For information, call (781) 383-1083.

Halloween costumes & decorations

No tricks only treats for all South Shore shoppers who come to Cohasset Consignment Shop located at Shaw's Plaza.

Manager Andi Merrill said there is a great selection of designer dresses and suits including Nipon, Escado, Emanuel Ungard, Aramani Emporio, Jaeger, and Oscar De La Renta as well as a unisex loden car coat moutoon lined from Kakas Furs. Merrill added there is a wide assortment of men, women, infant and toddler hand knit sweaters as well as cashmere sweaters from Neiman Marcus and Bloomingdale's. There is even a formal J. Press Black Tails, Brooks Brothers jackets as well as tweeds and blue blazers.

For the brides there are decorated lamps, sterling jewelry, an antique glass punch bowl with tray and punch cups, English prints with gold frames and Mikasa modern black dinner service for eight.

Proceeds from the shop provide major funding for the social service league's pneumonia shots, counseling and support groups "meals on wheels" and scholarship program for towns of Hingham, Hull, Scituate, Cohasset and Norwell.

To volunteer or to seek information call 383-0687.

Norwell Kitchen Tour is slated

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Haddad has final say on lightkeepers memorial

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Town Manager Mark Haddad will have the final word on the size of a proposed memorial to assistant lighthouse keepers Joseph Antoine and Joseph Wilson, killed when the structure toppled over in a gale 147 years ago. The lighthouse sat on stilts above the water's surface and fell over when it was hit by a massive tidal surge. A local resident, Herb Jason, 85, felt the incident was an integral part of Cohasset's maritime history and should be commemorated with a permanent monument. Jason received permission last year for a monument in a park on Government Island commemorating the two men who died in service to the town.

But not everyone is happy with the monument. The selectmen supported the proposed monument over the objections of the Cohasset Historical Commission and the Government Island Study Committee (GISC). The two committees preferred a memorial plaque on the side of the Minot Light Replica, saying the park is too small for such a large monument. The design review board has also examined the memorial and declared that it is too large as proposed. Town Manager Mark Haddad received permission from selectmen on Tuesday night to speak with all the interested parties and make a final decision on the size and scope of the monument.

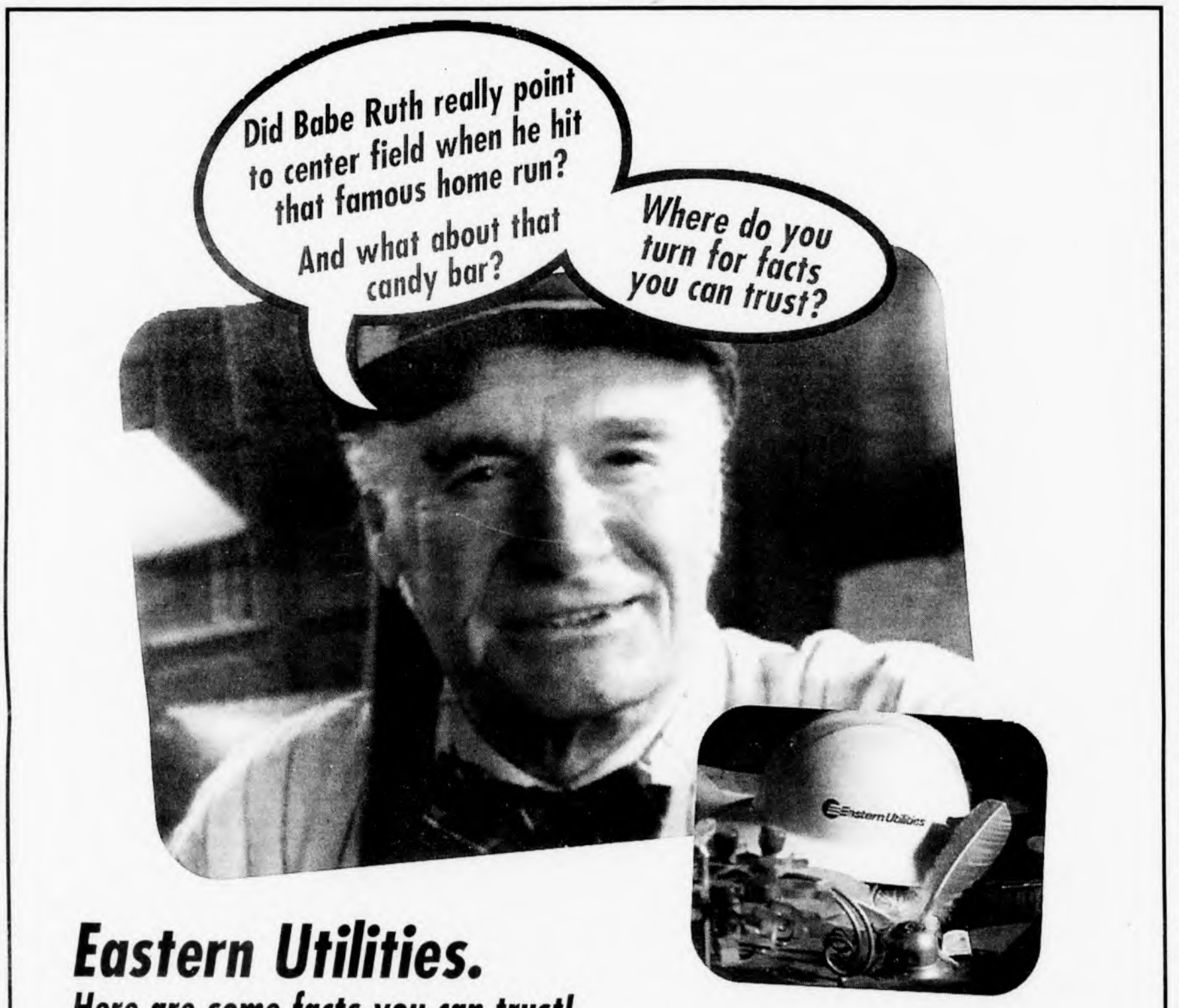
"The design review board said it was too big, it was too this, it was too that," Haddad said. "It's a big quagmire. Let me resolve it."

Last December, the selectmen approved a 12-foot-in diameter compass rose with a polished block granite stone inscribed with a likeness of the old Minot Lighthouse and an inscription telling the story of how it fell over and killed the two men. The monument is planned to have a foundation of crushed stone four-feet deep sitting under one-foot of reinforced concrete. An additional six inches of concrete, granite and cobblestone will constitute the ground-level compass rose and serve a base for the 1,000 pound engraved granite stone.

Selectman Diane Sullivan reminded Haddad that the selectmen fully supported the 12-foot-high monument. She said she didn't want to see the proposal for the monument withdrawn. Haddad replied that the selectmen's support would weigh heavily on his decision.

Bob Davenport of the GISC attended Tuesday's meeting. Davenport originally suggested sending the proposal to the design review board because he felt the monument was too big. Davenport felt the selectmen were too quick to ignore the design review board's recommendation.

But Haddad pointed out that the design review board only advises other town committees. He said the selectmen are free to reject the board's advice.



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By the way... As it usually is with legends, these two are a bit cloudy. **As for pointing:** It was the third game of the 1932 World Series, the Yankees playing at Chicago's Wrigley Field. There was no love lost between the teams – and the Cubs were taunting Ruth as he came to bat in the fifth inning. The Babe took two strikes and then held up two fingers - as if to say: "That's two!" And then he gestured out toward the mound - or maybe the center field bleachers. He hit the next pitch 500 feet into those bleachers – the longest home run ever hit at Wrigley Field. Ruth both denied and affirmed that he had indeed pointed. The acclaimed sportswriter Grantland Rice said that Ruth did point – did, indeed, "call the shot." [Source: New York Yankees home page: http://www.yankees.com/ruth.trib/br.story.p4.html] **As for the candy bar:** The Curtiss Candy Co. in Chicago claimed that the Baby Ruth bar was named for Ruth Cleveland, the daughter of President Grover Cleveland: she was the first baby ever born in the White House. (Ruth Cleveland tragically died of diphtheria at age 13.) However, many people (including the Babe himself) thought the candy bar was named after George Herman Ruth, the Yankee slugger. [Source: Urban Legends homepage: http://www.urbanlegends.com/products/baby.ruth/baby_ruth_candy_bar.html]

Halloween Fair set to be bigger than ever

There will be lots of games and surprises for South Shore ghosts and goblins at this Sunday's annual South Shore Community Center Nursery School Halloween Fair. Encircling Cohasset Common again this year will be a host of games of skill and chance for children of all ages including such annual favorites as Ghostball, Treasure Hunt and Donuts on a String. And as always, there will be plenty of refreshments, prizes and surprises, all planned to delight area enchanted goblins, princesses, and cartoon characters.

The Fair gets underway Oct. 25 at 1:30 p.m. sharp with a costume parade led by a very friendly witch. The spooktacular time continues until 3:30 p.m.

Tickets for all games and activities may be purchased at the Fair. Tickets are three for $1. Proceeds from the Fair benefit the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, including the school's scholarship and program funds.

For more information about the Fair or the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, contact Lynne Sheridan at 383-0036.

Friends of Paragon Carousel Halloween party

The Friends of the Paragon Carousel is having a Halloween party from 4 - 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 and a costume parade at 4:30 p.m. A pumpkin decorating contest will also be held and awards will be given to the prettiest, scariest and most creative pumpkins in the under 13 and 13 and older categories. The entry fee is $1. Pumpkin drop-off dates are Sunday, Oct. 25 from 1:30 - 4 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 29 from 3 - 6 p.m. Carousel rides are $1.50 each. For more information call 925-0472.

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Bradley, Murray race down to the wire

Town clerks predict healthy turnout

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

In the Third Plymouth District, even a hot governor's race is taking a back seat to the contest between Mary Jeanette Murray, a Republican, and Democrat Garrett Bradley.

Bradley, 28, of Hingham, a former county prosecutor, has worn out five pairs of shoes canvassing the district in his effort to unseat long-time incumbent Murray, 73, of Cohasset, the politician who wrote the book on constituent service.

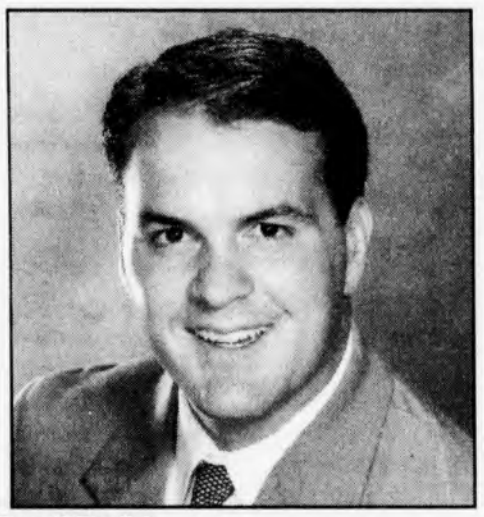
The town clerks in Hingham, Cohasset and Hull are predicting a healthy turnout as registered voters head to the polls, which are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Cohasset Town Hall, the Hingham Middle School and Hull High School.

"It's really going to be difficult to call whoever loses because we love them both," said Hingham Town Clerk Eileen McCracken.

Absentee ballots, usually a gauge of voter interest, were pouring in, in Hingham and Hull and running about average in Cohasset earlier this week.

Both candidates are expected to do well in their hometowns. Should Hingham with its

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Garrett Bradley



Mary Jeanette Murray



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Eighteen-month-old Dagmar Seppala of Cohasset sports a handmade elephant costume at the annual Halloween Fair on the common on Sunday. For more photos, see page 18.

Cohasset schools make 'most advantaged' list

But study is off the mark, locals say

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

ED REFORM: 5 Years Later — CHAPTER 2 —

How much does a town's socioeconomic status factor into its public education system? Plenty, according to a recent report by senior researcher Robert D. Gaudet from the University of Massachusetts' Donahue Institute.

Gaudet, the founder and former principal of the Boston Renaissance Charter School, ranked Cohasset schools fifth in the commonwealth's most "demographically advantaged" cities and towns. That list, selected out of 351 schools, included the communities of Duxbury, Norwell, Hingham and Scituate, which ranked tenth, fourteenth, twenty-first and thirty-fifth respectively.

Gaudet's study also separates the "most effective" schools from the rest. "Effective," takes into account schoolchildren of less privileged socioeconomic status whose standardized test success is attributable to school district efforts.

Generally speaking, wealthy towns like Cohasset, Marblehead and Weston are consistently considered the best in terms of standardized tests scores. That suggests that the intended equalizing effect of the 1993 Education Reform Act hasn't really been accomplished.

In Gaudet's view, affluent towns like Cohasset, where the median home price range is $284,500 have the benefits within the community that allows students to run with the wind at their back, whereas less privileged towns' students run with the wind against them. As he sees it, the Education Reform Act hasn't changed the basic boost that wealthier towns' students gain by living in a financially successful community.

"A town like Cohasset doesn't add much value to a kid's education, but so what?" Gaudet said. "If you're in the top 20 percent, you don't care how effective your schools are if the kids can still get into Harvard. And they can."

Which begs the question; does an apparently affluent town like Cohasset even need to worry about "effectiveness" when its students are doing so well, anyway?

Indeed, in the last two years, Cohasset has enjoyed a zero percent student drop-out rate,

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Library prevails over condos

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The wave of pink voters' slips held aloft by well over two-thirds of the packed auditorium said it all — Cohasseters want the old Joseph Osgood Elementary School to stay in town hands as the potential home for the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. At this point, they do not want the school placed in the hands of a private developer for use as elderly housing.

Monday's special town meeting ignored a call from advisory committee Chairman Dick Avery to wait on the decision — and turn down Article 6, which would have given selectmen permission to sell the old school, and article 7, which would set the stage for the library to move over to the old Osgood.

"Usually, this should have an overwhelming majority of people in favor of a new library or elderly housing," Avery said before the vote. "I would like to see the town come together on this and not divide on it."

Apparently, Cohasseters felt decided enough to vote 351-99 to spend $152,500 to develop construction drawings and bid documents to turn the old school into a new library. Library trustees believe that an estimated $2.3

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The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instructions to voters are printed on the ballot and any pen or pencil may be used. To vote, completely fill in the OVAL to the right of your choice, follow directions as to the number of candidates for each office, and to vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line and completely fill in the OVAL.



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Town Clerk Marion Douglas and Assistant Town Clerk Jacquelyn McGuire hold up a ballot and urge all registered voters to vote on Tuesday.

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This Tuesday, you have a choice between two candidates with very different views on the issues. With important issues like education reform, tax relief, and public safety being decided at the State House during the next two years, who will you choose to represent you?

Garrett Bradley	Mary Jeanette Murray
Education	
Garrett Bradley supports the Education Reform Act, which provided funding for smaller class sizes and improved standards in the classroom.	Representative Murray voted against the Education Reform Act. *Official Journal of the House, Roll Call #172, 6/8/93*
Garrett Bradley supports the increases in state aid, which raised state aid per pupil in Hingham by 69%, in Hull by 97%, and in Cohasset by 61%.	Representative Murray voted against the increased state aid for public schools provided for in the Education Reform Act. *Official Journal of the House, Roll Call #172, 6/8/93*
Public Safety	
Garrett Bradley supports the Assault Weapons Ban to protect our communities from the dangers of guns.	Representative Murray voted against the Assault Weapons Ban. *Official Journal of the House, Roll Call #310, 7/20/98*
Garrett Bradley supports a 24-hour "cooling off" period in all domestic violence arrests.	Representative Murray said that she is opposed to such legislation. *"On The Mark" Candidates Debate, MediaOne, 9/23/98*

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Garrett Bradley and his wife, Heather, at their home in Hingham

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New law to curb teen drivers

Graduated licensing takes effect Nov. 4

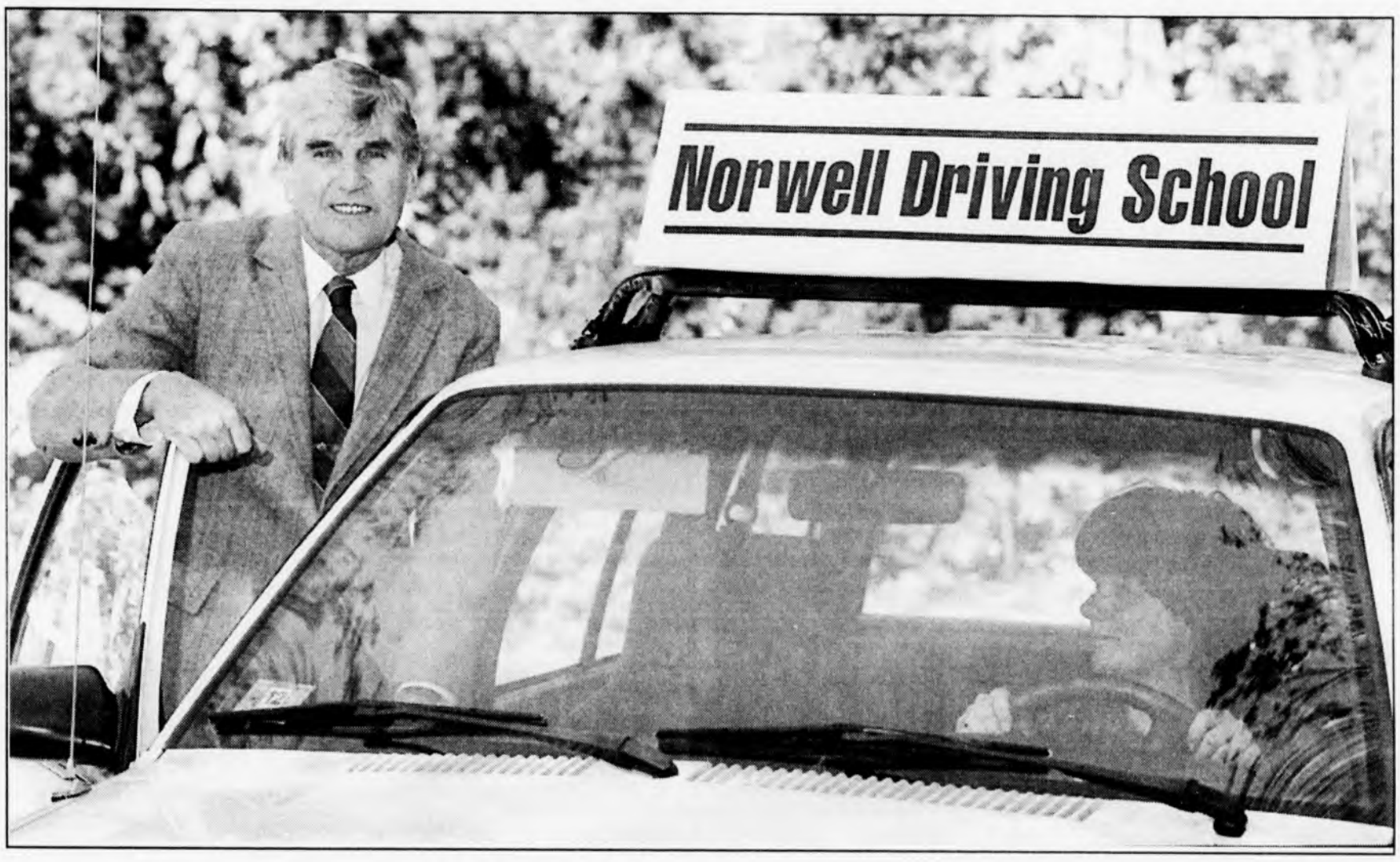
By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

A new state graduated licensing law for teenagers has met with mixed reviews among some teen drivers, but those who crafted the bill hope it will help save young lives.

Massachusetts is the 11th state to implement a full graduated driver licensing system. The intent of the new law is to ensure new teenage drivers gain more on-the-road experience and expands parental involvement once a teen obtains a license.

Any inconvenience is offset by the hope that teens will now be better drivers with more experience behind the wheel, supporters say.

"Teenage drivers must be realistic," said Arthur Kinsman, AAA manager of government relations and AAA legislative liaison for the bill. "They believe they're good drivers, might get straight A's in school and can have the best intentions, but there will never be a worse driver than the day someone turns 16-1/2 and gets a driver's license."



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Rocco Libertine, who has taught driver's education for 30 years, is concerned the new law doesn't go far enough.

At the end of the legislative session in July, the graduated driver licensing bill was signed into law by Gov. Paul Cellucci. The law, which was supported by a number of legislative leaders, takes effect Nov. 4.

"The law isn't aimed at good or bad kids or at punishing teenagers," Kinsman said. "It provides the proper framework for them to gain more experience and steer them towards good driving behavior. Based on experience, they'll get better at driving as they do more of it."

During the 1990s, drunk driving and mandatory safety belt issues have also been addressed.

Some of the major provisions of the graduated licensing bill include:

• mandatory drivers' education prior to obtaining a junior operator's license at age 16-1/2. Parents must certify 12 hours of additional supervised driving spent with their teenager as well;

• expanding the nighttime driving restriction for teens from 1-4 a.m. to midnight to 5 a.m.;

• restricting teen drivers ages 16-1/2-to-17 for the first six months after obtaining their junior operator's license from carrying other teenage passengers under age 18 unless they're accompanied by a licensed driver age 21 or over who is sitting in the front seat. The only exception to the passenger restriction is immediate family members.

According to Kinsman, that means, ironically, that teenagers acquiring their licenses on Oct. 4, for example, would be able to carry passengers under age 18 without a licensed driver 21 or over accompanying them until Nov. 4. At that time, the new restriction takes effect, which restricts them from doing that. However, the month from Oct. 4-Nov. 4 counts as experience towards meeting the six-month passenger restriction criteria.

In Massachusetts, 46 percent of 16-year-olds will be involved in a car crash before their 17th birthday.

• implementation of new speeding penalties for drivers under the age of 18, including a 180-day suspension for second speeding offenses and one year for third or subsequent violations.

The graduated driver licensing system calls for an additional 180-day license suspension for junior operators ages 16-1/2-to-18 for refusing or failing to pass a breathalyzer test in addition to the current 90-day suspension for failing the .02 blood alcohol contest or 180 days for refusing the test.

• Teens ages 16-to-16-1/2 holding learner's permits are now required to complete six months of clean driving (no convictions or at-fault crashes) before they may advance to the junior operator's licensing stage.

Why was the six-month passenger restriction implemented?

"A couple of statistics jumped out at us as we did our research for the bill," Kinsman said.

Those include the fact that in Massachusetts, 46 percent of 16-year-olds will be involved in a car crash before their 17th birthday.

"Two-thirds of teens killed in crashes are in a car driven by another teen," Kinsman said.

Studies indicate the crash risk for teens is higher when there are other teenagers in the car.

"This could be due to more distractions or showing off for friends," he said. "Even when drivers are thinking they're doing everything right, some teenagers don't have enough experience, and their fellow passengers can get hurt, too."

Teens are sometimes willing to take risks, but don't have enough experience to manage them, according to Kinsman.

"Teens need to consider the question, Am I as good a driver as I think I am," he said, "and ask themselves, Am I responsible enough to take on the safety of my friends and siblings without more time at the wheel?"

Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan supports the new law.

"Anything is a good thing that tries to alert teenagers to the dangers of their first six months of driving," Noonan said. "I think it will save some lives down the line."

Cohasset High senior Tony Bramblett thinks teens not being allowed to drive others is ludicrous.

"How many more cars is that going to put on the road?" he asked. "Are you and your girlfriend going to have to take separate cars? Do those on Beacon Hill remember what it's like to be young?"

Senior Megan Connolly agrees the restriction will make life difficult.

"I just see that this will cause problems, especially with kids that want to drive brothers and sisters around if their parents work," she said.

Norwell Driving School instructor Rocco Libertine, who has taught driver's education for 30 years, said the new law is not strict enough. He'd like to see the minimum age to obtain a license raised to 18.

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"If they raised it to 18, I wouldn't mind losing the business if they turned out to be better drivers," he said.

Libertine said the new law's provision that restricts teens for six months from driving without a licensed driver 21 years of age or older in the front street is a good way to get some teens to mature quickly as drivers.

"It will at least keep them from smashing up their cars and it will give them some experience driving before they drive alone," said Libertine. "Six months may be all a kid needs in order to mature as a driver. Sometimes a kid needs time to get over the novelty of being a newly licensed driver. That's the time period when kids crash the most."

Graduated licensing is a large part of AAA's national 'Licensed to Learn' campaign, which brings attention to the high number of teenagers involved in crashes and advocates parental involvement in driver training for young motorists.

Further information about the new law is available on the Registry of Motor Vehicles website at: www.state.ma.us/rmv, including the entire text of the law and answers to 30 of the most commonly asked questions about it.

"Kids can learn from their mistakes easily on the sports field or while learning to use the Internet," Kinsman of AAA said, "but with a car the mistake can be fatal. We're trying to maximize learning and minimize mistakes (among teen drivers)."

The potential effect of the new system of training is to produce better drivers.

"It's not the most dramatic law apart from the passenger restriction, which will affect some carpools at the outset," said Kinsman. "If teens obey the speed limit and follow the basics, they should reach the age of 18 with no problem."

But, even if the new law had been in effect at the time four Notre Dame teenagers were involved in a fatal accident in September, Kinsman said he doesn't think it would have made a difference in that situation.

"That was a terrible crash under bad driving conditions," he said.

Constance Pittman Lindner and Frank DiCesare also contributed to this report.

SNAPSHOT OF THE NEW LAW

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Cohasset voters head to the polls on Tuesday

By Julie A. Mehegan
STAFF WRITER

Cohasset voters head to the polls next Tuesday to help decide everything from the state's next governor to the future salaries of Massachusetts legislators.

Locally, Democrat Garrett Bradley of Hingham is waging a campaign against incumbent Mary Jeanette Murray of Cohasset, for the Third Plymouth seat representing Hingham, Hull and Cohasset. Sen. Robert L. Hedlund, R-Weymouth, is running unopposed.

Both precincts vote at the Cohasset Town Hall. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In other local races, Norfolk County Sheriff Jack Flood, who was appointed by former Gov. William Weld, faces opposition from Michael G. Bellotti, a Democrat from Quincy and Lawrence C. Mackin, an Independent from Braintree. Republican Robert D. Hall, Jr. of Needham and Democrat Peter H. Collins of Milton will square off for the Norfolk County Commissioner's seat, and Republican incumbent Jeffrey A. Locke, who was appointed by Weld, faces William A. Keating, a Sharon Democrat, in his bid for Norfolk County District Attorney.

Statewide, Acting Gov. Paul Cellucci and Attorney General Scott Harshbarger are fighting for the right to the corner office in the State House, after several weeks of tense campaigning and debate. Democrat Tom Reilly and Republican Brad Bailey are competing for the Attorney General's seat, and Democrat Shannon O'Brien and Republican Robert Maginn are vying for the Treasurer's post, vacated by Joe Malone when he made an unsuccessful bid for the Republican nomination for governor.

Voters will also be asked to answer four questions on the Nov. 3 ballot.

• Question 1 asks voters to change the way members of the Legislature are granted pay raises. The amendment to the state's constitution would tie pay raises for legislators to the median household income for Massachusetts residents.

Members of the House and Senate currently make a base salary of $46,410 annually. That salary would be frozen until January of 2001, and after that date, salaries would be reviewed every two years. An increase or reduction in pay would depend on the fluctuation of median household incomes, as determined by the governor.

Supporters of the change say it would prohibit legislators from the controversial act of voting to increase their own salaries, and would keep legislators' pay in line with the income of their constituents. But opponents say the state constitution is not the place to set the standard for legislators' salaries, and that open debate and a public vote holds legislators accountable if they vote to increase their own pay.

• Question 2 tackles the thorny issue of campaign finance reform on the state level, by proposing a law providing public funds to every candidate who voluntarily agrees to campaign spending limits and a $100 limit on campaign contributions. The law would also limit the amount of so-called "soft money" which could be transferred from national parties and used by state political parties.

Supporters say the new system would eliminate the influence of special interests and soft money on elections. But opponents of the new system reject the public financing for all campaigns, and suggest that the state can't afford to invest millions of tax dollars in political races.

• Question 3 proposes a reduction in the state tax rate for interest and dividend income, from the current 12 percent to the rate which applies to Part B taxable income, currently 5.95 percent.

Supporters of the tax cut suggest that the current 12 percent tax on interest and dividend income is discriminatory, punishing citizens who save and invest and discouraging others from doing so. But opponents say the tax cut would benefit only the wealthy and would actually drive down wages for working families.

•Question 4 asks voters to decide whether to keep or to repeal a law passed overwhelmingly by the legislature in 1997. The law deregulates the electric utility industry, allowing competition among power generating companies and requiring reduced rates for consumers.

Supporters say the law enables consumers to choose their own electricity provider and has been effective in reducing rates since it was passed in 1997. Critics call the law a "bailout" for utility companies and oppose what they consider state subsidies for the power companies.

If you have questions about the Nov. 3 election, you may call Town Clerk Marion Douglas at 383-4100.

Bradley, Murray race down to the wire

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15,110 registered voters — about 8,600 of whom are unenrolled — go for Bradley, then Murray would have to make up the difference in Cohasset and Hull. Cohasset has 5,348 registered voters, with 3,038 unenrolled. The balance of voters in both towns is evenly split between Republicans and Democrats.

In Hull, there are about 8,700 registered voters, with about 5,000 unenrolled. But Democrats outnumber Republicans there 2,717 to 740.

Hull Town Clerk Janet Bennett said Murray has traditionally enjoyed strong support in Hull and thinks the race will bring the voters out on Tuesday.

"This is the toughest fight she's had," Bennett said.

Bradley, who will await the final results at Star's in Hingham Harbor, thinks his campaign message about strong constituent service coupled with being a strong advocate on the issues has resonated with voters.

"It's really going to be difficult to call whoever loses because we love them both."
— Hingham Town Clerk Eileen McCracken.

"We've run a strong, issue-based, positive campaign," said Bradley. "I've knocked on over 12,000 doors and talked to people directly about the issues."

On election night, Murray will be at the Sons of Italy off Route 3A in Hingham with her campaign workers. Facing her first challenge in a decade, Murray said the campaigning has been good for her.

"It provided me the chance to really get back with the people and campaign," she said. "It's been very nice and people have remembered what we've accomplished."

Both candidates will make the rounds at the polls on Tuesday.

While Cohasset Town Clerk Marion Douglas is predicting a turnout of at least 70 percent, she'd like to see even higher numbers Tuesday.

"Please, everyone vote!" she said.

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School technology articles approved

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

At the final session of town meeting on Tuesday, voters approved $350,000 for computers and other communications technology for the school department. The school committee will borrow $200,000 for printers, monitors, furniture and other equipment expected to last longer than five years. The remaining $150,000 will come from the free cash account to pay for the PCs, which may have a life expectancy of less than five years. Town officials did not want to pay interest on a loan for computers that could be obsolete in a few years. Town Manager Mark Haddad said borrowing $200,000 and spending $150,000 in cash also allows the town to reserve $350,000 in free cash needed to offset an expected deficit in fiscal year 2000.

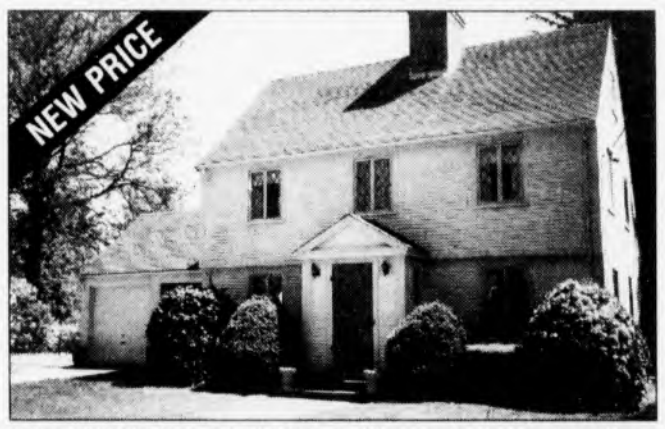
Voters rejected an amendment by resident Lee Jenkins to transfer only $200,000 from free cash for technology. Jenkins argued that the school department's figures were outdated did not reflect recent price reductions in the cost of computers. She also complained that the school department already had hundreds of computers for students, and didn't need to buy as many new personal computers as officials claimed was necessary.

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If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held on alternate Tuesdays.

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★ Mary Jeanette recently facilitated a grant of $3500 from the Bell Atlantic Foundation to the Hingham Rotary for the benefit of the Hingham Community Playground.

TAXES

★ Mary Jeanette is fighting to have the **state surplus returned to the taxpayers** in the form of a lower tax rate. **She voted to lower the tax** on unearned income from 12% to 5% (Legislature compromised at 5.95%).

★ **Her opponent wants part of the surplus spent** in the form of grants to cities and towns.

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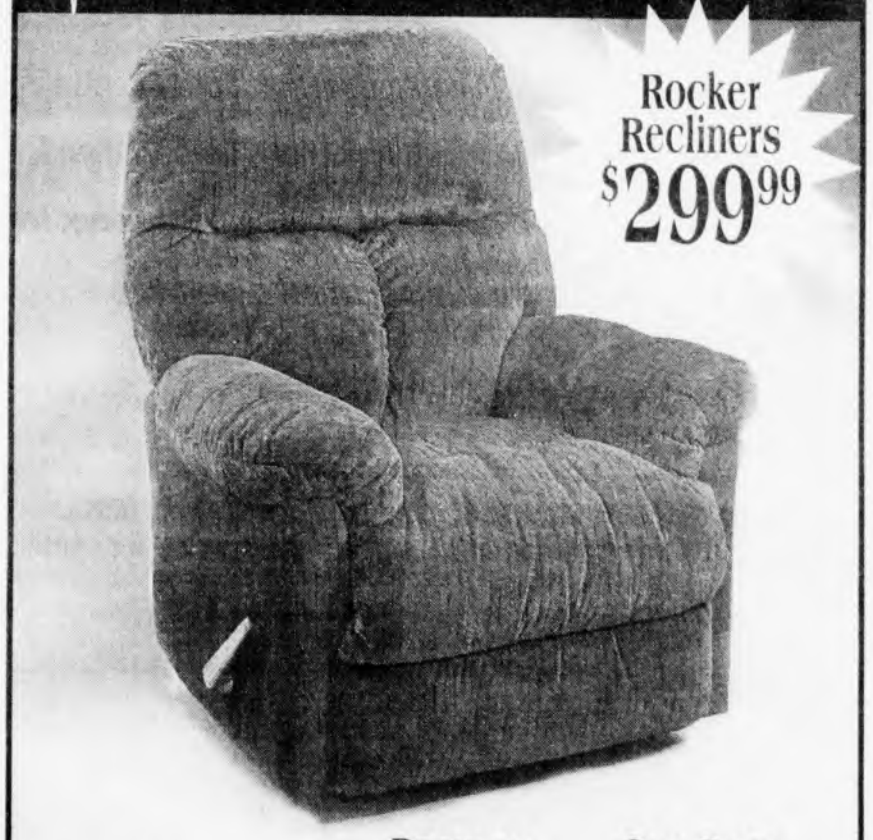
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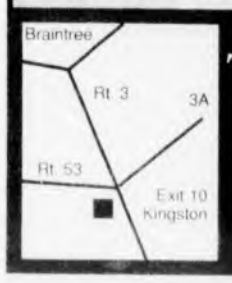
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Library prevails over senior condos at town meeting

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million will be needed down the road to convert the school to a handicapped-accessible and roomy library.

The current library at 106 South Main St., according to trustees, is in violation of handicap-access law; has a limited parking situation; is too small for today's (or tomorrow's) needs; is inefficiently designed in an uneven multi-level style; and is contiguous to wetlands. Bumping out the structure is not seen as an option given the protection of wetlands under conservation law.

Library trustees Chairman Patience Towle held firm on her position that a switch to the school would be more cost effective than a re-design of the South Main Street building or building an entirely new structure on a parcel of land on the old elementary school grounds, as was under consideration. Trustees suggest selling the Paul Pratt building to offset the cost of a new library.

"The bottom line is that the net cost of it will be $710,000 assuming that the state funding we've been assured can happen comes through," Towle said. "For those who think the library is fine now, taxpayers will have to pay $600,000 to make the library handicapped-accessible. The maximum renovation to build on the already existing library will cost $1.5 to $2 million. For twice as much money, look how little the town will get."

Towle also pointed out that renovating the existing Paul Pratt Memorial library would cost about the same as renovating the old Osgood School, but that the project would not qualify for the state funding library trustees expect to see next year.

Those in favor of turning the school over to selectmen for sale — likely to Keen Development Corp. of Cambridge which would develop condos for seniors — argued that the $800,000 offered by the developer would help offset the $9.9 million price tag of the new Osgood School on Sohier Street.

Concerns about the actual need for elderly housing in Cohasset, given that there are already several empty condos on the market priced similarly to those proposed by Keen, was voiced by Osgood School reuse committee chairman Chris Ford, 14 Border St.

"I am the 'one' in the 6-1 vote," Ford said. "We were divided on the issue. If the unit price from Keen is lowered to $150,000, the developer won't buy it for $800,000. Besides, there are currently at least eight one-bedroom condos available today in Cohasset — one for $132,000 with 953 square feet and another at 100 Pond St. for $259,000. I'm concerned that these Keen units won't sell if the market goes sour — and the first thing to go sour on the market is condos."

It was the Osgood School reuse committee's 6-1 vote that recommended Keen Development Corp. after considering proposals from the library trustees and other developers. Town meeting charged the reuse committee two years ago to find the best way to return the old school to the tax rolls.

Keen's condominiums were supposed to offer a residential option for elderly Cohasseters, who would have first-come first-serve status to purchase within the community. Sale prices were expected to range between $195,000 for a one-bedroom unit and $265,000 for a larger two-bedroom apartment, with units ranging in size from 750 square feet to approximately 1,100 square feet, according to a handout supplied by the developers at town meeting.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris offered that both proposals were worthwhile. "Both housing for seniors and a desirable library for all would have a positive effect on the quality of life in Cohasset," she said. "The old Osgood can be used by the elderly and a lot (on the site) can be used for the new library in the best interest of the town. The housing will be used for seniors and empty nesters of middle-income who don't want to leave the area. Many elderly are being displaced form their hometown, roots and friends because they can no longer keep up their homes. They are house rich and money poor. Especially in the suburbs where newcomers vote in expensive projects that eat into the middle class elderly's fixed and limited income."

McMorris also explained that the old school will continue to sit vacant if the library has to wait for state funding. "We don't need another deteriorating building," she said.

Planning board Chairman Al Moore reminded the audience that "plans are nice, but let's get the zoning issue straight before we start talking about selling." The old Osgood is zoned in a single-family, residential area with enough acreage for four single-family homes.

On a lighter note, Herbert Towle, 91A South Main St., suggested that the old school should be the new domicile of the town hall. In turn, the town hall should be sold for older people. "I'd like to see some of those old people make that 'short' walk to town from the old Osgood," he quipped, referring to the benefi[illegible] town proximity for the elderly in the Keen proposal.

Minutes later, Neal Glick, 7 Spring St., offered his idea that the current Paul Pratt Memorial Library remain at its South Main Street address. "We will lose the elegance of an in-town library," he said. "Pembroke just paid millions to create a town center like we already have."

The final word on this matter was put forth by school committee member Joe McElroy, past-director of the Cohasset Historical Society. "We have nothing to fear but fear itself," he said, quoting Franklin Roosevelt's words. "I support the Paul Pratt proposal for the old Osgood school and the Lothrop House, which isn't adequate for the Historical Society's needs, should be sold and relocated to the library."

What games of musical chairs will come to pass if the library relocates to the old Osgood cannot be known now. But as of this week, it is clear that the town may like to see the old Osgood, where many learned their "three 'Rs," as the place where their children will have their first story hour and borrow their first library book.

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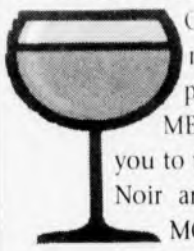


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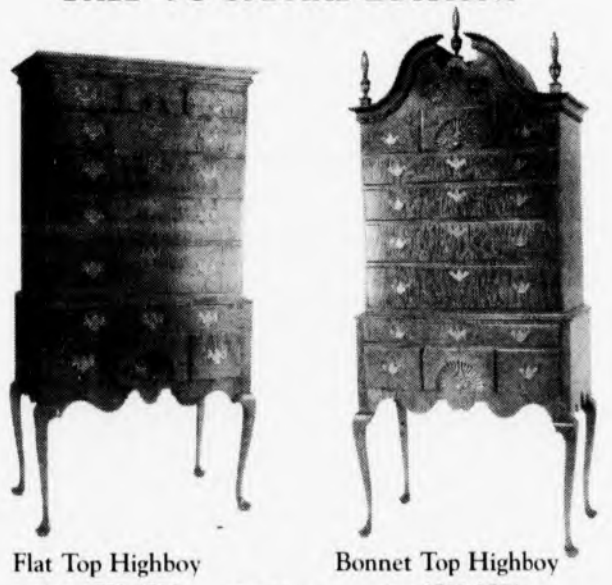
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR, AUGUST 28, 1998

I have served with Representative Murray since 1981, and while we sit on opposite sides of the political aisle, I respect her experience and skills as a legislator.

Rep. Murray is most effective in working with leadership and is often a key player in the legislature, having sponsored more than 270 laws since 1977.

...Her dedication to constituent services is the bread and butter issue for the people she represents...she is able to cut through the bureaucracy and provide access to the government that the people have paid for...this is the most important duty of an elected official.

...Her sensitivity to proposed legislation is due in large measure to her experience as a legislator and former local official.

The Local Affairs Committee reviews bills submitted by nearly every city, town and district in the Commonwealth. Rep. Murray played a lead role in legislation regulating the cellular telecommunications, which will protect local zoning autonomy. Several pieces of legislation which she sponsored resulted in laws regulating the conduct of public officials and meetings of governmental bodies and laws concerning veterans, child care, insurance, public utilities, crime, water and sewer assessments and school employees.

...She serves on the Committee on Counties, which this year played an important role in disbanding the county system of government.

...Rep. Murray's military service as a member of the United States Marine Corps is commendable... and she is well known for her leadership on veterans' issues.

The residents of Hingham, Cohasset and Hull are fortunate to have her as their State Representative, and have shown their wisdom in sending such an able and dedicated person to represent them in the Legislature. I, too have benefitted from her wisdom and expertise, and am proud to know her.

She's Always Been There for You. Now, Please Be There For Her on November 3.

Marie J. Parente

Rep. Murray is proud to accept the endorsement of the following groups:

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AROUND TOWN

A GREAT NIGHT

"Oh, What a Night ..." Everyone has heard that song, well, it could have been **Richard Kurtz's** very own theme song last Saturday night! Richard has had a rough time lately, between treatments and surgery, so he has been out of touch with the mainstream! Well, here's what his family and friends did to take care of that! They all got together and rented the room upstairs at the American Legion, cooked up sumptuous dishes, then invited all of his friends to come and say Hello! When we tell you the place was filled to the rafters, it is probably an understatement! Everyone wanted to see Richard to fill him with love and best wishes (he looked like a million bucks) and they did! Ben Watson and his group "The Bottom of the Fifth" provided the music for singing and dancing, the food kept on coming, friendship abounded — it was a very special night for a very special guy! A party to be remembered by all, especially the guest of honor!

NEWS FROM NOBLE'S

News from Noble and Greenough School, **Annie Palone** is the newsmaker — Annie, the daughter of **Michael** and **Margaret Palone**, has been named a Commended Student in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship Program. She placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 1999 Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test last fall. Congratulations on a job well done, Annie!

MARY MARTHA BENEFIT

As you may know, there is a special place in Hingham called the **Mary-Martha Learning Center**. The center is responsible for providing an intensive, residential program for women and children in transition; it trains women and children to make lasting and positive changes in their lives. Residents are referred through DSS and DYS and are often escaping abusive or dangerous situations. They learn how to break the cycle of abuse while teaching them a positive lifestyle — they learn to parent, career skills nutrition, etc. If they aren't high school grads, they work toward their GED. Here's a huge stat ... in its 10-year history the center has graduated nearly 350 women and not one has returned to homelessness! When Tipper Gore visited MMLC she heralded it as a model program for the entire nation. Sixty people got together to help the center try to eliminate the mortgage to enable them to hire additional staff, help the residents, give more to the moms and children — the list goes on. The dedicated fund-raisers held a Mary-Martha Learning Center Monster Bash and Raffle last week at the Cohasset Golf Club and it was a monstrous success, but (there is always a but) they would love to have your $$$ too. If you would like to aid these kind people and their efforts, get in touch with Sara Meehan (Gigi), and she will be happy to steer you in the right direction. It's so nice that people care.



Her Royal Highness Gigi Meehan with husband, King Leo II, at the Monster Bash. Proceeds went to support the Mary-Martha Learning Center in Hingham.



Suzanne Filbey of Cohasset and Melanie Anderson of Hingham, members of the Mary-Martha Learning Center Monster Bash steering committee, are dressed up as cigar & cigarette girls.

BRYANT COLLEGE NEWS

Bryant College sends us word that there is one local resident attending Bryant this year and she is (drum roll please) **Lauren N. Dooley!** Lauren is a management major, and is on the field hockey team. This is probably the first of many things that you will read about Lauren, she is an outstanding young lady with a brilliant future ahead. Many of us have been touched by her goodness and her thoughtfulness, to say nothing of her grace and beauty. This gal will go places, folks, she is special!

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Prom Queen "wannabes" Jane Wasel, left; and Patty Smith, far right; flank witch Pam Wilson, all of Cohasset at the first annual Monster Bash on Saturday.

that got together to organize the salute to **Jean** and **Dan Cotton**, it is so nice that they have been recognized for their many contributions to our town! Dan and Jean are a special couple indeed, their list of accomplishments goes on and on. From education to conservation to town government, to saving town dollars, even improving traffic control, they have done it all. On a personal note, this writer had the honor of graduating with their younger daughter, **Mary Jane**, so I know first hand what fine people and parents they are! Their home and their hearts were always open to Mary Jane's friends, and they were very involved in making sure our education was a superior one! It's so nice to see Cohasset's grand couple honored, congratulations for a job that was (and is) so well done!

MAJORING IN PSYCHOLOGY

J. Robert Buckley of Cohasset fame is a member of the Colby-Sawyer College Class of 2002. Majoring in psychology, he is the son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Gerald A. Buckley,** and we know that he will "do them proud."

COHASSET ATHLETES

When you are reading the sports page, be sure to look under Noble and Greenough School for many Cohasset athletes! **Mickey Palone** and **Morgan Sandell** have made the Varsity Boys' Soccer Team; **Elliot Noon** has made the Varsity Boys' Football Team; **Margaret Goedecke** and **Stefanie Noering** (co-captain) have made the Varsity Girls' Field Hockey Team; and **Kristen O'Connell** has made the Varsity Girls' Soccer Team. Rha, Rah, RAH! Great going, ladies and gents!

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That's the news from here, let me know what you would like everyone to talk about next week.

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As the days grow shorter and shorter, it seems that our family's appetites grow larger and larger! And, who can blame them! What is nicer than coming home to delightful aromas filling the house and whetting the senses of taste and smell! Here is a menu for a meal that can all be cooked in the oven at the same time and temperature. When the oven is to be used for one dish, it makes for a greater economy of time, effort and money to place in it as many other dishes as possible! So, preheat your oven to 350 degrees, gather together a 2-1/2-quart casserole dish, a loaf pan and a cookie sheet, and let's cook a sumptuous meal.

SPANISH CHICKEN STEW

4-1b. chicken, cut into serving pieces
1/4 cup olive oil
1 lrg. Spanish onion, sliced
1 cup canned tomatoes
1 clove garlic, chopped fine
3/4 cup peas, canned or leftover
3/4 cup corn, canned
1 cup raw rice
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon red pepper
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
2 cups stock

Wash chicken and place skin-side up in 1-1/2 quart greased casserole dish. Combine remaining ingredients in order given, blend well and pour over chicken; cover tight.

SCALLOPED CORN

2 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon onion juice
2-1/2 cups cream style corn
2/3 cup soft bread crumbs
2 tablespoons melted butter

Beat the eggs and milk together; add salt, pepper and onion juice and blend well. Stir in the corn and pour mixture into a greased loaf pan. Top with bread crumbs which have been tossed in melted butter.

HOT YEAST ROLLS

1 package granular yeast
1/4 cup lukewarm water
1 cup milk, scalded
2 tablespoons shortening, melted
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 egg, well beaten
3-1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour

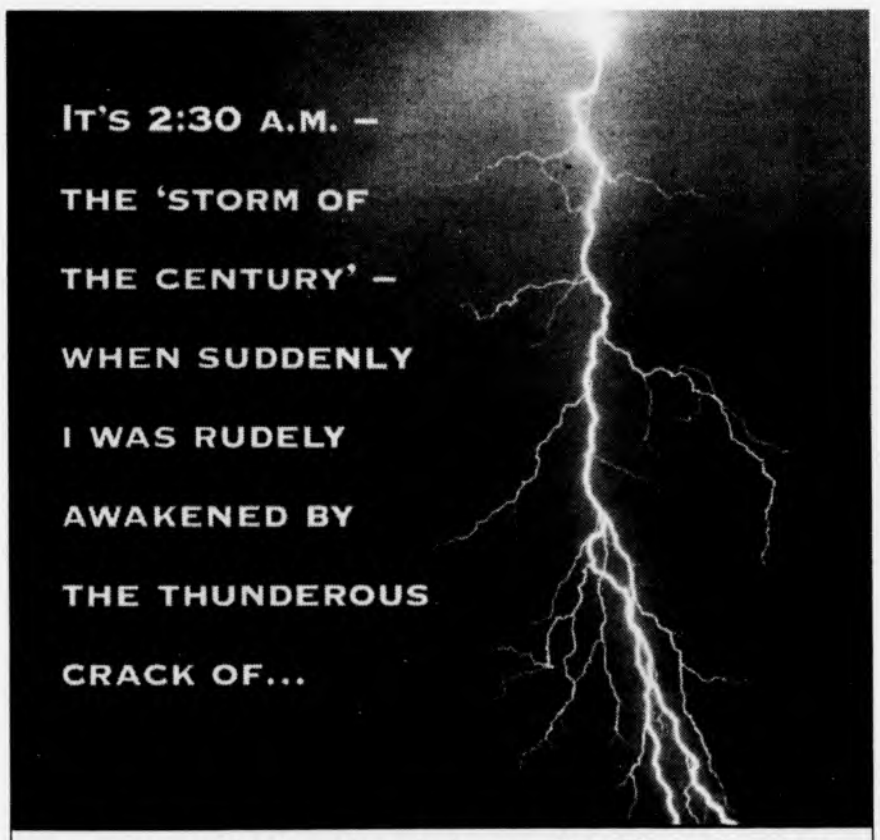
Sprinkle yeast slowly over lukewarm water. Combine milk, shortening, sugar and salt, and blend thoroughly; cool to lukewarm; add yeast mixture and well-beaten egg. Stir in flour, one cup at a time, beating well after each addition. Place dough in large, greased mixing bowl, cover with towel and let stand in warm place to double in size, about 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Turn out on a floured board or pastry cloth and roll out about 1/2 inch thick. Cut with 2-inch cookie cutter and place on greased cookie sheets about 2 inches apart; cover and let stand in warm place for about 1 hour to rise. This recipe makes approximately 2 dozen rolls

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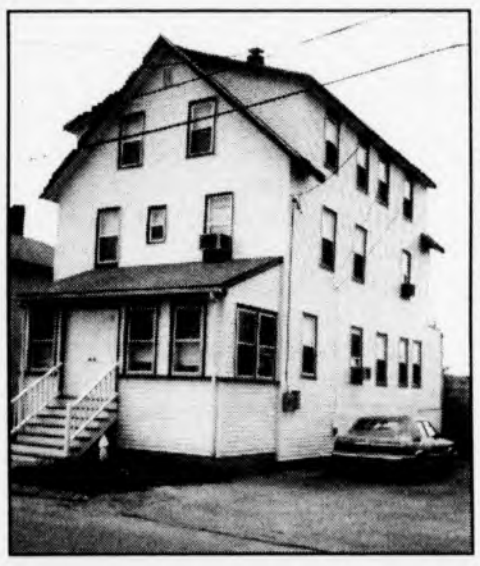
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EDITORIAL

A vote for Murray

Not long ago, we received a press release from a local cable show announcing that "Mary Jeanette" was one of the guests.

We added all the necessary attributions such as "state Representative" before her name and her family name "Murray" followed by "R-Cohasset."

Had we neglected to do that, however, we're sure that our readers would still have known who Mary Jeanette was.

There's little doubt that after 22 years of unparalleled constituent service as our state representative, Rep. Murray is a household name in Hingham, Cohasset and Hull. She has made service to the district her life's work and still has a passion for the job after many years. These are just some of the reasons we believe, from where we sit, Mary Jeanette Murray deserves another term in office.

A grandmother and veteran of the US Marine Corps, Rep. Murray, 73, also brings a perspective to the Legislature where she votes her conscience and has earned the respect of Democrats and Republicans alike. Over the years, she has come to understand the Legislative process and works that to her advantage, all for the betterment of the district. For many years she has been able to work to secure funding for key projects such as dredging and seawalls.

Rep. Marie J. Parente, D-Worcester, who is chairman of the committee on local affairs on which Rep. Murray serves, says it best.

"She is most effective when working with leadership and is often a key player in the Legislature, having sponsored more than 270 laws since 1977. As for Rep. Murray's dedication to constituent services, that is the bread and butter issue for the people she represents. That she is able to cut through the bureaucracy and provide access to the government people have paid for is the most important duty of an elected official."

There's no question election races help voters focus on the issues and even the personalities of the candidates so they can make an educated decision at the polls.

That's particularly true here in the Third Plymouth District where Democrat Garrett Bradley, a former Plymouth County assistant district attorney, hopes to unseat Rep. Murray, who hasn't faced a serious challenge in a decade.

Mr. Bradley is running a formidable campaign. We admire his energy and enthusiasm. We think he's bright, has great potential in the political world and would be a quick learner on the job. But at 28 and without any local government experience, Mr. Bradley doesn't present a strong enough argument on why we should choose him over Rep. Murray who not only served on the front lines of local politics as a selectman but whose lifetime experience helps her understand the needs of all ages.

We urge Rep. Murray to heed well all that has come out of this campaign. We urge her to adopt a more articulate and focused vision for education, particularly with Education Reform being a key issue as it comes up for renewal in the next two years. We also call on her to stop playing games with when she will bow out as legislator. She claims she believes in term limits, but won't be nailed down on when enough is enough. She needs to be direct on this issue just as she is on so many others.

With a generation's worth of service including bringing millions of dollars back to the district — we endorse the reelection of Mary Jeanette Murray Nov. 3

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The turnaround since then has been remarkable, and much of the credit goes to two men elected in 1990. Bill Weld and Paul Cellucci put a lid on spending and shored up the state's fiscal foundations. They cut taxes, improved the regulatory climate and reduced the cost of doing business.

Any new economic storms will find the state well prepared, thanks to the efforts of Weld, Cellucci and others in business and government. Its bond rating has been restored and its rainy day fund well-stocked. Massachusetts has a more diversified economy and the lowest unemployment rate of the large industrial states.

There has been progress in other areas over the last eight years. Crime is down, the welfare rolls are shrinking. Public higher education is getting better and tuition is going down. But restoring the economy's stability and state government's credibility have been the signal accomplishment of this decade. They are the strongest argument for renewing Cellucci's lease on the governor's office.

In other areas, particularly education, Cellucci's record is mixed. He's shown a commitment to the full funding of Education Reform and to some of its elements, like teacher testing, student testing and charter schools. But he has delegated educational leadership to John Silber and James Carlin, who are strong on rhetoric, not team-building. Their rattling of the education establishment has value, but while we need a vigorous debate over education, it's got to be a constructive debate as well. To get better schools, we need to inspire teachers, not insult them.

If Education Reform is to succeed, the governor will have to pay closer attention to the details. It's not just that we don't know how $9 billion in new school aid has been spent. It's that five years into a seven-year program, the administration hasn't determined how well it's working. Cellucci's understaffed and demoralized Education Department can't keep up with Education Reform's ambitious agenda, let alone evaluate its progress or figure out where we go from here.

Cellucci's opponent, Attorney General Scott Harshbarger, is a man of accomplishment and integrity. He has a proud record of public service and we wish him well.

But while Harshbarger has an admirable streak of independence, putting a Democrat in the governor's office would make Massachusetts virtually a one-party state. A balance of power between an activist Legislature and a governor who resists the urge to tax and spend has served the state well over the last eight years, and will for the next four.

Both Harshbarger and Cellucci are better than the campaigns they have waged. They've chosen slogans over substance and attack over engagement. The focus on Cellucci's personal finances is troubling in its lack of facts and its dubious relevance. He's shown he can handle the state's checkbook responsibly, and that's the job he's running for.

It is a job Paul Cellucci has earned as Weld's full partner in a remarkable eight years of recovery and renewal for Massachusetts. In a season of uncertainty, we can count on his proven leadership and Community Newspaper Co. endorses his election.

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Hedlund election night party

State Sen. Robert Hedlund R-Weymouth, invites all volunteers and supporters to attend an Election Night Victory Party at the Broad Cove Ballroom on Route 3A in Hingham. Festivities will begin at 7 p.m. with refreshments and appetizers to be served. This event is free for anybody interested in attending. For more information contact campaign headquarters at (781) 340-9866.

Deadline for community copy

The deadline for submitting community copy for the Cohasset Mariner is 8 a.m., Friday for the following week's issue. Letters and obituaries will be accepted until noon, Tuesday. Items may be dropped off at Cohasset News, 3 Brook St. or sent by fax to 741-2931. Call Mary Ford at 741-2933 with questions.

Understanding your child's risk of future substance abuse

FROM THE D & A COMMITTEE

T. MARTIN

The Second in a four-part series

The first risk factor for potential substance use among children to be examined, which will be surprising to many, is parents. Today's researchers agree that the biggest risk factor for substance abuse is parental attitudes toward drug use and drinking by children. The influence of parenting can be a problem when it includes a lack of parental information on current drug trends, denial of a child using or being likely to use alcohol or drugs, and parenting practices that do not effectively discourage use among children.

Why would a parent not work to discourage substance abuse among children? Experts in the field of substance abuse prevention maintain that this generation of parents was the first to partake in widespread, recreational drug use themselves. Many, as college students of the '60s, got high on marijuana and heard Timothy Leary praise the virtues of LSD. A large majority of these parents now believe that they experimented with drugs and managed to end up addiction free and successful in life. They believe, or hope, the same will hold true for their kids.

In response to parents' casual feelings about their children getting high, what some parents do not realize is that the marijuana of yesterday is not the same pot their children are smoking now. Today's marijuana is far more potent and commonly laced with chemicals. The marijuana currently available contains carcinogens 10 times more powerful than cigarettes. Parents also need to be reminded that when they got high they were most likely older and in college and perhaps less at risk for problems and addiction than their middle or high school children.

Other parents feel that they would rather see their kids drinking than smoking dope or messing around with cocaine. A whole different segment of parents feel drinking alcohol is a rite of passage for adolescence. These parents believe that youth drinking can be supervised or condoned in secure, non-driving locations such as the home. They may also believe that kids need to start early to learn how to drink responsibly before they go to college, perceived as the land of binge drinking. In the area of teen drinking, parents who do not adhere to zero tolerance and allow their children to drink before legal age, do not realize that, aside from breaking the law, they blur the lines of acceptance for children of any age below 21. Many forget that 12- and 14-year-olds hear the same messages that parents direct to their older adolescent siblings: "You do not have to wait until age 21 when you may drink legally; you can consume alcohol anytime as long as it's responsible; if it is within the home; or not while driving." This practice by parents of essentially condoning underage drinking is driving down the average age for use of alcohol among children. Five years ago, the average age for first use of alcohol was 15, now it's 12. Parents also need to remember that in reality kids do not drink to be social, they drink to get high .

Researchers agree, however, that parents can also serve as the biggest deterrent to their child's future abuse of drugs and alcohol. Parents, who provide clear and repeated messages that teen drinking and drugging will not be tolerated and offer consistent consequences for not abiding by this standard, will help their children beat the odds of future abuse, possible addiction or perhaps even death.

The Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee strongly suggests that parents become educated to the issues of substance use among youth and begin talking to their children about the dangers of drugs as early as the third grade. Parents need to start early with the message that substance abuse is simply not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Parents have to be prepared to offer clear and consistent consequences for their children should they venture into the abuse of drugs or alcohol. In case of possible and/or future substance abuse, a parent's best plan is to be prepared.

HEALTH NOTES

A newsletter created by a volunteer staff issued periodically by the Board of Health.

Heaven is a Smoke- Free Zone

In A 1940's song called *Smoke, Smoke, Smoke that Cigarette*, the last line is "In Heaven at the Golden Gate, tell Saint Peter that he's gonna wait cause I gotta have another cigarette."

Well, in Cohasset, we've come just that much closer. Last week, in a meeting of the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program, Cohasset and Hingham were declared Smokefree, and received citations for "Your Leadership in Establishing 100% Smokefree Public Places."

This is an important milestone. Smoking is one of the most damaging public health threats to our citizens, causing enormous suffering and expense to those in our Nation's communities.

It wasn't long ago that smoking was a way of life. Nearly everyone smoked, but there is evidence that fewer people are now doing it. Twenty years ago, It was possible for technicians inspecting aircraft to find cracks by looking for the brown stain caused by condensation of the tars from second hand smoke leaking through the fuselage. This is no longer possible, and other means of detecting cracks had to be developed.

But fed by funding from the Health Protection Fund, established by voter referendum in 1992, and organizations like the American Lung association and others, smoking has become the stigma that it deserves to be.

Every day the tobacco industry spends millions of dollars on advertising directed towards children and adults. This advertising works, because 3000 youths a day are enticed to start smoking. Half of the kids that start smoking try to quit but can't. The South Shore Collaborative, tries to reduce the use of tobacco by heightening community awareness, educating merchants, and enforcing laws which forbid sale of tobacco to minors.

One way this is done is to ask minors in one town to attempt to purchase tobacco from local merchants from another town. In the last two compliance checks, no store in Cohasset sold cigarettes to minors.

Unfortunately, smoking in youth is beginning to rise, and the national momentum against tobacco is slowing. The tobacco industry is involved in a campaign to diffuse evidence of the harmful effects of smoking.

Help to keep our kids aware of the dangers of smoking by supporting our local merchants in the brave effort they are making to save our kids from this massive threat to our health.

Red Tide

The water on the north shore is brown. Last week, a boat from Cohasset spent the night in Manchester harbor, and when she came home her topsides were brown, as was the white dinghy being towed astern.

It's not certain that the brownish color on the North Shore was red tide, but it is certain that it was the result of an algae bloom. Algal blooms are caused by the explosive population growth of minute, single-celled group of algae called dinoflagellates. Not all algal blooms are red tides, but all are stimulated by excessive runoff of fertilizers from land or by the discharge of untreated sewage into coastal waters, both of which serve as food for the algae.

Some algal organisms produce toxins that are concentrated by filter-feeding animals such as clams, mussels, oysters, and crustaceans and can cause Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning or PSP.

Little is known on how or why the organisms produce the toxin, but as the shellfish filter feed on the blooms they store it in their tissue. The toxin produced is among the most potent natural poisons in the world. There is no known antidote.

Common symptoms are tingling or numbness beginning around the lips and spreading to the face and neck within one half hour of ingestion. If such symptoms occur, get help immediately because cardiac failure and paralysis can cause death within 12 hours.

Tom Reilly for Attorney General

Under the leadership of Scott Harshbarger, the state Attorney General's office has earned a reputation for passion and professionalism in pursuit of the public good. That legacy should be entrusted to the man who also succeeded Harshbarger in the Middlesex County District Attorney's office: Tom Reilly.

Reilly is a gifted prosecutor, an experienced litigator, a seasoned manager who's shown he can run a large organization. He'll handle new and ongoing public interest litigation in areas like tobacco, health care and the environment with confidence and skill. Reilly is also a public servant of unquestioned integrity and commitment. His agenda in pursuing high-profile cases like the trials of Eddie O'Brien and Louise Woodward had more to do with a passion for justice than self-serving politics.

Given his record, it is understandable that Reilly should run for Attorney General as a tough-on-crime prosecutor. But prosecuting street crime is a small part of the job he seeks, and he must expand his grasp of issues in the arenas of consumer protection and government regulation. This shouldn't be difficult: Through his innovative and effective work with Middlesex County schools on peer mediation and gang violence prevention, he's shown he understands how to fight crime. We hope he'll apply this understanding to the challenges of sentencing reform and community corrections, so that when those who've served their sentences leave our prisons, they are far less likely to return.

The Republican candidate, Brad Bailey, is energetic and articulate. But in terms of experience, ability and leadership, he simply cannot measure up to Reilly.

We're confident Tom Reilly will bring stature, competence and passion to the office of Attorney General, and we offer him Community Newspaper Co.'s endorsement.

Dressing up (?) for Hallowe'en

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



There is a good chance that you'll answer the doorbell Saturday night and find Monica Lewinsky waiting to be tricked or treated.

The biggest sellers in Hallowe'en costumes is not a ghoul, a goblin or a ghost but Monica's beret, a black wig and a blue dress (unstained) like the kind she modeled for Ken Starr and the grand jury.

And if the tricksters among us go out blackmailing the neighbors as a pair, you'll probably recognize her companion. He'll be wearing a Bill Clinton mask and carrying a jumbo cigar.

The Linda Tripp costume (a stringy blond wig and a tape recorder) is holding its own but the bottom reportedly has fallen out of the Hillary mask market.

I was surprised to learn the other day what a big business Hallowe'en has become without me noticing it.

When I was young, and ice covered most of the earth, our Hallowe'en pleasures were simple. Wasting the oatmeal money on masks and costumes was something that was left to the kids in Cohasset and Duxbury.

I am told it's already a $2.5 billion industry (even before Monica and Bill), with candy sales accounting for $950 million of it. Preparation for holiday sales needs a few months lead time, too, which is why there are no Monica masks for 1998.

The whole business was thrown for a loss when Monica berets began outselling the dresses that were worn in the movie "Titanic," the costume that was anticipated to be the runaway best seller of Hallowe'en '98 before Monica came along.

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Those of us who had clean sheets threw them over our heads and told everyone we were ghosts and, as I recall, we would rather play tricks than be treated, although Ev Wynot, the garage owner, once became a neighborhood legend by giving us $5 to let his house alone.

One of our favorite tricks was to soap the windows of the stores in Weymouth Landing and then show up the next day and innocently offer to clean them. Al Capone's extortionist henchmen would have been proud of us.

Another old favorite was to tie the front doorknob to the porch rail, ring the doorbell, run like hell and chortle while our beleaguered victim struggled to get out of his own house.

Now Hallowe'en has progressed to the point where two mothers will duke it out for the right to spend $40 on the last Teletubbies costume in the toy department at Zitomer Pharmacy in New York City.

There's even an official holiday drink called "Ghoulade," the brainchild of Oop! Juice, a company based in Rhode Island, and described as "a sugary, black lemon-flavored" soda that comes in what looks like a beer bottle.

If things go well with Ghoulade, we can expect "Turkey Slurpy," a sweetened cranberry juice for Thanksgiving, and "Gefiltefizz, a blueberry soda the color of Windex" for Hanukkah.

Me? I'm not going out tricking or treating Saturday. I'm going to a wedding, instead. (No, not the highly hyped one in Kingston). All the guests will be in costume.

Let's see, now, where is that beret and the cigar?

Voters agree to share cost of sewer overrun

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Residents of North Cohasset are halfway to their goal of receiving additional funding for their sewer project with help from taxpayers. At the second and final night of town meeting, voters overwhelmingly supported an article that would provide $2.7 million for the North Cohasset sewer project with taxpayers picking up 50 percent of the cost. The 50 percent subsidy must be approved by voters at a Proposition 2-1/2 override election. If voters do not approve the override, the town will still borrow the $2.7 million, but residents of North Cohasset, who use the new sewer, would have to pay the entire cost of connecting to the system through betterments.

The North Cohasset sewer project was approved two years ago by town meeting for a cost of $6.6 million with a 50 percent taxpayer subsidy. But the bids for the project came in $2.7 million higher than the sewer commission had anticipated. The town re-bid the project twice, with each subsequent bid coming in slightly more expensive. The state has ordered the town to have residents of North Cohasset connect to the sewer or Cohasset could incur huge fines and legal action. Residents of North Cohasset would be required to connect to the sewer even if the town approved no additional funds because of the state mandate. Tuesday's vote was the culmination of an effort by residents and town officials to deal with the additional costs permanently.

Voters deliberated on the sewer issue for close to two hours before moving to a final vote. And while a few residents opposed the 50-50 funding option, the vast majority of voters supported the town subsidy. That support was reflected by the number of voters who supported the project. Town meeting rules required a simple majority to include the amendment 50-50 funding, but a two-thirds majority to approve the amended article. Both votes passed easily, especially the decision to support the article with 50-50 funding, which was approved by 238 residents versus only 36 who opposed it.

Residents and members of town boards debated the issue vigorously, raising familiar issues about cost, past decisions, how the work would be performed, and equitable solutions. Selectman Nan Roth explained to voters that the selectmen were split on how to pay for the cost overruns in the North Cohasset project. Two selectmen favored borrowing the money and letting residents of North Cohasset pay for the entire project through betterments. Two selectmen favored doing nothing and letting residents of North Cohasset hire their own contractors to connect them to the sewer. One selectman, Diane Sullivan, favored supporting the project with 50-50 funding.

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— Lisa Bumstead of CEES

Sullivan delivered an impassioned plea to town meeting voters to support the 50 percent subsidy.

"I'm the one selectman who supports the 50-50 funding and I'm proud of that fact," Sullivan said. "I support the 50-50 funding because we've talked to you previously on the issue of fairness. The cost of 50-50 funding on a $360,000 home is $18. Without the 50-50 funding, the cost to North Cohasset residents is $200. People in North Cohasset are being asked to pay for the 50-50 on their taxes plus the costs to connect."

Sullivan said there are many senior citizens in town who just won't be able to afford to connect to the system without the subsidy. She feared long-time residents of town who are now elderly would be driven out of Cohasset because they couldn't afford the costs. Sullivan also pleaded with residents to at least support the $2.7 million without the subsidy. She raised the specter of elderly residents unable to obtain financing using credit cards to purchase pumps and services to connect to the sewer.

Jim Lagrotteria, chairman of the board of assessors, said the subsidy would add only six cents per thousand dollars of valuation to residents' tax bills. He described that as small compared to the 33 cents per thousand dollars of valuation to pay for the new Osgood School.

Mark Baker, chairman of the capital planning committee, spoke against the 50-50 subsidy.

"Capital planning did not take a formal vote on this motion, but we are opposed to the use of tax revenue for sewer projects," Baker said. "Capital planning is opposed to the amendment because while the cost is minimal, we cannot afford to continue adding to the tax burden of the taxpayer, even if it is only six cents."

Richard Avery also spoke against the amendment in his role as chairman of the advisory committee. Avery said it is the job of government to perform tasks that individuals cannot do on their own, like placing a sewer main in the middle of the street. He said it is not the job of government to connect individuals to the main, something that could be done by an individual who hired a contractor.

"Think of it as a group meal where you divide the check evenly, and maybe you had the steak and someone else had the wine," Avery said. "With this amendment, we are asking people not at the table to pay for the meal."

But several residents rejected the reasoning used by Baker and Avery.

"At what point did homeowners in North Cohasset not become taxpayers?" asked Bill Anders, 79 Linden Drive. "This town has ignored this ecological nightmare for 30 years. If Boston can afford sewers for poor sections of town like Roxbury, then this exceptionally wealthy town can afford this."

Lisa Bumstead, speaking on behalf of Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions, said the approval of the 50-50 funding is the first step in the town moving toward equitable environmental solutions for the entire town. Bumstead picked up on comments made by Health Board Chairman Kevin Ulmer and Planning Board member Robert Sturdy that the North Cohasset project should be approved, paving the way for addressing other sections of town that are not scheduled to receive sewers.

"It is our hope that supporting this project is a positive step toward discussing equitable solutions that allow the whole town to participate in the benefits, whether those solutions are for sewer or septic," Bumstead said. "We need to support other areas of town as those areas address their septic or sewer needs."

The timing of the Prop. 2-1/2 override election, however, has presented a problem.

If voters approve an article that requires a Proposition 2-1/2 vote, state law requires that the override election take place within 45 days of the conclusion of town meeting. Town Manager Mark Haddad said he had hoped to hold the override election on Dec. 5, but there is the village fair scheduled for that day. The Saturday before Dec. 5, which is Nov. 28, is Thanksgiving weekend, when many residents leave town to visit families and friends. Holding the election sooner than Nov. 28 doesn't allow enough time for the Town Clerk's office to prepare for the election. Holding the election on Saturday, Dec. 12, would be illegal because that is the 46th day.

"Unless we can get the Secretary of State to approve Dec. 12, we've got a real problem," said Haddad. "We could hold the election on Tuesday, but I'm not sure how the board of selectmen feels about that."

In other business, town meeting supported an article that will provide an additional $60,000 to a previous town meeting appropriation for expanded sewer service around Lily Pond. The additional money will be added to $13.63 million override approved at last year's town meeting and in a subsequent Proposition 2-1/2 election. The state considers the $60,000 to be a minor modification to the larger appropriation and has ruled that another override vote is not required.

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The secrets of successful schools

New study may serve as an assessment model for the state

By Chris Szechenyi and Vanessa Parks
CNC STAFF WRITERS

To unlock one of the secrets of a successful school, just step inside Constance Smithwood's classroom designed for children who need help reading.

"Can you read the whole sentence?" she asks a first-grader at Shaker Lane School in Littleton. "To-day we had a fire dr-ill," the boy says slowly, after learning how to isolate the sounds of each letter.

ED REFORM: 5 Years Later — CHAPTER 2 —

This reading class, designed by Lesley College in Cambridge, is just one of the tools used by teachers in many of the "most effective" schools identified in a recent study by Robert Gaudet of the University of Massachusetts' Donahue Institute.

Gaudet concluded that Littleton is one of 35 towns where schoolchildren score higher on standardized tests than expected, given the social and economic background of their communities.

"They're not the 'best' schools. They're the most effective schools," Gaudet explained.

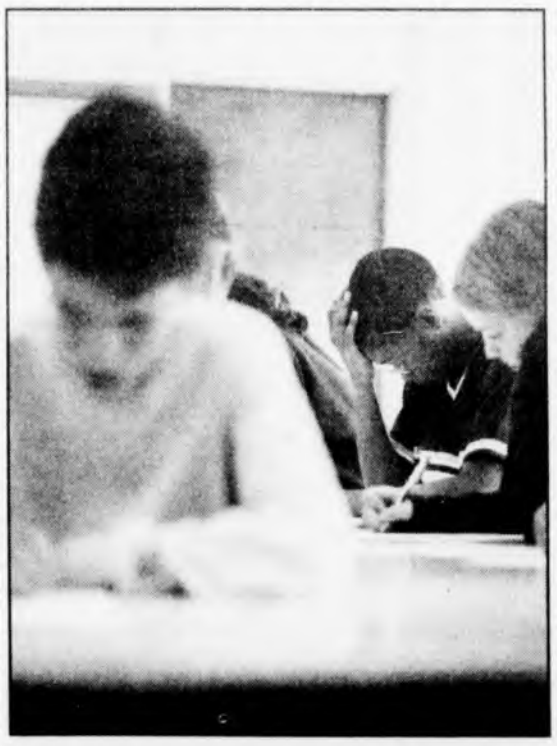
What does it mean to be on the list?

"It means students are probably getting something extra from their schools," Gaudet said. "And those schools are more likely to be able to ratchet up and meet any new standards."

Gaudet's study has drawn attention from some of the state's leading education officials who believe his method may be one of the best ways to evaluate schools' progress, as the commonwealth enters the last stages of Education Reform.

His study is particularly important as the state prepares for the first release of scores for each of its 1,700 public schools and for each of the 200,000 students who took the test designed to measure the effects of reform.

"At the statewide level, we haven't figured out what analytical model we're going to use to judge school district performance," said Jim Peyser, a state Board of Education member and executive director of the Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research. "His [Gaudet's] approach is well tested."



It may also be an answer to the state's need to identify under-performing school districts and to track school performance after the release of the first round of results of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests in late November.

"I think this model could be one of the ways we do that," said state Board of Education Chairman John Silber.

In general, the schools considered the "best" are still those in wealthy towns such as Weston, Cohasset and Marblehead, where students consistently have the highest scores on standardized tests.

What Gaudet calls the most "effective" schools are those where students perform well, not so much because of advantages stemming from their family and community, but because of something special that's being done inside districts.

Measuring success

In each district, Gaudet looked at six factors known to affect school achievement -income, poverty rate, education level of parents, percent of non-English speaking residents, percent of single-parent households and the number of children attending private schools - and predicted how students should score on standardized tests.

"The factors he considers are all highly relevant issues," Silber said, "to judge people not just on the basis of their achievement, but also on how much they have to overcome."

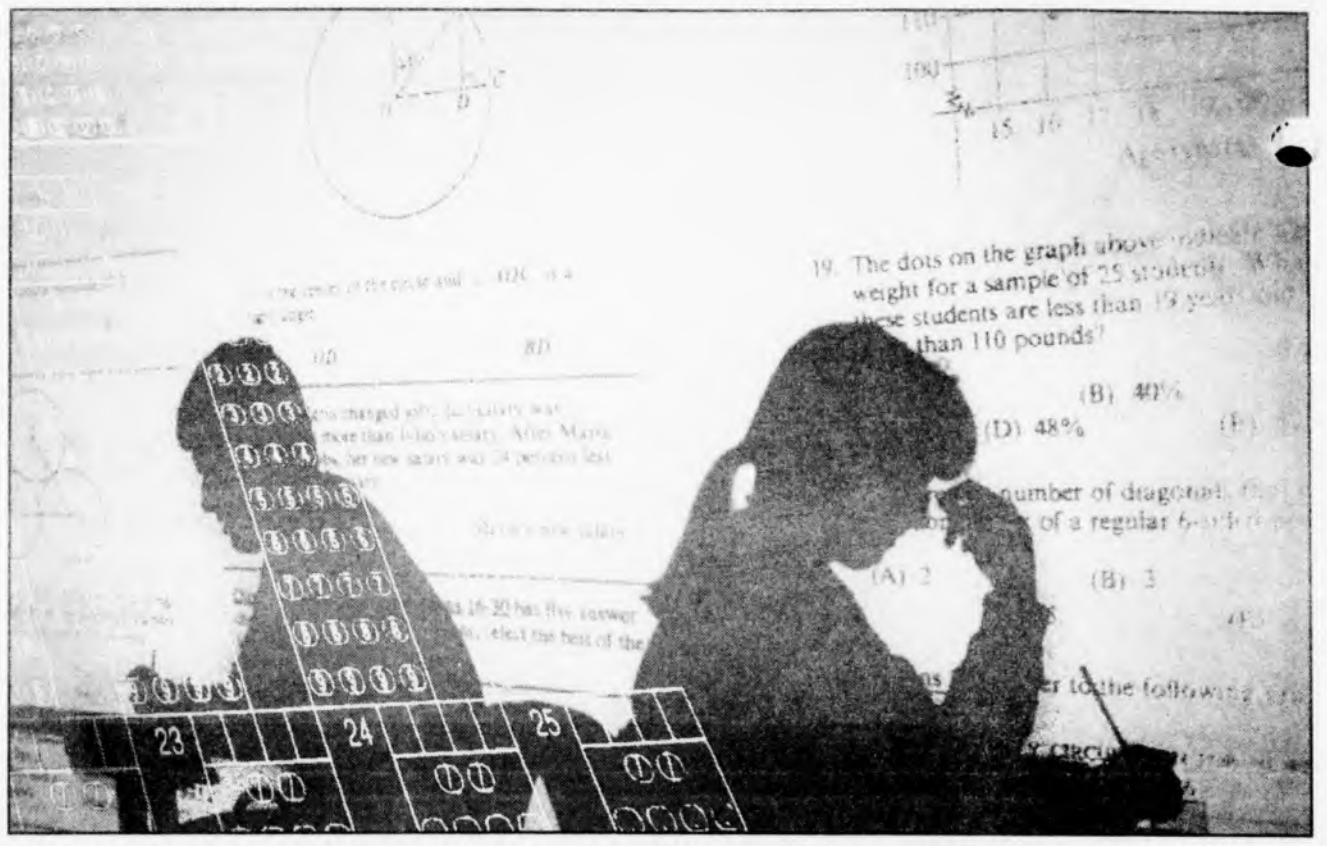
Gaudet found that even some of the most disadvantaged districts in the state - such as Lawrence, Everett and Methuen - scored beyond expectations on past tests. The majority of districts that "add value" to their pupils' education are in middle-income communities, such as Auburn, Dennis and Norwood.

Gaudet likens his study to "measuring the wind," a reference to how much easier it is to set sail with the wind at your back. "Lawrence has got a lot of wind in its face," Gaudet said. "Weston has a lot of wind at its back."

The question is, what are some of the districts with the wind in their face doing to give their students a boost? What can parents look for in their own school system to make sure children are getting the best education?

To find out, Community Newspaper Company surveyed the "most effective" schools identified by Gaudet. The factors they cited:

- An emphasis on reading, particularly programs that identify and assist struggling readers before they reach third grade;
- A strong curriculum that reflects what students face on standardized tests;
- Effective teachers who regularly take meaningful professional development courses that relate directly to the school's curriculum;
- High expectations of student achievement articulated by both parents and educators;
- Parental involvement in school programs that goes beyond bake sales;
- A firm code of discipline to prevent students from stepping out of line;
- Reasonable class size so students can get attention and participate.



"It's not about any one program," said Carolyn D. Wyatt, director of curriculum and staff development for Newton schools. "It's about an expectation of high caliber teaching, and having a very well-prepared, competent teaching staff. And, obviously, a community that supports rigorous academic instruction. We have a formula for success. We build on it year after year."

In Newburport, that formula focuses on keeping class size at 18 students for every teacher in elementary school and 22-to-1 in middle schools. "I think that's very critical when kids are learning basic skills," said Superintendent Kathleen Smith.

In Harvard, students, teachers and parents cite the small town atmosphere as well as a strict disciplinary code as critical components of success. The superintendent sets the tone: he has expelled 11 students in five years - one of the highest disciplinary rates in the state.

"The system has very high expectations for the kids, the staff and the parents," said Karen Byars, a Harvard resident with four children in the school district.

"Discipline is very strong here," said Harvard Superintendent Mihran Keoseian. "That doesn't mean our kids don't get into trouble. But there is very, very little tolerance for inappropriate behavior."

In nearby Littleton, three teachers are devoted to teaching first grade students who have been identified at the bottom of their class in reading. These students get one-on-one instruction from specialists for a half-hour each day for as long as 20 weeks.

"This has really helped improve our third-grade test scores," said Littleton's school superintendent, Vincent J. Franco, of the Reading Recovery program.

Several other towns on Gaudet's list emphasize reading.

"Through the years, we've pretty much stayed with the basics in reading," said Aldo Cecchi, superintendent of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District.

Teachers in kindergarten through grade 3 at Blackstone-Millville are trained in a particular reading method called, "Project Read," and about 30 teachers in the district are trained in the Wilson Reading Program, which gives one-on-one attention to students from K-12, including those with learning disabilities.

In Woburn, where third graders scored in the top 5 percent statewide on the Iowa reading test this year, the school system has embraced high standards, and worked hard to make sure the school is actually teaching kids the material included in the curriculum guidelines developed under Ed Reform.

"I think we've done a good job of analyzing our weaknesses," said Carl Batchelder, superintendent of schools in Woburn. "If we come across something that is really a great lesson, but not aligned with the curriculum frameworks, we ask teachers to change it."

On Cape Cod, the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District Superintendent Michael McCaffrey points to the same Reading Recovery program used in Littleton as well as teachers who are "driven" as reasons for making the most effective school list.

Brookline's assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction, Claire Jackson, said one of the most critical factors is teaching kids to use English. With about 30 percent of the district's students coming from families whose first language is not English, Brookline's schools pay special attention to developing English skills.

In Lexington, one of the keys to success is professional development of teachers. Last year for instance, they had to learn how to access E-mail and use the Internet. This year, they're learning how to integrate technology into the curriculum.

In North Reading, Superintendent David Troughton underlines the same point. "We also pay a lot of attention to professional development. We have teachers involved in programs throughout the year."

Like others, the district gives teachers an incentive to learn. "We give

WHO IS ROBERT GAUDET?

Robert Gaudet is a founder and former president of the Renaissance Charter School, one of the first charter schools in Massachusetts. He now works as a senior research consultant with the Donahue Institute at the University of Massachusetts/Boston and as a senior fellow at the Appletree Institute in Washington D.C.. His study of school effectiveness began as a doctoral dissertation at University of Massachusetts/Amherst. The Donahue Institute, a public policy think tank, asked Gaudet to take a closer look at the "most effective" school systems to figure out what they're doing right, so that others can follow suit.



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THE 35 MOST EFFECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Acton	Leicester
Acushnet	Lexington
Amherst	Littleton
Auburn	Methuen
Belmont	Middleborough
Beverly	Natick
Blackstone	Needham
Brookline	Newburyport
Dalton	Newton
Dedham	North Reading
Dennis	Norwood
Dudley	Oxford
East Longmeadow	Pittsfield
Everett	Shrewsbury
Hamilton	Swansea
Harvard	Westborough
Holden	Woburn
Lawrence	

THE 35 HIGHEST SCORING SCHOOL DISTRICTS* *ranked higher to lower*

Weston	Wayland
Harvard	Natick
Wellesley	Cohasset
Concord	Holden
Acton	Shrewsbury
North Reading	Groton
Lexington	Littleton
Belmont	Norwell
Newton	Longmeadow
Lincoln	Scituate
Sudbury	Sharon
Winchester	Westborough
Needham	Northborough
Westford	Westwood
Hamilton	East Longmeadow
Bedford	Hanover
Medfield	Marblehead
Andover	

Scoring on '96 MEAP, '97/'98 3rd grade reading tests

EDUCATION REFORM: HOW YOUR SCHOOL STACKS UP

DISTRICT NAME	% going to 4-year colleges (96-97)	Maximum teacher salary (97-98)	Minimum teacher salary (97-98)	Student/ teacher ratio* (97-98)	Verbal/ Math SAT (98)	10th gr. MEAP all-subj. average (96)	8th gr. MEAP all-subj. average (96)	4th gr. MEAP all-subj. average (96)	% who dropped out (97)
Abington	66%	$49,561	$24,780	19.0	503/493	1285	1330	1395	3.2
Acton		$62,598	$29,423	22.6				1475	0
Acton-Boxborough	84%	$62,603	$29,423	17.6	578/595	1473	1468		1.2
Amesbury	50%	$48,260	$26,233	17.5	514/506	1363	1385	1298	2.2
Arlington	72%	$51,369	$25,601	16.8	536/538	1308	1393	1410	1.7
Ashland	80%	$52,473	$24,522	17.3	529/520	1400	1415	1353	0
Assabet Valley	10%	$50,720	$27,189	25.2	421/435	1230			3.6
Avon	53%	$51,232	$25,727	15.5	464/443	1318	1298	1340	1.3
Barnstable	50%	$50,380	$26,439	17.6	530/525	1320	1383	1348	5.3
Bedford	74%	$55,141	$28,818	14.8	561/560	1410	1395	1455	0.3
Bellingham	46%	$49,959	$27,810	19.6	498/491	1325	1358	1368	1.7
Belmont	77%	$61,209	$30,132	17.3	554/587	1448	1508	1450	0.8
Beverly	61%	$53,254	$24,762	17.0	516/510	1345	1390	1405	5.5
Billerica	63%	$52,879	$26,389	19.3	511/533	1368	1378	1338	1.3
Blackstone Valley	16%	$52,940	$30,486	30.3	421/407	1218			0.4
Blackstone-Millville	57%	$47,246	$24,755	19.2	497/491	1350	1333	1440	5.1
Blue Hills Voc	18%	$52,698	$27,447	34.2	436/443	1235			2.5
Boston	37%	$57,545	$32,001	27.0	414/429	1190	1213	1178	8.4
Bourne	60%	$49,277	$26,630	18.7	484/489	1323	1363	1353	0.9
Boxborough		$50,903	$25,760	20.5				1503	0
Boxford		$49,941	$26,545	18.7					0
Braintree	62%	$54,918	$26,131	17.1	504/508	1358	1385	1403	1.5
Brewster		$51,470	$25,901	17.6					
Bristol County Agr	16%	$45,887	$27,509	27.9	488/483	1203			0.3
Bristol-Plymouth Voc	10%	$49,785	$26,691	36.5	450/436	1170			2.3
Brookline	76%	$62,853	$29,939	15.8	550/582	1420	1433	1420	0.1
Burlington	70%	$51,639	$26,756	13.5	517/512	1310	1415	1383	1.5
Cambridge	63%	$57,334	$29,927	13.9	464/467	1255	1275	1233	2
Canton	77%	$31,118	$23,587	16.9	527/562	1358	1398	1385	0.9
Cape Cod Region Voc	19%	$50,755	$27,456	32.3	537/529	1133			4.4
Carlisle		$61,853	$29,406	16.0			1525	1448	0
Chatham	57%	$51,302	$26,443	12.0	520/490	1313	1418	1355	2.7
Chelmsford	74%	$51,053	$27,403	17.2	534/531	1380	1408	1403	0.9
Cohasset	84%	$56,488	$26,686	15.7	543/543	1450	1423	1413	0
Concord		$64,294	$27,131	17.0			1493	1465	0
Concord-Carlisle	90%	$65,987	$28,403	14.8	564/593	1470			0.2
Danvers	62%	$56,077	$26,960	16.9	503/500	1353	1410	1395	1.4
Dedham	64%	$54,802	$28,339	16.6	505/542	1363	1370	1410	3.8
Dennis-Yarmouth	53%	$48,584	$25,986	17.7	506/499	1323	1360	1353	4.7
Dover		$63,466	$28,818	17.7					
Dover-Sherborn	88%	$63,466	$28,818	11.5	576/588	1455	1493	1440	0
Duxbury	87%	$56,848	$27,578	18.0	543/541	1378	1380	1400	0.1
Eastham		$51,470	$25,901	14.9					
Easton	70%	$54,179	$27,406	19.4	516/510	1378	1353	1388	0.8
Essex		$49,333	$26,009	16.8			1400	1298	0
Essex Agr. Tech	17%	$44,457	$22,746	33.2	471/423	1183			2.5
Falmouth	63%	$53,195	$27,626	18.5	510/492	1285	1335	1380	6.5
Foxborough	76%	$58,188	$26,354	17.3	515/515	1345	1360	1365	2.6
Framingham	72%	$57,455	$26,924	14.9	529/549	1383	1343	1395	3.8
Franklin	75%	$56,278	$26,906	14.0	523/499	1350	1405	1443	1.3
Franklin County	0%	$43,560	$25,044	22.8	443/436	1223			6.4
Georgetown	66%	$44,183	$26,002	17.0	597/507	1348	1420	1410	3.2
Hamilton-Wenham	87%	$52,183	$24,833	16.9	532/518	1380	1433	1450	0.7
Hanover	72%	$60,964	$28,060	16.7	524/511	1400	1420	1425	0.7
Harwich	63%	$54,890	$25,633	15.6	526/476	1385	1350	1343	1.5
Hingham	79%	$62,518	$26,572	16.9	541/549	1390	1420	1443	0.4
Holbrook	52%	$50,846	$24,281	21.3	490/501	1325	1240	1343	2.3
Holliston	76%	$56,739	$26,206	17.8	542/542	1395	1408	1340	0.4
Hopedale	81%	$52,886	$28,184	17.9	513/475	1368	1408	1360	0
Hopkinton	81%	$56,663	$27,240	17.4	547/554	1435	1450	1418	1.2
Hudson	59%	$54,105	$28,702	17.4	495/482	1368	1280	1400	1.5
Hull	45%	$56,592	$24,244	16.3	460/427	1258	1320	1375	3.8
Ipswich	71%	$50,717	$25,193	16.7	508/511	1350	1380	1383	2.8
King Philip	70%	$53,215	$27,093	15.3	533/524	1373	1383		1.6
Lexington	88%	$64,220	$29,390	15.4	593/598	1473	1460	1450	0.5
Lincoln		$58,158	$29,342	11.9			1428	1468	0
Lincoln-Sudbury	87%	$62,208	$28,200	12.7	572/577	1428			0.3
Littleton	73%	$51,805	$26,503	16.0	540/546	1388	1415	1423	0.7
Lynn	32%	$41,334	$27,376	20.5	439/445	1213	1233	1235	4.3
Malden	45%	$50,693	$24,045	18.4	430/437	1240	1305	1310	3.2
Manchester	70%	$57,606	$27,798	14.5	553/534	1378	1333	1438	1.5
Mansfield	70%	$51,156	$25,662	17.5	516/520	1278	1305	1343	3.7
Marblehead	82%	$50,060	$26,807	16.0	526/534	1370	1405	1403	0.3
Marion		$48,752	$29,305	16.4					0
Marlborough	65%	$56,468	$28,510	17.9	492/486	1295	1328	1345	4.3
Marshfield	68%	$52,244	$27,652	16.8	492/486	1315	1350	1403	1.6
Masconomet	85%	$56,053	$26,801	16.4	543/554	1410	1395		2.2
Mashpee		$52,309	$28,336	18.2			1340	1333	1
Mattapoisett		$48,446	$28,164	16.6					0
Maynard	57%	$54,807	$25,382	17.2	499/511	1323	1378	1298	2.6
Medfield	90%	$56,343	$27,105	16.6	565/569	1440	1488	1418	0
Medford	40%	$50,444	$27,209	16.3	472/467	1235	1283	1308	2.5
Medway	71%	$52,224	$26,831	17.4	509/491	1385	1473	1400	2.2
Melrose	64%	$49,233	$27,039	17.3	535/517	1318	1348	1423	1.2
Mendon-Upton	66%	$51,859	$25,601	21.1	502/483	1355	1478	1455	1.2
Middleborough	50%	$47,406	$24,914	21.6	515/499	1270	1370	1333	2.6
Middleton		$52,000	$25,800	19.2				1428	0
Milford	74%	$50,643	$28,760	13.1	506/500	1338	1405	1325	2.8
Millis	75%	$51,611	$26,713	19.0	534/504	1380	1398	1350	0.7
Minute Man Voc Tech	21%	$58,081	$28,182	16.2	440/434	1290			1.4
Nahant		$44,257	$25,473	15.2				1395	0
Nashoba	70%	$53,795	$27,638	15.8	536/532	1365	1430	1385	1.7
Nashoba Valley Tech	9%	$51,291	$27,147	26.5	481/449	1248			1.7
Natick	69%	$58,355	$27,125	17.0	529/517	1395	1463	1435	0.8
Nauset	61%	$51,470	$25,901	14.0	515/511	1420	1383	1425	1.4
Needham	83%	$60,531	$28,983	17.0	549/553	1433	1448	1480	0.6
Newburyport	62%	$49,272	$28,244	15.3	543/533	1360	1413	1418	3.5
Newton	83%	$63,074	$30,430	17.0	574/604	1433	1443	1470	1
Norfolk		$51,955	$28,950	20.6				1390	0
Norfolk County Agr	33%	$52,170	$26,640	26.5	463/430	1280			1.1
North Andover	78%	$48,493	$28,119	19.9	512/530	1365	1373	1383	1.7
North Middlesex	57%	$48,392	$27,478	18.6	529/528	1378	1385	1375	2.1
North Shore Reg Voc	6%	$46,707	$24,366	24.2		1145			4
Northboro-Southboro	74%	$58,182	$26,430	14.2	542/552	1370	1435	1445	1.7
Northboro		$56,905	$27,527	19.8					0
Northbridge	55%	$49,183	$26,596	19.1	510/482	1308	1338	1305	2.2
Northeast Metro Voc	24%	$52,198	$28,267	30.9	398/391	1138			2.8
Norton	56%	$47,730	$24,786	19.7	503/497	1385	1395	1358	3.9
Norwell	81%	$63,274	$31,402	16.8	535/545	1400	1420	1413	0.2
Norwood	69%	$50,328	$25,891	17.2	503/527	1370	1465	1398	2.2
Orleans		$51,470	$25,901	16.3					
Peabody	56%	$49,153	$26,588	19.0	477/475	1273	1328	1360	5.7
Pentucket	67%	$48,894	$22,876	16.7	523/518	1380	1403	1400	1.1
Plymouth	63%	$50,707	$26,625	18.7	513/502	1308	1360	1365	5.3
Provincetown	50%	$50,343	$25,972	10.0	446/458	1313	1435	1413	0
Reading	79%	$53,153	$28,906	17.0	523/531	1333	1480	1408	1.5
Rockland	59%	$50,633	$28,096	21.0	493/490	1325	1330	1348	3.5
Salem	44%	$45,715	$25,630	18.1	470/467	1250	1263	1318	6.3
Sandwich	61%	$50,664	$26,291	19.1	541/536	1378	1393	1408	2
Saugus	65%	$47,657	$22,700	15.7	486/484	1320	1313	1360	2.8
Scituate	81%	$56,650	$25,888	17.8	520/535	1400	1418	1403	0.3
Sharon	90%	$54,611	$25,293	15.2	548/559	1410	1418	1458	0.8
Shawsheen Valley Voc	11%	$54,528	$28,656	29.3	449/442	1213			2.5
Sherborn		$63,466	$28,818	18.8					
Silver Lake	53%	$54,182	$28,996	16.2	516/498	1298	1393	1408	2.1
So Middlesex Voc	3%	$54,344	$26,762	28.3	446/475	1148			1.1
Somerville	42%	$49,043	$24,738	19.3	443/456	1245	1280	1275	5.5
South Shore Reg Voc	14%	$52,860	$29,957	31.4	447/461	1200			2.2
Southborough		$57,619	$27,661	16.6					0
Southeastern Reg Voc	4%	$51,348	$26,271	46.0	402/397	1173			0.8
Stoneham	68%	$49,838	$27,202	20.0	496/501	1398	1358	1368	0.6
Stoughton	63%	$51,771	$23,846	16.9	505/523	1338	1320	1363	1.2
Sudbury		$61,710	$27,303	19.1			1453	1460	0
Swampscott	71%	$54,166	$27,897	15.7	521/533	1338	1383	1373	1.2
Tantasqua	48%	$52,661	$27,253	15.2	514/521	1315	1405	1375	3
Tewksbury	65%	$47,644	$28,876	19.3	503/499	1340	1355	1385	3
Topsfield		$51,406	$26,755	18.0				1440	0
Tri County	16%	$52,435	$27,344	32.4	484/467	1200			1.4
Triton	57%	$50,589	$24,781	17.3	533/521	1293	1353	1335	2.2
Truro		$49,613	$25,596	14.2				1443	0
Upper Cape Cod	1%	$48,999	$28,087	40.5	435/439	1238			1.3
Uxbridge	63%	$49,665	$29,801	19.9	500/474	1328	1368	1415	2.6
Wakefield	73%	$53,052	$24,618	16.9	521/525	1353	1410	1365	0.5
Walpole	77%	$54,760	$25,441	18.1	521/537	1348	1398	1390	0.5
Waltham	55%	$50,497	$24,596	14.6	475/481	1285	1325	1343	3.1
Wareham	60%	$52,869	$26,537	17.9	454/441	1320	1328	1345	6
Watertown	63%	$56,240	$27,235	15.9	478/494	1320	1313	1345	2
Wayland	88%	$69,689	$29,791	18.2	596/611	1453	1418	1408	0.5
Wellesley	86%	$63,097	$29,398	15.3	577/561	1425	1498	1480	0.1
Wellfleet		$51,470	$25,901	12.6					
Westborough	77%	$57,922	$29,204	16.4	551/562	1418	1463	1440	1.4
Westford	87%	$52,807	$28,289	19.1	545/548	1370	1460	1455	0.8
Weston	87%	$63,500	$29,075	15.6	576/616	1525	1525	1478	0
Westwood	93%	$65,220	$27,639	13.3	555/548	1480	1453	1460	0.4
Weymouth	53%	$53,178	$27,553	18.2	492/486	1323	1353	1368	4.1
Whitman-Hanson	49%	$53,841	$25,762	19.2	518/509	1340	1325	1348	1.3
Whittier Voc	8%	$50,031	$27,809	31.3	426/426	1130			1.9
Wilmington	70%	$51,814	$27,591	17.6	505/497	1303	1365	1390	2
Winchester	91%	$54,221	$27,576	16.9	560/572	1413	1460	1448	0.1
Woburn	65%	$53,359	$26,969	18.4	498/502	1375	1373	1405	1.3
Wrentham		$52,769	$27,023	19.2				1408	0

* This figure is NOT the same thing as average class size.
All figures are provided by the State Department of Education and may vary from district figures.

New study may serve as an assessment model

credits for taking professional development classes and those credits lead to salary increases," Troughton said. As a result, more than 80 percent of the district's staff members are involved in professional development at any given time.

Community support

Of course, it's critical to have community support.

"Good schools attract people who care about schools," said Franco, Littleton's superintendent. "The support of this community is fantastic."

By a vote of 465 to 27, Town Meeting in Littleton recently decided to spend about $1 million for an architect to design a new high school. "Just about everyone is saying 'yes, do it,' " Franco said.

In short, Gaudet says, that "can do" attitude is a vital ingredient of success.

Which is good news. Much of what the most effective school systems are doing can be replicated in other school systems, he said.

"A town like Cohasset doesn't add much value to a kid's education, but so what?" Gaudet said. "If you're in the top 20 percent, you don't care how effective your schools are if the kids can still get into Harvard. And they can."

With that in mind, he says, his study is most meaningful for towns like Marlborough or Falmouth, where the school can tailor effective programs without spending as much as the schools in wealthier communities like Weston or Wellesley.

It's not how much money a school spends that counts, Gaudet said. It's the way they spend it that really matters.

Silber agreed. "When you have good principals and good teachers you're going to have good schools," he said.



Cohasset schools make 'most advantaged' list

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with 84 percent of its graduates going on to a four-year college. Students benefit from a student-to-teacher ratio that falls in the top third of commonwealth schools and had a per-pupil expenditure of $7,403 for FY98. Last year's SAT averages were 520 math and 527 verbal.

"I haven't seen the study," said school committee chairman Rick Shea. "But I don't think he's taken into consideration that many of the so-called 'affluent' towns have more commercial property and businesses which makes available to them two tax bases, commercial and residential, from which to generate tax revenue."

That's not the case for Cohasset, which doesn't have much in the way of a commercial tax base and must rely on residents to carry the tax load. Residential tax garners 92.34 percent; commercial sources net 6.02 percent; industrial sources bring in 0.5% of the town's annual tax revenue and only 1 percent comes from personal property.

Currently, Cohasset spends 131 percent over the minimum required for per pupil spending. Over the last five years of the Education Reform Act, state aid per pupil has gone up 61 percent. Weighing the two, it would seem that Cohasset is trying its best on the financial end.

But is Cohasset *effective* within Gaudet's definition of the word?

"We're in the second year of a two-year trial of block scheduling," said school committee Chairman Rick Shea. "A reason for implementing it was to make better use of the increased amount of instructional time — one of the changes called for by the Education Reform Act. We've had very lively discussions with students, teachers, parents and administrators about pluses and minuses about block-scheduling.

"Another thing we have tried to do in Cohasset is to challenge students by offering varied curriculum and a lot of Advanced Placement courses. Block scheduling offers four 90-minute classes per day with five periods. In the end, the kids are scheduled for 10 courses per year, almost like a college approach. Also, the Advanced Placement courses allow students to accelerate in language, math or whatever they're interested in. It offers students a chance to be challenged if they want to be."

If cost and outcome are to be weighed, block scheduling is effective. According to Shea, it cost Cohasset "nothing" to bring about the program change.

In terms of current returns on the block scheduling changes — is its benefit to many students.

One such student is Tony Bramblett, whose mother Joanne Green is a second-generation Cohasseter.

"We don't have a Jerusalem Road address and our kids aren't in private school," said Green, who can think of many families in town that belie Cohasset's privileged stereotype. "But I think that the changes that principal Curt Collins has brought about through education reform and block scheduling are enormous. My son went from a struggling B sophomore to high honors in his junior and senior year. It's given him a focus and I think it's challenged the kids, in general. I don't think that our students' success is related to money, but to the efforts in the schools."

Indeed, Green hopes that her five-year-old future kindergartner will benefit from some of the cost effective educational changes that Joseph Osgood Elementary School principal Marilee Cantelmo wants to bring to her students.

"I feel that our academic status as a school isn't affected by the affluence of the community, but by my parents and teachers. I don't think that money really plays into that."

— Tony Bramblett, CHS senior

Cantelmo is trying to utilize new methods in teaching at her school, such as a more verbal approach to mathematics; starting children on a foreign language at an earlier age; applying Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligence to students; and using open-question essay exams rather than traditional multiple choice or fill-in-the-blank tests.

"Distance learning," which brings an instructor to the classroom via a televised language program may be one answer to the school's need to start kids early on foreign language learning. Current research suggests that children are "wired" to learn a new language most easily in their early years.

Still, it's the quality of instruction on a day-to-day basis that counts most, according to Cantelmo. "We are all accountable for what our students are learning here and at home. Having the children read every night for even 15 minutes builds and reinforces a partnership between school and home. It's all about what we do every day together."

Peer influence, too, plays a role in bringing kids into a better academic mix when it comes to after-school organized sports, committees or other recreational activities.

"Once kids get involved in the high school, sometimes in non-academic ways like after-school programs, they get put into contact with kids that are academically oriented and it gives them positive role models," said Shea, the school committee chairman. "The possibility of aspiring to something they might not have thought themselves capable of can do well for them."

According to Shea, the arts and sports have been well supported by the school and community. The middle school has recently initiated a no-cut policy which has lessened the number of kids who dropped out of the program by the ninth grade.

Senior Megan Connolly, who hopes to attend Catholic University in Washington, DC because the student-to-teacher ratio there reminds her of Cohasset schools, credits sports and other extra-curricular activities with helping her be a more focused student. "I do three seasons of sports," she said. "Participating in sports and other school-related activities helps me manage my time much more."

Connolly doesn't "feel an enormous amount of pressure" from living in a socioeconomically successful home or town. "I put pressure on myself to do well," she said. "I live up to my own expectations and I set high standards for myself so that I can do what I need to do. I don't compare myself with others."

Faculty members have been very helpful to Connolly, who has been able to go in to meet with teachers, when needed, for extra help. She also credits her family with strengthening the home-school connection.

"Our faculty is amazing," she said. "We have such a good faculty of teachers. As far as my parents go, they have always been supportive and there for me if I run into any problems."

Tony Bramblett, a senior, agrees that it's the combination of school and home support in accomplishing scholastic goals, and not the affluence of the community, that creates Cohasset's educational success.

"I feel that our academic status as a school isn't affected by the affluence of the community, but by my parents and teachers," he said. "I don't think that money really plays into that. Our school doesn't have the biggest budget in the area. Effective teaching is why the scores are higher in Cohasset. We're very lucky to have the teachers we have and in my case, my mother always encouraged me. I think it's the school and home influence that counts.

"I guess living in an affluent community will affect you in some respects," admitted Bramblett. "You do look around and see doctors, lawyers and CEOs and those are your role models whereas maybe in a less affluent town, you won't see that sort of person as frequently. But still, there's no direct influence in terms of wealth. The money doesn't come to us."

Cohasset's unique position as a small town with little industry or commerce puts a tremendous financial pressure on a small population to finance their school's upkeep.

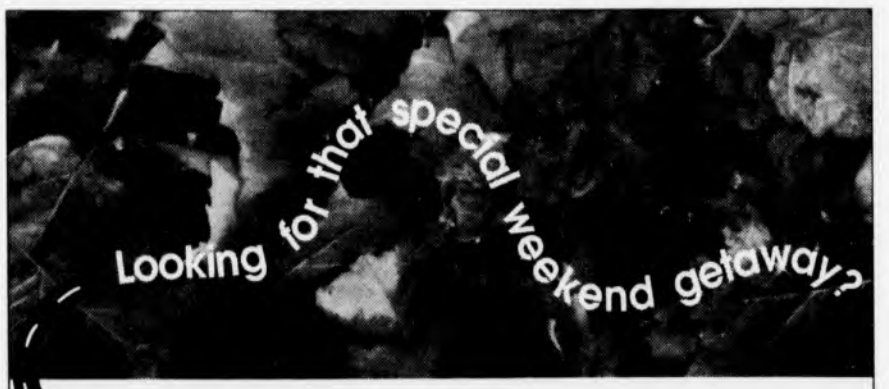
"I think Cohasset doesn't benefit from a lot of state moneys because of our seeming affluence," said Betsy Connolly, Megan Connolly's mother. "We don't have resources for creating new programs and the town is our primary resource for financing education which places an even greater burden on the sizable retired population. But other than that, the fact is that the kids are now in school for a longer day, due to the Act, and more teachers are learning through professional development about the new curriculum frameworks under Education Reform. Soon it will be that each community's curriculum will be the same as the next. But what will always make the difference here is the quality of the teachers, who are working diligently to support the kids during the school hours, and what support the kids receive at home. I'd say that makes for an effective school system."

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Board wants MBTA to drop drop-off plan

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The town's railroad mitigation committee wants the MBTA to abandon its plan to allow pedestrian access to the Cohasset train station from North Main Street near Cedar Street.

Even though the T has agreed not to construct an actual drop-off on North Main Street where cars could pull over to wait, an indentation remains in the design plans, providing an opening for pedestrians to go through to cross the tracks.

"We don't want that curve there because people will use it," said Selectman Diane Sullivan, who sits on the mitigation committee. "The T said that they would eliminate the official opening there when we let them know that we didn't want the drop-off there. The next thing we see is that the cut-out is still there."

Sullivan said the safety issue is paramount.

"We only want people to access the tracks at railroad crossings — and this is not at a railroad crossing. We only want pedestrian access where there is a gate in place," she said.

At a recent meeting, Greenbush Mitigation Committee members were frustrated by the T's latest correspondence, placing liability squarely on the town for safety repercussions resulting from not having a proper pedestrian drop-off off North Main Street. The station is slated for Rt. 3A at the site of the old skating rink (where Barry Waste Recycling is now located) so pedestrians from N. Main Street could access the station from the other side.

"If the town were the sole designer of this drop-off and someone were injured there, we would be responsible for, at most, $5,000," said mitigation committee Chairman Tom Gruber. "The T was trying to scare us into thinking that onerous things would happen if we ruled out the drop-off, but it's all puffery on their part." Town counsel replied to the T explaining the town's liability limits, Gruber said.

Conservation commission representative Michael Dick was adamant about whose responsibility the safety issue is.

"What we need to say back to them is, 'it's your design and your railroad and you are responsible," he said at the meeting.

Initially, committee members were concerned that people would drive down, make their drop off, do a U-turn and head back into town," explained Gruber about the stretch of road off N. Main Street near the proposed drop-off.

Members have said that the loop would cause a bottleneck effect going out of Cohasset.

"That area is really a thoroughfare, an egress to Hingham and Hull," said Gruber. "It's a very busy street. Besides, there would have been about 20 to 30 people waiting around near the two to three parking spaces there (at the proposed drop-off)."

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In the past, committee members have also discussed bike and pedestrian paths. According to Sullivan, the T had offered to help with building the paths, but they would have to cross from one side of the tracks to another, depending on the wetlands there. "We thought, that's not such a fancy idea, either," said Sullivan. "I wouldn't want to be walking there when a train passes."

Adding to the members' aggravation is that they don't expect much to be accomplished prior to the election, especially with the resignation last month of Secretary Trudy Coxe of the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

"I see a rudderless ship," said Gruber.

That lack of leadership could create a problem for last month's tri-town letter addressed to Coxe and signed unanimously by the boards of selectmen in Hingham and Scituate and three out of five Cohasset selectmen. (Saying its contents went beyond the intended scope when the towns joined efforts, Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris and Sullivan refused to sign the letter because it asked that alternatives to the train be studied). The letter asked for a revision of the T's five-year-old environmental impact report to include alternatives and that would be more in keeping with recent developments in technology.

Sullivan agrees that the election will slow a resolution of the issue.

"At the state level, Cellucci is committed to the Greenbush restoration because his predecessor Weld was," she said. "But I don't know about Harshbarger. I think people feel that because there will be an election, the T will back off for now-but we won't. Still, there's not a lot we can do until we see how the administration will go."

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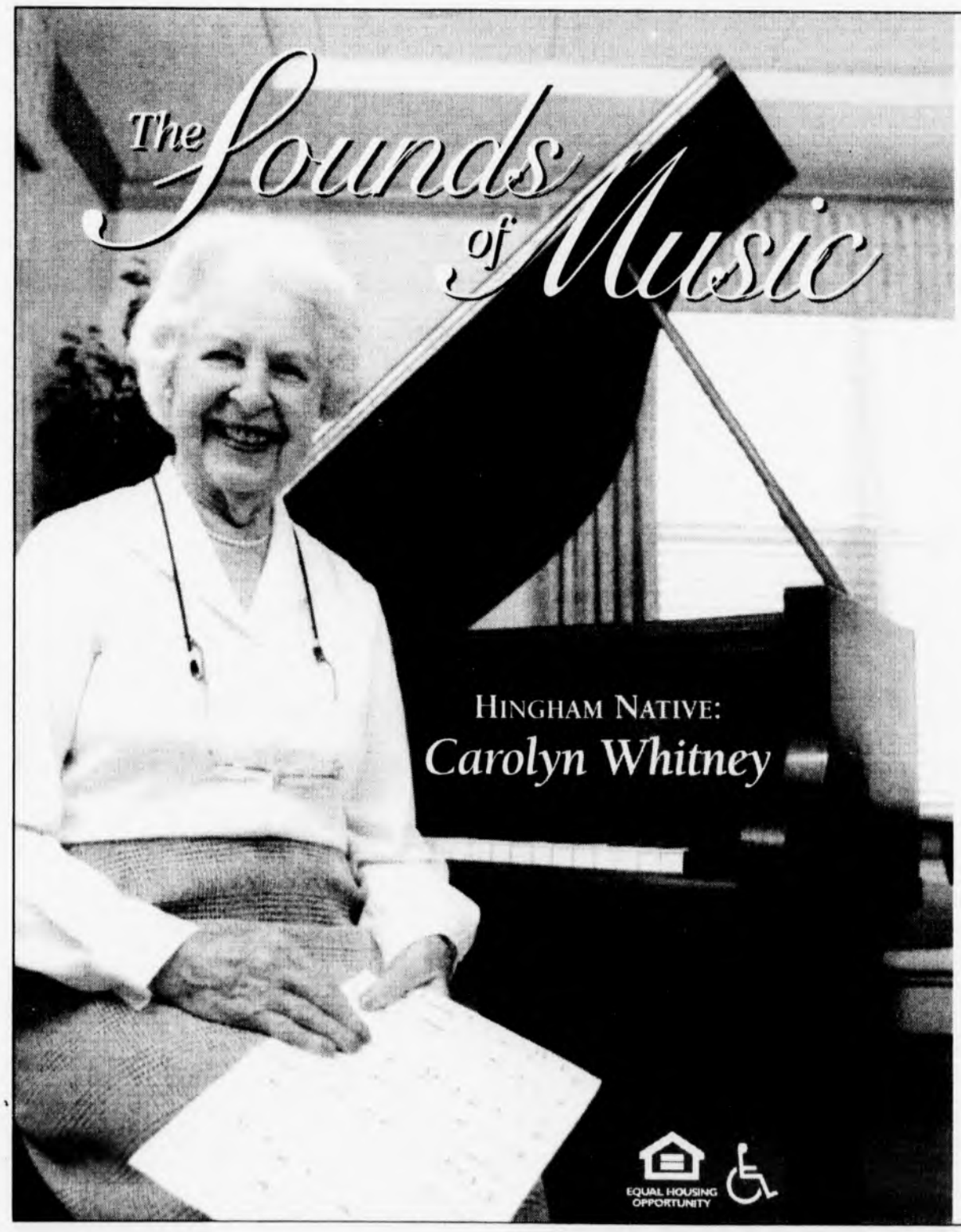
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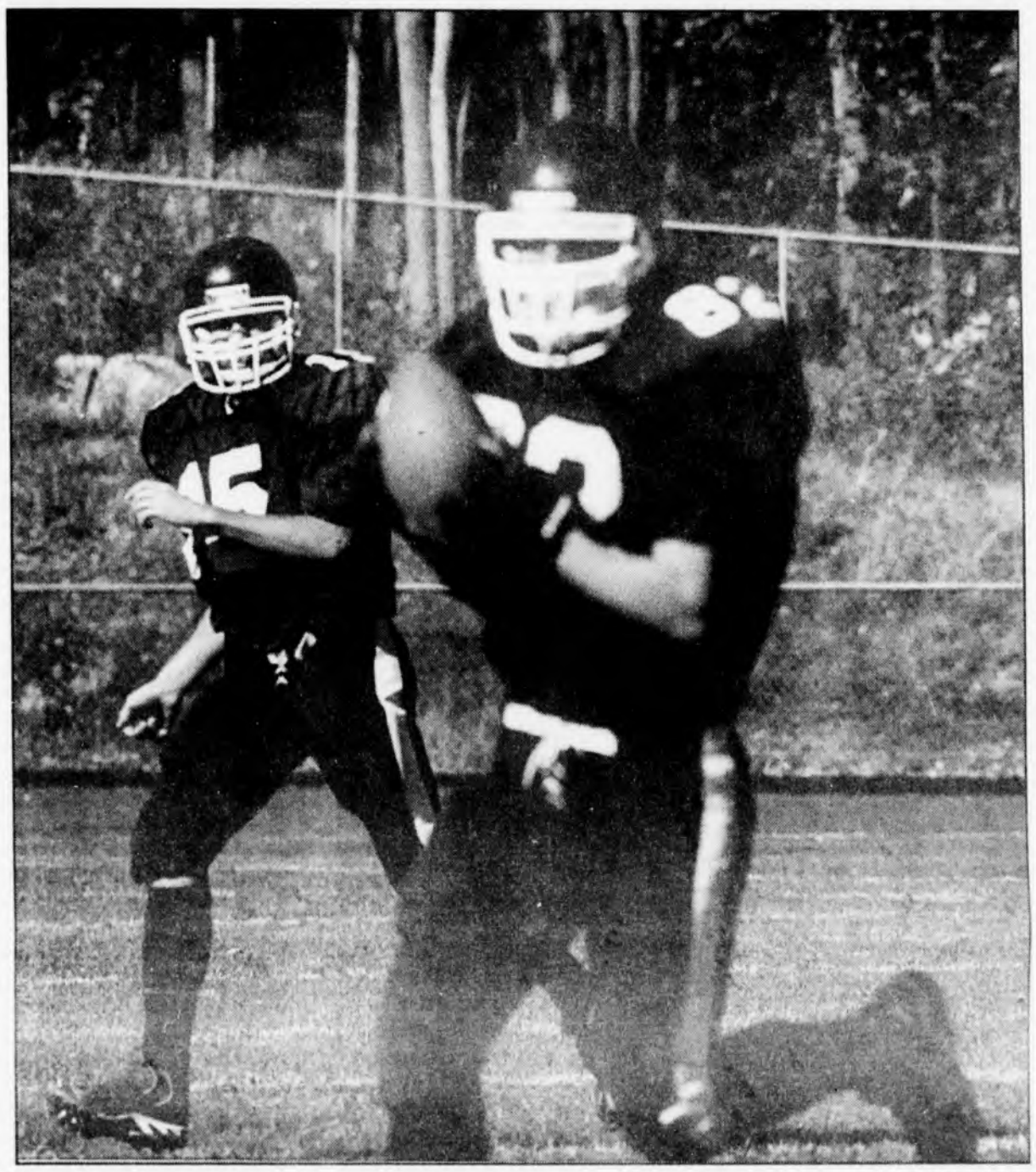
Scarecrow Kevin Butler with his children, Reagan and Alexandra, are all decked out for the fair.

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Cohasset cousins Julia Canney and Hannah Rawson dance on the common at the Halloween Fair on Sunday.

COHASSET SPORTS



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It's a senior connection as QB Jaime DeMichele hits Sean Parkinson out in the flat. The Skippers got the better of Nauset at Homecoming Saturday afternoon. They'll face Charlestown on Friday.

What jinx?

Stickers defeat Hull for first time in decade

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes you win. Sometimes you lose. And once in every 10 years you get to beat Hull in field hockey.

It happened Monday night on the field at the coldest place on earth, also known as Hull Gut, when Melissa Pyform scored for the second time in the half (and the year) off a feed from Andi Shaughnessy and Jenn Mehan with 3:33 left in the game to give the Skippers a 3-2 win.

Not only was this the first time Cohasset has beaten Hull on the field hockey pitch in a decade, they did it at one of the toughest places you are ever going to play.

CHS head coach Debbie Bostwick was sufficiently enthused after the win.

"The girls just played their hearts out from the first whistle to the last one," said Bostwick. "You couldn't ask for anything more from a team. They played outstanding."

After making the tourney for the first time in three years last season, the 7-8-1 squad fell just one point short of that goal this season.

All in all, said Bostwick, there is no way that this season could be considered a failure because they didn't make it back to post season play.

Losing a good group of players to graduation, Bostwick said she started the season back in August with "a core group of about five players" and no JV team for the younger players to learn their craft.

Bostwick decided to keep the inexperienced players with the varsity team, giving them an opportunity at game time when she was able. The young legs would pay off at times this season and the varsity experience cannot help but make a better player down the line.

"Our Team#2 deserves a lot of credit for what they did this season," said Bostwick. "They'll be heard from in the coming years."

One of the younger players being heard from right now is the center forward, Andi Shaughnessy, who was the only sophomore named to the South Shore League All-Star team. Joining her in the honor were the senior co-captains, center fullback Katie Devine and center halfback Megan Connolly

Missing the tourney by a point was a source of inspiration for Bostwick to her team for the Hull game.

"I told them at halftime that we needed to give everyone something to remember this season by," said the coach. "Beating Hull fills that need pretty well."

Cohasset's Maggie O'Connor, with an assist to Kelly Devine, opened up the scoring 23 minutes into the game off a corner hit.

Hull would tie the game shortly be-

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Homecoming win serves the Skippers well

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Led by a corps of pumped-up seniors, the Cohasset Skippers outclassed the Nauset Warriors Saturday by a score of 22-14. Cohasset's Homecoming victory upped their record to 3-3, a tidy .500 winning percentage to take into the home stretch.

The story of the game, again, was Cohasset's Thunder and Lightning offensive scheme. Daniel Trowers and Justin Golden established their respective styles early, but Cohasset was forced to punt in its first two series. On the defensive side of the ball, linebackers Liam O'Donnell and Adam Sasso excelled, along with defensive end Luke Caldwell. The Skipper defense forced Nauset to punt early and often. When Greg Parkinson snagged the first of two fumble recoveries, the offense took over at its own 36-yard line.

It did not take long for the Skippers to find paydirt. QB Jamie DeMichele scrambled for five yards, which set up Trowers' 59-yard scoring dash, his ninth TD run of the season. Golden bulled through the line with the two-point conversion.

On the ensuing kick-off, Greg Taylor pulled down the returner and plays like O'Donnell's backfield penetration forced another Nauset punt. Trowers returned the kick to the Warrior 45.

Three carries by Trowers gained a Skipper first. Then, facing a heavy pass rush, DeMichele maintained his cool and launched a TD pass to sophomore Brian Krupczak in the end zone. Senior defensive back Ben Roine picked off a Nauset pass just prior to halftime and the Skippers clutched a 14-0 edge at the break.

From a Cohasset standpoint, the third quarter was nothing special. Highlights included a 50-yard punt from junior Craig Parker, a joint sack by Alex Russell and Greg Parkinson and a backfield tackle by Ronan Buick. But Nauset showed their mettle and punched through for a touchdown. The extra point was blocked by Caldwell, leaving Nauset in an eight-point deficit.

Trowers' runback once again gave CHS solid field position, this time at their own 45. Despite solid runs by Golden, the Boys in Blue couldn't reach the first down marker and were forced to punt. Parkinson got the ball back by pouncing on the pigskin for the second time that afternoon and the home team was off and running, literally.

Golden charged for 11 yards then gained a key first down on fourth and two. Trowers took over from there, traipsing in from 30 yards out for this 10th touchdown of the year, leaving him behind only Norwell's Brian Fabrizio in the South Shore League.

DeMichele capped the score with a vicious pump fake, then hustled into the end zone untouched to give Cohasset a 22-6 lead. A beautiful 18-yard touch pass gave Nauset its second TD, making it 22-12, but Golden recovered the onsides kick and the game was in the bag.

When asked whether or not he was pleased with his squad's performance, Coach Rolfe replied, "Other than the third quarter, yes. We were in a position where if we had played the second half like the first, maybe

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Skippers split a pair with the Mustangs

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

It was one up and one down as the Skippers approached the finish of their home soccer season Monday night against Randolph.

The boys fell to defeat 3-1 while the Lady Skippers rode two goals from sophomore forward Catherine Flaherty to a 2-0 victory.

The two goals, Flaherty's first scores on the season, leap-frogged her to the top of the scoring charts for the Skippers. A number of other players had been tied for the scoring lead with one goal on the year.

"If we had played as well as we did tonight all year long, we'd be looking at the tourney. There's not too much bad you can say about how we played tonight."
DEBBIE BEAL

"You could she wanted to get the third goal real bad and her teammates wanted to see her get it. She actually had another one but it was called back (offsides)," said Beal. "A hat trick would have been perfect for these kids and a great accomplishment for Catherine considering the trouble we've had scoring goals this season."

The Skippers gave their loyal fans a treat in the girls game, totally dominating a young Randolph team on the offensive end while only allowing one shot each on junior Jessie Zerendow and freshman Skyler Ralston, who shared the

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All-Star trio shines bright for CHS

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Everybody run, the Homecoming Queen's got a gun. A gun for a kicking leg, that is, and it's one of the reasons that CHS senior Alyssa McNamara was named to the South Shore League All-Star team this week along with her teammate, junior midfielder Eileen Ridge.

Leading scorer Steve Sceery will represent the boys' team at the event.

All three players are first time selections for the game, which we be played at Mashpee High School this Sunday. The girls play at 3 p.m. and the boys game is scheduled for 5 p.m.

In addition, the SSL teams gave the sportsmanship award to the Lady Skippers

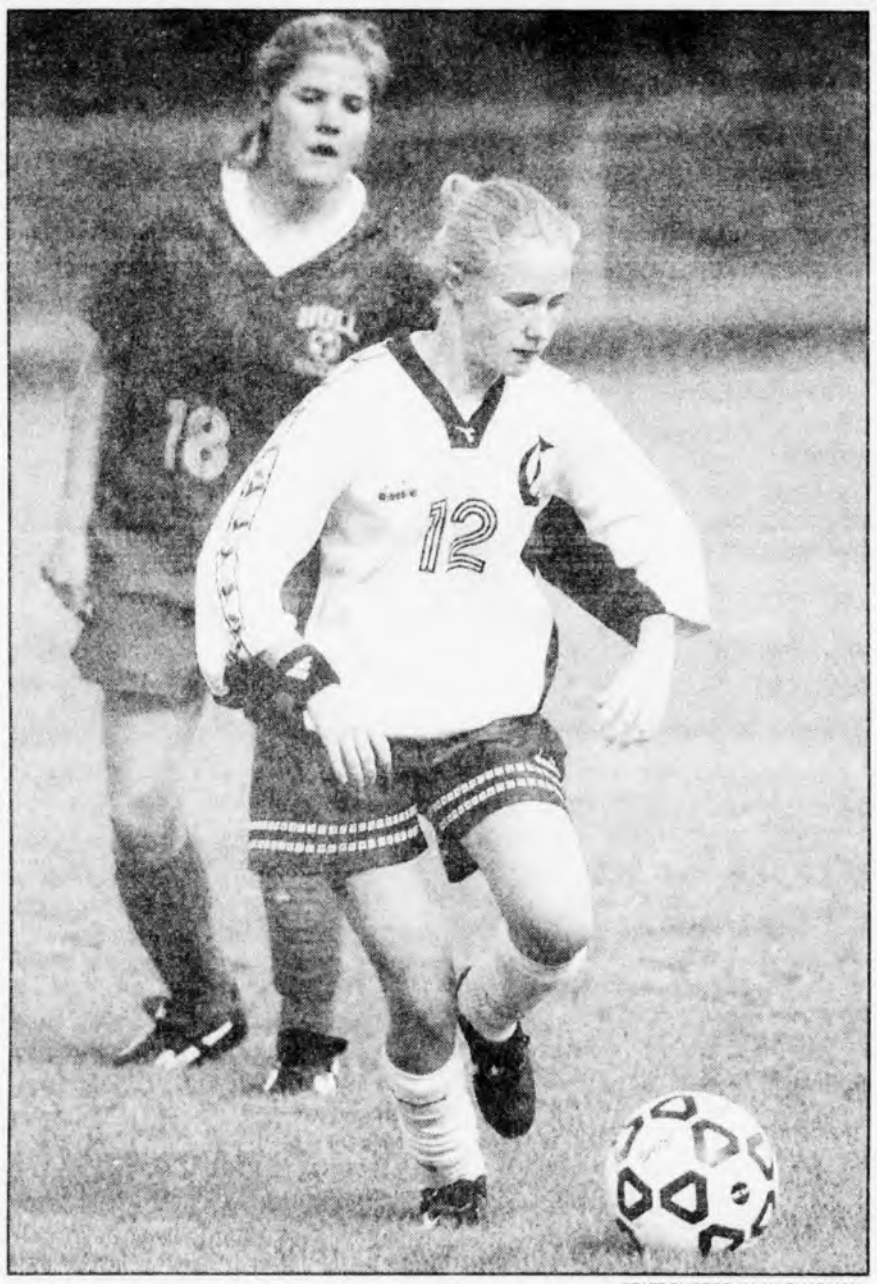
Sceery, a senior who wants to go to Harvard next fall, insists he shouldn't be alone on the team. According to him there should be a couple of other Skippers making the trip to Mashpee.

"There's no doubt that Kevin DeVito (a junior goaltender) is an All-Star, as well the captains (Mark Equi and Andrew Laney," said Sceery. "I'm honored to be chosen, but they should be going to the game with me. Everybody worked hard on this team, but I'm the lucky one who gets to go to the All-Star game."

The girls were equally as honored by the selection.

"I'm really happy that someone else from the team is going too," said McNamara, who started the year as a sweeper before being moved up to center forward by coach Debbie Beal at mid-season to give the team a little more offensive punch.

Sceery has also dabbled in hockey and tennis as well at the high school,

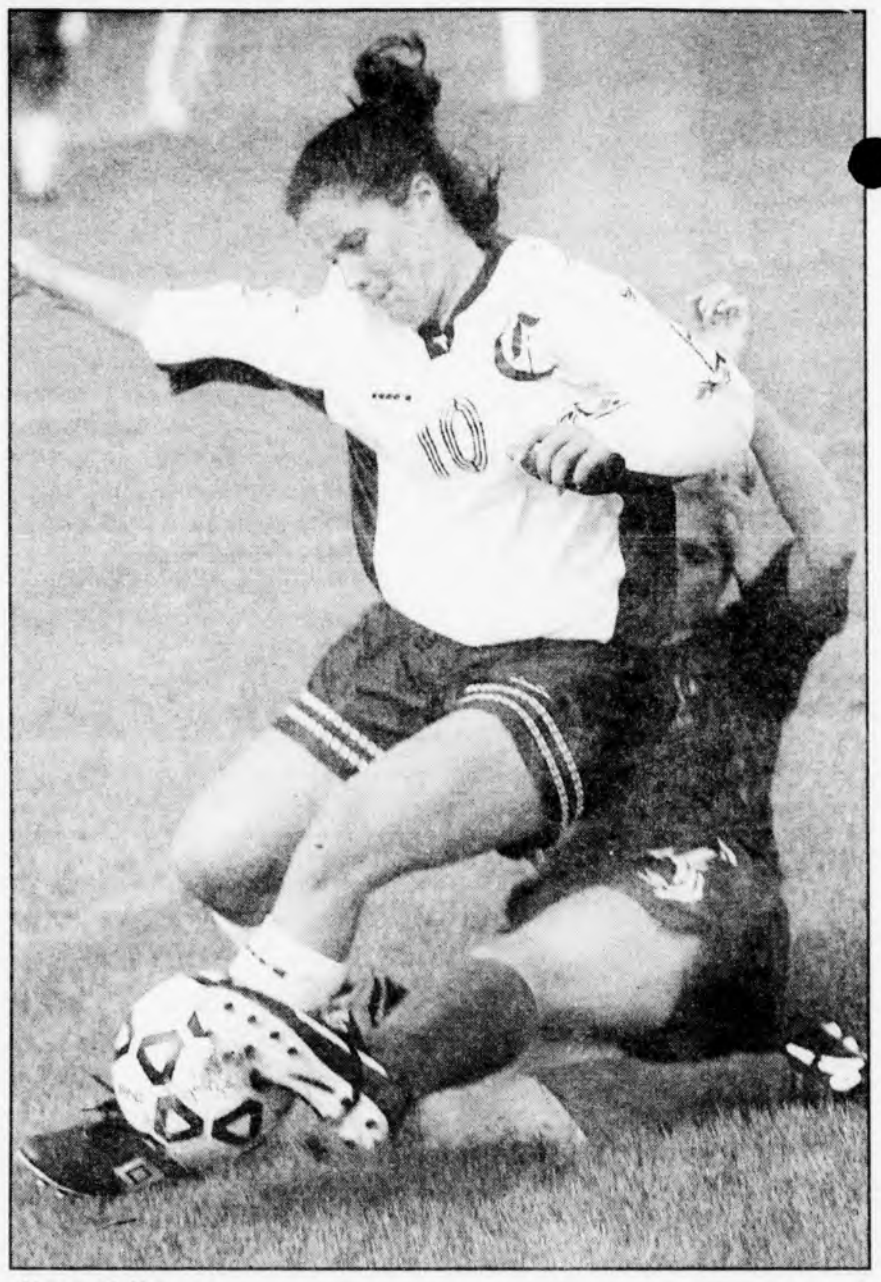


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Eileen Ridge

but it's soccer that's number one in his heart.

He's been on the varsity team since midway through his sophomore year.



Alyssa McNamara

"This is where I have the most fun," said Sceery, who led the team with six goals this season. "This group (11 seniors) has been playing soccer together since we were in the fourth grade. That's the best part about all of this. I get to go out there and doing something I like with a bunch of friends."

As for the ladies, it really was somewhat of a busy weekend for McNamara, a three-sport athlete who also excels on the basketball court in the winter and burns up the track each string.

Not only was she named an all-star, but she was also crowned the Homecoming Queen on Saturday afternoon.

"I thought that Eileen would make the all-star team, but I was surprised when they told me that I had made it as well," said McNamara, whose ranked near the top of her class. "It should be a fun time."

"I didn't expect to make the team at all," said Ridge, who scored the goal in a 1-1 tie against Hull earlier this season. "I was surprised when they told me I'd been selected."

Although they may be humble, Beal said both McNamara and Ridge earned their spots on the all-star squad.

"Eileen is just as natural a soccer player as you are going to see," said Beal. "She's got tremendous ball control skills. She's small and quick and has really fast feet. She can drop a pass from either foot right on a dime."

On McNamara, Beal said there were obvious qualities as both a soccer player and as a leader.

"Alyssa really stepped up from the first day of practice as a leader on this team," said Beal. "The team really looked to her and respected Alyssa.

"On the field she is absolutely relentless every second of the game. Off the field, you will not find a nicer kid that Alyssa."

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shut-out win.

"If we had played as well as we did tonight all year long, we'd be looking at the tourney," said coach Debbie Beal. "There's not too much bad you can say about how we played tonight."

Their counterparts were not as lucky on this evening, giving up goals in the first two minutes and the last two minutes in the loss.

In between the two goals they played with the Mustangs step for step even as three of their top players were on the sideline in street clothes-Ben Peterson, Mike Baird and Dennis Rooney.

After Randolph's junior captain Peter Niedzwiecki put his team up early in the game, some pure hustle from leading scorer and South Shore League all-star Steve Sceery tied the game up early in the second half.

The senior forward scored off an attempted clear by the Randolph keeper. Rushing towards the goalie, the kick deflected off a leaping Sceery's backside and bounced into the open net.

The goal was Sceery's sixth of the season.

Ten minutes later Kerry Le Fook would give Randolph the lead again when he put a shot past CHS keeper Kevin Devito, who made a number of sparkling saves in the game.

The girls would have more luck against the Mustangs, keeping the pressure in the offensive end all game long on their way to their third win of the year.

"Usually it's our defense that's dragging at the end of the game. Today it was our forwards that needed to come out for a rest. I think I like it better this way," said Beal with a laugh. "The girls just played a tremendous game. They hustled and they played smart. The passing was right on target and we controlled the game.

"In many ways this was our best game of the season."

Stickers defeat Hull for first time in decade

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fore halftime.

Pyform would score her first of the season early in the second half, but the Pirates came right back to knot the game again before Pyform's second score sealed the deal in the waning moments of the contest, but not before a couple corner hits as time was running out gave Cohasset a decent scare.

"Top to bottom, the win was a total team effort," said Bostwick, praising the work of her goalkeepers Melissa Rosano and Kristen Considine, as well as sweeper Jill Magner and defenders Ashley Ulmer, Jackie Goines, Morgan Hurley and Kelly Lordan. "We marked their top players very well and kept the ball rolling toward their end of the field."

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Through the auspices of Cohasset High School and Dr. Mike Gill of the Health Education Department; CHS has a commercial quality fitness center.

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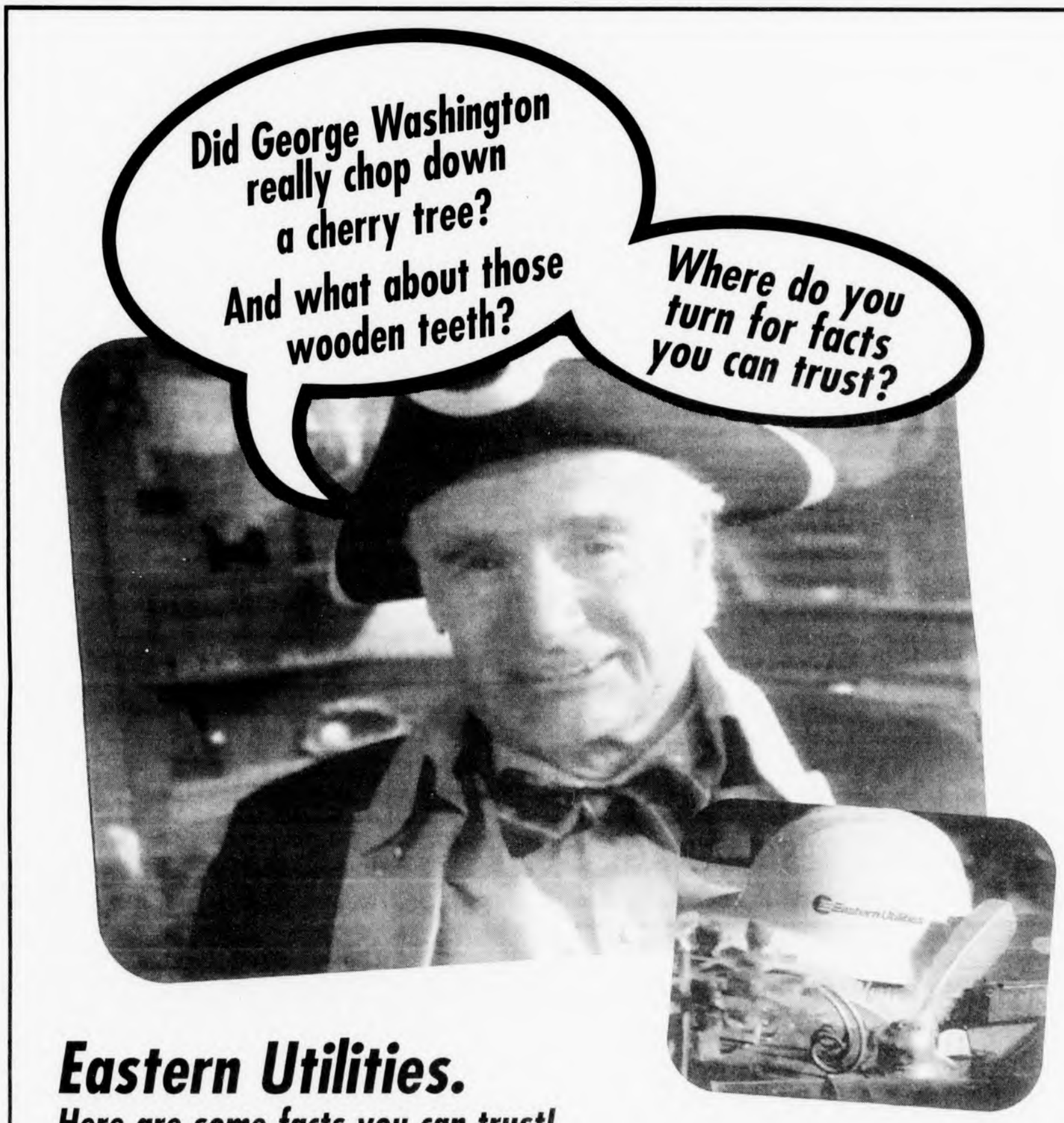
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By the way... Sorry to disappoint – but all evidence points to the fact that the Reverend Mason Locke Weems invented the story of six-year-old George and the cherry tree in his Life of Washington, published in 1880. The hatchet story was added in the fifth edition, published in 1806. [Source: Historic Dumfries Virginia homepage: http://mbh.gmu.edu/~cgrymes/dumfries/ctree.html] And as for the wooden teeth – they were made of ivory! [Source: Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota homepage: http://www.mn.deltadental.org/quiz.htm]

SPORTS BRIEFS

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lized by students and staff and by CHS gym classes. Ideally, this unique opportunity could be made available to all residents outside of school hours. You may call 383-4109, 24 hours a day and if you receive voice-mail, please leave the number of people in your family who might utilize this facility if a nominal fee were charged and the facility open evenings/weekends.

High school hockey training clinic

The Rockland Rink will hold the 10th annual high school hockey training clinic beginning Nov. 16. The purpose is to offer high school hockey players the opportunity to get in shape for the high school season.

The guest instructors will include Bob Sylvia, Quincy High School; Jim Sylvia, Hanover High School; Barry Parker, Rockland High School; Jack Crowley, Marshfield High School; and other area coaches.

The clinic is open to all area high school players (ages 14 to 18.) The cost is $100 per player. Applications may be obtained at the Rockland rink.

Applications will not be accepted by phone.

For additional information, call Fred Isleib at (781) 871-0547.

Indoor golf lesson registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for beginner level instruction in golf, to be taught by golf pro, Dan Neary. Classes are held Thursday evenings at the Cushing Elementary School gym, Scituate, beginning Nov. 5.

Lessons are five weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly at a cost of $65 per person.

Classes are limited to eight people and registrations are accepted on a first enrolled basis.

Should you require the use of golf clubs for the classes please indicate this at the time of your registration and you will be loaned clubs free of charge.

Openings remain in the 7 p.m. and the 8 p.m. classes.

To register, call the Cohasset Recreation Department office at 383-4109.

Free sports websites available

The Cohasset Mariner and Town Online, the online service of the Community Newspaper Company (CNC), are offering free web sites to all high school, youth and recreation sports organizations and teams.

CNC will provide the web site and train organization representatives in web page design and building, using self-publishing internet software that is acessible from any computer. Most people only need one 2 1/2-hour training session to get the hang of it. There are no hidden fees and no catches.

Each group and team will build and maintain its own site. Post game results, schedules, a calendar of events, bulletin board, lists of officials and team rosters, photos and/or directions to fields. Coming very soon - each group will have the capability of holding its own online chats.

This is a great way for sports teams and organizations to get their results and message to the public using the web through Town Online.

The program is available to all youth, adult, recreational and high school sports teams and organizations. Even groups who already have websites are invited to join in and be a part of a growing web network that receives over 1.5 million hits a month...and growing.

For more information on this exciting new program, contact Wayne Braverman at (781) 433-7842, or email wbraverman@cnc.com.

Community Center has program openings

There are still openings in the following gymnastic classes listed below.

Mondays

10:30-11:15 a.m. Tumble Bugs age 3 Mixed

11:15 a.m.-noon Tumble Bugs age 3 Mixed

1-2 p.m. 1/2 Sports 1/2 gymnastics age 4-6 Mixed

2-3 p.m. Preschool age 4-6 Mixed

Tuesdays

2:15-3:15 p.m. Pre-school Gymnastics age 4-6 Mixed

3:15-4:15 p.m. Beginner Girls age 5-8

Wednesdays

1:30-2:15 p.m. Tumble Bugs age 3 Mixed

2:15-3:15 p.m. Beginner Gymnastics ages 4-6 Girls

3:15-4:15 p.m. Beginner Gymnastics ages 4-6 Girls

Thursdays

9-10 a.m. Beginner Gymnastics ages 4-6 Mixed

10-11 a.m. Preschool Gymnastics 4-6 Mixed

4:15-5:15 p.m. Beg/Int Girls age 5-8

Fridays

12:15-1 p.m. Tumble Bugs age 3 Mixed

2-3 p.m. 1/2 Sports 1/2 Gymnastics Mixed age 4-6

Upcoming events include "Girls Afternoon Out" Wednesday, Nov. 25, 3-5 p.m. Age 5-1/2 to 11. Cost $15. Limited sign-up. Pre-registration required.

"Gymnastics Holiday Mini Camp for Girls ages 6-13, Dec. 29 and 30, from 1:30-5 p.m., cost for two-day event is $45.

All levels are welcome.

Homecoming serves the Skippers well

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the game would've been over going into the fourth quarter. But, you're always happy when you win."

Rolfe mentioned the play of offensive lineman John Considine as a highlight. Indeed, Considine's hook blocks left Trowers open lanes on the outside all game long.

Combined with the talent of his four linemates, including center John-Paul Laugelle and tackle Craig Davis, Considine helps provide a formidable line for Cohasset.

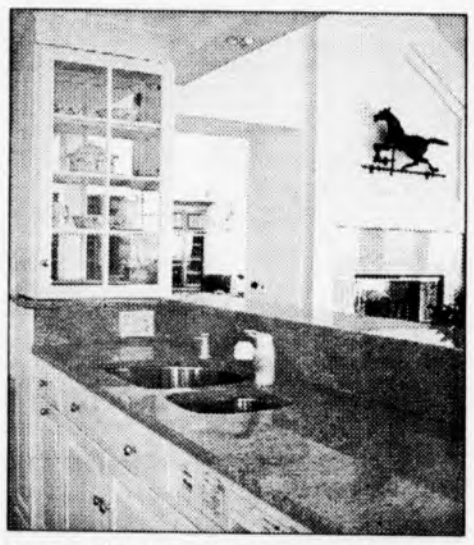
The offensive line and the rest of the team head to Charlestown Friday to play a 3 p.m. game.

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Hitting all the pubs

By Stuart Green
CORRESPONDENT

It's not how it used to be. But that's OK.

When Rafferty's Pub first began its annual road race in 1984, the crowd had logged some pretty grueling miles before it ever made it to the starting line.

The pack in those days was a pretty serious one.

These days, many still look for PR's and such. But others just head out to take part in an event.

"The running demographics have changed," said Race Director Peter Noyes, who helped get the race off the ground in '84.

"Fifteen years ago, the only people to run a race were people who were pretty serious, and in road runner's clubs.

"(Today) we get a lot of people who (find) it challenging to cover five miles."

As if to underscore that fact, a check of previous winners shows that the race's first winner still owns the course record.

When John Madden cracked the finish line in 24:31, few could have suspected that that time would stand the race of time. But it has.

A great blend of serious runners and weekend joggers again will converge when the 15th annual Rafferty Pub five-mile road race begins on Sunday at noon.

The race is full of tradition - from the get-together at Rafferty's in the Marshfield Shopping Plaza after the race (with chilli and beer) t o the starting time. The noon hour, a little on the late side in racing circles, originally was scheduled because it would not interfere with church services (nearby Congregational Church holds services at 10:30 a.m.).

No thoughts were given to traffic from stores, because that was in an era before the Blue Laws were repealed. Now, with the stores opened, things do get a little hectic.

If nothing else, it certainly gets crowded. The race has grown from its birth when about 150 runners took part. Last year, some 400 runners legged out the challenging out-and-back course on Webster Street, with half of the runners were Marshfield's own.

This year, however, there could be an even bigger pack. The race is the final event in the six-part Pub Series, with cross-country scoring kept throughout the season. Pub predecessors included Doyles in Jamaica Plain, Eagle Brook Saloon in Norfolk, Khoury's in Somerville, the Brew Run in Brewster, and the Lasting Room Pub in Haverhill. Awards will be presented to the top runners, and a commemorative keepsake will be given to all who have finished the six races.

"It's great for us," Noyes said. "We didn't pay anything for it, and we get free publicity."

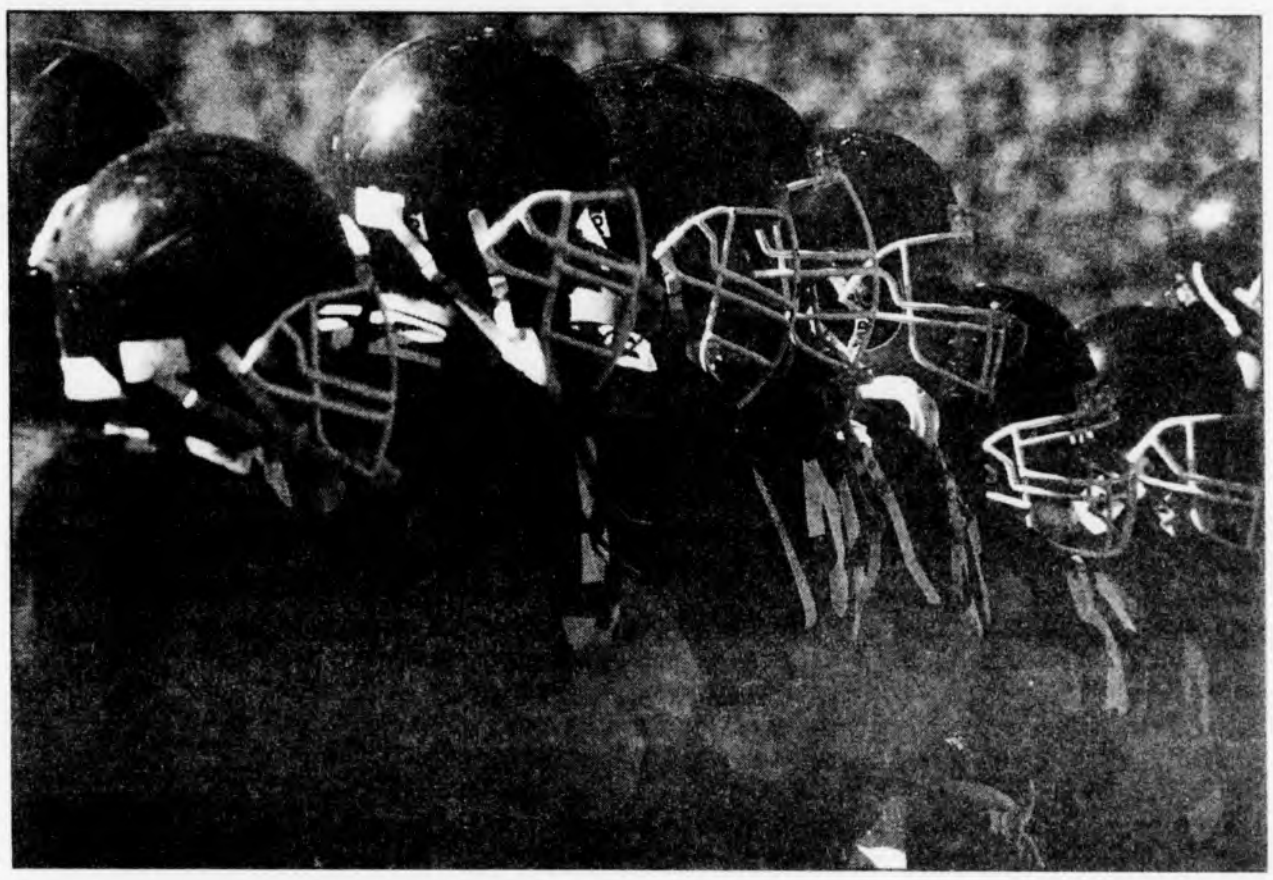
The race is run for the benefit of the Marshfield High School track and cross-country teams. Coach Ed Ryan and the high school runners assist at the water stop at the turn-around on Webster Street.

Many runners do like the idea of an out-and-back course.

"If you're faster," Noyes said, "you can see the people behind you. If you're in the middle of the pack, you can see the leaders come back."

Noyes, who runs the race with his wife, Bernadette (the '85 and '86 women's winner), realizes that the race will disrupt traffic. The street isn't officially closed, but drivers should expect slow-downs.

Five-time winner John Noland, a Kingston resident who used to live in Marshfield, won last year's race in 26:09. Michelle Fobert was the first woman to cross in 31:20.



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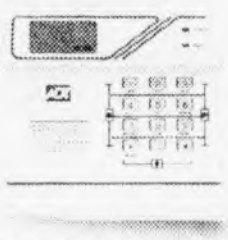
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PSO fall lecture series

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The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 12 and will be held at the Joseph Osgood School.

For further information please call: Maggie Smith 383-1136 or Sarah Porter 383-2029.

All school musical

Mark your calendars and save the dates, the CMS/CHS all-school musical, "The Music Man," will be presented at CHS Friday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2:30 p.m. Reserved tickets go on sale in mid-November. More information will follow.

If any parents, students or teachers are interested in helping with scenery or costumes for the musical, there are big work parties scheduled for Friday, Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 13, from 2:15 to 5:15 p.m. at CHS. For more information, call Dee Dee Nicynski at 383-1329.

Basic benefits for special needs children

The Cohasset Parent Advisory Council will be sponsoring a workshop presented by the Federation for Children with Special Needs on "Basic Rights." Basic information about Chapter 766 and other state and federal special education laws to assist parents in the planning, discussion-making and the monitoring of their child's I.E.P. To be held Nov. 3, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Cohasset High School, cafeteria. All parents, guardians, and teachers of special needs students are encouraged to attend. For more information contact P.A.C. Co-chairs: Kim Maynard 383-2707 or Maureen Jerz 383-6592.

Cohasset PSO fall fund-raiser

Help raise money for our schools and it could be your lucky ticket to win up to $15,000.

This year the Cohasset PSO has organized a 50/50 Raffle. Only 600 tickets will be sold at $50 each. The winner will receive 50% of the total sold. The fund-raiser will culminate in a two-hour Cocktail Part on Nov. 6 at the South Shore Art Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

So take a chance, support our schools and share an evening with friends, live music, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Bring your raffle ticket to gain admission to the cocktail party. The winning ticket will be drawn at the party, however the winner need not be present to win.

Raffle tickets are available at: Carousel Antiques, Cohasset Hardware, Buttonwood Books, The Good Sport and the South Shore Community Center.

For further information call Kathy Yeager 9820 or Andrea Flynn 6745.

National Hispanic recognition goes to local student

Susana Candia, a member of the senior class at Cohasset Middle-High School, has been recognized as a Scholar Finalist in the National Hispanic Recognition Program, as announced by Principal Curtis S. Collins Jr.

The National Hispanic Recognition Program is a College Board program that provides national recognition of the exceptional academic achievements of Hispanic high school seniors, and identifies academically well-prepared Hispanic high school seniors for post-secondary institutions.

Students enter the program by taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarships Qualifying Test as high school juniors, and by identifying themselves as Hispanic. From more than 150,000 students nationwide, the 4,000 highest-scoring students are initially identified as semifinalists. Based on further evidence of their academic achievement, a select group of 3,000 students are recognized as program finalists. Susana is among these 3,000 Hispanic students who have been recognized as Scholar Finalist in the recognition program.

The names of all finalists are listed on a roster of outstanding Hispanic students, which has been released to colleges and universities to encourage them to seek out these talented Hispanic students as potential candidates for admission.

Joint drama production tonight at high school

Cohasset High School will present an international theatre production Thursday, Oct. 29, when students from England's Southend High School for Girls and Cohasset High School take the stage together in "A Small Town," a collage of inter-related monologues describing life in a village that might have been in either the United States or England during the end of the last millennium or beginning of the present one. Each of the short speeches offers a candid glimpse of the life of a resident from this mythical village, as he or she reflects upon a life of joy or sorrow, contentment or horror, love or hate, companionship or loneliness.

Yasmeen Ahmed, Victoria Negus, Colette Newbury, Claire Polley, Joanne Poole and Nicole Trask (Lower Sixth Form students) are here as part of a student exchange resulting from Cohasset Drama Director Ron Emmons' tenure as a Fulbright Exchange Teacher at the school on the Thames River estuary in the county of Essex, England. Accompanying the students are Emmons' former exchange partner, Nigel Cracknell; the Southend drama director, Corinne Taylor, and her husband; and the head of Sixth Form at Southend, Fiona Brierley. Cohasset hosts for the students are the Gardner, Lovallo, Nicynski, O'Hayre and Perkinson families.

Cohasset students joining with the Southend girls in the performance are Alexandra D'Urso, Jordan Fiore, Grace Gardner, Elizabeth Ingber, Bill Kearney, Ryan Long, Pat Murphy, Ron Nicynski, Jim O'Sullivan, Stephanie Perkinson, Steve Reynolds and Ashley Ulmer.

"A Small Town" will have only one performance Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Cohasset High School auditorium. On Friday, the students will begin their journey back to the UK. Proceeds from the show will help fund the exchange that will see Cohasset students going to Southend in April. Tickets will be sold only at the door beginning one-half hour before the show.

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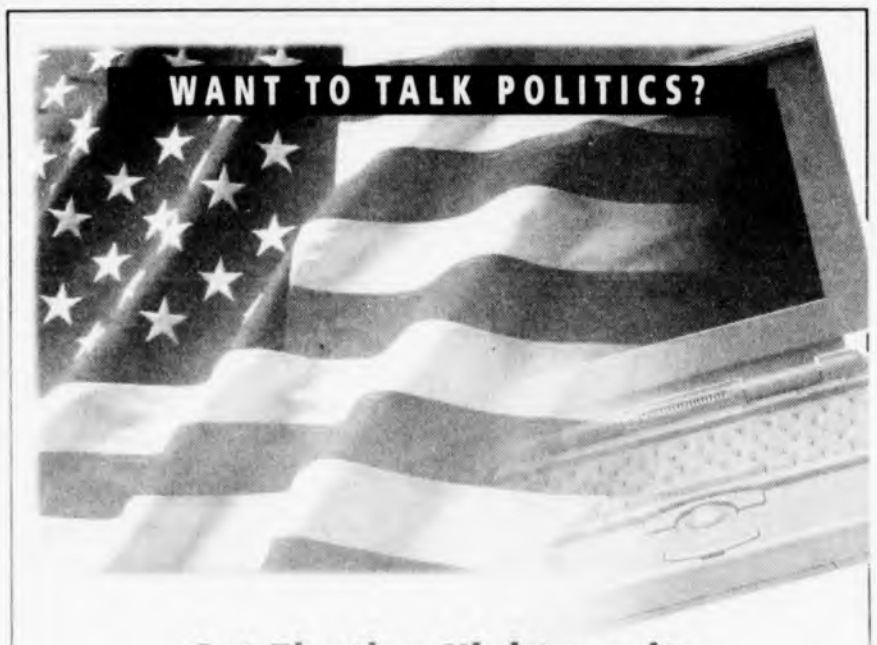
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IT'S HAPPENING

Appalachia Service Project Thanksgiving pie sale

The Cohasset/Appalachia Service Project, community student volunteers engaged in a home repair/home building ministry serving Central Appalachia, will once again be baking homemade pies and breads for its Thanksgiving fund-raiser.

The Cohasset/Appalachia Service Project Volunteers will bake apple, pumpkin, mincemeat and pecan pies as well a cranberry, pumpkin, and lemon poppy seed bread. The price of the bread is $5 per loaf, while the price of the pies is $8 for the apple, pumpkin and mincemeat.

Order forms will be available from the students and adults preparing for next summer's trip, at local churches, or by calling the Second Congregational Church at 383-0345. Order deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 18. The pies and breads will be available for pick-up on Sunday, Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, or can be delivered that afternoon.

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MONDAYS: Grades K+1 Osgood 3 to 5 p.m., Nov. 16 through Dec. 7.

TUESDAYS: Grades 2+3 Osgood 3 to 5 p.m., Nov. 17 through Dec. 8.

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New sessions will begin Jan. 19 through Feb. 12, 1999.

To register, come to the Cohasset Recreation office prior to Friday, Nov. 13, 1st floor, Town Hall.

Swing dance lessons

Registrations are currently being accepted at the recreation office and Cohasset High School for beginner swing dance lessons to be taught by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio at Cohasset Town Hall.

Class will be held each Wednesday afternoon, from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m., from Nov. 11 through Dec. 16, in the town hall auditorium. The fee for the six-week session is $30 per person.

Register at the Cohasset Recreation office, first floor town hall, or forms will be made available at the high school. Forms and checks should be made payable to: Town of Cohasset, and must be returned to the recreation office prior to Monday, Nov. 2.

Toys for tots donations sought

Toys for Tots helps brighten a needy child's Christmas. If you would like to donate a new, unwrapped toy, bring your donation to Atlantic Business Service, 809c Country Way, North Scituate, near the Cohasset line. Toys will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, until Nov. 19. The toys will be delivered to the Marines for distribution Nov. 20. If you have any questions, call Michael Barilaro at (617) 544-3888.

Jingle Bell Walk is Nov. 27

The Fifth Jingle Bell Walk will take place on Friday, Nov. 27 (rain date Nov. 28). Join the festivities beginning at 2 p.m. as Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrive at Cohasset Harbor by lobster boat and join in the parade to the Community Center for songs, cookies and punch. The Bells of St. Stephen's Carillon will ring and the bell tower will be open to the public. Later, there will be a gathering on the common for lighting the Luminaria and tree, music and hayrides.

New from the Music Studio of Joan Jensen

Joan Jensen, of Howe Road, will share her talents in a new way this fall and winter, two new course offerings are in the works: one for children and one for teens and adults.

Young Singers is for children ages 8 to 10 who love to use their voices in song. This class will teach youngsters how to read music, sing in tune, and have fun doing it. Jensen was the founder and director of the Chorale des Enfants (Children's Chorus) in Thonon-les-Bains, France, and is looking forward to having young singers to work with again. The class will meet 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday mornings, and the fee will be $10 per session, with a charge of $8 if more than one child in a family participates.

The other course offering is Music Appreciation, for teens and adults. This will be given on Monday evenings from 7:30 - 9 p.m., and will include listening, reading and discussion. There will also be a short unit on music theory, for those who do not read music, or for musicians who wish to "brush up." Jensen was trained as a classical singer, but has sung musical comedy and jazz. The listening selections will be eclectic, drawing from all genres of music. Participants will meet in a rustic living room setting and refreshments will be served. There will be 10 sessions for $120.

For further information, or to register for music classes, call 383-2240.

Friends of Paragon Carousel Halloween party

The Friends of the Paragon Carousel is having a Halloween party from 4 - 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 and a costume parade at 4:30 p.m. A pumpkin decorating contest will also be held and awards will be given to the prettiest, scariest and most creative pumpkins in the under 13 and 13 and older categories. The entry fee is $1. Pumpkin drop-off dates are Sunday, Oct. 25 from 1:30 - 4 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 29 from 3 - 6 p.m. Carousel rides are $1.50 each. For more information call 925-0472.

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Cohasset Youth Resources dance

The Youth Resources is holding a dance Saturday, Nov. 14, for grades 7 through 12. The dance will be held at the town hall auditorium and will run from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Admission is $5.

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Aging is subject of series

The last of a four-session program for Elders, their families and caregivers, will be presented Wednesday evening from 7 to 9, Nov. 4 at Cohasset Elder Affairs, 3 North Main St. The regional program will be sponsored by Cohasset Elder Affairs, Hingham Elder Services, the Hull, Norwell and Scituate Councils on Aging, Affiliated Community VNA, Inc. and the Norwell VNA, Inc..

The session Nov. 4 will cover Legal and Financial Issues: Brian E. Barreira, Attorney at Law, P.C., and John J. Bowe, Attorney at Law, P.C., will review current issues, including protecting assets, estate planning, joint ownership, durable power of attorney, conservatorship, guardianship, health care proxy and various types of trusts. A suggested donation of $10 for the series is suggested. To pre-register, call the Cohasset Elder Affairs at (781) 383-9112 or 383-9116.

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Come and enjoy the new musical, "Titanic" at the Wang Theater on Thursday, June 10, 1999 at 2 p.m.. The cost is $58.60 for orc. and mezz; $54.10 for rear orc.; $54.10, $49.60, $31.60 and $22.60 for balcony seats. These prices reflect senior discount of 10%.

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Come learn how to make everything absolutely like Martha Stewart for Christmas-at the Norfolk County Agricultural School, 400 Main St., Route 1A in Walpole on Friday, Nov. 6 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The cost is $7 which includes refreshments, registration and mailing costs. Pre-registration is required, call 383-9112.

The Boston Pops

The Boston Pops at Symphony Hall in Boston, specially priced tickets for Saturday, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m. The cost is $50 for floor table seats; $44 and $34 for 1st balc.; $27 and $22 for 2nd balc. Regularly priced tickets for Monday, Dec. 21, at 3 p.m.. $36 and $29 for 1st balc.

Canticleers

Canticleers (The Men's Breakfast Group) have decided to start a new group, meeting on Monday mornings. Call Alwin Merrill (545-0698) or Wayne DeWald (383-9429) with any questions.

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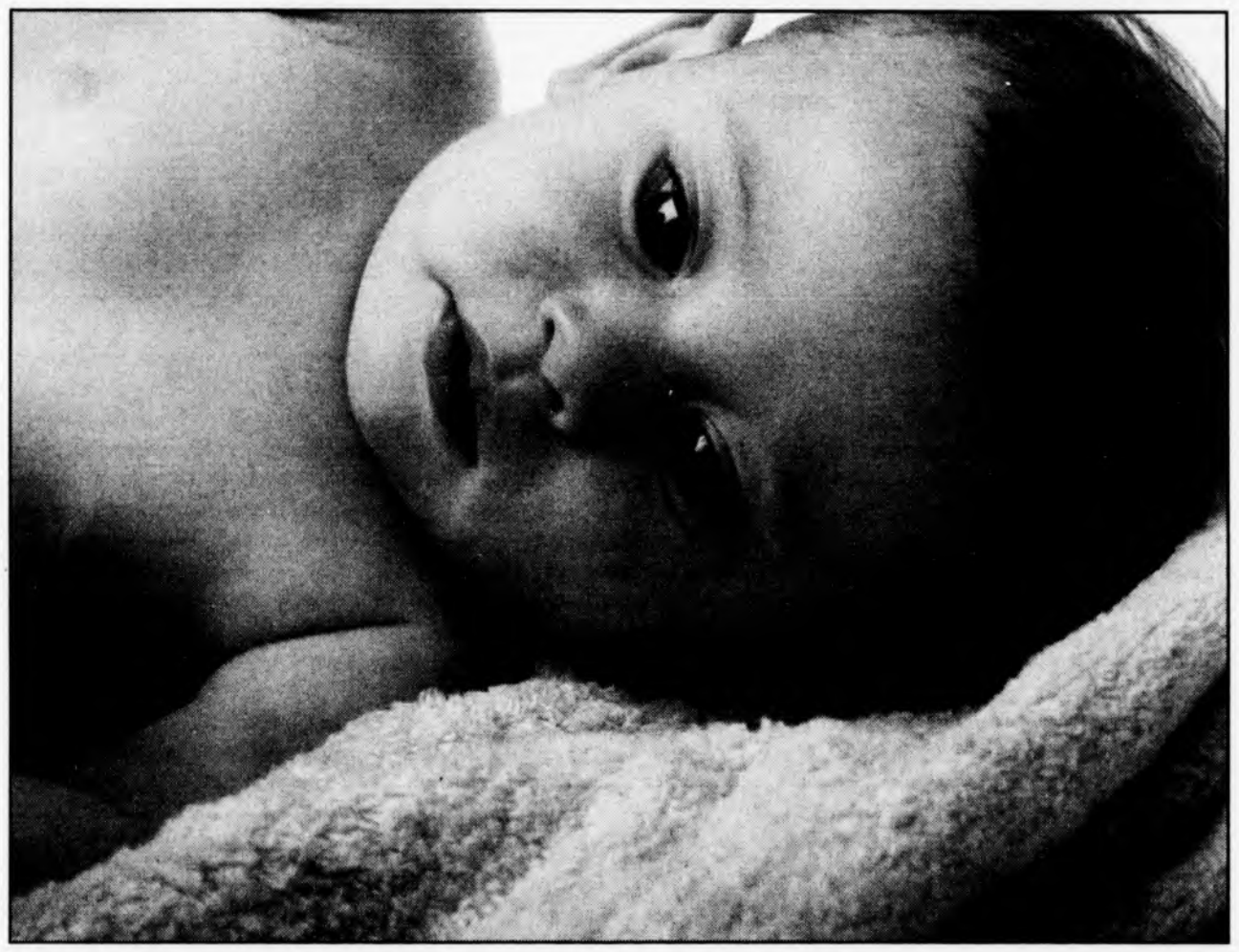
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Water tank site on Scituate Hill uncertain

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The water commission has hit an apparent impasse in its efforts to find a site for a new water on Scituate Hill. Water Commissioner John K. McNabb Jr. thought the town had had found a location favorable to both the town and the owner of the land, J. Michael Susi and Sons. That plan would have placed the tank on the back part of the hill away from Route 3A. But perk tests revealed that the land is acceptable for septic systems and Susi wants to preserve that parcel. Susi next offered a second site that is 20 feet lower than the previous site but in the same general area. However, that site would add $300,000 to the development costs because it is on a steeper grade. The latest developments leave the water commission in a bit of a quandary. Although John Susi Sr. implied that he might agree on a site on the front part of the hill, he has not agreed to that option formally.

McNabb said he hopes that the town can agree with Susi on a site by mid-November. The water commission is trying to find a site on Scituate Hill that is suitable for both Susi and the town. McNabb said he understands Susi's desire to locate percable land on his site, but the water commission needs to build a tank. McNabb said there is still a possibility that the water commission could take a piece of land on Scituate Hill by eminent domain. He added that the water commissioners want to avoid an eminent domain action.

McNabb expressed disappointment that the latest tank plans have fallen through. The water commissioners recently decided to build a steel tank rather than a concrete structure to save money. McNabb said a standing steel tank costs about $300,000 less to build than a concrete structure. The water commission had hoped to use the costs savings to speed construction of the project and fund other projects.

Building the tank on the latest site proposed by Susi would wipe out the cost savings for the steel tank. There is also an additional maintenance cost of about $150,000 for a steel tank which must be sandblasted every 30 years. Recent estimates on the cost of a steel tank indicate the town may also have to build a shroud on the unit at an additional cost of $150,000.

McNabb said he is optimistic that the water commission can agree on a site with Susi by the middle of next month and complete a new tank by Christmas of 1999.

Norwell Kitchen Tour is slated

On Friday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., nine of the most fabulous kitchens in Norwell will be open to benefit the Sparrell School. Antique kitchens, contemporary kitchens, kitchens designed by those who love to entertain and kitchens designed by serious gourmets will all be featured. Complimentary light refreshments will be offered at many of the homes.

Tickets are $15 and will be available the day of the tour at the Cushing Center in Norwell Center, or tickets can be purchased through Donna Delferro at 659-2863 in advance.

Road design poses traffic safety issue

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

"It's become a major throughway," complained traffic safety officer Rich Yocum, who also serves on the traffic study committee, about the newly-widened part of 3A near Beechwood Street.

Since Shaw's opened in August of last year, there has been a total of 19 accidents reported there. Speedsters may break that record this year; there have been 11 accidents in the vicinity already and that count only goes up to the month of September.

Compare the most recent accident figures with those recorded in 1996 — nine in all — and you can understand why the traffic study committee is so upset that members met with Massachusetts Transportation Department traffic engineer Bob Gregory last week to see what could be done to remedy the situation.

"I'd say that 80 percent of the accidents there are speed related," said Yocum. "The speed isn't decreasing either. I get complaints about it every day."

Indeed, the 35 mph speed is rarely adhered to, with motorists generally traveling 45 mph to 60 mph in the risky area, according to Yocum.

"All that weaving in and out of cars might be dangerous," allowed member Page Liberty. "But it gets you to work 30 seconds earlier so they keep doing it."

Committee members Yocum, Liberty, Heidi Salerno and selectman Merle Brown argued their point with Gregory, who read the accident rates differently than Yocum.

At issue between the opposing parties was whether or not the accidents south of the intersection should be counted in the overall figures.

"We feel the risk goes well beyond the Shaw's shopping area," said Brown. "It's a speedway — 400 yards of speedway."

"It's not only the speed, but the design of the road with people crossing three lanes and not seeing others coming," said Yocum.

However, it was pointed out that since speed was the primary issue, perhaps a redesign wouldn't change things.

"The design of that stretch was made to maximize traffic efficiency," said Gregory. "I don't know if it's just aggressive Massachusetts drivers. Maybe we have to start educating people more."

"Are you looking at contributing factors like the eight driveways of businesses there?" asked Liza Salerno, one of the half-dozen concerned residents and business owners in attendance. "We're talking two different situations here — the intersection and several hundred yards down the road. You're only counting some of the accidents in your statistics, but the increase in accidents in that general area are a result of the Shaw's intersection."

"We're not adversaries," said Gregory. "I don't know anyone in the world who wants accidents. No matter what we do at the intersection, there will be accidents. This is a center of heavy-duty traffic activity. Southeastern Massachusetts has more traffic than in the past and we will see more accidents."

Gregory offered to arrange for rubber hoses be placed across the 3A site to count of the number of cars passing through to compare the numbers with original data. "We can look at those numbers and see if we need to change things," he said.

Yocum offered to call to the state to request that the equipment be put in place near Shaw's. Currently, he is waiting on a call back from the Norfolk County Engineers office, to see if they are willing to do the work. "Apparently, the state doesn't have the equipment to do it," said Yocum. "Bureaucracy can be difficult. I'm not sure that Norfolk will want to come in and do the work for the state. I don't know how they handle that. I guess I'll find out."

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Cohasset police clarify new state gun law

On Oct. 21, the state' s new Gun Control Law took effect. The law has several worthwhile objectives, Police Chief Brian Noonan said.

- Banning certain "assault weapons."
- Eliminating junk guns (Saturday Night Specials).
- Bringing the Massachusetts Statutes into conformity with the federal law concerning prohibiting persons with certain criminal records from possessing firearms or receiving licenses.
- Strengthening the enforcement of domestic violence orders by requiring the surrender of weapons and licenses while abuse prevention orders are in effect.
- Requiring periodic review (every four years) of the criminal records of persons wanting to retain any type of firearms license.
- Curtailing those who can carry concealed weapons in public.
- Limiting the use of large capacity weapons to those who are qualified and who demonstrate a need for them.
- Allowing the police to arrange for the commercial storage of surrendered or confiscated firearms. These would be placed in secure, bonded warehouses operated on the premises of licensed firearms dealers (especially where the volume of such weapons exceeds the storage capacity of many police evidence lockers).
- Strengthening the penalties for certain firearms offenses.
- Requiring more extensive fingerprint and records checks for license applicants concerning criminal, domestic violence, drug, firearms and mental illness.
- Confirming the local chief's ability to set reasonable restrictions on the use, carrying and possession of various firearms and other weapons.

Cohasset Police pledge to help address some of the questions that may arise during the initial stages of the new law. Here is a summary of the aspects of the new law of concern to most licensed applicants and holders.

Please call Det. Rick Grassie between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, with questions at 383-1055.

- All current licenses to carry firearms will be valid and will be renewable on the expiration date shown on such licenses. Thereafter, they will be renewable every four years.
- All current firearms identification cards (FID) will expire as follows:
- Persons with birth dates between July 1 and Dec. 31 will expire on the holder's birth date between July 1, 1999, and Dec. 31, 1999.
- Persons with birth dates between Jan. 1 and June 30 will expire on the holder's birth date between Jan. 1, 2000, and June 30, 2000.
- New categories of licenses to carry are: Class A and Class B.
- Class A allows the holder to access large capacity firearms, rifles, shotguns and ammunition. Only Class A holders may carry a concealed weapon.
- Class B allows access to non-large capacity firearms (handguns) as well as large capacity rifles, shotguns and ammunition.
- Properly licensed shooting clubs may have both large and non-large capacity firearms, rifles and shotguns for use by their members and guests.
- Persons with certain criminal records, especially those involving drugs and firearms trafficking, as well as those with a history of mental illness, may not qualify for certain kinds of licenses in the future.
- A fee of $25 will apply to all licenses to carry and FID applicants and renewals One-half of the fee will go into the state's Firearms Record Keeping Trust Fund to help with law enforcement training and record keeping.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, OCT. 12

3:37 a.m. Linden Dr., suspicious (other), departmental action.

4:31 a.m. Pond St., Vandalism, investigated/report taken.

6:16 a.m. Whitney Woods Ln., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:30 a.m. Pond St., Vandalism, log entry information.

11:50 Norman Todd Rd., parking violation, services rendered.

8:02 p.m. Hull St., noise complaint, log entry information.

10:26 p.m. Beechwood St., disturbance, dispersed gathering.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

6:20 a.m. Elm St., vandalism, departmental action.

8:20 a.m. Beechwood St., suspicious person, departmental action.

9:26 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:14 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:18 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:18 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:31 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

10:59 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, arrest.

2:16 p.m. Church and Doane Sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:43 p.m. King St., investigation, arrest.

7:53 p.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious person, departmental action.

10:19 p.m. Pond St., MV stop, departmental action.

11:02 p.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

8 a.m. Elm St., officer wanted, investigated/report taken.

8:15 a.m. Pond St., investigation, investigated/report taken.

10:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

12:25 p.m. Highland Ave., officer wanted, services rendered.

2:09 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

2:50 p.m. South Main and Summer Sts., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

3:15 p.m. Pond St., fire (misc.), services rendered.

3:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled auto, services rendered.

3:57 p.m. Forest Ave., MV violations, departmental action.

4:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services, services rendered.

6:27 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

11:11 p.m. Summer St., MV stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

3:01 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:13 a.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:28 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:46 a.m. King and Pond Sts., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:49 a.m. King and Pond Sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:01 a.m. King and Pond Sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

9:11 a.m. King and Pond Sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

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9:36 a.m. King and Pond Sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
10 a.m. King and Pond Sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
11:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
11:50 a.m. King and Pond Sts., MV stop, verbal warning.
12:14 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
12:32 p.m. South Main and Summer Sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
12:40 p.m. South Main and Summer Sts., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
12:59 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
4:35 p.m. Beechwood St., assault, investigated, report taken.
6:01 p.m. North Main St., MVA, investigated, report taken.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

6:34 a.m. King and Pond Sts., MV stop, verbal warning.
6:45 a.m. King and Pond Sts., MV stop, verbal warning.
7:47 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.
7:51 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.
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8:27 a.m. King and Pond Sts., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

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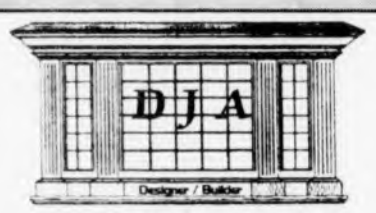
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Volunteers needed at the library

The library is seeking volunteers for the following kinds of work: covering books, typing labels, searching for books and "shelf-reading." Several volunteers working an hour or two a week could make a big difference in this busy library.

"Shelf-reading" is the term librarians use for the regular maintenance of orderly bookstacks. The Cohasset Library has an excellent book collection that is heavily used. But sometimes books get misshelved and can't be found because they are in the wrong location. Regular "shelf-reading" is what's needed to keep the bookstacks in good order. "It's not glamorous, but it's the kind of work that appeals to some," said library director Janet Husband.

Another job that might appeal to some is typing labels and covering new books. There are always books waiting to be processed. It is quiet and low key work that can be done sitting down with the bonus of getting to see all the interesting new books that have been purchased for the library. Anyone who enjoys doing crafts or other handiwork could learn the skill with just a little training.

Each day 20 to 25 books need to be found and labeled for sending out on the interlibrary loan delivery truck. "It's a kind of library treasure hunt," said Mrs. Husband, "and requires 'sleuthing' skills."

If any of these jobs appeal to you, stop by the library and inquire.

Colorful paintings on display

The latest artist display at the Paul Pratt Library is Scituate resident Virginia M. Allen, art historian and Professor Emeritus of Art History at the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston where she taught for almost 26 years.

Allen has had numerous New England exhibitions as well as national exposure through private and corporate collections. She has been a prize-winner and gallery artist at the South Shore Art Center.

Professor Allen was raised in Ohio, received her M.A. in Art History from the University of Pittsburgh and a Ph.D. from Boston University. Allen studied painting and printmaking as an undergraduate along with various college art classes pursued between degrees.

Allen now lives close to the ocean and all who live in the area will enjoy her colorful and dynamic paintings now on display until the end of October.

e-mail the editor of the Cohasset Mariner at mford@cnc.com

OBITUARIES



Charles E. Butman Sr.

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Charles Edson Butman Sr., 101, lifelong resident of Cohasset, died Friday, Oct. 23, at Life Care Center, Scituate, after a brief illness.

Mr. Butman was born in Cohasset, son of the late Joseph and Mary A. (Stuart) Butman, and was educated in Cohasset schools.

He was employed as a caretaker for the Sandy Beach Association for 40 before retiring.

Mr. Butman was the oldest member of the Scituate Rod & Gun Club. He also worked as a custodian for the Cohasset Library and was a Special Police Officer for the Town of Cohasset for 40 years. He was a "Jack of All Trades," working part-time as a painter, carpenter and in auto repair.

Husband of the late Eleanor (Kennerson) Butman, he leaves two sons, Charles E. Butman Jr. of Cohasset and Robert F. Butman of Pocasset; two daughters, Dorothy Hoogeveen of Bowdoin, Maine and Eleanor E. Barrett of Medford, N.J.; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset. The Rev. Gary Ritts will officiate.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset. Visiting hours were omitted and interment was private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025 for a scholarship in his memory.

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Murray survives in hard-fought campaign

Defeats Bradley by about 1,000 votes

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Republican Mary Jeanette Murray managed to fight back in one of the toughest political battles of her 22-year career as state representative.

Murray, of Cohasset, was energized late in the game but it was enough to beat Democrat and political newcomer Garrett Bradley of Hingham to represent Hingham, Cohasset and Hull for another two years.

Many viewed this as the race to watch. A young, skilled and well financed Bradley defeated two opponents in the September primary to face off against Murray, who many had said was in trouble. She rallied her troops, calling on her military experience, to garner last-minute support.

She managed to win Bradley's hometown by less 400 votes. Murray took Hingham with 4,211 votes compared to Bradley's 3,853. In her Cohasset stronghold, Murray won nearly 2-1 with 2,139 votes to Bradley's 1,229. Bradley narrowly defeated Murray in Hull with 2,022 votes to her 1,849 votes.

An exhausted Murray said on Wednesday she was overwhelmed by the support of voters.

"I've never been this tired," Murray said during a telephone interview Wednesday from her home. "The adrenaline was flowing, but it was a tough campaign, no doubt."

Murray, who is one of only three representatives to serve such a lengthy term, said there were times during the campaign when she thought it had "gotten away" from her and victory would elude her. But then she said she got energized by voters as she campaigned.

"This is the first campaign without Phil (her late husband) and he had his finger on so many things and I didn't," Murray reflected. "That was my problem early on, I couldn't get my hand on things. I thought a few times 'this is a tough one.' Then I got jazzed up by meeting with people."

In a touching moment, one of Murray's children sent her roses on behalf of their late father. The flowers were meant to remind her that he husband "was up there pulling us through," she said, as her voiced cracked with emotion.

"Everyone was so great, I can't say enough about the people who worked for me I am so grateful and I'm thanking God today."
— Mary Jeanette Murray

Bradley, 28, of Hingham is a former county prosecutor, said he was grateful to the many supporters who helped him throughout the campaign. "I could be better," a flushed Bradley said on election night.

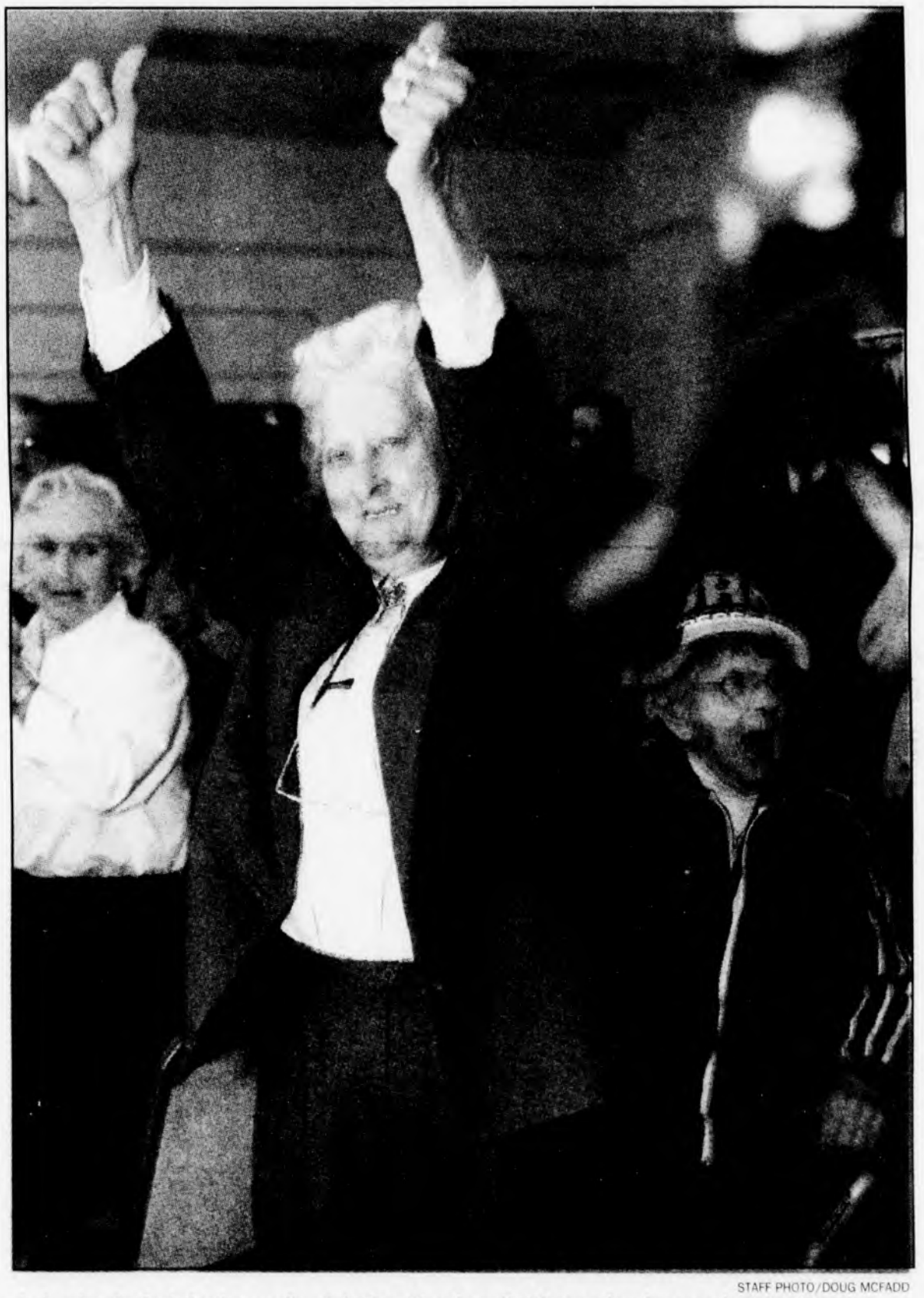
Murray, too, said she was grateful for the efforts of her campaign workers, particularly her daughter and campaign manager, Lillian Murray-Curley.

"Everyone was so great, I can't say enough about the people who worked for me," she said. "I am so grateful and I'm thanking God today."

Cohasset has 5,348 voters, with 3,038 listed as unenrolled. The Cohasset turnout was 68 percent.

By 10:30 a.m., 800 voters had

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STAFF PHOTO/DOUG MCFADD

On hearing the final election results, state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray raises her arms in victory Tuesday night at her campaign headquarters at the Sons of Italy hall in Hingham.

Detective tackles drug traffickers and users

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

There are no drug traffickers or habitual drug users in Cohasset, right? Not exactly. There have been 40 arrests for drug use and trafficking in Cohasset over the past 12 months resulting in the seizure of two ounces of cocaine, several pounds of marijuana, scales, lab equipment, cars, motorcycles, weapons, thousands of dollars in cash, and assorted drug paraphernalia. And many of those arrested live in town. It's not an epidemic by any stretch of the imagination, but it is a problem. Drug dealing and use is not bound by town lines, or excluded by the wealth of a community. It is that knowledge that led the police department to appoint Narcotics Officer Gregory Lennon as the town's second detective.

Appointing a second detective was not as

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Marina expansion resurfaces

Multi-board powwows planned

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Plans to expand Cohasset Harbor Marina off Parker Avenue may not be sunk after all.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said this week that marina owner Paul Trendowicz and selectmen have agreed to a truce to see if an accord can be reached short of legal action.

"We said let's sit down and see what we can do," Haddad said.

Trendowicz, who believes he owns the bottom of Bailey's Creek, had filed a lawsuit in land court in August claiming town moorings were trespassing on his property.

So selectmen placed an article on the Oct. 26 special town meeting warrant seeking to take the creek bottom by eminent domain.

"We said 'you withdraw the lawsuit and we'll withdraw the article,'" Haddad explained.

The controversy started last spring as plans for the $1.34 million federal dredging project in Cohasset Harbor, which is now un-

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held on alternate Tuesdays.

The next selectmen's meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 10.

Recycling lottery at RTF

Lottery will be held on Nov. 7 at RTF starting at 10 a.m.(rain date Nov. 8). The 50th car will be chosen. If the 50th car is willing to participate they will need at least four items that are recyclable (returnable and something to go into the Boutique will not count). If the car has four recyclas, they will receive a compos[illegible]n (worth $20) a $10. This will be done two times during the day.

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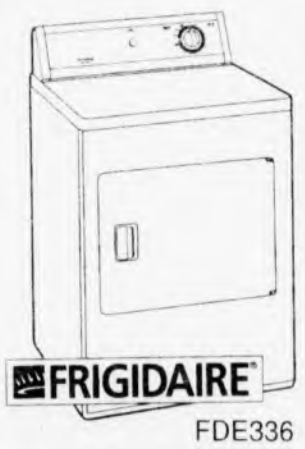
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Music is a mission for Hingham Symphony Orchestra

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER



Cohasset's "Welcome Yule!" concert by the Hingham Symphony Orchestra will be held at 4 p.m., Dec. 6 in St. Anthony's Church.

Hingham Symphony Orchestra is gearing up for an exciting 53rd season.

"If there's one thing we want to emphasize, it's that we are for real," said music director and conductor Jin Kim. "Music brings something to a community and something vital to human existence because it's a medium of expression that's so special to everything else."

Over the past year, the group of professional and volunteer musicians, formerly called Hingham Civic Orchestra, has undergone revitalization, including a new name in June 1997.

"There has been an incredible amount of change in HSO," Kim said.

In the past, the group was an all-volunteer community orchestra with many dedicated musicians and board members working together to make HSO a success. Now it's a semi-professional orchestra.

About three years ago, the HSO board of directors and planning committee entertained the idea of a possible departure from the accustomed way of running the group.

"HSO began focusing more on musical quality rather than on sustaining an environment where any amateur could come and play," Kim said.

When the new music director and conductor arrived on the scene two years ago, he held auditions with both professionals and volunteers.

"I had to make some tough choices," Kim recalled. "The repertoires are now more challenging as well."

But, he said, HSO is dedicated to securing and maintaining qualified local volunteer musicians to participate.

"It would be great if we could accept everyone, but there are tough decisions involved in a quality-based orchestra," he stated. "That's just part of my job."

Last year, HSO started reaching out more to the entire South Shore community by adding an additional holiday concert in December at the Old South Union Church in Weymouth as well as holding the traditional one at Old Ship Church.

This year's Yuletide concert on Sunday, Dec. 6, will first be held at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset and then it will be repeated at Old Ship in Hingham on Sunday, Dec. 13.

A newly commissioned work by HSO resident composer Alexander Kalogeras of Sharon will be featured at the concerts. Last year's commissioned work, "Wompatuck Spring: Scenes from the South Shore," was a stunning success.

"We're focusing on the betterment of our regional communities through music," said Kim.

HSO is a blend of about 70 percent paid professionals and 30 percent volunteers. While the former are paid and the latter are not, Kim said that's no reflection on a musician's ability. The orchestra's goal is to be 50/50, professional/volunteer.

While some professionals may be more proficient because they make their livelihood from performing, there is a wide variety of talent among volunteers.

For example, one particularly talented French horn player is a teacher by profession. HSO also features some accomplished musicians from Boston schools, including the New England Conservatory and Boston University.

"An orchestra provides an opportunity for players to work towards a common goal to create something of noteworthy beauty."
— Conductor Jim Kim

"An orchestra provides an opportunity for players to work towards a common goal to create something of noteworthy beauty," said Kim. "Some mentoring takes place, and both professionals and volunteers share a love of music and performing."

Kim's first love is music, although it took him awhile to come to that realization.

Kim grew up in Korea, where he started playing the piano. His family moved to Minnesota when he was 12. Upon the recommendation of a relative affiliated with the Seoul National University Conservatory, he decided he would take his music more seriously.

"Going from metropolitan Seoul to a cornfield in suburban Minnesota was quite a change for me," Kim said with a laugh.

In his new home, his mother found him a strict Polish piano teacher, which resulted in his practicing one or two hours a day instead of a couple of hours a week.

Within a year or two, he increased his practice time to four or five hours daily.

"It was quite an intense experience, because I was learning to speak English at the same time," Kim recalled. "But it kept me busy throughout my middle school years. It's sometimes considered an extracurricular activity, but studies have shown music incorporates cognitive and other dimensions."

By the time he reached his junior year, however, Kim took a liking to sports and stopped practicing the piano.

"I had a rebellion as some kids do," he said, "even though I had just won a Minnesota Orchestra concerto competition."

At St. Olaf College, he took up the study of philosophy and history. There he found himself around individuals who didn't always want to practice but did so anyway because of their deep love for music.

"Playing the piano can be a solitary activity when you're not surrounded by your peers in an orchestra setting," said Kim.

Nevertheless, Kim changed his major to piano performance in his sophomore year, although he still wasn't thoroughly convinced he had made the right decision.

At the time, he was involved in a number of civil rights issues, which proved time consuming.

"When I showed up with a pink tassel at graduation, which means you're a music major, people were surprised because they had no idea that was what I had been studying," he said.

After college, he worked in the field of public policy, but little by little, he took to freelance piano and singing engagements, and that was the beginning of his career in music.

"I realized that I had to pursue music," said Kim, who founded the Magnum Chorum, a choral orchestral ensemble.

Conducting the ensemble in addition to singing and playing and teaching the piano to students of varying backgrounds led him to take up the formal study of music which he had previously neglected. That marked the major turning point in his career.

Kim, who holds a master's degree in conducting from Eastman School of Music in New York, furthered his studies at Boston University under well-known music director David Hoose. Kim completed an artist diploma in orchestral conducting there.

In May 1997, shortly after completing his studies at Boston University, he was hired as the sixth music director of the orchestra.

Kim remembers his first impression in Hingham when he arrived there to interview for the position from his home in the Boston area.

"The sun was setting, and it was such a picturesque community," he said. "-Just what I'd seen in coffee table books about New England."

Looking back over half a century

For 53 years, Hingham Symphony Orchestra, formerly Hingham Civic Orchestra has been producing beautiful music.

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The response was far greater than expected, and the Hingham Civic Orchestra's first concert was presented to an enthusiastic audience, with Samuelson conducting the musicians. The main mission of HCO at that time was providing performance opportunities for amateur musicians.

Among HCO's five conductors leading up to the current one, Jin Kim, was John Corley, who had the longest tenure. After serving as HSO's music director for 26 years, he retired in May 1997.

The orchestra has performed in ballet productions, choral-orchestral concerts and other special projects in addition to presenting its regular concerts.

In 1985, Virgil Thomson was commissioned by HSO to create a work celebrating the town's 350th anniversary.

'Welcome Yule!' coming to Cohasset

Cohasset's "Welcome Yule!" concert by the Hingham Symphony Orchestra will be held at 4 p.m., Dec. 6 in St. Anthony's Church. The program includes: Bach's "Orchestral Suite No. 1;" excerpts from "Messiah" by Handel; Kalogeras, a commissioned carol; Bizet, "L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2;" Tchaikovsky, "The Nutcracker Suite — plus a carol sing-along.

Hingham Symphony Orchestra performed its first concert of the season, "Masterworks I," in Sanborn Auditorium at the new Hingham Town Hall on Oct. 24 to rave reviews.

"There's a feeling HSO can provide that some other orchestras don't," said Jin Kim, music director and conductor.

Because of the intimate setting of Sanborn Auditorium and other similar venues, concertgoers don't need binoculars to enjoy the event.

Another benefit of a local symphony orchestra is that viewers often recognize a neighbor or other resident among the musicians.

Highlights of the upcoming season also de a "Pops" concert in May and a "Discovery Concert" in February featuring Arthur and Tubby the Tuba, narrated by Marc Brown, and selections performed with Hingham school orchestras.

Keeping an orchestra vibrant and active is one of the most complicated volunteer efforts, according to Kim, because it involves educational outreach, volunteer coordination, grants and satisfying subscribers and others who attend the concerts.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, the Hingham Public Library or at the door, or by calling Director Nina Wellford at 740-5694. Adults are $15, 18 years old and younger, $10.

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Marina expansion resurfaces

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derway, were taking shape. Trendowicz, who would pay to have his marina area dredged, wants to piggyback onto the town's project. He also wants the town to move the federal line 25 feet into the creek to provide his marina with more wiggle room.

Without movement of the federal line, Trendowicz must keep his existing boats and slips behind the federal anchorage area or face fines of about $25,000 a day. The area is so narrow that Trendowicz would be restricted to smaller boats making his operation not financially viable. Although selectmen oppose moving the federal line, Haddad said they might be able to help Trendowicz with intertidal dredging. Initially Trendowicz hoped to expand his marina by dredging "land-ward" of his docks but the Dept. of Environmental Protection rejected the proposal.

"It's easier to work things out than to fight. I'm interested in sitting down to see what can happen."

— Paul Trendowicz, owner
Cohasset Harbor Marina

The harbor committee was also concerned about safety issues with the addition of more boats to the creek.

Haddad said plans are to work openly with the conservation commission, harbor committee, selectmen and Trendowicz to see if the matter can be resolved over the next three months. If not, both sides can return to legal action.

"Who knows what will come out of this," he said. "Maybe something, maybe nothing.

"If nothing, then we'll be no better or worse off."

Trendowicz who lives on Beach Street said he is still looking to expand the marina. He hopes he and the town can work out their differences.

"It's easier to work things out than to fight," he said. "I'm interested in sitting down to see what can happen."

First Parish honors new members

On Sunday, Nov. 8, at 10:30 a.m., in the Meeting House on the Common, the First Parish of Cohasset will hold a special ceremony to welcome new members. After the service, a reception will be held in the Parish House at 23 N. Main St. for members and visitors. First- and second-graders in the religious education program will also unveil the small-scale buildings they have been constructing for the past six weeks. Each building represents one necessary entity to a thriving community and reflects the heart and soul that the children have poured into the project.

At 7:15 p.m. that evening, in the Parish House, First Parish will present "Healing Through Art," an evening with Joan Drescher. She is the author of 25 children's books, most recently "The Moon Balloon." She believes in the healing power of art and has devoted herself to that cause, creating murals in major hospitals and healthcare facilities throughout the U.S. and Canada. Seven of her murals are in the New England Medical Center entitled "Symbols of Courage," illustrating the journey sick children and their families travel.

Drescher's program will take each one in her audience on a multi-media journey of their own, exploring the power of art to heal mind, body and spirit. Accompanying her will be harpist Joanne Cavatorta who believes in the power of healing through music. "Harp music," she says, "is known to reduce pain measurably and to help patients sleep. The combination of music and art has a real healing effect. It is a wonderful thing for people of all ages."

Space is limited, so please call the Parish House at 383-1100 in advance to reserve a seat. There is no charge.

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Paul Pratt weighed as historical society's new home

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Joseph McElroy's impromptu bid to relocate the town historical society to the Paul Pratt Library building at last week's special town meeting came as much as a surprise to the former society board member as it did to those in the audience.

"It was like a little light bulb went off in my head and I went with it," he said, about his idea that others are now saying deserves consideration. "I spoke up because I was concerned about the library being sold and because I saw a lack of a real master plan."

At last week's meeting, Neil Glick, 7 Spring St., also expressed concern about the possible sale of the library.

"It's a gem, with its Greek Revival style and maritime heritage," said Glick, who argued for the old building to continue its use as the town library.

But school committee member McElroy would like to see the Paul Pratt building used as for the society's new headquarters and the Lothrop House sold instead.

"We could sell the current headquarters for $300,000, which would go to the town," he said. "The town could then lease the library to the Cohasset Historical Society for 10 years, which is the maximum term allowed by law. It would be a win-win situation, with the building more effectively displaying the society's artifacts and archives. Also, the library would make an excellent setting for small gatherings, which would also be a source of money to the town."

McElroy's inspired moment at town meeting has created a stir among some historical society members.

"Joe totally caught me by surprise," said Cohasset Historical Society's immediate past-president Ernie Grassey. "I don't know that this isn't a damn good idea, but the society will have to meet in a week or two to discuss it. Should we agree to Joe's idea, we would then have to work on some sort of plan."

That meeting would more than likely take place in the current Cohasset Historical Society headquarters in the Caleb Lothrop House at 14 Summer St. Cold in the winter and mercilessly hot in the summer, the hip-roof colonial with red brick walls on either side cannot hold its 300 members, should all decide to show up.

The building was built by Caleb Lothrop, a Cohasset native and wealth community leader who owned a fleet of ships that sailed in and out of Cohasset's Harbor during the 19th century.

The house was sold to the Archdiocese of Boston along with a parcel of land for the construction of St. Anthony's Church in 1960. A decade later, the Archdiocese sold the house to the Cohasset Historical Society.

It took about 10 more years of careful restoration work on the property to restore the building to its original ambiance, resulting in its current place on the National Register of Historic Places.

Several of the museum's rooms were refurbished with 19th century period furniture and artwork by Cohasset residents of that era are on display there.

The Cohasset Historical Society itself was founded in 1928, though there was a group of history enthusiasts who began pulling together a town chronicle that culminated in E. Victor Bigelow's "Narrative History of Cohasset," the first volume of the town's history.

The society's collection has grown to include ancient American Indian artifacts, diaries, books and paintings, as well as one of the largest collections of women's and girl's clothing representing the early 1800s through the mid 1900s.

In addition, Cohasset's summer theater past, dating back to the 1800s to the present day Music Circus, is captured in the Helen Howes Vosoff collection.

The archives offer history buffs and the curious an excellent source for genealogical searches through church papers, maritime history books, military records and almost 2,000 folders on Cohasset and its surrounding area.

Grassey would love to see students able to make better use of those archives in more comfortable surroundings than the small and cramped Lothrop house.

"It could be a totally wonderful adjunct to the new school curriculum that calls for local history courses," said Grassey. "We have recently added 30 new historical interviews to our archives for the new town history volume we're working on. It would be a great teaching tool for the kids."

According to David Wadsworth, curator for the historical society, the archives are the most continuously growing section of the society. "We don't have the type of environmental controls we should have to properly house these records," he explained.

Nor does the society have the room. Currently, the society's highly-prized costume collection is housed elsewhere because of the Lothrop house's limited space.

"It's a fine early house," said Wadsworth. "But it isn't large enough. Joe, as a former member of the board, is probably aware of that."

McElroy would like to see the library used similarly to the Lightkeeper's Residence.

"It's the same situation as the Lightkeeper's," he said. "It's a beautiful building in a beautiful location, just like the Lightkeeper's—but you don't have the problem of it having been sold to a private concern. I think that selling it outside of the town's control would be shortsighted."

The Lightkeeper's Residence is leased to the non-profit Cohasset Lightkeeper's Corp., of which McElroy is a past president.

For his part, Grassey thinks the idea could work.

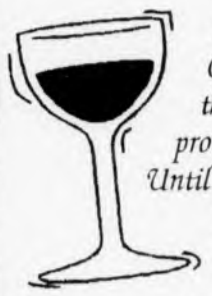
"It's a novel approach, but I think it will depend on whether or not the town will need the $700,000 for the old Osgood," he said. "I think it's a plan that has merit."

In the meantime, the town will pay $152,500 to develop construction drawings and bid documents to turn the old Joseph Osgood Elementary School into a new library.

The Paul Pratt building at 106 South Main St. is currently in violation of the handicap-access law; has little room for parking; is too small for its current or future needs; is burdened with an inefficient, multi-level floor design; and its proximity to wetlands rules out bumping out a portion of the building for expansion.

Library trustees Chairman Patience Towle has explained that taxpayers would have had to pay $600,000 to make the current Paul Pratt building handicapped-accessible. Moreover, the maximum cost to build on the already existing library would cost $1.5 to $2 million. Trustees are counting on state funding to bring down the cost of the library's rehabilitation in the old Osgood to $710,000.

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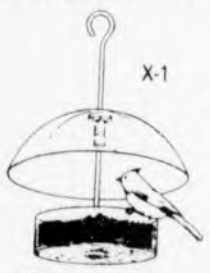
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Detective tackles drug traffickers and users

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easy as it sounds. Police Chief Brian Noonan said that full-time day Detective Rick Grassie does a great job, but has his hands full with gun permits, taxi licenses, the sex offender registry, and criminal investigations. The department needed a full-time, plain clothes detective to handle controlled substance investigations in the evening, when most drug activity takes place. But the police contract does not provide for a second detective so a part-time position had to be approved by the police union. Also, the town has not funded a second detective, so Lennon frequently dons a police uniform when staffing levels are low on any given day because of sick days or vacations.

Lennon, 26, has worked as a uniformed officer for the past 3-1/2 years. Just about two months ago he started working as a plain clothes detective as well. Before that, he worked in the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department and saw firsthand just how many people were in jail for drug-related offense — at least 65 percent of the jail's population. Noonan asked that The Mariner not take his photo because of his involvement in undercover investigations.

"My responsibility is almost exclusively drug cases, and I have my hands full," Lennon said. "Investigating drug crimes is such a specialty. I've received training from the army, the state police and the Drug Enforcement Agency. I've received more than 500 hours of drug enforcement training. Stuff changes so often, that you have to continue training if you want to be successful."

Lennon said cocaine is a very popular drug in Cohasset, although many people like marijuana and there are heroin addicts in town.

"Cocaine crosses all social lines," Lennon said. "It's used by blue collar workers and Wall Street traders."

Catching cocaine dealers and users isn't that easy. Lennon said most dealers are very cautious about what they're doing, especially if they're carrying large amounts of the drug which can translate into longer prison terms. Dealers also tend to be mobile, moving from place to place to conduct business. Most successful arrests are the result of intense investigations by plain clothes officers.

"Usually, we make a successful case through covert investigation," Lennon said. "We have some guys who are very sharp on uniformed patrol, and they have made some excellent cases. But they generally end up catching the end users."

"My responsibility is almost exclusively drug cases, and I have my hands full."

— Det. Gregory Lennon

Making sure a drug arrest ends up with a successful prosecution case also involves a strong understanding of search and seizure laws. Lennon said he reads all the precedent-setting cases that affect searches and seizures. The fourth amendment to the constitution guards citizens against illegal search and seizures, so police have to make sure they are always proceeding legally.

Most of the cocaine that comes into Cohasset originates out of Brockton, Lennon said. Nationals from the Dominican Republic control the cocaine trade in this area, and they have numerous operations in Brockton and the surrounding region.

"If someone is buying cocaine in Cohasset, it's because they don't want to go to Brockton," Lennon said. "The Dominicans are coming all over the South Shore. White guys that are selling in Cohasset are buying cocaine in Brockton."

Lennon said most residents don't notice drug dealing or use because they're not looking for it or don't know what to look for. Many deals take place in cars or in homes, so few people notice anything is amiss. Lennon gave the case of a Cohasset youth who was dealing marijuana from his home. The boy's parents thought the large number of young visitors to the house were friends of their son. When police arrested the boy, they confiscated a pound of marijuana. While the police were at the house, 17 people called the house trying to buy marijuana from the youth.

Lennon said it is in the town's best interest to fund a full-time drug detective because the positions would pay for itself and reduce other crimes in town. Any property seized in a drug arrest is auctioned off with the town splitting the money with the DA's office. Lennon said he could more than double his arrest ratio as a full-time detective. Doubling arrests would lead to more confiscated goods that would pay for the detective's position. Many of the crimes committed in town — things like housebreaks, car breaks, store robberies — are committed by drug users seeking fast cash.

"B&E's aren't committed by people who want to take their family to Disney World," Lennon said. "Many times, we make drug busts that turn up stolen goods which help us solve another crime. I can't be as effective part-time as I could full-time. I'm still filling in sometimes as a uniformed patrol officer."

Lennon said much of the success he has had so far is because of the support he receives from Noonan. According to Lennon, Noonan has dedicated himself to utilizing the department's resources as much as possible to combat the drug trade.

"People in town are very fortunate because he's the kind of guy that actually cares," Lennon said. "He feels good when we arrest a real trafficker because that has long-standing repercussions."



STAFF PHOTO/DOUG MCFADD

Police Chief Brian Noonan displays some of the evidence from cases Det. Gregory Lennon has investigated.

Noonan said adding a second detective has been a good move because it has had an immediate effect on drug dealing and use in town. When Proposition 2-1/2 was enacted in the 1980s, the department lost one man to budget cuts. Promoting Grassie to detective left the department without a second uniformed officer. Noonan said that the town will need to approve two men at some point to address those manpower losses. Adding two officers would also make it easier to make Lennon a second full-time detective. Lennon pointed out that most towns have at least two plain-clothes detectives to handle local investigations.

Lennon also has a message for would-be drug dealers in Cohasset.

"If you want to deal drugs in Cohasset, we'll be coming after you at some point," he said. "When I worked in the sheriff's department, I saw hundreds of people in jail for drug offenses. It's where a lot of crime comes from, and I know that successful drug enforcement can really reduce crime."

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Name: Maggie Warshaw

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Goal: To retire with all my debts paid.

Best day of your life: My 50th birthday. In lieu of gifts, everyone brought items for the food pantry and we had a truckload.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite holiday: Easter.

Best vacation: England.

Favorite junk food: Ice cream.

Favorite book: "Simple Abundance," by Sarah Ban Breathmarch.

Favorite movie: "Harold and Maude."

Pet peeve: People who ask if it's fresh!

Person you'd most like to meet: Oprah Winfrey.

Biggest worry: Not having the time to accomplish all I'd like to.

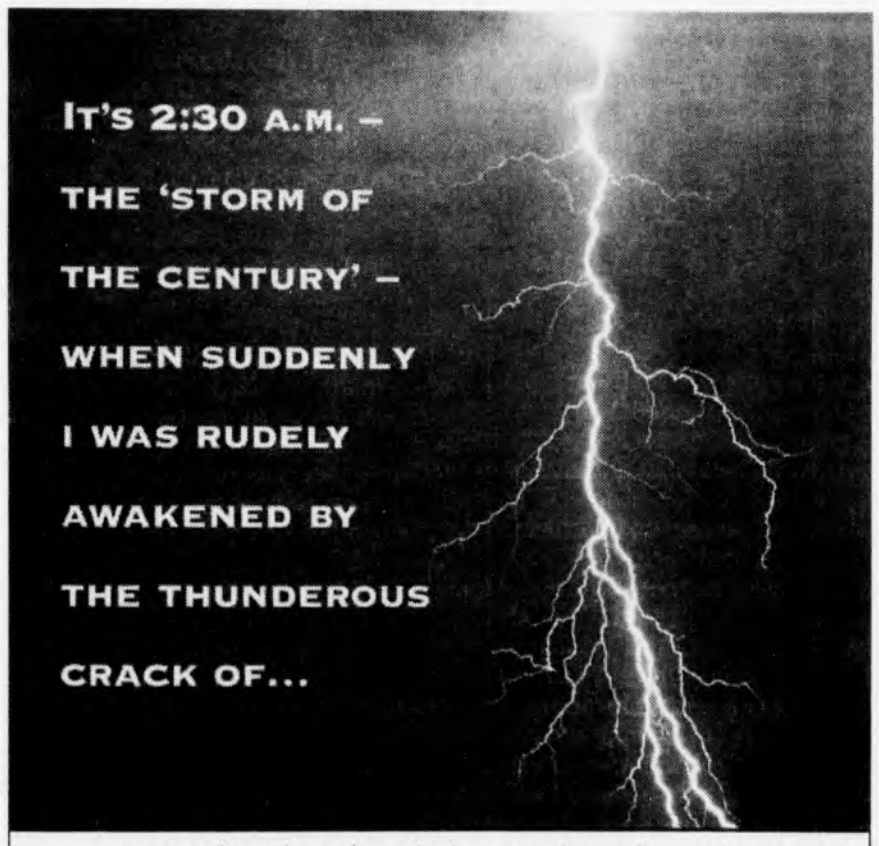
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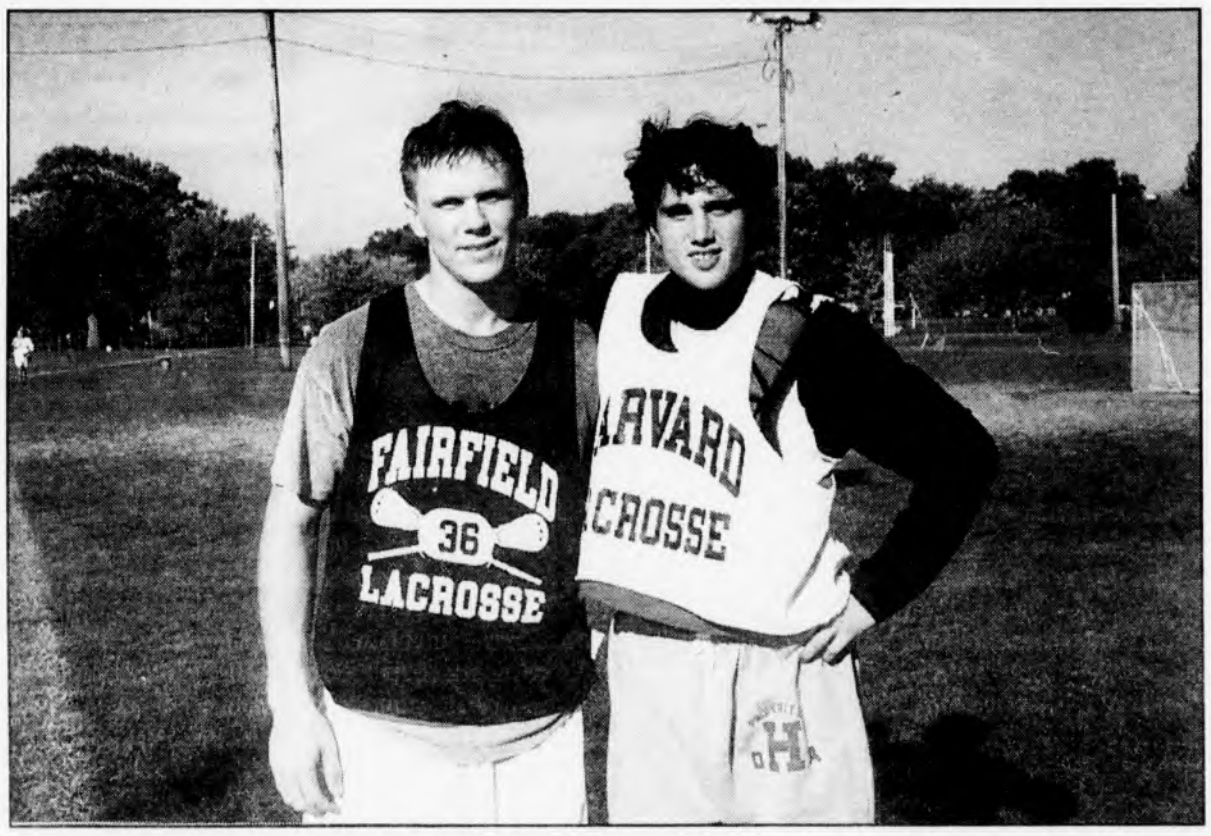
AROUND TOWN

STAYING YOUNG

We begin this week by thinking "young" — as in **Gert Young**, that is! Mrs. Young turned 96 last week (Oct. 29) and we surely hope that your day was a spectacular one! And that many more are in store for you! Best wishes from all of us!

ON-FIELD REUNION

There was an "On-Field Reunion" a few weeks ago, and here's the scoop! Cohasset residents **Matt Rossi** and **Ely Kahn** had a reunion Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Yale Invitational Fall Lacrosse Tournament in New Haven, Conn. Rossi , a 1997 high school All-American at Boston College High School, is a defenseman for Fairfield University, where he's a freshman after prepping a year at Loomis-Chafee. Kahn, co-captain of Cohasset High's 1997 Pilgrim Conference championship squad where he was All-Conference, is a sophomore goalie for Harvard University. Harvard won the pre-season contest, but the two schools will face each other again next spring.



Cohasset athletes, Matt Rossi and Ely Kahn, at an impromptu on-field reunion, Oct. 18.

GET WELL SOON

Dottie Booth is home! And she would love to receive a card from you! She returned home last weekend, and she will be "housebound," so send your kind note to 30 Joy Place, Cohasset. Did you know that, as ill as she was feeling, she still asked for and received an absentee ballot! That is true patriotism for you, and we should all learn a lesson from that!

GRIDIRON CLUB AUCTION

The Gridiron Club is planning an auction this weekend! It will be held at the Sons of Italy Hall, from 7 p.m. til midnight, and will be a silent and live auction. This club has done an unbelievable job this year, having dinners for the team members and their parents, supporting the team, just about everything you can think of. The proceeds from the auction will fund their scholarship program (they have given wonderful scholarships to graduating seniors over the years), and they will continue to support the footfall program. Not only that, you will have fun! This group knows how to have a good time! See you there this Saturday, Nov. 7!

NEW ARRIVAL

Speaking of football, one Cohasset name you always associate with it is the **Buckley** Clan, awesome players! Well, one of those same players just became a proud Papa! **Paul Buckley** and his wife **Pamela** are celebrating the birth of their daughter, **Paige Elizabeth Buckley**, born Oct. 13. Paige weighed 6 pounds, and was 18-3/4 inches long; her paternal grandparents are Jack and Blanche Buckley, maternal grandparents are Stan and Betsy Wheeler and Linda and Charles Coates. Congratulations go out to all of you, give Paige a hug from all of us!

ON THE MEND

Everyone knows **Mary McCarthy**, she's the live wire that is always buzzing around town, doing good things and being kind to all she meets — well, Mary has had her wings clipped after a recent fall — she broke her elbow, wrist and hip!

Mary is in a wheelchair now (we all know that won't be for long) and the main thing she is bemoaning is that it isn't motorized. That's the kind of supergal she is! We certainly hope that you mend as quickly as you move, Mary. May your healing process go smoothly!

GREAT COMPANION

Spoke with one of the nicest ladies I know recently — many of you will remember **Cay** as the companion of **Rose Mary Murphy** while she was ill. Anyway, she is looking for another person who would like a companion — Cay is so kind, nice, ca[illegible]e and friendly. If you know of an[illegible] who needs such a gal, give me a call and I will put you in touch with her! You'll be glad you did!

WELCOME TO ROBIN

We had the pleasure of meeting **Robin Long**, the student minister at the Second Congregational Church, recently. What a fine person! Be sure to say hello to Robin when you see her Around Town!

A TRUE LEGEND

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of **Charlie Butman**, he was truly a legend! Imagine the stories he told, having lived in Cohasset for 101 years. Although he did many things, I remember the first time we met in the (old) bathhouse at Sandy Beach. He knew every single thing that went on, both there and all over the town! He was a wonder and a wonderful person! Our hearts go out to his family, he will be missed!

HAWAIIANS ARE COMING!

Here's some news from our house, the Hawaiians are coming! **Ricki** and her daughter and two granddaughters will be here Dec. 18 and will stay for a few weeks. So, spread the word, and make plans to see them! Ricki cannot wait to see her many friends and introduce all to some of her clan.

KEEP IN TOUCH

That's the news, keep in touch! By the way, anytime you want to include a picture along with your news, it is as easy as that! Doesn't have to be black and white, doesn't have to be a special size ... include it, we'll run it! Makes your story even better!!

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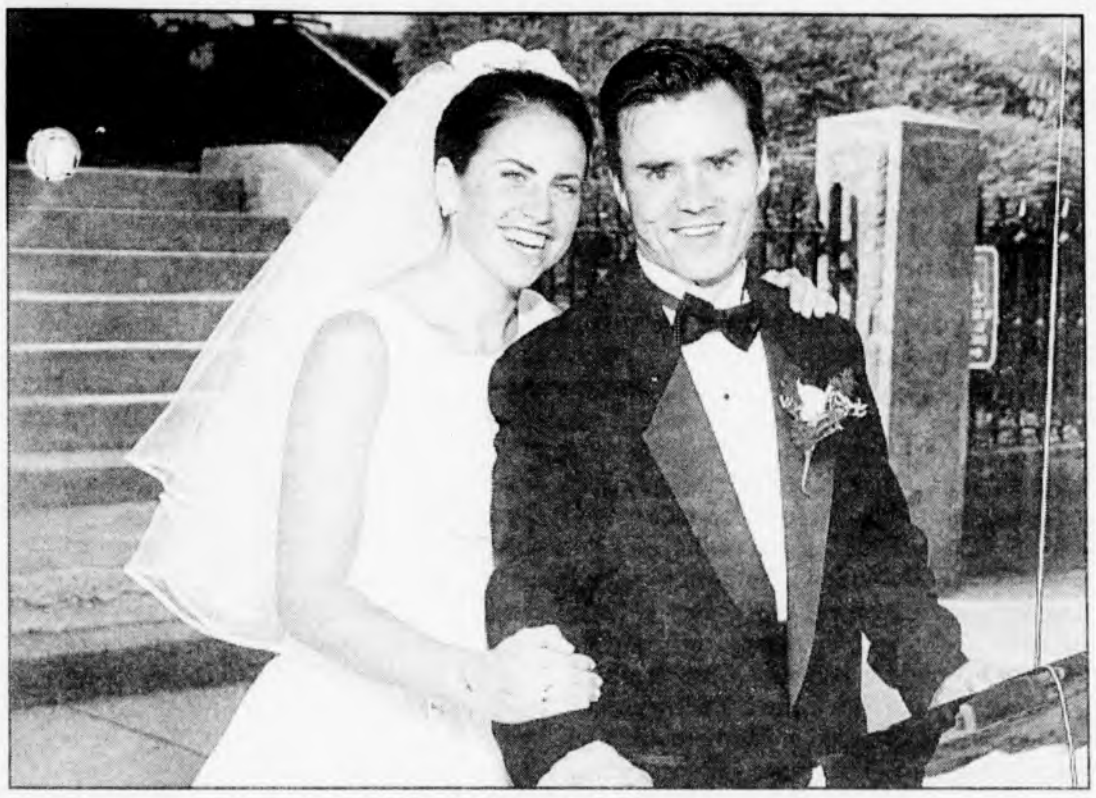
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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Mr. and Mrs. John J. Daileader

Smith/Daileader wedding

Heidi Skinner Smith and John Joseph Daileader were married June 20 at St. Paul's Church in Hingham. The Rev. Albert Faretra officiated at the Nuptial Mass.

The bride is the daughter of Judith S. Peacock of Hingham and Russell R. Smith of Cohasset. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Daileader of Clifton Park, N.Y.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The maid of honor was Jennifer Leonard of Carlisle, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Melanie Augur, Jennifer Keating, Laura Keating and Melissa McCarthy, all formerly of Hingham. The flower girls were Madeline Greenier of Glens Falls, N.Y., niece of the groom, and Emma Smith of Cohasset, sister of the bride.

The best man was Robert L. Daileader Jr. of McLean, Va., brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Toby Smith of Boston, brother of the bride, Andre Schmid of Clifton Park, N.Y., Richard Schutte of Marlboro, N.J., and Thomas McLaughlin of Hoboken, N.J. The ring bearers were Adam Smith of Cohasset, brother of the bride and Joseph Daileader of Scituate, nephew of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Columbia Business School. She is an associate with CEA Capital Partners in New York City.

The groom is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the NYU Stern School of Business. He is a principal of Chase Capital Partners in New York City.

A reception was held at White Cliffs Country Club in Plymouth.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in New York City.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Erickson, Jr.

Erickson/O'Brien wedding

Bernadette Maryann O'Brien, daughter of Mrs. James A. O'Brien Jr. of Cohasset and the late James A. O'Brien Jr., married Robert Frederick Erickson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Erickson of York, Maine, May 24, at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. The Rev. John R. Mulvehill officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, James A. O'Brien III of New York City. The matron of honor was the bride's mother, Maureen C. O'Brien. The bridesmaids were Angela O'Brien of Cohasset; Catherine Conant of Wendell, N.C.; Alana O'Brien of South Boston; and Susan Wilson of Scituate.

Richard F. Delbou of Scituate served as best man. The ushers were Michael Rohnstock of Scituate; Thomas O'Brien of Hingham; Timothy Vacha of Quincy; and Timothy O'Brien of Cohasset.

The bride is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Boston College School of Management. She is employed by Stop & Shop.

Her husband is a graduate of Scituate High School and attended the University of Massachusetts. He is also employed by Stop & Shop.

A reception was held at the Cushing Center in Norwell.

After a trip to the Florida Keys and a cruise of the Caribbean, the couple is residing in Scituate.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Stand up and honor them

Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day, the only American holiday created to remember a specific moment in time.

In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month, the world rejoiced. After four years of bitter war, an armistice was signed. The "war to end all wars" was over.

During the height of the Cold War, following the carnage of World War II and the Korean War, President Dwight Eisenhower in 1954 signed legislation designating Nov. 11 as Veterans Day — through which "a grateful nation, on a day dedicated to world peace, may pay proper homage to all its veterans who have contributed so much to world peace and the preservation of our way of life."

As we commemorate Veterans Day 1998, we proudly and gratefully recognize the hardships and sacrifices demanded from, and faithfully accepted by, the millions of men and women who have defended our land in war and peace.

It is a day to review memories of past honor and extraordinary sacrifice.

It is a day to celebrate peace and the bright victories that grew from dark battles.

It is a day to dream of a brighter future.

Veterans Day is also a reminder that we have an obligation to safeguard the precious legacy of our Founding Fathers — a legacy of freedom, justice and liberty.

A legacy that forever commits the nation to preserve our sovereignty, respect our heritage, and instill in us the responsibilities of citizenship.

Veterans Day commemorates the valor and patriotism of all of America's veterans who have contributed so much to the cause of world peace and the preservation of our way of life.

They remind us all that this great nation was not established by cowards, nor will cowards preserve it.

America will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.

What we remember and honor on Veterans Day are those brave men and women who believed so much in an idea, and were so possessed by a sense of duty and honor, that they were willing to risk death for it.

And the idea, of course, is freedom.

Freedom is America's heart. It is central to our being, not only because it is practical and beneficial, but because it is morally just and right.

But that freedom can be retained only by the eternal vigilance that has always been its price.

The founders of the United States understood that the military would be the rampart from which America would guard its freedom.

Those of us who have seen the dead and the wounded, the mud and the misery, the suffering and the sacrifice of war, and those who have given their loved ones in mortal conflict, know full well that a democracy can exact a very harsh payment on those who share in its bounty.

Freedom is never free.

As the American patriot Thomas Paine said:

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must ... undergo the fatigue of supporting it ... What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly."

Let it never be said that we Americans esteem too lightly our blessings of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

We may not be the world's policemen, but let us never forget the fundamental lesson of this century, which is, that problems abroad, if left unattended, will all to often come home to America.

We have a responsibility to use and defend our own freedom, and to help others who share our passion for liberty, peace and the blessings of a normal life.

We must, therefore, keep our arms ready and our alliances strong because challenges of the future won't be any easier than those of the past.

Those veterans who returned home after World War II, and those who did not, were all part of a generation from which we take inspiration.

They won the war, planned for peace, and led the country through the second half of the 20th century. Without their subordination of self to the common good, our world would be radically different.

The tradition of the World War II veteran is the tradition of all American veterans.

From Lexington to Concord, that tradition has sustained us in every battle and every war, right up through Desert Storm.

It has marched with us and stood vigil in the frozen camps of Valley Forge, the steaming jungles of the Pacific rim, the bloody beaches of Normandy, the rice paddies of Korea and Vietnam, and the scorching sands of the Persian Gulf.

In that tradition, young, inexperienced Americans become tough, capable soldiers. They become veterans.

This is our day to honor those veterans sacrificed in those struggles and pay our respects to those who survived.

America can never fully repay her veterans. And we will never be able to express our feelings to our fallen comrades.

But if there is a crown in heaven, then they are the stars.

We must never forget how blessed we are in the modem world to live in a free society, nor forget the sacrifices of our friends, relatives, neighbors and countrymen who served us all in the dark hours of war and conflict.

Our duty today is clear, for there are many who need us. Yet, even as America remembers the selfless service of her veterans, there are those who do seem forgotten.

Yes, some of the very ones who survived the atrocities of Bataan; stormed the beaches at Guadalcanal and Normandy, and fought in other campaigns of World War II.

Since then, their numbers have swelled from those who fought in Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia and in numerous other conflicts.

There are veterans who have lost family and friends, and who face a lonely future. Many are homeless and in need of medical care.

They struggle with war related disabilities.

They also struggle with bureaucratic red tape to get the benefits and health care they need.

Our veterans did not disappoint their nation when it needed their service. They, in turn, should not be disappointed in their times of need.

Throughout history, America's veterans have served and served well.

They saw democracy challenged and they defended it.

They saw civilization threatened and they rescued it.

They saw our rights endangered and they sought to restore them.

Their heroism was prompted by faith in the fundamentals that have guided this nation from its beginnings — the idea that liberty must be protected ... whatever the cost.

We must, therefore, honor and care for those who distinguished their lives in the defense of freedom.

We must provide a dignity befitting heroes ... whatever the cost.

Wherever we are on Veterans Day, we can do no less than pause for one small moment to reflect upon the more than one million heroes who did not return to us — those who gave what Lincoln called "the last full measure of devotion."

Their ultimate sacrifice serves as a constant reminder of the cost of freedom and the hope for a safer, more peaceful world.

And, of course, we should thank the 26 million living veterans who have served their nation so well in war and peace.

We must also remember another important group, the MIAs. They are missing in action, but they are not missing from our hearts.

They are missing from our lives, but not from our thoughts and prayers.

Let us close no books, write no last chapters, reach no final conclusions until we have the fullest possible accounting for every serviceman and woman still missing in Southeast Asia.

We know that if the world is faced with the unfortunate occurrence of war, American men and women will be there to meet the challenges, defend our nation, and work toward peace.

America can and will change, both today and in the future.

However, what must not change — not today, not tomorrow, not ever — is our recognition of the debt we owe to America's veterans for keeping the American way of life safe and free.

Those who served in the armed forces of the United States, are our nation's guardians who protect and defend the sacred traditions entrusted to us by our Constitution.

Stand up, America, and cheer them. Stand up, America, and honor them.

God bless America, and God bless those who love, guard and defend our precious freedom.

Frank J. Drogo
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks from YRC

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cohasset Youth Resources Committee extends their most sincere gratitude to the numerous individuals, families and businesses who thoughtfully contributed towards the garage, Teen Center Project.

The response to our request for donations letter sent via October tax bills has been extremely impressive and most generous.

While the donations are vital towards construction of the garage and most appreciated, it is tremendously gratifying to note the community-wide interest and support for this teen venture.

Individual thank you and update letters will be sent to all donors in the near future, however, your generosity, interest, and support is publicly acknowledged and commended on behalf of the Youth of Cohasset.

We will provide updates and announcements via local news media on a frequent basis.

Jack Worley, Chairman
Youth Resources Committee

Halloween Fair thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

For more than 20 years, the Halloween Fair on the Common has been both a fall tradition and the South Shore Community Nursery School's single largest fund-raiser. Again this year, it was a delight to see the children in their costumes scurrying across the Common, parents in tow, to participate in the activities and games. And, as in years past, it was equally wonderful to sense the feeling of community that the fair creates as families and friends met and mingled.

We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful autumn day or a more beautiful place than the Common to hold our event.

On behalf of the staff of the South Shore Community Center Nursery School, I'd like to thank the small army of people who banded together to make our fair a reality. With each year the fair grows and becomes more successful due in large measure to the efforts of these volunteers.

This year's fair was our most successful ever and I remain overwhelmed by the support and generosity of this area's businesses, parents and students. Many, many thanks are due to Doreen and Tony Ambrose, John Bellas of Dunkin Donuts, Dan Belz of Atlantic Bagel, Denise and Garry Bismore of The Silver Spoon, Arlene and Bob Fiori of Fiori's Exxon Station, Andrea and Joe Kinnealey of Kinnealey Meats, and Shaw's Supermarket for their generous donations.

We also owe much to Deer Hill, Middle and High School students of Cohasset who — through their affiliations with the Appalachia Service Project, fifth- and ninth-grade class volunteer projects and Girl Scout Troop 4770 — staffed the activities and games.

And finally, a thank you to our nursery school parent volunteers for their time and tireless energy on behalf of the school, and to the families who each year make the Halloween Fair on the Common a part of their Halloween celebrations. The funds raised through this effort do much to help raise our village's children.

Lynne Sheridan
Director, South Shore Community Center Nursery School

Cohasset election results

	Precincts 1	2	Total
GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR			
Cellucci and Swift	1085	948	2033
Harshbarger and Tolman	605	675	1280
Cook and Israel	18	21	39
Write-ins	1	3	4
Blanks	25	29	54
ATTORNEY GENERAL			
Brad Bailey	763	623	1386
Thomas F. Reilly	882	962	1844
Write-ins	1	5	6
Blanks	88	86	174
SECRETARY OF STATE			
William Francis Galvin	944	1006	1950
Dale C. Jenkins Jr.	614	472	1086
David L. Atkinson	53	74	127
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	123	124	247
TREASURER			
Bob Maginn	846	712	1558
Shannon P. O'Brien	742	813	1555
Merton B. Baker	31	32	63
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	115	119	234
AUDITOR			
A. Joseph DeNucci	811	883	1694
Michael T. Duffy	713	576	1289
Carla A. Howell	63	80	143
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	147	137	284
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
William D. Delahunt	1029	1137	2166
Eric V. Bleicken	618	472	1090
Write-ins	3	3	6
Blanks	84	64	148
COUNCILLOR			
Christopher A. Iannella Jr.	988	1025	2013
Write-ins	10	9	19
Blanks	736	642	1378
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
Robert L. Hedlund	1276	1225	2501
Write-ins	11	14	25
Blanks	447	437	884
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT			
Mary Jeanette Murray	1114	1025	2139
Garret J. Bradley	596	633	1229
Write-ins	0	0	0
Blanks	24	18	42
DISTRICT ATTORNEY			
William R. Keating	599	645	1244
Jeffrey A. Locke	1034	946	1980
Write-ins	1	0	1
Blanks	100	85	185
SHERIFF			
Michael G. Bellotti	649	773	1422
Jack Flood	902	746	1648
Lawrence C. Mackin	73	69	142
Write-ins	1	1	1
Blanks	109	87	196
COUNTY COMMISSIONER			
Peter H. Collins	754	844	1598
Robert D. Hall Jr.	725	578	1303
Write-ins	0	3	3
Blanks	255	251	506
QUESTION 1			
Yes	1096	1015	2111
No	545	564	1109
Blanks	93	97	190
QUESTION 2			
Yes	1049	999	2048
No	561	556	1117
Blanks	124	121	245
QUESTION 3			
Yes	1415	1327	2742
No	175	204	379
Blanks	144	145	289
QUESTION 4			
Yes	1133	1086	2219
No	502	485	987
Blanks	99	105	204



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Julie Guild, at left, and Jean Simonds stump for Mary Jeanette Murray on Tuesday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Historical Society at Pratt Library

TO THE EDITOR:

The Town Meeting debate on re-use of the old Osgood School indicates many questions remain unanswered. The housing option left major concerns about zoning approvals, local need for small units at fairly significant cost, etc. The library option also poses vexing issues to include: A. how is the rest of the building to be used and managed, and B. what is the likelihood of voter approval in view of other priorities and the uncertainty of state assistance?

Overall, I believe the library trustees made a more compelling case. Should their proposal be successful; a decision on the disposition of the existing Paul Pratt Library will be necessary. As a past director of the Cohasset Historical Society, I believe that the town would be best served making the Paul Pratt Library into the headquarters for the Cohasset Historical Society (CHS). The historical society is currently headquartered in the historic Lothrup House that could be sold for about $300,000. The sale should be contingent upon perpetuity covenants which would protect the historic integrity of the Lothrup House. The $300,000 would go to the town. The town would lease the Paul Pratt Library to the historical society for 10 years (the maximum term allowed by law) and a stipulation would be made that renewal of the release would not be unreasonably withheld.

Relocation of the historical society to the Paul Pratt Library is a "win-win" situation. Although of historical significance, the Lothrup House is not functionally adequate. The historical society could more effectively display many of its fine artifacts and the Paul Pratt Library would be a beautiful setting for small gatherings. Personally, I believe it is the historical society's "gown collection" that is most unique. At last, the gowns could be put on display. A beautiful building displaying the "gown collection," as well as our maritime and shipbuilding history, would add greatly to the attractiveness of Cohasset for its residents and visitors.

Paul Pratt Library accessibility issues should still be addressed. However, greater flexibility is allowed when solutions take into consideration the historical significance of the building.

Joseph R. McElroy
Windy Hill Road

Boosting the voter turnout on Election Day

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Now that most of us — read that "some" of us — no, read that "a few" of us — have returned from the arduous task of choosing the leaders of the Free World for the next two to four years, I can assure you that help is on the way at last.

The town of Amherst, that bastion of academe in the hills of central Massachusetts, has been thinking of fortifying its voter count by allowing alien residents (10 per cent of the town's population) to vote.

"We're all part of the community," Kandula Sastry, a professor of physics at UMass-Amherst, is quoted as saying. He has lived in town for 35 years but is still a citizen of his native India.

"It's expanding democracy," says Vladimir Morales, a UMass graduate student who is a natural-born citizen by birth in Puerto Rico, sponsor of the idea. He's also a Town Meeting member.

Have we reached the point where the turnout at the polls on Election Day is so meager that we have to rely on mercenaries to do our voting for us? Or will we have to wait until we give an election and nobody comes?

In Oregon, they're trying a different approach to voter apathy.

If Ballot Measure 60 in this week's election was approved, voters will be able to mail in their choices. They'll get their ballots by mail weeks in advance and mail them back whenever they feel like it.

"Competing time constraints between work and family make it difficult to find time to vote," says Phil Kiesling, the Oregon secretary of state. That rumbling sound is Sam Adams and John Hancock turning over in their graves.

Of course, we could probably attract a better voter turnout if the issues were taken seriously by the candidates.

How serious can a candidate be when Paul Cellucci charges Scott Harshbarger's campaign with an anti-Italian bias when their campaign ads showed a man wearing a pinky ring, backing it up with Italian-style music?

Or when a U. S. senator, New York's Al D'Amato, calls his opponent a "putzhead" on a public platform. That's Yiddish for "fool" but putz has another slang meaning that restricts its use in mixed company?

Or when Al Lewis, who played Grandpa in the 1960s television series "The Munsters" asks to be listed as "Grandpa Al Lewis" on the ballot where he is running as the Green Party's candidate for governor of New York?

Or when Jacqueline Ledgerwood can win a Democratic primary for the United States senate in Oklahoma - two months after she died.

On the other hand, elections can be taken too seriously by the candidates as well as the voters.

Like Byron Looper, who was running against State Senator Tommy Burks in Tennessee and was disavowed by his Republican party even though he changed his middle name to "Low Tax."

He tracked Burks down on his hog farm and shot him.

But all of this may be a thing of the past by the time of the next presidential election in 2000.

A Gallup Poll taken for USA Today and CNN reveals that George W. Bush, the governor of Texas and former president's son, will defeat Al Gore by a landslide.

Now that we know that, we won't be faced with the difficult chore of going to the polls - or even mailing in our ballots.

Murray survives in hard-fought campaign

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cast their ballots; at 2:20 p.m., the total was 1,603; and by 4 p.m., 36 percent of the voters, or 1,915, had cast their votes.

According to election worker Louise Scholtes, a large number of young people voted.

"I think that's great," she said.

Election worker Merle Graham was kept busy all day, as were others working at the polls.

"It's unbelievable, there's never been a lull," she said.

Jodi Butman, a parent who was supervising the refreshment stand operated by Cohasset Youth Resources, said she thought controversy surrounding the President brought the voters out.

"I think the whole mess with Clinton has made us take seriously who we're voting for," she said.

State Republican committee vice chairman Polly Logan and Cohasset Democratic committee member John McNabb were prognosticating outside the polls Tuesday.

Logan, who had been working the polls earlier that day in Weymouth, predicted the gubernatorial race would be close but Cellucci would prevail, which was the case.

McNabb, who was working for the Keating campaign, said the Democrats would do well.

"The Republicans will get Cellucci and Mary Jeanette Murray, and we'll get everything in between," he said.

Cohasset is in Norfolk County so the ballot included contests between Norfolk County Sheriff Jack Flood, who was appointed by former Gov. William Weld and Michael G. Bellotti, a Democrat from Quincy and son of Francis X. Bellotti, former state attorney general.

By 10:30 a.m. in Cohasset 800 voters had cast their ballots; at 2:20 p.m., the total was 1,603; and by 4 p.m., 36 percent of the voters, or 1,915, had cast their votes.

Incumbent Republican Jeffrey Locke, who was also appointed by Weld, was in a tight race with William A. Keating, a Democrat and state senator from Sharon who is chairman of the criminal justice committee for Norfolk Country district attorney. The voter turnout in Hingham was excellent, according to Town Clerk Eileen McCracken's expectations.

Fifty-five percent of Hingham's 15,110 registered voters — or 8,288 —cast ballots. Of those registered, about 8,600 are unenrolled.

By noon, 21 percent of the town's registered voters had turned out; 30 percent by 3 p.m.; 38 percent by 5 p.m.; and 44 percent by 6:30 p.m.

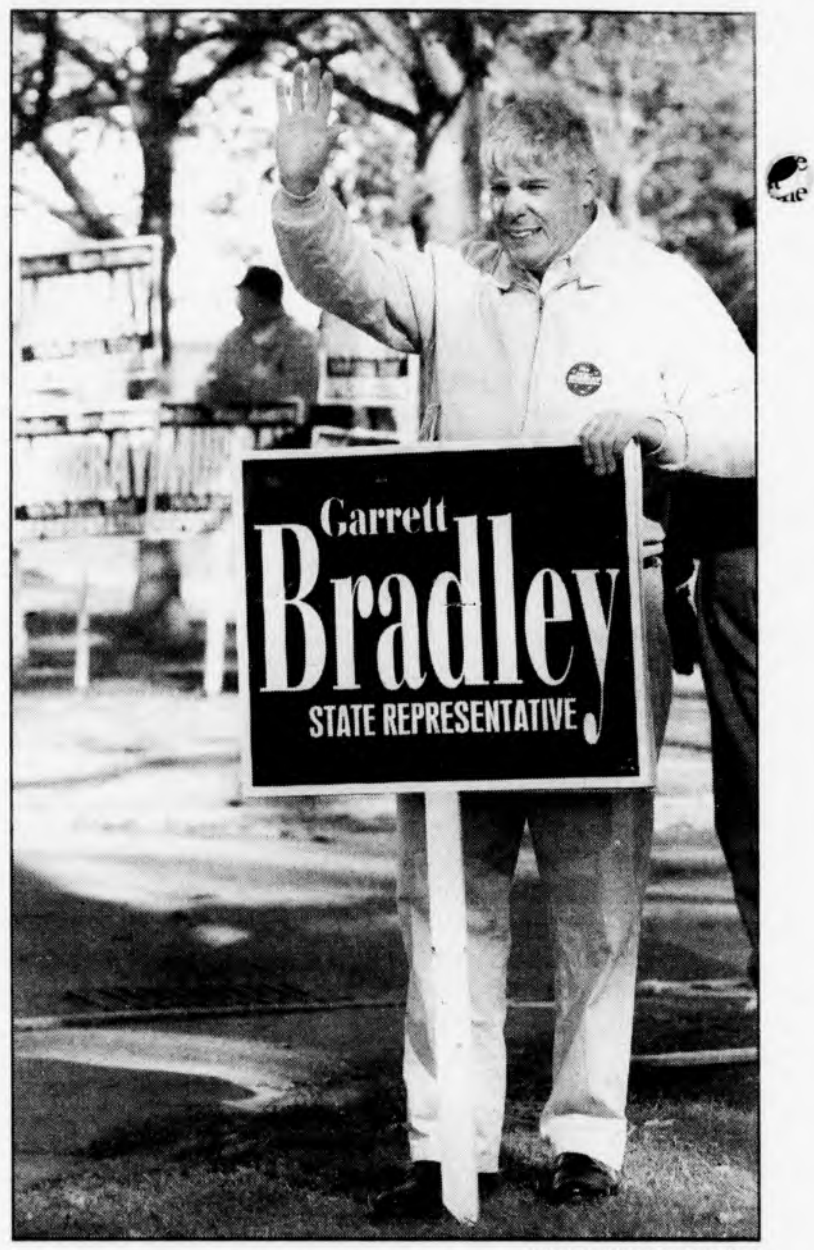
McCracken attributed the high number of voters to the race for state representative more than anything else.

Throughout Election Day, there was a steady stream of voters, despite the fact that voting took place at the Hingham Middle School because the high school is under renovation. Parking and heavy traffic posed a problem, but that didn't prevent a high turnout despite bumper-to-bumper traffic.

The results in Hingham were difficult to predict beforehand. Murray signs were more prevalent around town a day or two before the election and on Election Day, but according to some observers, there were more Bradley signs at the polls.

Some noted that both candidates appeared to have a wide range of supporters, including voters of all ages.

Like Hingham, the voter turnout in Hull was good, according to Town Clerk Janet Bennett.



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Dick Larracey stands on North Main Street looking for Bradley votes.

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Lots of heart at election night parties

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Throughout the Sons of Italy Hall in Hingham, "Murray for Representative" balloons in gr[illegible] and black mingled with crepe streamers that hung expectantly over the jocular and nervous crowd.

Some sat at tables and some at the bar, while others clustered around the TV set and talked about chances. To the right of an American flag backdropped podium, folk singer Tommy Claffey provided the music that was nearly drowned out by the crowded roomful of supporters; many of the 70 in attendance chose to wait out the voters' count by reminiscing about longtime incumbent Mary Jeanette Murray's past good deeds.

Murray herself was in an upstairs room with family members, unruffled and amiable at 8:45 p.m.

Though the votes for Hingham were already in, Murray wanted to stay mum on the results. Purportedly, a voting machine broke down in Cohasset, which would require a hand count that could take until midnight. The Hull results weren't in yet, either. Still, Murray held her own.

"Phil and I liked to wait until after all three towns were in, but I may have to do it after two towns are in," said Murray, referring to her late husband's election style.

"I really feel kind of calm," added the 22-year state representative for the Third Plymouth District, who has racked up 270 sponsored laws since 1977.

Within a quarter-hour, Murray was called downstairs to the pay phone in the front hall. But for the rise of color to her cheeks, Murray was poker-faced and would have remained so—except for the fact that her son had already informed the crowd that Democratic hopeful Garrett Bradley had just phoned in his concession to Murray.

A standing ovation ensued, with many in the hall teary-eyed.

"I told you," said Sue Mills, who earlier in the day had predicted that the voters were turning out for Mary Jeanette. "She's terrific. She's everywhere and does everything for everybody. I can't even talk," said the overcome Mills.

Murray announced to the crowd that she would wait for her daughter, Lillian Murray-Curley, to return from Hull before addressing the crowd. "I guess you've all heard what happened?" she asked.

"No! Tell us!" the crowd yelled back, laughing and applauding.

When Murray took the podium again at 9:15 p.m., the audience was still hugging and slapping backs.

"Hey! All the people out there," barked Murray to the excited gatherers to get their attention. "I want to thank all the people who went out at 6 in the morning. I also want people to know that I'm still 25 and dye my hair white. But really, to everybody here and everybody who supported me, I'm extremely grateful. From the bottom of my heart, thank you."

Curley took the microphone and said, "The amount of money spent on this campaign was far too much for this kind of campaign."

Bradley, a former Plymouth County assistant district attorney, had raised about $100,000 in campaign contributions.

"My mother won because people know that she's honest and that she cares for the people," said Curley. "And I've told her that if she runs again, I'm going to have to kill her."

"Garrett Bradley has called to concede," said Murray. "Go have fun!"

Hull resident Gloria B. Cohen, sitting near the podium and talking with Claffey, extolled Murray's virtue. "She is one of the finest human beings I have ever met," she said. "She has such empathy. I've known many politicians, but she's one of the few you can call late at night with an emergency."

It was Cohen's community volunteer work that led her to place a call to Murray one night.

"It was 10:30 p.m. and I called her about some parents with cancer who had kids and no place to stay. Within 15 minutes, they had a place to go. She uses her political skills for all people. She goes out of her way to do good."

Hinghamite Kevin Woody agreed. "I think she's part of the community," he said. "This is what she does and this is all she wants to do—be your representative. That's very important. There are a lot of issues that need to be dealt with in Hingham, Hull and Cohasset and if you look at her record, I think she's done a good job."

Campaign worker Nancy O'Toole received a humorous thanks from Murray. "I'm yelling at Nancy, she's yelling at Lillian, and Lillian is yelling at me; but as usual, Nancy O'Toole came through.

O'Toole was still campaigning for Murray though the election was won. "She's brought in billions of dollars to the three communities and she supports the death penalty," she said, pulling out campaign brochures that outline Murray's position on key issues.

But the campaign was over just a short distance down at Stars on Hingham Harbor, where Garrett Bradley and his supporters held their election night party.

"I could be better," said a flushed Bradley, after conceding defeat to Murray.

Disappointed gatherers were still around after 10 p.m., long after Bradley offered Murray his concession.

I knew we were in trouble when we lost Hingham," he said. "It was an exciting race and I did everything I could to win. I commend Mary Jeanette on her campaign and I congratulate Mary Jeanette on her win."

Bradley said he most wants to thank the more than 7,000 voters and supporters who cast their ballots for him; especially one who parked his car, left his dog in the vehicle, and ran to the polls to cast his vote for Bradley.

"Garrett's running gave people a lot to think about, even if he didn't win," said his wife, Heather. "And we did get a lot of votes. I'm proud of him. It was a lot of work. We met so many great people and made a lot of friends."

Heather Bradley said she felt the number of votes cast for her husband shows people are thinking about the issues and took Garrett seriously.

"They realized he has a good heart and ants to serve the public," she said.

Many of those making their leave offered handshakes or hugs to Bradley and congratulated him on his election campaign.

As for what the future holds for Bradley, some time with family seems to be his immediate concern.

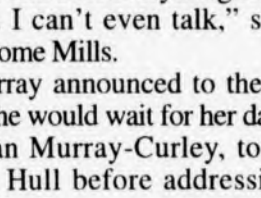
"I would like to spend some quality time with my wife. I'd also like to take some time to reflect on what's happened. I've enjoyed my experience in this town and may open a legal practice here. I'm just not sure yet."



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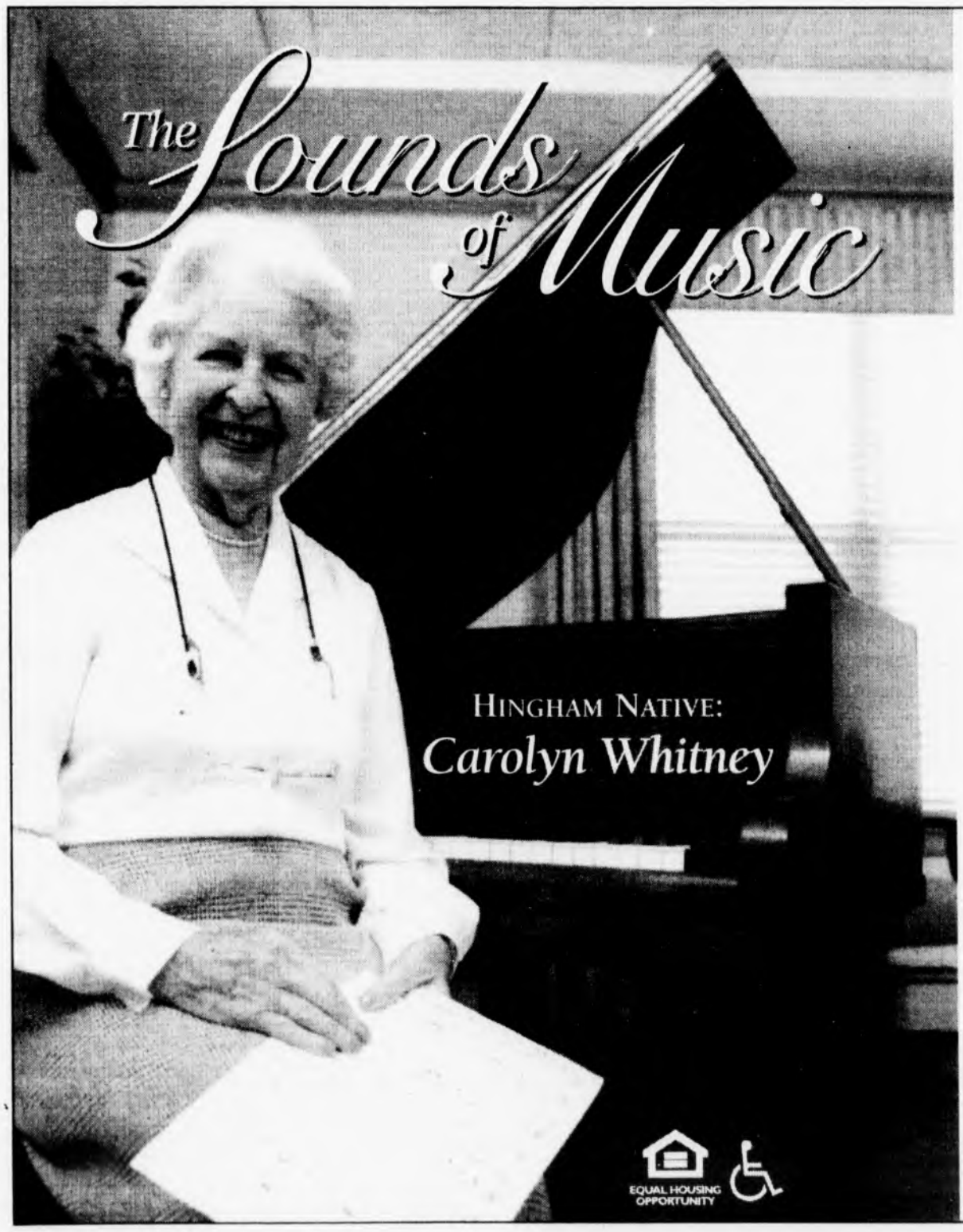
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ART NOTES

The SSAC presents the Boston Secession

On Sunday, Nov. 8, the South Shore Art Center presents the superb vocal art ensemble, *The Boston Secession*, "Altered States: Mysteries in Music," encompassing centuries of spiritual song from Hildegard vo`n Bingen and Christopher Smart to Benjamin Britten and John Lennon.

Director Jane Ring Frank takes her inspiration from Gustave Klimt and the Vienna Secession movement of the 1890's, credited with being the first artists to display their paintings singly, at eye level, rather than viewing gallery walls from floor to veiling in "salon style." *The Boston Secession's* concert will enliven the last afternoon of the *Blue Ribbon* exhibition.

The Concert will begin at 2 p.m. and the admission price is $15. Call (781) 383-ARTS for more information.

Studio Furniture: South of Boston

Saturday, Nov. 13 through Dec. 23- In the Bancroft Gallery, *Studio Furniture: South of Boston,* featuring eleven emerging artist, curator will be Arthur Dion of Gallery NAGA and Meredyth Moses of the Clarke Gallery. In the Dillon Gallery, *Within Reach: Inspirations for the Holidays,* affordable artwork by Gallery Artist. South Shore Art Center Faculty Feature: Ann Heywood, opening reception, Nov. 13, 6-8 p.m. Please call (781) 383-2787.

Glass tour and dinner party

On Nov. 7, the South Shore Art Center is sponsoring a visit of several Boston-area glass artists followed by a dinner at the home of a local glass collector to view her exciting contemporary glass collection. Tickets for the tour, lunch and dinner are $85 for members and $95 for non-members, limit 30. Please call (781) 383-2787 to reserve tickets or for more information.

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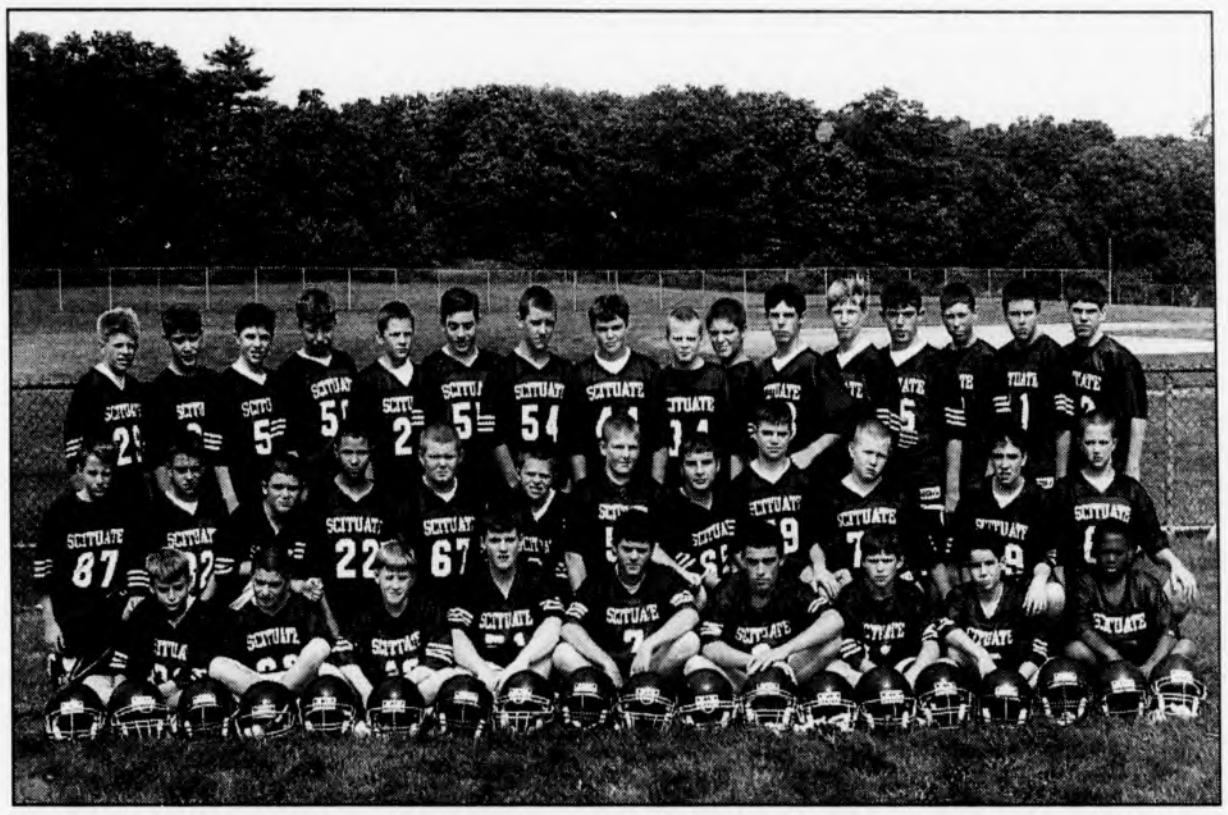
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COHASSET SPORTS



The Scituate/Cohasset Midget youth football team will be playing Saturday night under the lights at Scituate High in the semi-finals of the Old Colony League championship. Kick-off is scheduled for around 8 p.m.

Youth football hosts playoffs Saturday

The undefeated Scituate-Cohasset Sharks Midget football team begins its quest for a second consecutive Super Bowl championship in a playoff game at the Scituate High School athletic field Saturday night.

Kickoff will be at 8 p.m. against a team to be determined.

This is the first round of two playoff games which decides the Super Bowl champions for the large town division of the Old Colony Youth Football League.

The winner of Saturday's game advances to the Super Bowl game to be played the following weekend at a site to be announced.

The Sharks, who posted seven wins and one tie during the season, defeated the same Bridgewater team 14-8 during the season.

The Sharks, who are led by head coach Danny O'Brien and assistant coaches Don Davis, Mike MacDonald and Chris Conroy, won last year's Super Bowl in their division by defeating Barnstable in the playoffs and Bridgewater in the Super Bowl.

Coach O'Brien said this year's Sharks team is in many ways stronger than last year's. He said it is centered around an experienced quarterback, Sean Conton; a diverse running game anchored by Danny Hughes and Michael Garland; a proud offensive line built around such second-year players as Austin O'Brien, Peter Garland and Keith Pollard; and a gritty starting defense which has given

YOUTH FOOTBALL PAGE 18

Are you ready for some Tuesday night football?

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE HARDMAN



A quick tour around the sports desk: File this under not a big surprise: High school athletic directors and football coaches voted to keep the current Super Bowl structure of having two champions in each division.

The coaches are still hopeful that another week of playoffs will be added to the season, but if that happens, you're going to hear from disgruntled basketball and hockey coaches, who don't want to see the start of their season postponed another week.

Take this as a given: High schools aren't going to give up Thanksgiving Day, which is a cash cow for everyone. That takes away the possibility of playing on the last Saturday of November.

Until the coffers are overflowing with money, schools shouldn't give the Thanksgiving Day pay day.

Even if they suddenly get million dollar budgets, Thanksgiving should stay.

Why deny all of the players a chance to play on Thanksgiving, which is a tradition, so that 12 teams can play a playoff game?

Especially when they don't have to.

One solution would be to play the first playoff game on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and then the playoffs would be the following Sunday.

Super Bowl-bound teams would rest on Friday and have Saturday, Sunday and Monday to prepare for the first playoff game.

If they win, they would rest on Wednesday, practice Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

At that point of the season, teams don't need that much practice time and the Super Bowl week is almost too long.

Think about it.

From the far right corner of the desk:

If you went into a field somewhere in Kingston and screamed coach at the top of your lungs, you probably hear from most of the coaches on the South Shore.

Easily, the Kingston phone exchange is the most popular in high school coaching circles.

In the Oct. 19 ESPN Magazine, one of the suggestions that Brett Hull has for changing hockey is to take the roofs off of hockey rinks.

Hull says, "Don't you think it would be really cool to make rinks like stadiums? Outdoors with tailgating, the blimp, the moon. That would be unbelievable."

I don't think so.

Just the thought of a January day sitting outside at the Rockland Rink

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CHS looks to upset some Super dreams

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

It doesn't seem quite fair at times, but it's just the way things go in this crazy world.

Each week somebody has to step up to the plate and face Brian Fabrizio and the rest of the defending Division 4 Super Bowl champion Norwell Clippers.

And each week for the past two seasons that same someone has gone home, usually battered and bruised, as another notch in the Clippers growing consecutive win column.

This week's contestant is the your hometown Cohasset Skippers, who are flying high after getting the better of Charlestown to the tune of 26-14 in a non-league affair.

The kick-off for the Norwell contest is 5 p.m. from Alumni Field at the high school.

The win over Charlestown sets Cohasset's mark at 4-3, one of the better records seen by the program this late in the season in many a year. With two games remaining (Nov. 13 at Hanover and then back at home on Thanksgiving Day for the traditional Holiday game with Hull), the Skippers need to win one of the remaining three game to guarantee at least a .500 season.

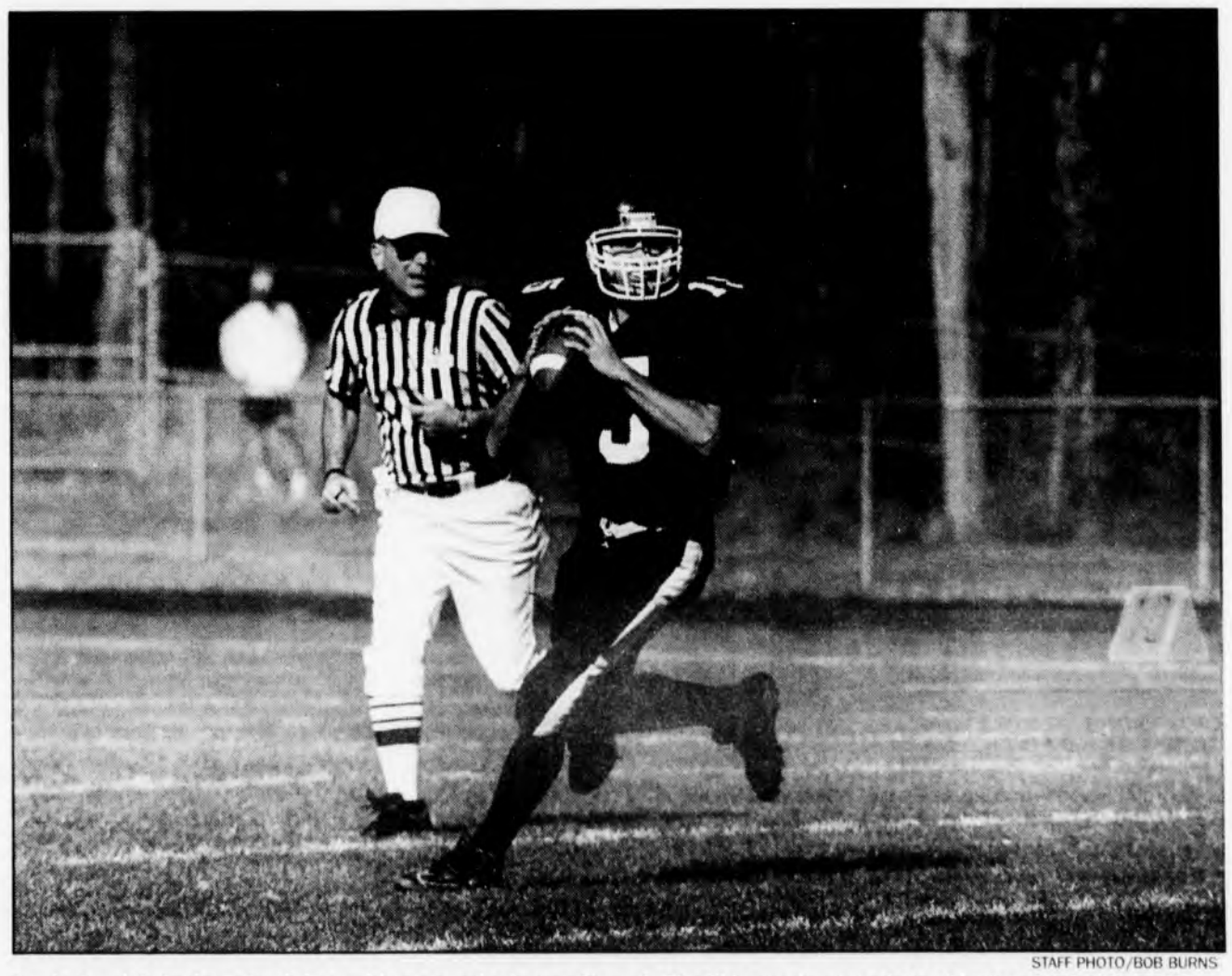
Win or lose, the squad has the respect of Norwell coach Jim Sullivan.

"Cohasset is a senior-based team that has been growing together for a long period of time," said Sullivan. "They have a sophomore back (Daniel Trowers, who has 12 touchdowns), who is as good as any running back we have faced this year. They will be shooting for us but I think we will be ready."

When you are talking about Fabrizio, you are talking about a senior 5'10", 200lb. tailback who is the darling of every college scout's eye up and down the Eastern Seaboard.

The leading scorer in Eastern Mass football, Fabrizio has hit paydirt 28 times this season and connected on

SUPER DREAMS, PAGE 17



STAFF PHOTO/BOB BURNS

Jamie Demichele drops back to past in a recent win over Nauset. The Skippers have a whale of task in front of them this Friday as they host the defending Division 3 Super Bowl champion Norwell Clippers.

The spirit was willing

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Other teams may have won more games this season and many of them are still alive and playing in the state's post season tourney, but you are not going to find a team that had more fun both on and off the field this season than the CHS girls soccer team.

What else can you say about a team that had the creativity to come up with their own dance routine that they performed before games during the season and then the sheer guts to get out on the floor and perform it at the Homecoming dance.

Move over Macerena nuts.

To the side Tush Pushers.

Step to the back all you Swingers.

Clear the dance floor for the Skipper Shuffle.

"It was just something we came up with out of the blue one day," explained Alyssa McNamara, the senior captain and one of the Skippers' two representatives (along with midfielder Eileen Ridge) to the South Shore League All-Star team. "We were all together at someone's house for the weekly pasta dinner. We had the radio on and we all started dancing.

"A couple of us said jokingly that we should create the official team dance and everyone just seemed to take to it."

The legend just exploded from there as the dance classes expanded to a couple times each week as the squad practiced their moves while waiting for the unavoidable revitalization of the old Solid Gold television show.

"After practice sometime we'd go to someone's house and work on it," admitted McNamara. "I know it seems a little weird but it was something that really bonded us as a team. It brought us closer together."

"I've never been on a team like this before, everyone gets along so well and we all hang out together out of school. We're really a close group."

ALYSSA MCNAMARA

The official team dance was unveiled at the Homecoming celebration to rave reviews.

Of course the revelers could do nothing but cheer since McNamara was the voted Homecoming Queen and everyone knows it's not nice to boo royalty.

"It was a great time,' added McNamara. "We got razzed a little bit by our friends, but everyone had fun."

Head coach Debbie Beal said that having fun was one of the things that this team did the best, from their opening day win over Middleboro to a dominating win over Randolph in one of their final home games of the season.

Beal described the aftermath of the Middleboro win, the team's first in two years, as akin to "a block party".

"You could tell right away that this group of kids genuinely liked one another and were happy to be together as a team," said Beal.

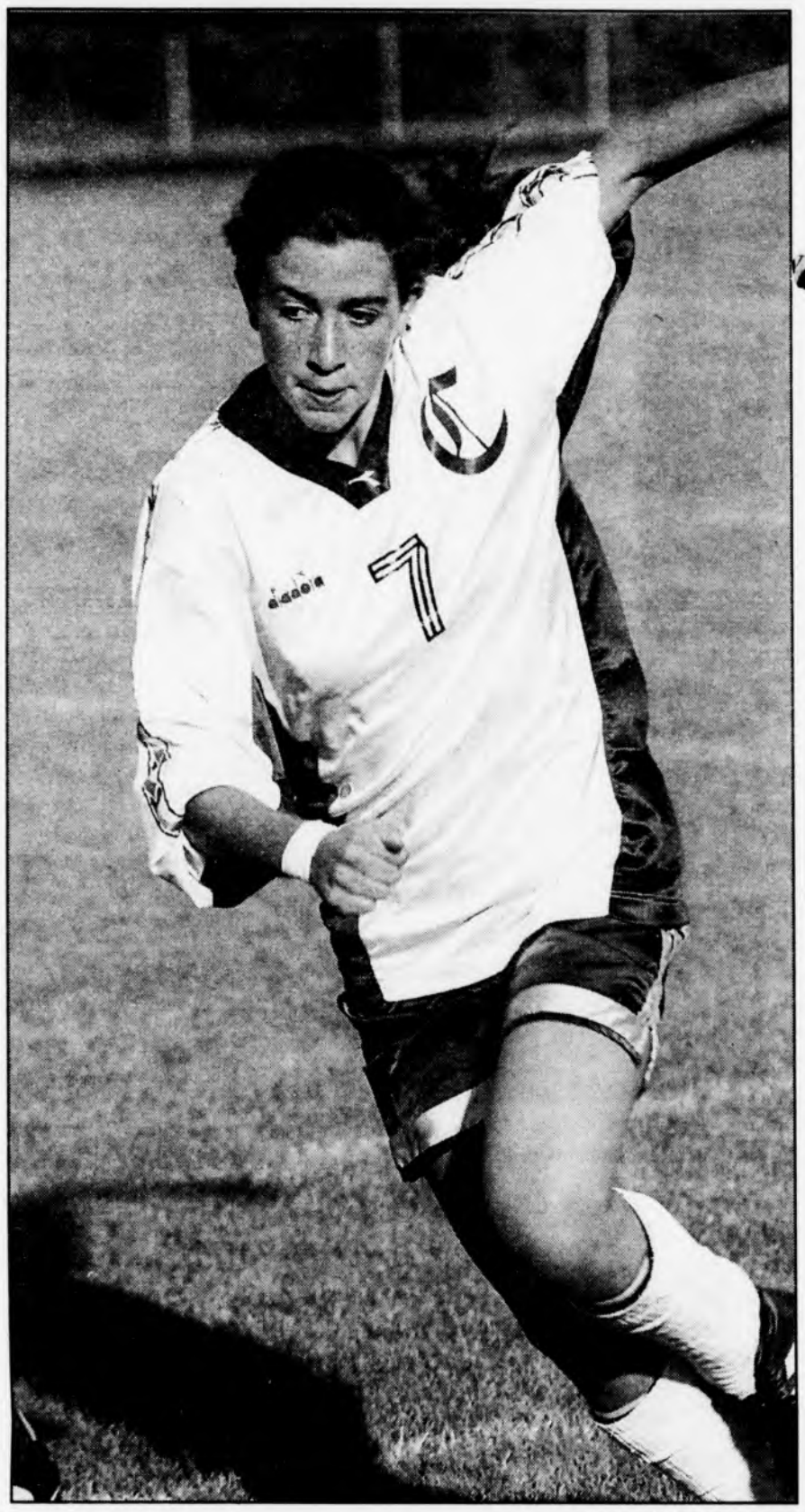
"I've never been on a team like this before," agreed McNamara. "Everyone gets along so well and we all hang out together out of school. We're really a close group."

There not only a close group, they're a pretty classy one as well. They were honored as such this season by receiving the South Shore League's annual Sportsmanship Award.

"I think I'm more proud of than they are. It just shows what type of kids they are," said Beal. "They play as hard as anyone, but they are not a mouthy group at all to the other teams or the referees.

"I've never had a problem with this group because of attitude or taunting and I think it's because they are all great friends," added Beal. "They don't harass anyone out on the field and they almost take it personally when other teams get mouthy.

"They are truly an easy going and laid back group. They're just fun to be around."



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Jenny Chastain was one of the leading defenders on the girls soccer team this season at CHS

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Indoor golf lesson registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for beginner level instruction in golf, to be taught by golf pro, Dan Neary. Classes are held Thursday evenings at the Cushing Elementary School gym, Scituate, beginning Nov. 5.

Lessons are five weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly at a cost of $65 per person.

Classes are limited to eight people and registrations are accepted on a first enrolled basis.

Should you require the use of golf clubs for the classes please indicate this at the time of your registration and you will be loaned clubs free of charge.

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Jaime Demichele looks for a hole in the Nauset defense.

CHS looks to upset some Super dreams

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24 PAT's while amassing 192 points. His closest competitor in Division 4 (Hart Andrade of Ware) is a mere 106 points behind him.

Fabrizio scored four times against Abington two weeks ago and put another four on the board last week against Norton, adding to his average of just under four TD's a game. The law of averages says that there is a good chance the star back will go over the 200 point mark against the Skippers.

According to local experts there are two theories on trying to stop Norwell as they make their way to a repeat Super Bowl appearance: 1. Hijack the bus on the way to the game, or 2. Treat Fabrizio like you were trying to catch a knuckleball and pick him up once he stops moving.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Ragged Mt. Learn to Ski/Snow Board package

Through the auspices of Buckles and Boards of Marshfield, Cohasset Recreation will make available a 5 week Ski or Snow Board package at Ragged Mt. For Cohasset Youth age 10-and-over.

The 5-week program will be Saturdays, beginning January 9 through February 6, 1999 and costs $199 per for the weeks of skiing/snow boarding and Motor Coach transportation.

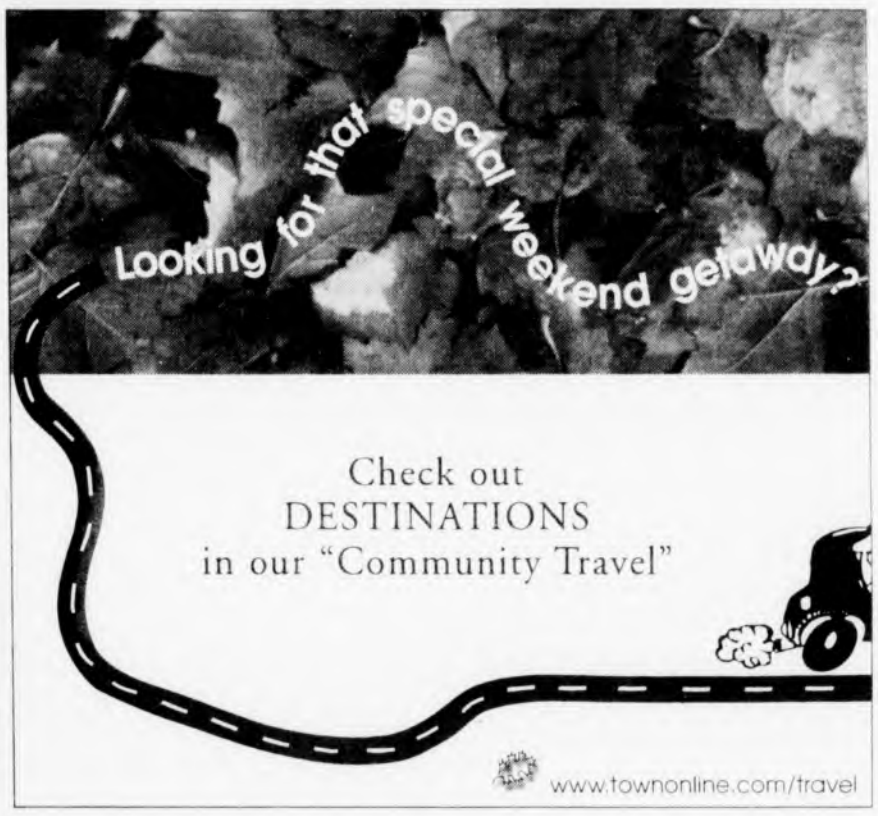
Equipment rentals are available at both Buckles and Boards and Ragged Mt. For those requiring equipment.

Motor Coach leaves from Buckles and Boards, Route 139, Marshfield, each of the Saturdays at 6 a.m. and returns at about 7 p.m.

Should you have the interest in this unique opportunity please call the Cohasset Recreation at 383-4109.

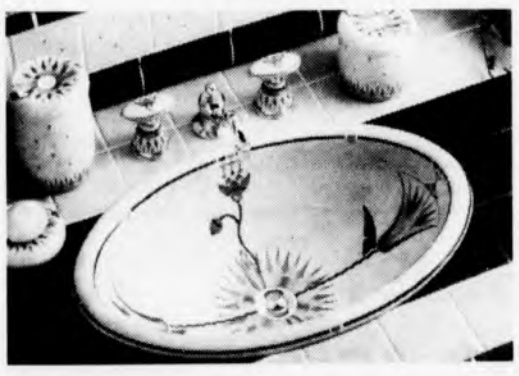
Information regarding Blue Hills Ski Lessons starting January 7, 1999, will be forthcoming shortly.

Registration will be Thursday, Dec. 3 only from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and again from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Recreation office, 1st floor, Town Hall.





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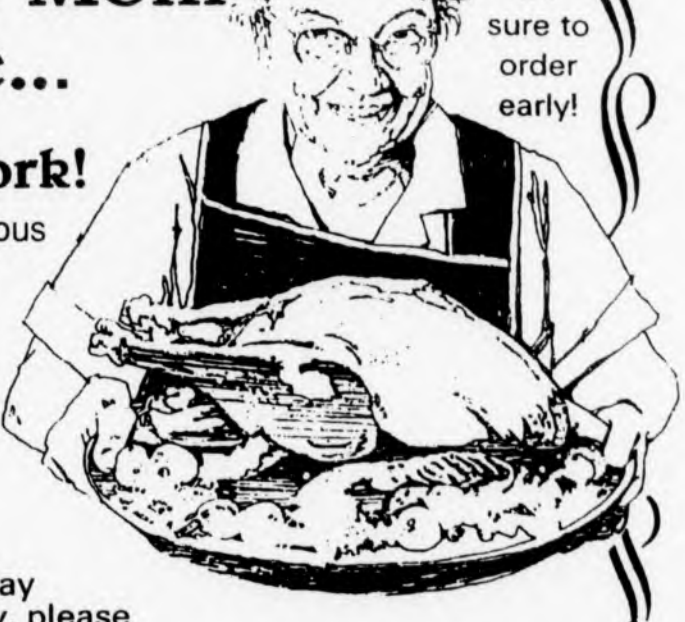
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Youth football hosts playoffs Saturday

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up only one touchdown all season.

The Midgets team is made up mostly of seventh- and eighth-graders, many of whom hope to play for Scituate or Cohasset High School one day.

"It is a good team. It is a solid team. All season we have played as a team. It has not been the kind of effort where only one person stands out," said O'Brien, who is in his fifth year as Midgets' head coach.

"Our defense, I think, has four or five returning starters. We are good in the skill positions," he said.

"When you play as a team, lots of good things happen," O'Brien said. "We just don't have one guy making all the plays."

O'Brien said he and his coaches will work on the team's pass defense during this week's practices and cautioned that Bridgewater is a dangerous team. "If we don't beat Bridgewater this weekend, we don't get into the Super Bowl final game," he said.

Joseph Hughes, president of Scituate-Cohasset Youth Football and Cheerleading said, "The only thing I can say about this year's Midget team is what I have known all season and that is they really played as a team and that it wasn't just one player who stood out. All the kids like each other and hope the best for each other."

Hughes said he was also extremely proud of the Mites and PeeWee teams. The PeeWees just missed a playoff spot and the Mites had all practically first year players. "The Mites and the PeeWees are the future of the Scituate-Cohasset program and they certainly benefited from an abundance of playing time," Hughes said.

Hughes said he hopes that as many of the Mites and PeeWee players and their parents as possible and other townspeople will come out to cheer for the Midgets during this weekend's playoff game.

Two other playoff games involving four teams from other towns in the Mites and PeeWee levels will be played on the Scituate High School field earlier Saturday afternoon. This is the second year that the Scituate-Cohasset program has hosted Old Colony Youth Football playoffs.

Following are the names of the Scituate-Sharks Midget players: Sean Conton, Dan Hughes, Scott Carroll, Andrew Sousa, Rick Mahoney, D.J. Kelliher, Roman Grijalva, Michael Garland, Andrew Ellsmore, Steve Brigham, Bob Kuhn, Brett Clinton, John Chisolm, Patrick Filipi, Jawan Clinton, Mike Shea, Brad Barnard, Matt Sampson, Chris Connelly, Joe Coveny, Austin O'Brien, Chris Komejko, Steve Davis, Steve Bird, Keith Pollard, Josiahs Porter, Mike Neilen, John Sylvester, Brian Marshall, Bobby Ferriter, Chris Cushman, Peter Garland, Geoff Kramer, Matt Cushman, Tom McCarthy, Jared Barelaro, Tim Mullin, Jason Lee and Kevin Thistle.

The Midgets cheerleading squad consists of Nicole Bonomi, Kerry Esposito, Jocelyn Liberty, Marissa Orlando, Sara Sousa, Kathrine Calorio, Nicole Falvey, Colleen McInerney, Erin Perry, Maura Callis, Kelley Dillon, Julie Heffernan, Keelin Mone, Kim Pollard, Katherine O'Donnald, Sara Falvey, Leeann Cushman and Amerila Butman. Cheerleading coaches are Kathy Judge, Sanda Liberty, Chantel Boudreau, Sonny Fiddler and Kiely Trachik.

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Tuesday night football?

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or Pilgrim Arena is enough to give you chills for a week.

Let's just hope that "Raise the Roof" doesn't become the chant for the folks running the local hockey rinks.

I must admit, though, I could get use to tailgating at hockey games.

Right next to the computer:

All of high school football eyes will be on Norwell on Friday, Nov. 13 when two of the top high school teams in the area clash when Duxbury plays the Clippers in a 6 p.m. game.

It will be a showdown between two of the top running backs in the area in Duxbury's Dave Seger and Norwell's Brian Fabrizio.

Norwell athletic director Bill Gerety is already excited about the match up. He used to be the line coach at Duxbury High and one of the players he coached was the Green Dragons' new AD Tony Battista.

Way in the back of the desk:

One of my favorite stories about Hanover High's legendary coach Judy Schneider:

It was a basketball game in Norton in front of a handful of fans about four years ago. The Lancers' Melanie Kiley, who is now in law school after an athletic career at Brandeis University, dove into the Indians' bench to keep a ball in bounds.

She was unsuccessful, but Schneider turned around to her team.

"That's how you play the game," said Schneider, who called her team over to make her point.

On the subject of basketball, the Massasoit Community College Tournament should have plenty of fireworks this year on the boys side.

Rockland and Avon are battling in one of the games, while Oliver Ames and Randolph are the other match up.

There exists the possibility of a Rockland-Oliver Ames final, which would be one of the games of the year.

Both clubs are loaded and should be contenders for state titles. Rockland coach Bob Fisher has been the guest speaker at the Oliver Ames basketball banquet and is a close friend of their coach, Creig Muscato, who considers Fisher a mentor.

At last year's OA banquet, Muscato was introducing all of the players who will make up the team next year. Everyone was either an All-Hockomock League selection or one of the top defensive players at his position.

After Muscato got done, it was Fisher's turn.

"I don't know if I want to play them," joked Fisher. "This guy is all-league, that guy is the best defensive player in the state. We might not score a point."

Those of us old enough to remember the hockey boom, ought to be getting a little de javu feeling about all of the skating boarding parks being built or being considered in the area towns.

As non-skateboarder, just one question, who is the Bobby Orr of skateboarding these days?

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cohasset Rec offers ski lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct Blue Hill Ski and Snow Board Lesson registrations Thursday, Dec. 3, at the recreation office, Cohasset Town Hall, between the hours of 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. and again in the evening, from 5:30 to 6:30.

Registration forms must be signed by a parent or guardian for participation in this five-week program. Beginner through advanced level instruction is available for children and youth, age 7 and older.

Lessons are scheduled to begin Thursday, Jan. 7, and continue for five consecutive weeks, through Thursday, Feb. 4. The bus will leave each week from town hall parking lot at 3:20 p.m. and return from Blue Hills at about 6:45 p.m.

The fee for the ski lessons and transportation for five weeks is $115 and checks should be made payable to: Town of Cohasset. Those participants who require equipment rentals may rent at Blue Hills and the cost for the five weeks with rental package is $155 per person for skiing and $175 for snow board lesson rental, transportation package, or $115 without snow board rentals.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

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The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 12 and will be held at the Joseph Osgood School.

For further information please call: Maggie Smith 383-1136 or Sarah Porter 383-2029.

Family Math and Science Night

Osgood School's annual Family Math and Science Night for second- and third-graders is Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Osgood cafeteria.

The evening offers innovative, creative ways for parents and children to explore basic math and science concepts using everyday materials found in the home. These "hands-on" activities provide an opportunity for students to develop important problem-solving skills.

Family Math and Science Night for K-1 takes place in the spring. If you have any questions, or would like to help out, call Paula Pozniak at 383-1852.

All school musical

Mark your calendars and save the dates, the CMS/CHS all-school musical, "The Music Man," will be presented at CHS Friday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2:30 p.m. Reserved tickets go on sale in mid-November. More information will follow.

If any parents, students or teachers are interested in helping with scenery or costumes for the musical, there are big work parties scheduled for Friday, Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 13, from 2:15 to 5:15 p.m. at CHS. For more information, call Dee Dee Nicynski at 383-1329.

Cohasset PSO fall fund-raiser

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So take a chance, support our schools and share an evening with friends, live music, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Bring your raffle ticket to gain admission to the cocktail party. The winning ticket will be drawn at the party, however the winner need not be present to win.

Raffle tickets are available at: Carousel Antiques, Cohasset Hardware, Buttonwood Books, The Good Sport and the South Shore Community Center.

For further information call Kathy Yeager 9820 or Andrea Flynn 6745.

Arts and crafts programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department holds registration for various arts and crafts programs for children age 4 through grade 6, to be taught by Helen Babis-Licare.

Sessions are four weeks in duration, costing $40 per child, which covers the costs of supplies, materials and instruction for four weeks. Classes are scheduled to begin the week of Nov. 16. Osgood and Deer Hill students may stay after school for the programs. Grade K-3 Osgood children are picked up at 5 p.m. at Osgood School, Deer Hill, grades 4, 5 and 6 children are picked up at Deer Hill School at 4:30 p.m. and age 4 and 5 participants will meet at Osgood School from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

MONDAYS: Grades K+1 Osgood 3 to 5 p.m., Nov. 16 through Dec. 7.

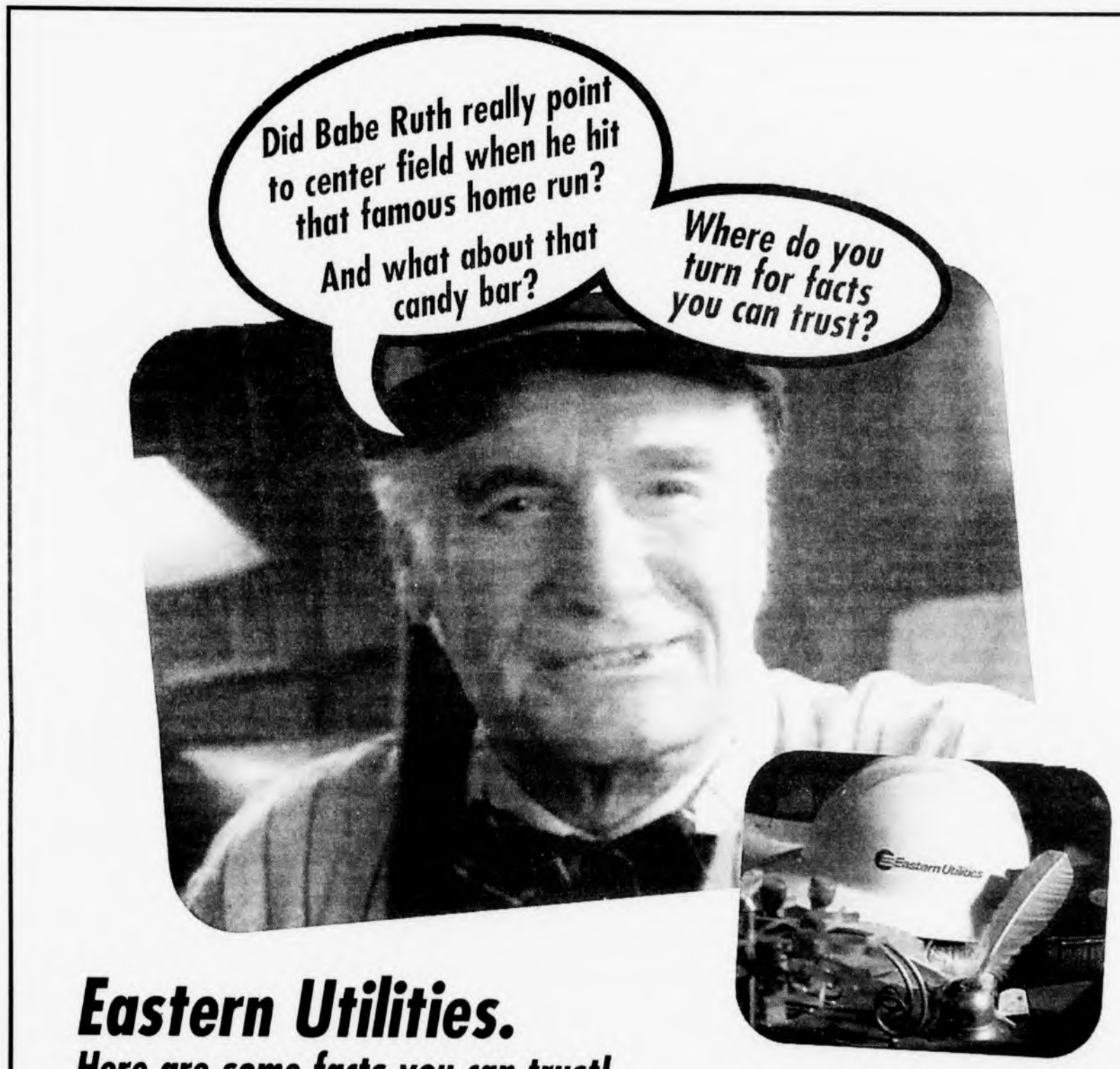
TUESDAYS: Grades 2+3 Osgood 3 to 5 p.m., Nov. 17 through Dec. 8.

WEDNESDAYS: Ages 4+5 Osgood 3:30 to 5 p.m., Nov. 18 through Dec. 9.

FRIDAYS: Grades 4, 5+6 Deer Hill 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Nov. 20 through Dec. 11.

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By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

It's been only a month since she came on board, but high school media specialist Joan Gallagher already knows exactly what is needed to transform the library into an organized center for learning and technology.

The call for current computer technology is ubiquitous among school personnel. So much so that the school committee asked town meeting for $350,000 to help bring Cohasset's computer system up to par with other school districts.

"I was surprised at how far behind Cohasset schools are in technology," said Gallagher, who most recently completed a four-year stint as chief librarian at Quincy High School where she oversaw the training of nearly 60 percent of staff and students on Internet use.

That's just what she would like to do in her new digs at the high school library.

"My goal is to be able to work with the incoming technology director so that we can get a more current computer system in place here and train the students on how to use it," she said.

Because of many changes that occur in the competitive computer industry, several years can seriously outmode a computer, which is the situation in Cohasset. "Most of the computers currently in use here were purchased in the early '90s—that's 200 in computer years," quipped Gallagher.

Indeed, Gallagher got on the Net herself in preparation for an incoming class in Applied Technology that wanted to research bridges on the computer. They are currently assigned a bridge-building project.

"Yes, we're set up to access the Net on some of the computers," she admitted. "But even I could fall asleep waiting for the information to come up."

Despite the current slowness of the computers, the students were able to learn a good deal about bridge technology.

"I showed the kids how to use the search engines," she said. "First, they typed in 'bridge' and came up with 300,000 matches. Then, they typed 'suspension,' the section of the world

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Media specialist Joan Gallagher has big plans for the middle/high school library.

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Big plans for school library

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they were interested in, and so on. They have to learn how to use the information that's in there somewhere—it will do them no good to waste time looking through 300,000 matches. The fact is, the Internet is sort of like a library catalogue that spilled onto the floor."

Many Cohasset students aren't strangers to the Net and may often get on it while on their computers at home. But having access to the Net doesn't necessarily mean knowing how to utilize it effectively.

"Even if the kids are set up at home, that doesn't guarantee that they know how to correctly use the Net," said Gallagher. "And since some kids don't have the latest systems at home, we could be creating an educational system of haves and have-nots when it comes to computer technology."

During her four years in the Quincy school system, Gallagher saw how the Internet can be used in innovative ways that allow students a more active approach to learning than the traditional "note-taking" style of learning.

For example, special education students have been found to benefit from the new technology which allows them to go over information as many times as they might need. Also, if a given topic piques the student's interest, it will take only seconds to follow up on other sites. For a child with, say, an attention deficit, those seconds can make a difference. The short time that it takes for an ADD student to locate another encyclopedia volume may be long enough to get caught up in something else entirely unrelated.

"Studies say that SPED (special education) students using the CD-Encyclopedia do well," she said. "They can go at their own pace. know that they won't break anything and the program has a simple logic to it. They can learn about the universe, if they choose. This is the way teaching can be revolutionized open the walls of the library to include the rest of the world."

Including the rest of the world, indeed. How about a school "vacation" to Madrid with $1,000 allotted to each student for travel?

That's what one Spanish language class in Quincy got to do. "One girl wanted a bubble bath in a fancy hotel and another student found himself a hosta and public transportation," Gallagher said. "Each student came up with a different way to spend their money in Madrid exactly to their liking. These kids may get to travel somewhere down the road. Wouldn't it be nice for them to know what to expect when they do and maybe even make friends with people through the Net in advance of arriving there?"

Making "friends" on the Net was the outcome of another Quincy class, which found an Australian pen-pal/teacher through the "Walkabout" program.

"Walkabout" involves students in the adventure of two Australian kids lost in the outback with an aborigine child leading them back to civilization.

"The kids found a man who taught aborigines," said Gallagher. "As they tried to figure out which route the aborigine guide would take with the Australian kids, the students corresponded their ideas to the man via the computer. They typed in to him how they would make their way through the outback. It was also a text-based program. The students had to write sentences, word process and there was geography involved."

"Of course, the kids had regular 'kid questions,' such as 'Do you have D'Angelo sub shops there?' and 'What do Aborigines eat?' That sort of humanized it," she said, referring to the trans-global correspondence that evolved into friendly conversation from the "Walkabout" program.

Gallagher laments the world of knowledge Cohasset students are missing due to their outdate computer technology.

"We could have access to so much on line that at this time we can't easily get into," she said. "We could have full text access to 1,000 journals, but we don't because we don't have the power. There is so much information and the kids can't get to it. They're all going to college for the most part, but even if they weren't, they should be able to learn about this technology and benefit by it. We could share resources with libraries around the world, if our technology were updated. Imagine what the kids could do with that."

Another learning benefit for the students is the energizing effect the Internet can have on teachers. For example, there is a page on the Internet that has 1,000 lesson pages. "It's great if you're getting dry," she explained. "Also, you can contact professionals around the world and share resources and ideas."

Aside from the benefit of technology, Gallagher would like to get the library's books in order.

"The technology is actually my second goal," said Gallagher, who first plans to get the shelves in order with the help of volunteers.

"We're thinking we can bribe some people to volunteer by training them on the 'Net," said Gallagher. "We'll need them to be able to help with training students later. But they will also be doing some of the stuff that lacks glamour, such as filing and that sort of thing.

Cohasset libraries, in general, have fallen by the wayside, according to Gallagher. "The Paul Pratt Memorial Library's Internet is very limited," she said. "It's only text-based. They're just not set up as a library should be. There's no really good story area for the children and the children's room could use some improvement, in general." Having served as director of the Avon Public Library for eight years, Gallagher is surprised at how far behind Cohasset is in offering library services that other, less affluent towns now enjoy.

For now, Gallagher is biding her time, weeding out obsolete books, while waiting for the new computers and other communications technology that town meeting approved.

"This can and should be the center of learning in the school," she said. "It is a classroom. The library staff is not peripheral. I have a masters in curriculum consulting. A good part of my job will be about knowing what is being taught in the classrooms and helping find resources for those courses on the Net. I can be a help to the teachers while also managing the budget and general running of the library.

"That's why I love the job," said Gallagher. "I get to do a lot of different things and come in contact with just about everybody in the school. I think it's the best job you could have."

Luncheon and fashion show benefits GEMS of Hope

Come kick off the holiday season at GEMS of Hope's festive luncheon and fashion show at Kimball's By-The-Sea Tuesday, Dec. 1. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy an exclusive show of ladies' and children's holiday fashions from Neiman Marcus and Oilily.

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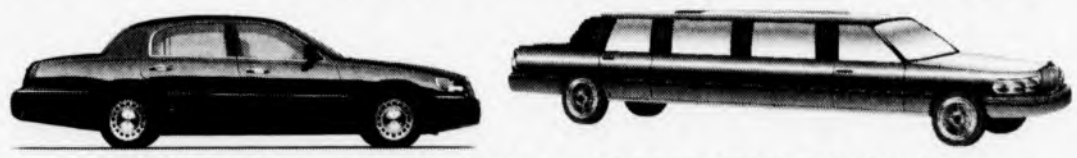
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ATTENTION COHASSET RESIDENTS
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PROPOSED CENTRAL COHASSET
WASTEWATER SYSTEM

The Board of Sewer Commissioners have filed a Notice of Intent and a Request for Determination with the Cohasset Conservation Commission describing proposed construction work for the Central Cohasset Wastewater collection system, treatment plant upgrade and expansion and outfall construction. Public Hearings for the two filings are scheduled for November 5, 1998 commencing at 9:15 PM at Town Hall. Questions relating to the filings can be directed to Daniel J. Coughlin, PE of Tutela Engineering Associates, Inc. (978)658-7493.

Cohasset Board of Sewer Commissioners

Cohasset Mariner, 11/5/98



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Denise and Gary Bismore with some of the entries to the pumpkin decorating session at the Silver Spoon in the village.

Silver Spoon pumpkin painting contest

Local children ages four through 12 came to the Silver Spoon Cafe to pick out their special pumpkin during the week of Halloween to paint them at the cafe. Each child received a prize and took their pumpkin home after being judged on Friday, Oct. 30. A grand prize was awarded to the one favorite painted pumpkin chosen within each age group. This years judge was Dillon Bustin, executive director of the South Shore Art Center.

A special thanks goes to donators of the supplies and prizes: South Shore Community Center Nursery School, Rosev Dairy, Jade Forest Kung Fu & Tai Chi, Russo Produce, Perkins Paper, Cerilli Foods, New England Coffee, Us Foods, and The Silver Spoon.

Grand prize winners: Age 4- Christopher Harwood; Age 5- Whitney Jaffe; Age 6- Abby Faulkner; Age 7- Patrick Herlin; Age 8- Devin Bell; Age 9- Colleen Richardson; Age 10- Kelsey Bell; Age 11- Amanda Faulkner; Age 12-Frannie Noble.

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WITNESS, **David H. Kopelman,** Esquire, First Justice of said Court at **Dedham** this 28th day of October, 1998.

THOMAS PATRICK HUGHES
Register of Probate

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Hingham Journal, 11/5/98

Hearing 11/10/98

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PUBLIC HEARING
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The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Cohasset will conduct a public hearing under Chapter 40, Section 56, as amended by Chapter 79 of the Acts of 1983, on **Tuesday, November 10, 1998 at 8:30 P.M.** in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Cohasset Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the issue of allocating the local property tax among the five (5) property classes for Fiscal Year 1999. The Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors will provide information regarding the various policy decisions available. All interested persons and/or parties wishing to be heard will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at this time.

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Leonard Estate

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Estate of
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In the County of NORFOLK

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the last will and codicil of said decedent be proved and allowed and that SUSAN LEONARD of COHASSET in the County of NORFOLK and PATRICIA LITZ of SCITUATE in the County fo PLYMOUTH be appointed executrices named in the will without surety on the bond.
If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Dedham on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on **December 2, 1998.**
In addition you should file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16A.
WITNESS, David H. Kopelman, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this sixth day of October, 1998.

Thomas Patrick Hughes
Register of Probate

Cohasset Mariner 11/05/98

IT'S HAPPENING

Cohasset Youth Resources dance

Youth Resource is holding a Dance Saturday, Nov. 14 for grades 7 through 12.

The dance will be held at the Town Hall Auditorium and will run from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., admission is $5.

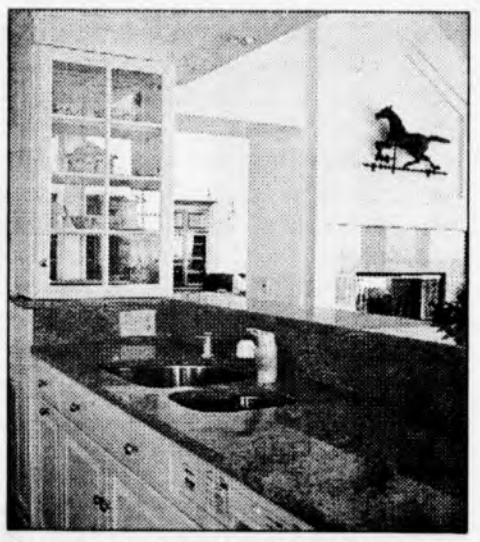
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Scituate illustrator to sign

Scituate artist and illustrator Dean Morrissey will draw and sign copies of his new book, "The Song of Celestine," Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset.

James Redfield's story of personal inspiration, "The Celestine Prophecy," has been adapted to poetry by Dee Lillegard in an unusual picture book for children. "The Song of Celestine" is a poetic fable whose illustrations by Morrissey not only depict the young boy who "finds his path, but loses his way" while wandering in the woods, but helps the reader understand the meaning of this journey back to safety. A self-taught artist, Morrissey is also the author and illustrator of "Ship of Dreams" and "The Great Kettles: A Tale of Time."

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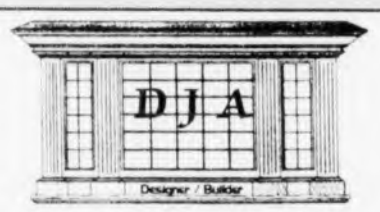
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6:10 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:27 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:36 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

1:32 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:17 p.m. Beechwood St., fire investigation, fire extinguished.

2:28 p.m. Ripley Rd., vandalism, investigated/report taken.

2:50 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

3:12 p.m. Howe Rd., investigation, secured building.

3:36 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation, area search negative.

3:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, no police service necessary.

4:38 p.m. Pond St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:15 p.m. Atlantic Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:44 p.m. Little Harbor Rd., animal complaint, log entry information.

7:50 p.m. Tad Ln., general services rendered.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

6:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8 a.m. Whitney Woods, assist motorist, services rendered.

12:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., well-being check, departmental action.

1 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal complaint, referred to other agency.

2:57 p.m. Nichols Rd., suspicious person, departmental action.

3 p.m. Lamberts Lane, traffic safety inspection, departmental action.

5:36 p.m. N. Main and Cedar Sts., suspicious (other), area search negative.

8:04 p.m. Pond St., officer wanted, departmental action.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

1:09 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

8:25 a.m. N. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

12:25 p.m. S. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

1:03 p.m. S. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

2:23 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., larceny, log entry information.

4:07 p.m. Sohier St., missing person, returned to home or family.

7:37 p.m. Lamberts Ln., info, directions, log entry information.

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

1:19 a.m. Rocky Ln. and North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

1:25 a.m. Doane St., threats (bodily harm), departmental action.

6:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

6:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:03 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. south, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. by Tedeschi Plaza, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. by JJ's, MVA, investigated, report taken.

3:01 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

3:24 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

6:40 p.m. Nichols Rd., suspicious person, investigated/report taken.

7:15 p.m. Highland Ave., suspicious auto, log entry information.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

12:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto, departmental action.

6:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:41 a.m. Lamberts Ln., burglary, B&E, investigated, report taken.

8:10 a.m. North Main St., general services rendered.

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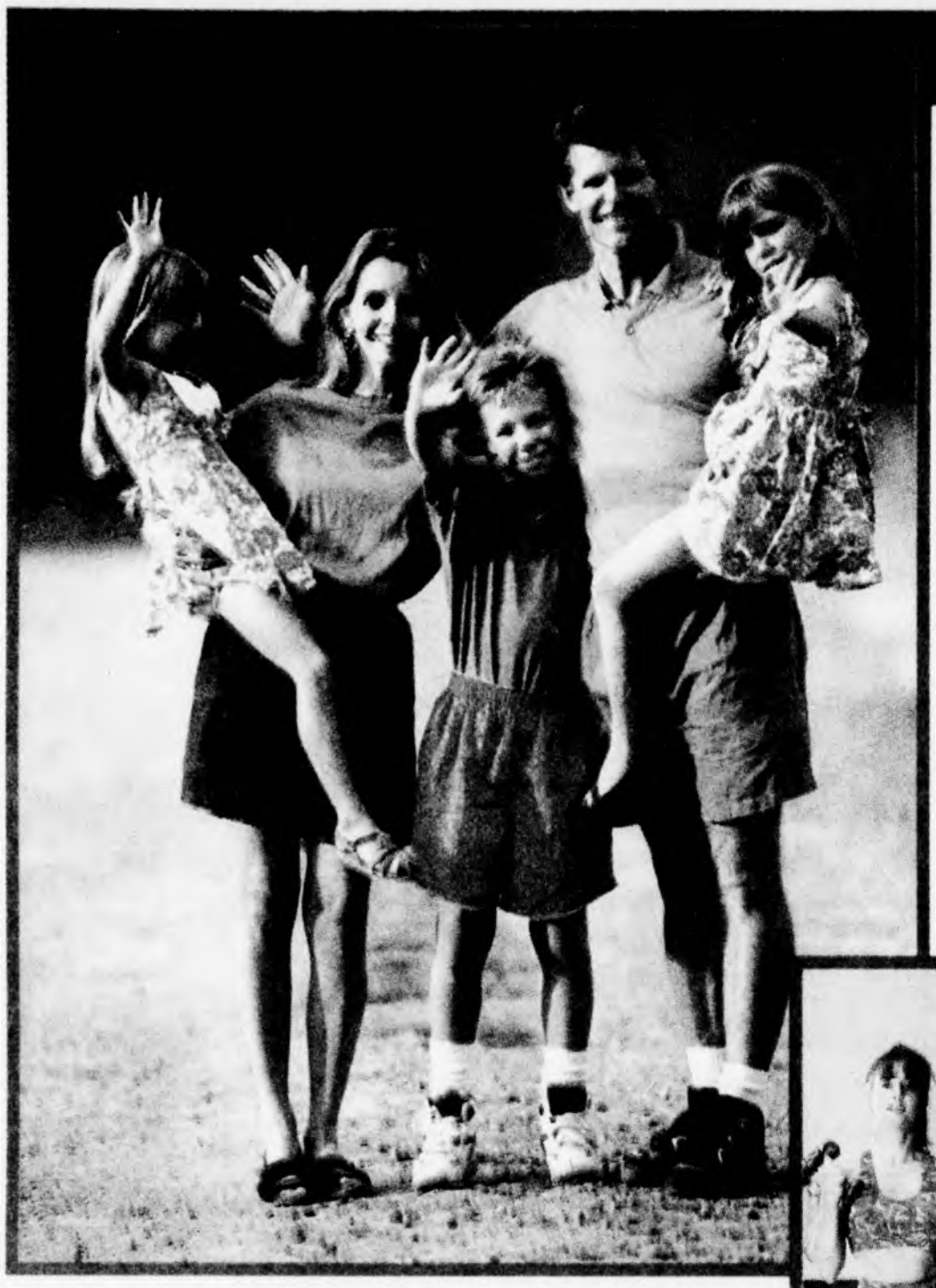
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Chamber eyes old teen center

Public restroom possible for village

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Now that the Teen Center has moved out of the Independence Building, the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce would like to move in.

Well, not exactly.

But the chamber is interested in buying the building from the town so it could lease out the upstairs and part of the first floor as offices and install a public restroom on the ground level. There is no public restroom in the village — so visitors and shoppers must ask local merchants and businesses to use their facilities when nature calls.

Town Manager Mark Haddad strongly recommends disposing of the building and would like to see it razed. Faced with mothballing the old Osgood School for 18 months while a library proposal for that building comes to fruition, Haddad said he doesn't fancy being responsible for another vacant structure.

Chamber vice president Dean Rizzo said initially the chamber hoped the Cohasset Historical Society would "partner" with the chamber to do something with the old building which once housed the po-

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Jerusalem Road subdivision faces another hurdle

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

An appeal by Jerusalem Road residents could further slow down a Weymouth developer's plans to build a 23-home subdivision on the former Curtis Estate.

The appeal, brought before the planning board by attorney Richard A. Henderson, who represents Kenneth and Debra Brewer, is only the latest in a growing number of hoops that developer Steven Corey will need to jump through in order to bring his subdivision to fruition.

In this latest issue, Henderson is arguing that in approving the plan last month the planning board allowed a "more non-conforming lot than (what) already existed there."

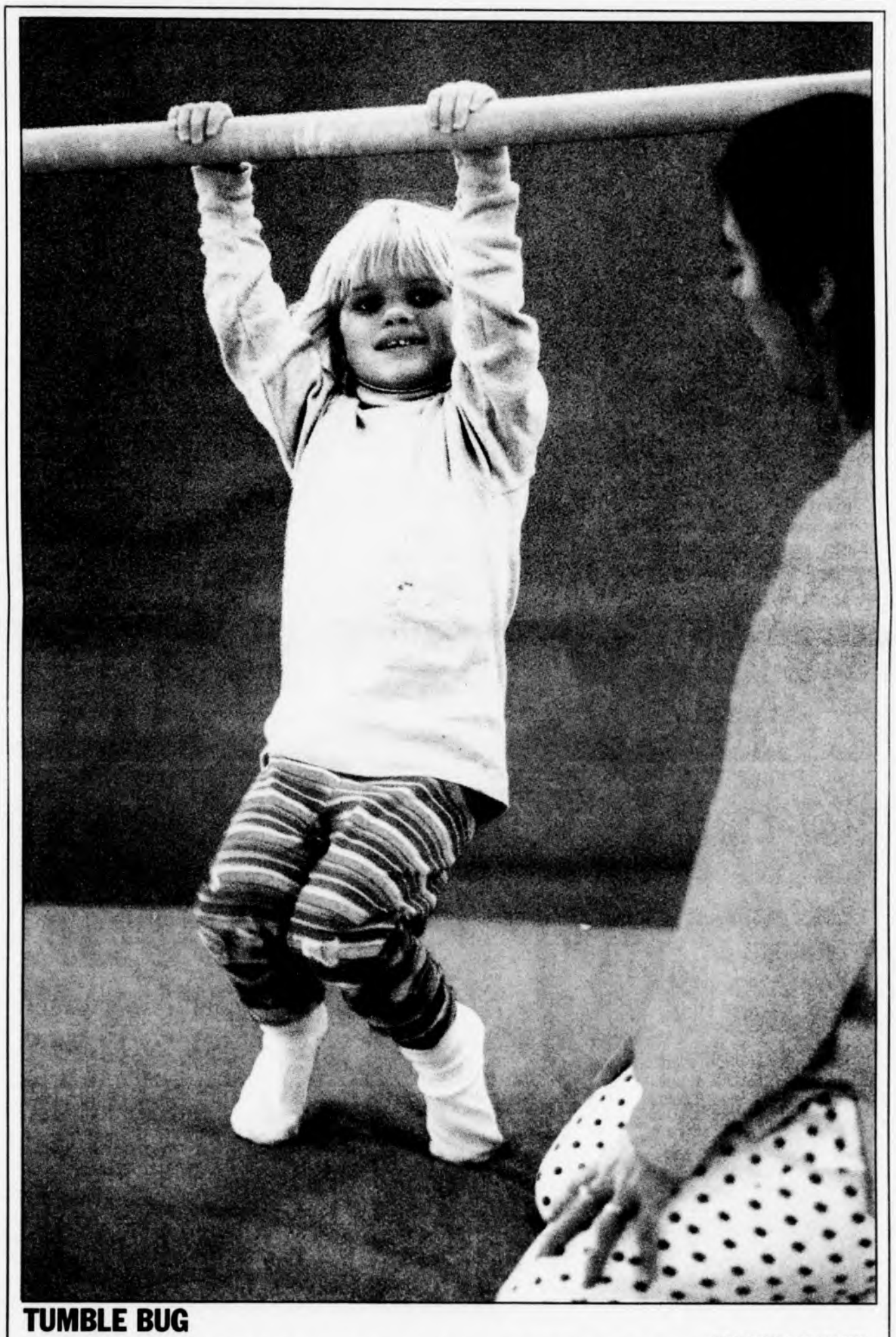
The move by the Brewsers was not entirely unexpected by board members, given the amount of opposition that has followed Corey's plans. What did surprise board Chairman Al Moore, however, was the nature of the appeal.

"He raised a very interesting point in his appeal," said Moore.

"It has a side lot set back, but now it also has a street set back which was created and not pre-existing," said Henderson. "Houses aren't supposed to be within 30 feet of a plot line or 50 feet of the street. The 30-foot situation was old but the 50 foot is new."

Robert and Harriette Hunter, who recently sold the Jerusalem Road home to the Brewers, had grown tired of the many changes that were

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TUMBLE BUG

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Hannah Newhall hangs from the high bar during the Tumble Bug program at the South Shore Community Center.

Selectmen set new tax rate

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

While the tax rate is going down, the amount of property tax homeowners pay is going up.

Selectmen set the tax rate for fiscal year 1999 at $14.95, down ten cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation from last year's rate of $15.05. The fiscal year began July 1.

If homes in town had stayed the same or had gone down in value, this would be good news for the property owner.

But assessors recently completed a town-wide revaluation of property with most values rising.

The average Cohasset home last year was assessed at $322,324 with a tax bill of $4850.97; this year that same home is assessed at $341,124 with a tax bill of $5,099.80, a jump of $248.83.

Assessor Cheryl Pooler said the new tax rate would be reflected in the third quarter tax bills which will be sent out next month. The amounts due on the first two quarters' bills were estimates, she said.

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Harbor walkway floated

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

For an estimated $2-$3 million, the village and harbor could be linked by a red brick sidewalk, bike paths and boardwalk along the water's edge, officials said.

The walkways are part of a study, which is paid for with a $5,000 state grant, completed this week by local architect Jim Shipsky to improve public access to the harbor.

The walkway would go from the Hagerty property to Government Island, then along Border Street to Veteran's Memorial park, and then a floated boardwalk would go behind Kimball's to Wheelwright Landing. The walkway would also continue along Elm Street to the village center.

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Register to vote

Any citizen of the United States, who is a Massachusetts resident and who will be 18 years old on or before a town meeting or election day, may register to vote. There is no waiting period to be eligible to register to vote. If you move, you may register to vote as soon as you move into your new home.

Registration is closed for a brief period before each town meeting and election to allow election officials time to prepare the voting lists. If you register during a "closed" period, you will be eligible to vote only in later town meetings or elections

The last day to register to vote for the Special Town Election Saturday, Dec. 5, is Saturday, Nov. 14. The Clerk's office will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mail-in registration forms are available from the Town Clerk's office, Cohasset Post Office and Paul Pratt Memorial Library and must be postmarked on or before Nov. 14.

Override election is Dec. 5

The town override election for the North Cohasset sewer project is slated for Dec. 5. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at town hall.

The ballot vote will determine how the $2.7 million needed to complete the project will be paid back. If the override passes, the cost will be divided between the users and all taxpayers. If it fails, the users will pay back 100 percent of the cost through betterments.

Building fee not waived

In a majority vote, selectmen decided not to waive the building permit fee estimated at $18,000 for construction of the new $1.8 million parish hall at St. Anthony's Church.

They also decided to change wording in their policy so it doesn't leave the door open for future requests. The old policy said the board shall not waive fees "as a matter of course" meaning that requests should come before them for discussion. They decided to strike that phrase and support the policy that all nonprofit organizations must pay the building permit fee.

Selectmen Merle Brown and Nan Roth wanted the fee waived and were opposed to the change in policy.

Volunteers sought to hang lights

Selectmen are seeking volunteers to hang Christmas lights on the fruit trees around the duck pond for the upcoming Jingle Bell Walk. The South Shore Community Center paid $700 last year to light the trees and has said installing the lights is too much of a financial strain for the center. The annual walk is slated for Nov. 27.

Town Manager Mark Haddad will also check with DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield to see if town employees could hang the lights.

Any volunteers should contact Haddad at 383-4105.

Liquor stores open Sundays

As permitted under state law, selectmen will again allow openings of package stores on from noon to 9 p.m. on Sundays from Nov. 22 through Dec. 27.

Call boxes, a hot item

Town Manager Mark Haddad said so far he has received about 105 requests for the town's 112, obsolete fire call boxes.

Selectmen decided this week to sell the boxes to those residents who wrote to Haddad for $50. Only one firebox will be allowed per family. Money generated from the sale will be deposited into a gift fund, they said.

Selectman Diane Sullivan did not support charging residents for the fireboxes.

Absentee ballots for Special Election

Absentee ballots for the Special Town Election Saturday, Dec. 5, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime Friday, Dec. 4. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls are open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs which prevent voting at the polls on election day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, by fax or hand-delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absent voter, sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand-deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Dec. 5 to be counted.

The Accu-Vote optical scan system will be used. Instruction to voters are printed on the ballot. To vote, completely fill in the OVAL to the right of your choice.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

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Mon. 16	9:14	9.9	2:56	9:39	9.4	3:26
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Men's breakfast club draws a crowd

New group forms to accommodate growing numbers



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Alwyn Merrill and Cliff Ward chat over breakfast at the weekly meeting of the Chanticleers at the Red Parrot in Hull.

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The Cohasset-based Chanticleers — that's French for "roosters," explained founder Alwyn Merrill — have something new to crow about. The 65-and-over men's group that has proven so popular among South Shore retirees is forming an offshoot, Chanticleers II, to accommodate male aging baby boomers who are coming along in years.

"I started the group 10 years ago," said Merrill. "I was 73 at the time and thought it might be nice to go to the Senior Center and take some of the guys out. So I spoke with Kathy Bryanton, who heads up the Council on Aging. She said, 'Really, the only problem we have at the Center is that the men won't get involved,' and she gave me the name and phone number of two men, 92- and 83-years-old."

Merrill drove the men out to Hull, which they hadn't seen in years because they could no longer get about by car on their own, and the three had a great time. So much so that the retired ophthalmologist had a vision — why not turn this visit into weekly jaunts?

The Chanticleers have since grown to include 46 members, with 25 to 30 men showing up weekly, on average. The men are drawn from all of the South Shore towns.

"I'd say it's a pretty wonderful group of retirees," said John Atkinson, an eight-year member. "It's something I look forward to every Wednesday morning. Just to get together with the guys for breakfast."

Newcomer Jack Golden, who has been with the group for less than a year, said that it's "the comradeship of the individuals" that proves to be the draw.

"What I like about it is that most of the fellows are retired folk from all walks of life, yet we have become a very homogenous group. Many of us used to see each other in the stores and might wave 'hi' or 'bye,' but now we know each other. You make friends — you have to become friends if you're sitting next to a guy every week," he said.

The popularity of the group has slimmed down their restaurant pickings. As they've grown in size, the restaurants large enough to accommodate them have been trimmed down from 27 to nine. Favorites include Kimballs By The Sea in Cohasset, the Red Parrot in Hull, The Hitching Post in Hanson and several country clubs.

"Our size is a little cumbersome," admitted Merrill. "But we still do what we've always done. We meet up at the Bancroft Street tennis courts near the Cohasset High School and then we all go to eat. We're always treated well by whatever restaurant we go to and I make sure to schedule our breakfast with them ahead of time."

"You should see the way we all meet up for the breakfast," laughed Golden. "Everyone just pairs off automatically. All of a sudden, you've got a whole bunch of cars and everyone starts going into other people's cars It's not planned. It just happens."

"We're on the elderly side, we're retired and we don't know anybody because all our lives, we've worked and spent our spare time with our families. But now, when we go to the shopping center, we run into buddies there."

— ALWYN MERRILL

The group is successful in a way that the senior centers have not been for older men. Why it is that men have traditionally steered clear of the centers is difficult to say.

"You do seem to see mostly ladies in senior centers" admitted Ed Gledhill, editor of the Worcester-based Senior Times, an award-winning publication for senior citizens. "There are plenty of senior centers around, but I know that retired men's clubs are growing in popularity. It could be a growing trend."

Area demographics released by South Shore Elder Services, Inc., show that the total population of people aged 60 or over comprises, on average, 19 percent in South Shore towns. Roughly 30 percent of that number are over 75 years in age.

Indeed, the Cohasset Council of Elder Affairs reports that as of 1996, the over 60 population of 1594 in Cohasset is comprised of 931 women and 663 men.

That comes as no surprise to Scituate Council on Aging chairman Ed McCann, "The fastest growing population segment is 80 years and older. I'm not saying it's the largest, but the fastest growing. There are some demographic numbers that say by the year 2020, 70 percent of the population will be over age 60. We're at a point where we have to start viewing our older years as part of a lifelong learning process."

McCann, who served as Cohasset's interim town manager two years ago, jokingly chalks up the scarcity of men in senior centers "to subconscious machismo."

"Going out with the guys just feels different than going to a senior center," he said. "We have a group here that's similar to the Chanticleers. It's called the men's 8:59 club. They also meet up in a restaurant for breakfast, but they follow it up with some type of program that ranges in anything from an individual speaker to a group."

The program is one of the most successful at the Council, according to McCann. It generates anywhere from 40 to 60 attendees. With some people taking early retirement and a good number of the seniors living longer and in better health due to medical advances, they're looking for enrichment programs.

"For men to have been so active over the years and to come home, retire and sit in a rocking chair is the worst thing they can do," said McCann. "Some people are content with a hobby, but it's great to be able to go out with buddies and pick or choose an interest through a program. It works well for everyone. Spouses can come home, happy with their experience, and they have something to talk about with each other, as well."

And talk is what the men's groups seem to enjoy doing most.

"The jokes bounce around but we also talk to each other privately," said Golden. "You end up talking and everyone gets involved. One member happened to mention a legal problem to a member who turned out to be a lawyer. We have doctors who have been extremely beneficial to some of the guys, explaining what to expect with surgical procedures. We have professors who we learn something new from all the time. We also have the 'Funny Hour' where someone gets up and tells some jokes—nothing too vulgar."

"We get a little on the loud side," admitted Merrill, about the cacophony of men's voices that join together at mealtime once a week. "Well, it's loud until the food comes," he clarified.

Announcements are made by a clinking on glass which is enough to quiet the men.

"We don't hold elections and that's mostly because people volunteer their services," said Merrill. "When the treasurer gets tired, it's over and a new volunteer steps in."

Volunteers also show up to drive a house-bound member to the weekly breakfast, visit an ailing member in the hospital or provide support when needed.

"I think there is a feeling among men that seniors centers are about knitting classes for women. These groups are more attractive to them and give them a social circle that most of them used to have through work."

— NASREEN SHIBLI, S.S. ELDER SERVICES

"I think the breakfast club is an excellent idea," said South Shore Elder Affairs Director of Planning, Nasreen Shibli. "I think there is a feeling among men that seniors centers are about knitting classes for women. These groups are more attractive to them and give them a social circle that most of them used to have through work."

Because the Chanticleers have so many interests, the group has formed sub-clubs that meet for bridge, supper, sailing, an overnight foliage visit to Vermont and a mid-winter visit to the Cape that included swimming in the hotel's heated pool and walking on the beach.

The success of the group has drawn about four new members each year, according to Merrill's calculations. With so many members already joined, the time seemed right to start a new club.

"There are lots of baby boomers coming along in years and I'm sure that they will be building up their group just like we did," he predicted. "We just have a wonderful time. Many of the men have belonged to groups before, like Kiwanis. But in this group, there's a friendship that develops.

"We're on the elderly side, we're retired and we don't know anybody because all our lives, we've worked and spent our spare time with our families. But now, when we go to the shopping center, we run into buddies there."

Member Joe Willard, who records many of the group's activities on computer, keeps an updated of members' names with hobbies listed alongside. For the Chanticleers, a fishing partner, bowling "team," or tennis buddy is only a phone call away.

"We come from a different era," explained Merrill, about the Chanticleers' ability to get on so well with one another. "We grew up in a time where we trusted one another. We settled on a handshake and didn't need lawyers. We still work within that world."

Modernism can creep in though. "Sure, we've had some women who have joked about women's liberation and how they're going to storm our men-only club," he laughed. "But it's a guy's club and the women are just kidding with us. Really, it would be great for them to create something like this for themselves, too."

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Chamber eyes old teen center

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lice department.

But the society said it has enough to manage, Rizzo said.

He said the chamber would work with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce to renovate the building into useable space by redoing the top floor and refurbishing the downstairs to include a public restroom.

Selectman Diane Sullivan was skeptical that tenants would want to lease space in building that doubled as a public restroom.

Selectman Nan Roth said razing the building wasn't an option because it might leave a "hole." The building is nestled in the ledge below St. Stephen's Church on South Main Street.

Dean Rizzo said the chamber would work with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce to renovate the building into useable space by redoing the top floor and refurbishing the downstairs to include a public restroom.

If selectmen do opt to sell the building, they would issue a request for proposal. They may do that anyway to see what the building might bring and to give the chamber an idea of its value. Nevertheless, disposal of the building would need town meeting approval.

In the meantime, they directed Haddad to work with the building inspector and fire and police chiefs to see what needs to be done to mothball the building.

The teen center has moved over to the "Garage," which was formerly the DPW garage, in the town parking lot.

Selectmen set new tax rate

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Selectmen agreed with the board of assessors to keep a single tax rate in Cohasset so residential and commercial property is taxed at the same rate.

Assessors Chairman Jim Laggrotteria explained that out of 352 towns in the commonwealth, about 1/3 have a split tax rate which taxes commercial and industrial property at a higher rate than residential. Towns with a split tax rate have more than 25 percent of their property as industrial and commercial. Cohasset is 93 percent residential.

Therefore, Laggrotteria said it would be unfair to shift more of the tax burden to the town's small business community. He pointed out that while a split rate means only a few dollars of savings to the homeowner, it can add up to big money for the business owner. With a tax rate shift of 21 cents off the residential rate, for example, $3 is added to the commercial rate. Under that scenario, the owner of a home assessed at $350,000 would pay $5,159 in taxes this year (savings of about $73) but the owner of a business of the same value would pay $6,121 (an increase of about $890). Under the single tax rate, which has been used continually in town, both pay the same.

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Report says CHL is contaminating watershed

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill may be contaminating surrounding wetlands with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and lead, according to a report by Norfolk Environmental, an industrial and hazardous waste consultant. Norfolk Environmental prepared the report for the water commission even as the town is negotiating with the owners of CHL to close the private landfill. The report was commissioned to help water commissioners and town negotiators design a closure plan for CHL that addresses all current and future environmental problems caused by the landfill.

The water commission will meet on Nov. 16 in the high school auditorium to discuss the results of the study. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting and participate in a question-and-answer session with representatives from Norfolk Environmental. The meeting comes just two days before the scheduled opening of board of health site assignment hearings for CHL. The CHL sub-committee continues to meet in closed door negotiations to try and hammer out an agreement that will close the landfill and settle all outstanding environmental and legal issues. There are still five unresolved lawsuits between the town and CHL in various courts.

Norfolk Environmental examined data compiled over many years about environmental conditions at the landfill. Previously, the massive environmental data related to the landfill had not been examined as a whole to identify possible trends, patterns, oversights and areas for further analysis. Also, members of the health board and other town board have stated in the past that CHL's monitoring wells may not be sufficient for determining the amount of contamination coming from the landfill.

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The conclusions of the report will be used to identify the effects the landfill is having on the Lily Pond watershed, the town's water drinking supply. Information from the report will also help officials describe the kinds of contamination coming from the landfill, and to recommend ways of dealing with that pollution through a closure and post-closure plan for CHL.

The report identifies the historical presence of VOCs that exceed state approved levels at monitoring wells in Whitney Woods, which is between CHL and Lily Pond. Norfolk Environmental also confirmed the existence of bedrock fractures with the potential to carry contaminants from CHL to Brass Kettle Brook, which is a tributary of Lily Pond. One of the more troubling aspects of the report comes from the presence of elevated levels of lead in water from Brass Kettle Brook and another tributary stream. The report says analysis of the data suggests the lead is coming from the landfill.

"The study found a water-bearing bedrock fracture that could be draining contaminants from CHL toward Lily Pond," said water commissioner John K. McNabb Jr. "They have also found evidence that contaminants have in fact been migrating toward Lily Pond through surface water drainage as well. The study also questions many of the assumptions that have been made about the ground water flows from CHL."

Based on the conclusions of the study, CHL should install new monitoring wells in more locations so the town can better assess the effects of the landfill on the watershed.

"CHL should be required to install new monitoring wells to identify contamination from the landfill that could have been detected years ago, if we had been looking in the right place," McNabb said. "One reason why no one has documented the migration of pollution from CHL draining to Lily Pond is that we've been looking in the wrong place for it."

McNabb urged residents to attend the meeting and participate in the question-and-answer period with Norfolk Environmental.

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Jerusalem Road subdivision faces another hurdle

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suggested by Corey.

"We couldn't stand it anymore and so we sold our home of 15 years," said Harriette Hunter. "One week there was a roadway under consideration that would have come up to our kitchen and the next, we were faced with the possibility of a moat. We didn't feel that the town was looking after the people who lived there."

Apparently, the Brewer's home was too close to the lot line to begin with, but that was a pre-existing non-conforming situation. But the board's approval of Corey's plans inadvertently created a front yard where the Brewer's had a side yard, creating a non-conforming situation with the home too close to the street..

Some say the greatest challenge facing Corey is that the sewer commission is unlikely to grant the developer permission for a tie-in to town sewer. The sewer commission maintains that it has already reached its limit on the amount of permitted waste they can send to the Hull treatment plant from North Cohasset.

"We have a contract with Hull for 85,000 gallons per day of treatment capacity and if we exceed that, the town is subject to certain penalties," explained sewer commission chairman Ted Guild. "Therefore, we cannot tie in more than we've already committed to with Hull and that's the reason we can't tie in Jerusalem Road Estates."

The proposed subdivision needs the hook-up because many of its acres are on wetlands and ledge, with not enough land fit for on-site septic systems. The only option left for the subdivision's houses would be sewer hook-up, but the sewer commission's policy is to first service pre-existing homes.

According to Guild, many of these homes wouldn't have been built by today's stricter codes.

"The sewer is the biggie," said Moore. "The sewer commission is taking a very hard stand that there just isn't any more room at the inn. Some may think it sounds unreasonable at first. but it does make sense to fix what's bad before we create more things that will need fixing."

Corey is also expected to go before the conservation commission at some point. At issue is whether a stream called Rattlesnake Run — running through the property — is a perennial stream and therefore protected under the state's Rivers Protection Act.

"Rattlesnake Run qualifies for protection from building within 200 feet under the River Protection Act because it's found on a USGS Topographical Map as a 'blue line,' which indicates that it's a perennial stream," explained conservation commission Chairman Jeff Waal. "If a person wants to challenge that, he has to prove the stream was dry during a non-drought season."

Waal maintains that the 200 feet protected under the Act will not cut much into Corey's 55-acre site. "It will probably be a different layout than what he had planned on, though," said Waal..

Moore expects that the appeal will cause a significant delay for Corey.

"This appeal can go on for a long time," he said. "There is nothing urgent about it. Very often, the technique can be used as a delaying action. Sometimes if someone is trying to get something done under the gun, you can shut them down."

Harbor walkway plan is floated

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The same red "pavers" would be used on the sidewalks along the route as the ones slated for the reworked village sidewalks.

"This (consistent color scheme) would communicate to people that this is a public walkway," Shipsky said.

The plan is part of an ongoing effort by the Village Revitalization Task Force to find ways to enhance the village and harbor area.

Under Shipsky's plan bike paths would also be created on both sides of Border Street and Elm Street. He explained that along Border Street, the boardwalk would be on the other side of the sea wall, so the parking depth along could be increased. Currently the sidewalk along Border Street is delineated with a painted white line and cars usually park over most of the walkway.

The walkways and boardwalks would also include landscaping and "nodes" where "something special happens," Shipsky said. For example, benches could be placed in the node by the waterfall at the Border Street Bridge where the public would watch kayakers.

Selectman Tom Callahan said while interesting, the project was "prohibitively expensive" and therefore, had little chance of success.

Task force chairman Dean Rizzo said the group didn't want to be restricted in its vision by cost.

"There are grants available and we can slowly implement this."

— Dean Rizzo, task force chairman

"There are grants available and we can slowly implement this," he said.

Rizzo said the task force planned to apply for another $5K grant from the state Dept. of Environmental Management to see how the project could be broken out into phases and what agencies would have to be dealt with.

"We need to find out all the parameters," he said.

Callahan was not persuaded.

"I think this is unattainable," he said. "It's too expensive. I don't want to see you waste energy on something that is not achievable."

But Selectman Nan Roth said it is critical that the task force moves to the next stage.

"We should go for the next grant so at least we have the information and know the sources of funding," she said.

On a lighter note, Shipsky pointed out there are 152 signs in the village-harbor area. Part of the study was to look at signage. He described the proliferation of signs as a "bewildering array of messages."

Selectman Diane Sullivan suggested the traffic committee look at the signs to see which are necessary.

"They'd only put more up," cracked Bob Davenport, a regular at selectmen's meetings.

Callahan joked that maybe one sign at the entrance to town which "tells you everything" is the answer.

Shipsky's model of the boardwalk/walkway plan is on display at the building commissioner's office at town hall.

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Biggest worry: Not being able to cover my mortgage payment (Dan & Mark).

Favorite holiday: None — too commercial (Dan); Christmas because that's when most of the family gets together (Mark).

Favorite season: Summer (Dan); Fall (Mark).

Favorite TV show: "Homicide" (Dan); "Cheers" & "ER" (Mark).

Favorite book: Anything by Steven King (Dan); "Don Quixote" (Mark).

Favorite movie: "Silence of the Lambs" (Dan); "Godfather" (Mark).

Favorite junk food: Chinese food (Dan); Peanut M&Ms (Mark).

Dumbest thing you've ever done: Filling out these questions (Dan); Cannot be published in a family paper (Mark).

Person you'd most like to meet: President Clinton (Dan); Donald Trump (Mark).

Pet peeve: Lazy people (Dan); stubborn & ignorant people (Mark).

Common Historic District Commission

Selectmen made the following appointments to the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission: Richard E. Horn, 61 Highland Ave., from alternate to full member, term to expire in 2000; Marian C. Atkinson, 59 Highland Ave., resident of the district, term to expire in 2001; David Buick, 3 Highland Ave., district resident, term to expire in 2000; Mary Jane Larson, 55 N. Main St., district resident, term to expire in 2000; Jacqueline B. Clark, 23 Highland Ave., licensed Realtor, term to expire in 2000; Garry W. Gardner, architect, 90 Beechwood St., term to expire in 2001; Mary C. Hartshorne, historical society representative, term to expire in 2001; Gail Parks 19 Highland Ave., alternate, term to expire in 2000; and Alex Adkins, 33 Black Horse Road, term to expire in 2001.

Fire overtime is topic at board meeting

Selectman Diane Sullivan commented on the overtime budget for the fire department at selectmen's Oct. 20 meeting. At that time, she noted there was $33,000 remaining out of $118,000.

Town Manager Mark Haddad explained that seven firefighters were out on injuries this summer and all are back but one. He went on to say there is a vacancy on the fire department and that Civil Service sent the list out too late for the candidates to be interviewed, so a new certification list had to be requested.

Roy Fitzsimmons, 116 Doane St., also questioned the overtime because there is no minimum manning at the fire department. Haddad said it is the policy of the fire chief to keep four firefighters on shift at all times for safety reasons.

The Oct. 26 Special Town Meeting added $40,000 to the fire department overtime account which as of Nov. 2, had a balance of $58,596.

This week, Haddad reported that a firefighter currently on sick leave is due back this month. He also said interviews are being scheduled to fill the firefighter vacancy.

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FIFTH CHS REUNION

The Class of 1993 is holding their fifth reunion in a few weeks, Nov. 27, to be exact. It will be held from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the Cohasset Lightkeepers House. **Karyn Murray** is the gal in charge — if she hasn't been able to locate you, give her a call at (617) 782-6373. A grand evening is planned, don't miss it! There have been lots of reunions from the various classes of CHS recently, just ask anyone who has attended, how much fun they really are!

NEW GRANDPARENTS

Have you seen that dream-like, far away look that **Vee** and **Arthur Roebuck** have been donning recently? Yep, you guessed it, they are proud new grandparents! Their daughter, **Amy**, and her husband, **Andrew**, became parents of a little girl, **Alexandra Roebuck Jones**. The big event took place Oct. 26 in San Diego, Calif. Alexandra's Dad just made the big event, he was on his way from the Gulf (where he was stationed), and when the ship docked in Australia, he was flown home! Vee was able to go to San Diego to meet and squeeze Alexandra (and ,of course, fall madly in love at the same time) — you can bet that she and Arthur will be finding a way to see her again real soon! It's amazing what grandparents will do to find a way to see their precious bundles, even busy couples like Vee and Arthur! Congrats to all of you!

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This Saturday, Nov. 14, from 3 to 8 p.m., there will be a charity Art Auction to benefit the Commonwealth Cares Humane Society. Between 3 and 5 p.m. there will be a viewing, complete with refreshments and cocktails; the actual auction starts at 5 p.m. There is a suggested $5 admission fee (which your name will go into a door prize award for). To name but a few of the artists who have donated their work for this worthy cause: **JoAnn Chittick, Jeanne Repogle, Rose Farbush, Nancy Connelly, Ellen Morin, Marylou Clark, Columbia Pierson** ... the list goes on! There will also be an Arts and Crafts section, where you can purchase such finery as a hand-knitted sweater from Norway, jewelry, etc. Paul Kukstis will be the auctioneer. Everyone is urged to attend, call **Sharon** at 749-6945 for more information.

BORDER PATROL OFFICER

Cohasset native **Jed Terry** graduated from the Border Patrol Training Academy in Charleston, S.C., after completing a 20-week course that included Spanish, immigration law, firearms, tactics and rough-terrain driving. Terry, 24, has been assigned to the San Diego, Calif., Border Patrol Sector. A 1992 graduate of Cohasset High School, Jed is the son of **David** and **Suzanne Terry**. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Northeastern University in 1998. "The challenge, the action and the pride led him to choose the Border Patrol," Terry said. He advised anyone interested in joining the Border Patrol to keep a positive attitude and never quit! We are hoping to hear more from Jed about his chosen field as time goes by!

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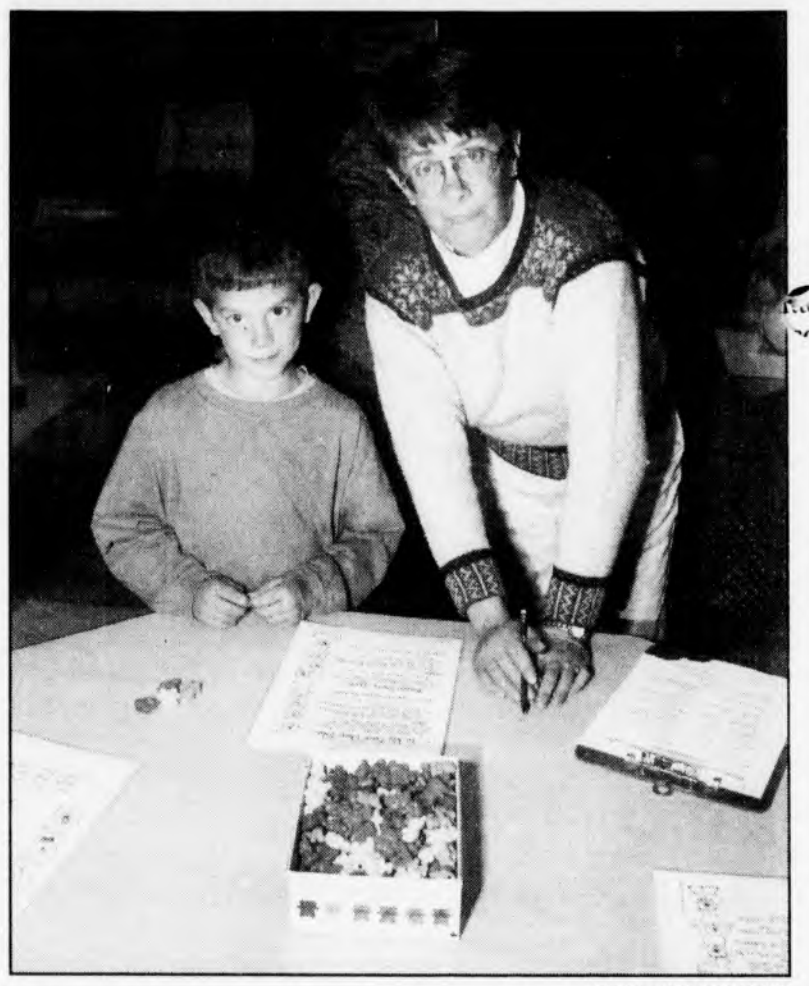
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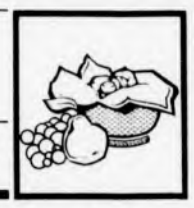


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SALLYANN CHATTERTON

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GARLIC PIPERADE SOUP

20 garlic cloves
2 cups sliced onions
1 cup sliced peppers
3 tablespoons oil
3 cups peeled, seeded and sliced ripe tomatoes
2 cups beef broth
3 to 4 slices crustless dark bread
salt and freshly ground pepper
grated cheese (optional)

Blanch the garlic in boiling water for 30 seconds, run under cold water and drain. Cook the onions and peppers in the oil for about 10 minutes, until wilted and golden. Add the garlic and tomatoes. Cover the pan and cook over low heat for 30 minutes. Pour in the broth and heat to the boiling point. Break bread into large pieces and add to the soup. It will disintegrate and thicken the soup; adjust the amount of bread to the thickness you desire. Add more broth if necessary. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve with grated cheese if you wish. This recipe yields 3 to 4 servings, and a triple batch makes approximately 4-1/2 quarts.

CHOCOLATE CARAMEL COOKIES

1 cup butter (no substitutes), softened
1 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar, divided
1 cup packed brown sugar
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup baking cocoa
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup chopped pecans, divided
1 package (13 ounces) ROLO candies

In a mixing bowl, cream butter, 1 cup sugar and brown sugar. Add eggs and vanilla; mix well. Combing flour; cocoa and baking soda; add to the creamed mixture and beat until combined. Stir in 1/2 cup pecans. Shape dough by tablespoons around each candy. In a small bowl, combine remaining pecans and sugar; dip each cookie halfway. Place with nut side up on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375 for 7 to 10 minutes or until top is slightly cracked. Cool for three minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely. Yield: about 5 dozen.

LIBRARY CORNER



Trustees say thanks

The Board of Trustees, the staff and the Friends of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library would like to thank all Cohasset voters for their support to move the library to the old Osgood School. We are honored for the opportunity to utilize and maximize a valued town building to its greatest potential. Thank you for your continued support.

Library reception for new director

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Library invite the residents of Cohasset to a reception to welcome our new Library Director, Janet Husband, Sunday, Nov. 15, from 5-7 p.m. at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. This is an invitation for all residents of the town of Cohasset to meet and greet Mrs. Husband in her new role as Library Director.

Book gift fund established

Selectmen established "The Town History Committee Book Fund," so that donations to Town History Committee, which oversees the compiling of the third volume of the town's history, will be tax deductible.

Cohasset Arts Booster Club seeking community support

The Cohasset Arts Boosters have been helping the students of the arts at Cohasset High School since 1985. It's an organization of parents and friends of the arts who want to see that students have the support in two very important ways. First, of course, is financial. A fund raising letter has been sent this week to all the parents with students at the high school asking for a donation. This money will be used to pay for such expenses as membership fees for the state drama festival, art and photography supplies for special projects which are not provided in the school budget, the publication of the student Literary and Arts Magazine, "Whispers and Shadows," and two scholarships to graduating seniors and one undergraduate study award. The club has been fortunate to be one of the recipients of a grant from the South Shore Music Circus which helps a great deal in funding some of the above projects.

The second way the club provides support is through planning and hosting several events during the year which provide a venue for their talented singers, musicians and artists to perform in front of an audience. The Cabaret will be held in January and the Pops Night will be in May. If you would like to help with one of these events, please call Donna O'Donnell, Arts Boosters President at 383-6113.

If arts education is something that you feel is important and would like to show your support by making a donation, you may send your tax deductible donation, payable to Cohasset Arts Boosters Club, to: Mrs. Kathy Gray, Treasurer, 40B Nichols Rd., Cohasset 02025.

Ambulance billing update

The fire department billed for 37 ambulance transports last month for a total of $13,795.50. So far this fiscal year, which started July 1, the town has collected $48,402.98 out of a possible $56,994.87 in ambulance bills.

Collections can apply to prior year bills and it can take from two months to two years to collect on some of the cases, according to Jane Henderson, billing clerk.

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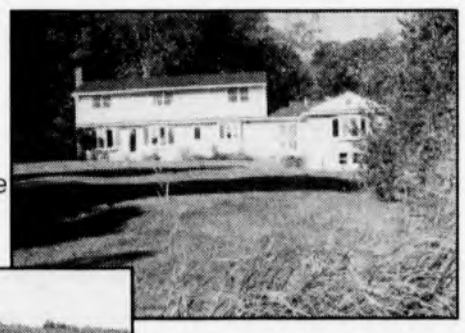
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Rules of the road

If you have been within 100 yards of a teenager on the verge of receiving a drivers' license this year, you know the recent change in the regulations is topic number 1.

Last week, on Nov. 4, the new Junior Operator Law took effect, putting tighter limits on what a teenager has to do to receive a learner's permit or a junior operator license (you must be at least 16-1/2 years old, in the latter case).

For those among us who learned to drive Dad's old standard-transmission Chevy on some back-country road, or who spent countless hours making three-point turns in the high school parking lot with Mom in the passenger's seat, the new requirements are a major change. For today's teenagers, they represent one of those annoying, but necessary, rites of passage toward adulthood.

We know things are tough for teen drivers today but, with more and larger vehicles on the road than ever before, we're glad the regulation bumps are higher, too. They are one way to slow teens down and keep them safe as they drive up the steep learning curve toward experience.

But consider this: Shouldn't the regulations also serve to raise awareness about the needs of adult drivers, which can change with changing times. Many of us received our licenses before the advent of air bags and before two out of three vehicles on the road became four-wheel-drive behemoths that could crush a sedan in what might have been just a fender-bender in the past. All the focus these days on competency testing — of students, teachers and other professions — makes us wonder if Massachusetts should consider having all adult drivers take the written and driving tests again, after, say 10 years on the road. After all, can you honestly remember how many feet away from a fire you are supposed to park? How many feet should you allow for passing another car? How many feet should you allow behind a fire engine? And who has the right of way on a Massachusetts rotary?

No amount of "book learning" can replace actual time behind the wheel. But that time behind the wheel does not guarantee a competent or knowledgeable driver. The idea of tightening up the rules for young people is to give them as much of that experience as possible, with proper training and supervision, before sending them off on their own. The idea for periodic competency testing is to keep adults from driving with cruise control rather than up-to-date information and good judgment.

We recommend the state consider a periodic drivers test -every 10 years for drivers without any significant violations and more frequently for chronic violators. Every one of us has a vested interest in knowing that teen drivers are held to high standards before they can take the family wagon out alone. And every one of us has an interest in having all drivers achieving a basic level of competence behind the wheel and a basic knowledge of rules of the road and driving etiquette.

Editor's note: If you're puzzling over the above questions: Park at least 800 feet from a fire; leave at least 400 feet to pass another vehicle; and allow at least 300 feet behind a fire engine. And the car already in the rotary has the right of way.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Library not answer for Historical Society

TO THE EDITOR:

This time I cannot agree with Joe McElroy. The people of Cohasset would be ill served if the Historical Society bought Paul Pratt Memorial Library. The Society should put its limited resources toward programs, exhibits, staff and efficient climate-controlled storage space for archives and collections. A fancy Palladian building with 20-foot ceilings, costly maintenance and limited parking for a building that size does not answer the needs.

Thinking positively, if the library building were marketed as a single family home with classical columned facade, on high ground overlooking protected wetland, convenient to village, it could bring the town top dollar.

The possibilities are glorious: View through to the marsh from the entrance rotunda, fine drawing room to the left, elegant dining room on the right with fireplace and breakfast nook. The '50s addition provides ample space for a master suite above and additional bedrooms below. A media/fitness center fits comfortably in the "children's section." Kitchen above and garage below extending the '50s addition complete the splendid picture.

Any takers?

Mary C. Hartshorne
Past President
Cohasset Historical Society

NDA community grateful for support

TO THE EDITOR:

The girls at Notre Dame Academy have a favorite song that begins "We are one body, one body in Christ and we do not stand alone." it has been sung in joy and now in grief. The truth of the words, however, remains the same. Community, grounded in the good God, is foundational to our educational institution. The recent tragedy that touched the lives of the Darling, Clancy and Courtney families and the family of Notre Dame reminded us all of what a community means.

We are grateful for the cards, faxes and e-mail messages that have come from parents, alumnae, friends and strangers all over the world. These words were displayed in our foyer and have brought comfort to our students and staff. We are grateful for the flowers, candy and food that gave us emotional and physical strength. We are grateful too, for your visits and presence with us during these difficult days.

We particularly want to thanks Sister Ann Dominic and the Catholic School Office for their concern, support and presence at the memorial service and the wakes; the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Boston for their cards, flowers, offers of assistance, contributions to the scholarship funds and their presence at the memorial service and the funerals; the clergy from the local parishes who came to NDA as soon as they heard of the accident to assist with the acre of our students and staff; the Pembroke and Hingham police departments for their attention to our girls and assistance with security; Bertucci's, D'Angelo's, Dunkin Donuts and parents who provided food for our staff and counselors, the media (TV, radio and newspaper reporters) who respected out initial need for privacy and who treated our girls with compassion; NDA alumnae who sent cards and flowers, contributed to the scholarship funds, or came to NDA to assist in the office or share their own experience with the girls.

These days have been difficult but they have also been encouraging because we have seen how strong and grounded in faith our young women are. We have seen how much they love one another. We have been reminded once again that life is precious and fragile and that each day is a gift. No kind gesture is too small, no compassionate word goes unheard. Colleen, Erin and Allison have reminded us how important an individual life is and how much each of us can change the world.

As we draw near to the Thanksgiving season, we carry all of you to the heart of our good God. May God give you and your family abundant blessings.

Gratefully,
Sister Barbara A. Barry, SND
Principal
(writing for the NDA community)

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Election '98 wrapup

No regrets

Both sides learn lessons in state rep. campaign

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Democrat Garrett Bradley has no regrets about his unsuccessful campaign to unseat longtime state representative Mary Jeanette Murray.

"What I'm most proud of is doing it right," the Hingham resident Bradley said of his failed election bid against the Cohasset Republican.

"Obviously, you want to win," he continued. "But it's also about how you play the game. How we ran this campaign was as important as the outcome. Mary Jeanette and I were able to outline our differences in a respectful and cordial manner. That's why we have campaigns; to say we don't agree and then let the voters decide."

Less than 24 hours after his concession to Murray, Bradley and supporters were out thanking voters for their support, manning a spot on Route 3A, hoisting placards saying "thank you" to voters.

Many have attributed Murray's 22-year career as a state representative to her constituent service and lifetime in politics. Bradley recognizes that was a formidable obstacle to overcome.

"A lot of people who are candidates get discouraged by the process but I loved being part of it," said Bradley. "The support was tremendous throughout the campaign and 7,000 people came out to vote for us."

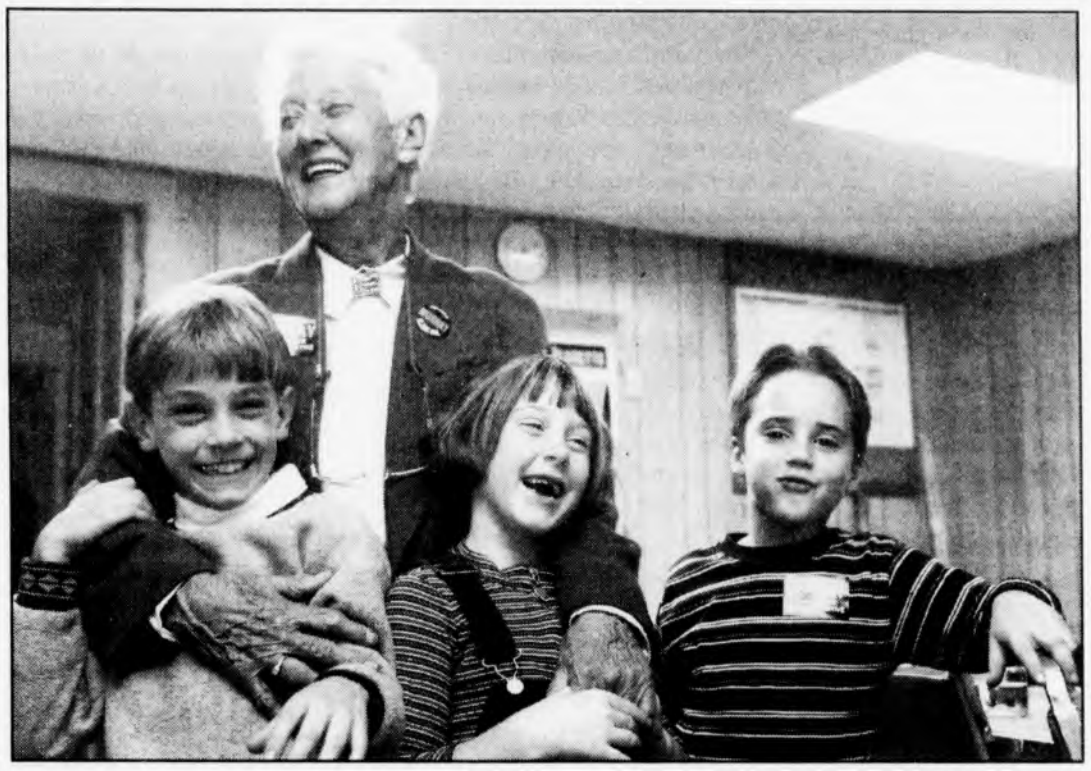
It has been a long fight for Bradley, beginning with his primary win against Josh Cutler and Walter Murray. "I think both of those guys did a great job and I think the experience was helpful to me," said Bradley.

Despite a promising campaign and strong local support, Bradley lost Hingham to Murray in a 4,211 to 3,853 vote count. "I knew it was over when I lost Hingham," said Bradley. "I called at that point to congratulate Mary Jeanette on a her campaign and on her win."

It is not entirely surprising that Murray won the election, given that voters are less likely to unseat an incumbent and especially not one with a loyal following.

"I think that everyone recognized that Mary Jeanette Murray has done a wonderful job," said Murray campaign organizer Don Hussey. "She's put in over 20 years of constituent service, and we asked people to take that into consideration; to come out and vote for her."

Bradley campaign manager Margy Charles stated that "I think that Garrett's excellent campaigning kind of fired up Mary Jeanette to get all the seniors out."



STAFF PHOTO/DOUG MCFADD

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray celebrates her victory with her grandchildren Max Murray and Jennifer and Ben Curley at Murray campaign headquarters at the Sons of Italy in Hingham.

State Republican committee vice chairman Polly Logan of Cohasset agrees there was a loyalty factor at play in the Murray win.

"Her support was based on loyalty for all the things that Mary Jeanette has done for this district," she said. "That's what inspired such a large turnout. She's done such an outstanding job for the leadership. I think she did a lot of things that people don't even know she's done. She's well-liked at the state house and manages to put things through."

Murray, who served in the House of Representatives through 12 consecutive elections, has faced little to no opposition in the last decade and was in a tough fight this time.

"I'd never raised money for elections because I didn't have opposition, so when Bradley announced at the very beginning that he'd already raised $27,000, it was like, where did he get it?" recalled Murray.

Eventually, Bradley had $90,000 in financial backing for his campaign which made possible the type of advertising that won praise from Hussey.

"I think Bradley really did a tremendous job, right down to the generator with a bank of lights to illuminate signs," he said. "He planned down to details."

Campaigning at work

Murray was not without her own campaign strategies. During the last two days of the election, and seemingly overnight, Murray campaign signs blossomed on the front lawns of a good number of Hingham, Hull and Cohasset homes. In the past, Murray has avoided signs out of fear that it might offend some people.

"We also had done a lot of sign holding," said Murray supporter Jack Linsky. "Toward the end, we used the editorial endorsement from the Hingham Journal. We highlighted the key points and handed it out at the dump and also mailed it out. We thought that was fair enough, since the opposition had handed out a Hull piece that was not in support of Mary Jeanette."

Perhaps the most flamboyant bit of advertising in the Murray campaign was Nancy O'Toole's old-time election caravan, replete with banners, flags and music.

Aside from his lit signs, Bradley had an impressive collection of worn-down pairs of shoes; tangible proof that he covered the Third Plymouth District territory, literally.

"I knocked on 12,051 doors, talked to 13,430 people by phone and feel proud about the campaign," said Bradley. "I found that people really want to talk about the issues. I was struck by how much they knew about them and by how willing they were to come out on their doorsteps to discuss them with me."

Still, Hussey would have advised Bradley to pay attention to another voter detail that he learned himself through experience in his 1990 senatorial bid for election.

"I have some campaign software that's been developed over the last 10 years," said Hussey. "I can do demographics, geographics, phone data and I can break a campaign down piece by piece. We used that to focus on the unenrolled and Republican voters, as well as the Democrats that Mary Jeanette had done some constituent work for."

Hussey knows from which he speaks, having done exactly what Bradley did nearly 10 years ago.

"I ran for state senate back in 1990 and did pretty much what Garrett did," he explained. "I sold my business to raise dollars for the election. I felt you only live once and should try to make a difference. So I did the walking from

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STAFF PHOTO/DOUG MCFADD

Garrett Bradley and his wife, Heather, wave to voters outside the polls last week at the Hingham Middle School.

Rewriting yesterday in today's terms

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TOM HENSHAW



I see that science has beaten the tabloids to yet another sex scandal in the White House.

DNA tests on their descendants appear to prove that President Tom Jefferson had more than the Louisiana Purchase in mind when he was with his slave girl, Sally Hemmings.

Proof of the liaison turned out to be Eston Hemmings, 6-foot-1 inches tall and a violinist of some skill like his father, who freed him along with the rest of his slaves when he died in 1825.

Unfortunately, the fact that our third president has been dead for 173 years must come as a bummer to Ken Starr and his $400-a-day consultants, who have just about run out of clues in their investigation of the 41st.

The DNA tests were made by Eugene Foster, a retired University of Virginia professor, who matched the DNA from descendants of Tom and Eston and found that they were the same within 1 per cent of error.

Unfortunately, the fact that our third president has been dead for 173 years must come as a bummer to Ken Starr and his $400-a-day consultants, who have just about run out of clues in their investigation of the 41st.

It's getting to be a lucrative cottage industry, this business of rewriting of history according to the standards of today using the sciences of today.

Not too long ago they dug up the body Zachary Taylor, the 12th president, to see if he really died from eating a bowl of spoiled cherries on a hot day or if he was poisoned. He wasn't.

Even as we speak, the Vatican has a panel of scholars examining the Inquisition to see if the Pope should apologize for those long ago times when Catholic "thought police" tried, tortured and killed thousands of heretics.

"The Church cannot cross the threshold of the new millennium without pressing its children to purify themselves in repentance for their errors," said Roger Cardinal Etchegaray. Even those hundreds of years old.

Now if the English would only apologize to the Irish for hundreds of years of persecution, and the Turks beg forgiveness for the massacre of those Armenians, and the Bolsheviks for their shabby treatment of the Romanovs.

Then maybe the descendants to Sitting Bull will apologize for what the Native Americans did to George at the Little Big Horn.

An article in the Journal of Forensic Science explores the theory that Adolph Hitler was pushed over the edge by a World War I psychiatrist who used hypnotism to cure the young corporal's "hysterical blindness."

"Perhaps you yourself have the rare power, which occurs only occasionally in a thousand years, to work a miracle," the shrink is said to have told him. "You are young; it would be too bad for you to stay blind. You know that Germany needs people who have energy and blind self-confidence."

Dr. David Post, the author of the article, theorized that the hypnotist convinced the apprentice fuhrer that he would "have to regain his eyesight so that he alone could lead Germany out of the darkness and into prosperity."

So the Holocaust wasn't entirely the Adolph's fault after all.

Isn't it fun, using 21st century tools to rewrite history according to today's standards? And you don't even need a grassy knoll.

Both sides learn lessons in state rep. campaign

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door to door. But you have to micromanage your voter data base because 45 percent of the people you talk with just don't vote so you've wasted your time talking to people who won't show up."

Nonetheless, Bradley isn't disheartened by the amount of time he spent campaigning. "I learned that if you educate yourself on the issues and you work hard, you can make a difference in a campaign, even if you don't win," he said. "People really are educated about the issues in their community, maybe even more than on national issues. I found that very encouraging."

An important dialogue

According to Logan, people may be more informed thanks to the increase in local cable coverage of town meetings and political debates which offer them a view of political processes that they might not have otherwise seen.

In an election stained by some mudslinging in the gubernatorial race, the Murray-Bradley debates maintained a stable decorum.

Bradley recalled a woman who told him that she had watched the televised debates with her children to educate them on political process. "She said that they watched the governor's debate disintegrate as it went on and that when they watched my debate with Mary Jeanette, she told her kids, 'That's the way it's supposed to be—a debate on the issues.'"

"We were hoping that his performance in the debates would elevate him," said Timothy White, Hingham Democratic Town Committee Chairman. "I think the election results were not surprising, given that Murray is a 22-year incumbent. We had two challenges in the primary and I think it was surprising that in this campaign, as well as the one in which Josh Cutler and Walter Murray ran, there was such a lack of negativity. It could have set a good example for a few other statewide campaigns. The focus was on the issues like education, which is important with the Education Reform Act coming up again in the next two years."

For now, Bradley plans on "rest and relaxation."

"I've been a lawyer for three years," said Bradley. "I'm shopping my resume around to some firms and prosecutor's offices. My wife, Heather, has given me a deadline for a few weeks and then we're going to Aruba. I've had a couple of calls already. I think that the people that are calling me have watched the race. When they see someone who can work from 5 a.m. until midnight, they like that consistency."

So far as the ultimate reason for the choice of Murray for another two years, Bradley can't say. "I really don't know what the voters were trying to say," he said. "You never know why someone will vote for someone. They may be a one issue person, have a personal connection.

"I don't know if there was 'one thing.' I think it's more complicated than that. Mary Jeanette ran a terrific campaign. I met a lot of people from her side who were very respectful and wished me luck. It's encouraging that we were all able to do this in a positive manner. Actually, I congratulate everyone on a good race."

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Bradley thanks one and all

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in last week's elections. It was my first time being involved as a candidate, and I enjoyed every minute. In particular, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the more than 150 people who volunteered on my campaign as well as the more than 7,000 people who voted for me.

Also, I would like to congratulate Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray on a terrific race. We were able to highlight differences between ourselves while still remaining cordial. I wish her luck in the next two years. I also would like to extend my thanks to those who supported Rep. Murray for a tough, but clean, campaign.

Elections are about drawing distinctions between candidates and offering voters a voice. It is my hope that future elections in this district will generate the same interest this election generated. Once again, my wife Heather and I extend our warmest thanks to all those involved and our best wishes to Rep. Murray.

Garrett Bradley
807 Tucker's Lane

A 'Monstrous' thanks

TO THE EDITOR,

The Friends of the Mary-Martha Learning Center are still in awe over the monstrous efforts made by those who helped make the first "Monster Bash: such a success. We could not have done it without the support of our Corporate Sponsors: The Cohasset Golf Club, the Rockland Trust Company, W.B. Mason, Thomas E. Behbenna, and Granite City Electric. We would also like to thank our Corporate Donors. Most of them are the small businesses of our community, whose big hearts make our community proud. They are: A Lighter Fair-Milton, 3A Farm Stand-Scituate, Ambrosia-Boston, Atlantic Bagel-Cohasset, Barrett's Haunted Mansion-Abington, Barrett's Restaurants, Bernard's-Cohasset, Bowl & Board-Hingham, Buttonwoods,-Cohasset, Claystrokes-Cohasset, Cohasset Travel, Crossing Main-Hingham, Curtis Liquors-Cohasset, Daylilys-Norwell, Dogwood Cafe-Jamaica Plain, Essentials Day Spa-Hingham, Exotic Flowers-Cohasset, Fitness First-Cohasset, Flaherty Art and Design-Scituate, Flemming's-Cohasset, Flowers and Festivities-Scituate, Flowers by Joan-Cohasset, Hingham Farm Stand, King Jewelers-Cohasset, Lawless Designs-Quincy, Lovell Floral Company-Hingham, Mount Blue-Norwell, Mug Shots-Norwell, Noble's Camera Shop-Hingham, Notable Occasions-Hingham, Pam and David Unique Gifts-Hingham, Penniman Hill Farms-Hingham, Pots and Petals-Hull, Round Hill Designs-Hingham, Rudolph Adamo Salon-Cohasset, Saporito's Florence Club Cafe-Hull, Silver Spoon Cafe-Cohasset, Stop & Shop-Cohasset, Sweet Surprises-Cohasset, The Dazz-South Shore Plaza, The Fruit Center-Hingham, The Hingham Greenery, The Mill Wharf-Scituate, The Weymouth Club-Weymouth, Treasures-Hingham, Wind Flowers-Hull, Yankee Candle-Pembroke. Thanks!

The Mary-Martha Learning Center is a residential, educational program for homeless mothers and children that serves the South Shore.

Suzanne Filbey
For the Friends of the Mary-Martha Learning Center

Reasons not to vote

TO THE EDITOR:

There are only three reasons not to vote: dead, brain dead, or deathly ill. But some pretty silly reasons not to vote are presented, such as: "there isn't any difference between the candidates," "they are all liars and crooks," "I'm tired of the scandal-mongering," etc. Facts are: there is usually a vast difference between candidates, they are as honest as the rest of us, and the scandal-mongering is conducted primarily by the media in response to the public's insatiable appetite for it.

The author of a recent letter published in a major daily newspaper deserves first prize for childishness; he was offended because the poll workers didn't greet him with a warm hello!

Almost all poll workers (maybe all) are unpaid volunteers, probably tired and bored with overhearing the same comments for hours, and certainly prohibited from saying anything that could be construed as an attempt to influence a vote.

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Planners give Beach St. neighbors the floor

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The neighbors who have faithfully turned out over the years to express their opposition to Ellen Morrisey's plans to create an access to her property off Beach Street were surprising reticent when given the floor by planning board Chairman Al Moore.

Though the room was filled to capacity, few were willing to speak out about what they would like to see happen with Morrisey's plans for access, which was surprising, given the high turnout for Morrisey's appearances before various town boards. As a consequence, nothing conclusive came of the meeting.

This is an informal gathering," Moore informed the audience of 20 at the Nov. 4 meeting. "There is nothing pending before us tonight. Personally, I'm a little confused about what everyone here wants. Hopefully we can all end up on the same page by the end of tonight's discussion. We are talking about the hill at Highland Avenue behind town hall and the Beach Street front of Ms. Morrisey's property."

The 20-acre site, with its four parcels of land and 12 remaining acres owned by Morrisey, has been up for some kind of permit request by Morrisey for five years now. She maintains that she holds rights from Mohawk Way, along Beach Street and over to Highland Avenue behind town hall.

"Ellen has been coming before the planning board for years," said Moore. "She wants to maximize her return on her property and she has a right to want that. But she's sort of stuck between a rock and a hard place on access and I feel she could work that out. Also, I'm still not sure what she wants."

The issue is a complicated one. There is access to the site from Mohawk Way, but that driveway is already shared by two homes situated there. An additional lot hooking on to that drive would qualify that land as a subdivision and set a precedent, Moore has explained in the past.

"Personally, I'm a little confused about what everyone here wants. Hopefully we can all end up on the same page by the end of tonight's discussion."

— Planning Board Chairman Al Moore

There is another means of access for Morrisey through a 100-year-old path.

Morrisey stated in the meeting that "the solution is to use the driveways that are there," referring to the old path and Mohawk Way.

The only other alternative would be to create access by blasting through existing rock there.

"That would be a massive project," said Moore. "Maybe there is some way that this can be worked out. If I were king for a day, I'd say, 'let's develop it and do the best we can with four nice lots and make everyone happy on the access. But there are some that feel strongly that they have a right to prevent that. That's why I was hoping that people would speak up."

Former zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo attempted to explain the neighbors' reserve.

"The problem is we're all neighbors, but we all live on different parts of Beach Street so each alternative would affect all of us differently," he said. "I think each one of these proposals has its own set of problems; some shared and some unique. But if you're looking for an unanimous view, I think you'd see people split along where they live."

Board member Robert Sturdy argued that the site required the wisdom of Solomon and could only really be settled in a court of law. "This is like trying to work with Jell-O," he said. "You can't sink into it."

Indeed, the complexity of the site even led to confusion among the various lawyers present.

An attorney for abutter Robert Lewis stated that his client owned the driveway on Mohawk Way and disagreed with Morrisey's view that she has a right of way to that access.

Another attorney, Richard Henderson, reminded those present that "you can't have more than two houses sharing a driveway. The right of way goes through the Lewis' property and then to Morrisey's—it comes from somebody else's property."

"We're not in a position to amend?" asked Morrisey. "I think that's why we're all here. I think we need to have closure on this."

Neighbors seemed more concerned with voicing opposition to blasting than closure.

Iri Bloomfield, 37 Beach St., felt that the blasting was "too close to the homes and could cause damage."

And John Mueller, 45 Beach St., explained that "we're concerned about run-off and blasting. I get run-off now because so many trees were removed up there."

"That driveway will be a water tunnel down into my driveway," added Judith Chute, 46 Beach St.

"There are some that feel strongly that they have a right to prevent this," said Moore. "I just wonder that if they pursue that to an extreme, maybe they will regret what they get. I get angry when people come in and threaten us and hold up high density, low income housing because I think that's terrific. If that's what you want to do, that's what you should do. But I'm not so sure that's what all the abutters would like to see done. I would like to see those folks come together and come to a consensus on how to proceed."

Bakery plans okayed for Lilac House

Fans of the colorful Lilac House can expect an enclosed glass bakery that can be viewed by passers-by.

The South Main Street building which once housed Lilac House Antiques and Flowers by Joann, will need some demolition work completed prior to putting up the visible bakery and replacement clapboards, which is why engineer Neil Murphy came before the planning board next week. The work is part of the Red Lion Inn project. Both buildings are owned by Cohasset resident Gerde Ordleheide, who said he plans to open a cafe bistro and bakery in the Lilac House.

Board members approved the proposal.

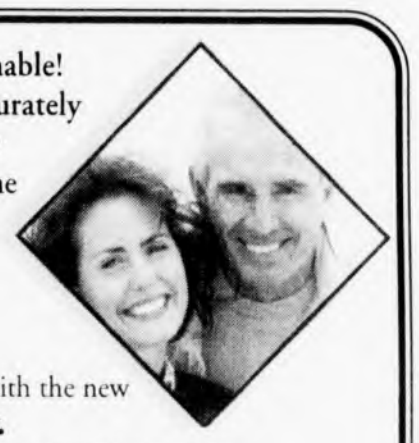
"And it won't be purple anymore?" asked Moore.

"That I can't promise you," said Murphy. "It's the Lilac House."

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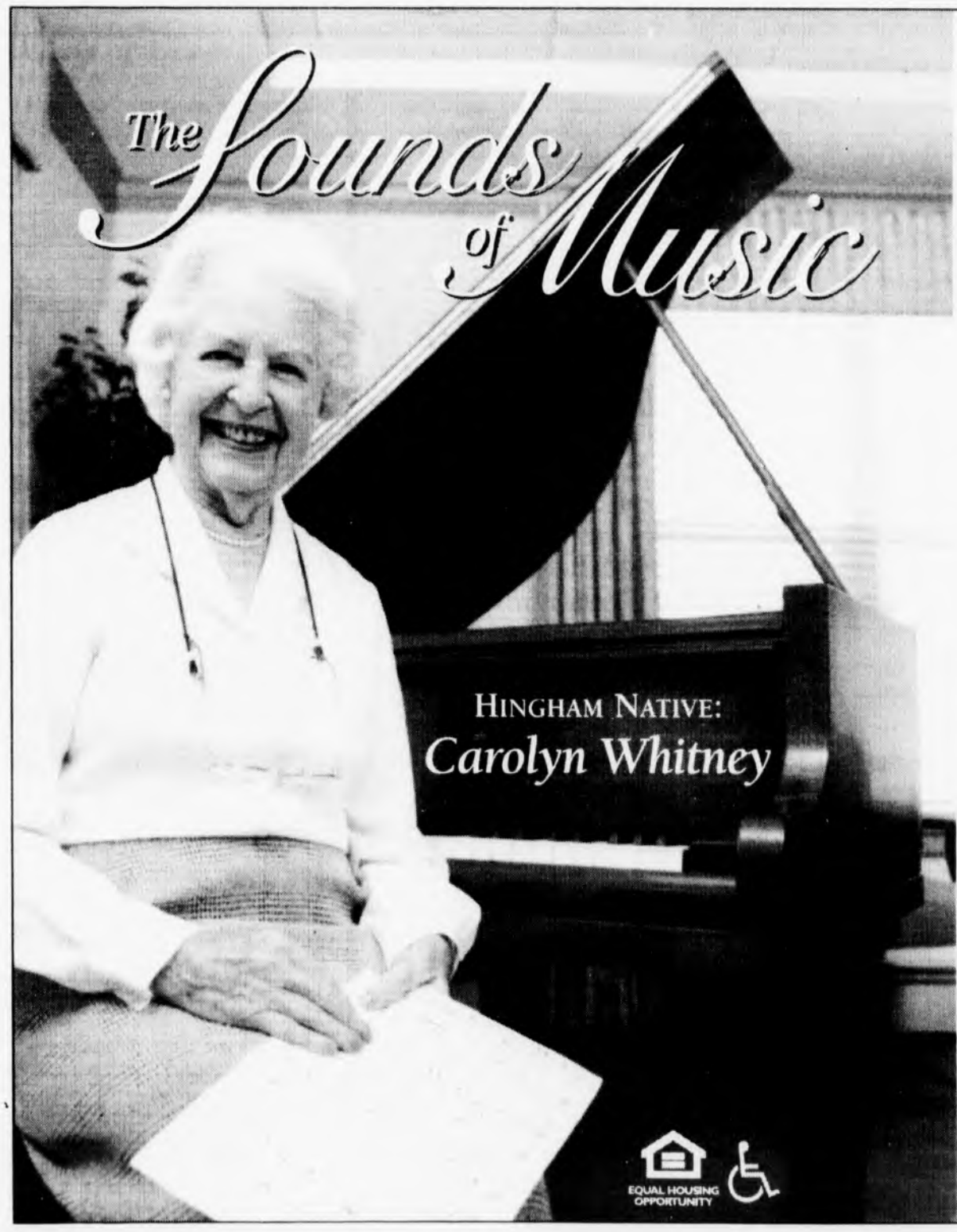
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Hingham Militia marshals troops for the millennium

New members sought for living history group

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The Hingham Militia is gearing up for the year 2000 when the group expects increased demand for its services at turn-of-the-century celebrations.

The popular Revolutionary War era reenactment group is a familiar sight in Hingham on Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and the Lincolns' birthdays celebration.

What some may not know is the 25-year-old "Living History" organization also participates in other events in the area including Flag Day in Quincy, the veterans parade in Wellesley, business openings, and reenactments, speaking engagements. Another little know fact is that members of the Militia come from all over the South Shore.

Jim Jamieson, who serves as captain of the Second Suffolk Regiment Hingham Militia, said the group which currently numbers about 25 people would like to grow to about 60 or 70.

"That way we can field 20 at any time," he said.

"The whole thing has been fun - and it's great being part of a group that stands for something."

— Capt. Emeritus Brian McSweeney, Hingham Militia

Jamieson said the militia needs fifers, drummers, flag carriers and those who just like to dress up as "camp followers."

Hingham Town Moderator Thomas O'Donnell said the group is an invaluable part of Hingham.

"They're wonderful," he said. "They are not there for the defense of the town but rather to enjoy.

"They provide a sense of history for the town. It's hard to imagine

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The Hingham Militia stands at attention during the recent dedication ceremonies at the new Hingham Town Hall. The group hopes to attract more members to its ranks. Please call Jim Jamieson at 740-2713 if you're interested.



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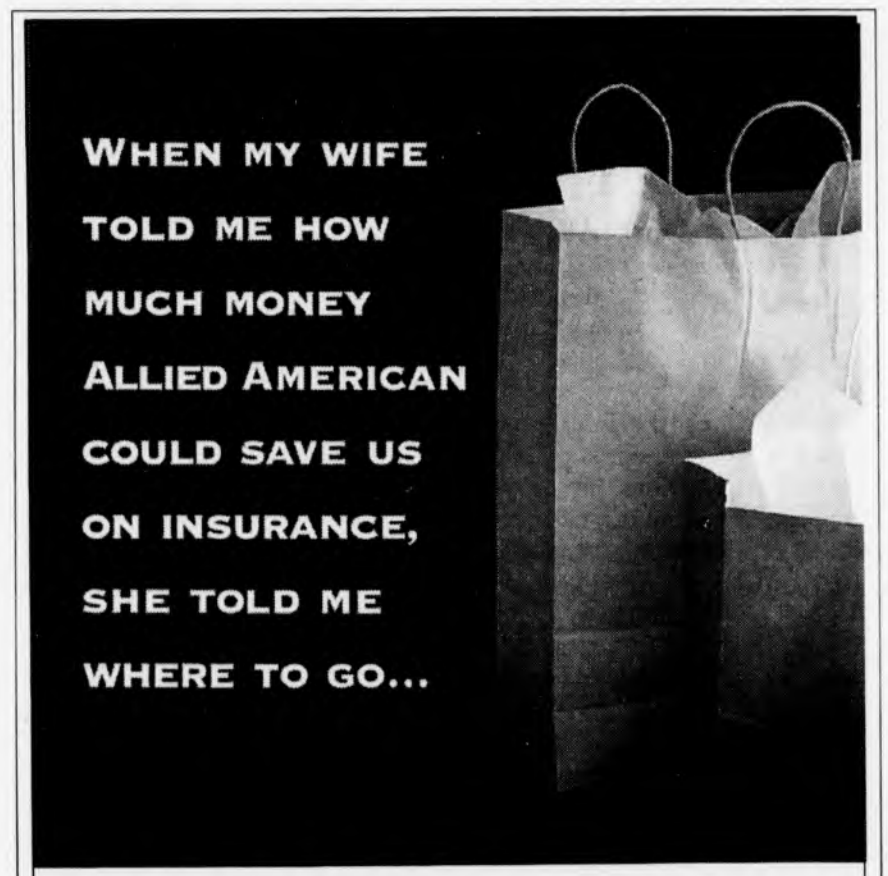
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BUSINESS NOTES

Marlette head of Piper aircraft group

At the recent International Comanche Society Fly-In held on Nantucket Island, local Cohasset resident and Town Moderator, Attorney George Lane Marlette was elected head of the Northeast Division (or Tribe as it is called) of the organization. The international group is comprised of owners of Piper Comanche aircraft worldwide. The Northeast tribe which Marlette now leads represents members from Massachusetts, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.

Lovers and preservationists of this Piper classic, which has been out of manufacture since the mid-1970s, meet regularly to share information on parts, safety procedures, travel destinations and service innovation. Members attend so-called fly-ins across the country throughout the year, and attend a national convention each year. This year, newly elected Northeast Tribe head, Marlette, will travel to Cambridge, England in July for the annual seminar and events of the International Comanche Society (ICS).

Marlette owns a single engine, four place 1959 Piper Comanche PA 24 which he flies out of Plymouth airport. He is a practicing attorney in Brockton, President of the Board of Directors, Brockton Visiting Nurse Association and a member of NAELA, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

Militia

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Hingham without the militia."

The town's earliest soldiers date back to the 17th century who formed a "trayned band" to fight the Dutch and the Indians. During the Revolutionary War, the First Company of Foot, Second Suffolk Regiment — on which today's Hingham Militia is modeled — participated in several key battles including Bunker Hill, Brandywine, Ticonderoga and Valley Forge.

Jamieson said everyone furnishes their own gear but the militia will supply a list of "sutlers" (storekeepers) to contact for authentic outfits and equipment. The militia provides training for new members and has some equipment to loan which must be returned following the event, he said.

Just like their forebears, the group uses 75-caliber smooth bore muskets and black powder. Members roll their own cartridges, Jamieson said. Those with muskets must obtain a firearms ID number.

Anyone age 16 or under who wants to join must have a parent with them.

Dues are $10 a year and cover the cost of mailings. Although the militia does get paid to march in some parades, most of the money to pay for equipment, black powder and gasoline to travel to events comes out of their own pockets.

But the time and expense is worth it, Jamieson said.

"This is a lot of fun," he said.

Needless to say, photographs of the Hingham Militia at events frequently appear in newspapers. And spectators often ask to have their picture taken with a soldier.

"We often say, 'let's go sell some Kodak film,'" said Jamieson about how photogenic the group is.

Brian McSweeney, who is captain emeritus of the regiment and marches at the head of the militia, is a familiar figure in his Scottish, MacQueen-Tartan kilt.

"I enjoy showing off!" laughed McSweeney about why he continues to participate.

"The whole thing has been fun — and it's great being part of a group that stands for something," he said.

The current militia formed in 1974 in anticipation of the nation's Bicentennial.

Jamieson said the organization is already getting bookings for the year 2000.

"We've had a call from Berlin, Mass, which is planning a one-day festival," he said.

Anyone interested in joining the militia should call Jamieson at 740-2713.

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The CHS field hockey team missed the tourney by a single point this season, but look for the young squad to come back ever bigger and better next season.

Field Hockey looks to the future

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

CHS field hockey coach Debby Bostwick doesn't want to focus on the fact that her squad missed a repeat trip to the state tourney by only one single point this year.

The future's too bright to dwell on the past, she insists.

"We've got a number of things going in our favor," said Bostwick. "We're only losing three players to graduation, there were 35 players in the pipeline playing on the junior high team this year and some of the younger kids got some good playing time at varsity this season. All those factors can only help us next season.

"We knew this was going to be a rebuilding season for the program, but I think we had a nice season," she added. "I'm already looking forward to next year."

Others must have shared her opinion as three Skippers from the 5-6-4 team were selected to play in the All-Star game last weekend at Mashpee, where the South Shore League dropped a 1-0 to the Patriot League.

Named to the team were center fullback Megan Connolly, center halfback Katie Devine and center forward Andi Shaughnessy.

While Devine and Connolly are seniors, Shaughnessy had the honor of being the only sophomore named to the team and will be back to help lead the Skippers next season.

"All three played quite a bit in the game," said Bostwick. "The town can be proud of all three of them. They represented their high school with great pride and sportsmanship."

"We knew this was going to be a rebuilding season for the program, but I think we had a nice season. I'm already looking forward to next year."

DEBBY BOSTWICK

Besides Devine and Connolly, Jill Magner also served as a captain this season. Bostwick said all three would be missed tremendously when she gets the team back together next September.

She called Connolly "the nucleus to the team" who was both a role model and a dictator on the field.

"She was like having another coach on the field," said Bostwick. "Megan not only was a great player, but she was the one who made sure everyone knew their assignments out on the field. You couldn't have asked for a better captain. We're going to have a tough time replacing her leadership qualities next season."

Devine was "always solid as a rock" in holding the defense together while always marking the oppositions top scorer, said Bostwick. "She's not really a quick player, but she's was always quick enough, smart enough and strong enough to be in the right place at the right time when we needed her."

On Magner, Bostwick said the sweeper was another leader on the field in making sure that everyone had their defensive assignments while also making sure that Skipper goalies Melissa Romano or Kristen Considine were of a positive mental attitude in the net.

"She was as smart a player as you're going to see," added Bostwick. "Jill was a great teacher on the field who got the most out of their ability.

"All in all, I think that we had a great group of girls this season. There were no attitude problems at all and the captains did a tremendous job keeping the team as a unit. They really stuck together."

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EXTRA POINTS

DAVID WOLCOTT



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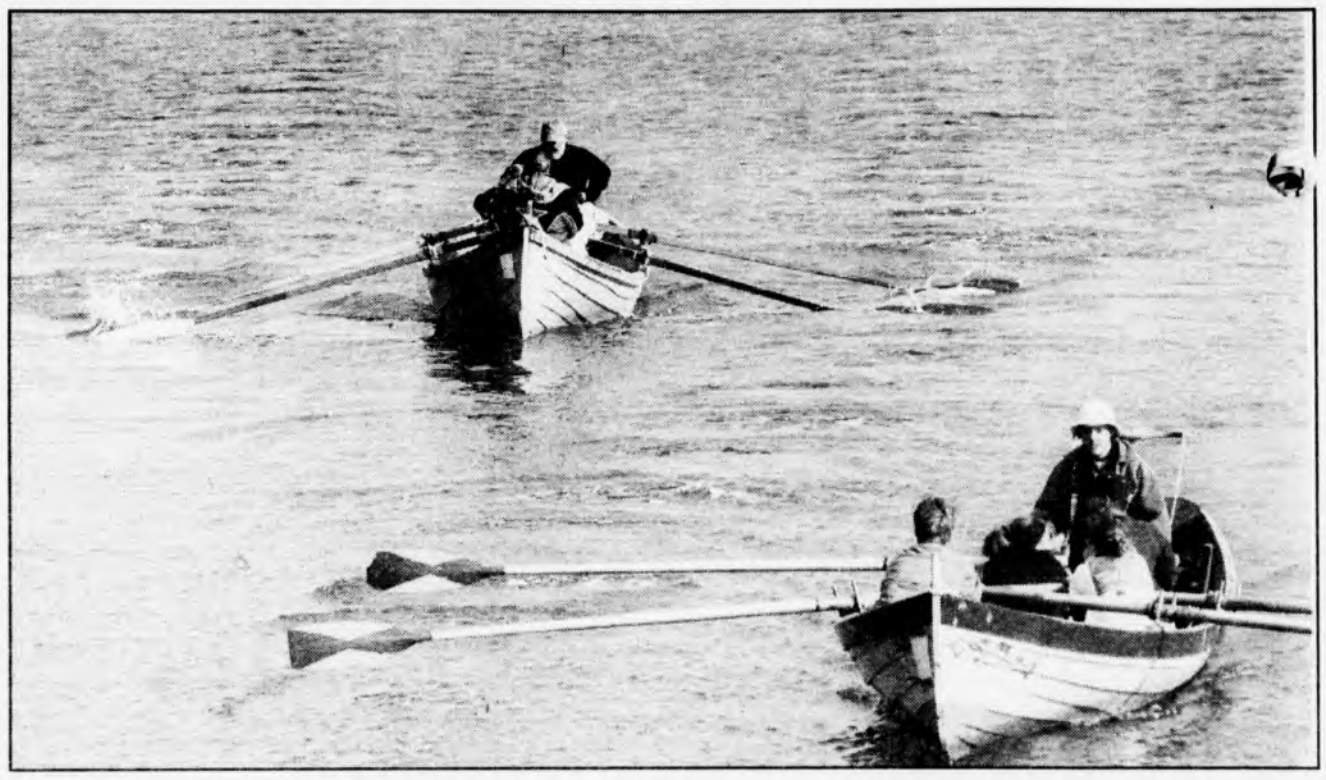


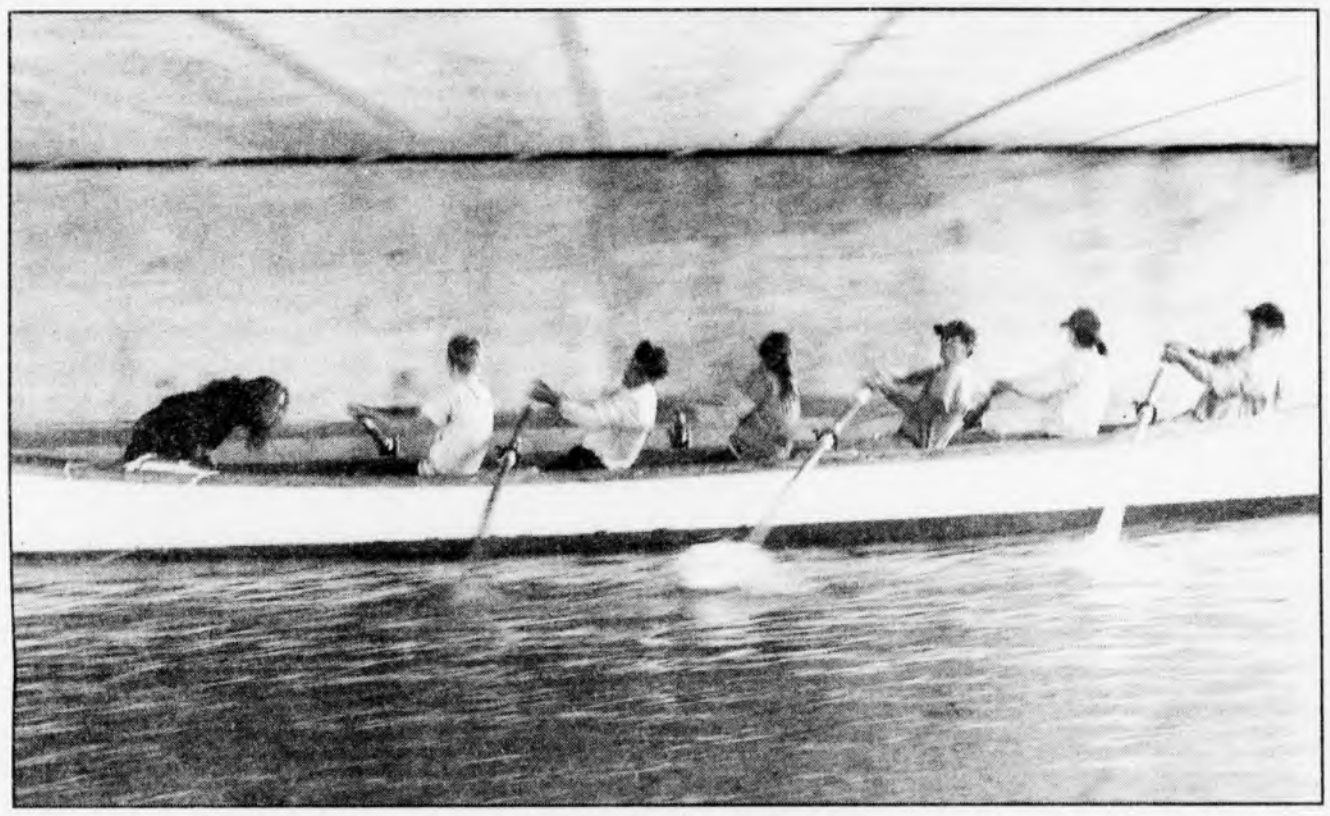
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A number of youth football teams were competing in playoffs over the weekend for the chance to go to the Super Bowl. Here, the Scituate-Cohasset Sharks take on a squad from Bridgewater.

Rolling on the Weir River







STAFF PHOTOS/DOUG MCFADD

A number of local rowers made their way to Hull recently for the annual Head of the Weir River Race to benefit the Lifesaving Museum. Clockwise from the far left, ready for action in the Crimson Lightning are Haley Zella (nearest in the photo), Nat Seelen (middle right), Charlie Hancock (middle left), Molly Russo (standing), Erin Healey and Katherine Keif at the back of the boat. Boaters from Hingham, Hull and Cohasset have made the race an annual event. The leader yells instruction the team moves their way down the river.

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CHS turns their attention to Hanover

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset fell to 4-4 Friday night when the undefeated Norwell Clippers swept into town. Norwell, ranked 12th in Massachusetts, delivered a 41-14 thumping, pushing the Skippers along the line of scrimmage.

The host Skippers didn't execute effectively during the game, a problem compounded by uninspired play on the part of some of the team. Norwell's highly touted running back Brian Fabrizio ranked up 23 points on touchdowns, extra points, and two-point conversions.

Cohasset finally got on board in the fourth quarter, though, when Daniel Trowers rushed for two touchdowns. The first carry stretched 60 yards after the handoff, and was sprung by the still-battling Skipper offensive line. Captain Justin Golden lofted the ball through the uprights for the point after.

Trowers' second score was similar to the first, and came just a few minutes later.

Again, the sizable Cohasset crowd rose to its feet as the sophomore took the option pitch from quarterback Jamie DeMichele, ran behind blocks to midfield, and then streaked into the end zone for six. Golden's boot split the uprights, making the final score 41-14.

Highlights were few and far between for the home team. Unfortunately for the Skipper defense, the secondary was tested time and again after Clipper ball carriers broke through the front line. The defensive backs responded nicely as Raheem Shepard conducted a clinic in form tackling, making several nice sticks. Greg Taylor helped defend the run, even gaining backfield penetration against Norwell's formidable offensive front.

The game's bottom line was that Cohasset was overmatched by the Clippers' power and speed. Facing one of the best teams in the state, the Skippers took a beating, but will have to keep their heads high to close out the season.

Playing their final away game this season, the Boys in Blue will head to Hanover to face the struggling Indians Friday night. Hanover lost their chance at a South Shore League title last Friday in a 14-7 league

They'll finish the year at home against Hull on Thanksgiving morning in a 10 a.m. game.

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The deal on the 'real' Super Bowl

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running over the weekend included Marshfield, Scituate, Rockland, Duxbury and Cohasset.

So much for youth football being a dying sport.

And don't think winning a Super Bowl wouldn't be as important to these kids it would be to the much bigger kids come January.

But remember, these are still kids. It's playing football and the other little things that set their hearts aflutter.

Things like playing in front on the largest crowd they've ever seen or sharing a joke with their buddy on the bus ride to the game.

It's not all the financial goodies at the end of the pro sports rainbow.

For these kids, it's all about the little things.

"Playing a game under the lights," was Silver Lake Warriors running back Trevor Ponte's immediate response when asked about what he'd be looking forward to most when he took the field at Scituate High. "We've practiced like that before, but I've never played a regular game under the lights before.

"It's going to be awesome because you'll feel like a real professional football player," she added. "I can't wait."

Pembroke's Billy Flynn seems to be a natural born football player. He plays linebacker at 110 mph and he likes it that way

Why, you ask?

One simple reason.

"I really like to tackle people," he said with a devilish grin. "There's nothing better than putting a good hit on someone."

A true linebacker, right down to the dirty uniform and the mischievous glint in his eye.

"I like the contact," he added. "I'd play hockey for the same reason but I don't quite know how to skate. I don't like basketball or soccer at all really. Football is my favorite sport, no doubt."

"I like that you get to hit people," said all 6'5, 300 pounds of Ryan Mann. Okay so it's closer to 5'2", 63 pounds., but he still packs a mean punch at cornerback.

Another one of his friends seems to have everything in perspective.

"God put me on this Earth to do one single thing," said Kevin James, a peewee defensive tackle and an offensive lineman to boot who will obviously be a media darling if he's ever to make it into the pro ranks. "To tackle people."

Yeah. Just makes you want to strap on some shoulder pads and roll around in the mud, doesn't it?

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Recreation/Boosters Basketball registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department/Booster's Basketball registrations will be held for girls and boys in grades 1 through 8, at town hall, Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 to 11 a.m.

The fee for the program is $40.

Checks should be made payable to: Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club, (CBBC). Shirt charge is included in the fee. Details on the basketball program will be available at registration. Games are played Saturdays, but not during any vacation periods in order to avoid conflicts.

The recreational basketball program is made available via the joint efforts of the Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club and the recreation department, providing youngsters with a teaching and recreational opportunity.

Evaluations will be Saturday, Dec. 5, and schedules will be available at registration Nov. 21.

The CBBC will also register parents who wish to coach and sponsors at the Nov. 21 registration.

This year two levels of sponsorship are available, Team Sponsor, $75; and Team and Program Book sponsors $100.

SPORTS BRIEFS

High school hockey training clinic

The Rockland Rink will hold the 10th annual high school hockey training clinic beginning Nov. 16. The purpose is to offer high school hockey players the opportunity to get in shape for the high school season.

The guest instructors will include Bob Sylvia, Quincy High School; Jim Sylvia, Hanover High School; Barry Parker, Rockland High School; Jack Crowley, Marshfield High School; and other area coaches.

The clinic is open to all area high school players (ages 14 to 18.) The cost is $100 per player. Applications may be obtained at the Rockland rink.

Applications will not be accepted by phone.

For additional information, call Fred Isleib at (781) 871-0547.

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Junior lacrosse registration is December 12

Registration for the 12 and Under and 14 and Under Cohasset Youth Lacrosse programs will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset High School.

The 12 and Under program, starting its fourth year, is open to boys and girls currently in the fifth and sixth grade. Registration is $75, which includes a uniform, practice jersey and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes a subscription to a new magazine especially designed for kids.

The 14 & Under program is for middle school students. The program is limited to Cohasset residents, but players do not have to be enrolled in the Cohasset school system to be eligible.

Cohasset's junior lacrosse program is a member of the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, the nation's largest youth program. In general, games are played Sunday afternoons. Practices currently are scheduled for late afternoon Mondays and Fridays. The teams will begin practicing in early March, games start in April and the season concludes with the MBYLL Jamboree in mid-June.

While the schedule should minimize conflicts, problems do sometimes arise. "Every coach prefers that players be there for games and practices," says 12 and Under coach Chuck Jaffe, "but we know there will be times when a child has a different game to go to. So long as they can attend practice often enough to learn the basics — and so long as they tell us when they can not make a practice or game — we don't think lacrosse should be a problem with other events."

Bob Inman assists Jaffe on the 12 and Under level.

Terry Kahn runs the 14 and Under program.

Lacrosse is a contact sport; both practices and games include hitting. In accordance with Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League rules, all players must be equipped with sticks, gloves, shoulder and elbow pads, and helmets with mouthpieces.

Hockey equipment is allowed, although Jaffe warns that hockey gloves are not flexible enough to allow a child to manipulate and control a lacrosse stick. In addition, the MBYLL is considering changing the rule that allows hockey helmets, a decision which is not expected until winter.

Jaffe also notes that while the 12 and Under team welcomes girls, it does not play girls' lacrosse, which avoids full contact and is played under different rules and with slightly different equipment. "Many girls play in the MBYLL," he said, "but there is an adjustment to make when they get older and start playing girls' lacrosse."

At the 12 and Under level, Cohasset will once again try to field two teams in the spring. Last year, the program took on 40 children — including a limited number of fourth-graders — and split into two squads for the first time. "The kids got more repetitions in practice and a lot more playing time in games, which made the players better and the season more fun," Jaffe says. "So long as we have 36 kids sign up, we'll go with two teams again this year." Cohasset must make the decision on how many teams to field by January, so early registration is critical for the program.

There will be more information on the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse program available at the Dec. 12 sign-up. If you have an age-eligible child and can not attend the registration session, call Jaffe at 383-9858 or Terry Kahn at 383-0032.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rec offers ski lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct Blue Hill Ski and Snow Board Lesson registrations Thursday, Dec. 3, at the recreation office, Cohasset Town Hall, between the hours of 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. and again in the evening, from 5:30 to 6:30.

Registration forms must be signed by a parent or guardian for participation in this five-week program. Beginner through advanced level instruction is available for children and youth, age 7 and older.

Lessons are scheduled to begin Thursday, Jan. 7, and continue for five consecutive weeks, through Thursday, Feb. 4. The bus will leave each week from town hall parking lot at 3:20 p.m. and return from Blue Hills at about 6:45 p.m.

The fee for the ski lessons and transportation for five weeks is $115 and checks should be made payable to: Town of Cohasset. Those participants who require equipment rentals may rent at Blue Hills and the cost for the five weeks with rental package is $155 per person for skiing and $175 for snow board lesson rental, transportation package, or $115 without snow board rentals.

This is the 22nd year that ski lessons at Blue Hills have been offered through the Cohasset Recreation Department and through the years, hundreds of youngsters have had the opportunity to learn how to ski, or improve their technique.

Ragged Mt. Learn to Ski/Snow Board package

Through the auspices of Buckles and Boards of Marshfield, Cohasset Recreation will make available a 5 week Ski or Snow Board package at Ragged Mt. For Cohasset Youth age 10-and-over.

The 5-week program will be Saturdays, beginning January 9 through February 6, 1999 and costs $199 per for the weeks of skiing/snow boarding and Motor Coach transportation.

Equipment rentals are available at both Buckles and Boards and Ragged Mt. For those requiring equipment.

Motor Coach leaves from Buckles and Boards, Route 139, Marshfield, each of the Saturdays at 6 a.m. and returns at about 7 p.m.

Should you have the interest in this unique opportunity please call the Cohasset Recreation at 383-4109.

Information regarding Blue Hills Ski Lessons starting January 7, 1999, will be forthcoming shortly.

Registration will be Thursday, Dec. 3 only from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and again from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Recreation office, 1st floor, Town Hall.

Indoor golf registration

The Cohasset Recreation Department will accept telephone registrations for beginner level instruction in golf, to be taught by golf pro, Dan Neary. Classes are held Thursday evenings at the Cushing Elementary School gym, Scituate, beginning Nov. 5.

Lessons are five weeks in duration, meeting one hour weekly at a cost of $65 per person.

Classes are limited to eight people and registrations are accepted on a first enrolled basis.

Should you require the use of golf clubs for the classes please indicate this at the time of your registration and you will be loaned clubs free of charge.

Openings remain in the 7 p.m. and the 8 p.m. classes.

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ART NOTES

Watercolor artist at Conservatory's Staircase Gallery

"Art has been my profession since college days," says Kay Shaw, South Shore Conservatory's Staircase Gallery artist through the end of December. "Summers were devoted to work in the field of commercial art, and, as time passed, I engaged in graduate studies in painting which I continue to this day."

Primarily a plein air artist, Shaw often uses the local subjects and natural surroundings of the Massachusetts South Shore in her paintings. She also paints subjects from her travels to the Caribbean and the "Jersey Shore."

Her paintings reflect a wide variety of interests, with recent interest in the human figure and showing people in everyday situations.

A Scituate resident and South Shore Art Center artist, Shaw is a native of New Jersey. She majored in art and earned her BA degree from Skidmore College. She continued her art studies at Boston Museum School and at South Shore Art Center in Cohasset.



"Coffee Break," a watercolor by Kay C. Shaw is on display at the Staircase Gallery in the South Shore Conservatory in Hingham.

Shaw's paintings can be viewed in the gallery Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. South Shore Conservatory is located at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. Admission is free. For more information, call (781) 749-7565, Ext. 16.

Children's Holiday Art Series

The Children's Creativity Workshop is offering several holiday theme art experiences. In December "holiday Folk Ornaments," and "Santa's Workshop" will take place for three sessions for ages 8 - 12 years.

Creating a keepsake "miniature Menorah" will be offered to boys and girls ages 9 - 13 years. During the December vacation Monday, Dec. 28 through Wednesday, Dec. 30, the following workshops will be given "Winter Wonderland" ages 6 - 8 years, "Fantastic Factories," ages 8 - 12 years, "My Dream Room" ages 9 - 14 years.

Registration is now open. For more information call 749-2453.

Wine, cheese reception Sunday

There will be a gallery show and wine/cheese reception from 2 to 6:30 p.m. at the Red Parrot, 1 Hull Shore Dr., Hull, featuring historic prints and photographs of the South Shore and surrounding areas from Pasquale's Prints. Also Victorian Landmark Watercolors by Elizabeth Trubia, New England Watercolor Series by Carol Carney and Boston Harbor Tugboat Muster by Maura Ballou. For reservations, call 925-1115.

Workshops for adults

South Shore Art Center workshops are still available for the fall semester including Handcoloring Black and White Photographs Monday, Nov. 16, from 7 to 10 p.m., The Polaroid Transfer Process Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and handmade cards Saturday, Dec. 5, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Call (781) 383-ARTS to register or for more information.

Workshops for children

The South Shore Art Center is hosting two holiday workshops for children. Start a tradition by making ornaments as a family in Family Ornament Workshop Saturday, Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. Children grades pre-K to third can rejoice in the holiday season and create festive decorations, gifts and yummies in Holiday Happenings. PreK-K will be held Monday, Dec. 7 and 14, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Grades 1 to 3 will be held Thursday, Dec. 10 and 17, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Call (781) 383-ARTS to register or for more information.

Holiday sale at Art Center

The South Shore Art Center's Gift Gallery will hold a holiday sale beginning at the South Shore Community Center Nov. 27 as part of the annual Jingle Bell Walk and continuing at the Art Center through Dec. 7. Items for sale include jewelry, ceramics, wooden crafts and other delightful and unique gifts by local artists. For more information, call (781) 383-ARTS.

Studio Furniture: South of Boston

Saturday, Nov. 13 through Dec. 23- In the Bancroft Gallery, *Studio Furniture: South of Boston,* featuring eleven emerging artist, curator will be Arthur Dion of Gallery NAGA and Meredyth Moses of the Clarke Gallery. In the Dillon Gallery, *Within Reach: Inspirations for the Holidays,* affordable artwork by Gallery Artist. South Shore Art Center Faculty Feature: Ann Heywood, opening reception, Nov. 13, 6-8 p.m. Please call (781) 383-2787.

Korean art work on exhibit

The painting of Samuel Kim are on exhibit at the Hingham Public Library throughout the month of Nov.

Born in Seoul, Korea, Kim studied with Sobong, one of Korea's most well respected contemporary artists. Kim lives and works in Woburn. Since 1984 he has offered instruction at Orient Art Galleries in Woburn and Stoneham.

Samuel Kim is an active member of many area arts organizations including the South Shore Art Center. Kim won impressive awards for his work in Korea and in the United States.

Kim's exhibit may be viewed in the Library's Clemens Gallery during regular Library hours. The Clemens Gallery is located on the Library's Mezzanine.

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Works of art on display at high school gallery

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

A boring brick passageway at Cohasset High School has been transformed to a gallery featuring the art work of talented students.

A $2,500 fund-raising grant from the PSO made the project possible. But it was also the hard work of high school teachers Mary DeLeon and Al LaFontaine, as well as a plentiful supply of young talent, that brought the gallery undertaking to its colorful fruition.

"What we decided to do with the grant was ask the different schools to come up with proposals of projects and this particular one came to our attention," said PSO publicity chairwoman Elaine Breslow. "Last year, it was felt that the high school doesn't always get a lot of attention and this idea was something that was student-generated in its interest." So the PSO decided to fund the project which was completed in the late spring."

LaFontaine installed compressed cardboard over the hallway's brick walls. DeLeon painted the covering in white to serve as suitable backdrop for the students' watercolor, pencil, wood and ceramic works, all illuminated by track lighting the pair arranged to have installed.

Their students have produced a colorful collection of Monet-inspired watercolor landscapes, pencil sketches and birdhouses that can be admired by fellow-classmates as they make their way from English lab.

DeLeon can sometimes hear students stopping as walk down the hall between classes.

"'Hey, that's my friend's painting,' or 'Oh, that's new,' I'll hear them say," said DeLeon, who has found the gallery a good vehicle for students to critique art work.

"I use this area in my work with students. They critique their own as well as other students' work," she said.

Some examples of their creativity: a sketch by Matt Morde befitting a fashion magazine; pen and watercolor greenery by Julie Lavallo; a philosophical modern piece by Danelle Anderson; an abstract acrylic by Stephanie Parkinson and a Monet landscape by Matt Santoro.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Art teacher Mary DeLeon mounts art work on walls of the new gallery in the middle/high school corridor.

Another section of the corridor holds a collection of birdhouses made by LaFontaine's students in his industrial design, furniture design and applied technology classes.

Craig Parker's red bird "barn" with ranch-style fence and Justin Maitland's birdhouse with a gray elephants-entryway are only a few of the inventive dovecotes there.

LaFontaine's students design their work on paper and then see how close their building replicates the original design. "It's a learning tool to get more focused," LaFontaine said.

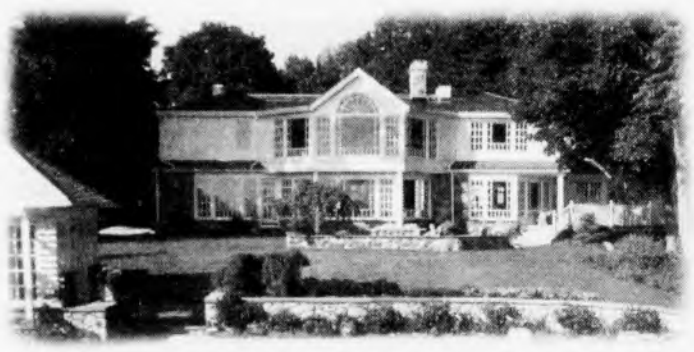
Students, who are currently working on building tables soon to be displayed, know not to expect any help from LaFontaine, who refuses to offer students stymied by the task any ideas. "If they struggle, that's how they learn. I want them to figure it out for themselves. Self-discovery and learning to be independent-that's my goal for when I teach," he said.

"We are always asking the community for money for the PSO and so we'd like the community to know what we're spending their hard-earned dollars on. With something like this gallery, it comes back to the community and students so that everyone can enjoy it."
— Elaine Breslow, PSO publicity

Ceramic instructor Bonnie Muir's students have a variety of coil pots laid out in a display case donated by the South Shore Art Center. "The Center has been very good to us in the past," DeLeon said.

Needless to say, the PSO is pleased with the results of its grant.

"Sometimes you make offers of things and nothing comes to fruition but the school followed up on this immediately and I think everyone feels proud to see the fruits of everyone's labor," Breslow said. "We are always asking the community for money for the PSO and so we'd like the community to know what we're spending their hard-earned dollars on. With something like this gallery, it comes back to the community and students so that everyone can enjoy it."



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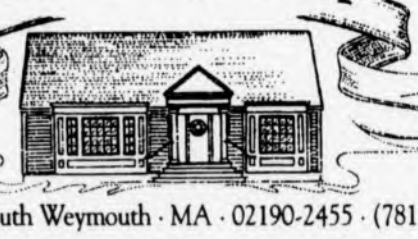
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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Health education council

On Tuesday, Nov. 24, there will be a meeting of all community resident interested in serving on the Community Health Education Advisory. Community participation is an essential component of effective health education programs. The Cohasset Health Education Advisory Council has been active since 1974 and acts in advisory capacity to the schools and as an advocate for comprehensive and sequential health instruction for all students. Meetings are usually held quarterly and/or as needed.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in room 103 at the high school (enter the main entrance, take a right, second door on the left.)

Ripley Media Center upgrades

Recent improvements at the Ripley Media Center at Cohasset Middle High School have upgraded the look of the facility. A new rug, clean painted walls and a new library media specialist have contributed to the changes. Joan Gallagher, a veteran of both public and school libraries, has set her goal for this year. She wants to expand the materials collection and work with staff and students to use both traditional and newer research tools to their fullest.

Parents or other Cohasset residents who would like to volunteer to assist with ongoing, as well as, special projects are invited to call the Ripley at 383-2447 for details.

PSO fall lecture series

Please join the Cohasset PSO for a presentation by Jack Agati on "Birth Order: How Your Place in the Family Affects Your View of the World." This entertaining and informative program explores the many characteristics and styles of behavior associated with the various positions in the family and offers ways in which to use the positive characteristics of each position.

The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 12 and will be held at the Joseph Osgood School.

For further information please call: Maggie Smith 383-1136 or Sarah Porter 383-2029.

NDA hosts open house

Notre Dame Academy, a Catholic, college preparatory high school for young women, will host an open house Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. Prospective students may tour the school, meet with faculty and register for the Archdiocesan entrance exam, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12. Applications will also be distributed.

Notre Dame Academy is equipped with a multi-media language learning center, a library/media center, two networked IBM computer labs, a chapel and athletic fields. Enrollment in grades 9 to 12 is approximately 550 students, representing 40 communities. Nearly 100 percent of Notre Dame graduates attend four-year colleges.

For more information regarding Notre Dame Academy, call the admissions office at (781) 749-5930.

Apply for college scholarships

State Sen. Robert Hedlund calls on outstanding high school students to apply to him for a college scholarship.

Hedlund can nominate several students for a state-proposed scholarship, the Teen Anti-Drug Lifetime Leadership (TALL) Award. High school seniors who have demonstrated interest in anti-drug causes are invited to apply.

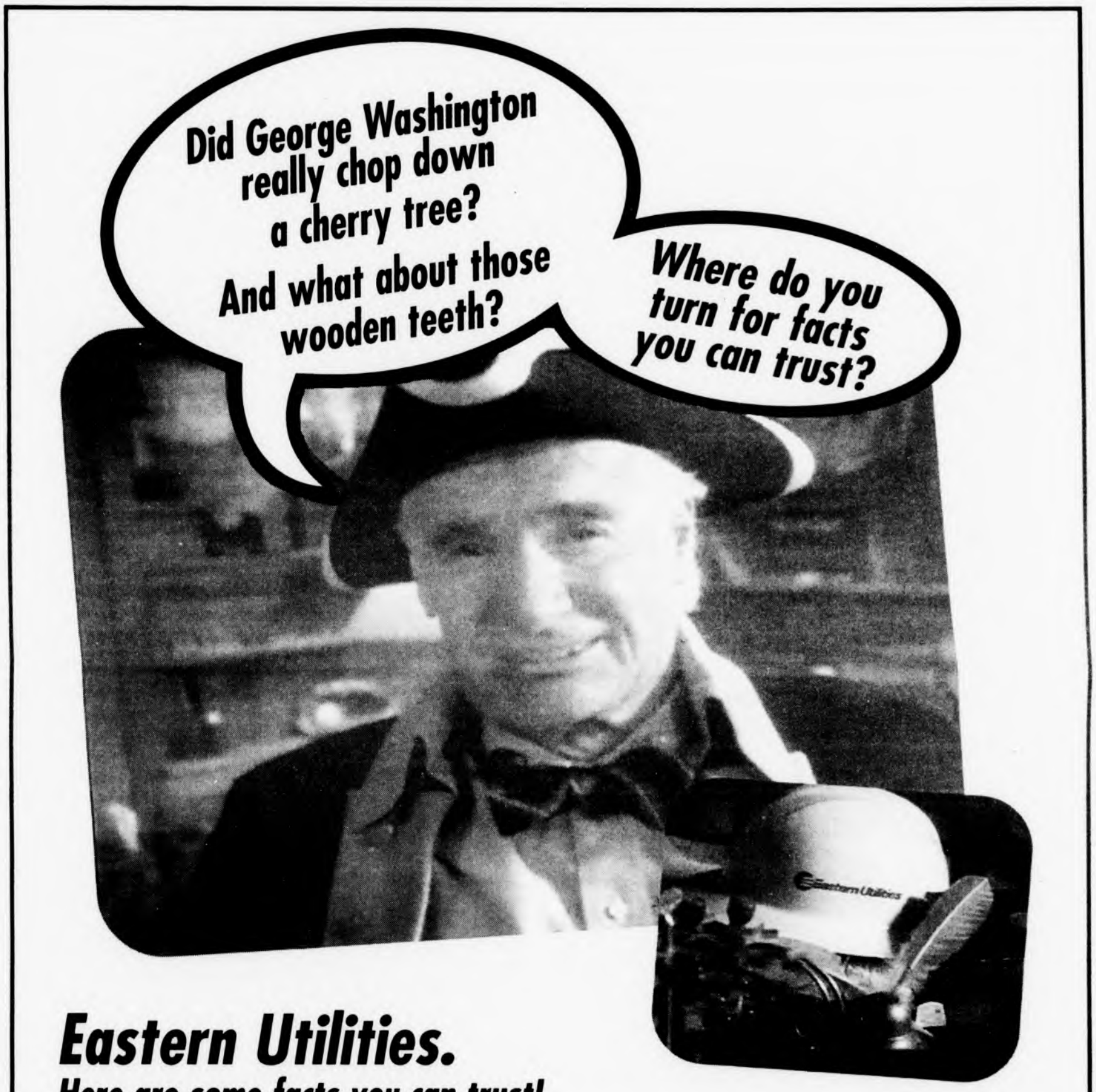
The Governor's Alliance Against Drugs will award the scholarships to 11 students from across Massachusetts, one student from each district attorney's region. Ten students will receive $1,000, and the most outstanding student will receive a $2,000 award.

All finalist must be nominated by community leaders such as Sen. Hedlund, school officials, D.A.R.E., officers or religious leaders. Hedlund will only be able to nominate students to be finalists; he will not choose the actual winners.

"This is a great reward for students working hard to fight drug abuse," Hedlund said. "It won't be easy to choose qualified nominees from all the deserving kids in our district, but I encourage any outstanding student to give it a shot."

Any high school senior who plans to attend public or private college next fall can apply. Students should write a brief (1 to 2 pages) letter outlining their anti-drug activities and leadership qualities, and mail it to: State Sen. Robert Hedlund, 66 Sea St., Weymouth 02191.

Letters must be received by Dec. 15. The senator and his staff will review applications and inform nominees of their success in the following weeks. Nominations will be submitted to the governor's anti-drug office by the end of January, and winners will be announced by Gov. Paul Cellucci's office in the first week of March.



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By the way... Sorry to disappoint – but all evidence points to the fact that the Reverend Mason Locke Weems invented the story of six-year-old George and the cherry tree in his Life of Washington, published in 1880. The hatchet story was added in the fifth edition, published in 1806. [Source: Historic Dumfries Virginia homepage: http://mbh.gmu.edu/~cgrymes/dumfries/ctree.html] And as for the wooden teeth – they were made of ivory! [Source: Delta Dental Plan of Minnesota homepage: http://www.mn.deltadental.org/quiz.htm]

IT'S HAPPENING

Hull Holiday Showcase

Local merchants, artists and organizations kick off the holiday season with a very special community event. Meet your friends and neighbors and discover all that Hull has to offer for the holiday and explore all the products and services that we have right here in our own community.

Visit with Santa 12 - 3 p.m. and have your photo taken. Enjoy holiday music, delicious food, raffles and shop for that very special gift.

The showcase is from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Nov. 28, 29 at M.J.M. Bath House and Carousel Station.

Sponsored by Hull-Nantasket Chamber of Commerce. Crafter's space is still available, call 925-9793.

Arts and crafts programs

The Cohasset Recreation Department announces registrations for various arts and crafts programs for children age 4 through grade 6, to be taught by Helen Babis-Licare.

Sessions are four weeks in duration, costing $40 per child, which covers the costs of supplies, materials and instruction for the four weeks. Classes are scheduled to begin the week of Nov. 16. Osgood and Deer Hill students may stay after school for the programs. Grade K-3 Osgood children are picked up at 5 p.m. at Osgood School, Deer Hill, grades 4, 5 and 6 children are picked up at Deer Hill School at 4:30 p.m. and age 4 and 5 participants will meet at Osgood School from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

MONDAYS: Grades K+1, Osgood, 3 to 5 p.m., Nov. 16 through Dec. 7.

TUESDAYS: Grades 2+3, Osgood, 3 to 5 p.m., Nov. 17 through Dec. 8.

WEDNESDAYS: Ages 4+5, Osgood, 3:30 to 5 p.m., Nov. 18 through Dec. 9.

FRIDAYS: Grades 4, 5+6 Deer Hill, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Nov. 20 through Dec. 11.

New sessions will begin Jan. 19 through Feb. 12.

To register, come to the Cohasset Recreation office by Nov. 13, 1st floor, town hall.

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Christmas tree sale fund-raiser

First Parish in Cohasset is again offering fresh cut Christmas trees to be picked up the morning of the Village Fair, Dec. 5, 9 to 11:30 a.m., at the Unitarian Parish House, 23 North Main St., or the following day, Sunday, noon. to 1 p.m.

Trees from 5 to 9 feet tall will be sold for $35. Buyers may choose from a nice selection of trees. Order by Nov. 22 to be in a drawing for a free tree! Call 383-9845 to order or for more information. Pre-orders are being taken.

The Fifth Jingle Bell Walk

The South Shore Community Center invites family, friends and the entire community to join them in the holiday spirit at the Fifth Jingle Bell Walk. Now a Cohasset tradition, sponsored by SSCC, it will begin at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, as Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves arrive by boat at Cohasset Harbor (Border St.). After Santa distributes jingle bells to everyone, he will hop aboard the horse-drawn hay wagon, and the parade will follow him along Elm and Main Sts., to the Community Center building.

At 2:30 p.m., everyone will gather in the Community Center gym for hot chocolate and cookies and sing-a-long tunes. There will be an opportunity for photos with Santa, face painting, and arts and crafts for sale through the South Shore Art Center display in the Senior Room.

Merchants in the village and about town may participate by offering treats or discounts.

There will be free hayrides around the Common and the bells of St. Stephen's Carillon will be ringing. The bell tower will be open to the public for viewing the bells in motion.

At 3 p.m. there will be a turkey trot for the little ones, with proceeds to benefit the Community Center Nursery School.

As dusk arrives, the tree will be lit on the Common and the Luminaria around the Duck Pond, and there will be more music and holiday singing.

Appalachia Service Project Thanksgiving pie sale

The Cohasset/Appalachia Service Project, community student volunteers engaged in a home repair/home building ministry serving Central Appalachia, will once again be baking homemade pies and breads for its Thanksgiving fund-raiser.

The Cohasset/Appalachia Service Project Volunteers will bake apple, pumpkin, mincemeat and pecan pies as well a cranberry, pumpkin, and lemon poppy seed bread. The price of the bread is $5 per loaf, while the price of the pies is $8 for the apple, pumpkin and mincemeat.

Order forms will be available from the students and adults preparing for next summer's trip, at local churches, or by calling the Second Congregational Church at 383-0345. Order deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 18. The pies and breads will be available for pick-up on Sunday, Nov. 22 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, or can be delivered that afternoon.

Teen supervisors wanted

Supervisors are wanted for teens event and activities. Applicants must be patient and caring. If interested contact Jen Lagrotteria, Coordinator at 383-7003 or Jack Worley, Recreation Department at 383-4109.

Cohasset Youth Resources dance

Youth Resource is holding a Dance Saturday, Nov. 14 for grades 7 through 12.

The dance will be held at the Town Hall Auditorium and will run from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., admission is $5.

Annual holiday house tours

Be a part of Hingham's Annual Holiday House Tour on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. The house tour will delight visitors with their holiday charm.

Advanced tickets may be purchased for $15 in Hingham at Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream; Brewed Awakenings; DeWolfe New England Realtors; La Patisserie; Treasures in the Square; in Cohasset at French Memories, and in Norwell at HomeGoods. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the tour for $20. To order your tickets by mail, please send your name, address and $15 per ticket (check made payable to the Hingham Mothers' Club) to: Hingham Mothers' Club, 4 Brewer Way, Hingham, MA 02043. Mail must be postmarked by December 2. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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IT'S HAPPENING

HALLOWEEN VISIT



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Margaret Brady greets Emma Quigley on her visit to Sunrise Assisted Living with Julia DeWaal's kindergarten class from the new Osgood School.

Winter coats at consignment shop

Prepare for Jack Frost and Ole Man Winter and rush to Cohasset Consignment Shop for Burberry, Perry Ellis, cashmere, Camel Hair men and women winter coats, also, silver platters for holidays.

The Cohasset Consignment Shop, located on 3A in Cohasset, Shaw's Plaza has a grand assortment of men and women's winter coats, Andi Merrill of Scituate announced.

Merrill added that those entertaining for Thanksgiving will find silver turkey platters, serving dishes, bone china dessert plates, cut glass vases and bowls as well as a wide collection of oil paintings.

To consign items hours are 10-11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The shop is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 12-4 p.m. There will be no consignments Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, but the shop will be open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Shoppers not only find treasures but their purchases help support many programs of the social service league that serves the South Shore towns of Hingham, Norwell, Hull, Scituate and Cohasset.

For information on volunteering, call 383-0687 as the shop is staffed with volunteers and are needed, Merrill noted.

'State Fair' continues this weekend

Hingham Civic Music Theatre (HCMT) will present the Massachusetts premier of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "State Fair" this Nov. 14 at 8 p.m., and 15 at 2 p.m., at Rockland High School, Rockland. This presentation is part of HCMT's 50th anniversary season, which celebrates 50 years of entertaining the South Shore. For tickets and information, call Cathy Campbell at (781) 749-0083 .

This premier production is being directed by Mark Bono and choreographed by Tina Combs-Fabrizio. Assisting as stage manager is Debbie Rawson and as pianist, Shawn Spencer. "State Fair" boasts a cast of 40, featuring residents of Hingham, Milton, Quincy, Weymouth, Hanover, Cohasset, Scituate and many other South Shore communities. The show will be performed at Rockland High School while the group's new facility in Hingham is being renovated.

For more information about Hingham Civic Music Theatre's 50-year history, call Violet Villani at (781) 749-4271. For other information about the group, call Joel Leonard, president, at (781) 749-6431.

Hingham Civic Music Theatre is a non-profit organization serving the entire South Shore.

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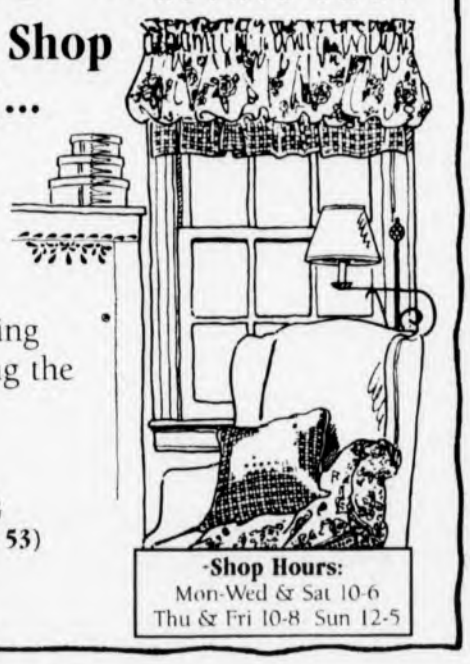
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OBITUARIES

Susan R. Page, M.D.

Susan Ruth Page, M.D., of Ashokan, N.Y., died Monday, Nov. 9, at home. She was 51.

As a physician, wife and mother, she had an active and extensive family medical practice from 1986 to 1995 in Rockland, Cohasset and Scituate, before moving in 1995 to Ashokan.

Dr. Page began her work career as an R.N., graduating from Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Hanover, N.H. Higher education was extremely important to her. She continued her education in the medical field earning a B.S. in Nursing cum laude from Pace University School of Nursing and, following pre-med courses at Columbia University completed in 1980, was awarded in 1985 her Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) with honors from Case Western Reserve School of Medicine.

She was born Dec. 26, 1946, in White Plains, N.Y., the daughter of the late John Malcolm Page and Gladys Harvea Fitch Page.

She leaves her husband Sherret E. Chase and her daughter Page Kathleen Chase; Pamela Page Hickey of Cohasset; John Page of Savannah, Ga.; Jill Page Wood of Guilford, Vt; and Christopher Page of California; 12 nieces and nephews; and many close and dear family members.

A service for family and friends will take place at home in Ashokan Saturday at 2 p.m. Arrangements have been assisted by the Lasher Funeral Home in Woodstock.

Remembrances to honor Dr. Susan Ruth Page may be made to the Oakwoods Friends School (in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.) Scholarship Fund.

Bettina Gray

Bettina Gray, 83, died Oct. 31 in San Diego, Calif. Ms. Gray was the daughter of William C. Gray, early automobile industrialist. Bettina, known to her friends as "Big Mo," attended Beaver Country Day School in Brookline and studied drama at the Erskine School in Boston. She also studied drama in Austria, as well as with Elia Kazan in New York. She starred in a film called "The Beauty Queen," filmed mostly in Cohasset during World War II, to help raise money for war bonds. She was very active in the Cohasset Dramatic Club during and after the war.

On settling in California to be near her children, she studied both painting and photography. She became well-known for her photographs of hang-glider events and has had her photos exhibited in the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. She was instrumental in establishing the America's Cup of Hang-Gliding. She returned many summers to Cohasset and Scituate, where she felt her roots were. She made an extensive photographic record of the mossing industry in Scituate and accompanied the mossers out to their working areas. Some of these are on exhibit in the Maritime Museum in Scituate.

Her interest in painting and photography took her to England, France and the South Pacific. She photographed Monet's Garden in France and the Sissinghurst Castle Gardens in England. The photographs at Sissinghurst were taken with permission of the National Trust of England and were to be published in a portfolio. Many of her photographs were exhibited in Paris, France, in a show called "Black, White and Gray."

Her children include William P. Liscomb of San Marcos, Calif., and the late Bettina Bancroft of Beverly Hills, Calif. She leaves two brothers: Preston Gray of Plymouth, and J. Neal Gray of Scituate, and three grandchildren: Elisabeth Goth of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.; Megan Liscomb of Carlsbad, Calif.; and Russel E. Liscomb of San Marcos, Calif. The late Micheal Goth, a grandson, preceded her passing. Funeral services were private.



Bettina Gray

Dorothy F. Booth

Dorothy Farr Booth, 74, died Thursday, Nov. 5, at home in Cohasset.

Mrs. Booth graduated from Middlebury College in 1947 and began a career as a book designer in New York and Boston. She lived in Cohasset since 1960 and was an active volunteer in the community and the First Parish Church in Cohasset. She and her husband, the late Robert S. Booth Jr., enjoyed sailing and golfing.

She leaves her children, Susan Booth West of East Falmouth, Robert S. Booth III of Streamwood, Ill. and Edward F. Booth of Boston; her mother, Mildred S. Farr of Hingham; her brothers, E. Lincoln Farr of Longboat Key, Fla. and Richard S. Farr of Nashua, N.H.; four grandchildren, Brenton M. West, Brian T. West, Katrina P. Booth and Robert [illegible] for Booth IV.

A memorial service will be celebrated Saturday, Nov. 14, at The First Parish in Cohasset at 2 p.m. Interment will be private.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Service, Cohasset and Norwell.

Donations in Mrs. Booth's memory may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115.

Cohasset Village fair is Dec. 5

Village Fair preparations are underway in Cohasset for the town's traditional holiday celebration to be held Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All the churches on the town common, in addition to the Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, have begun plans adding greater variety with more booths to this annual event.

First Parish is offering fresh cut Christmas trees that may be picked up the morning of the Village Fair at the Parish House, 23 N. Main St. Trees are from 5 to 9 feet tall and will be sold for $35. Orders placed by Nov. 22 will be entered in a drawing for a free tree. To order your tree, call 383-9845. On the day of the fair, First Parish will sell hand-painted tree ornaments. The church will donate a tree to Wellspring in Hull as well as to the Cohasset Food Pantry. In addition there will be a Swedish coffee shop with Scandinavian coffee, pastry and breads. An old-style "Jumble Sale" with a little bit of everything from attic treasures to closet clear-outs and bargain basement furniture will complete their holiday offering.

Saint Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., will offer its holiday book sale. There will be novels, poetry, non-fiction, children's books, cooking, craft and gardening books, even CDs, videos and computer programs. A number of prize books will be offered by "silent auction." If you would like to donate books in good condition for this sale, you may leave them at St. Stephen's Parish House Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. St. Stephen's will also offer its "General Store" of baked goods and home-made candy. Coffee, doughnuts, soups and crusty breads will also be offered on fair day in the parish hall. Proceeds from the Saint Stephen's portion of the fair will go to the many social services provided by Wellspring in the town of Hull.

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Mark your calendar, Cohasset Village fair is December 5

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The Appalachia Service Organization will sponsor the "Secret Room" at Saint Stephen's Church. This room is for children only who enter to purchase small holiday gifts for their families and friends. The gifts will be wrapped by volunteers before the children leave, keeping the gifts a "secret" until Christmas. The Appalachia Service Organization will send 99 teenagers to West Virginia to meet the people of Appalachia, learn about their culture, and help renovate homes there for people in need. The organization will hold a craft sale at the Congregational Church, and sponsor Santa Claus, who will meet with children on the Town Common.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., will offer a boutique offering handcrafts including pine cone wreaths, Christmas tree skirts, wooden snowmen and Santas. There will be an old-fashioned New England clam chowder bar, and a booth selling baked goods and cheese. Proceeds from the Congregational Church's booths will go to their Outreach program.

For the first time, the Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church will hold their Village Fair booths, highlighted by Greek pastry, at the Community Center, 3 N. Main St. Other offerings will include crafts, boxwood trees and wreaths, a White Elephant table and boutique.

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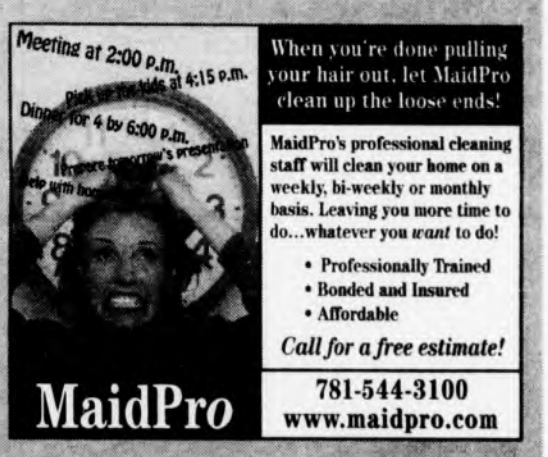
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11:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled auto, services rendered.

11:57 a.m. Lamberts Ln., MV stop, arrest: T[illegible] Twombly, DOB 11/9/76, 834 Nantasket Ave., Hull. Charges: operating after license or right to operate suspended, speeding.

Noon Pond St., medical aid, referred to other agency.

12:55 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist citizen, services rendered.

1:14 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

1:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person, services rendered.

2:08 p.m. Elm St., medical aid, services rendered.

2:34 p.m. Forest Ave., medical aid, no fire service necessary.

3:01 p.m. Hull St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

3:19 p.m. Hull St., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:44 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MVA, investigated/report taken.

8:26 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:53 p.m. N. Main St., assist citizen, services rendered.

9:09 p.m. Parking Way, investigation, investigated/report taken.

11:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

12:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department, area search negative.

12:11 a.m. King St., suspicious (other), departmental action.

12:40 a.m. Ripley Rd. and Sohier St., MV stop, verbal warning.

2 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

2:15 a.m. Pond St., suspicious (other), departmental action.

6:44 a.m. King St., vandalism, departmental action.

12:45 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

12:53 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

2:44 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., investigation, investigated/report taken.

6:15 p.m. Hull St., disturbance, adv. call police if repeated.

6:44 p.m. Hull St., assault, arrest: Richard Alan Vautrinot, DOB 6/13/56, 27 Worcester St. rear, Taunton. Charges: domestic assault, WMS warrant.

7:15 p.m. South Main St., disturbance, area search negative.

7:44 p.m. Pleasant St., investigated/report taken.

7:52 p.m. South Main St., disturbance, investigated/report taken.

8:01 p.m. Ripley Rd., vandalism, investigated/report taken.

8:06 p.m. The Square, disturbance, investigated/report taken.

8:10 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:32 p.m. North Main St. and Red Gate Ln., MV stop, departmental action.

8:40 p.m. South Main St., disturbance, dispersed gathering.

8:45 p.m. Pleasant Ln., MV stop, departmental action.

8:54 p.m. Beechwood St., disturbance, gathering, departmental action.

9:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:17 p.m. King St., vandalism, departmental action.

9:18 p.m. Depot Ct., disturbance, investigated/report taken.

10:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

11:34 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disturbance, 1. 16-year-old juvenile arrested. Charges: shoplifting by asportation of merchandise. 2. Arrest: Brian M. Roberts, DOB 5/27/80, 421 First Parish Rd., Scituate. Charges: shoplifting by asportation of merchandise. 3. Arrest: Annie Sims Messenger, DOB 4/3/81, 55 Moorland Rd., Scituate. Charges: shoplifting by asportation of merchandise. 4. Arrest: Kathryn Gillis Blanchard, DOB 5/3/81, 14 Foxwell Ln., Scituate. Charges: shoplifting by asportation of merchandise.

SUNDAY, NOV. 1

1:14 a.m. South Main St., suspicious auto, accid/defect/burg/holdup.

2:13 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious (other), investigated/report taken.

2:58 a.m. Beechwood and King St., MVA, removed to hospital.

9:15 a.m. South Main St., assault, investigated/report taken.

12:43 p.m. South Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

2:54 p.m. Sankey Rd., investigation, log entry information.

3:26 p.m. Parker Ave., vandalism, log entry information.

5:13 p.m. Pond St., assist motorist, services rendered.

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METCO rounds out academic experience for all involved

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

METCO families and host families, as well as community members, gathered in the high school cafeteria recently for the annual fall dinner that celebrates the positive presence the program has brought to the town for three decades.

Founded in 1966, METCO (Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunities, Incorporated), is a state-funded, non-profit organization that places minority children in suburban public schools to "provide the opportunity for an integrated public school education for children of color from racially imbalanced schools in Boston and Springfield."

METCO is the nation's oldest voluntary desegregation program. At its inception, it had only 220 students spread throughout seven participating towns.

Today, METCO students can be found in 32 towns in metropolitan Boston and there is a waiting list of 14,700, according to METCO associate director John Shandorf. Cohasset currently has 48 of the program's students enrolled in its public schools.

Shandorf explained that the program has been on the receiving end of criticism in the past, with some questioning its success.

"What is success, anyway?" he queried. "We have critics of the program who don't see the advantages of integrated education. They want to focus on how the students are achieving and specifically, on how they're achieving in comparison to the resident students. But what should be looked at? The district's ability to educate a diverse student population or the success of the individual student?"

For Boston METCO representative and mother Caroline Remy, the program has been a success for her son, Manasseh Remy, who delivered a Martin Luther King, Jr. speech at school in honor of Diversity Day that was attended by TV anchorwoman Liz Walker last March.

"We've been involved for four years," said Remy. "I got involved for my son. I think it's an excellent program and I think it's an excellent opportunity for both neighborhoods. We learn from them and they learn from us about our different cultures."

Remy and her son have forged ties in the community through his involvement with METCO.

"We have a Jewish family whom we congregate with from time to time and we socialize in their home and they come here," she said. "The soccer team is excellent, the schools are excellent, and my son benefits from both-he's a good soccer player and a good student."

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— Caroline Remy,
mother of METCO student

METCO has had more than 5,500 students graduate during the last 32 years, according to Shandorf.

"In our most recent statistics, of those who have graduated over the last five years, more than 85 percent at least indicate that they are gong on to higher education," he said.

Shandorf also points out the hard-to-measure success of the program's impact on the hosting town's students.



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Alicia Robertson, 5, comes up with a winner at the annual METCO dinner at the high school.

"We want to have that looked into," he said. "Anecdotally, we've had a number of Caucasian students who were impacted as students in the suburban districts enough to want to work with us. We've had several interns come to work here because they saw METCO at work as they grew. We have to look at that, too, when weighing the success of the program."

At the very least, Shandorf can report that the METCO students are within the bell curve of the resident students in terms of testing and grades.

Susan Etkind, METCO host family member for four years and founder of the Cohasset Diversity Committee, now part of the PSO, held a meeting a METCO and Diversity Committee meeting at her home last week.

"We are trying to get the schools to develop a school-wide plan and program to deal with multiculturalism," she explained about the evening's agenda. "In the past, we organized a diversity day last year. Our dinner (Nov. 1) was a success, with 75 in attendance-maybe even more, since there was a group of about 20 kids down in the gym having some fun."

Cohasset METCO representative Betsy Connolly gave the program high marks.

"METCO is such a wonderful program. We have such limited diversity here in Cohasset and the Boston children really make a sacrifice in traveling that long distance every day to and from Boston.," she said.

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Landfill hearing put off as closure talks proceed

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

The water commission was supposed to meet on Monday night to discuss an environmental report critical the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill's impact on the Lily Pond watershed. But the water commission didn't meet.

According to water commissioner John K. McNabb Jr., the meeting was delayed because of pressure from the CHL subcommittee which has been meeting behind closed doors to negotiate a post-closure settlement with the owners of the landfill, Paul and John Barry. McNabb, who represents the water commission on the CHL subcommittee, said members of the subcommittee pressured him to postpone the meeting, fearing it would have a negative impact on negotiations with CHL.

"I'm perplexed," McNabb said. "This is information that CHL is worse than anyone ever imagined. The bottom line is that CHL would like to suppress this report and the negotiating committee won't oppose that. This report contradicts everything CHL has ever said about the landfill not damaging the environment. I'm very upset and outraged that [the committee] has placed all this pressure on me."

Kevin Ulmer, chairman of the CHL subcommittee, said it would be inappropriate for him to comment on McNabb's statements given the delicate nature of the negotiations.

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UP, UP AND AWAY



Second-grader Grace Clougherty swings during recess at the new Osgood School.

STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

School safety traffic issues raised by PSO

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

An "accident waiting to happen" was the description PSO President Jane Pescatore used in her letter to school committee Chairman Rick Shea, addressing growing concern about the pick-up and drop-off situation at the new Joseph Osgood Elementary and Deer Hill schools.

According to Pescatore, who wrote the letter at the request of the PSO board, there are several issues that need to be addressed by the school committee. Namely, the traffic flow at the Osgood; the parking lot at Deer Hill, which does not have clearly marked parking spaces and is too narrow in its dimensions and provides poor visibility; and the lack of a crossing guard at the Sohier Street entrance-exit area.

Pescatore requested that the school committee support Cohasset parents "in their efforts to address these issues and to achieve speedy, long-term solutions. The school committee said that they've hired a consultant, but I

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Wireless Internet service is coming to Cohasset

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Imagine opening up a battery powered laptop computer, firing up a cordless modem with a rechargeable battery and using e-mail or the Internet from any spot in Cohasset, indoors or outdoors, at any time of day or night, in any weather. Does this sound like the Cohasset of the future? Well, it is, but it isn't a vision of the future decades from now. Wireless modems are coming to Cohasset next year thanks to the selectmen's approval of a 25-year contract with Metricom Inc., of Los Gatos, California.

Ricochet is the name of the wireless modem network. Metricom plans to install receivers about the size of a shoebox on streetlight poles throughout town. The receivers are placed every 1/4-mile to 1/2-mile, about six per square mile, in a checkerboard pattern. Metricom will pay $60 per pole per year to Eastern Edison for the use of the streetlight poles. Although the town gets no money from the deal,

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Saving Osgood School wing

Selectman Diane Sullivan strongly objects to the demolition of the 1954 wing of the old Osgood School to make way for parking and handicap access to the proposed library in the former school building.

"I don't support lobbing off the 5,000 square-foot wing, the taxpayers paid for that," said Sullivan at last week's selectmen's meeting.

She also wants to explore the possibility of constructing senior housing along with the library at the site.

Last month's town meeting overwhelmingly supported the library concept and appropriated money for the design phase. Voters did not support selling the building to a private, for-profit developer who proposed turning the building into condominiums for seniors.

The library only intends to use the central section of the old school, so Sullivan thinks affordable housing for seniors could be developed in the 1954 wing and the back section, which library trustees suggested could be leased out.

Advice on master plan

Representatives from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), a regional agency that includes Cohasset, attended last week's selectmen's meeting to help set a course for a master plan. The last master plan for the town was developed in 1961, Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said.

"We are committed to a new master plan for the town and are looking for guidance on how to proceed," McMorris said.

Jean Christiansen of the MAPC said a lot of communities are in the same boat. She said Newton, Hingham, Lexington, and Holbrook are developing master plans.

She estimated the cost of a master plan in the $85,000-$100,000 range.

Christiansen and Edward Tirrello of MAPC say the town needs to establish a long-range planning committee to bring together the different groups in town such as the zoning and planning boards.

The committee would define the goals and establish priorities. Tirrello explained there is state law, which defines the elements that a master plan should include, such as land use, economic base, circulation pattern and open space.

MAPC can help the town develop a "build out" analysis that can also be a useful tool, Christiansen said. The build out would look at what the zoning ordinances allow and what could happen if everything could be built.

Four-way stop at Doane Street

Selectmen hope a new four-way stop and island at Doane and Beechwood streets will alleviate any safety hazard caused by some newly planted bushes in the Beechwood Cemetery.

Doane Street resident Roy Fitzsimmons objected to the plantings and said they caused an obstruction at the intersection endangering the residents of the street.

"The simple solution would be to remove about 20 feet of bushes from the Beechwood Street side and put them on the Doane Street side about 20 feet back," Fitzsimmons said.

He said none of the residents were asked about the bushes before they were planted.

Selectman Merle Brown said the bushes were part of the project to upgrade the Beechwood Cemetery.

"The idea is to separate the cemetery from the street," he said.

Brown said the addition of the fourth stop sign at the intersection allows more visibility because cars must now stop there.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said the four-way stop and island should be given a chance to work but the issue would be revisited if safety continues to be a problem.

St. Anthony's permit fee waiver denied

Selectmen would not agree to reconsider their refusal to waive the $18,000 building permit fee for the St. Anthony's parish hall currently under construction.

Church member Francis Collins of South Main Street said the other churches in town were granted waivers in the past and the community center was forgiven 1/2 its fee for a new addition.

But Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said the board adopted the "no waiver" policy last week out of fairness.

She said this way moving forward, all non-profits would be treated the same.

"The town must pay its bills anyone else and we need to have the income to do that," McMorris said.

But Collins pointed out that St. Anthony's parishioners are taxpayers.

"We are the only church in town not to have undertaken a big project," he said. "I hate to think your policy is discriminating."

Collins said the parish hall would have been built years ago but the sewer issue had to be resolved.

"I am dismayed and upset that St. Anthony's is not afforded the same waiver as everyone else and I ask you to reconsider," he said.

Selectmen adopted the policy last week in a majority vote with Selectmen Nan Roth and Merle Brown dissenting.

Osgood Reuse Committee disbanded

Selectmen voted to disband the Osgood Reuse Committee, charged with finding the best way to return the former elementary school to the tax rolls. After two years of study, the reuse committee recommended the school be sold to a private developer who would develop senior citizen condominiums in the building. But town meeting nixed that proposal in favor of using the old school as the site for a new library.

Thanksgiving breakfast

The Sons of the American Legion will host a Thanksgiving Breakfast at the Legion Hall from 7 to 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving. The cost is $4 for all you can eat. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund and other programs of the Sons.

Osgood being mothballed

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen this week that plans are underway to mothball the old Osgood School. He said the water has been turned off and the pipes drained. The windows will be boarded up in the rear of the building but the plywood will be painted to match the brick so it won't be such an eyesore. A fence will also be installed to prevent trespassing. Haddad said he would work with recreation director Jack Worley to find a space for the popular summer playground program that has used the school in the past. For safety reasons, the school must be off limits to the program, selectmen said. Worley hoped the gym and an adjacent classroom might be available. The new Osgood and Deer Hill don't provide enough field space for the three age groups in the program.

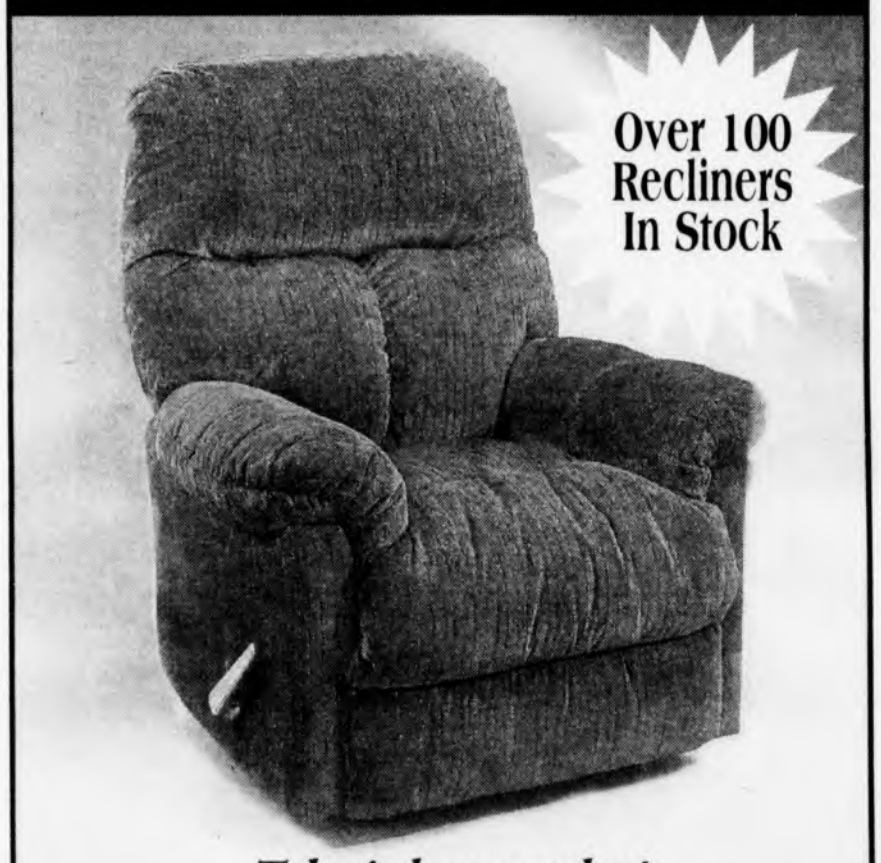
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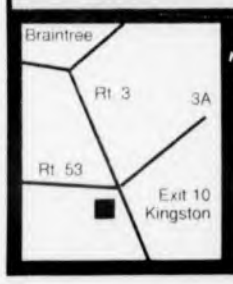
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Road rage incidents pick up speed

Can escalate into violence

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Tailgaters and erratic drivers, beware. State and local police departments are stepping up efforts to control incidents of "road rage," which have become more prevalent in recent years.

Incidents of road rage have increased seven to eight percent a year nationally according to reported events, said Arthur Kinsman, manager of government relations for the American Automobile Association (AAA).

Aggressive drivers who are operating their vehicles in a way, which endangers fellow motorists, evidence road rage.

Unnerving incidents often encountered by motorists on the road include tailgating, cutting other drivers off, expressing anger or making obscene gestures, speeding and changing lanes without using directionals.

But road rage is considered a deliberate attempt or intent to harm another driver or damage his or her motor vehicle.

A recent national study conducted by AAA showed that 25 percent of American drivers admitted driving aggressively; 58 percent said they have caught themselves speeding; and 26 percent said they've expressed anger to other motorists.

There is a difference between aggressive driving and road rage, Kinsman said, even though the terms are often used interchangeably.

Aggressive driving is generally operating a motor vehicle without regard for another motorists' safety.

"But this kind of behavior isn't always the result of anger or frustration," said Kinsman. "Some drivers are passive-aggressive — tailgating, neglecting to use their turn signals and driving at high speeds. With some drivers, it's almost unconscious."

Cohasset Police Chief Brian Noonan thinks the term road rage is used too loosely.

"In my opinion, road rage occurs when someone set out to commit a crime," he said. "Road anger is what we see more often as a result of people being impatient and losing their temper."

Although aggressive driving or "road anger" is what Cohasset police see more often, two incidents in the last six months are examples of a disturbing trend.

Noonan said a woman frustrated with a "tailgater" who was on her bumper pulled over on Forest Avenue. An argument ensued and the tailgater slapped the woman, he said.

In another more frightening incident, a woman called 9-1-1 on her car phone to report a tailgater pursuing her along Rt. 3A and following her down Forest Avenue. Police advised her to continue past her house. Cohasset, Hull and state police then converged on the perpetrator in Hull. He was arrested and charged with operating under the influence and as it turned out he had weapons in his car, Noonan said.

Motorists who experience incidents of road rage should take down the license number of the offending driver.

Road rage incidents can escalate into extreme violence, as evidenced by the death of a young man on Rt. 95 a few years ago. An angry motorist following a roadside argument killed the victim with a crossbow. The incident involved a number of motorists exhibiting harassing behavior.

Psychotherapist Sherry Johnson of Hingham attributes incidents of road rage in part to a lack of graciousness.

"We've lost that as a culture, and we take for granted that we live in a violent world," she said. "We see evidence of that in every arena of our lives, from political issues to road rage to anger exhibited in the corridors of our workplace."

Violence is often much more accepted than graciousness.

"But the reverse of that should be true," Johnson said. "What's needed is to treat each other in a kinder, friendlier, healthier manner."

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3-D program

The Massachusetts State Police have been targeting drivers who drive dangerously through its "3-D" program. An unmarked Mustang cruiser tracks aggressive drivers, identifies the offender and videotapes the incident. The driver's speed is also read.

A marked cruiser travels a mile or so ahead of the unmarked cruiser and snags the offender.

"With the state program in place, you could be driving like an idiot right past an unmarked state trooper's car," Kinsman said.

The end result isn't always just a ticket, either, although hefty fines are often levied on motorists with multiple violations.

"Drivers caught behaving aggressively can have their licenses suspended immediately if they pose an immediate threat," he said, especially motorists who simultaneously exhibit violence, aggression and anger culminating in aggressive driving, for example.

Brendon Potter of Brendon Potter Insurance Agency in Hingham is aware of the road rage issue, although he hasn't seen any related insurance claims.

Nevertheless, aggressive driving causes many accidents, particularly tailgating.

"About two of every five incidents involves tailgating," he said. "The single most advice I can offer to avoid accidents is, Don't tailgate. Needless, avoidable damage is caused by this kind of driving."

A number of claims involving tailgating have involved young drivers.

"Some kids I've talked to say they lack practical experience," said Potter. "They need to be told, whether by parents or driver trainers, to avoid tailgating. In fact, we mention to all young drivers who come in for insurance to keep their distance."

He suggests leaving one car length between automobiles for every 10-mph. The downside, however, is that motorists will sometimes take advantage of the open space and cut in.

Potter suggests drivers call the police from their cellular phones when tailgating or other incidents occur.

"If someone is drunk or harassing a motorist, maybe they'll be caught more often if the incidents are reported," he said. "We're always in a crowd on the road these days, no matter what time of day or night it is. People are always busy, always rushing. We need to slow down, all of us — it's our lives."

Both aggressive acts and blatant road rage pose dangerous conditions for drivers.

Road rage is usually the result of aggressive driving and can turn into an ugly incident, sometimes over a trivial cause.

"Everyone gets angry, and it's sometimes hard to control it, especially if there is other stress in your life. We live in a fast-paced society," Kinsman said.

Even individuals who are not aggressive by nature can become hardened in a hostile driving environment.

"They sometimes do things they wouldn't ordinarily do in their daily lives, at work or at the mall," he said.

Noonan, the Cohasset police chief, says road rage and road anger is a sign of the times.

"I think everybody - both men and women are in a hurry. Everyone is working, no one gets much time at home, so they don't like obstacles in their way," he said.



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Staying cool behind the wheel

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Incidents of road rage are on the rise nationwide and even in suburban communities like Cohasset and other South Shore towns.

Art Kinsman, manager of government relations for the American Automobile Association, offers some tips to avoid getting involved in stressful and sometimes dangerous situations on the road, including when driving to work:

•To avoid anger and frustration, motorists should allow themselves enough time to get to work and anticipate that traffic delays will most likely occur.

"If you're caught in traffic, just accept the fact that you're going to be late for work," he said. "It's a fact of life."

Drivers traveling on Rt. 3 and in the greater Boston area often encounter a hostile environment.

"There are too many cars in too small a space," he said. "The situation naturally creates traffic jams and frustration."

• Realize that motorists sometimes feel a false sense of protection while inside their vehicles.

"People sometimes feel sort of detached and can lash out at other drivers," Kinsman said.

•Don't underestimate the capacity of another individual towards violence.

"The person could be just out of jail or a drug user," he stated.

•Avoid verbal or other exchanges, because there's no way of detecting the emotional state of the person you're engaging with.

• Call *77 (state police) from a cellular phone and let a police officer deal with drivers who are exhibiting road-rage behavior.

"It's a grave mistake for drivers to try to be the enforcers," said Kinsman. "Don't try to teach another motorist a lesson even though you may be in the right. If a driver is acting aggressively, he or she is capable of more aggression."

A false sense of security, which is sometimes felt behind the wheel of a 3,500-pound vehicle, can lead to trouble.

"A car is not a protective cocoon," said Kinsman. "Motorists need to realize their cars aren't bulletproof. Angry people may follow you home, and you can't stay in your vehicle forever."

•People who have problems with anger management can seek counseling if the problem is pervasive in their lives.

Psychotherapist Sherry Johnson of Hingham said the real issue with road rage is what's going on inside a person who exhibits these aggressive tendencies.

"Those can include issues of insecurity and a sense of powerlessness and other things that get transposed into a false sense of power — of being able to take your automobile and make other people victims of your own sense of insecurity and powerlessness," she said.

With an increasing awareness of road-rage incidents, it's a good time for drivers to reassess their driving habits.

Police enforcement on the local and state level is a major part of the effort to help stop incidents of road rage.

"Motorists should keep in mind that the police are out there looking for it," Kinsman said.

Landfill hearing put off as closure talks proceed

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"We have been exchanging documents and moving toward a middle ground," Ulmer said. "We are reviewing the latest documents sent to us by CHL, and for that reason have postponed the site assignment hearings until Jan. 6. We thought we could settle this sooner, but it's a very complicated settlement with many complex details."

Other members on the committee include selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris, and former zoning board chairman Mark DeGiacomo.

CHL attorney Anton Moehrke also could not discuss details of the settlement, but he confirmed that negotiations are moving closer to a middle ground.

"We have moved from the conceptual to working through the details," Moehrke said. "Obviously, this is a multi-faceted negotiation involving lawyers, officials, and experts. We have been negotiating a multi-faceted settlement of all disputes involving all town agencies and a number of public health and safety issues including wetlands, odors and groundwater. We're trying to work something out that's fair to all involved."

Moehrke could not offer a timeline for completion, but he said the current negotiations are focusing on detailed, lengthy and substantive issues.

"We're trying to find common ground and we can't do it overnight," Moehrke said. "That doesn't mean we're bad people. We are interested in talking to everyone, and we are trying to assure everyone that we will respond to all the concerns being addressed. I've been involved in environmental negotiations for 25 years and have never seen anyone get everything they are looking for. CHL won't have all of its concerns addressed."

The water commission report, performed by Norfolk Environmental, compiles and interprets thousands of pages of material about CHL gathered in the past. Norfolk looked at the material, which included numerous prior environmental reports, to see where information overlapped or where data had not been interpreted completely or correctly. The report finds a strong likelihood that CHL is contaminating the Lily Pond watershed with volatile organic compounds and hazardous substances such as lead. The study also confirms the existence of water-bearing bedrock fractures that could carry contaminants into the watershed and eventually to Lily Pond, the town's drinking water supply.

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McNabb said he thinks public officials are afraid to accept the report now because it could alter the negotiations.

"Some public officials don't want to publicize the report," McNabb said. "I think some town officials are interested in an agreement just for the sake of having one. I think they're upset with the implications of the report because it sets the groundwork for a battle. If the town doesn't h[illegible] this information it's easy to take the agreement as negotiated. What's the point of getting this over with if we have to deal with contamination leaking to Lily Pond right now?"

McNabb said he scheduled the meeting to provide the public with information in the environmental study, which is, legally, a public document. The report is available to members of the public at the library or town hall. McNabb said he scheduled the meeting specifically to take place before the site assignment hearings, which, previously, had been scheduled to begin last night. McNabb said he finds it odd that members of the negotiating committee are upset about a meeting regarding a public document.

"Many of the other public officials want to know why we have to have a meeting about the report," McNabb said. "Obviously, when you have a public report you don't always hold a meeting. CHL doesn't like it. Well, so what. I'm puzzled why town officials are so interested in keeping CHL happy and so uninterested in getting information to the public."

McNabb added that one of the intentions of the meeting was to educate public officials about the report, but they don't seem that interested. He said many committee members admitted they hadn't read the report. McNabb found that particularly odd because the reports finding are summarized in the first three pages.

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Where to store sailing club floats at issue

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

In the summer, floating docks serve a popular purpose but in the winter, they're not only an eyesore but can damage vegetation.

The Cohasset Sailing Club, a non-profit organization that operates on a shoestring budget, is being asked to move its floats off the grounds of the club so they don't hurt the grass.

But club officials say storing the floats on the paved circular driveway in front of the building, as suggested, is not feasible.

For one thing, space is an issue. The floats cannot be stacked because of their weight and construction. Also, that location would require extra moves by the crane that lifts the floats — adding more to the annual removal cost, which the club cannot afford, said club spokesman Charles Peterson.

Hamilton Tewksbury of the Government Island Study Committee (GISC) would prefer that the floats be stored someplace else. He suggested stacking the 26 floats "two high" so they could fit in a smaller area.

Selectmen, who saw the matter reaching an impasse, directed Town Manager Mark Haddad to work with the club, GISC and park department to find a resolution to the issue.

Selectman Tom Callahan reminded the sailing club about the controversy that ensued when the yacht club stored its floats on the Hagerty Property off Parker Avenue two winters ago.

"The townspeople don't like private floats on public property," he said.

The sailing club, which attracts upwards of 200 youngsters every year, is on town-owned land, selectmen said.



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Metco sponsors 'Black Nativity' trip

The Cohasset Metco Committee is sponsoring a matinee trip to "Black Nativity" Saturday, Dec. 12. This joyful Christmas musical is a gospel rendition of the birth of the Christ Child and a cultural gem not to be missed.

The National Center of Afro-American Artists is presenting its 29th season of Langston Hughes' gospel song play "Black Nativity" at Tremont Temple's Converse Hall, 88 Tremont St., Boston.

Bus transportation will be provided to and from this joyful Christmas musical free of charge. The bus will leave Cohasset Town Hall at 2 p.m. for the 3:30 p.m. matinee performance and return to Cohasset before 7 p.m.

Call Connie Afshar at 383-6006 for more information.

Appalachia Service Project — 'Secret Room'

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is once again hosting the "Secret Room" as part of the Cohasset Village Fair Saturday, Dec. 5. This is a super opportunity for children to do their holiday family shopping assisted by caring and helpful ASP teenage volunteers. This 'full-service' shopping experience includes helping the child with the appropriate gift selection, payment (gifts are priced at either 50 cents or $1) and gift wrapping.

The "Secret Room" is located inside the first floor of St. Stephen's Church and will be open from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Plan to arrive early for a great selection.

Appalachia Service Project — Santa Visit

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project has once again invited Santa to come visit the children on Cohasset Common during the Village Fair Dec. 5. Santa sitting in his sled will be on the Common from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Photographs of this special time will be available upon request.

Also, don't forget to check out the Second Congregational Church's Bates Hall for beautiful, handmade Appalachian crafts.

Trailer is properly 'stored', ZBA rules

The zoning board of appeals will let the building inspector's decision to allow a recreational trailer to be stored on the owner's property stand.

James Lennon, 20 Tad Lane, argued the 34-foot Airstreamer violated the town's zoning by-law because it was being stored for more than 30 days. He said the trailer, which is visible from his home, didn't qualify under the exemption of the by-law because it was not enclosed within a garage.

But Building Inspector Robert Egan said the zoning by-law in his view protects against trailers or mobile homes being used as living quarters in lieu of a house.

The trailer is owned by the Campadellis who are keeping the trailer on their property at 14 Tad Lane. They said the trailer will be used solely for vacation travel and would only be occupied off site.

The zoning board focused its discussion on the language of the by-law "except when stored."

"This appears to be the zoning provision by which the Campadellis could legally keep the trailer on the premises," clerk Barbara Power wrote in the decision.

"We believe that the weight of the evidence supports a finding that the trailer at 14 Tad Lane is properly 'stored' as intended to be a legal exception under the zoning by-law's prohibition against trailers remaining in Cohasset for more than 30 days," Power wrote.

She explained that the Lennon's claim that a reading of "except when stored..." cannot mean outside storage. She said his contention is inconsistent with the legislative intent of the zoning by-law to "prevent blight."

The zoning board also noted that the trailer was properly licensed and in good condition.

Override election is Dec. 5

The town override election for the North Cohasset sewer project is slated for Dec. 5. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at town hall.

The ballot vote will determine how the $2.7 million needed to complete the project will be paid back. If the override passes, the cost will be divided between the users and all taxpayers. If it fails, the users will pay back 100 percent of the cost through betterments.

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Wireless Internet service is coming to Cohasset

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residents will get the benefit of wireless modems.

"It didn't seem like a big deal," said Town Manager Mark Haddad. "The town felt the size of the boxes is small and the benefits offered to residents will be so great that it seemed like an easy deal to approve. All Metricom needed from the town was a right-of-way agreement from us to use the light poles."

The modems are roughly the same size and shape as a television remote control. The Ricochet modems attach to the back of the laptop's screen and plug into the computer's serial port. The battery-operated modems offer about three hours of e-mail service or 12 hours of Internet time. Users of Ricochet do not need power plugs for the computer and modem, and have no need for a telephone wire.

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The Ricochet system works by sending a radio signal from the modem's antenna to the nearest receiver. The receiver takes the signal and bounces it to other receivers until it reaches a central processing point, located in stations set up every 20 miles or so.

Metricom has had great success with Ricochet in San Francisco, Washington, and Los Angeles. The company is negotiating individual deals with communities throughout the United States near large major commercial areas, such as Boston. Cohasset is one of 85 cities and towns Metricom wants to connect to Ricochet, making the service even more attractive. It is possible that systems like Ricochet will allow people to use modems from anywhere in the country in the future.

The cost of the modem and connection to the service is currently around $400, plus $30 a month for e-mail and Internet access. Consumers can also rent the modems for a smaller initial connection fee.

School safety traffic issues raised by PSO

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haven't heard from them or the building facilities committee," said Pescatore. "I would hope we'd get some kind of formal answer."

A formal answer from the school committee may not be necessary, because it is the school facilities committee which is handling the matter.

Apparently, that committee hired an engineer over a month ago. That's why facilities committee Chairman Robert Spofford is so dismayed by Pescatore's letter.

"We brought on an engineer in early October," he explained. "Our committee meets the first Wednesday of every month, but we've met on two other occasions about this issue. We are not letting this slip. Our meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are always posted. Anyone can attend and have input on this."

Spofford objects most to Pescatore's depiction of the school area as unsafe during pick-up and drop-off time. "Is it the best situation? No," he said. "Is it unsafe? No. Are we working on it? Yes. Will it be fixed? Yes."

The trouble is that there are several factors involved in creating an environment that all can agree is safe enough for the children.

The crossing guard situation is a serious one, given the speed with which people travel despite the blinking yellow lights announcing the 20 mph school zone.

"People are just flying there," said Pescatore. "The other day I was trying to come out of Deer Hill. I was trying to go right and another car was trying to come in and another car was speeding and flew around the car that had stopped for me. Had I not seen the other car in time, I would have been hit. I think it's an issue and that everyone recognizes it's an issue. It's just a question of what the solution is going to be."

"The one-lane area (of the driveway) is difficult," agreed Safety Officer Richard Yocum. "There are laws in the books about aggressive drivers but I don't know if we've ever given anyone a ticket for this."

Despite the presence of a police crossing guard and Yocum yesterday morning, the safety officer netted two going close to 40 mph in the 20 mph area, one of whom was a mother with an infant.

"She took the proper precautions to strap her baby in properly," said Yocum, "but there she was, speeding in an area where children cross."

Yocum is concerned because Sohier Street is not the only area where speeding is a problem. "I handed out five this morning on 3A and we handed out 80 tickets there last month," he said. "It didn't slow them down. We kept watch on the Beechwood intersection for two months without a single accident, but we've had to go elsewhere and already there have been two accidents reported there. We can't be everywhere at once."

Which is a problem, given that the crossing guard also can't be everywhere at once.

That situation remains where it left off in February, when Police Chief Brian Noonan wrote to then school superintendent Stephen Hart to request that the schools hire a crossing guard for school opening and closing hours. He is still awaiting word. As it is, the assigned officer is sometimes called away on an emergency.

"The old Osgood was visible from the crossing area," said Noonan. "We could just signal to the school secretary and she'd come out and take over. But we can't do that with the way the schools are set out now and sometimes the dispatcher can't take the time out in the middle of an emergency to tell the school that we have an situation on our hands. So far as I know, we're the only town that uses an officer instead of a hired crossing guard"

Relief may be in sight. According to school superintendent Edward Malvey, a request for funds to hire a crossing guard were recently submitted to the town. "We're awaiting word from the town manager on that," he said. "The entire situation is up for review by a Boston engineering firm that the school facilities committee has hired. We're looking for a long-term solution, so it's a process that will need to be reviewed."

"The only way to know what's going on," said Spofford, the building committee chairman, "is to go to the meetings and be involved. We always welcome members of the community to attend."



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Liquor stores open Sundays

As permitted under state law, selectmen will again allow openings of package stores on from noon to 9 p.m. on Sundays from Nov. 22 through Dec. 27.

Block scheduling receives favorable rating

But too soon to decide on its relation to upcoming MCAS scores

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The feedback on block scheduling has been positive so far, according to school committee member Kathy Ofsthun and high school Principal Curtis Collins.

Faculty, parents and students recently attended two sessions on block scheduling.

Block scheduling is only one of the changes in the Cohasset school system since the Education Reform Act of 1993 was enacted. Indeed, the first MCAS test results are due in early December. That might raise questions about how well the schools are doing to incorporate the act's new curriculum demands through the longer instruction time of block scheduling and more interactive teaching methods.

"We took a hard look at the current model and examined it thoroughly to see if it's the best model for us," said Ofsthun. "Curt and I planned to come before the school committee, probably in early December, about where we went with our findings.

"Where we ended up is not dramatically changed from what we have. We're going to stick with the 90-minute schedule," she said.

According to Collins, this is only the second year of the model. "It wouldn't make sense to significantly change it until we see what the results are," he said.

That information will be recorded in a school committee newsletter that will soon be arriving at Cohasseters' doors. Inside, readers will find a column explaining block scheduling, why it is going well and what minor changes might be made.

"We took a hard look at the current model," Ofsthun said. "It's referred to as a 'five-by-five,' and we examined it thoroughly to see if it's the best schedule for us."

According to those involved, it is.

"Everyone seemed happy with things as they are," said Collins. "At most, it may need some tweaking."

"We got good feedback from teachers and students," agreed Ofsthun.

In an informal survey, high school students and teachers were asked what they liked most about block scheduling.

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Nearly 50 percent of high schools in the United States are using, or considering using, some form of block scheduling.

Unlike the traditional eight-period schedule, block scheduling consists of about four longer daily periods, frequently employing an alternate-day schedule.

Proponents of block scheduling argue that students learning eight different subjects a day may be receiving fragmented instruction in an assembly-line type environment interrupted by brief periods of hallway scrambling to get on to the next class.

The longer class time in block scheduling, they suggest, allows for more interaction between student and instructor, more time to think and a more active type of learning.

Teachers gain more class time, which means that less time is lost with students settling down at the beginning of class or pulling books shut before the end of class.

A 1995 study by Carl Glick of the University of Georgia found that active learning methods generally led to significantly higher achievement as measured by the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Since block scheduling uses longer instruction time, the rise in students' grades as a result of block scheduling is not unexpected.

According to Ofsthun, block scheduling reflects the best of both worlds, with its an interactive model of teaching more often found in elementary schools that allows for labs and technology to be incorporated into class time; while also allowing students more choice in their semester's subjects, as well as less subjects to focus on.

"Science teachers and language teachers love this because they have time to take advantage of other learning tools," said Ofsthun. "There's less of the chalkboard and lecture-type teaching you traditionally find in high school. Hopefully, the benefits will show on the MCAS scores."

Only three weeks from now, more than 200,000 students will receive the scores that Advanced Systems, a testing company, put to their MCAS examinations.

Collins has said that the scores will be released the day after they come out in the beginning of December.

At that time, teachers will need to explain what the scores mean.

Prior to panicking, all involved should keep in mind that MCAS exams will not become a graduation requirement until 2001 and they are not a requirement for college admissions like the SAT. Grade 10 students will also not receive grades or grade credit for their MCAS exam.

Still, the tests will measure the cumulative skills the students have picked up, beginning with questions at Kindergarten level. That means that not only each year's lessons be reflected in the grade, but also this current block scheduling method.

It is expected that successive MCAS scores will improve as the curriculum changes brought about by the Education Reform Act of 1993 become more familiar. The act, which was meant to equalize the school districts' curriculum, is also expected to be reflected in later tests.



Absentee ballots for Special Election

Absentee ballots for the Special Town Election Saturday, Dec. 5, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime Friday, Dec. 4. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

1. Absence from the town during the hours the polls are open.
2. Physical disability.
3. Religious beliefs which prevent voting at the polls on election day.

The applicant must request an absentee ballot. Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office or a written, signed request can be sent by mail, by fax or hand-delivered by the voter or any other person. The application should include the legal voting address of the voter, where the ballot is to be mailed, and the signature of the applicant.

A family member of a person qualified to vote by absentee ballot may apply on behalf of such voter. The applicant shall state his or her relationship to the absent voter, sign the application under the pains and penalties of perjury and mail or hand-deliver the application to the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the voter. Returned ballots should be mailed or can be delivered by an immediate member of the family to the Town Clerk's office by Dec. 5 to be counted.

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with your town clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot for you to sign and return will be mailed to you by the town clerk at least 28 days before every primary and election.

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AROUND TOWN

IT'S TIME FOR 'THE NUTCRACKER'

Can you believe that it is time to think about the "Nutcracker" again? It has become a tradition for so many families to attend a performance as a way to begin their holiday season — what fun to watch the toy soldiers, angels, cherubs, dolls, baby mice, reindeer, lambs and party children! The Boston Ballet is presenting 51 performances this year (it is the 33rd annual production) and one of the Cohasset children who will be dancing is **Amanda Thompson**! Amanda has been a student at the Boston Ballet School for two years and she will be seen in the role of a cherub. What fun it will be to watch for her (there are others who will be in the show from Cohasset, we are here to promise we will let you know their names as soon as we get them). "The Nutcracker" will run from Nov. 27 to Jan. 3 at the Wang Center. Call Telecharge at (800) 447-7400 or in person at the Wang Theatre Box Office.

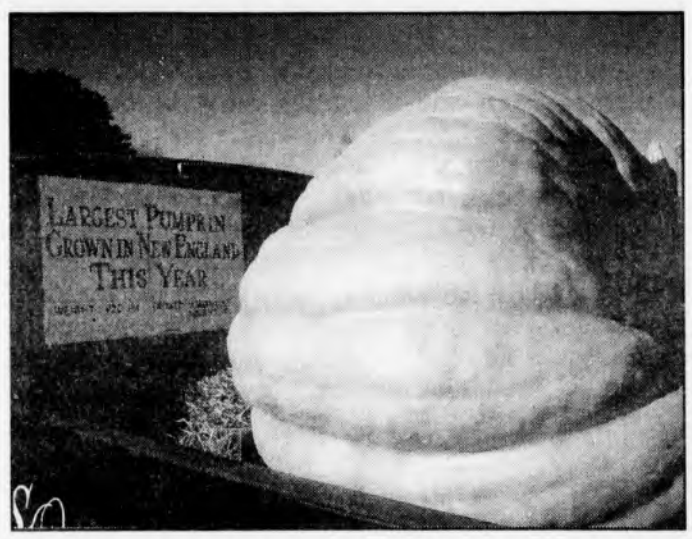
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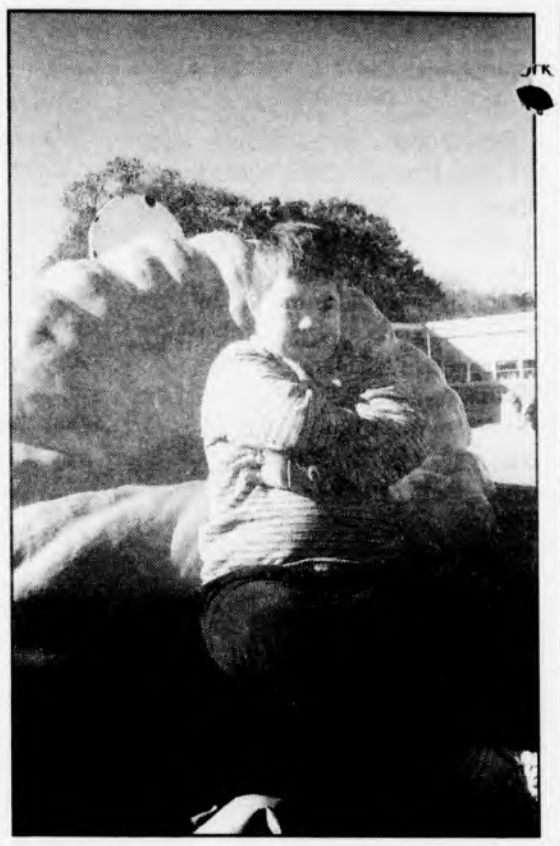
While on the subject of Holiday Spirit, it is also time to gather for the fifth annual Jingle Bell Walk, sponsored by the South Shore Community Center — it begins at 2 p.m. Nov. 27 at Cohasset Harbor with Santa and his elves arriving by boat — when they dock, they will pass out jingle bells so that all will be in a festive mood as they follow Santa and his elves to the Center for cookies and beverages. From 2:30 to 3 p.m. you can browse in the Senior Room at the center, where there will be art works and crafts for sale; at 3 p.m. your youngster can have his face painted for a hayride on the Common (there will also be bowling in the Community Center alleys); from 3 to 4 p.m., there will be a Turkey Trot (proceeds to benefit the Nursery School), and you can have pictures with Santa in the Senior Room; at 3:45 p.m., you can hear the Harborfest Marching Band playing on the Common and they will end the festivities by lighting the trees on the Common and announce the winners of the Turkey Trot. It is such a good day, don't miss it! By the way, the rain date is Nov. 28, same schedule to be held.

ON THE MEND

Have you seen him? Isn't it great to know that he is "out and about?" We're talking about **Bob Leavitt,** and it thrills us to know that he is well on the road to recovery! Proof positive that "you can't keep a GOOD man down!"

GIANT PUMPKIN





Deer Hill pupils were treated to a special surprise recently. Thanks to Tom Fallon, the largest pumpkin grown in New England this year made an appearance during recess. The pumpkin weighed 960 pounds!

At right: Nick Sida, a fourth-grader, gets a very close look at this giant pumpkin.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JOHN

Be sure to give **John Litchfield** a salute when you see him, he will be celebrating his birthday Thanksgiving Day this year! **Kelsie** has a "big day" planned for him, and has already purchased his presents! Wait 'til you see 'em, Dad!

GRIDIRON CLUB AUCTION

If you didn't attend, you really missed it! The Gridiron Club auction was a huge success and there were wonderful items up for bid — how about the shirt that Ray Bourke had worn at the game that day; or the autographed Drew Bledsoe football; beautiful hand-crocheted afghans, smocked dress, pies from the Silver Spoon, tickets to Bruins games, hockey sticks signed by the Bruins — that's just to name a few! Be sure to watch for it next year, a great time was had by all!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Take a minute right now to say a prayer for **Bob Egan's** daughter, **Katie**, as she undergoes chemotherapy treatments. She is a strong young lady, and we're sure she will be fine, but a little "insurance" through prayer will certainly help! We wish you all the best, Katie, we're all cheering you on. Much love to you!

SOME SAD NEWS

Our sympathies go to **Ron Hobson** this week — Ron lost both of his parents within weeks of each other, an unimaginable thing to have to cope with. But, being a true showman, his show goes on — we hope that your heart heals quickly, and that all of your wonderful memories of your folks will ease your loss.

ALUMNI FIELD SHINES

Last week Alumni Field was selected as a natural spot to hold high school soccer playoffs, and you would have been so proud of the comments going around about how beautiful it was! Everyone who voted the committee's dream into reality, should give themselves a pat on the back — and **Peter Laugelle** should get a round of applause for having it in such great shape!

CONGRATS TO MARY JEANETTE

Speaking of congratulations, be sure that you give **Mary Jeanette Murray** a victory sign when you see her, she really ran a hard-fought election and the people she represents let her know that she is doing a great job! Here's to continued success, Mary Jeanette!

IN OUR THOUGHTS

Our love goes to the **Sencabaugh family** — to **Elsa** as she goes to the Cohasset Knoll and to **Al** as he continues his chemotherapy. Take good care of yourselves!

KEEP IN TOUCH

That's the news for this week, please keep in touch so that we can tell all about your headlines!

— Sallyann Chatterton
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Chiropractic for HEALTH

by Dr. Debra M. Tranberg
Chiropractor



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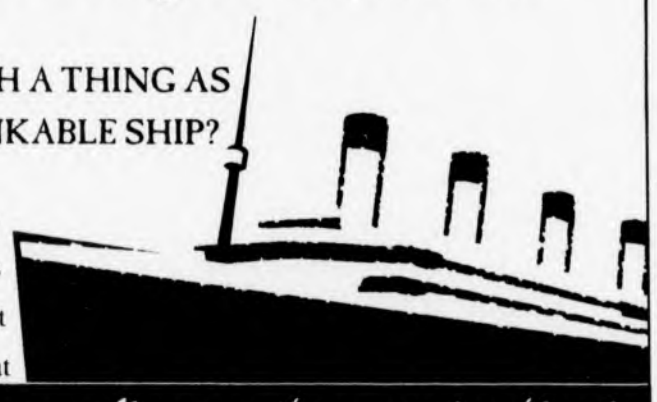
The latest news on acupuncture points out the potential value of this ancient Chinese healing art as a complementary therapy. According to researchers at the University of Maryland's School of Medicine, acupuncture may be helpful as a complementary treatment for arthritis patients whose pain has not responded to other therapies. Acupuncture has also been found helpful for treating complaints ranging from asthma, headaches, and digestive disorders to hypertension, insomnia, and anxiety. This ancient healing art is based on the theory that health can be achieved by bringing balance to the life-giving energy that resides in the body. Thus, it can be a complementary treatment along with chiropractic, another healing art that stresses the inherent healing energy in our bodies.

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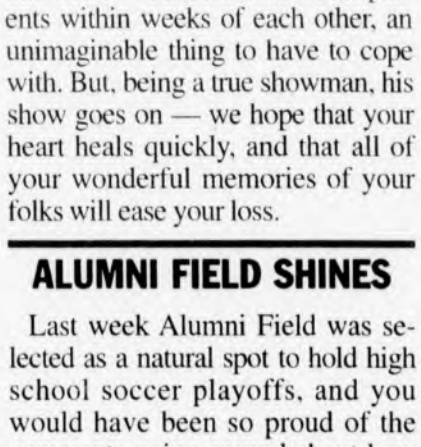
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Kate Schroeder, a student at Ballet Theatre of Boston's school, joins the professional cast in their "Nutcracker" tour with performances at the newly renovated Lowell High School Center for the Performing Arts and in Boston at the Emerson Majestic Theatre.

Kate Schroeder of Cohasset is performing in Ballet Theatre of Boston's "The Nutcracker," choreographed by artistic director Jose Mateo, in the role of angel. She has been a candy cane, soldier and cavalry in other "Nutcracker" productions. Kate, a student at Ballet Theatre of Boston's school, joins the professional cast in their "Nutcracker" tour with performances at the newly renovated Lowell High School Center for the Performing Arts (Nov. 28 and 29, Dec. 5 and 6) and in Boston at the Emerson Majestic Theatre (Dec. 9 to 27).

For the 11th consecutive season, Ballet Theatre of Boston's acclaimed production of "The Nutcracker" has become a holiday tradition for New England audiences.

Experience the magic of Ballet Theatre of Boston's original production of this beloved holiday classic. Festive sets and costumes and spectacular dancing bring Clara's dreamworld to life. Dancing snowflakes, battling toy soldiers and waltzing Sugar Plum Fairies make this affordable "Nutcracker" a delight for children of all ages.

Ballet Theatre of Boston's "The Nutcracker" ticket information:

Lowell High School for the Performing Arts, 50 Father Morissette Boulevard, Lowell. Call Ticketmaster at (617) 931-2000. Tickets are $22.50, $19.50 and $17.

The Emerson Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont St., Boston, Dec. 9 to 27. Call MajesTix at (617) 824-8000. Tickets are $28, $22, $18 and $9.

For more information on the tour, call (617) 262-0961.

HAPPENINGS

Tree-lighting to feature Harborfest band

Cohasset's own Harborfest marching band will play for the tree-lighting ceremony on Cohasset Common, Friday, Nov. 27, beginning at 3.45 p.m., and ending with the tree-lighting at 4:10 p.m.

The Harborfest marching band was formed in 1995 by the late Rev. Edward T. Atkinson, minister of Cohasset's First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church as a community band with open membership. Since then they have played annually for the Harborfest Parade. This will be their first appearance apart from Harborfest, and will feature Christmas music.

Steve Biagini, director of instrumental music at Deer Hill School, has guided the band by providing music and expertise. There are 25 members, including some Cohasset residents. Roger Whitley is the drum major and The Rev. Gary Ritts plays Glockenspiel and saxophone.

Any person at least 14 years old, may join the band for this event by calling Steve Biagini at Deer Hill School or Betts Murray at First Parish in Cohasset (383-1100 or Bbetts22@aol.com) right away.

Join Newcomer's Club

The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club extends a membership invitation to residents of Cohasset and Scituate. The club is open to all residents, especially those new to the community or those wanting to meet new people and connect to the community. The Newcomers Club mission is multifaceted, inviting members to participate in the social activities, contribute to charitable causes and support community projects.

Club sponsored social events include a Fall Wine and Cheese Party, and Annual Chili Cook-Off, a Holiday Party, and the Lightkeeper's Ball. Special interest groups are available including Galloping Gourmet, Book Group, Men's Poker, Moms and Tots Play Groups, Freewheelers Outings for the family, Sip and Stitch and Ladies Night Out. Other groups are formed as interest groups emerge.

In the past year, the Newcomers Club offered both money and labor to the Purple Dinosaur Playground in Scituate and made a contribution to the new Osgood School Playground equipment. Contributions were also made to the Cranbury Hospice and the Scituate Recreation. Moms and Tots groups plan to entertain senior citizens with Christmas carols.

Membership in the Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club is $25 per year with and additional $5 for those participating in the Moms and Tots program. Membership includes Newcomers Newsletter which alternates with a Reminder Postcard to keep members informed of upcoming and ongoing activities. Applications are available from the membership chairpersons by calling Susan in Cohasset at 383-0688 or Carolyn in Scituate at 545-0221.

Metco holiday wreath sale

The Cohasset Metco Committee is selling balsam holiday wreaths as a fund-raiser again this year. The wreaths are double-faced and are standard, door size (22"). The wreaths will be supplied by growers who furnish fashionable nurseries, yet will cost only $10 each.

The holiday wreaths will be pre-ordered. All order forms and checks should be returned to the secretaries of Osgood and Deer Hill Schools or to Metco coordinator Yvonne Jones at Cohasset High School before Friday, Dec. 4. The wreaths will be available for pick-up at the Cohasset High School gym Saturday, Dec. 5, (the first day of recreation basketball tryouts) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Decorative, handmade bows will be available for the customers' convenience on that day as well.

Last year's second annual wreath sale made more than $1,600, which funded the Metco scholarship for graduating seniors. The Cohasset Metco Committee and the participating Boston families thank you for your support of the Metco program which provides such positive results for all of us in the community.

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EDITORIAL

Grading the MCAS

Public schools across the state are gearing up for the MCAS (pronounced em-cass) results due in just a few short weeks. And not since the SAT will an education acronym soon mean so much to so many.

So what is the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System)?

Parents of the 210,000 then fourth-, eighth- and 10th-graders across the state — who took the 15-hour-long state tests in English, mathematics, and science & technology over three weeks last spring — have no doubt heard of MCAS.

But for many others who don't have children in the schools, MCAS is something they may or may not have read about. That's bound to change even for those with an aversion to charts and figures when the results become available next month and all the number crunching begins.

There just won't be any escaping the onslaught of analysis about what it all means.

MCAS is a cornerstone of the 1993 Education Reform Act enacted to raise public school education standards; a worthwhile goal because few can dispute the fact that education is our state's greatest asset. The purpose of the extensive tests —which include multiple choice, short answer and "open response" questions — is to provide a diagnostic tool, a yardstick so to speak, so school districts can see where they need to improve.

Student reports will include how the pupil performed in a category (failing, needs improvement, proficient, advanced) with further breakdown of strengths and weaknesses shown in sub-scores. For example, an eighth-grader might be proficient in math but the sub-score might reveal a weakness in "ratio, proportion and percent" — information, which could be useful to parents and teachers. On the district level, the sub-score might reveal a failure of part of the math curriculum if a lot of the eighth-graders, for example, did poorly on geometric measurement questions.

The Mass. Department of Education says this year's results will provide a baseline or benchmark to measure improvement in the years ahead. State officials warn that while under education reform, all school districts were given "curriculum frameworks" or specific subject topics to be covered by the appropriate grade level — the curriculum may not yet be perfectly aligned. For example, if a school district did not adjust its 10th-grade curriculum in science that could negatively affect student scores on the science test.

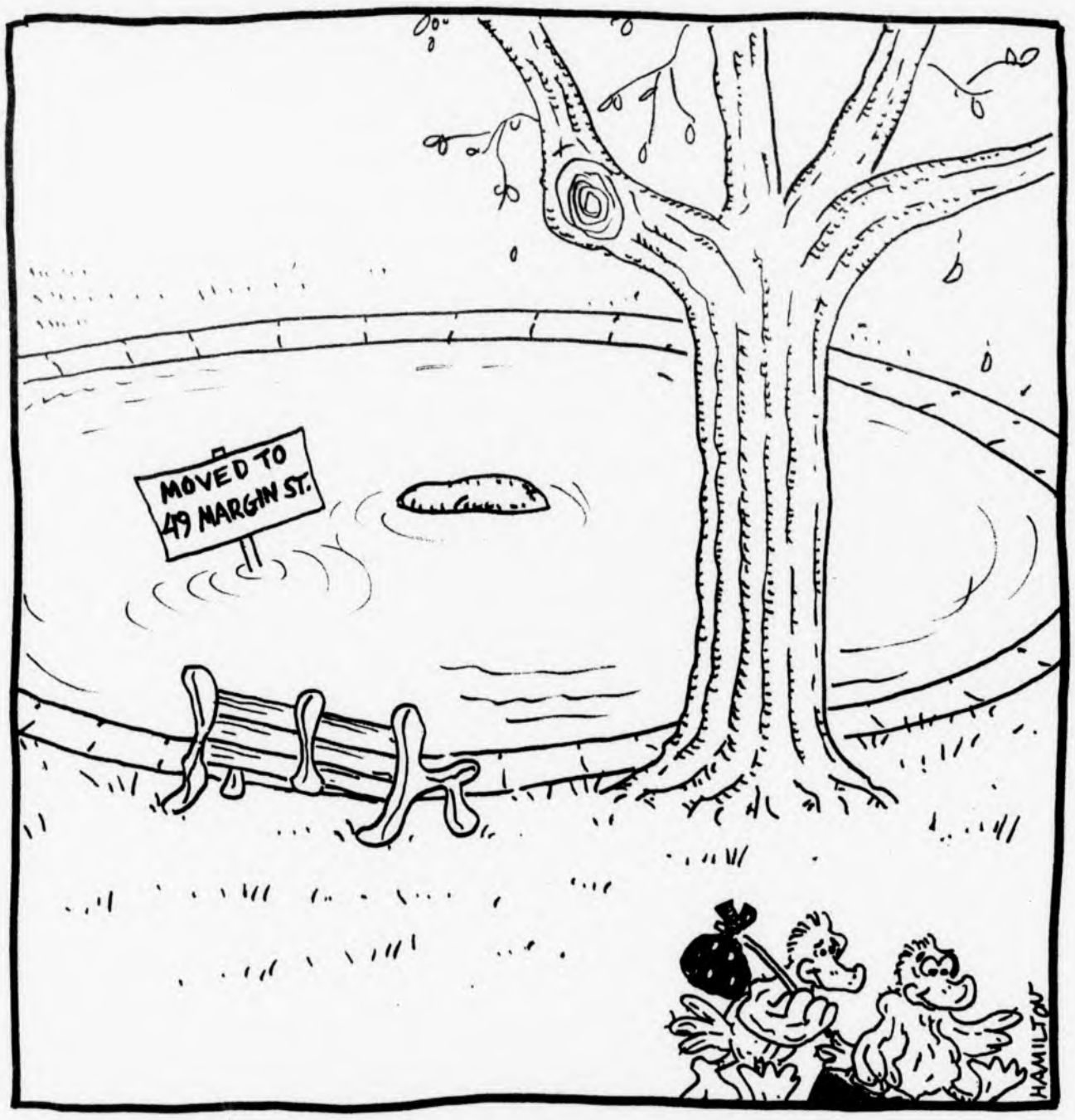
The state expects school districts, which will be held accountable, to analyze the results and do better the next time. Results will be used to qualify schools from exemplary to under performing. And starting in 2001, 10th graders will have to pass all subject areas tested in order to graduate.

The test costs the taxpayers about $30-$40 per student which includes scoring and providing excruciatingly detailed reports for parents and schools.

But as Alan Safran, chief of staff at the Dept. of Education, points out, with an average investment of $6,000-$6,500 per pupil in the state — the money for MCAS is well spent if used to drive education.

"I have a dream that someday superintendents will thank the state for MCAS," he said. "It can be an incredible tool for school improvement."

—Mary Ford
Editor



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

50/50 raffle contributors

To the Editor:

The Cohasset PSO would like to thank the following for all their help with the 50/50 raffle and cocktail party:

Joseph and Andrea Kinneally, Rick Shea, Vic Lanzillotti, Rita Poh, Jennifer Rafferty, Cliff Chase, Curtis Liquors, Shaws, Stop & Shop, Austin Lyne-Good Sport, Stephen and Cathy Giuggio, First Parish Church, Rose and Mike O'Connell and Ross and Patty Smith.

Elaine Breslow
for the Cohasset PSO

Marina discussion baffling

To the Editor:

I am truly baffled by the so-called marina expansion "controversy." It seems pretty black and white to me.

Paul Trendowicz has received and continues to receive, consideration for the development of an ill-defined, unsafe, visually obtrusive and environmentally unsound marina.

It's about time the selectmen put the best interest of the community above all else, and not cower to political, financial or other pressures.

We all know what's best for Cohasset and the Harbor. And it does NOT include an expanded marina.

The benefits to the community are nil. To Mr. Trendowicz they are significant. And the impact on the beauty and tranquillity of the harbor — devastating and irreversible.

Let's hope that common sense and long-term vision prevail over greedy self-interest and governmental indecision.

David Coletta
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FROM THE STATE HOUSE

Nantasket Beach Seawall design work

State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray recently announced that $330,000 in state funds has been approved and released by the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) to begin engineering work for the rehabilitation of the Nantasket Beach Seawall. The Army Corps of Engineers will undertake the design work, which is expected to begin immediately and be completed within 12 months. The full rehabilitation contract for Nantasket beach improvements is estimated at $4.5 million.

Murray welcomed MDC Commissioner David Balfour to the Hull waterfront where the announcement was made.

"This $330,000 appropriation for survey and design work is the important first step in the rehabilitation of the MDC Nantasket Beach Reservation, which will celebrate its centennial next year," said Murray. "Though compensation state-wide for the infrastructure money has been fierce, we have campaigned hard on behalf of the public gem that is Nantasket Beach. I am grateful for the state's commitment to restoring and revitalizing this unique resource."

Apply for college scholarships

State Sen. Robert Hedlund calls on outstanding high school students to apply to him for a college scholarship.

Hedlund can nominate several students for a state-proposed scholarship, the Teen Anti-Drug Lifetime Leadership (TALL) Award. High school seniors who have demonstrated interest in anti-drug causes are invited to apply.

The Governor's Alliance Against Drugs will award the scholarships to 11 students from across Massachusetts, one student from each district attorney's region. Ten students will receive $1,000, and the most outstanding student will receive a $2,000 award.

All finalists must be nominated by community leaders such as Sen. Hedlund, school officials, D.A.R.E., officers or religious leaders. Hedlund will only be able to nominate students to be finalists; he will not choose the actual winners.

Any high school senior who plans to attend public or private college next fall can apply. Students should write a brief (1 to 2 pages) letter outlining their anti-drug activities and leadership qualities, and mail it to: State Sen. Robert Hedlund, 66 Sea St., Weymouth 02191.

Letters must be received by Dec. 15.

HEALTH NOTES

A newsletter created by a volunteer staff issued periodically by the Board of Health.

Planning for Growth

In July, a rather remarkable report was issued by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), one of the myriad state agencies overseeing growth in Massachusetts, (the official agency designated by the state to do regional planning for the 101 cities and towns in the Boston metropolitan area).

The report called the South Shore Nonpoint Source Management Plan covers 9 coastal towns from Weymouth to Duxbury and 'identifies pollution sources, compiles water quality data, evaluates regulatory measures, and recommends action to reduce pollution and improve water quality.

It is a well substantiated documentation of the current damage to local communities from pollution, and results in 20 years if remedial measures are not taken. It then makes recommendations for change. For example, it predicts that Cohasset will grow in population by 25% by the year 2020, and tells how such growth will severely strain such resources as our water supply and our ability to control pollution. It further indicates that we may not be able to prevent some problems because they will originate in surrounding towns just as other towns have problems originating in Cohasset.

The report covers:

An overview of land use and growth prediction

An analysis of present and future water quality emphasizing drinking water supplies, and coastal shellfish condition as an indicator of overall water quality.

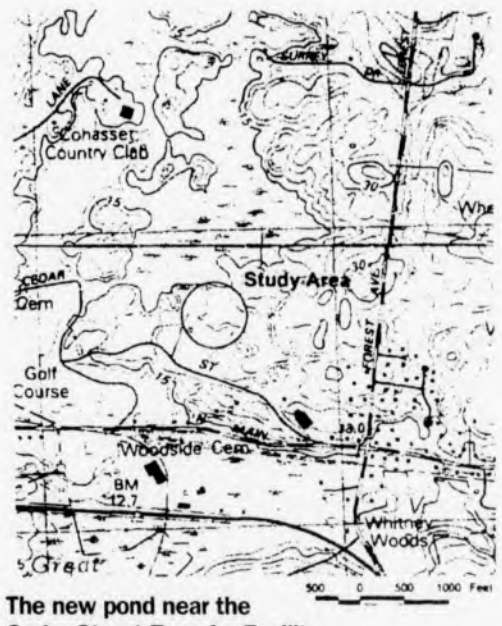
Potential pollution sources which threaten our water supply or our environment.

An assessment of the future fate of our drinking water supply given current predictions of growth for Cohasset and surrounding towns.

An assessment of the effectiveness of our current regulations (zoning, health, waste and stormwater, etc., and makes recommendations for their improvement.

It is a fine report which steps on few toes, but leaves little doubt that without some changes in the way we handle our wastewater, stormwater, solid waste, and threats to our water supply, we will be victims of a gradually degrading environment over the next twenty years.

This column will discuss this important report in more detail in succeeding issues.



The new pond near the Cedar Street Transfer Facility

Landfill Leavings

A sidebar to the closing of Cohasset Heights Landfill (CHL)which is going ahead, is an assessment of the Cedar Street landfill closing. In the litigation and negotiations around the CHL closing, the issue of fairness came up; CHL claiming that unhealthy conditions at the now closed Cedar Street landfill were being neglected and the town was guilty of a double standard where landfills are concerned. The specific issue was that a portion of the wetlands southeast of the landfill was being damaged by the intrusion of debris from the landfill. A private contractor, Normandeau Associates, was retained to review the effects of landfill activities on the wetlands.

The review concludes that a small pond southeast of the landfill, created by changes in runoff patterns from construction of Cedar Ledge development, was returning to a satisfactory condition. Some damage had been incurred by runoff from the landfill, much of which had been removed during a fortuitous lowering of the water in the pond. Some remaining damage is being naturally contained.

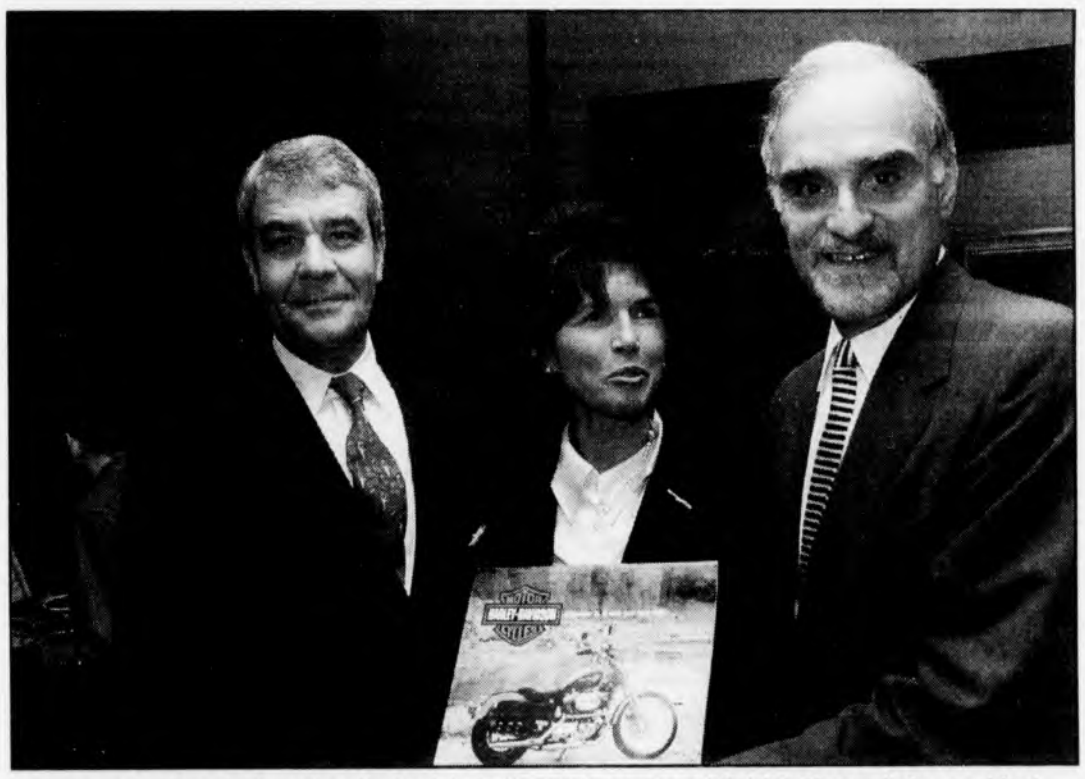
According to the report, available at the Board of Health offices, "it is unlikely that - Rattlesnake run and Straits Pond, the area of critical environmental concern would be affected by the relatively small amount of waste in the wetland.

BUSINESS NOTES

Cohasset resident honored

Francois Nivaud of Cohasset, who left the Boston Harbor Hotel recently after serving the hotel for 10 years as managing director, was saluted by friends and associates Nov. 2 at the Atlantic 101 Restaurant. Among the tokens of appreciation bestowed upon the charming Frenchman for his contributions to the city's tourism industry were a giant American Express Card, a framed photo of the Boston Harbor Hotel (including the French flag, of course), and citations presented by Senate President Thomas Birmingham and Boston City Councilors Charles Yancey and Peggy Davis Mullen.

Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau President and CEO Pat Moscaritolo, a close friend of Nivaud through the years, noted the honoree's fondness for Harley Davidsons and presented Francois with 15 of them — 15 photos of Harleys contained in a calendar.



L-R, Francois Nivaud, Nivaud's wife Annick, both of Cohasset, and Patrick Moscaritolo, president and CEO of the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors' Bureau.

Campbell promoted at Legal Sea Foods

Legal Sea Foods, Inc., a Boston-based restaurant company and seafood processor, announces the promotion of Cohasset resident Joseph Campbell to vice president of operations — Northeast Region.

In his new position, Campbell is responsible for all New England and New York restaurant operations, as well as for expanded operations in the region. For the past two years, Campbell held the position of area director of Legal Sea Foods.

Prior to joining Legal Sea Foods, Campbell was director of operations for the New England Restaurant Company, and before that, for five years he was area supervisor for the Barrett Restaurant Company. Earlier he worked as a multi-unit manager for the New York-based Pearl Street Restaurant Corporation.

A 1980 graduate of Boston University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration, Campbell lives in Cohasset with his wife Janet and their two children, Alyssa and Benjamin.

Trustee named at Boston Medical Center

James Marten, Ph.D. was recently elected to the board of trustees at Boston Medical Center.

Marten is a venture capitalist who began his career in the medical field by founding Biomedical Sciences, Inc., formed to provide same-day service for clinical chemistry. He co-founded Delmed, Inc., a sterile fluids manufacturer and Applied ImmuneSciences, Inc. a biotechnology developing therapeutic devices for treating malignant autoimmune diseases. He serves on the Board of Visualization Technologies Inc., and Microspring Corporation. He is also president of the North American Foundation for University of Leeds, Inc. He also served on the board of trustees for the former University Hospital and is a trustee of the Boston Chamber Music Society. Marten is a resident of Cohasset.

Breslow chairman of anesthesiology department

Cohasset resident Clifford Breslow, MD, has been elected chairman of the department of anesthesiology at South Shore Hospital.

Breslow, who is board-certified in anesthesiology with subspecialty certification in pain management, received his medical degree from New York University, completed his internship and residency at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., and completed a fellowship in pain management at New Jersey Medical School. He also served as an attending anesthesiologist at Yale-New Haven Hospital. and as an assistant professor of anesthesiology and anesthesia coordinator of the liver transplant service at Yale University School of Medicine.

Breslow has been a member of South Shore Hospital's medical staff since 1993.

Thoughts on Mo's defection

HENSHAW

TOM HENSHAW



Well, it's finally over. Mo Vaughn has left Our Olde Towne Team for greener pastures, the green being money, something not much less than $15 million for a year for six months of swinging a bat at a baseball four or five times a day.

And, incidentally, striking out approximately once in every four times at the plate.

Now I know how Bill felt when Paula took the $850,000 golden parachute and she couldn't even hit a split-fingered fast ball. It's relief.

Over the past year, more trees probably sacrificed their lives in the paper mills of Maine so that Dan Shaughnessy, Steve Buckley and their friends could record Mo's downfall than at any other time since Pearl Harbor.

Is it possible to have too much money? I never thought so when I was picking beans on Old Man Arnold's farm for 10 cents an hour between seven o'clock in the morning and noon. Now I'm not so sure.

But there is no truth to the rumor that President Bill postponed his threat to invade Iraq until the Mo thing was cleared up lest the papers didn't have the space to print both of them and you know who'd win in that scenario.

Those of us who have business or financial degrees from Harvard Business School are enjoying the current baseball season immensely.

That season, of course, started in October when the players who had earned free agency lined up on the auction block to rent themselves out for a year or two to a team for which they would do whatever baseball players do in the summer.

Just the other day I noticed that a free agent named Greg Colbrunn signed with the Arizona Diamondbacks for two years for $1.8 million as a backup first baseman.

It wasn't that long ago, before the wild expansion of teams in the big leagues and the discovery of free agency, he'd be first basing in the low minors. Either that or he'd be pumping gas in Yuma.

The bidding for Mo started at $70 million for six years by the Anaheim Angels, which is owned by Disney, which would miss 70 mill about as much as it would miss an extra tourist bus at Disney World.

The Red Sox countered by offering Mo $60 million for five years, which seems to be chump change in the rarefied financial atmosphere where athletes live.

In fact, Mo was making some $6 million a year from the Sox already and once told a radio talk show host that he wasn't looking for more money because he had enough salted away to last him a lifetime.

Is it possible to have too much money? I never thought so when I was picking beans on Old Man Arnold's farm for 10 cents an hour between seven o'clock in the morning and noon. Now I'm not so sure.

Of course, the money and the many wonderful things it can buy may not matter to the youthful millionaires. It may be just their way of keeping score in the race to be the highest paid athlete of them all.

Like some 30 years ago when the Celtics' Bill Russell insisted on a contract for $100,001 because Wilt Chamberlain, his great rival in the pivot, had just signed one for $100,000.

The current target for the break the bank set is Mike Piazza, a catcher (and not a very good one, I'm told), who signed with the New York Mets for seven years for $91 million. Better get cracking, Mo.

Ironically, Mo's rejection of the Red Sox offer came only a few days before the owners of an adult bookstore in Boston's Combat Zone announced plans to open a strip joint right here in the Hub.

Does that mean there is still a chance that Mo, a devotee of breakfast at the Foxy Lady in Providence, will change his mind and stay?

Defining a genuine Royal Barry Wills

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

In his 40-year career, architect and writer Royal Barry Wills created more than 2500 traditional-style homes stamped with his unique philosophy of simplicity and beauty. Many of them are enjoyed today by many Cohasset home-owners who benefit by the blending of old and new features on Deep Run, Fern Way and Jerusalem Road, to name a few.

"Wills' homes are small- or medium-sized cottages that hark back in design to older colonial types that are tastefully done, both inside and out," said Historical Society Curator David Wadsworth about the homes' characteristic style. "If you look along the homes on Deep Run, there are little, compact-looking, very neat little 'New Englandey' houses, which are his. He had a style that was pretty identifiable. Nobody else was designing like that. They were building more standard Colonial revival, whereas Wills' homes had a little flair of their own."

It was just after World War II when Wills purchased Deep Run, according to his son, Richard Wills, who continues the family's work in Boston.

"He'd been driving around all weekend when he saw it," said Wills. "During the war, he didn't have much business. He'd dabbled in a little real estate and subdivision work. He put a bid in on it, got it and thought, 'Now what am I going to do with it?'"

While Wills pondered subdividing the area, he was approached by Tony Laugelle, former caretaker for the Bolles Estate, on which Deep Run now sits. Laugelle pointed out that the grounds still needed looking after. The decades-long friendship that began that day enabled Wills to work easily in the town, since the Cohasset native Laugelle knew the ins and outs of the town and knew who was best to hire.

"Tony worked for my father from that day on," said Wills. "After Dad died, Tony was still very helpful to my mother and later to my brother, Charles. He worked on Windy Hill and a few other places with him. Tony graduated from being a gardener-caretaker to running the projects for the firm when they bid. They struck up a great relationship from the first."

The homes that sprung up around Cohasset enjoyed quick sales. Broker's sheets today list Wills' name as one of the assets of these homes, yet few buyers know what that means.

"He tried to make rooms not too large; human-size so that you felt comfortable if you were alone in the parlor, but that could fit 10 visitors," said Thomas Hamilton of Dean & Hamilton Real Estate.

"His houses are small by today's standards," he continued. "The first thing buyers do today when they buy a Wills home is make his kitchens bigger. But the draw is that they look like the classic New England type of home."

Malcolm Onwood owns two of Wills' books and is a fan of the architect's trademark style.

"I think he is well-known for small homes, Cape-type houses, and he was able to put in personal touches, like lamps, doors and materials from old homes. He built himself a house here from materials that were torn down but were still quality."

But there are many, including the real estate agents who list the architect's names on their broker's sheets, who can't readily sum up what constitutes a Royal Barry Wills home.

"Most of the people that really did know what a Wills home is are getting a bit older now," said Wills. "People still know of the firm and know the reputation, but they don't know the full story, the history. I've had people say, 'Who is Mr. Royal and who is Mr. Barry?'" I say, "It was all one and the same, and he was my father."

"He would have liked that," said Wills. "He had a great sense of humor."

Indeed, the architect seriously considered a cartooning career, after taking a correspondence course in the 1920s.

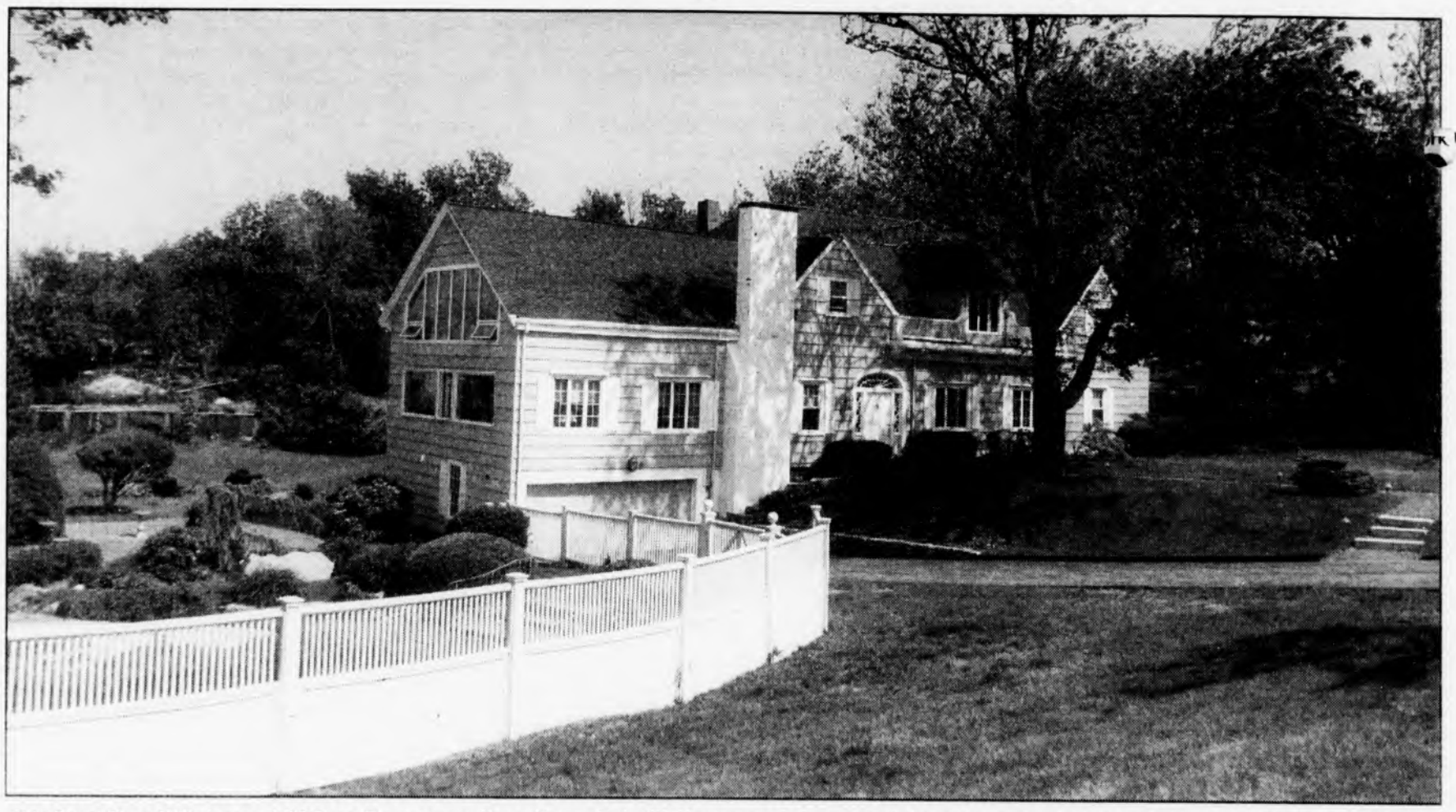
Instead, Wills went on to earn a gold medal from President Herbert Hoover in 1932 for designing the "best small house of the year." Several years later, he designed a home for Life magazine which was exhibited at the Golden Gate Exposition in San Francisco.

The MIT graduate's work was also recognized by the Massachusetts State Association of Architects, who awarded him a certificate of honor in 1949. The award was only given to a select few.

But what defines a Royal Barry Wills home?

"The chimney is wide, the proportion is either a two-story colonial or a story-and-a-half cape," said son

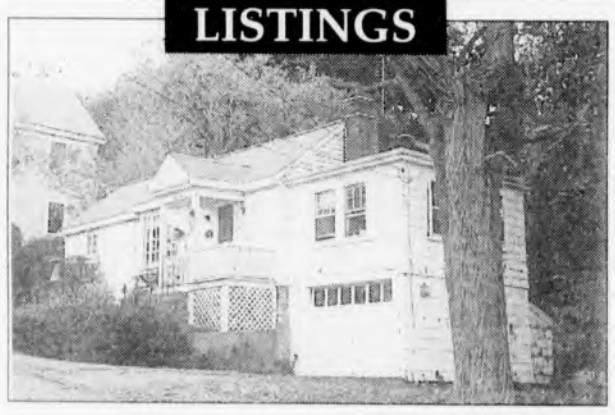
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This Royal Barry Wills home at 18 Deep Run is currently on the market with Hunneman & Company Coldwell Banker and features many of the details that made Wills' architecture unique.

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— David Wadsworth, Cohasset Historical Society curator

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Volunteers to light trees sought

Town Manager Mark Haddad is seeking for volunteers to help light the trees around the common for the Jingle Bell Walk Nov. 27. The community center said it couldn't afford to pay to have the lights installed. Haddad said the DPW is too busy to hang the lights. Call Haddad at 383-4105, if you can help.

Defining a genuine Royal Barry Wills

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Wills. "They were very much in the scale of the traditional building, very appealing from that point of view."

The Winchester gambrel cape that Royal Barry Wills built for himself contained old colonial doors because it gave off a patina that new wood can't. But when building for his clients, Wills opted for newer materials.

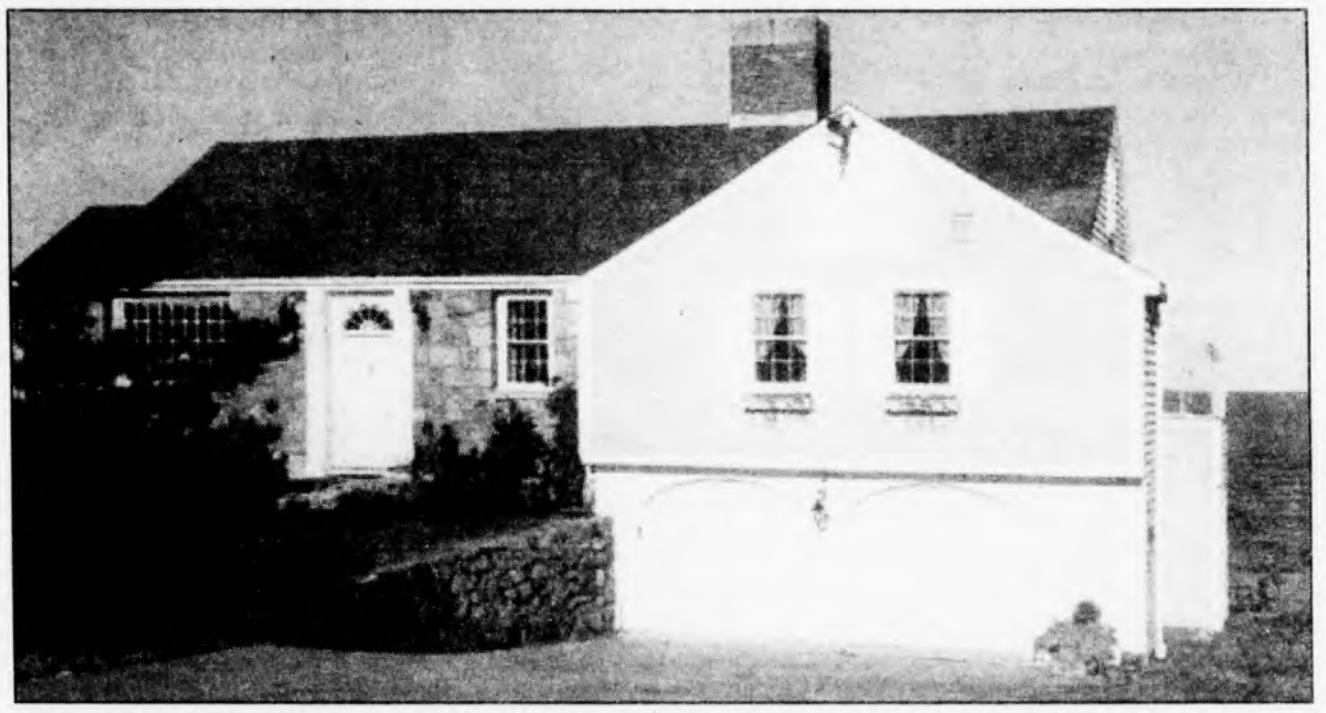
"I think when he did something for himself, he sort of experimented and incorporated something that was interesting. I think he got half of the items out of one of his Deep Run homes from Duane's Wrecking Yard—old doors and that sort of thing. He used old hand-hewn beams when he got a chance. But you can't do that with a client because they don't quite understand and can't visualize the finished product."

Though Wills' popularity and quality workmanship has driven his homes prices up, the architect's son notes that his father always tried to make his homes affordable. That's not surprising, considering that he built his practice during the Depression.

"You had to be pretty careful with the people's dollar during that period," he said. "Of course, things were a lot smaller than they are now and their requests weren't as extensive. The homes were very livable and still are. But nobody today really wants a 12-foot wide living room. In the 30s, that was a standard size room."

Though Wills lived mostly in his Winchester home, he also summered and spent weekends in two different Deep Run homes before finally settling in the barn at the end of Fern Way, which was the last home he lived in.

One friend recalls playing tennis with the architect. "I'd say he was dapper," she said, "but that would take away from how genuine he was.



This classic Royal Barry Wills cape, which is offered by Prudential Prime Properties Hallmark 100 Ltd., sits on a promontory off Jerusalem Road.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Columns and a window grace the doorway to this Royal Barry Wills home on Deep Run.

He wasn't dapper as much as a very appropriate dresser. What you most sensed about him was that he was genuine."

"My father was very patient and, yes, very genuine," agreed Wills. "He was a modest man, a private person and in some ways, you could say he was shy. He promoted his work, but he wasn't pushy and did not try to expand on his success in a boastful manner. He was quite informal about things in his own way and it wasn't hard working for him at all. Yes, he was very, very genuine."

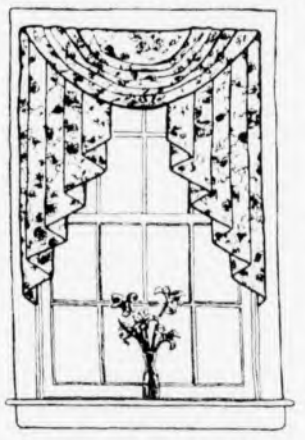
The proof?

"My father really enjoyed being in Cohasset," said Wills, adding, "He seemed to live very comfortably there with the people he'd built for, so they must have been happy with him."

This is the first in an occasional series on Cohasset architects

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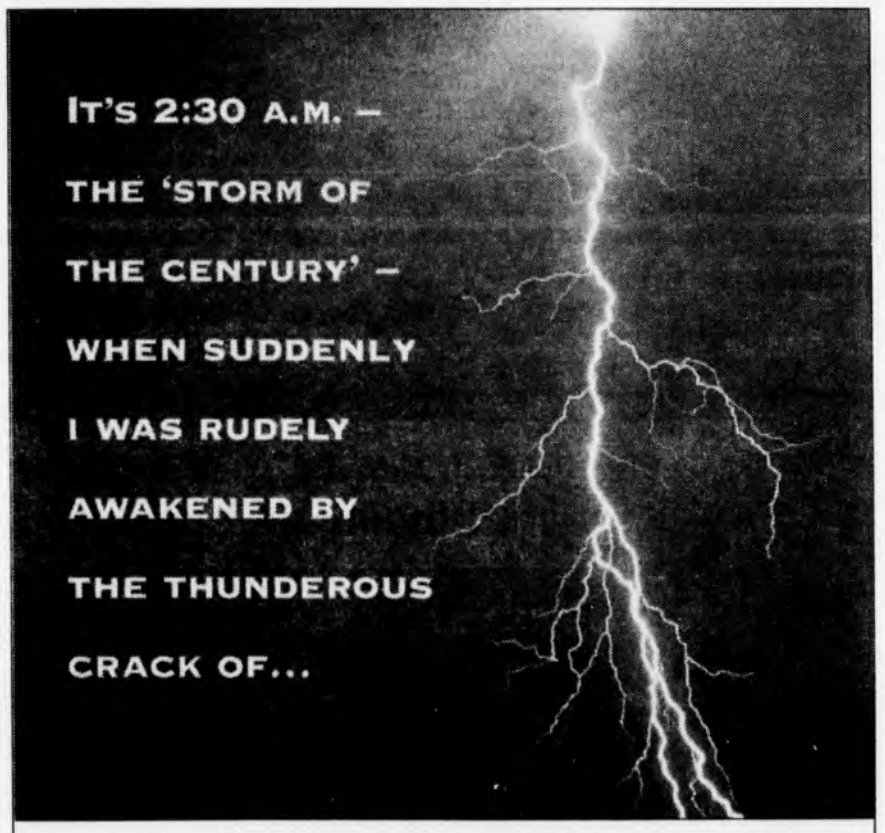
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IT'S HAPPENING

Join Newcomer's Club

The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club extends a membership invitation to residents of Cohasset and Scituate. The club is open to all residents, especially those new to the community or those wanting to meet new people and connect to the community. The Newcomers Club mission is multifaceted, inviting members to participate in the social activities, contribute to charitable causes and support community projects.

Club sponsored social events include a Fall Wine and Cheese Party, and Annual Chili Cook-Off, a Holiday Party, and the Lightkeeper's Ball. Special interest groups are available including Galloping Gourmet, Book Group, Men's Poker, Moms and Tots Play Groups, Freewheelers Outings for the family, Sip and Stitch and Ladies Night Out. Other groups are formed as interest groups emerge.

In the past year, the Newcomers Club offered both money and labor to the Purple Dinosaur Playground in Scituate and made a contribution to the new Osgood School Playground equipment. Contributions were also made to the Cranbury Hospice and the Scituate Recreation. Moms and Tots groups plan to entertain senior citizens with Christmas carols.

Membership in the Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club is $25 per year with and additional $5 for those participating in the Moms and Tots program. Membership includes Newcomers Newsletter which alternates with a Reminder Postcard to keep members informed of upcoming and ongoing activities. Applications are available from the membership chairpersons by calling Susan in Cohasset at 383-0688 or Carolyn in Scituate at 545-0221.

Baby-sitting completed

South Shore Community Center announces the completion of its baby-sitting course by the following girls: Cecelia Chapman, Amy Cuneo, Elizabeth Condos, Nancy Durkin, Kristy Judge, Rebecca Lehr, Molly Liddell, Maura McCue and Mary Silvia. Congratulations to them all.

During the course, the girls learned first aid, nutrition, fire safety and entertaining young children. The course is open to boys and girls ages 10 and up, and will be offered again Jan. 14, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for four weeks, to be held at the community center, 3 North Main St. Call 383-0088.

Holiday house tour

Be a part of Hingham's annual holiday house tour Sunday, Dec. 6, from noon to 4 p.m. You will be delighted by the holiday charm of these five gorgeous homes.

Advance tickets may be purchased for $15 in Hingham at Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream; Brewed Awakenings; DeWolfe New England Realtors; La Patisserie; Treasures in the Square; in Cohasset at French Memories; and in Norwell at HomeGoods. Tickets may be purchased on the day of the tour for $20. To order your tickets by mail, please send your name, address and $15 per ticket (check made payable to the Hingham Mothers' Club) to: Hingham Mothers' Club, 4 Brewer Way, Hingham, 02043. Mail must be postmarked by Dec. 2. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

All proceeds benefit scholarships for high school seniors from Hingham.

GEMS of Hope benefit

Come kick off the holiday season at GEMS of Hope's festive luncheon and fashion show at Kimball's By-The-Sea Tuesday, Dec. 1. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy an exclusive show of ladies' and children's holiday fashions from Neiman Marcus and Oilily.

Proceeds from the event will benefit GEMS of Hope projects, all designed to help women build better lives for themselves and their children. Ongoing GEMS projects include funding for the Mary Martha Learning Center in Hingham, funding for a children's school and adult education center in the poverty-stricken community of Pici, Brazil, and loans for women in Baranquilla, Columbia, to start small, home-based businesses. Enjoy an elegant afternoon and make a difference in the lives of women and children.

Tickets are $35. Baby-sitting is available for $5 per child ($10 per family). Call Midge Stone at (781) 383-2281 or Victoria Hurley at (781) 383-9509 for more information or to reserve your tickets and baby-sitting.

Christmas tree sale

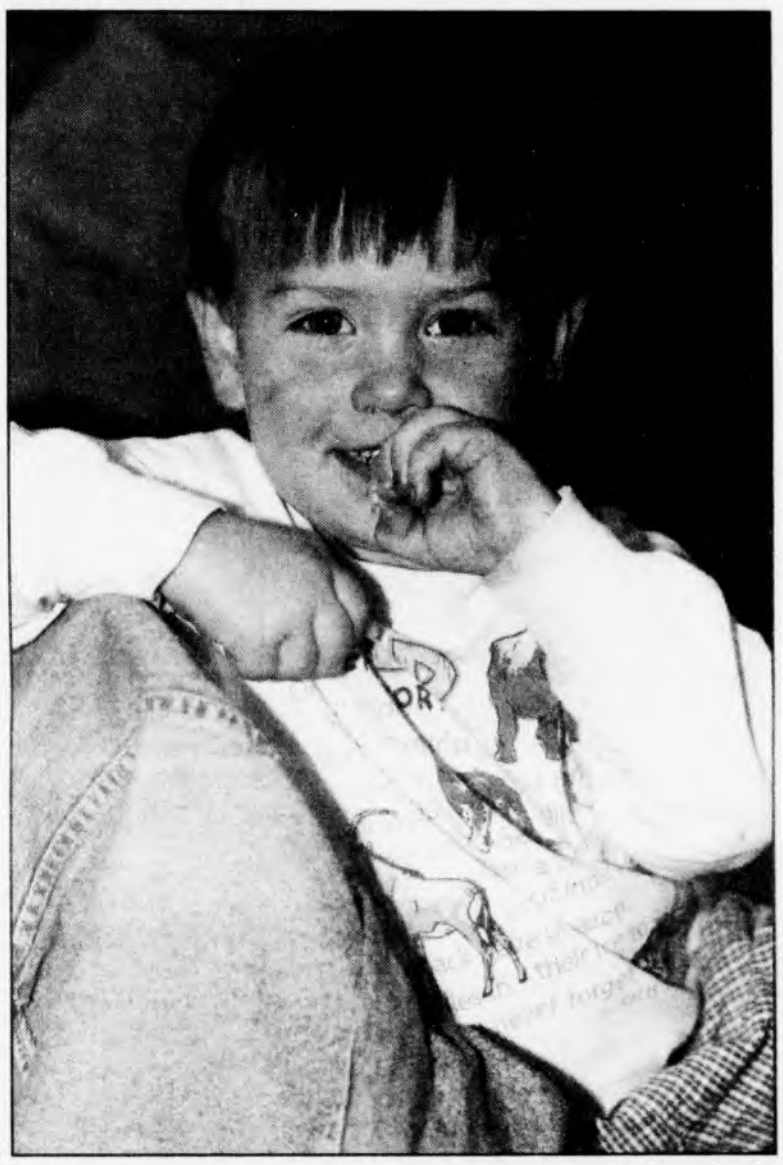
First Parish in Cohasset is again offering fresh cut Christmas trees to be picked up the morning of the Village Fair, Dec. 5, 9 to 11:30 a.m., at the Unitarian Parish House, 23 North Main St., or the following day, Sunday, noon. to 1 p.m.

Trees from 5 to 9 feet tall will be sold for $35. Buyers may choose from a nice selection of trees. Order by Nov. 22 to be in a drawing for a free tree! Call 383-9845 to order or for more information. Pre-orders are being taken.

Cohasset Village Fair

Village Fair preparations are underway in Cohasset for the town's traditional holiday celebration to be held Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All the churches on the town common, in addition to the Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, have begun plans adding greater variety with more booths to this annual event.

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Andrew Barrett, 3, was one of many children in METCO host families that enjoyed the annual METCO dinner at the high school.

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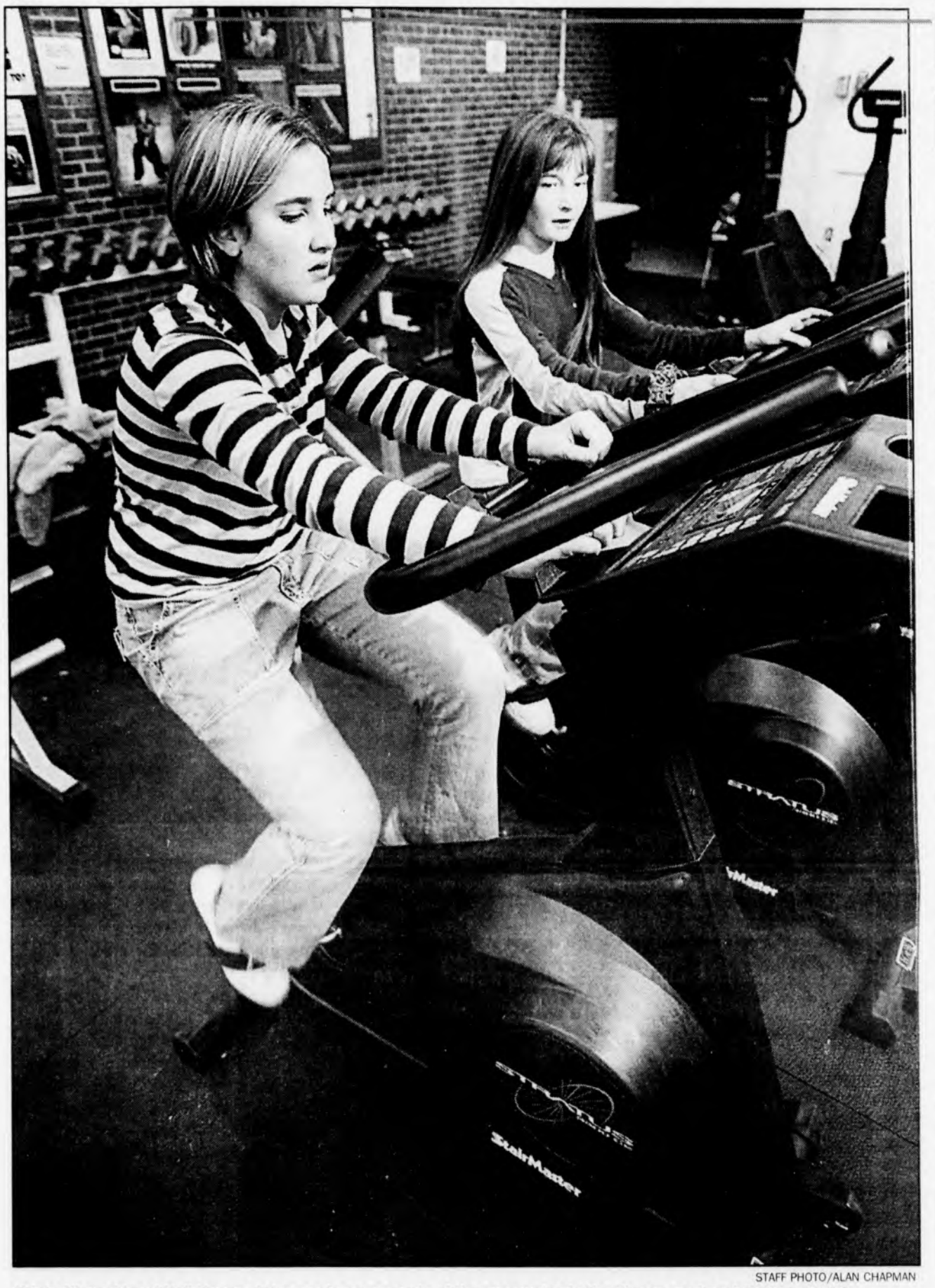
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Krista Nicynski and Nell Brewer take a spin on a couple of the exercycles in the fitness center at Cohasset High. Pending approval from the school committee, the center may soon be open for use after school and on the weekend to all residents of the town.

Doors may open to local fitness center

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Most high schools in the area are glad to let youth soccer and football teams use their fields after school and on the weekends.

And on most weeknights in the winter you are bound to find a youth basketball game going on at the local school gymnasium.

So in this time when people more than ever are trying to exercise and stay healthy but avoid paying an arm and a leg to do it, why not open up the weight room at the high school for members of the community to use during the evening hours and on the weekends for a small membership fee?

Why not, indeed.

Recreation director Jack Worley said he plans to bring such a proposal before the school committee when they meet tonight (Thursday).

"I think it's an idea whose time has come," said Worley. "The initial response has been that there has been support for this idea within the community."

The hours of operation of the fitness center as well as the schedule of fees would have to be first approved by the school committee.

According to Worley, there would be a nominal membership fee to use the equipment but the money would be much less than what you would pay to use the same equipment at your local fitness facility. The money raised would go to pay for a trained supervisor who would watch over the weight room during community hours and help people with any questions they might have about the machines.

Some of the money would also be dedicated to routine maintenance and upkeep of the machines

Over the past month the recreation department has sought input from residents about whether they would be inclined to use the weight room if it would be available to the community during selected after-school and weekend hours.

Worley said more than 120 people had responded as of Friday, many of whom were excited about the low-cost alternative to joining a health club.

"I think it will be a good way for someone who wasn't able to join a health club because of the membership costs to start an exercise program," said Worley. "We have a very nice facility there at the high school and it would be a shame to have it just sit there not being used by the community."

When CHS physical education department head Mike Gill was raising money in the community for new equipment over the past two years, he told the donators that they were not only making an investment in the high school students but in the community as well.

With this new idea, said Gill, he's just keeping a promise he made to those kind enough to donate to the project.

"I don't know if a lot of schools are doing something like this, but to me it's a great way to open up the school to the community," he said. "We've definitely received some strong interest in the community about the idea."

Gills estimated that about $30,000 has been raised around the community for the fitness center in the past two years. As well, additions have been made to the physical education budget for the purchase of equipment.

Presently there is about $75,000

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Gridders fall just short

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

No growth occurs without some growing pains. The Celtics of the early 1970s felt them before their banner year in '74. The Green Bay Packers experienced them while Brett Favre learned the West Coast offense. And the Patriots suffered through them until. . .well, sometimes you never get rid of growing pains.

The Cohasset Skippers felt them Friday night when they battled Hanover in a 7-6 loss. It was the best defensive game yet for Coach Rolfe's boys and visiting Cohasset showed that it could hang with the South Shore's elite.

However, none of this is consolation for the players. Any sense of satisfaction was overshadowed by the agony of defeat as they walked off the field. But Cohasset's veteran team played well enough to win and, if not for some ill-timed turnovers and a few bounces of the ball this way or that, they might have pulled out a victory.

Nearly all of the visitors' highlights came on defense, as that unit hit its stride Friday night. Adam Sasso played his best game of the year, including a monster hit in punt coverage. Greg Parkinson played a textbook second half from the other linebacker position, as Cohasset held Hanover scoreless after their second possession of the game.

Ben Roine and Raheem Shepard helped the front line defend the home team's double barreled running attack led by Andy Breda and Joe Murphy. Roine and Shepard hustled up from their safety positions to stuff Indian ball carriers and prevent big gains. And from his spot at cornerback, Greg Taylor played his best game of the year, also helping to stuff the run.

Even Hanover's score can't rest solely on the defense's shoulders, as

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STAFF PHOTO/BOB BURNS

Cohasset QB Jamie DeMichele does his best to escape a Nauset attacker. The senior hopes to be just as illusive on Thursday when the Skippers host Hull in the annual Thanksgiving Day football game.

Gridders fall just short

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a Skipper fumble gave the Indians good field position at the CHS 34-yard line and it didn't take long for Breda to rush in from the five-yard line.

But the visitors were resilient and came out swinging on their next position. With the offensive line buying him good time, quarterback Jamie DeMichele utilized his speed to roll right and either hand off, pass, or take it himself. In this manner, the Skippers marched 69 yards for six. Justin Golden and Daniel Trowers each carried the ball and DeMichele connected with Golden for a 15-yard pass play. End Sean Parkinson also snagged a pass and he bulled forward for additional yardage.

Golden capped the drive with a two-yard TD run, and Cohasset only trailed by one point. With the decision made to go for two points instead of the extra point, Cohasset failed to punch it in. The decision and subsequent failure would loom large later.

Sophomore Ronan Buick's quarterback sack and a tackle by Shepard stuffed the Hanover drive and gave Cohasset the ball back with very little time remaining in the first half. All they could manage was a nifty, Barry Sanders-esque 25-yard carry by Trowers before time expired in the first half.

Shepard stopped the second half kick-off return, thus setting the tone for a half completely epitomized by defense. Tackles by Sasso, Taylor and senior Alex Russell denied Hanover a first down, and they were forced to kick.

Golden carried for a first and Trowers rushed for 24 yards to give Cohasset field position at the HHS 37. Nice downfield blocking by Luke Caldwell and John Considine almost sprung Trowers after a seven-yard gain, but he was one block short of pay-dirt.

DeMichele took over from there, hanging onto the option for one pay, then firing to end Kevin Andrews for a first and goal at the nine-yard line. But, apart from one last gasp, that would be all she wrote for the Cohasset offense, as a fumble was recovered by Hanover inside their own 10-yard line.

Once again, the CHS defense rose to the occasion, or "stepped up," as many coaches like to put it. Buick came up with another backfield stop and Shepard's hit on third and 13 not only dealt Hanover a fourth and long, but also fired up the Cohasset sideline.

Roine returned the Indian punt for 27 yards to the Hanover 20 and Cohasset made it to the 14, but there the drive stalled as Hanover flashed some defensive skills of its own.

On the ensuing Hanover possession, Buick and Greg Parkinson combined for a stick on the right side and Caldwell's tackle from his defensive end spot forced fourth and six and another Hanover punt. The two teams exchanged failed drives and punts until DeMichele rallied the troops and they put together a no-time-outs, last minute drive.

DeMichele connected with Andrews again, this time at the Indian 43-yard line, and short carries and penalties gave CHS a third and four at the 25 with exactly a minute remaining. The Skipper faithful rose to their feet for the final two downs, but on fourth and four, an incomplete pass fell to the ground and ended Cohasset's hopes for victory.



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Daniel Trowers looks for a hole in the Nauset defensive line.

Despite dry, empty clichés like "moral victory" and "learning experience," the players who left their all on Hanover's field Friday will smart from this loss for a while. But that may be just the motivation they need to jump start them for the game which every senior has dreamed about since the first day he put on pads, the annual Thanksgiving Day game against Hull.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rec offers ski lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct Blue Hill Ski and Snow Board Lesson registrations Thursday, Dec. 3, at the recreation office, Cohasset Town Hall, between the hours of 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. and again in the evening, from 5:30 to 6:30.

Registration forms must be signed by a parent or guardian for participation in this five-week program. Beginner through advanced level instruction is available for children and youth, age 7 and older.

Lessons are scheduled to begin Thursday, Jan. 7, and continue for five consecutive weeks, through Thursday, Feb. 4. The bus will leave each week from town hall parking lot at 3:20 p.m. and return from Blue Hills at about 6:45 p.m.

The fee for the ski lessons and transportation for five weeks is $115 and checks should be made payable to: Town of Cohasset. Those participants who require equipment rentals may rent at Blue Hills and the cost for the five weeks with rental package is $155 per person for skiing and $175 for snow board lesson rental, transportation package, or $115 without snow board rentals.

This is the 22nd year that ski lessons at Blue Hills have been offered through the Cohasset Recreation Department and through the years, hundreds of youngsters have had the opportunity to learn how to ski, or improve their technique.

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Giving thanks for sporting treats this holiday season

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE HARDMAN



Before the carved turkey makes a U-turn around the table at Thanksgiving, it's a Hardman family tradition to go around and say what they are thankful for.

For years, my late mother was thankful that I finally got married and out of the house so that her food budget didn't resemble the gross national product of a Third World country.

Most of the time when it came time for me to say what I was thankful for, I used say the drive through at the local burger joint or for the person who invented Buffalo wings.

These days, I'm thankful for my family, my wife, my daughter, my son, my friends and, of course, my job.

If I wasn't 100 percent positive that the boss will read this column, I'd tell you that I would do this job for nothing on most days. But of course, the boss is looking at this, so we'll pass on that comment.

Driving to a tournament game the other day, I got to think what I'm most thankful about when it comes to covering local sports.

Here it goes:

I'm thankful that high school athletes don't have agents. If they did, I know I'd be writing about a $10 million multi-year deal for Hanover's Katie Halloran or Marshfield's Peter Kite after receiving a FAX or call the Moe, Larry and Curley sports agency.

I'm thankful for the warm September Friday night football games under the lights.

I'm not so thankful for the cold November Friday night football games under the lights.

I'm thankful for being able to cover soccer games like Marshfield's 1-0 win over Weymouth in the Division 1 South semifinals the other night at Cohasset High..

I'm thankful for being able to watch shy, quiet freshmen grow into thoughtful seniors, like Oliver Ames running sensation Andy Powell, who is headed to Stanford next year and could be a future Olympian.

I'm thankful for the relatively short high school seasons. Once you get soccer and football-out, basketball and hockey season comes along. Once you get basketball-hockey out, you get baseball and softball season and the cycle continues.

I'm thankful I'm not Pete Carroll or even Mrs. Pete Carroll.

I'm thankful that at least one radio station realizes that people still enjoy listening to high school sports.. Thanks WATD.

As someone who remembers when girls were limited to one sport per season and only got practice time when the boys teams weren't using the gym, I'm thankful for the emerge of girls sports at the high school level. Are the two sports anywhere that has improved as much as girls soccer and girls basketball has in the last 20 years?

I'm thankful I passed on buying Red Sox season tickets.

I'm thankful that high school snack bars went to the outdoor grilles. Is there a better smell at game that hamburgers cooking outside?

I'm thankful that high school, insert sport, coaches don't have press conferences after the game.

I'm thankful for a fall afternoon at Hingham High where you can watch a soccer game, a field hockey match and football practice without binoculars.

I'm thankful to the youth sports parents who give up their own time to coach teams. I'm really thankful for all the people who send us the youth sports report so that we can run them in the paper.

I'm thankful for every so often you get to cover a team like the 21-0 Marshfield High boys soccer team that doesn't come around that often and that people will be talking about for years.

Even though it means getting up before 9 and wearing long johns, I'm thankful for the Thanksgiving Day football games. I've been covering games on Thanksgiving Day for 16 years at various sites and I'm hoping to be doing it for another 16 years.

Hopefully, Thanksgiving Day games won't be sacrificed for another round of playoff games.

I'm thankful for the best days in high school sports, the South girls basketball finals at Massasoit on Saturday and the boys basketball finals at UMass-Boston.

I'm thankful for coaches, like Rockland High boys basketball coach Bob Fisher, have stayed involved in the game over the years. Ditto for Hanover's Jim Sylvia, Abington's Mike Mayhew and Rockland's Ken Owen. Those folks were among the people who were kind to a clueless sports writer some 16 years ago.

I'm thankful for all the husbands, wives, and other family members who take the messages for their coaching relatives to make sure they return our calls.

I'm thankful for all the athletic directors and coaches who are cooperative with us. Those are the ones. I'm hope the boss hasn't read this far, make the job worth doing for free.

In advance, have a happy Thanksgiving and remember to be thankful for something.

And remember to always say thanks to the person who invented Buffalo wings, which make even the Patriots enjoyable to watch on a Sunday afternoon.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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11:15 a.m.-noon Tumble Bugs age 3 Mixed

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2-3 p.m. Preschool age 4-6 Mixed

Tuesdays

2:15-3:15 p.m. Pre-school Gymnastics age 4-6 Mixed

3:15-4:15 p.m. Beginner Girls age 5-8

Wednesdays

1:30-2:15 p.m. Tumble Bugs age 3 Mixed

2:15-3:15 p.m. Beginner Gymnastics ages 4-6 Girls

3:15-4:15 p.m. Beginner Gymnastics ages 4-6 Girls

Thursdays

9-10 a.m. Beginner Gymnastics ages 4-6 Mixed

10-11 a.m. Preschool Gymnastics 4-6 Mixed

4:15-5:15 p.m. Beg/Int Girls age 5-8

Fridays

12:15-1 p.m. Tumble Bugs age 3 Mixed

2-3 p.m. 1/2 Sports 1/2 Gymnastics Mixed age 4-6

Upcoming events include "Girls Afternoon Out" Wednesday, Nov. 25, 3-5 p.m. Age 5-1/2 to 11. Cost $15. Limited sign-up. Pre-registration required.

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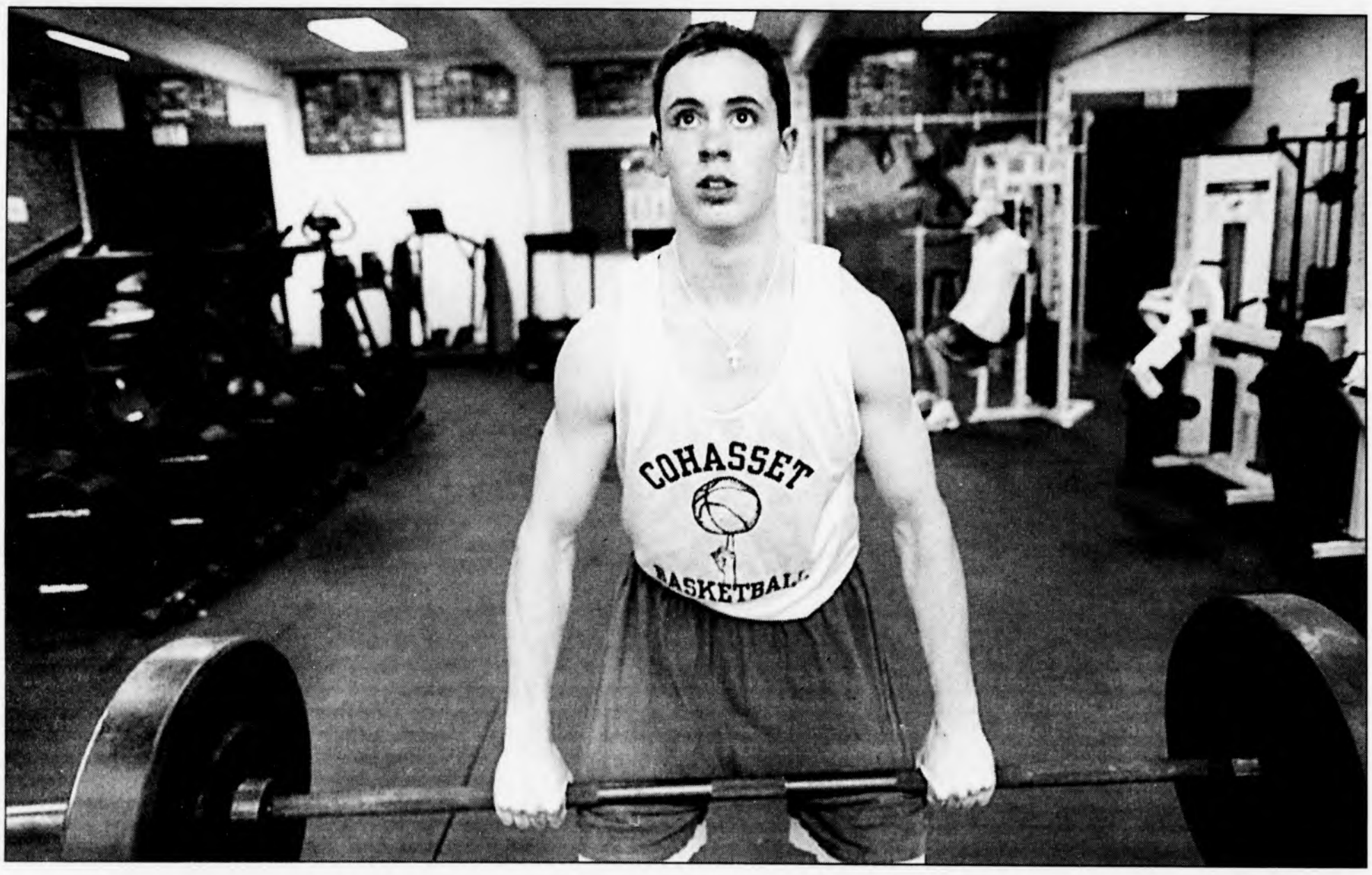
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Senior Paul Hussey works with the weights while getting ready for basketball season.

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Doors may open to fitness center

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worth of physical training equipment at the school including a variety of strength building equipment, two treadmills, two stairmasters, five stationary bikes and a stairmaster free-runner.

And, added Gill, the material is getting a work out.

"The kids love the stuff," said Gill. "You've got kids in there working out during their gym classes as well as for at least a couple of hours after the close of school."

The recreation department is still looking for your input on this matter. If you or a family member would be interested in using the fitness equipment at the school, give the recreation department a call at 383-4109.

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CHS cheerleaders pose for the Mariner at Cohasset's recent homecoming game. Front row, L-R, are Kaitlin Jackson, Jenn Kurtz, Kyralea Cogill, Amanda Cowing and Keri Dinsmore. Back row, L-R, are: Betsey Anderson, Tamara DeVaughn, Marcina Boone and Jaquelina Timas.



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The "king, queen and court" make a pretty picture at Cohasset's recent homecoming festivities. From left are: Katie Devine, Alyssa McNamara (queen), Jim O'Sullivan (king), Tiffany Bolster and Ted Goff.

PSO/Learning Express Night

Do your holiday shopping at the Learning Express in Hingham Dec. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. and the show will donate 20 percent of all Cohasset sales to the Cohasset PSO. Please indicate that you are from Cohasset in order for the PSO to qualify for appropriate credit.

So, please, make it a fun night out, get some things on your list accomplished, and raise funds for Cohasset schools.

For any questions, call Andrea Flynn at 383-6754.

Health education council

On Tuesday, Nov. 24, there will be a meeting of all community resident interested in serving on the Community Health Education Advisory. Community participation is an essential component of effective health education programs. The Cohasset Health Education Advisory Council has been active since 1974 and acts in advisory capacity to the schools and as an advocate for comprehensive and sequential health instruction for all students. Meetings are usually held quarterly and/or as needed.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in room 103 at the high school (enter the main entrance, take a right, second door on the left.)

Funds needed for leadership program

Three students from Cohasset High School have been chosen by the school administration to attend the Presidential Classroom leadership program in Washington, D.C.

Mike Baird, Megan Connolly and Steve Reynolds need to raise $2,700 to fund this very worthwhile educational experience. They will be selling the Entertainment '99 Book as one of their fund raising activities. The gold card and coupons provide the buyer with opportunities to enjoy two-for-one dinners at many outstanding South Shore and Boston restaurants. Kimball's By the Sea, La Dalat, Bert's Cove, The Red Parrot, Oceana at Marriott Longwharf, and Michael's Waterfront are just a few of the excellent choices. There are discounts for fast food restaurants, movie theaters, dry cleaning, sport events, hotels, and airline tickets.

If you would be interested in purchasing an Entertainment '99 Book for $30 or making a donation to the Presidential Classroom, please call Megan Connolly at 383-1248. Thank you for your time and support.

Ripley Media Center upgrades

Recent improvements at the Ripley Media Center at Cohasset Middle High School have upgraded the look of the facility. A new rug, clean painted walls and a new library media specialist have contributed to the changes. Joan Gallagher, a veteran of both public and school libraries, has set her goal for this year. She wants to expand the materials collection and work with staff and students to use both traditional and newer research tools to their fullest.

Parents or other Cohasset residents who would like to volunteer to assist with ongoing, as well as, special projects are invited to call the Ripley at 383-2447 for details.

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Students knit gifts for the season of giving

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The fourth- and fifth-graders of the Deer Hill School have taken handily to knitting hats for the homeless residents of Pilgrims Hope Shelter in Kingston for Christmas.

Art instructor and knitting mentor Ann Berman has passed on the altruistic knitting bug to 250 of her students at this point, and nearly half of those are boys.

"It's not so much a gender thing for them, because they're focused on the helping aspect," said Berman. "In other words, it's not a 'girlie' thing."

Berman started teaching her students the basics of knitting last year-enough to get them on the way to producing their first hat and for many, a desire to do more.

"It's amazing," she said. "We started this year's kids on knitting in September when I introduced the children to the homeless shelter. The kids got excited about the idea of helping and keeping people warm.

"It only takes them about five minutes to learn the stitch and the hats are so good that we have them on display here. No two are alike. The kids choose what they want to make and they do it on their own time—while being chauffeured to ballet in Norwell, after school, before school, at recess or lunch time, and I know that some of them are even sneaking some knitting in during class time."

On nice days, some of the boys can be found around a picnic table, working their needles like dedicated artisans.

"They don't even realize how cool they are," said Berman, about the boys' commitment to the shelter.

The first boy brave enough to come forward last year, Peter Bernstein, made seven hats for Rosie's Place, the Boston shelter which the school supplied their knitted goods to last Christmas.

"The boys didn't hesitate this year," she said. "Mostly fifth graders jumped on the bandwagon, which set a good example for the fourth-graders. Almost every fourth-grader is involved in this. Some of the boys are very confident and can produce a hat in three days."

Even the littlest Osgood hands are busy with the winter caps, producing pompoms under the tutelage of their kindergarten teacher, Christine Darmetko.

"These little five-year-olds are so excited about being involved in making the hats because many of them have older siblings that are doing the knitting," said Berman. "My daughter, Alice, is in that class and she acted as my assistant. Most of the kids can't wait to get older so that they can do the actual knitting."



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Maura McCue works on a knit cap with classmates Brian Buckley, Davis Brown, Roxanne Tehranian and Robin Earle at the Deer Hill School.

The yarn the children are working with was donated by people who read a newspaper advertisement placed by Berman, explaining the purpose of the project.

One woman had skeins of lavender and white, which will no doubt produce many colorful hats.

Besides knitting, the children were also introduced to Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless volunteer coordinator Jennifer Garvey, who discussed homelessness and the Pilgrims Hope Shelter with the inquisitive students.

"Ms. Turtle and Ms. Keating were reading 'The Family Under the Bridge' with their students when they met with Ms. Garvey," said Berman.

The book describes one family's encounter with homelessness, so the children had some background on the subject when the met with Garvey.

"It was wonderful, and they had so many questions about homelessness," said Garvey, about the curious group she met with.

"Some of the questions were unusual, like, 'Who does the family's taxes?' and 'What do they do with their negative money?', but mostly, they were showing a lot of interest in where the children went to school, where the children played, what they wore and ate, and who provided their clothing."

The hat-making students are in a league of their own, according to Garvey, since other schools in the spirit of giving opt for more traditional methods like coat and food drives.

"This is the first group of students I've met with that actually made anything for us," said Garvey. "It's really a wonderful thing."

The shelter's families, who currently benefit from a GED program that allows them to graduate high school, a Family Life Advocates parenting class and affordable housing placement, will be cheered by the stylish hats come Christmas.

Last year's batch went out to Rosie's Place in Boston via a "caravan" of mini-vans, making the trek from Cohasset into the city to delivery their handmade gifts.

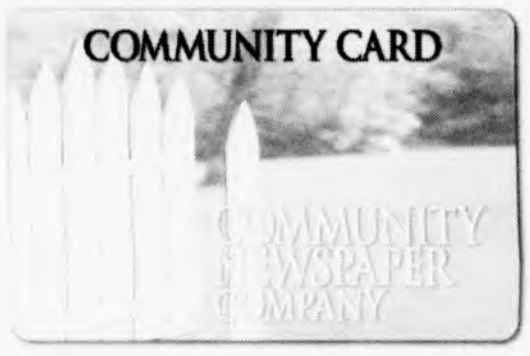
"It's going to be a yearly tradition," anticipated Berman. "But this year, we'll be heading south to Kingston instead of into Boston."

Spurred by the students' enthusiasm to contribute to a worthy cause, many adults have joined in, too.

School secretary Joni Meade has spun out a batch of woolen hats—"I don't know where she finds the time!" said Berman—and recess aide Betty Longo has produced eight already. In addition, sixth-grade teacher Larry Shultz and his son, Brian, have also contributed.

"At Deer Hill, we talk a lot about character education, meaning morals and ethics," said Berman. "This combines that lesson in the best way. You can't ask for this; it has to come from them. I don't think these kids realize how wonderful they are. They just want to make a difference."

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ART NOTES

On exhibit at Brewed Awakenings

Locale Color presents watercolorist and oil painter J. Marshall Dyke, at Brewed Awakenings, Main Street in Hingham Square. Dyke's interest in art began in the seventh grade when he attended after school classes with Carmen Unger of Quincy. Through a life working in the art field, Dyke worked as an illustrator in the Air Force, and upon returning to civilian life he picked up his art training at the Art Institute of Boston. He is very active in art associations throughout the South Shore Area and the Cape, serving on the Board of Directors at the Cape Cod Art Association. His work has been on display in numerous galleries and, as a result of his effort and talent, garnered many awards.

Dyke is represented locally by Locale Color of Hull, an art business which provides art paintings for corporate or private collectors.

Pastel artist featured at art center

The paintings of pastel artist Anne Heywood are on display at the South Shore Art Center through Dec. 23. Winner of the International Association of Pastel Society's 1997 Convention Image Award, the Pastel Society of America's 1995 Holbein Award, and the 1997 Northern Colorado Art Association's Pastel Society of America Award, Heywood has had her pastels included in one-woman, juried and invitational shows throughout New England and the United States. Heywood's paintings are reflections of her life spent in New England and Italy. She was recently inducted into the National Association of Women Artists, a 100-year-old organization including among its past members American impressionist Mary Cassatt.

A faculty member of the South Shore Art Center, Heywood will be conducting a workshop on Pastel Painting Materials. The workshop, to be given Tuesday evening, Dec. 8, from 7 to 8:30, will introduce pastel artists to new pastels, materials and will conclude with a gallery talk on Heywood's Faculty Feature exhibition. For more information, call (781) 383-ARTS.

Holiday sale at Art Center

The South Shore Art Center's Gift Gallery will hold a holiday sale beginning at the South Shore Community Center Nov. 27 as part of the annual Jingle Bell Walk and continuing at the Art Center through Dec. 7. Items for sale include jewelry, ceramics, wooden crafts and other delightful and unique gifts by local artists. For more information, call (781) 383-ARTS.

Holiday workshops for children and families

The South Shore Art Center is hosting holiday workshops for children and their families. Start a tradition by making ornaments as a family in Family Ornament Workshop with Nancy Connolly Saturday Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. Students in grades 1 and up with an adult will create beautiful clay keepsake ornaments both stamped and free form. A variety of clay, paints and glazes will be explored with a chance to make gift cards for the finished ornaments. Materials and firing fees are included in the price of $60 for members and $70 for nonmembers (for one child plus one adult). Additional children are welcome for a $25 member or $30 nonmember fee.

Children grades pre-K to 3rd can rejoice in the holiday season and create festive decorations, gifts and yummies in Holiday Happenings with Julie Hawkins. There will be plenty of drawing, painting, clay sculpture, edible delights and colorful creations to take home. The PreK-K workshop will meet Monday, Dec. 7 and 14 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Grades 1 to 3 will meet Thursday, Dec. 10 and 17, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The cost for the workshop is $35 for members and $45 for nonmembers.

Call the Art Center at (781) 383-ARTS to register or for more information.



The James Library and Center for the Arts, 24 West St. in Norwell is currently exhibiting the works of watercolorist Joanne Donnelly of Cohasset. Donnelly is a graduate of Mass. College of art and has been teaching art since 1956. Call the James Library at 659-7100 for more information.

Affordable fine art for sale

The Hull Artists Studio Connection members will exhibit and sell affordable fine art at their location at 217 Nantasket Ave. called the Studio at the Beach (across from the MJM Bathhouse), Saturday, Nov. 28 and Sunday, Nov. 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be exhibits and sales of handmade jewelry, woodcraft and decoys, greeting cards, watercolors, oils, pen/ink, photography, drawings.

This event is part of the Hull Holiday Showcase, which is sponsored by the Hull-Nantasket Chamber of Commerce.

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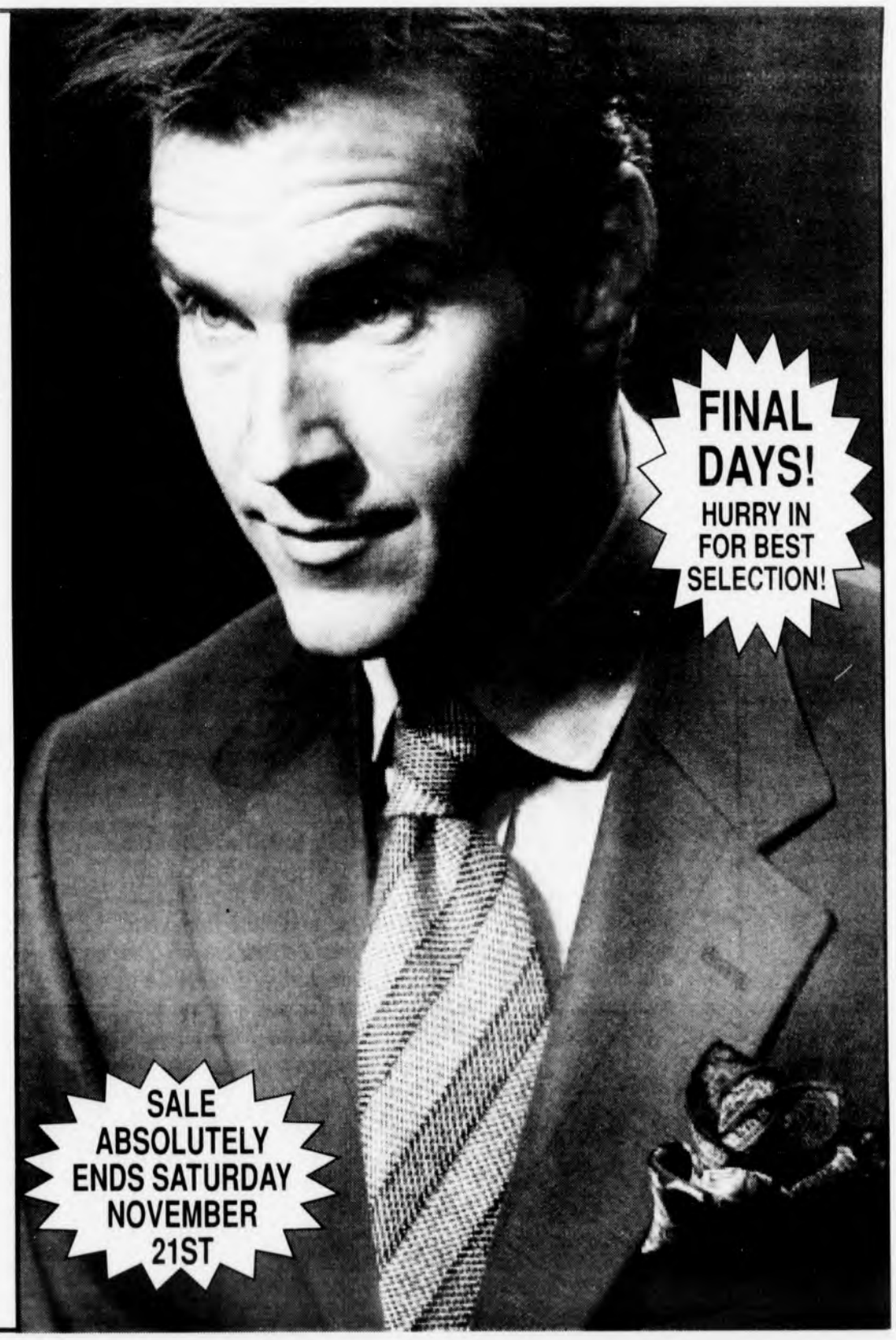
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OBITUARIES

Paul A. Murphy

Paul Albert Murphy, Esq., 74, of Cohasset died suddenly Nov. 14 in his residence.

Mr. Murphy was born in Brighton, graduated from Boston Latin School, Tufts University and Boston University Law School. He was a member of both the Massachusetts and Illinois Bar Associations.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the Navy and retired as a Lieutenant Commander in the area of intelligence.

For 46 years, Mr. Murphy was Chief Trial Counsel for the Kemper Insurance Group nationwide.

He was active in the Boston Latin School Alumni Association and a former trustee of the Wheelwright Farm Association. An avid bridge player, he belonged to numerous organizations throughout the South Shore area.

Prior to living in Illinois, Mr. Murphy was a former 20 year resident of Hingham and most recently a 12-year resident of Cohasset.

He leaves his wife, Irene (Carr); a son, Paul A. Murphy Jr. of Northboro; a daughter, Wendy M. Anderson of Wollaston; granddaughters, Elizabeth and Carolyn Murphy both of Northboro; a brother, Robert J. Murphy of Falmouth; and a sister, Janet E. Murphy of Chatham. He was also brother of the late William J. and Francis X. Murphy.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was private at Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset managed the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony's Parish, 129 South Main St., Cohasset 02025. Proceeds will be directed to the building of the new youth center.

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She was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church, Jensen Beach.

Wife of the late John Blazek, she leaves two sons, John William Blazek and his wife Donna of Woodbine, Md. and Thomas Allen Blazek of Stuart; two daughters, Barbara Ann Lombardy and her husband Michael F. of Cohasset and Dorothy Carol Rossetos and her husband Thomas of Sterling, Va.; a sister, Joan Jobson of Stamford, Conn.; and four grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held at All Saints Episcopal Church in Jensen Beach. The Rev. Thomas F. Ryan officiated.

Arrangements were under the direction of Aycock Funeral Home, Jensen Beach.

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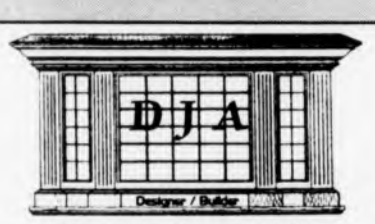
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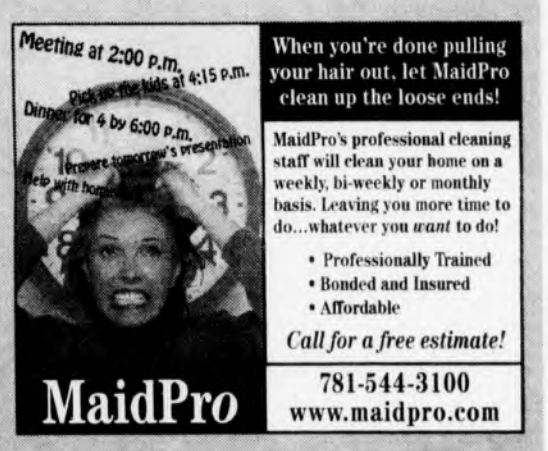
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POLICE BRIEFS

Police arrest 12 in October

Police Chief Brian Noonan said Cohasset police made 12 arrests last month including, two for operating under the influence of alcohol; four for shoplifting; four for outstanding warrants; one for domestic assault; and one for motor vehicle violations.

During October, police received a total of 666 calls of service of those, 122 were emergency 9-1-1 calls, Noonan said.

There were two house breaks reported last month, he said.

The department also issued 168 traffic citations for fines totaling $9,350 and 38 parking tickets for a total of $640.

Tobacco compliance checks

Police Chief Brian Noonan said the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative, a regional health agency which includes Cohasset, conducted a tobacco sting in Cohasset last month in conjunction with the police department.

"I am pleased to report that out of the nine Cohasset stores checked, none sold tobacco to underage youths," he said. Under state law, an individual must be at least 18 years of age to purchase tobacco products.

POLICE LOG

MONDAY, NOV. 2

8:37 a.m. Border St., medical aid, area search negative.

9 a.m. S. Main St. by library, MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

11:44 a.m. Windsor Rd., medical aid, services rendered.

1:04 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

1:05 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, patient sign off.

1:48 p.m. North Main St., suspicious person, area search negative.

1:48 p.m. King St., mental health, departmental action.

8:53 p.m. Church St., noise complaint, area search negative.

11 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., suspicious auto, investigated/report taken.

11:20 p.m. Ripley Rd., oper[illegible] dow, secured building.

TUESDAY, NOV. 3

7:09 a.m. South Main St., assist other PD, departmental action.

9:54 a.m. Linden Dr. and Linden Cir., fire investigation, departmental action.

11:35 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

11:58 a.m. Whitney Woods, suspicious auto, departmental action.

3 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. by Tedeschi Plaza, MV stop, traffic citation issued.

4:51 p.m. Elm St., fire investigation, report taken.

6:08 p.m. Elm St., serve restraining order, departmental action.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

6:18 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

6:51 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:12 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

7:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., animal complaint, referred to other agency.

7:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation/warning.

8:14 a.m. N. Main St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:52 a.m. N. Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

11:04 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

12:11 p.m. Sohier St., MV violations, log entry information.

1:54 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., vehicle stored/impounded.

4:39 p.m. Church St., suspicious (other), investigated/report taken.

4:57 p.m. Beechwood St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

9:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. by Scituate line, traffic citation/warning.

THURSDAY, NOV. 5

2:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., animal complaint, log entry information.

10:05 a.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

10:15 a.m. Parker Ave., malicious destruction, investigated/report taken.

1:43 p.m. Elm Ct., assist citizen, services rendered.

3:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Rose Hill Ln., general services, removed hazardous material.

5:30 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. by lower King St., MV stop, arrest: Amanda F. Holthaus, DOB 12/15/73, 11 Conroy Terr., Scituate. Charges: operating after license or right to op. suspended, State Highway, fail. to use care start/stop/turn, default warrant.

6:21 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, arrest: Kathleen M. Hughes, DOB 5/22/57, 135 Nichols Rd., Cohasset. Charges: operating under the influence of liquor, operating recklessly so as to endanger traffic, town bylaw offenses, wanton destruction of property over $250, A&B on a police officer, resisting arrest.

7:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

11:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. by Stop & Shop, assist motorist, no police service necessary.

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

7:47 a.m. Cedar St., outside fire, fire extinguished.

7:55 a.m. South Main St., suspicious person, log entry information.

10:15 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., officer wanted, investigated/report taken.

1:01 p.m. Elm St., assist other PD, investigated/report taken.

4:35 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

5:56 p.m. Little Harbor Rd., animal complaint, log entry information.

7:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., vandalism, log entry information.

8:46 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:05 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, departmental action.

9:52 p.m. Woodland Dr., suspicious (other), departmental action.

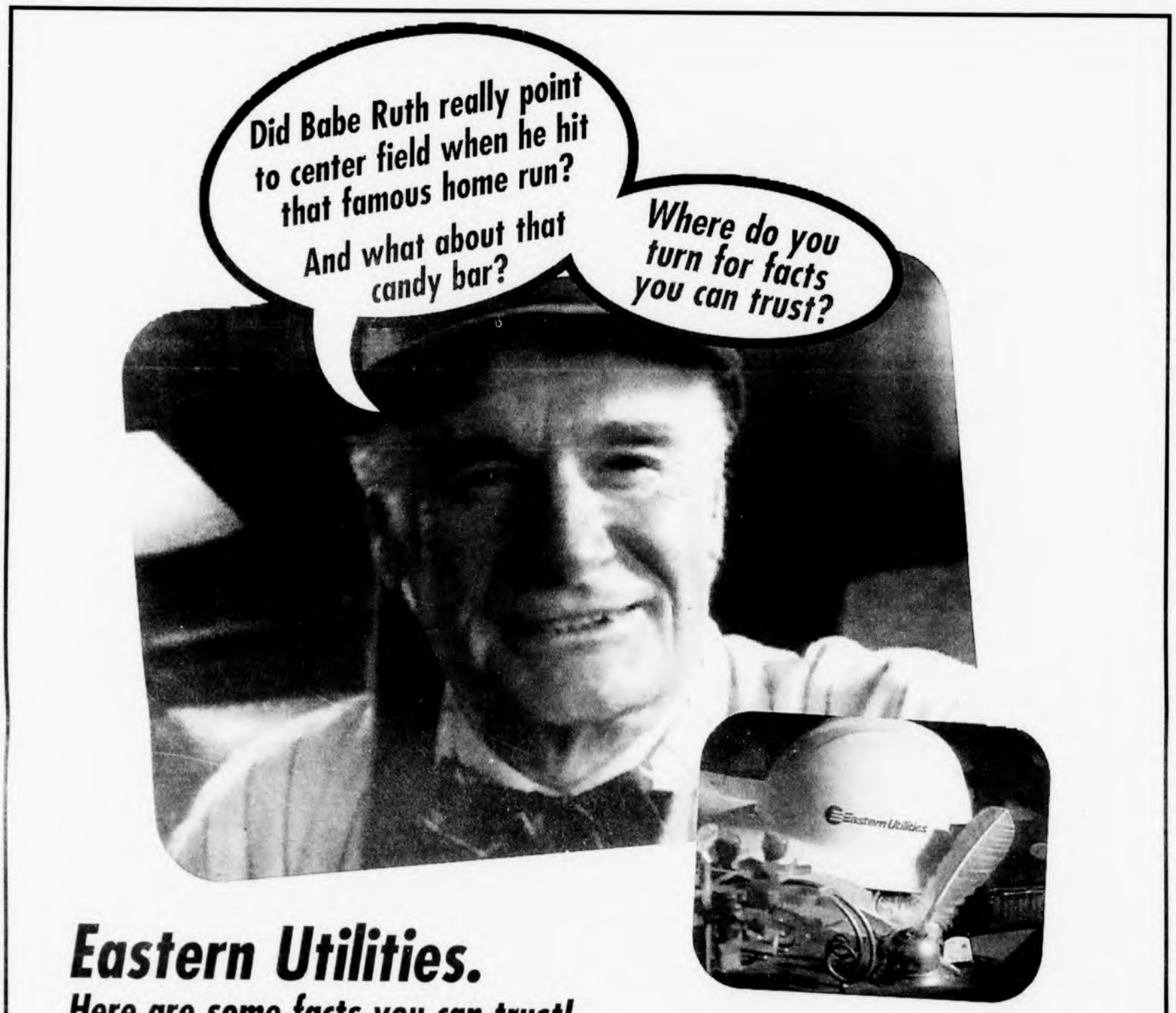
10:20 p.m. Headquarters, arrest: James A. Brown, DOB 7/3/62, 282 Barlow's Landing Rd., Pocasset. Charges: warrant legacy.

11:35 p.m. Headquarters, assault, removed to hospital.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

12:01 a.m. Norfolk Rd., Family disturbance, arrest: Robert E. Healy, DOB 1/6/61, 6 Norfolk Rd., Cohasset. Charges: A&B.

1:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.



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By the way... As it usually is with legends, these two are a bit cloudy. **As for pointing:** It was the third game of the 1932 World Series; the Yankees playing at Chicago's Wrigley Field. There was no love lost between the teams - and the Cubs were taunting Ruth as he came to bat in the fifth inning. The Babe took two strikes and then held up two fingers - as if to say: "That's two!" And then he gestured out toward the mound - or maybe the center field bleachers. He hit the next pitch 500 feet into those bleachers - the longest home run ever hit at Wrigley Field. Ruth both denied and affirmed that he had indeed pointed. The acclaimed sportswriter Grantland Rice said that Ruth did point - did, indeed, "call the shot." [Source: New York Yankees home page: http://www.yankees.com/ruth.trib/br.story.p4.html] **As for the candy bar:** The Curtiss Candy Co. in Chicago claimed that the Baby Ruth bar was named for Ruth Cleveland, the daughter of President Grover Cleveland: she was the first baby ever born in the White House. (Ruth Cleveland tragically died of diphtheria at age 13.) However, many people (including the Babe himself) thought the candy bar was named after George Herman Ruth, the Yankee slugger. [Source: Urban Legends homepage: http://www.urbanlegends.com/products/baby.ruth/baby_ruth_candy_bar.html]

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Police take aim to track Cohasset guns

New gun law subjects applicants to more scrutiny

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

How many guns are there in Cohasset? Are there 200? Or are there 500? Tracking the number of guns in Cohasset is a nearly impossible task. There is no central system for tracking data on gun owners. Such a system is in the works, but it has not been implemented. Gun owners are allowed to purchase an unlimited number of guns with legal permits. A gun owner with an FID card can own one rifle or 40. Some people collect guns and may have dozens of working guns as part of a collection. Also, gun permits place no limits on how much ammunition a person can own.

And lots of people in Cohasset own guns. Doctors, lawyers, local law enforcement officers, state police, federal judges, businessmen, town officials, residents — these are just some of the people who have handguns, rifles, shotguns, even pepper spray. Detective Rick Grassie is the gun control officer for Cohasset. He said there are around 330 legal licenses to carry that have been issued in Cohasset, allowing people to own a variety of handguns and

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Chelsea Silvia and Sophia Bertolami skip down the hall which is decked out in anticipation of Thanksgiving festivities at the new Osgood School.

Recalling past Thanksgivings

Two Turkey Hill residents share their memories

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

This Thanksgiving New England Friends Home residents Elinor Kennedy and Ruth Nowack have much to be grateful for — a peaceful home, their families and warm childhood memories.

Kennedy, a former longtime Cohasset resident and schoolteacher, is particularly thankful for her new life at New England Friends Home on Turkey Hill.

"I left my home to come here, and I never looked back," she said.

Nowack, who lived on Little Harbor Road overlooking the ocean in Cohasset for many years, eventually moved to Florida, but returned to New England for a number of summers to house-sit for a friend living on Main Street in

TURKEY HILL, PAGE 12

Who is the town's top citizen?

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Nominations are now being accepted for the Cohasset Mariner's Citizen of the Year Award. This is the continuation of a tradition begun in 1993 to recognize an individual for outstanding service to the community or for a special achievement.

Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Anna Abbruzzese, through her many volunteer efforts which she conducts with kindness, caring and love for the town and all its residents.

Once again, here at the Cohasset Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to our community. This is a community award: the Mariner is the means by which we are able to recognize, thank and honor those around us who make the quiet, generous contributions that make Cohasset a wonderful place to call home.

The deadline for nominations for the 1998

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Volunteers to light trees sought

Town Manager Mark Haddad is seeking for volunteers to help light the trees around the common for the Jingle Bell Walk Nov. 27. The community center said it couldn't afford to pay to have the lights installed. Haddad said the DPW is too busy to hang the lights. Call Haddad at 383-4105, if you can help.

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Nov/Dec 1998	High AM	Hgt.	Low AM	High PM	Hgt.	Low PM
Thurs. 26	3:58	9.1	10:02	4:10	9.7	10:35
Fri. 27	4:52	9.3	11:00	5:08	9.7	11:30
Sat. 28	5:47	9.7	——	6:08	9.8	12:00
Sun. 29	6:43	10.3	12:27	7:09	10.1	12:59
Mon. 30	7:38	10.9	1:22	8:07	10.4	1:58
Tues. 1	8:31	11.5	2:17	9:04	10.7	2:54
Wed. 2	9:24	12.0	3:11	9:59	10.9	3:48
Thurs. 3	10:16	12.3	4:03	10:53	11.0	4:41

Tides at all ports from Annisquam to Wellfleet are within 10 minutes of the above.

TWO ALARM FIRE



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A Cohasset firefighter looks through the rubble for hot spots. Cohasset provided mutual aid for a two-alarm Hingham fire that destroyed a Canterbury Street home. For story, see page 7.

Thanksgiving breakfast will be offered

The Sons of the American Legion will host a Thanksgiving Breakfast at the Legion Hall from 7 to 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving. The cost is $4 for all you can eat. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund and other programs of the Sons.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held on alternate Tuesdays.

The next selectmen's meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 1

Override election is Dec. 5

The town override election for the North Cohasset sewer project is slated for Dec. 5. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at town hall.

The ballot vote will determine how the $2.7 million needed to complete the project will be paid back. If the override passes, the cost will be divided between the users and all taxpayers. If it fails, the users will pay back 100 percent of the cost through betterments.

Liquor stores open Sundays

As permitted under state law, selectmen have allowed openings of package stores on from noon to 9 p.m. on Sundays through Dec. 27.

Animal control number

Cohasset residents may reach the animal control officer, by calling 383-9119.

D & A drug hotline starts

The Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee has started a new Drug and Alcohol Information and Referral Hotline on Tuesdays. Persons needing help with a drug or alcohol problem may call 383-4120. All calls are confidential, and staffed by a trained drug and alcoholism counselor on Tuesdays between 6 and 10 p.m.. On other days and at other times callers may leave a message.



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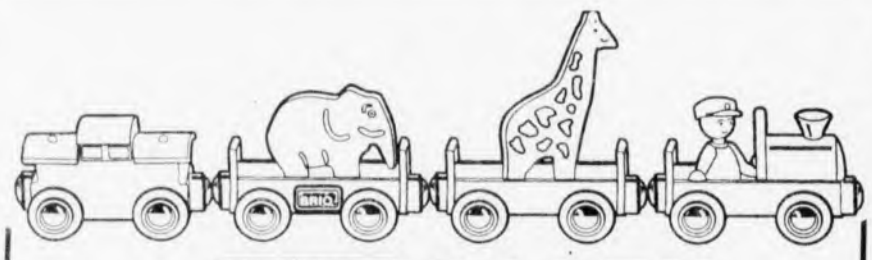
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Nature's fury unleashed

Remembering the great gale of 1898

By Alice C. Coyle
STAFF WRITER

A century ago this week, a 100-year storm packing hurricane force winds, heavy snows and unmerciful seas sped up the Atlantic seaboard wreaking havoc on coastal communities from Virginia to Nova Scotia. The storm was especially devastating in New England. Up and down the Massachusetts coast, waterfront cottages were reduced to rubble or swept away, and beaches were left littered with the debris left from shipwrecks and destroyed homes. On the South Shore, vessels came aground in Quincy, Scituate, Marshfield, Plymouth, Hull and Cohasset keeping the lifesaving service that lined area beaches busy for days and even weeks following the storm. As far inland as Bridgewater, high winds toppled church steeples and uprooted countless trees.

But far greater than the damage done on land, was the devastation at sea. Monstrous waves, blinding snow and rain, and 100 mph winds tossed ships the size of football fields around like toy boats, smashing them on rocky ledges, grounding them on beaches or swallowing them up entirely.

The great gale of 1898 takes its name from the steamship Portland which was sunk at the height of the storm with all 191 souls on board during its 100-mile voyage from Boston to Portland, Me.

By the time the storm's fury had ended, more than 400 vessels were wrecked or sunk and an estimated 600 lives lost, making the Portland Gale the worst maritime disaster ever along the eastern seaboard.

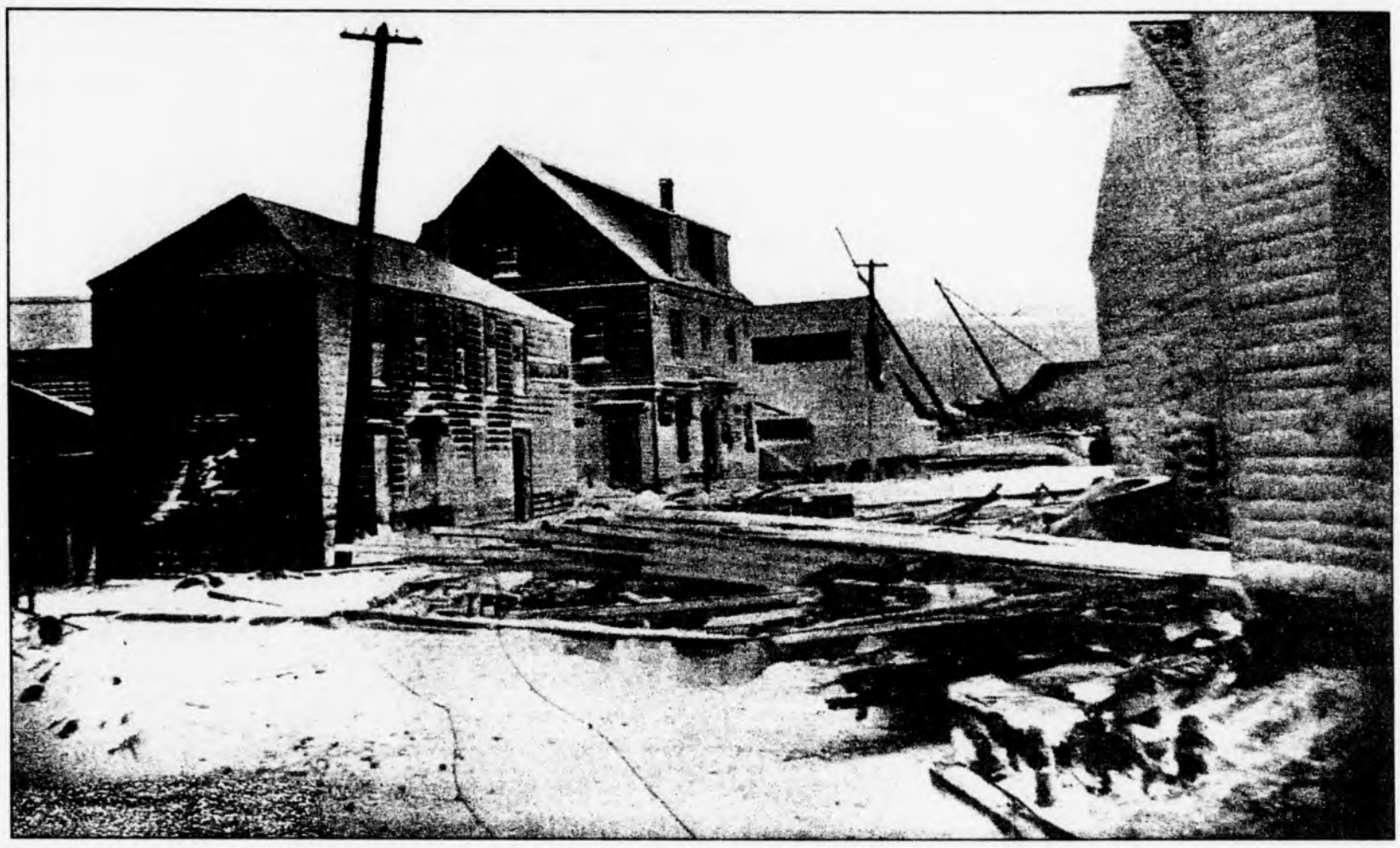


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Border Street in Cohasset after the storm. All of Border Street west of Gulf Bridge was under water and made impassable for horses by being thickly strewn with lumber, fence posts, and other debris, which was in places piled three-feet high.

At sea

With the Thanksgiving holiday over, Captain Hollis Blanchard like most of his passengers aboard the Steamship Portland was eager to be on his way home to Maine on Saturday, Nov. 26, 1898.

But why a seasoned sailor like Blanchard, who was in close touch with Boston weather forecasters predicting rough weather, would venture out of India Wharf into an approaching storm remains as much a mystery today as it was a century ago.

"There are many theories," said Scituate Historical Society President David Ball "I sincerely believe Hollis Blanchard thought he could outrun the storm." Ball, and fellow historical society member Fred Freitas, who co-authored "Warnings Ignored: The Story of the Portland Gale of 1898" suggest in their book that a last minute weather report indicating that winds would continue to blow the storm farther out to sea, may have encouraged Blanchard to make a run for it.

After all, the eight-hour Boston to Portland, ME. run was a trip the paddle wheel steamer had made for more than eight years without any major incident or injuries. Despite having a shallow 10 foot draught that made it more suitable for river or harbor crossings than open ocean voyages, the 290-foot Portland was luxuriously appointed for its time and capable of accommodating up to 800 passengers. On that Saturday after Thanksgiving the ship was about 1/4 full. An exact passenger count cannot be ascertained, said Freitas, because the only passenger list was on board the ship.



At 7 p.m. the Portland cast off its lines and headed north, just as numerous other vessels, including the steamship Kennebec — also built in Maine —were breaking for safe harbors to ride out the approaching Gale.

Bound for Gardiner, ME the Kennebec's Captain decided not to risk the trip and after heading out to sea, turned the ship around and returned to Boston Harbor. Also heeding the weather warnings he Portland's sister ship, The Bay State, remained tied up at the wharf in Maine.

A light swirling snow began to fall about a half-hour into the trip but rapidly picked up speed along with the winds, Ball noted. Still, according to lighthouse keepers and others on vessels that passed the familiar Portland during the early evening hours, said the great steamship was on track and on schedule up until at least 10 p.m. Other accounts of Portland sightings from Gloucester to Cape Cod throughout the night and early morning hours of Nov. 27 could not be confirmed adding to the mystery of the Portland's final fate. Watches found on the bodies of passengers discovered in the days following the gale had stopped at 9:30, leading most historians to conclude that the Portland lost its battle to the waves on Sunday morning, Nov. 27.

Because the first recognizable debris and bodies (in the end only 40 bodies were recovered) from the Portland came ashore along Provincetown beaches — including two stateroom doors on display at Scituate's Maritime and Irish Mossing Museum — many believed the ship succumbed to the sea near Truro on Cape Cod. But more recent evidence uncovered by the Historical Maritime Group of New England shows that the Portland may have foundered far north of Cape Cod in deep water north, northeast of Scituate, said Ball. Work to recover anything remaining of the ship continues, but because it was primarily constructed of wood, there may be little left to claim from the sea.

While the greatest number of lives were lost on the Portland, it was by no means the only vessel to founder in the powerful gale. Several other vessels came aground or were sunk along the South Shore. Ball and Freitas chronicle the wrecks, the stories of bravery and loss in "Warnings Ignored."

In Scituate the pilot boat Columbia was driven up onto the beach at Sand Hills landing on top of Otis Barker's cottage. The entire five-man crew aboard the Columbia was lost. Barker built his own sort of monument to the Columbia's crew by converting the wrecked hull into a tea house and museum for visitors. Barker's entrepreneurial effort remained in place until the late 1920s when the rotting structure was removed by the town, said Ball. A fireplace mantle from the Columbia inscribed with the phrase "Glad to see you. You'll find us rough, but you'll find us ready" now sits on the fireplace in the Maritime and Irish Mossing Museum's shipwreck room.

The coal barges Delaware and the Daniel Tenney had made the trip north from Norfolk, VA. and were being towed into Boston by the tug boat Mars during the storm. But when the tug got up off Minot's Light in North Scituate it was forced to cut its tows loose due to the severity of the storm, Freitas said. The Delaware was sunk off North Scituate at Collamore Ledge claiming the lives of all six on board The wreck of the Daniel Tenney was discovered by the staff of the Fourth Cliff Lifesaving Station and no trace of any of her six crew members was found.

In Marshfield, five of the 14-member crew of the fishing schooner Mertis H. Perry, laden with a catch of 15,000 pounds, perished in the storm — two from exposure and three from drowning,— when their boat came ashore two miles north of the Brant Rock Lifesaving Station.

Another fishing schooner — the Edgar Foster— suffered a similar fate at Brant Rock. Anchored off Portsmouth N.H. on Saturday, the Edgar Foster broke free of her mooring in the gusting northeast winds and was driven southeast across Massachusetts Bay where she struck the shore at Brant Rock broadside on Sunday morning. All hands were saved from the Edgar Foster including Admiral Dewey — the ship's cat.

In Hull, Lifesaving Station Keeper Joshua James, and his staff would make several daring rescues and rescue attempts during the storm — a feat even more remarkable because James was 72 years of age when the Portland Gale blew ashore.

Bound for Boston and carrying lumber from Norfolk, VA., The Henry Tilton anchored 1/4 mile off the coast near James' station was dragged ashore near Toddy Rocks by 4 a.m. on Nov. 27. The force of the gale made it impossible to launch rescue boats. Instead, James crew launched lines across to the vessel in horrendous conditions and transported the Henry Tilton's captain and six man crew to safety via the breeches buoy apparatus.

James' crew joined forces with the Massachusetts Humane Society's volunteer crew to help rescue the five-man crew of Coal Barge #1 from Baltimore, which had gone aground 3/4-mile north of Toddy Rocks. When the crews failed to reach the barge with breeches buoy lines, the surfmen resorted to tying ropes around themselves and wading in the ocean after the barge's crew. Coal Barge #4 was not as fortunate. Only two of the five-man crew aboard the barge survived when it too was wrecked off of Hull.

James and his crew also save five of the eight-man crew aboard the schooner Calvin E. Baker, also carrying coal to Boston from Baltimore.

James' later reported that all lives were lost aboard the Baltimore schooner Abel E. Babcock which was carrying coal to Boston when it broke up on the outer ledges of Toddy Rocks. Debris from the wreck was discovered at daybreak on Nov. 27.

Even after the storm had subsided, James and his staff continued to make daring rescues. James crew lent a hand to the Cohasset Humane Society who had launched a failed attempt to rescue five men stranded at Black Rock at the Hull/Cohasset border on Monday, Nov. 28. Heavy surf still pounded the shore, but James waited for a break and launched his boats bringing all five men ashore to safety.

In Cohasset, the fishing schooner Juniata was the only large vessel to go aground and miraculously all 18 aboard survived the storm when an enormous wave lifted the boat over the rocks that threatened to dash it to pieces, and onto the breakwater on Beach Island.

On Land

On land as at sea, the Portland Gale took a terrible toll on the South Shore. Up and down the shoreline beaches were washed out, or strewn with debris from ship wrecks and cottages and shanties torn apart in the storm. \

Palatial ocean-front hotels in Hull, Scituate and Marshfied, crowded just months before with summertime tourists, sustained heavy structural damage — losing porches, piazzas and decks. Paragon Park's roller coaster ride lay in ruins.

Lengthy sections of track along local rail spurs including the Nantasket and the Greenbush lines operated by the New York, New Haven and Hartford were twisted like cork screws in the gale's fury, cutting transportation along with communication to many areas of the South Shore.

The unprecedented force of the storm and the incredible energy of the surging tide changed forever the local geography. In Scituate, Humarock once connected to Third Cliff by a sprawling barrier beach became an island when the North River broke through creating a new mouth to the Atlantic.

Ironically, for years during the height of the North River Shipbuilding industry, boat builders longed for a wider mouth to launch their boats and even tried in vain to create one, according to Ball and Freitas. The old mouth near Rexhame Beach in Marshfield was particularly narrow making it impossible for large ships to navigate at low tide. What men could not do, nature did with ease.

While it was believed for many years that the force of the waves crashing onto the beach cut the new river mouth, Ball said it was more likely the receding tide on Sunday, Nov. 27 that caused the break.

"When the tide went out, there was so much water forced into the North River and it had to go somewhere," Ball said. "The area of least resistance was the barrier beach, which was blown out by the receding tide." The change forever left the village of Humarock a nearer neighbor to Marshfield than to Scituate.

While the loss of life on land was no where near the number who perished at sea, the grief felt by families of those killed on shore was immense.

With forecasts calling for a serious storm, Surfman Richard Wherity of the Fourth Cliff Lifesaving station made it a priority to warn local hunters in gunning shanties in the marshes along the North River. The Clapp family of Scituate owned one of the shanties on the edge of the South River near Snake Hill in Marshfield.

NATURE'S FURY, PAGE 4

Remembering the great gale of 1898

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Another, located just up the river behind Fourth Cliff was owned by the Henderson's of Norwell. Following the Thanskgiving holiday the Clapp brothers, Everett, William and Richard were enjoying a Saturday of hunting. So too, were the Henderson brothers, Fred and Bert, and their companions Albert Tilden, George Ford and George Webster. Despite Wherity's warning to those at the Henderson's shanty, only Webster decided to return with him to the Fourth Cliff Lifesaving station.

As the gale began to intensify, the Clapp brothers decided to make for land on their small boat, but the raging waters imperiled them immediately. As their boat was about to capsize, a large gundalow, used for salt haying floated by, and the Clapp's were able to climb aboard. (It was later learned that the gundalow belonged to the Hendersons and had broken away from their shanty during the storm)

With no way to steer the boat they were helplessly carried toward Marshfield. As they raced down river, the Clapps spotted the Henderson brothers and their companions being swept away but were unable to help them. All four it was later found, perished.

Once on land the Clapp's headed for the Marshfield Hills Railroad Station where they were able to get warm before making the long trek home in the storm. As they headed for Scituate, the Clapps found they were unable to cross Little's Bridge (Route 3A bridge) and were forced to make their way to Norwell to cross at the Union Street Bridge.

On Nov. 29, George Ford's body was found. Albert Tilden's body was discovered on Dec. 1 and the Henderson's were found Dec. 2. A triple funeral was held for the Hendersons and Albert Tilden at the Sparrell-McNamara Funeral Home in Norwell on Saturday, Dec. 3. George Ford was buried in a private ceremony in Marshfield on Nov. 30.

The Wilbur family, staying at their Sand Hills cottage when the storm struck was also touched by tragedy. Fearing their home would be swept out to sea, Joseph Wilbur and his wife Melinda evacuated the cottage in the hopes of reaching nearby Jonathan Hatch's home. Joseph sought the help of a friend to carry his wife but all three were soon overcome by the tidal surge and carried out into Scituate Harbor where Melinda drowned. Their cottage was completely destroyed.

Freitas and Ball said they have invited the descendants of those killed in the storm to this weekend's events commemorating the Portland Gale's 100th anniversary.

A special 100th anniversary edition of Freitas and Ball's book "Warnings Ignored: The Story of the Portland Gale of 1898" is now available for $19.95 through the Scituate Historical Society or at several local book stores including Front Street Book Shop in Scituate Harbor, Humming Rock Gifts in Humarock, Day Lily in Norwell Center and Buttonwood Books in Cohasset.

Remembering the gale

To commemorate the storm that forever changed Scituate and to honor those who lost their lives in the great Portland Gale of 1898, the Scituate Historical Society is planning an entire weekend of events.

Beginning Friday, Nov. 27, the society in conjunction with the Scituate post office will hold a centennial Postal Cancellation from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Scituate Maritime and Irish Mossing Museum on the Driftway. The cancellation will also be offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Post offices on First Parish Road and in Humarock. Seventh grade Gates student Jake Donohue's bold design for the rubber stamp cancellation was chosen from a field of 42 works submitted last summer. All of the students' designs will be on display throughout the weekend at the Museum. Scituate postal workers are expecting philatelists throughout New England to turn out for the cancellation. Out of state stamp collectors can send in stamped material to the Scituate post offices for up to 30 days following the Nov. 27 ceremony to get the commemorative centennial cancellation. According to postal clerk Joanne McGinnis this will be the first cancellation undertaken by the Scituate office in her 15 year tenure. Scituate Historical Society Trustee [redacted] Freitas said he's expecting a big crowd at the cancellation. Opening ceremonies with local dignitaries will get underway at 9:30 with a U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard arriving at 10 a.m., he said.

The Museum will feature special Portland Gale displays including an exhibit on the pilot boat Columbia which was grounded on Sand Hills and converted into a tea house and museum until the late 1920s. And on Saturday, the society has planned a special plaque dedication in remembrance Columbia on Rebecca Road beginning at 11 a.m.

Also on display at the museum are a set of state room doors and a life preserver from the ill-fated steamship Portland sunk at the height of the storm with all 191 hands on board. The museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. on both Saturday, Nov. 28 and Sunday, Nov. 29.

Humarock, which was forever separated from the rest of Scituate during the gale when the North River formed a new mouth to the Atlantic Ocean will also play host to a series of gale events. A Historical Humarock exhibit will be on display at All Things Considered Antiques throughout the weekend from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday night, a bonfire and memorial ceremony will be held at the public beach opening beginning at 6 p.m. and on Saturday Humarock will host a hayride by the sea from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Sea Street bridge will be dedicated to Fourth Cliff Lifesaving Station Keeper Frederick Stanley in a special ceremony in Humarock on Sunday beginning at 2 p.m. Freitas said a U.S. Coast Guard Cutter will sail down for the dedication.

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Old Osgood School to be 'mothballed'

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The old Joseph Osgood Elementary is undergoing a "mothballing," so to speak, with back windows boarded and the installation of a new alarm system with indoor and outdoor sensors to be installed.

A department head staff meeting was held Nov. 18 to discuss potential future uses of the Osgood, namely the 1954 and 1929 wings.

"For now, the building is being mothballed," said town manager Mark Haddad. "We are in the process of investigating future uses of the building with library trustees. We're going to go through with the process of relocating the library to the old school, but we still have that back section of the building (the 1929 wing) and we haven't decided what to do with the 7,000 square foot use of space that the trustees don't have any designated use for."

At this point, there are no ideas that seem to be firmly linked with the 1929 wing, which sits at the back of the old school.

"We just met and appointed a little sub-committee of myself and some other department heads," said Haddad, about the group that will decide on the future use of the school, both in terms of its current "mothballing," as well what will be done with the back wing.

According to Paul Pratt Memorial Library trustee chairman Patience Towle, the plan presented at the special town meeting in October remains the same.

Last month's town meeting overwhelmingly supported the library concept in a 351-99 vote and appropriated $152,000 for the design phase. Voters did not support selling the building to a private, for-profit developer who proposed turning the building into condominiums for seniors.

Library trustees believe that an estimated $2.3 million will be needed down the road to convert the school to a handicapped-accessible and roomy library.

The current library at 106 South Main St., according to its trustees, runs the gamut in problems, ranging from violation of the handicap-access law to limited parking to inefficient architectural design. The 75-year-old school was seen as a good choice to remedy those problems, while still offering a setting that many Cohasseters felt as much of a connection to as the South Main Street library.

But Selectman Diane Sullivan strongly objects to the demolition of the 1954 wing of the old Osgood School to make way for parking and handicap access to the proposed new library – which is an integral part of the library trustees' plan.

"I don't support lobbing off the 5,000 square-foot wing; the taxpayers paid for that," Sullivan said at a recent selectmen's meeting.

Towle said the area is needed for better handicap access and parking.

"We plan to take down the 1950s wing and replace it with a front door and parking," said Towle. "Everyone has a right to their opinion, but we're going to go ahead with our plans. This should come as no surprise, since it was our stated intention all along. We thought that it would be better to have 40 to 50 parking spaces, rather than just three or four handicapped parking spaces in front and the rest of the parking in the back of the building."

Towle said that the plans for the library's move are still ongoing.

"We have a lot of homework to do still and we will be busy for some time," she said. "Luckily, our current director Janet Husband, was the director of the Rockland trustees and shepherded them and the town of Rockland through their new library-building process. She has done a great job of keeping us calm through all this."

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— Patience Towle, chairman of the library trustees

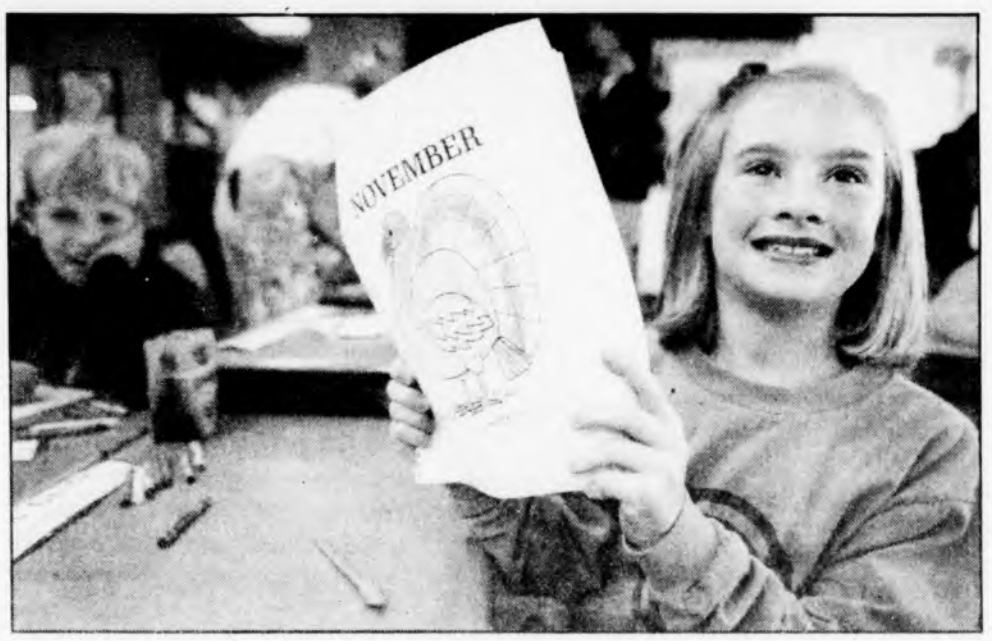
Haddad said that the mothballing of the old Osgood will require a draining of its boilers to prevent heat expense over the winter. Electricity, however, will stay on in order to keep the alarm system up and running.

The boarded up windows in the rear of the window will be painted so that the plywood matches the brick an won't be such an eyesore, Haddad said.

Towle said the library trustees haven't lost an ounce of enthusiasm for the project.

"We're going to be very busy for some time with this," she said. "We're all still very excited. For the first few minutes of our last meeting, we just sat and smiled at each other. We are all truly thankful."

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Police take aim to track Cohasset guns

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shotguns. And that doesn't include federal firearm identification (FID) cards, which allow U.S. citizens to purchase rifles and shotguns. FID cards are issued locally but controlled by the federal government.

The second amendment guarantees Americans the right to own guns, with a lot of help from the ongoing efforts of the National Rifle Association (NRA). The only difference is in the gun control laws unique to each state. A few years ago, a small Texas town passed an ordinance requiring all residents to own guns and display them openly at all times. The situation is quite different in Massachusetts, where gun ownership is closely regulated.

The most recent revision of state and federal firearms laws has changed the situation in Massachusetts once again for gun owners. Those changes will affect gun owners in Cohasset. The federal government used to issue FID cards for life. The new federal laws requires gun owners to renew FID cards every four years. A second class of FID card allows residents to carry pepper spray.

Massachusetts residents need a state permit to own a handgun. The new state laws creates a category for high capacity guns, defined as any gun capable of holding 10 or more rounds. Any handgun that normally holds less than 10 rounds but can accommodate a larger clip is a high-capacity gun. Shotguns that can hold five or more rounds are considered high capacity. Residents need a class A license to carry a concealed handgun and a class B for target shooting or sporting activities.

Gun applicants need to pass background checks; they have to submit to fingerprinting; they must have no police record; they must take a gun safety course; applicants must pay higher fees. Anyone who commits an act of domestic violence cannot own guns. Under the new rules, gun permits will look like drivers licenses with photographs, signatures, and the addition of a thumbprint. Despite ever tougher regulations, guns remain popular in Cohasset. Grassie said people own guns in Cohasset for a variety of reasons.

"A lot of people who own guns in town work in law enforcement, from local police to federal officials," Grassie said. "Some people use guns for target shooting, skeet shooting, sporting clay, ranges, paper targets. Then there are some people who use guns for hunting. The state allows hunters to shoot migratory birds at certain times. In the past, the country club has hired private hunters to shoot birds on the property."

"When you apply for a gun, you have to give a reason wanting one. You can't get a gun for protection."

— Det. Rick Grassie

Owning a gun for the protection of life and property is frowned upon by the state, Grassie said. Law enforcement officials believe it is inappropriate for a citizen to shoot a thief for invading a private home.

"When you apply for a gun, you have to give a reason wanting one," Grassie said. "You can't get a gun for protection."

Grassie said getting a permit for pepper spray is relatively easy. Applicants do not need to give a reason for requesting a pepper spray permit. Although Grassie does not know exactly how many people in Cohasset have pepper spray permits, he said he has a filing cabinet drawer filled with legal permits.

"We have women residents who take the train to town, and when they come home at night on the subway they feel safer carrying pepper spray," Grassie said.

Pepper spray is an aerosol can filled with a solution containing cayenne pepper. The solution causes excruciating pain when sprayed into the eyes without any permanent damage. Grassie said the solution quickly evaporates in the open air. Pepper spray replaced mace, which was oil-based and difficult to remove. Also, pepper spray works just as effectively as mace.

Grassie said the laws relating to handgun ownership get more complicated every year, and he is frequently in school learning the new regulations. The intent of the new laws is to prevent the use of guns for crime and violence. Residents applying for new licenses or renewals should expect increasing levels of scrutiny when they apply for a gun permit of any kind.

One of the problems is that there is no effective system for tracking the number of guns a person owns. If someone commits an act of domestic violence, they must surrender all gun permits and weapons. But police have no way of knowing exactly how many guns a person owns. Eventually, gun permits will have a magnetic strip like a credit card so police and store owners can get instant information about the applicant.

Beginning in November, police will be able to call a hot-line and know within 10 seconds whether an applicant has a police record. That same system will be extended to gun shop owners to prevent the illegal purchase of guns.

"In reality, you could get convicted of a felony and go out two hours later and buy a handgun if you haven't surrendered your permit," Grassie said. "The gun owner wouldn't know about your conviction that fast."

The gun control laws will probably continue to change. Residents with questions can call Grassie at the police station. And he'll call back too—when he's not in class learning the new laws.

Absentee ballots for Special Election

Absentee ballots for the Special Town Election Saturday, Dec. 5, are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Absentee voting may be done during normal office hours until noontime Friday, Dec. 4. You may vote absentee for the following reasons only:

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Couple homeless after explosion levels house

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Richard and Anne Crowley found themselves without a home just days before Thanksgiving following a gas explosion yesterday that leveled their 52 Canterbury St. house.

Richard Crowley, barefoot and wearing only shorts and a sweatshirt, looked on in disbelief as firefighters dealt with the smoldering and flattened remains of his home that was decimated when a contractor hit a gas line at 7:13 a.m. yesterday.

Neighbors approached Crowley with comforting words, hugs and one brought sneakers for his bare feet.

Hull firefighters were first on the scene, according to Hull Fire Chief Nick Russo. The first engine found the building fully involved and partially collapsed as a result of the explosion.

"The outcome was successful in terms of injuries," said Russo. "The residents were obviously very fortunate. If another minute or so had gone by, it's quite possible there could have been multiple fatalities. In terms of the (upcoming) holidays, it's a sad event, but homes can be rebuilt."

Several neighbors gathered at Gail Hall's home, located diagonally across from the fire scene, and eventually convinced the Crowleys to warm up inside.

"We heard explosions all summer long because of blasting for the sewer," said Hall. "At first, I thought that's what it was. Then I looked out my window and saw their chimney go."

Insa Rooney, 46 Canterbury St., also heard the explosion. "I saw the entire front of the house fall forward," she said.

"They are such a wonderful couple," she added, teary-eyed. "They put so much time and effort into their home and then to have this happen. It's not the house, but the mementos—it's their lives."

The street's modest homes and sloping front lawns were transformed into a war zone, fire engines and utility vehicles and investigators covering the area. A window screen hung from a tree, bits of glass rested on lawns and driveways from windows shattered by the blast.

A window frame, bent slightly at its corners, rested on the front lawn of Mary Lou Hanlon's home directly across from the Crowleys'

"My tape tower fell and I could hear my windows breaking," said Hanlon. "Before that, I had heard the contractor yell, 'Get out! Gas leak!' and luckily they were able to grab their cat and dog and make it to safety."

"They did an awful lot of work on the home," she said. "They had been waiting for a home on this street to come up and really, they redid the whole house. What a shame."

The reverberation of the blast was so strong that it traveled along Canterbury Street to Joe Phillips' Weir Street home. "My whole ceiling is cracked," he said.

Fire fighters from Hingham, Hull and Cohasset were on the scene, as were investigators from the State Fire Marshall's office, OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) and the Department of Telecommunications and Energy.

Michael Connors, Boston Gas director of public information, explained that the contractor was apparently digging and pulled the line that goes into the house. "You can see the result," he said, gesturing toward the still-smoldering pile.

Connors was not able to discuss if the area was marked for gas because the investigation is ongoing. However, he went on to say that the gas company did a "mark-out," and were asked to come back to do a re-mark by Dig Safe.

"What apparently happened is there was a call for a re-mark," he said. "We have 72 hours to turn up and that time had not elapsed yet. We were scheduled to turn up today but the contractor started digging this morning. He got out ahead of Dig Safe Schedule. That's what it looks like to us. It is under investigation."

It did not appear that there were visible markings along the site, or on its drive, which is where gas company workers were seen looking for a line. They eventually spotted it and dug a marker in.

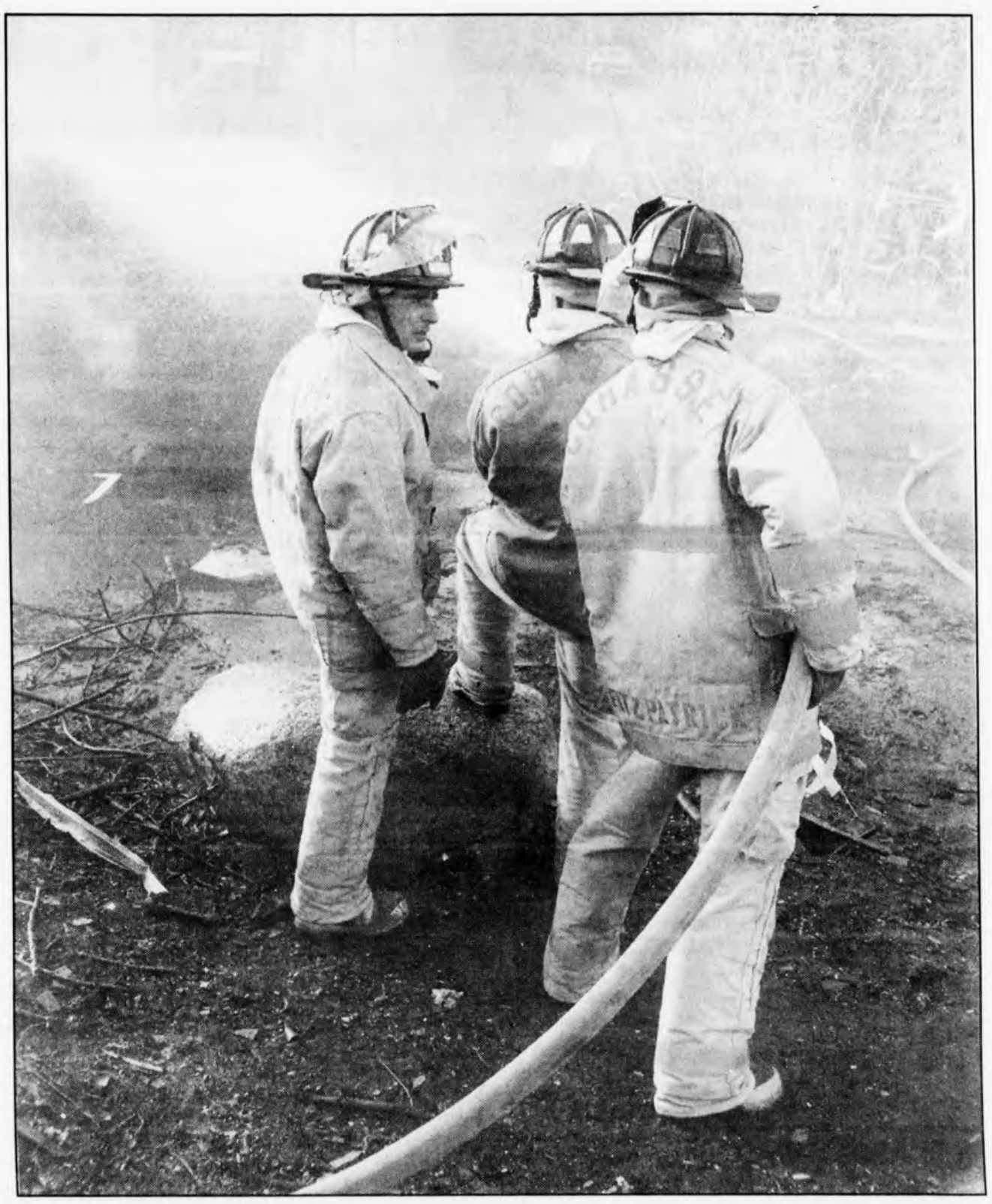
That is also the spot where a busload of children stop for their 8 a.m. pick-up each day.

All that remained of the home was its newly built side deck and a hammock in the yard, both visible from behind the orange-yellow excavator that hit the gas line.

"It's fortunate everyone, including the family pets, was out of the house," said Hingham Fire Chief William Johnson. "But it's tragic to lose everything. To have all your memories gone. It's very traumatic to lose a lifetime of keepsakes."

The Crowleys were unable to be interviewed and it is not known what their next move will be.

Reporter Carol Britton Meyer contributed to this report



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Call firefighter Rich Bonanno, left, consults with other Cohasset firefighters who battled the blaze at 52 Canterbury St. in Hingham near West Corner on Tuesday morning.

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The second spectacular couple, also celebrating a half century together, are **Cliff** and **Peg Dickson**! Their big day is the day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 27. They too, will be surrounded by loved ones (they have so much love to give) — we want to hear all about that big day, too!

The third couple is none other than **Clark** and myself! Our 35th anniversary date is Nov. 28 and you can bet that we will celebrate with our family as we count every blessing and share our love with all!

PROUD GRANDFATHER

Bob Davenport of Black Horse Lane is a proud grandfather again this year! His son, **Bill,** and wife **Shelagh,** now of Sudbury, just had a baby girl! Her name is **Julia Rae Davenport** and she joins their 2-year-old son, **William Smith Davenport.** And, Bob's daughter, **Heather**, and husband **Kevin** (now of Scituate) just had their first bundle of joy; a boy, **Thomas Davenport Jarnot.** They will surely have a full house over the holidays this year, congratulations!

'MUSIC MAN' ON STAGE

On behalf of the Cohasset Middle-High School, here is an announcement for you to place in a prime spot on your calendar — there will be a production of the musical "Music Man" at CHS Friday at 7:30 p.m. (that's Dec. 4), Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at CHS, Osgood and Deer Hill Schools, or call 383-1329. As the Stars say, "It is always a great feeling to perform to a 'full house'!"

HOLIDAY CONCERT

On the subject of productions again, here is another that you must remember to attend! The Broad Cove Chorale is presenting its 24th annual holiday concert Dec. 5 (8 p.m.) and Dec. 6 (7:30 p.m.) at Broad Cove House, 66 Lincoln St., Hingham. A third performance has also been added Wednesday, Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m. at the First Parish Church in Norwell Center. Why am I telling you about performances that are not being held in our town? Well, the Broad Cove Chorale is a small, selective group of women's voices from South Shore communities, and there are 10 members who live in Cohasset! They are, **Barbara Baumgarten, Susan Cameron, Paula Cuneo, Jane Forrer, Patricia Morse, Betts Murray, Anny Newman, Lisa Pratt, Sarah Roche** and **Diana Rosseau.** Tickets for the evening are $12, including reception, and are available in Hingham Square at Nobles or by calling 749-6561. What a great way to get your holiday season underway!

TV STAR!

Did you see it? Wasn't she great? What and whom am I talking about? None other than Cohasset's own **Alyssa Mullin,** who is 7-years-old, and a star! Alyssa appeared on Bill Cosby's show "Kids Say the Darndest Things" Oct. 30. Alyssa auditioned last spring, along with 4,500 other children from the Boston area. She was one of 50 chosen to appear on the show. Filming took place in September at Barrett's Restaurant in Charlestown. She met and even had lunch with Mr. Cosby! Alyssa is a second grader at Osgood School, where everyone there is ever-so proud of her! We are too, Alyssa!

STUDIED IN LONDON

Jemilah Afshar of Cohasset studied in London during the fall semester as part of the Boston University Study Abroad Program. The London Internship Program combines an internship with coursework which examines a particular academic area in the context of Great Britain's history, culture and society. Students take courses in one of nine academic areas, ranging from the arts, psychology and social policy to management, finance and advertising. Jemilah is a senior majoring in communications and public relations at Boston University's College of Communication. A 1995 graduate of CHS, she is the daughter of **Nader** and **Constance Afshar** of South Main Street.

JINGLE BELL WALK

A reminder — don't forget the Jolly Ol' St. Nick, due to arrive by boat this week — the jingle bell festivities to be held afterwards will be tons of fun for all.

Hope that you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving, full of love and a great turkey feast! Also hope, that you will remember to call me with any special event that may take place over this family filled weekend, "your news is our news!"

Sallyann Chatterton
383-0560

IT'S HAPPENING

Metco holiday wreath sale

The Cohasset Metco Committee is selling balsam holiday wreaths as a fund-raiser again this year. The wreaths are double-faced and are standard, door size (22"). The wreaths will be supplied by growers who furnish fashionable nurseries, yet will cost only $10 each.

The holiday wreaths will be pre-ordered. All order forms and checks should be returned to the secretaries of Osgood and Deer Hill Schools or to Metco coordinator Yvonne Jones at Cohasset High School before Friday, Dec. 4. The wreaths will be available for pick-up at the Cohasset High School gym Saturday, Dec. 5, (the first day of recreation basketball tryouts) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Decorative, handmade bows will be available for the customers' convenience on that day as well.

Last year's second annual wreath sale made more than $1,600, which funded the Metco scholarship for graduating seniors. The Cohasset Metco Committee and the participating Boston families thank you for your support of the Metco program which provides such positive results for all of us in the community.

Please call Metco PSO representative Connie Afshar at 383-6006 or Jean Hajjar at 383-9917 for more information.

Jingle Bell Walk is Nov. 27

The Fifth Jingle Bell Walk will take place on Friday, Nov. 27 (rain date Nov. 28). Join the festivities beginning at 2 p.m. as Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrive at Cohasset Harbor by lobster boat and join in the parade to the Community Center for songs, cookies and punch. The Bells of St. Stephen's Carillon will ring and the bell tower will be open to the public. Later, there will be a gathering on the common for lighting the Luminaria and tree, music and hayrides.

Metco sponsors 'Black Nativity' trip

The Cohasset Metco Committee is sponsoring a matinee trip to "Black Nativity" Saturday, Dec. 12. This joyful Christmas musical is a gospel rendition of the birth of the Christ Child and a cultural gem not to be missed.

The National Center of Afro-American Artists is presenting its 29th season of Langston Hughes' gospel song play "Black Nativity" at Tremont Temple's Converse Hall, 88 Tremont St., Boston.

Bus transportation will be provided to and from this joyful Christmas musical free of charge. The bus will leave Cohasset Town Hall at 2 p.m. for the 3:30 p.m. matinee performance and return to Cohasset before 7 p.m. Tickets are $28.

Call Connie Afshar at 383-6006 for more information.

MAKING SMOKING HISTORY



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Amanda Cowins of Cohasset pushes the right button during the fourth annual Smokefree All-Nighter on Friday at Healthrax in Hanover. Two hundred youths from the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative towns, which include Cohasset, took part in the event.

Appalachia Service Project — 'Secret Room'

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project is once again hosting the "Secret Room" as part of the Cohasset Village Fair Saturday, Dec. 5. This is a super opportunity for children to do their holiday family shopping assisted by caring and helpful ASP teenage volunteers. This 'full-service' shopping experience includes helping the child with the appropriate gift selection, payment (gifts are priced at either 50 cents or $1) and gift wrapping.

The "Secret Room" is located inside the first floor of St. Stephen's Church and will be open from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Plan to arrive early for a great selection.

Appalachia Service Project — Santa Visit

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project has once again invited Santa to come visit the children on Cohasset Common during the Village Fair Dec. 5. Santa sitting in his sled will be on the Common from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Photographs of this special time will be available upon request.

Also, don't forget to check out the Second Congregational Church's Bates Hall for beautiful, handmade Appalachian crafts.

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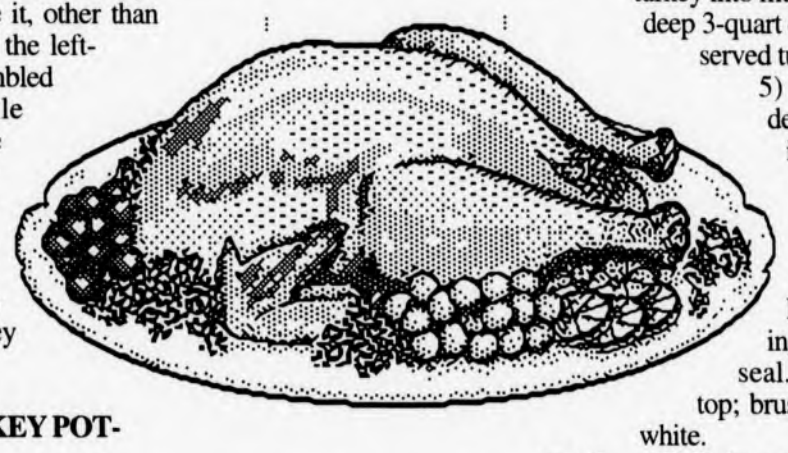
What to do with turkey leftovers

MAY I PRESENT



SALLYANN CHATTERTON

I think that everyone has the same thing the day after Thanksgiving, tons of left-over turkey! I always look for a way to use it, other than just heating up all of the left-overs. Last year I stumbled across this dish while reading one of the magazines that was lying around the house — we tried it, loved it and hope that you do, too! It is called "Uptown Turkey Potpie."



UPTOWN TURKEY POT-PIE

1 rutabaga (1-1/2 lbs.), peeled and cut into 3/4-inch cubes
2 large carrots, peeled and sliced
1 cup frozen baby lima beans
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
8 ounces mushrooms, halved
1 medium onion, diced
2-1/2 cups milk
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
3/4 tsp. salt
1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
4 cups cut-up cooked turkey
8 ounces frozen puff-pastry sheets, thawed (about half 17-oz. package)
1 egg white, beaten

1) In 3-qt. covered saucepan, cook rutabaga and carrots in boiling water until tender, 10-15 minutes. Stir in frozen lima beans until separated. Drain.

2) Meanwhile, in nonstick 12-inch skillet, melt 1 tablespoon margarine or butter over high heat. Add mushrooms and brown; transfer to large bowl.

3) In same skillet, melt remaining 1 tbsp. margarine over medium heat. Add onion and 2 tablespoons water and cook until tender. In medium bowl, mix milk and flour until smooth; stir into onion mixture along with Parmesan, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring, until sauce boils and thickens. Boil 1 minute.

4) Reserve 1 cup turkey. Stir sauce, rutabaga mixture, and remaining turkey into mushrooms; spoon into a deep 3-quart casserole. Top with reserved turkey.

5) Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Roll pastry to 1 inch larger all around than top of casserole; trim as needed. Brush rim of casserole with some egg white. Place pastry over filling; pinch edge for tight seal. Cut 3 slits in pastry top; brush with remaining egg white.

6) Bake potpie on small cookie sheet 40 to 45 mins. or until filling is hot and pastry is browned; cover with foil if browning too quickly. Makes 8 servings.

Hope you like it! Happy Turkey Day!

Sallyann
383-0560

ART NOTES

Artwork by Gallery Artists

The South Shore Art Center is hosting a special exhibition of small works by Gallery Artists entitled Within Reach: Inspirations for the Holidays. All pieces on view are for sale at prices under $200 and will be exhibited through Dec. 23.

Sundays at the Center presents Jennifer Armstrong

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m., the South Shore Art Center will host a concert with Jennifer Armstrong as part of the ongoing series, Sundays at the Center. Jennifer Armstrong will present WomanSong, one woman's creative path told in traditional and original songs and stories enlivened by Scottish pipes, fiddle, banjo and guitar. According to Dillon Bustin, the executive director of the Art Center, "Jennifer Armstrong's autobiographical reverie of songs and stories about growing up in an artistic family would appeal to just about anyone. Much of the creative reminiscing in the piece pertains to the men in her life — father, mentor, husband, friend — who influenced her growth as a woman and as an artist. Witty, wry and wise, Jennifer Armstrong leaves a lasting impression." Admission to the concert is $10. Call 781-383-ARTS to reserve a seat.

Sundays at the Center is an ongoing series produced by the Art Center featuring musical events one Sunday each month. The South Shore Art Center is located at 119 Ripley Rd. in Cohasset. Call (781) 383-2787 for more information.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Pierce-Sturdy engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Alton Pierce of 1 Jerusalem Road in Cohasset, announce the engagement of their daughter, Anastasia Frances Pierce, to Charles Hancock Sturdy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hancock Sturdy of 270 Jerusalem Cohasset.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. She is employed as a merchandise analyst at Talbot's Inc. in Hingham.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Cohasset High School and Haverford College in Pennsylvania and Boston University School of Law. He is employed as an associate at Goodwin, Proctor and Hoar, LLP in Boston.

A Sept. 25, 1999 wedding is planned.

Bridget Ann Cox/Robert Duffy engagement

Roberta Q. Cox of Barnstable and formerly of Cohasset has announced the engagement of her daughter, Bridget Ann of North Scituate to Robert Duffy, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Duffy of Scituate. Miss Cox is the daughter of the late William R. Cox.

Miss Cox, a graduate of Barnstable High School, attended the Katherine Gibbs School in Boston. She is employed at Gale Associates in Pembroke.

Mr. Duffy graduated from Scituate High School and is employed in the landscape and irrigation field.

A September 1999 wedding is planned at Our Lady of the Harbor Church in Scituate.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Life is good on Thanksgiving

What would you like for a perfect Thanksgiving Day this year? How about a brilliant autumn sun shining down on Cohasset High's Alumni Field in the morning. Let's hope the Skippers get the wishbone against the Pirates of Hull.

You have a perfect turkey dinner with a loving family in the afternoon and the feeling that "life is good" in the evening.

We wish you that this year.

When you're getting your dinner ready, you might take a minute to thank God you weren't a cook at the first Thanksgiving 378 years ago.

About 140 people sat at the three-day harvest—90 Indian braves and 50 Pilgrims .Four women did all the cooking.

They roasted wildfowl, turkeys and deer in English fashion. They boiled cod and sea bass in Indian tradition.

They cooked breads and fruit tarts in a skillet over an open fire.

For dessert they made furmety by beating wet wheat in a sack with a washbeetle, boiling it overnight, soaking it on a fire, steaming it in cream in a pipkin, then topping it with sugar.

The guests were not worried about their cholesterol level or the fat content in the food.

They ate to their hearts' content, then washed it all down with beer called aqua vita.

They scooped food from wooden bowls with their hands. There were knives, a few spoons, but no forks.

Huge napkins were very important.

It was a whole year after the Pilgrims first put their tattered boots on Plymouth Rock before the first Thanksgiving.

Their tiny overcrowded Mayflower had tossed like a toy boat upon the fierce Atlantic waves for two months.

Their trip had been stormy and long. Their arrival was dismal and discouraging. The first winter saw more than half their number starve or freeze to death. Their first harvest was a disaster.

But the second year, with the help of the Indians, their fields bore fruit.

Instead of saying, "It's about time, God," they thanked Him for His blessing.

It is now three and a half centuries later.

We'll go a-hunting in a well-stocked supermarket and spear our frozen turkey with icy fingers.

Instead of checking our meat for arrowheads, we'll read the label for the fat and MSG content.

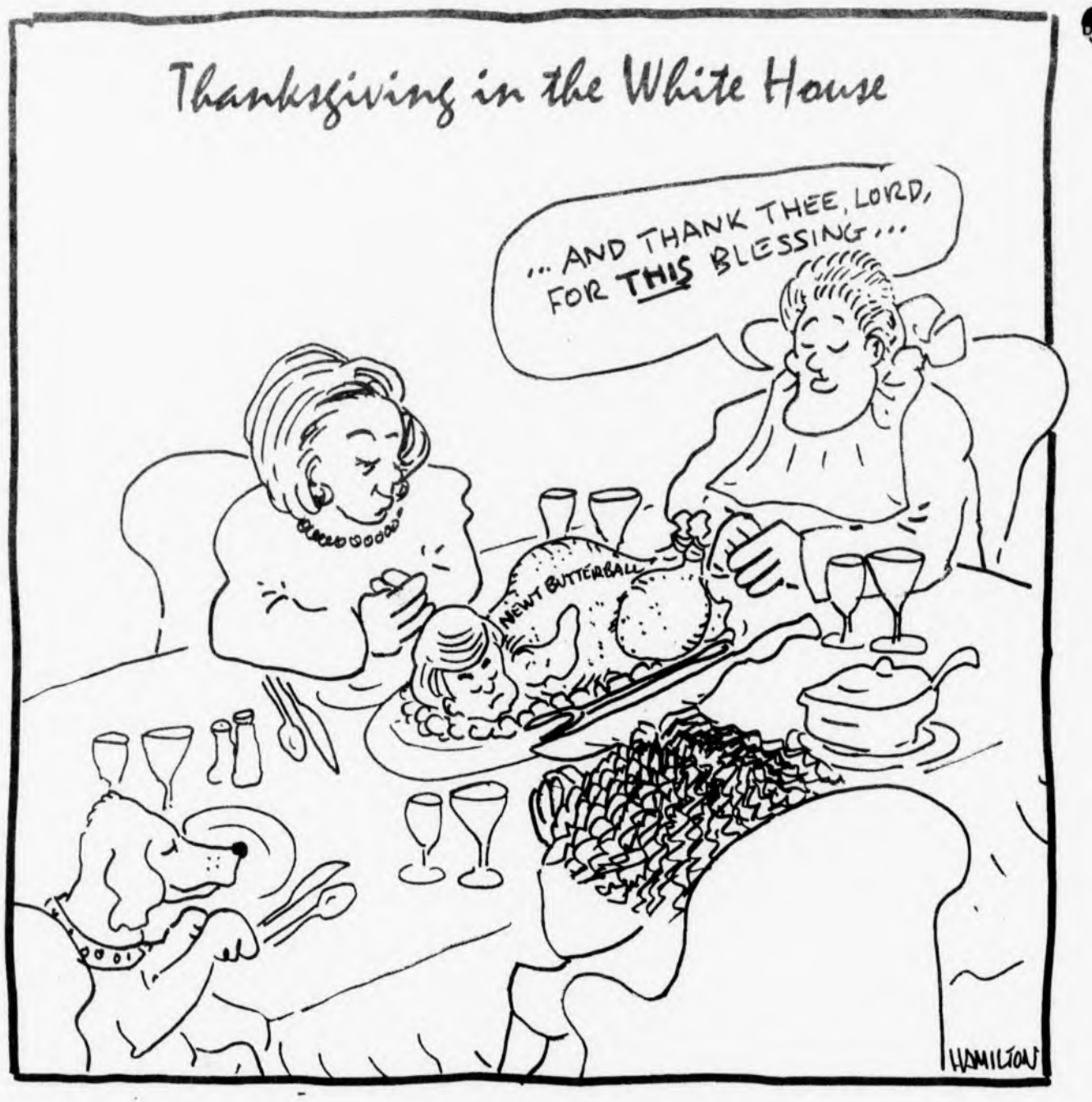
Instead of cooking herbs and roots for days, we might pop a pouch of peas in boiling water.

Instead of beating wet wheat for furmety, we might heat up a prebaked pie and squirt some whipped cream from an aerosol can.

But the warmth of Thanksgiving is still the same.

It is a day to be surrounded by our family and thankful for our blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government Island is special

TO THE EDITOR:

Government Island, including the Hagerty Property, is a prime piece of waterfront property that can benefit all residents if moderation and compromise guide usage decisions. It's not exclusively a boat launching area, historical site, or recreation area. It's all of the aforementioned and more.

Unfortunately, advocates for worthy causes are too often so narrowly focused that they lose sight of the need for compromise in order that a multitude of uses can co-exist.

For example, advocates of the Antoine-Wilson Memorial are 100-percent right to want a separate and meaningful memorial to the heroic light-keepers who lost their lives. However, the Historic Commission, Government Island Study Committee and Design Review Board are correct that the proposed site location is inappropriate. With a modicum of compromise, a redesigned memorial would fit beautifully into the "memory gardens" being planned for the hillside looking out toward Minot's Light.

Likewise, the current controversy over the Sailing Club floats is a "tempest in a teapot." The Sailing Club has trained, at very affordable rates, more than 10,000 Cohasset residents in boating safety and recreational sailing during the past 40 years. They provide a huge community service at no cost to the taxpayer and to impose additional costs to relocate their floats is unreasonable.

Joseph McElroy
59 Windy Hill

Thanks for Turkey Dinner support

TO THE EDITOR:

We at the Cohasset Elder Affairs wish to thank all or our volunteers, members of the Board of Cohasset Elder Affairs and the local merchants who through their generosity made possible our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Over 70 elders from the community enjoyed the festivities held on Nov. 19 at our center. It was a very special afternoon.

We especially want to acknowledge the merchants who assisted us in this affair.

DiNero's Restaurant, Exotic Flowers, French Memories Bakery, Kimball's by the Sea, Meredith's Floral Gallery, Shaw's Supermarket, Stop & Shop Inc., and Strawberry Fair, all of Cohasset; and Z-Chef Restaurant of Hull.

We also wish to acknowledge the following people for their efforts in making the dinner very special. Virginia Anderson and Carol Dieffenbach, table settings and decorations; Stephanie Church, South Shore Community Center; Sara Marmo, turkey stuffing and turkey carving; Peter Tolman, turkey carving; CEA staff, dinner servers; and Anna and Board members for their caring and dedication that helped make this a day to remember.

Sheila Shea-Donovan
Volunteer Coordinator

New clothing salvage program

The American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay has a new service available for residents of Cohasset to support the American Red Cross. The Clothing Salvage Program, a collaborative program with Windward Trading based in Brockton, allows people the opportunity to donate used clothing in specially marked bins which are near the town's refuse center.

The maintenance of the clothing bins is being handled by Windward Trading. After the clothing is collected, it is sold and a percentage of the proceeds will provide financial support to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. This program is a new and innovative way for individuals in Eastern Massachusetts to support the Red Cross.

A specially marked American Red Cross bin is located at the Transfer Station on Cedar Street in Cohasset, where used clothing can be donated. For additional bin locations in other communities or for tax-deductible information, call (508) 586-4445.

Cohasset Village fair is Dec. 5

Village Fair preparations are underway in Cohasset for the town's traditional holiday celebration to be held Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All the churches on the town common, in addition to the Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, have begun plans adding greater variety with more booths to this annual event.

First Parish is offering fresh cut Christmas trees that may be picked up the morning of the Village Fair at the Parish House, 23 N. Main St. Trees are from 5 to 9 feet tall and will be sold for $35. Orders placed by Nov. 22 will be entered in a drawing for a free tree. To order your tree, call 383-9845. On the day of the fair, First Parish will sell hand-painted tree ornaments. The church will donate a tree to Wellspring in Hull as well as to the Cohasset Food Pantry. In addition there will be a Swedish coffee shop with Scandinavian coffee, pastry and breads. An old-style "Jumble Sale" with a little bit of everything from attic treasures to closet clear-outs and bargain basement furniture will complete their holiday offering.

Saint Stephen's Church, 16 Highland Ave., will offer its holiday book sale. There will be novels, poetry, non-fiction, children's books, cooking, craft and gardening books, even CDs, videos and computer programs. A number of prize books will be offered by "silent auction." If you would like to donate books in good condition for this sale, you may leave them at St. Stephen's Parish House Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. St. Stephen's will also offer its "General Store" of baked goods and home-made candy. Coffee, doughnuts, soups and crusty breads will also be offered on fair day in the parish hall. Proceeds from the Saint Stephen's portion of the fair will go to the many social services provided by Wellspring in the town of Hull.

The Appalachia Service Organization will sponsor the "Secret Room" at Saint Stephen's Church. This room is for children only who enter to purchase small holiday gifts for their families and friends. The gifts will be wrapped by volunteers before the children leave, keeping the gifts a "secret" until Christmas. The Appalachia Service Organization will send 99 teenagers to West Virginia to meet the people of Appalachia, learn about their culture, and help renovate homes there for people in need. The organization will hold a craft sale at the Congregational Church, and sponsor Santa Claus, who will meet with children on the Town Common.

Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., will offer a boutique offering handcrafts including pine cone wreaths, Christmas tree skirts, wooden snowmen and Santas. There will be an old-fashioned New England clam chowder bar, and a booth selling baked goods and cheese. Proceeds from the Congregational Church's booths will go to their Outreach program.

For the first time, the Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church will hold their Village Fair booths, highlighted by Greek pastry, at the Community Center, 3 N. Main St. Other offerings will include crafts, boxwood trees and wreaths, a White Elephant table and boutique.

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Kidnapping the first Thanksgiving

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Will somebody please leave the Pilgrims to rest in peace?

Just as we sit down to eat — and slide belching under the table — to commemorate the first Thanksgiving in 1621, word comes from Virginia that settlers there enjoyed the first turkey and cranberry sauce a full two years before our Pilgrims.

"There's no doubt about it, Berkeley Plantation had the first Thanksgiving," says John Hanna, president of the Berkeley Thanksgiving Festival Committee, which has been observing the occasion since 1952.

Every year about this time somebody comes up with the half-baked idea that the first Thanksgiving occurred in New York or Pennsylvania or Georgia when a settler and an Indian shared a tuna fish sandwich and one of them said, "Thank God!"

Last year, if I recall right, it was El Paso, Texas, and the menu was tacos and refritas. In other years, it was either Jamestown, Va., or St. Augustine, Fla., where they dined on grits and hush puppies.

Residents of Berkeley, Va., firmly believe that the first Thanksgiving was held in their town Dec. 4, 1619, a day of fasting and prayer after months aboard the good ship Margaret on the voyage from England.

"The Margaret Compact" or "they came over on the Margaret?" It doesn't have the same ring to it.

The Plymouth people, as I understand it, can't pin down for a certainty the exact date of the first Thanksgiving but it was sometime in November or December 1621, when they gave thanks for a bountiful harvest.

The best account of it is in a letter that Edward Winslow wrote to a friend in England, dated Dec. 11, 1621.

"Our harvest being gotten in," he wrote, "our Governor sent four men out fowling, so that we might after a more special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labors. They four in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little help beside, served the company almost a week.

"At which time, amongst other recommendations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians amongst us, and amongst their greatest king, Massasoit with some 90 men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted.

"And they went out and killed five deer which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our Governor and upon the Captain and others."

A more detailed account of a Thanksgiving (perhaps the second or third) was written Emanuel Eltham, one of the "adventurers" who accompanied the Pilgrims, describing the harvest festival of 1623.

"We had about 12 pasty venisons, besides others, pieces of roasted venison, and other such good cheer that I could wish you some of our share," he wrote to his friend in the Old Country.

"For here we have the best grapes that you ever saw, and the biggest, and divers sort of plums and nuts."

Chief Massasoit, apparently a party animal, again was invited and "he brought three or four bucks (deer) and a turkey," as well as his principal wife (he had five), four other chiefs and 120 of his warriors.

"And we had very good pastime in seeing them dance with such a noise that you would wonder," wrote Eltham.

Two Turkey Hill residents share their memories

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Hingham.

Both residents have lived in a number of places, but it's Hingham they call home now, and they cherish the spectacular view from atop Turkey Hill, where New England Friends Home is located.

At this time of year, their thoughts return to Thanksgivings past, when their childhood days were filled with excitement as they waited for the special holiday.

"I used to hear the words of the song, 'Over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we go.' And I used to wonder why I couldn't go to my grandmother's house by sleigh. We actually got there by streetcar," recalls Nowack with a laugh. Her family lived in a suburb of Chicago.

Kennedy thinks the Thanksgiving "climate" has changed from when she was a little girl.

"It's not as rigid today as it used to be in the 1920s," she said. "You really began preparing for the holiday when fall set in, putting on the storm doors and washing the windows. Now people do all that the week before Thanksgiving."

Her fondest and most eventful Thanksgiving occurred when she was about eight-years-old.

Her grandmother had five sisters, which were her great-aunts. They were: "wonderful ladies" and one of them was married to a Baptist minister with a parish in Harvard, Mass.

The rectory — a big old farmhouse — was located across the street, and it's there Kennedy, now 96, joined her cousins and other family members for one of her earliest Thanksgiving celebrations.

Kennedy and her family, who lived in Hyde Park at the time, had to take a long train journey to get there the day before the holiday, but the trip was well worthwhile.

"It was wonderful for me as a little girl being in that big house, with everyone bustling around wearing big white aprons," she said. She also remembers that water was retrieved from a pump in the kitchen sink, which was new to her.

"Everyone was either making pies spread out on the table or assisting with the preparation in other ways," she remembers. "The kids were told to go outside to play."

Thanksgiving Day dawned, and Kennedy remembers having breakfast at a huge table, with Uncle Herbert, the reverend minister, seated at the head of the table, with aunts and cousins gathered around.

"Everyone had to bow their heads — it was the first time I was introduced to saying grace," she said.

The dinner was superb, with Uncle Herbert carving the giant bird.

"The kid were supposed to keep still, but I remember the big boys (playfully) hitting us in the side as they sat at the table," Kennedy said with a chuckle. "But it was a wonderful Thanksgiving in a lovely setting — so Thanksgiving-ish."

The next day, however, the family woke up to a snowstorm. The children worried about how they would get home, but they finally arrived.

Nowack, 89, recalls a completely different type of Thanksgiving as a child, but one equally as meaningful.

As an only child, she looked forward to getting together on Thanksgiving and Christmas with her cousins. Family members shared hostess duties on that "day of rever-

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Nominations open for Citizen of the Year award

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Citizen of the Year is 5 p.m., Thursday Dec. 31. Please see the nomination form on page 11.

Following the close of nominations, a selection panel will review the names submitted and select the 1998 Citizen of the Year, who will be named in January, 1999.

Nominees may be someone in elected office, a member of an appointed town committee, teacher or school administrator, clergy member, fire-fighter, police officer, or other municipal worker, a person in the business community, sports figure or an "unsung" neighbor or friend who has given freely of his or her time and energy for a worthwhile Cohasset project or cause.

This year's recipient will be the sixth person honored as Citizen of the year, joining past year recipients:

1993: Gerard T. Keating, "Mr. Cohasset," for his more than half-century of contributions to his community, including chairman of the Council on Aging, chairman of the school committee, president of the hockey boosters club, vice president of the Cohasset Historical Society, director of veterans services, and lector, eucharistic minister and usher at St. Anthony's Church and much more.

1994: Joseph D. Buckley, for his work behind the scenes helping seniors understand the complexities of the healthcare system and to access health benefits through SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), his service on the Council of Aging, and volunteer work over the years with the Boy Scouts, Little League, Sunday School and more.

1995: Dr. Robert T. Sceery, for his more than 40 years of dedicated services as a pediatrician in town and school doctor. He also served on the board of health and led the fight back in the 1970s to get the town sewered. He is also a familiar figure at town meetings where he speaks his mine on important issues.

1996: The Rev. Gary Ritts, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, for being a positive force for good through his work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), an ecumenical volunteer effort involving Cohasset teenagers. ASP is a home repair and home building ministry in central Appalachia.

1997: Anna Abbruzzese, for all her volunteer work including preparing and delivering meals for the Pine Street Inn; driving the senior shuttle and coordinating the Gourmet Cooking Club at the Council on Elder Affairs; and her many efforts to help revitalize Cohasset Village through the Farmers' Market and much more.

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Two Turkey Hill residents share their memories

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ence."

In those days, turkeys were purchased at a butcher shop, and she remembers her grandmother plucking out the turkey's pinfeathers with tweezers.

But what impressed Nowack the most was the huge bowl of nuts that the children were allowed to crack themselves.

Her cousin, Bob, was more eager to enjoy the sweet meats and ate each nut as he cracked it. But Nowack relished the idea of accumulating a whole pile and salting them before savoring the tasty morsels.

As a child, Kennedy said children were brought up to respect their ancestors, the Pilgrims, and they were also taught to be grateful to the Indians who shared their bounty with the newcomers to America.

"We were taught to respect and like the Indians for what they did for the Pilgrims and what they learned from the Indians," she said. "They taught the Pilgrims to plant herring in the ground along with corn seeds because the fish acted as a fertilizer."

Nowack also has a special feeling for her ancestors, because she worked at Plimoth Plantation at one time when she lived close by.

She did some research, acted out parts and led school groups in singing Thanksgiving songs at a Pilgrim worship outpost in Plymouth.

"I loved that part of my life," Nowack said. "It was interesting and educational."

She particularly enjoyed cooking over a fire in iron pots and making bread like the Pilgrims did and praises them for using rose hips (red berries growing on wild roses) to make tea as well as to combat scurvy on long ocean voyages.

One of Kennedy's fondest Thanksgiving memories occurred when she was a teenager. At that time, her favorite job was stuffing dates with peanut butter and rolling them in sugar. Her mother would get out lovely glass dishes, which Kennedy "adored," and she would place the stuffed dates on the sideboard.

While she said her family had very little (materially) when she was a child, Kennedy had a good life.

"Today I'm thankful for the harvest God has given us," she said. Kennedy has one son, Donald Kennedy of Cohasset, and two grandchildren. Now she's enriching the lives of younger family members with tales of her childhood memories.

"My grandson would always say, 'Let Grammy make the gravy, because it doesn't have any lumps,'" she said. "And he's still saying it!"

But now she enjoys just being at the table and the special attention she receives and saying grace for her family around the Thanksgiving table, which has become a tradition.

Nowack enjoys a large family, with 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

"It's great when we all come together," she said.

Nowack is looking forward to spending the holiday at the home of her youngest daughter, Susan Cook Thanas, of Duxbury, where she will have dinner with her daughter and her twin sons and their wives.

She is also the mother of Nancy Noble of Hingham.

Both women share a zest for life and spirit of gratitude, which gives them an ageless appearance.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Elinor Kennedy and Ruth Nowack, both former long-time Cohasset residents, reminisce about old-fashioned Thanksgivings in their home at the New England Friends Home in Hingham.

Nowack is looking forward to peace and continued good health and hopes the world "straightens out a little more. I pray for that."

Kennedy is especially thankful at this time of year for the opportunity to live at New England Friends Home after residing in Cohasset on James Lane for 65 years.

"There's a magnificent view, and we're enjoying our new annex," she said. "My window looks out over Hull and Strawberry Hill, and the Boston Lighthouse flashes every night to bring on the new day."

Kennedy, who enjoys writing, kept a daily journal of the recent renovations at New England Friends Home because what the assisted living facility offers means so much to her.

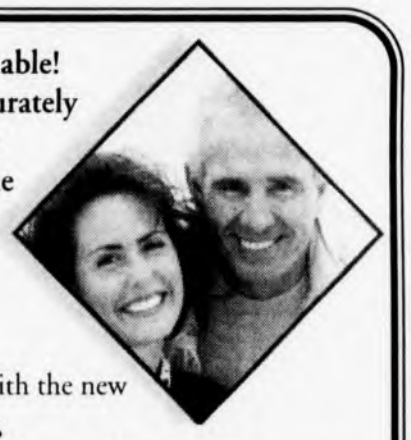
Nowack shares Kennedy's gratitude.

"We like to study and read. It keeps our minds alive," she said.

Among the blessings both are grateful for are their families, which they hold dear.

"I thank God every night for that," Nowack said. "We have much to appreciate living here, too. There's a wonderful staff, and it's a beautiful home. What more could we ask?"

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A present and future history book project

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Who could have imagined that preparing a third volume of the history of Cohasset would lay the groundwork for future books? Ernest Grassey is imagining that scenario right now. Grassey is vice-chairman of the town history committee, a former president of the Cohasset Historical Society, and a serious local historian.

"We would like to take the responsibility to continue gathering and storing information for the next book," Grassey said. "Instead of waiting 50 years for the next committee to begin gathering information, we would like to leave them with too much data. Let's save too much stuff for the next volume."

Videotaping Cohasset residents and saving the interviews for future generations is just one idea Grassey mentioned. He recognized that videotaped interviews can preserve important information long after someone has passed on. New electronic storage devices such as DVD and minidiscs allow for secure, long-term storage of video and audio data. Grassey would like to utilize some of those devices to store interviews, and important events like a full session of town meeting.

"Storing video could be like preparing a loose-leaf binder," Grassey said. "In the future, people would be able to look at it and see the way people thought in 1998. They would be able to see the tone of the discussions in 1998. I would love to see a video of a town meeting session from the 1940s."

Grassey said the committee is still focused on its main function: creating volume three which will relate the history of the past 50 years. He added that the committee is merely trying to take advantage of some downtime by looking toward the future.

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— Ernest Grassey, town history committee

Last month, the committee mailed a letter to every resident seeking advance orders and donations. Currently, the committee has more than 140 advance orders at a reduced price of $20 per volume, said the chairman of the town history committee, Wigmore Pierson. The regular price is expected to be $30 per book. The mailing generated nearly $10,000 in advance order and donations. Pierson said the donations alone have exceeded $4,000, something for which he is extremely grateful. Town meeting has contributed $35,000 to the project. The total cost of preparing 2,000 volumes of the book is estimated at about $80,000.

"We have received enthusiastic support from the town and residents," Pierson said. "The project is on target for a scheduled release date of Jan. 1, 2001. Jacqueline Dormitzer is preparing a first draft and we hope to see some chapters by mid-to-late 1999. We have a very enthusiastic committee of 11 working hard on the project."

A pleasant side effect of the project has been renewed interest in the first two volumes of the history of Cohasset: E. Victor Bigelow's "Narrative History of Cohasset" and Burtram Pratt's volume two. Grassey said the historical society has sold more copies of the two books in the past month than in the previous decade. Pierson said there have been 66 orders for volume one and 67 orders for volume two. He added that the orders for volumes one and two will be delivered by Thanksgiving.

Grassey said the committee is also exploring the possibility of preparing a CD-ROM edition that could utilize video, audio and additional information not in the book. He said committee members have received an initial estimate of $15,000 for a CD version.

"There's a distinct possibility that we could do a CD edition," Grassey said.

Pierson said the CD would require additional funding from the town, as it is not part of the main book project.

The advantage of a CD is including material that will have to be excluded from the book because of space limitations. Grassey pointed out that the entire school curriculum and a three-hour town meeting could be included on a CD.

The third volume of the history of Cohasset will have a different flavor than the previous two books, said Grassey. He said the first two volumes focused much attention on the "townie" nature of Cohasset. During those decades, there was an attitude that only Cohasset natives could run the town. In volume two, Pratt referred to newcomers who wanted to get involved in local politics as the "Johnny-come-lately's", Grassey said.

"The isolationism of volumes one and two are out because it's not an isolationist situation anymore," Grassey said. "When the train stopped in 1954, people thought the world would end because they couldn't reach Boston, and Cohasset would die without the train. They didn't think cars and buses would be adequate. Now, the train is coming back, and people think the world is going to end and Cohasset is going to die."

Cohasset has become a different town in the past 50 years. Now, the majority of residents are not "townies." The popularity of the automobile over the past five decades has eliminated much of the insular thinking that dominated in Cohasset and many other places. Grassey said the history of Cohasset over the past 50 years is the history of how the town has changed from the 1950s until the present.

"A lot of the things that happened during the last 50 years have shaped the town into the Cohasset we live in now," Grassey said. "Most of the people who live here now didn't grow up here. Now, people get involved in politics because they are interested in contributing to their community. We just had a woman elected to the school committee who has lived in town for only about a year."

International events also play a more important role in volume three. A stock market dip affects a majority of residents and businesses in town, Grassey said. When Digital lays off 2,000 employees, ten live in Cohasset.

"We have to give more attention to the Saddam's of the world because international events have an immediate effect on Cohasset," Grassey said.

It all makes for a richer, more interesting look at local history from Grassey's perspective.

"I love this stuff," Grassey said. "I love local, state, national and international history. We're kind of playing God here by choosing what goes in the book and what doesn't. In a way, we're deciding what is history and what isn't. And we have to be careful, because some of the people who are important for history still have families living in town. It's a responsibility we're taking very seriously."

The committee always welcomes input, donations and historical material. Anyone with any questions or comments can call Pierson at 383-6940.

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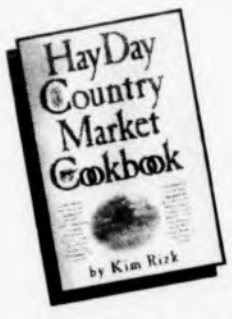
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Police crackdown on drivers flouting rules of the road

Speeders beware

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Speed demons had some of the spin taken out of their wheels last week when the Cohasset police department in conjunction with state police increased radar patrols along the 3A and issued dozens of citations and warnings to the offending motorists.

According to Sergeant Robert Jackson, the Cohasset police department received a $2,500 grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety to help combat the problem.

That money is only a portion of the $16,000 police received in a community policing grant last month.

"At least $2,500 of the funds will go to traffic enforcement," said safety officer Richard Yocum, who has been on patrol at the Beechwood & King Street intersection; the access and egress at the new Joseph Osgood Elementary and Deer Hill schools on Sohier Street; and the Shaws Plaza area on 3A. The rest of the funds will go toward marine and bike training and patrols, as well as developing a web site, according to Yocum.

"We'll also have state police working with us," he said.

During a three-day period, 84 violators were cited, according to Jackson.

"We've asked the state police to come down for some time," said Jackson. "Ever since the Shaws shopping center was redesigned, it's the worst intersection in town and it needs some more selective enforcement there. People are still speeding through there. We stopped a husband who was speeding and a while later, we ticketed his wife."

"We stopped a husband who was speeding and a while later, we ticketed his wife."
— Sgt. Robert Jackson

Traffic has been on the agenda at many a selectmen's meeting. Last month, Chairman Ronnie McMorris said more residents ask her about traffic conditions than any other problem in town. Much of the traffic and many of the problems come from out of town.

Jackson agrees. "It's mostly commuters from the south going on 3A and they keep going at 50 or more when it drops down to 35 mph. But there are two or so signs there to indicate that shift. People aren't paying attention to the signs, unfortunately."

While it would be nice to think that all the speeders in Cohasset are from outside the town, that is not the case.

Police Chief Brian Noonan said that his department issues more traffic tickets to out-of-town commuters, but Cohasset residents still account for many of the tickets issued within town borders.

Some of the areas in town most plagued by speeding include King Street, Beechwood Street, Forest Avenue, North and South Main Streets and Route 3A. The Beechwood intersection at 3A has been the biggest problem of all this year, according to Noonan.

The two state police officers sent to Cohasset to help combat the problem are armed with a new laser instrument that makes it easier for officers to discern which car is being picked up on the radar.

"It helps," said Yocum. "But we get one area under control and then we have to go elsewhere. We can't baby-sit the entire town."

What's the difference between a citation and a warning?

"A citation costs you money," said Jackson. "If you get three written in a year, the Registry will suspend your license for seven days."

What constitutes speeds worth citing is partly up to the officer's discretion, he said.

"It's mostly based on how much you're going over the speed limit that determines whether you get a written warning or a citation," said Jackson. "We intend to continue it. I'm not going to tell you when or where, that will be a surprise."

THE MUSIC MAN



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Ron Nicynski and Mareth Collins-Wolley perform a number from the middle-high school production of "The Music Man." For story, see page 23.

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Hit and run driver claims Cohasset native's life

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

A hit and run driver left Cohasset native James Allen Hagler Jr. at the side of a Bradenton, Fla. road in the early morning hours of Nov. 16. His body was not found until two hours had passed.

"It was early in the morning-a deserted road type of thing," said his brother-in-law, Joseph Colpitts of Portland, Maine. "It was about two hours before somebody found him."

A police investigation is underway, but the investigating officer has told Colpitts that it is unlikely the driver will be found.

"There were no witnesses," explained Colpitts. "He was riding his bicycle to work Monday morning on a country road when he got hit. The police found a bit of a rear view mirror and a chip of paint that they think belongs to a pick-up truck. There was also a fingerprint on the mirror, but that could be anybody's. It's possible alcohol was involved on the driver's part."

One-third of cyclist fatalities in motor vehicle accidents in 1997 were alcohol-related, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Corporal Darren Slater of Bradenton's Florida Highway Patrol, said that Hagler probably died on impact.

"The mirror that was on the right side of the truck left an imprint towards the back of his skull which shows blunt force, so it would have been an instantaneous death," said Slater. "We believe he was hit around 5 a.m., which was the last time he was seen on his bicycle. He was due at work at 5:30 a.m. He was found at 7 a.m.

"We're just getting up to full speed trying to get leads. These situations have been a little more frequent lately. We don't know if the driver was drinking. We do know that people seem to panic when they hit someone and then they keep going. It goes immediately from an infraction to a felony. We have a portion of the vehicle and we're investigating leads based on that."

The son of the late James Allen and Katherine Mahan Hagler of Cohasset, Hagler Jr. grew up North Main Street and attended Cohasset schools, Derby Academy in Hingham, The Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, NJ and was graduated from Ithaca College in NY. He also served as an officer in the United States Navy.

"He was a very intelligent individual, made friends easily and kept in touch with friends form school, college and the navy," said Colpitts, adding, "He was a real 'people person.'"

Hagler was living in the same town with his ex-wife and eight-year-old daughter, Kelsey Anne. He enjoyed spending time with his daughter and his ex-wife's nine-year-old grandson.

"Jimmy was sort of a father to the boy, too," said Colpitts. "He was a very, very devoted father. The two kids are now both missing the only father they ever knew."

At the time of his death, Hagler was working as a John Deere supervisor. He was in the habit of getting his exercise by bicycling to and from work, which is what he was doing when on the morning Nov. 16.

"My wife is having some bad moments over this," said Colpitts. "She's better off at work at LL Bean. She's busy and has lots of people around there."

Hagler is survived by his daughter Kelsey Anne Hagler; two sisters, Katherine "Lynne" Hagler Colpitts of Portland, Maine and Dorothy Hagler Penno of Pensacola, Fla., as well as four nieces and nephews. Services will be private.

"It's a shame," said Colpitts. "You know, he was 42 and in good health. His life was going well. And my wife never had a chance to say 'goodbye' or 'I love you.' None of us did. It's certainly a finality kind of thing."

OBITUARIES

Mary K. Donovan

Mary K. (Cusick) Donovan, 90, of Cohasset died Friday, Nov. 20 at the Atrium Nursing Center in Middleboro after a brief illness.

Born and raised in Brookline, Mrs. Donovan was a 60-year resident of Cohasset.

She attended MIT and was employed as a second- and fourth-grade teacher at the Osgood and Deer Hill Schools in Cohasset from 1955 to 1978 when she retired.

Mrs. Donovan was Past President and Treasurer of the 60-Plus Club in Cohasset, a member of the Cohasset Garden Club, the Council on Aging and the Sr. Citizens of Cohasset.

Wife of the late Charles V. Donovan, she leaves two daughters, Kathleen DeFeo of Norwich, N.Y. and Cynthia Murphy of Lakeville; a son, Charles Donovan Jr. of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and three sisters, Elizabeth Murphy of Falmouth, Catherine Cusick of Weston and Jane Handrahan of Plymouth. Mrs. Donovan was also sister of the late Walter, Gerard, Paul and Robert Cusick.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset and a graveside service and interment were held at Holyhood Cemetery, Brookline. The Rev. John Mulverhill, Pastor of St. Anthony's officiated.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset, directed the arrangements.

Claire V. Kuykendall

Claire Verrochi Kuykendall, 47, died Thursday, Nov. 19, at her residence in Houston after a long illness.

Mrs. Kuykendall was born in Boston, grew up in Cohasset, attended Thayer Academy and was a graduate of the University of Texas. Mrs. Kuykendall had a prominent career in real estate with Baxter Swinford and then with Martha Turner Properties.

She was a member of Chapelwood United Methodist Church, Houston Racquet Club and former member of Houston Board of Realtors.

She leaves her husband, Kenneth D. Kuykendall; a daughter, Monica Laine Kuykendall; and two sons, Kirk Kuykendall and Cliff Kuykendall; and her mother, Graziella F. Verrochi, all of Houston; a brother, Paul M. Verrochi and his wife, Junemarie; one niece, Marisa Verrochi; and two nephews, Marc Verrochi and Matthew Verrochi, all of Boston.

Funeral services were conducted at Chapelwood United Methodist Church in Houston. The Revs. Jim Turley and Dr. Kelly Williams officiated.

The George H. Lewis & Sons Funeral Home, Houston, directed the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Dept. of Breast Cancer Research, P.O. Box 297153, Houston, Texas 77297.

Catherine A. Lopes

Catherine Ann (Brown) Lopes, 72, of Cohasset formerly of Scituate died Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Cohasset Knoll Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center after a brief illness.

Mrs. Lopes was born in Kingwood, W.Va. She attended Scituate schools and lived in Cohasset for six years.

She worked for many years at Scituate Town Hall. She also worked at NYNEX in Boston.

Mrs. Lopes was sister of the late Ora Brown.

A Memorial Service was held at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church in Scituate. Interment was private at the Fairview Cemetery, Scituate.

Arrangements were directed by the Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, Scituate.

Donations in Mrs. Lopes' memory may be made to the First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate 02066.

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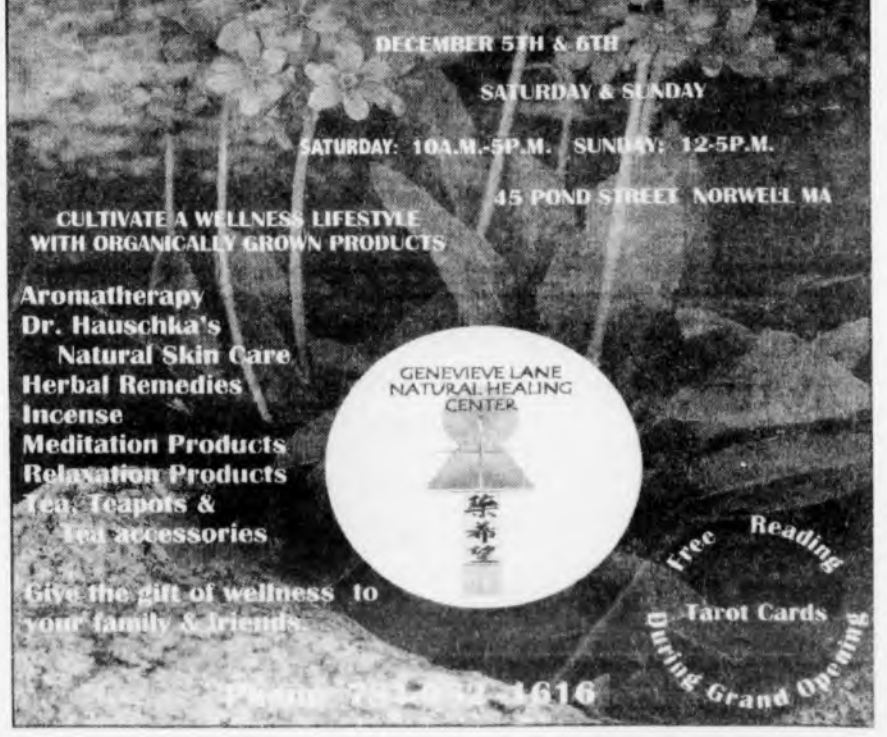


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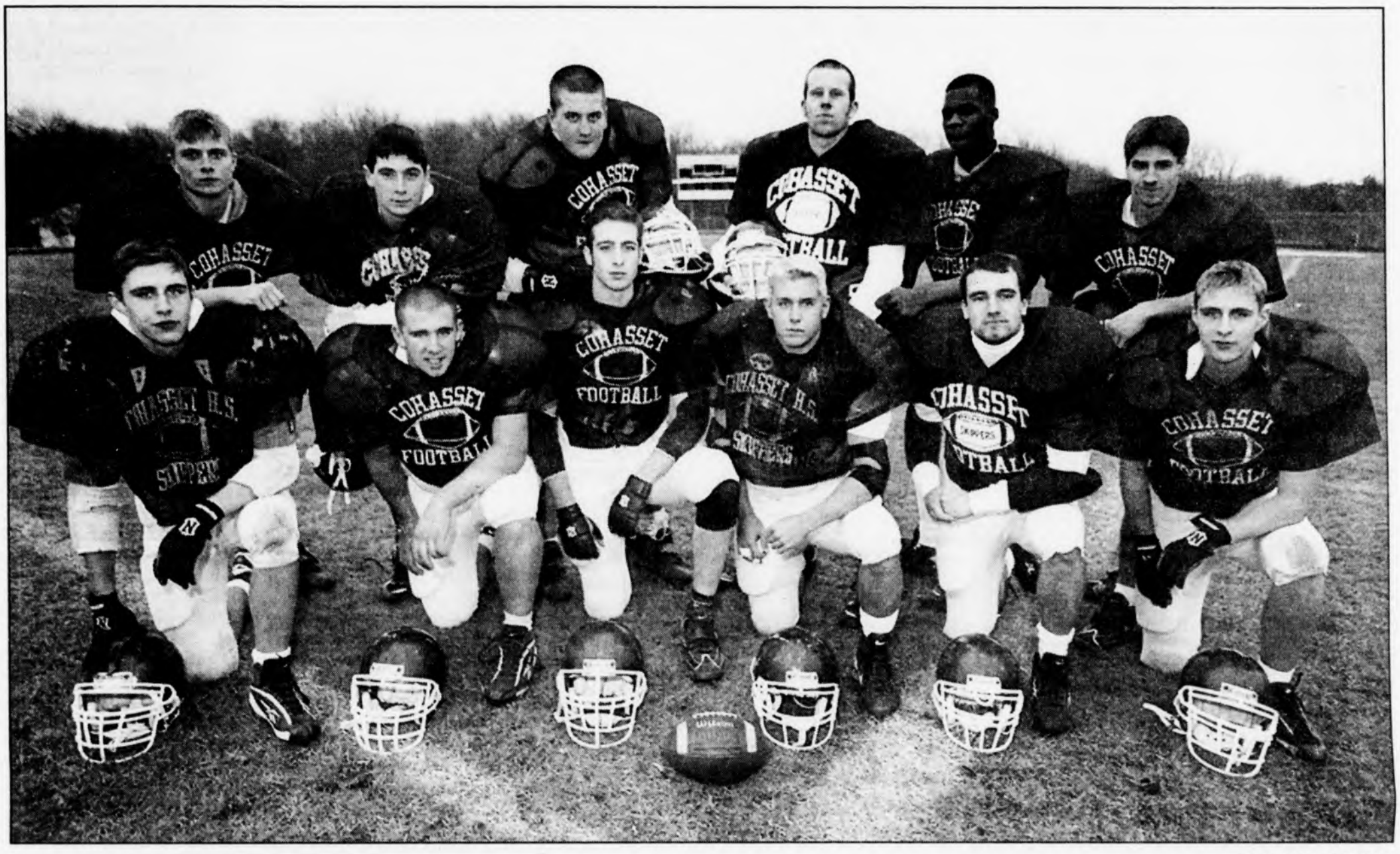
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COHASSET SPORTS



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These seniors will be pulling on the blue and white of Cohasset High for the final time on Thanksgiving when they host the Hull Pirates. In the front row are Greg Parkinson, J.P. Laugelle, Adam Sasso, Justin Golden, Alex Russell and Sean Parkinson. In the back row are Ben Roine, Greg Taylor, John Considine, Luke Caldwell, Raheem Shepherd and Jaime DeMichele.

Skippers match up evenly with Pirates

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

Would you like to know the winner of the Thanksgiving Day football game between Cohasset High and Hull High?

Of course you would.

Here's what you do, get a coin flip it in the air, heads Cohasset wins, tails Hull wins.

Here it comes! Lookie here, the coin landed on its edge! What does that mean?

It means, it's anybody's game. The two teams are matched so closely, that the outcome of the game that will be played in Cohasset at 10 a.m. will be a surprise.

Actually, the two teams will be fighting for fifth place in the South Shore League standings. Going into the game, the two teams are tied for the spot at 1-4-0 in league play.

Overall, Cohasset is 4-5-0 and Hull is 3-6-0. That should qualify as close.

Cohasset has scored 142 points this season while giving up 140 points.

Now, here's something the coin did not take into consideration. Hull has scored 123 points, but the Pirates have given up 205 points.

Could defense be the Achilles heel of Hull? Can they be scored upon pretty

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Seniors look back on four great years

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

In a sports world which is populated by public relations directors, talking heads and agents of agents, athletes have become politicians. The NBA lockout is a fine example of the legalese which has now become a staple of the bizarre subculture that is big-time sports. Players have become masters of doublespeak, being careful not to offend anyone, any group, or any organization. Sports is PC.

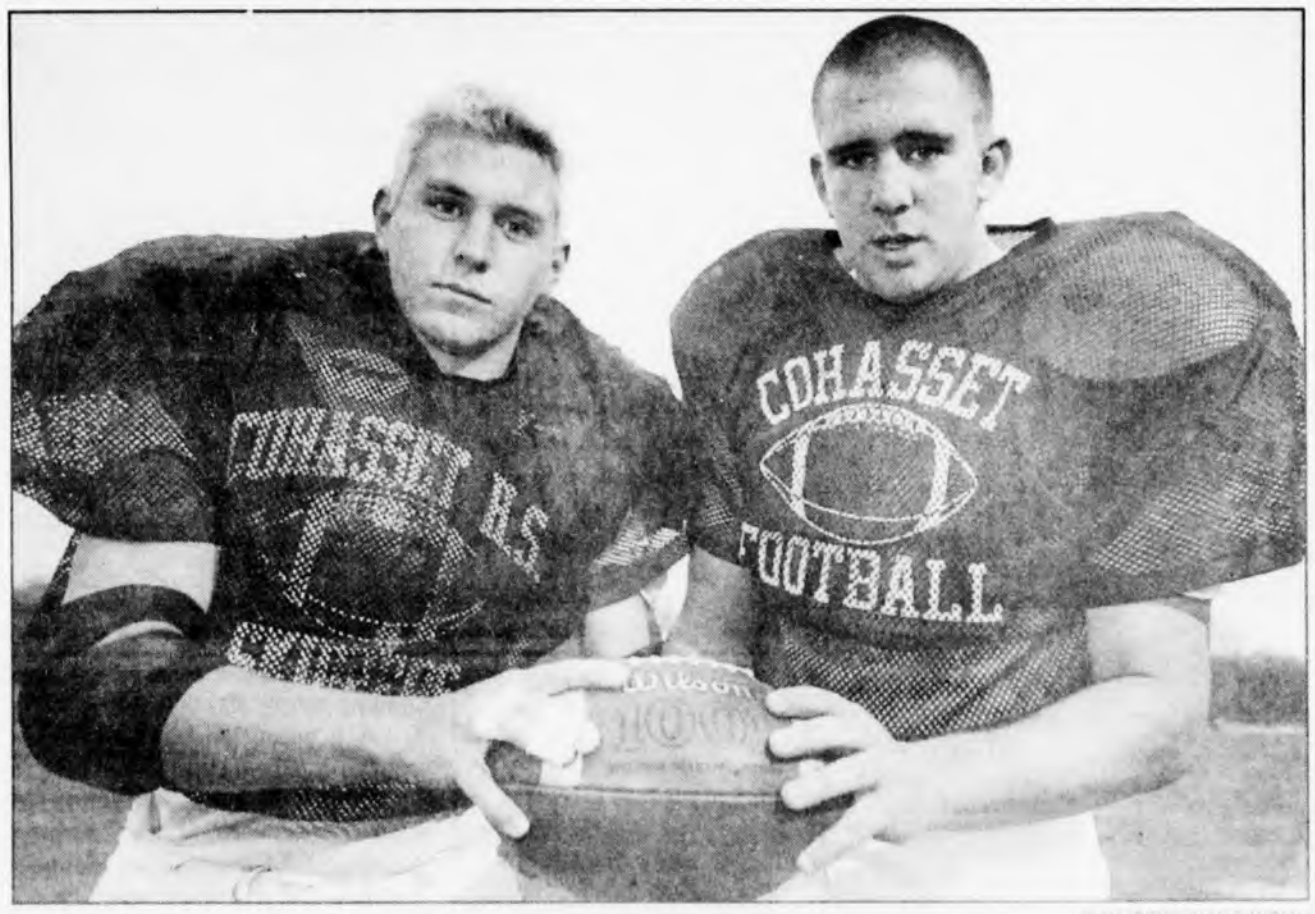
After conducting a series of short interviews Monday night, however, I seemed to notice an exception to the trend. Cohasset High School football players, seniors who will don the blue and white for the final time Thanksgiving, spoke with passion about their last high school game.

The bitter rivalry between Cohasset and Hull heightens the tension, which is already thick with the tradition which Thanksgiving Day games are steeped and the finality of the final whistle.

CHS center John-Paul Laugelle, a top-notch heavyweight wrestler and one of the team's co-captains: "It's tough because it's the last game. It would be great to win; it means a lot to me to win. We have a chance to stop the finger-pointing and put an end to the idea that Cohasset's a bunch of little rich kids who will just lie down. It would mean a lot to the seniors to win and show the South Shore League what we're made of."

Co-captain, sectionally-ranked wrestler and fullback Justin Golden: "I know it would mean a lot to me and the rest of the team because of

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

CHS captains Justin Golden (left) and J. P. Laugelle are more than ready for the annual Thanksgiving football game against Hull.

Sorry little fella, no hot dog for you

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE HARDMAN



Coffee.

Hot dogs.

Mud.

Thanksgiving football.

Let me explain.

First, the coffee part. I think I went to my first Thanksgiving Day game when I was about five. I remember because I was two feet, 5 inches and after my father put two warm coats, a pair of long johns and boots on me, I must have weighed a buck 50.

The kitchen smelt like bacon and eggs and of course, coffee.

There wasn't much time to eat. We were in a hurry. My dad liked to get to the game early so that we could see the team's bus pull into the parking lot.

Although the field was 10 minutes away, we always left with a hour to spare.

My dad would be finishing his coffee going out the door, while I made like a weeble going down the stairs.

"Come on. You don't want to miss the Wildcats coming off the bus."

The Wildcats were the West Bridgewater Wildcats. My guys were the East Bridgewater Vikings. We were Route 106 rivals.

About an hour before the game, the Wildcats would pull in and one by one, the helmeted warriors would get off the bus on their way to certain doom and destruction at the hands of the mighty Vikings.

"I don't think their team is as big as it was last year," my dad would say.

I never knew. To a little kid, they always looked big. Who could tell when you're two feet tall and everyone else is a giant?

"Dad, can we get a hot dog?"

A statement of fact:

If you're going to a sporting event, no matter, if it is 10 in the morning, you ought to be able to get a decent hot dog, preferably grilled, but boiled will do in a pinch.

With his weeble looking son in tow, my dad made his way to the concession stand.

"One hot dog please." I piped up.

"Sorry, little fella. We have donuts and coffee, only."

Sorry little fella? This is America, ain't it. Give me my hot dog and I want it now.

Of course being five and within spanking distance of my dad, I didn't say that.

"OK."

Fast forward.

When it came my turn to play in the annual Thanksgiving Day game, the East-West match up had been replaced by an East Bridgewater-Middleboro rivalry. It wasn't the same, but heck, it was Thanksgiving.

Sophomore year, I got to wear a cool East Bridgewater Viking raincoat for the whole game. Not once did the coach ask me to take it off and go to the muddy field to play football in the rain. What a great guy my coach was.

After four quarters, I took my jacket off and my uniform was just as clean as it was at the start. Just a little damp, maybe.

I missed my junior year with a knee injury. It was sunny that year and the cool jackets stayed in the closet. I was just in pain and I was very cold.

Finally, my senior year came I was going to play in the Thanksgiving Day game. I was going to try my hardest to do something so that my name would be remembered for all time when folks in town got to talking about the Thanksgiving Day games.

The fourth quarter came around and I was running out of chances. We scored and I was on the kickoff team. I ran down the field and there he was. The opposing team's returner.

I got him in my sights. This was going to be the hit to end all hits. I was going to send him into Sunday.

Here he comes. There I go.

Splash.

As soon as I hit the ground, the mud came up through my facemask. I was a mess.

Out of the corner of my eye that wasn't covered with mud, I saw the returner going for a big gain. My chance at fame was over.

"Sorry little fella."

Cohasset football roster

No.	Name	Yr.
3	Daniel Trowers	Soph.
6	Nick Bolster	Fr.
15	Jamie Demichele	Sr.
16	Pat Carbone	Fr.
16	Jason Brown	Fr.
17	Brian Krupczak	Soph.
21	Raheem Shepherd	Sr.
22	Justin Golden	Sr.
25	Dan Mulligan	Jr.
26	Leroy Lenane	Fr.
28	Ben Roine	Sr.
34	Greg Taylor	Sr.
34	Chris Caron	Fr.
35	Justin Langham	Soph.
37	Chris Golden	Soph.
37	Kyle Weber	Fr.
40	Paul Previte	Fr.
44	Liam O'Donnell	Jr.
46	Kevin Andrews	Jr.
50	Dan Degruchy	Soph.
51	Greg Parkinson	Sr.
54	Craig Davis	So.
56	Adam Sasso	Sr.
57	Alex Russell	Sr.
59	Joe Carbone	Jr.
67	Will Prendergrast	Fr.
68	John Considine	Sr.
69	Brendan Goff	Fr.
70	J.P. Laugelle	Sr.
71	Luke Caldwell	Sr.
72	Derek Thayer	So.
75	Jari Martin	Fr.
76	Jonn Hussey	Fr.
81	Craig Parker	Jr.
82	Liam Martin	Fr.
82	Sean Parkinson	Sr.
88	Ronan Buick	So.
90	Jeff Scribner	So.
91	Mark Leman	Fr.
95	Tom Bilodeau	Fr.

Coaching Staff: Tony Rolfe, Tommy Hughes, Bob Silvia, Torin Sweeney, Mark Hall, Dave Terry, Ron Ford and Brian Pattison

Looking back on four great years

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the way the games have gone in the past, with them running it up and embarrassing us. It's a huge rivalry and they've gotten the better of us since 1987 and it would be really nice to change that. There's nothing that I want more in the whole world than to beat Hull Thanksgiving."

Luke Caldwell, guard and defensive end, as well as captain of the wrestling team: "We've been humiliated the three years that I've played. I think our team is in a position where we could set the tone for the next couple of years. It would be really nice to go out with a bang."

Alex Russell, tackle and defensive lineman and captain of the basketball team: "This is the last time you play with all your friends. It just means so much more than any other game. They (Hull) will be tough as always, but we'll give 'em a run for their money."

All the players I talked to approach the game with increasingly guarded optimism, and some even expressed a sense of awe at the gravity of the situation. For years, football has consumed the summers and falls of these players, and often their minds for all four seasons. A victory in the Hull game of senior year is the Grail which every one of these players has eyed since the first day he put on pads at Cohasset.

For the seniors, it will be a day of finalities. The final time to wear the Skipper navy and white. The final chance to hear Coach Silvia's booming voice from the sidelines. The final opportunity to look around a locker room at guys whom they've known their whole lives. The last high school game and, for most, last organized football game they will every play.

A victory Thanksgiving would coronate the six years of coaching and system changes which this senior class has played through. Best of luck to them.

THANKSGIVING STUFFING

One year ago....

Skippers fall to the Pirates

There are warmer places to spend your Thanksgiving morning.

The North Pole immediately comes to mind.

But every other year Cohasset football and their followers have to make their treck to Hull Gut (AKA the Coldest Place on Earth) for the CHS-HHS Thanksgiving Day football game.

Unfortunately, it was not only very cold last year but it was also not a very good football game as the Pirates stomped Cohasset into submission, 49-6.

Pat Hurley fired a strike to Jamie Buick for Cohasset's only score in the game on a day that coincided with a reunion of the CHS Class of 1957, who compiled a perfect football record during their senior season.

One last dance

THE GAME: Hull at Cohasset

THE TIME AND PLACE: Kickoff is at 10 a.m. at Alumni Field, Cohasset High School

THE RECORD: Cohasset and Hull are sharing space near the bottom of the South Shore League, the Skippers with a 4-5 overall record and the Pirates a step below at 3-6

THE HISTORY: The Pirates laid a whipping on Cohasset last season, piling on the points in a 49-6 win. Hull has been in control of the series since the rivalry was re-started in 1985. After winning the first three years, Cohasset has been held winless in the holiday game since 1987.

THE CAPTAINS: FB/LB Justin Golden and C/DT J.P. Laugelle

THE REST OF THE SENIORS: QB/DB Jamie DeMichele, RB/DB Raheem Shepherd, WR/DB Ben Roine, FB/DB Greg Taylor, G/LB Greg Parkinson, G/LB Adam Sasso, G/DT Alex Russell, T/DT John Considine, G/DE Luke Caldwell and TE/DE Sean Parkinson.

THE SKINNY: For every senior the Thanksgiving Day football game is a special one. It's almost always the biggest crowd that they will play before all season and it marks the end of their high school football career. For the dozen seniors on the Cohasset roster it also marks the chance to go out with a bang. The Skippers haven't won the Thanksgiving game since 1987 and this squad would dearly love to be the one who puts an end to the losing streak. Things seem to be going Cohasset's way for the first time in a while. Hull is not the same team that won the Division 6 Super Bowl two seasons ago while CHS coach Tony Rolfe seems to have his team sailing in a winning direction. The chances of Hull getting another 43 point victory this year on CHS turf are pretty slim.

The road to Thanksgiving

Mashpee 18 Cohasset 12- Despite gaining nearly 300 yards in total offense, it wasn't enough as the Falcons overcame the Skippers.

Cohasset 32 Latin Academy 14- Dan Trowers was "da man", rushing for almost 200 yards as the Skippers got their first win of the year.

Carver 6 Cohasset 0- The defense stepped forward with a huge effort but a third quarter touchdown would be all the scoring the Crusadres would need on this day.

Abington 20 Cohasset 6- CHS led early in the game but were eventually washed away by the Green Wave.

Cohasset 24 Norton 6- The boys in blue put it all together against the Lancers. Luke Caldwell led the defense with 3.5 sacks.

Cohasset 22 Nauset 14- Homecoming was a sweet victor for the Skippers as Daniel Trowers and Justin Golden led the running attack.

Cohasset 26 Charlestown 14- Make it three in a row for the Skippers.

Norwell 41 Cohasset 14- Trowers had two late touchdowns but it was not enough to knock off the defending Division 4 Super Bowl champions.

Hanover 7 Cohasset 6- They fought hard but once again fell short in the end to the Indians.

Junior lacrosse registration is December 12

Registration for the 12 and Under and 14 and Under Cohasset Youth Lacrosse programs will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset High School.

The 12 and Under program, starting its fourth year, is open to boys and girls currently in the fifth and sixth grade. Registration is $75, which includes a uniform, practice jersey and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes a subscription to a new magazine especially designed for kids.

The 14 & Under program is for middle school students. The program is limited to Cohasset residents, but players do not have to be enrolled in the Cohasset school system to be eligible.

Cohasset's junior lacrosse program is a member of the Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League, the nation's largest youth program. In general, games are played Sunday afternoons. Practices currently are scheduled for late afternoon Mondays and Fridays. The teams will begin practicing in early March, games start in April and the season concludes with the MBYLL Jamboree in mid-June.

While the schedule should minimize conflicts, problems do sometimes arise. "Every coach prefers that players be there for games and practices," says 12 and Under coach Chuck Jaffe, "but we know there will be times when a child has a different game to go to. So long as they can attend practice often enough to learn the basics — and so long as they tell us when they can not make a practice or game — we don't think lacrosse should be a problem with other events."

Bob Inman assists Jaffe on the 12 and Under level.

Terry Kahn runs the 14 and Under program.

Lacrosse is a contact sport; both practices and games include hitting. In accordance with Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League rules, all players must be equipped with sticks, gloves, shoulder and elbow pads, and helmets with mouthpieces.

Hockey equipment is allowed, although Jaffe warns that hockey gloves are not flexible enough to allow a child to manipulate and control a lacrosse stick. In addition, the MBYLL is considering changing the rule that allows hockey helmets, a decision which is not expected until winter.

Jaffe also notes that while the 12 and Under team welcomes girls, it does not play girls' lacrosse, which avoids full contact and is played under different rules and with slightly different equipment. "Many girls play in the MBYLL," he said, "but there is an adjustment to make when they get older and start playing girls' lacrosse."

At the 12 and Under level, Cohasset will once again try to field two teams in the spring. Last year, the program took on 40 children — including a limited number of fourth-graders — and split into two squads for the first time. "The kids got more repetitions in practice and a lot more playing time in games, which made the players better and the season more fun," Jaffe says. "So long as we have 36 kids sign up, we'll go with two teams again this year." Cohasset must make the decision on how many teams to field by January, so early registration is critical for the program.

There will be more information on the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse program available at the Dec. 12 sign-up. If you have an age-eligible child and can not attend the registration session, call Jaffe at 383-9858 or Terry Kahn at 383-0032.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Adult programs still open

Adult Beginner Golf - Dan Neary- $65 for five one-hour classes at the Cushing School, 7 or 8 p.m. Checks are payable to the Town of Cohasset. Current session began Nov. 5 and runs through Dec. 10.

Men's Under-35 Basketball - Gates Jr. High School, Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., Sept. 21-May 26, 1999, $25 payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

Men's Over-35 Basketball - Gates Jr. High School, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 to 9 p.m., Sept. 22 to May 27, 1999, $25 payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

Adult, Advanced Co-ed Volleyball - Gates Jr. High School, Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Sept. 23 to May 26, 1999, $25 payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

Beginner/Intermediate Volleyball - Gates Jr. High School, Fridays, Sept. 25 to May 28, 1999, 6:30 to 9 p.m., $25 payable to Friends of Scituate Recreation.

Ragged Mt. Learn to Ski/Snow Board package

Through the auspices of Buckles and Boards of Marshfield, Cohasset Recreation will make available a 5 week Ski or Snow Board package at Ragged Mt. For Cohasset Youth age 10-and-over.

The 5-week program will be Saturdays, beginning January 9 through February 6, 1999 and costs $199 per for the weeks of skiing/snow boarding and Motor Coach transportation.

Equipment rentals are available at both Buckles and Boards and Ragged Mt. For those requiring equipment.

Motor Coach leaves from Buckles and Boards, Route 139, Marshfield, each of the Saturdays at 6 a.m. and returns at about 7 p.m.

Should you have the interest in this unique opportunity please call the Cohasset Recreation at 383-4109.

Information regarding Blue Hills Ski Lessons starting January 7, 1999, will be forthcoming shortly.

Registration will be Thursday, Dec. 3 only from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and again from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Recreation office, 1st floor, Town Hall.

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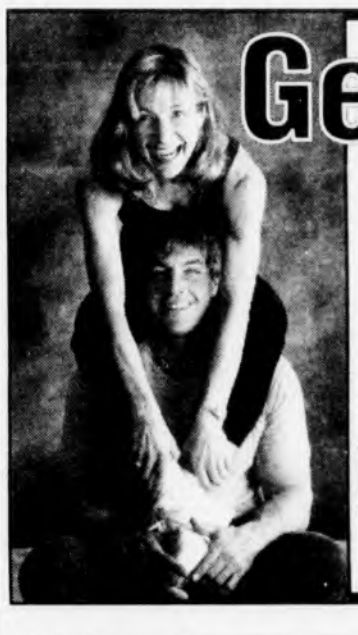
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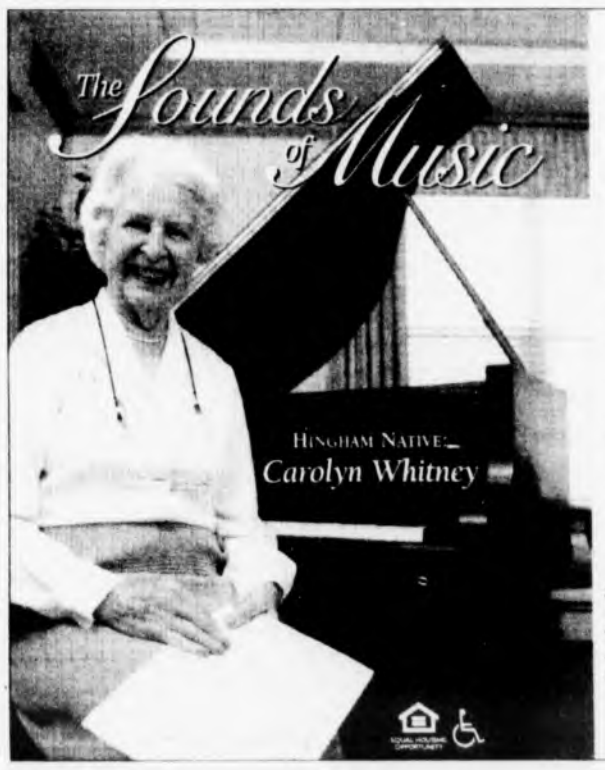

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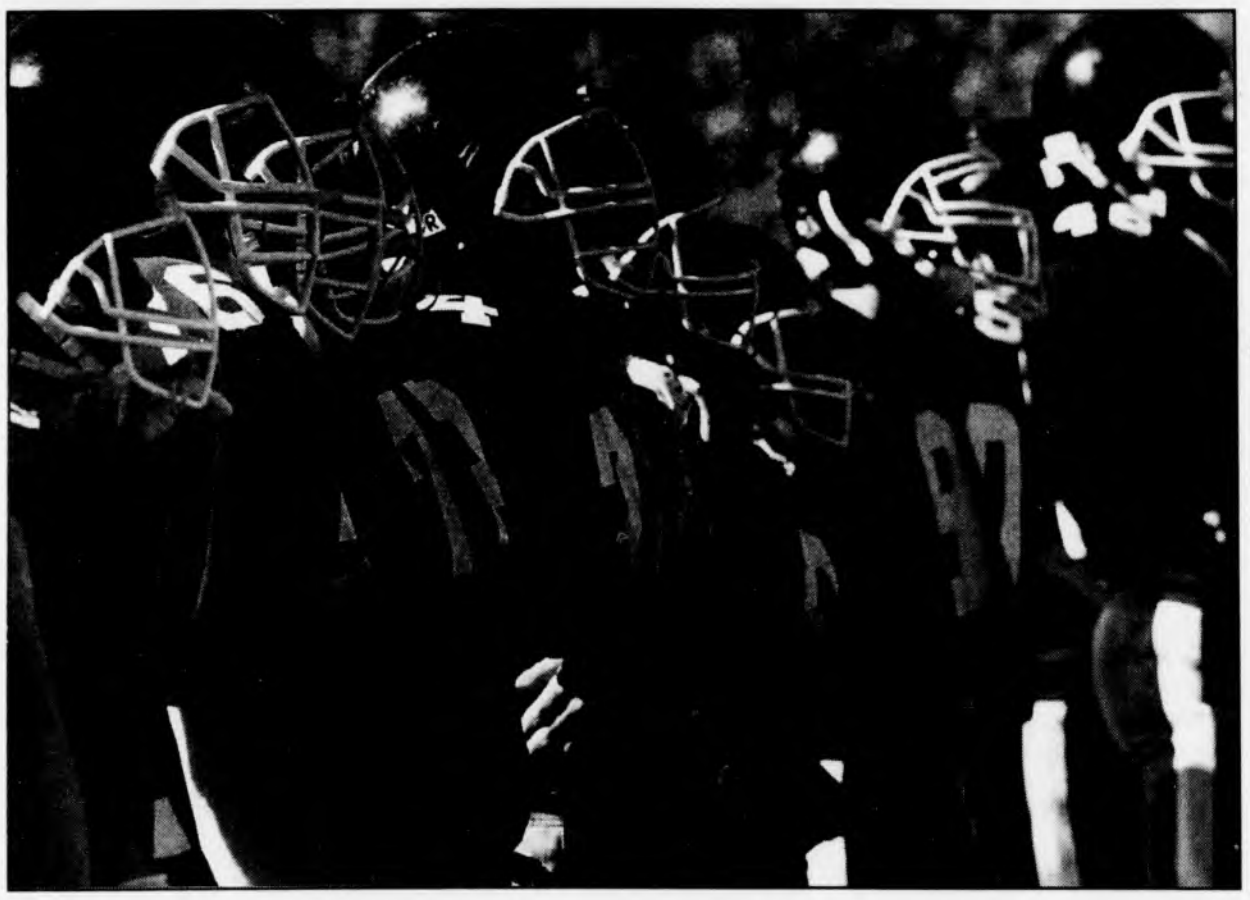
CHS is interested in making this facility available to all residents at a nominal fee charge which cannot be determined until we have an idea of how many residents might have interest utilizing the facility. If you feel that you or members of your family might be interested in using the CHS gym, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-4109 right away.

The Rec. Dept. would like to know approximately how many residents would utilize the facility if they were able to keep it open during evening and weekend hours.

The facility includes about $75,000 worth of equipment consisting of a variety strength building equipment, two treadmills, two stairmasters, five stationary bikes and a stairmaster free-runner all of commercial quality.

The nominal fee charge would be employed to provide supervision during hours of operation, as well as revenue dedicated towards maintenance and upkeep of the equipment

The fitness center, located in the old study hall room, is currently utilized by students and staff and by CHS gym classes. Ideally, this unique opportunity could be made available to all residents outside of school hours. You may call 383-4109, 24 hours a day and if you receive voice-mail, please leave the number of people in your family who might utilize this facility if a nominal fee were charged and the facility open evenings/weekends.



STAFF PHOTO/BOB BURNS

Cohasset will be looking to even their record at 5-5 on Thanksgiving while also breaking their decade long losing streak against Hull.

Skippers match up evenly with Pirates

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much at will? The only team that has more points scored against them in the South Shore League is last place Norton, with 210. Norton has failed to win a league game this season, but it has won one outside of the league.

Now here's another little something the coin failed to take into account. At home this season, the Skippers are 3-1-0. On the road, the Pirates are 1-4-0.

So now what do you think about that coin toss? Maybe the coin should have fallen over with the head side up? Don't get excited, it's just a thought.

However, with teams this closely matched, you try to hang your hat on any edge at all.

Now, there's still another edge for Cohasset. His name is Daniel Trowers, and he's one of the leading scorers in Division Four. In fact, he's tied for fifth place with 88 points.

Going into the game, the sophomore has scored 14 touchdowns and rushed two conversions.

First-year coach Tony Rolfe said this may be Cohasset's year to win the big game. The last three years have been runaways in favor of Hull.

"This is going to be one of the best games of the season," stated Coach Rolfe. "It's going to be the last chance for the seniors to get even for those last three years.

"We're hoping for good weather and a big turnout. If we get the good weather, then we can bring out our bag of tricks."

As for the seniors who will be playing their final game for Cohasset, the list includes co-captains J.P. Laguelle, and Justin Golden.

Seniors on the offensive line include John Considine, Adam Sasso, Luke Caldwell, Alex Russell and Sean Parkinson.

Seniors on the defensive line include Greg Parkinson, Ben Roine, Greg Taylor and Raheen Shephard.

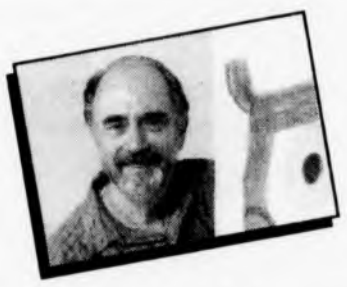
And, there's the senior who will be directing the team, quarterback Jamie Demichele.

Said Rolfe," If the weather is good, you can rest assured we'll be throwing the ball. Jamie is a good passer and we like to throw the ball a lot."

Then of course, there's the 14 touchdowns scored by Trowers, which must mean the team also likes to run the ball a lot.

"The seniors want this one pretty badly," said the coach. "It's not going to be hard to get them up for this game. They have been waiting a long time for this shot."

So there you have it sports fans. Take that coin out of your pocket and toss it up one more time. Maybe the above information may help sway that on-the-fence coin one way or the other.



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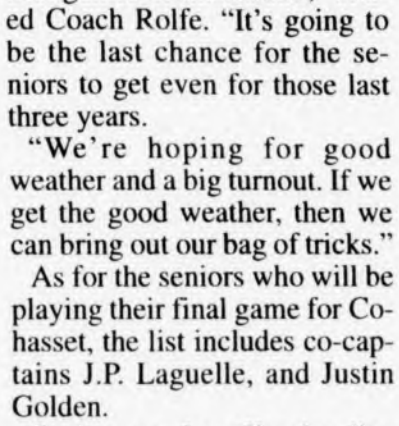
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Building character, piece by piece at Deer Hill

By Diana N. Kinch
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER

The Character Education Program at Deer Hill School is in its second year. Five character words are chosen each year to be defined and depicted through short stories, articles, poems, fables etc. These are sent home to Deer Hill families, monthly. Discussion questions and activities are provided to encourage and generate a dialogue within the family. Last year's words were Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Courage and Honesty. This year, the words to date are Cooperation and Empathy.

The program was initiated and is presently chaired by Adjustment Counselor Ed Leonard. The Character Education Committee, comprised of parents and staff, is assessing the effect the program is having within the school, on their own children and for themselves. They are interested in the school community's input regarding the reaction to the stories used; suggestions of more effective ones that they could share and any specific examples of their benefit. A place for comments is indicated on the sheet that is sent home. These comments are welcomed at the school.

Leonard circulates to each classroom at least once during the time each character word is highlighted. Within these sessions he seeks to broaden and clarify the students' understanding of the word through exercises and discussion. Their questions and their own stories can bring alive how such words as cooperation and empathy have meaning in their own lives. The character education program is expanding to encompass the playground, where so many of these concepts are tested, due to its unstructured nature. Playground aides will be guided in how to use these words and concepts as resources and strategies for constructive overseeing. The fact that home and school are espousing the same sentiments makes for a healthy continuity.

A member of the committee shared that her own son asked her one evening how he could help her.

"It's not that I'm suspicious of nice things like that happening, but I was taken by surprise. Being aware that discussions would be occurring in the school, I asked Mr. Leonard if by chance he had been in my son's class that day talking about cooperation, and he had," she said.

There is a unanimous agreement among the committee members that this is a positive opportunity to work together with peers, sharing ideas and different perspectives. They agree that disagreeing as well as coming to a consensus can be a satisfying and learning experience.

Committee member Sarah Markert said, "I find that this is one of the most pro-active school, volunteer efforts. Within a reasonable time frame, we can see the results of our work together, the work of reinforcing information that is valuable for our children."

The Middle/High School is currently formulating a character education program and the Osgood is contemplating one. Parents might consider the option of working on this committee in the future. "...Good character...is not given to us. We have to build it piece by piece — by thought, choice, courage and determination." (from "The Ten Greatest Gifts I Can Give My Children," Vannoy, Steven W.)

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Guest speaker at PAC meeting

The next P.A.C. meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Deer Hill Library. Guest speaker will be Lynn Silva, director of student services. All parents/guardians of children receiving services under Chapter 766 are welcome. For further details, call P.A.C. chairperson Kim Maynard at 383-2707 or Maureen Jerz at 383-6592.

PSO/Learning Express Night

Do your holiday shopping at the Learning Express in Hingham Dec. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. and the show will donate 20 percent of all Cohasset sales to the Cohasset PSO. Please indicate that you are from Cohasset in order for the PSO to qualify for appropriate credit.

So, please, make it a fun night out, get some things on your list accomplished, and raise funds for Cohasset schools.

For any questions, call Andrea Flynn at 383-6754.

Apply for college scholarships

State Sen. Robert Hedlund calls on outstanding high school students to apply to him for a college scholarship.

Hedlund can nominate several students for a state-proposed scholarship, the Teen Anti-Drug Lifetime Leadership (TALL) Award. High school seniors who have demonstrated interest in anti-drug causes are invited to apply.

The Governor's Alliance Against Drugs will award the scholarships to 11 students from across Massachusetts, one student from each district attorney's region. Ten students will receive $1,000, and the most outstanding student will receive a $2,000 award.

All finalist must be nominated by community leaders such as Sen. Hedlund, school officials, D.A.R.E., officers or religious leaders. Hedlund will only be able to nominate students to be finalists; he will not choose the actual winners.

"This is a great reward for students working hard to fight drug abuse," Hedlund said. "It won't be easy to choose qualified nominees from all the deserving kids in our district, but I encourage any outstanding student to give it a shot."

Any high school senior who plans to attend public or private college next fall can apply. Students should write a brief (1 to 2 pages) letter outlining their anti-drug activities and leadership qualities, and mail it to: State Sen. Robert Hedlund, 66 Sea St., Weymouth 02191.

Letters must be received by Dec. 15. The senator and his staff will review applications and inform nominees of their success in the following weeks. Nominations will be submitted to the governor's anti-drug office by the end of January, and winners will be announced by Gov. Paul Cellucci's office in the first week of March.

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Donations give dusty school texts new life

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Outdated teaching materials at the old Osgood school will open new educational doors for students in Siberia and Lithuania. The donation idea was first suggested to principal Marilee Cantelmo during the school's move to the new building.

"While Cassandra Rioux was organizing the move from the old to new Osgood, she happened to mention Lithuanian Children's Relief to me," said Cantelmo. "She had heard about the group from Nancy St. John, who runs the Children's Exchange in town."

What Rioux, an Osgood parent, heard from St. John is that the organization was happy to receive goods that other organizations passed on. The South Boston-based and non-profit Lithuanian Children's Relief, Inc., (LCR) was established in 1990 by a group of grandparents of Lithuanian adoptees.

"Their children had gone to Lithuania to adopt," said Rioux. "While there, they saw the children and the tremendous need there. So the grandparents formed a group that sends supplies to Lithuania. We have really outdated textbooks that can be used for English-teaching purposes and they can probably also benefit from the old math books. The books are about 20-years-old and no longer appropriate for today's school curriculum."

LCR volunteers will come to the school to pack and remove whatever materials the school offers.

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— Cassandra Rioux

The other donated materials will go to an English school located in Irkutsk, an eastern Siberian city.

Cantelmo had learned about Irkutsk's English school, an after-school program that Siberian parents clamored for, through her friend, Kenneth Johnston. His daughter is friends with Oksana Yaverbaum, director of the English school in Irkutsk.

Yaverbaum opened her school in January of this year with 80 children attending, aged four-and-a-half to nine years. Russian parents have created a demand for English instruction in schools and are willing to pay for the separate instruction after regular classes.

The popularity of the program shows in its growing population. There are now 150 pupils there, with six teachers assigned to them. Easy-readers, workbooks, worksheets and flash cards are some of the English-language items that Yaverbaum is hoping to receive.

Johnston will take on the packing and shipping of the materials, unless a corporate sponsor or organization steps forward to help.

"The materials have outlived their use here," said Cantelmo. "We will send them out as soon as we can find a reasonable means of shipping them."

Rioux is pleased. "The Osgood students learn by modules now and not from textbooks," she said. "The materials are no longer suited to what the children are expected to learn today, but they will really be of use where they are going."

All Paws drawing

Don't miss the drawing to benefit All Paws Rescue, a no-kill animal shelter, at 7 p.m., Wed., Dec. 2 at MacArthur's, 48 Whiting St. There are dozens of donated prizes!

Coupons are $1 each or 16 for $15.

All Paws is also meeting at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 1 at the Days Inn in Rockland. Please call, 749-0968 for more information.

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Sydney Fallon (center) is flanked by Caitlin Sanchez and Griel Siegel as they sit in front of a 960-lb. pumpkin at the Deer Hill School. Thanks to Sydney's dad, Tom Fallon, the huge pumpkin made an appearance during recess one day last month.

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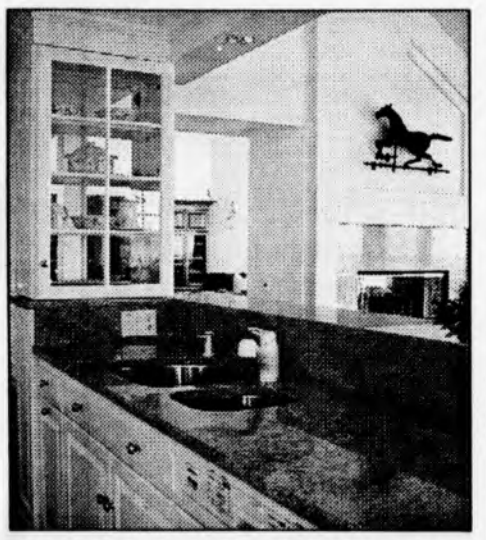
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'Music Man' brings local talent to the stage

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

At 6:30 p.m., the eighth through 12th graders of Cohasset Middle-High School are still trickling in for "Music Man" rehearsals. On stage, four boys sit in chairs and mimic the jostling movements of an early-century train while going through a flawless musical number that requires continuum.

Outside the auditorium doors, a growing group of teens congregates in the foyer, catching up on whatever has happened since their last class that afternoon.

By 6:45, most of the teens are gathered on stage for rehearsal.

"You're angry!", the director reminds her loud singers, "You're not a rodeo!"

Time goes by, the troop is restless. The chatter increases until the director fixes "the look" on one group of students. Silence reigns, if only for a moment.

Such is the rehearsal for Meredith Willson's play, first performed on Broadway in 1957, and now brought to Cohasset by local talent.

Musical director and producer Brian Marks is pleased so far with the strides his cast of 50-plus has made.

"We're getting there," he says, while watching the spirited group on stage. "We're trying to tie together a lot of loose ends with less than two weeks to go. We're trying to get some of our technology people on board and up to speed with things, but that happens with any show."

The students involved in the production are drawn from the Cohasset Music Department at the middle-high school. "They don't have to be a member of any particular club," publicist DeeDee Nicynski.

What goes into putting on a "Broadway" production?

"Costumes, props and arranging for publicity," said Nicynski.. "Some kids are seeking out their own props and then there are stage people and parents helping out on the other end."

Two art teachers are working on the canvas back drop and have enlisted the aid of parents and students.

Costume-maker Maureen Duffy threw work parties to garner help with costume making and pattern cutting.

"It's all-school involvement," said Nicynski. "Everyone is involved in all different aspects of it. The band students are involved, too."

"Music Man" takes place in 1912 Iowa, based on Willson's recollections of his childhood there.

Ron Nicynski plays the "Music Man," a con man who travels from town to town and convinces people that there is a problem in their town and that their children need to take up band as a remedy. His friendship with town librarian Marion, played by Mereth Collins-Wooley, backfires when she sees some good in him.

"Watch for a happy ending," winked Marks. "Certainly, it's entertaining for all."

The show will have a full pit orchestra and some strong performances, he says.

Ron Nicynski has performed before and is, explains Marks, "one of some very, very solid performers. He's been in other productions and is very experienced."

David Inger, an eight-grader, also distinguished himself. "He's very strong," said Marks, of the teen's acting ability. "Outstanding."

"Sometimes I'm asked why we do these productions," said Marks. "But after you have alumnae come back and tell you that some of their fondest memories of high school are from their participation in the play, you want to continue."

"Our first dress rehearsal will be this Sunday afternoon," said Nicynski. "We only do this once every two years, so the kids are really excited about it. The final product will arrive on stage Dec. 4, 5 and 6. And everybody in it is a budding star."

"Music Man" begins 7:30 p.m., Dec. 4 and 5 and 2:30 p.m., Dec. 6 in the Cohasset High School auditorium. Call 383-1329 for more information



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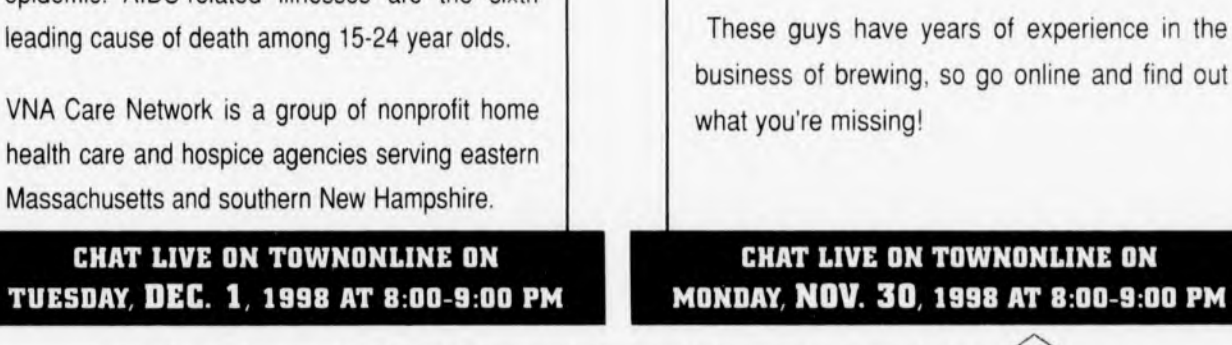
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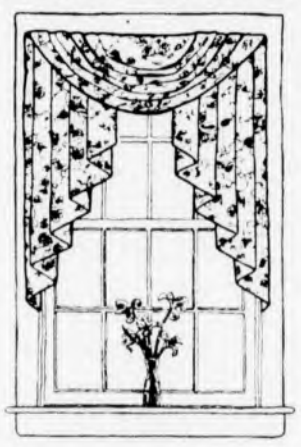
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Harborfest band at tree-lighting on Common

By Constance Pittman Lindner
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Cohasset's Harborfest Marching Band will add extra light to the tree-lighting ceremony on Cohasset Common this Friday afternoon beginning at 3:45, and ending with the tree-lighting at 4:10 p.m.

The Marching Band was the creation of the late Rev. Edward T. Atkinson, who served as minister of Cohasset's First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church.

Since its formation, the community band has played each year as part of the Harborfest Parade. This year will be their first performance apart from the parade.

The group has already met for one rehearsal to pull together traditional Christmas carols, such as "Hark the Herald," "Deck the Halls," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

"We'll be playing fairly simple arrangements," said band member Betts Murray. "It will be fun."

Some of the bands notables include drum major Roger Whitley and the Rev. Gary Ritts on Glockenspiel.

"Everybody's enthusiastic," said Murray.

Steve Biagini, director of instrumental music at Deer Hill School, has lent his expertise to the 25-member band.

"We are so grateful to Steve," said Murray. "I just can't express that enough. He has access to the music and he makes it easy for us to do this."

The group runs the age gamut from 14 to retirees.

"We had no idea that this would become so big," said Murray. "This is our first time doing Christmas, and we've been invited to do Memorial Day, which is really great. For now, there is a lot of concern about frozen fingers. One of the trombonists remembers playing in his college band and his trombone slide froze because of the weather. Just plain couldn't slide it. So we hope it will be not too cold.

"It's really 'Norman Rockwell,' right there," she added. "That's what we hear people say."

Any person at least 14 years old, may join the band for this event by calling Steve Biagini at Deer Hill School or Betts Murray at First Parish in Cohasset (383-1100 or Bbetts22@aol.com)

e-mail the editor of the Cohasset Mariner at mford@cnc.com

LIBRARY CORNER

Art at the library

The latest artist on display at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library is Weymouth resident Norma McKenzie, calligrapher and a teacher of calligraphy on the South Shore and in Boston.

McKenzie began her career as an elementary school teacher, but her college training in calligraphy began to emerge after the birth of her son. By the mid-1970s, McKenzie's commitment to this writing art began to grow. She attended her first International Calligraphy Conference in Minnesota in 1981 and has frequented several others over the years.

McKenzie now teaches calligraphy at the South Shore Art Center in Cohasset, the Fuller Museum in Brockton and the Boston Center for Adult Education in Boston. She has also continued to take courses with many traveling calligraphy instructors and is currently involved in a year-long course with traveling teacher, Reggie Ezell.

Norma McKenzie's display at the library reflects her devotion to calligraphy through the combination of the writing art itself and the beautiful passages she uses from various writers to express and enhance her art. It is a show that everyone will enjoy and continues at the Paul Pratt until the end of November.

The children's room

Registration for the winter preschool story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library will be accepted Thursday, Dec. 3. Story hours will be held Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m., Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28 and Feb. 4 and 11. Another session will be held Friday mornings at 10 a.m., Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29 and Feb. 5 and 12.

Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3-1/2 years of age to participate. To register, call the children's room at 383-1348.

Best books

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library staff selection of "Best Books of Other Years" is currently available in the bookcase to the left of the main desk. Modeled after the Modern Library's top 100 list of books to read, the staff has complied a diverse assortment of books ranging from Dashiell Hammett's classic, "The Thin Man" to more current selections such as John Fowles, "The Magus" and Ursula Hegi's, "Stones from the River." Also available is the 40th Anniversary Edition of "On the Road," by Jack Kerouac. Come in and browse and make a winter reading selection.

Book Angel program

In the spirit of holiday sharing, become a Book Angel! From now through Dec. 15, Buttonwood Books & Toys and Buttonwood for Kids will give a 15 percent discount on books purchased through their Book Angel program. Books selected at Buttonwood in Cohasset will go to children served by Wellspring in Hull and the Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth.

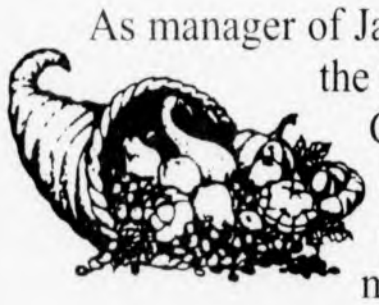
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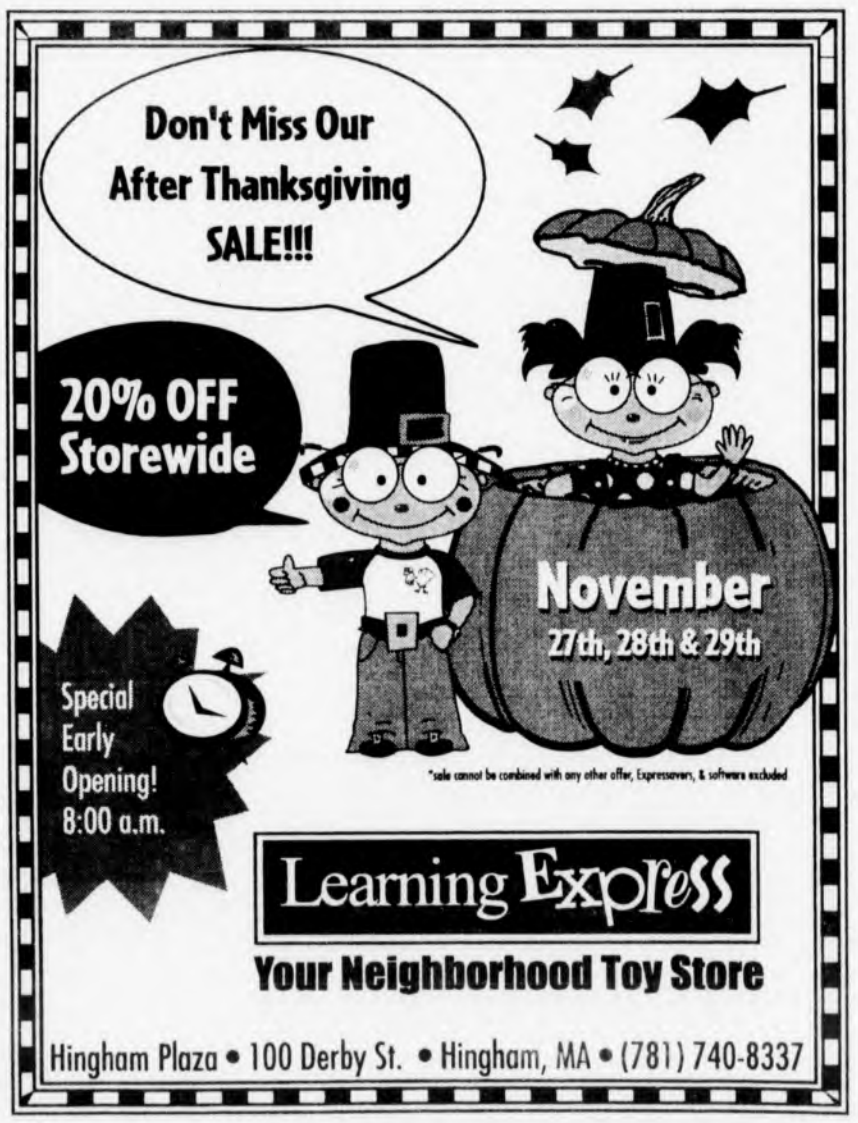
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Pet boutique at fair

Remember your pets this holiday season. The Cohasset Youth Resources Committee will be offering an opportunity for holiday pet photographs at the Cohasset Village Fair, Dec. 5, Buy a photo or pin of your pet adorned in holiday attire or remember your pet with a gift from the pet boutique, Adornments.

Welcome Yule! concerts slated

The Hingham Symphony Orchestra will present two Welcome Yule! concerts: 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6 at St. Anthony's Church, South Main Street, Cohasset and at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Old Ship Church, Main Street in Hingham. The program features Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite, Bach, Bizet, excerpts from Handel's Messiah, plus a carol sing-along and a special commissioned work by composer-in-residence Alexander Kalogeras.

HSO will round out its season with three more concerts in Hingham: the Discovery Concert Feb. 7, featuring Marc Brown narrating "Tubby the Tuba;" a Masterworks concert (Mozart, Stravinsky, Beethoven, Vaughan Williams) March 27; and a Pops concert (Tales of Love) May 8. Come catch the spirit of this South Shore treasure. Tickets: $15 adult, $10 youth. Available at Hingham Public Library, Buttonwood Books in Cohasset, or call Managing Director Nina Wellford at 740-5694.

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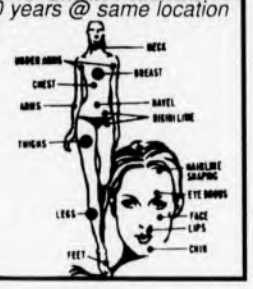
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As they have for many years, the Social Service League of Cohasset will deliver to needy Cohasset residents a free Thanksgiving dinner, under the direction of longtime member, Barbara Donohue. In conjunction with the Meals-on-Wheels program, which is directed by Jeff Steele, Public Health Nurse Judy Fitzsimmons and licensed social worker Pat Carleton, have posted signup sheets around town and are inquiring discreetly who might be alone and like to have their turkey dinner delivered free of charge to their home.

In discussing the Thanksgiving program at a recent board meeting of the league, members got to reminiscing about the history of the Social Service League — where and how it all began. The league wants to share these highlights with the town to show how the league continues to serve in this, its 86th year.

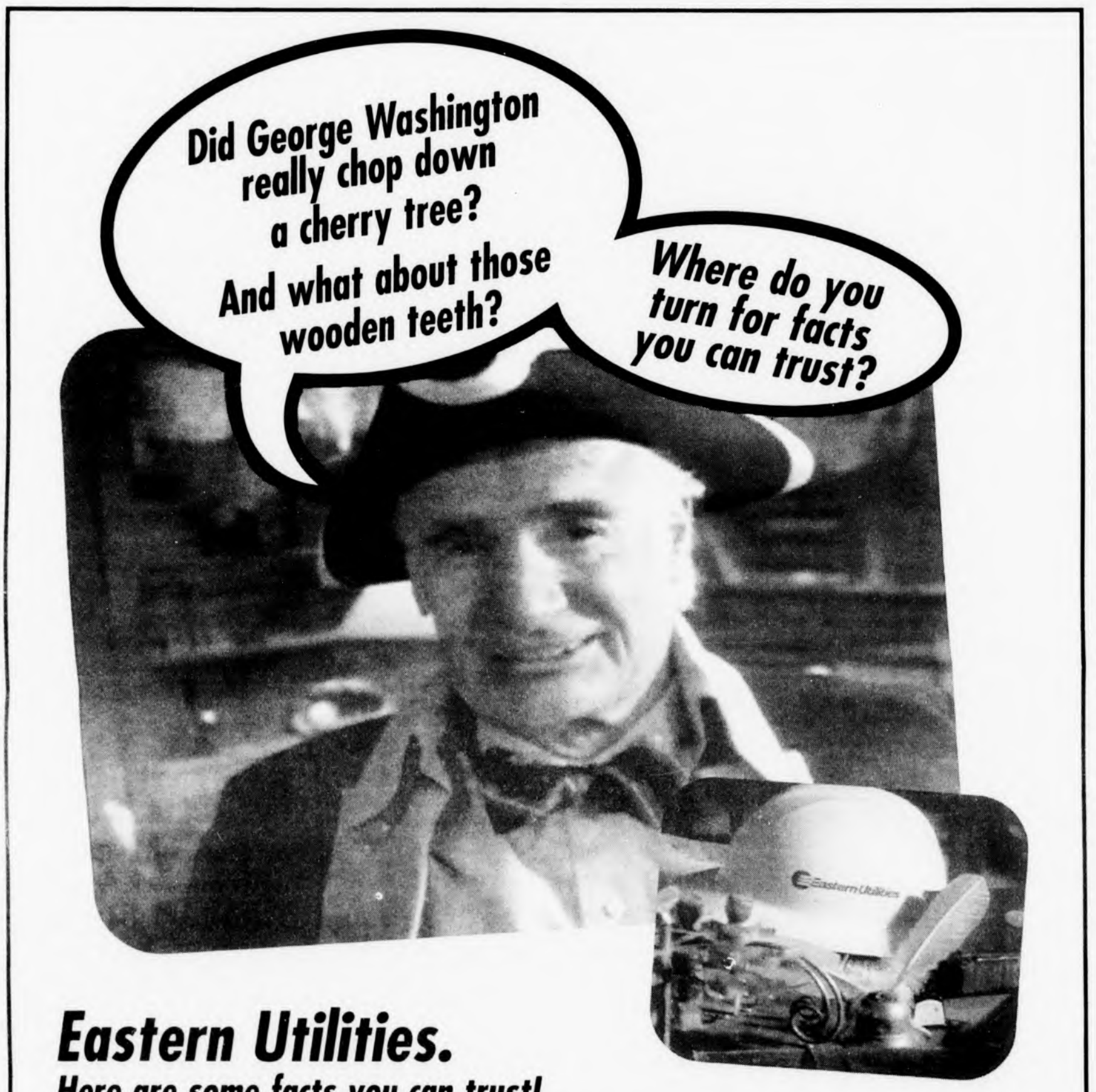
Founded in 1912, the year Woodrow Wilson was elected President of the United States, the Cohasset Social Service League began with five members, Mrs. Tower, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Howe (president) and Mrs. Gammons. Within a week these women recruited 30 additional members. Their motto was "There are those who are lifted and those who lift. This league will lift." They hired a nurse who lived with a Mrs. Gross on Elm Street. The league provided her with a bicycle. At the time, there were 660 registered voters in the town, 69 were women. Prior to 1921, when women's suffrage became fully operative, in Massachusetts women were only allowed to vote for school committee members. There were 30 telephones in Cohasset and horse and buggy was the primary mode of transportation. Of course, there was no radio or TV.

The original purpose of cial Service League was prevent disease in childre. volunteers purchased a horse drawn "barge" or bus to transport residents from Beechwood to Elm Street, where their headquarters were, for keep-well clinics. According to the Cohasset Historical Society archives, the primary diseases handled by the town nurse in 1919 were syphilis, insanity, TB and rickets. The league formed a basket-weaving class for boys and a sewing class for girls. In 1913, they established a branch library at Beechwood and a penny savings bank for children. Since malnutrition was a major problem at the time, they also initiated a school lunch program, served out of the Bates Building. At Christmas, they provided meals for needy families. During the 1918 flu epidemic, nurses made 560-580 home visits in one month. The league bought a Ford runabout so the nurses could make these visits, but the hand crank was a problem. With contributions from the town and local churches, they were able to provide a self-starting automobile.

In the 1930s and '40s the motto of the Social Service League was "To cooperate for the welfare of the people of the town to alleviate poverty, to promote thrift and good health and to help those who are trying to help themselves." A licensed social worker, called a "welfare worker" was hired. Six doctors were asked to join an advisory board. A thrift shop, the original consignment shop, was opened at the community center. The Willcutt Fund was established in the will of Mrs. Mary Hooper in memory of her father, Levi Lincoln Willcutt, to give financial assistance to Protestant couples over 70, who were in want, so that they might live out their lives in dignity in their own homes. This fund exists today serving several local families. The league conducted classes in nursing, pre- and postnatal care and reading help for children. A food pantry was set up during World War II, residents were encouraged to grow and donate produce. The league taught canning and preserving. They provided drivers to take patients to doctor's appointments. They put together an employment bureau, which exists today as the Job Bank. Following World War II, there were many volunteers available to help, as few women worked.

The league thrives today, coordinating delivery of Meals-on-Wheels, overseeing the activities of Judy Fitzsimmons, R.N., the Public Health Nurse, and providing counseling and support groups to Cohasset and its surrounding towns through Pat Carleton, the licensed social worker. The Cohasset Consignment Shop, managed by Andrea Merrill, at Shaw's Plaza is operated solely to benefit the programs of the Social Service League.

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Meghan Salerno anxiously waits for Santa's arrival at the town pier last Friday. For more photos, see page 12.

Should all share in sewer costs?

Sewer question is before voters Dec. 5

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

What is clear is that hundreds of shoppers — as they have traditionally for years — will flock to the town common Saturday for the annual Village Fair.

But what is in doubt is how many of those will take the time to walk across the common to vote in Saturday's special Prop. 1-/2 election on additional funding for the North Cohasset sewer project.

A "yes" vote supports taxpayer subsidy for 50 percent of the additional cost of the project. A "no" vote means users will pick up the entire additional cost through betterments.

Assistant Town Clerk Jacquelyn McGuire hopes shoppers will meander into the town hall to vote. Otherwise, she said, it's going to be a very long day at the polls, which are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"I'll bring my Christmas cards to address or maybe I'll even wrap," joked McGuire.

She said the number of absentee ballots, which is usually a gauge of voter turnout, is very low. As of Monday, only about 30 had voted absentee - in contrast, at the Nov. 3 state election more than 150 absentee ballots were cast.

What's at stake in the election is how the $2.7 million to supplement original funding for the sewer project will be paid for.

Completion of the sewer project is not in jeopardy and will go forward no matter what happens at Saturday's election, said Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild.

A "yes" vote supports taxpayer subsidy for 50 percent of the addi-

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Selectmen don't waver on fee for St. Anthony's

Board accused of discrimination

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Despite a firestorm of criticism, a majority of selectmen still stands behind the decision to charge St. Anthony's a building permit fee to construct a new parish hall.

Last month, selectmen voted to change their policy eliminating language allowing the board to pick and choose which non-profit groups to grant waivers to.

The building permit fee for St. Anthony's is estimated at $18,000 or 10 percent of the $1.8 million project, which is now underway. It's the first waiver request to come before the board since establishment of the old policy in 1990 which said the board shall not waive fees for non-profits "as a matter of course" meaning requests should come before selectmen for discussion.

As it turns out, the board might have avoided all the controversy if it had asked for town counsel's opinion first. Town counsel advised selectmen this week that they don't have the right to waive fees of any kind without town meeting approval.

That was little comfort to selectmen Ronnie McMorris, Tom Callahan and Diane Sullivan who were stung by several scathing letters accusing them discrimination and bias. (Selectmen Nan Roth and Merle Brown wanted the fee waived and were opposed to the change in policy).

"This decision is patently discriminatory and should be reversed," wrote Dr. and Mrs. John M. Cahill, 412 S. Main St.

John M. Buckley, 26 Old Coach Road, threatened to gather his family members "to remember your decision on the next Election Day" if the board didn't reconsider.

And Marian C. Atkinson, 59 Highland Ave., said "if reason, fairness and conscience rules at Town Hall - reconsider your biased decision and grant the same waiver to St. Anthony's, as has been granted

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Schools ready to work with MCAS results

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The final word on MCAS results is not yet in because the scores have not been distributed to local school districts. But, nevertheless, there's lots of opinion on the statewide results released ten days ago.

While Gov. Paul Cellucci finds the preliminary results unacceptable and the usually cantankerous John Silber, chairman of the state's Board of Education and chancellor of Boston University has taken a non-alarmist approach, educational leaders in Cohasset are ready for whatever comes.

"We're looking for some good information coming from these tests, no matter what the scores are."

— Deer Hill School Principal Paul Callahan

The MCAS exam scores, once they do arrive in Cohasset, will reflect how well teachers, students and administrators are following the Education Reform Act of 1993, and the state's curriculum guidelines.

"I think we're quite optimistic that the students will do reasonably well," said school superintendent Dr. Edward Malvey.

Paul Callahan, Deer Hill principal, is looking forward to the seeing MCAS scores. Deer Hill houses grades four through six.

"We hope to use the scores to see if there are some deficiencies in our methods," said Callahan. "If so, we will fix them. If we see some

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Independence Building

The Chamber of Commerce may not be the only one in town interested in the Independence Building on South Main Street below St. Stephen's Church. Selectmen went into executive session this week to discuss the possible sale or lease of the building as allowed under the Open Meeting Law.

Earlier in the meeting, Dean Rizzo, vice president of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce, said his group is still interested in the building and would like to turn it into offices, which would include a public restroom.

"We're not in a position to purchase the building but will secure financing to renovate it," Rizzo said.

Haddad said the replacement cost of the building is $110,000, according to the insurance company. It is assessed at $16,000.

Selectmen said they would look at all options before making a recommendation on disposition of the building. A request for proposal would then be drawn up and brought to town meeting, Haddad said.

Until recently, the Independence Building housed the teen center, which moved to the old DPW garage in the town parking lot.

Hurrah for the Skippers!

Selectmen took time out of their busy agenda this week to praise the Cohasset High School Skippers for their victory — the first in 11 years — against Hull on Thanksgiving Day (for game coverage, see sports in this week's Mariner).

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris also pointed out that the girls' varsity field hockey team also had an upset victory against Hull about a month ago.

"Congratulations to our young athletes and coaches and to all who support youth sports in town," McMorris said.

DiNero's manager changed okayed

Selectmen approved a change in manager at DiNero's restaurant this week from Robert J. Infusino to Sandra M. Stilphen. Stilphen, a Weymouth resident, has assisted in the management of DiNero's since 1995. Cohasset police have no reason to request her application as manager be denied, Town Manager Mark Haddad told the board. As the local licensing authority, selectmen must approve a change of manager when a liquor license is involved.

TIPS training a success

Town Manager Mark Haddad told selectmen this week that all liquor license holders in town and their employees who serve or sell liquor have completed TIPS training. Following an incident earlier this year when a license holder sold alcohol to a minor, selectmen made it a condition of license renewals that license holders and their employees undergo training to help them avoid situations involving the abuse of or illegal sale of alcohol. TIPS training is good for three years, Haddad said.

Fire call boxes raises $5K

Town Manager Mark Haddad said the town collected more than $5K through the recent sale of more than 100 old fire call boxes.

The money was deposited in a "gift account" to be expended by selectmen.

Selectmen Merle Brown suggested the town spend some of the money to buy a "town flag" to fly below the American flag on the flagpole on the common on special occasions. The other selectmen liked the idea but want Haddad to find out how much the flag would cost. Selectman Tom Callahan said the town should buy two town flags, so the second one could fly on the pole at the high school field.

Haddad said several of the call boxes were given as gifts to places and organizations such as the town hall, fire department, library, Osgood School and historical society.

Treasurer to stay on board

Treasurer/collector Joseph D. Buckley will stay on the job until June 30, 2000, Town Manager Mark Haddad said. Buckley's term as elected treasurer/collector expires April 10. Once his term ends, the post becomes an appointed position by the town manager.

"I am extremely pleased with Joe's performance," Haddad said. "He has computerized the office which has streamlined the operation and has made the office extremely productive.

"Joe also played a key role in the recent upgrade of the town's bond rating. Furthermore, based on his investment decisions, we have seen an increase in investment income," he said.

Haddad said he intended to appoint Buckley to the position based on Buckley's performance and to provide continuity.

"Joe wants to return," he said. "He's willing to serve on a year-to-year basis."

Selectmen unanimously voted to waive their power to reject the appointment making the appointment effective immediately, as allowed under the town manager act.

Buckley's current salary is $46,000. Haddad said he would budget $48,300 for Buckley's salary for FY2000, which starts July 1.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said Buckley has served the town well.

"The town's been lucky to have Joe and is lucky Joe decided to put off his retirement," she said.

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Fri. 4	11:07	12.4	4:54	11:46	10.9	5:32
Sat. 5	11:59	12.3	5:46	——	——	6:24
Sun. 6	12:39	10.7	6:37	12:51	11.9	7:15
Mon. 7	1:32	10.4	7:30	1:44	11.3	8:07
Tues. 8	2:27	10.0	8:24	2:38	10.7	9:00
Wed. 9	3:22	9.7	9:20	3:35	10.0	9:55
Thurs. 10	4:19	9.4	10:18	4:34	9.5	10:50

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How to read the MCAS report card

Experts caution: don't over-react

By Chris Szechenyi
CNC PROJECTS EDITOR

Soon, parents who had children in fourth, eighth or 10th grade last spring will receive a report card that shows how they performed on what some state officials have called "the toughest test ever taken" by students in Massachusetts.

The tests included sections on science, math and English and took students an average of 15 hours to complete, taken over the course of three weeks. They are designed to evaluate how well students are doing in a new, uniform curricula outlined by the state.

Because of the unprecedented level of detail in the tests, it took more than 400 computer programs to sort the results and spin them out into an understandable format that should tell parents where their children stand compared to standards set by other students at the school they attend; compared to the entire local school district; and compared to the level of achievement set by students in the same grade across the state.

Now the challenge may be for parents to interpret the results of their children's performance. To help to explain the new format, the graphic included here offers a sample of a student report that will be provided to students and their parents in December.

According to officials at the state Department of Education, the first part of the report to check will be the overall performance levels each child achieved in math, science and English language arts.

Listed immediately below the student's name, general performance levels include advanced, proficient, in need of improvement or failing. They are designed to describe each child's achievement level in general, summary terms.

On the right is a graphic display that shows where each child's scores fall within those broad categories.

This graphic is designed to show where in a performance category a student scores.

Experts have urged parents to read how each performance level is defined, to explain the new terminology of MCAS and the expectations of each performance level.

In rough terms, an "advanced" score is like an A; "proficient" means a B; "needs improvement" rates a C and "failing" is the equivalent of a D.

For a broader perspective, the bar chart at the bottom of the student report shows how this particular student's performance compares to other students at his or her school; to other students in the school district, and to the state average for the grade.

Experts downplayed the comparative aspect of the report.

"What's important is that your child meets the standards, not whether he or she does better than others," said Rick Atkins, an assessment specialist for the state Department of Education.

Experts have also cautioned parents and others against reading low scores as signs of failure.

"Remember these are the highest standards that schools and students have ever been held to, so they shouldn't be surprised by the scores they receive," said Linda Neri, communications manager for the Massachusetts Coalition for Higher Standards, a non-profit group of 16 school districts. "They shouldn't be alarmed if they're in a lower category than they expected."

This year's test was, in essence, a trial run, an attempt to "set the bar" and identify both deficiencies in the test and in school curricula. For now, parents should consider the test scores "baseline data," Atkins said.

In other words, experts caution, don't over-react.

"The standards are tougher than in the past," Atkins said. "It's going to take time for both schools and students to adjust to the new standards."

To see how each child did within each subject area, the check marks in the middle of the report card break down each test into components. For example, they indicate if a student was weaker or stronger in writing or reading on his English language arts test. So he or she may have been considered "proficient" at English language arts but with an identified weakness in writing. That is designed to help schools target areas for improvement.

"There's a lot here that was never available before - individual results broken down student by student," Neri said. "Previous tests were not based on standards used across the state."

Inevitably, the start of a new, statewide standard means parents and students shouldn't be surprised if many of the report cards are disappointing. But experts agreed that the test is chapter one in an effort to strengthen school programs across Massachusetts

"There should be significant improvement in the next three to five years," Neri said.

Samples of MCAS questions:

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, GRADE 4

Reporting Category for Question 17: Characteristics of Organisms

17. Which is the correct order of the metamorphosis of a butterfly?
A. egg, larva, pupa, adult
B. egg, pupa, larva, adult
C. egg, adult, larva, pupa
D. egg, larva, adult, pupa

Reporting Category for Question 18: Organisms and Environments

18. Which of the following helps the leaves break down after they have fallen off the tree?
A. meat-eaters
B. rocks
C. decomposers
D. cold temperatures

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, GRADE 8

Reporting Category for Question 5: Characteristics of Organisms

5. Which statement about photosynthesis and respiration is true?
A. Photosynthesis stores energy and respiration releases energy.
B. Respiration stores energy and photosynthesis releases energy.
C. Photosynthesis and respiration are the same process.
D. Photosynthesis and respiration do not have anything do do with energy.

MATHEMATICS, GRADE 8

Multiple-choice Questions, Session 3

Reporting Category for Question 17: Ratio, Proportion, Percent

17. The Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training predicts that 374,000 new jobs will be created in Massachusetts between 1994 and 2005, and about 2 out of 5 of those jobs will require a college education.
Based on the information given above, about how many of the new jobs will require a college education?
A. 37,400
B. 187,000
C. 72,800
D. 149,600

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, GRADE 10

Open-response questions, Session 3

Reporting Category for Question 35: Position and Motion of Objects

35. A tennis ball is hit over a net.
a. Describe and diagram (using arrows) at least three factors that affect the motion of the tennis ball from the moment it contacts the tennis racket to the moment it is over the net.
b. Choose one factor and discuss how you could change the ball or racket design to alter the effect of this factor on the motion of the ball.

MATHEMATICS, GRADE 10

Reporting Category for Question 16: Algebra

16. Which of the following could be the next step in solving the equation $3(x + 2) = 3 - (x + 1)$?
A. $3x + 6 = 3 - x - 1$
B. $3x + 2 = 3 - x - 1$
C. $3x + 6 = 3 - x + 1$
D. $3x + 5 = 3 - x + 1$

ANSWERS:
1. Science & Technology, Grade 4, Question 17: **A.**
2. Science & Technology, Grade 4, Question 18: **C.**
3. Science & Technology, Grade 8, Question 5: **A**
4. Mathematics, Grade 8, Question 17: **D**
5. Mathematics, Grade 10, Question 16: **A**

1998 statewide MCAS performance level results for all students
(percentage of students at each performance level)*

Grad level	MCAS content areas	Advanced	Proficient	Needs improvement	Failing (tested)	Failing (absent)**
	English Language Arts	1	19	66	15	0
Grade 4	Mathematics	11	23	44	23	0
	Science & Technology	6	42	40	12	0
	English Language Arts	3	52	31	13	1
Grade 8	Mathematics	8	23	26	41	1
	Science & Technology	2	26	31	40	1
	English Language Arts	5	33	34	26	2
Grade 10	Mathematics	7	17	24	50	2
	Science & Technology	1	21	42	34	2

*Percentages may not total 100 percent due to rounding
**For the purpose of computing school, district, and state results, the tests of students who were absent were assigned the minimum scaled score of 200 and a performance level of Failing for each subject area test in which the student did not participate

CHART BY SAM CALOMO JR

SOURCE: The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System

Schools ready to work with MCAS results

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strengths, we will work on those, too. We're looking for some good information coming from these tests, no matter what the scores are."

Still, Malvey has some concerns about a concept that seeks to steer all school districts toward a standard, statewide curriculum.

"I think conceptually it's a terrific idea," allowed Malvey. "But there will be a lot of questions in terms of the amount of time it takes away from instructional classes to run the test. If MCAS serves as a catalyst to address overall curriculum, that's good. Certainly, we want students to achieve well on tests such as this, but each town has their own culture, interests and what they view as a broad based education. I hope we don't naturally define our school curriculum based only on this test."

According to Callahan, MCAS was a tough testing situation which left fourth-graders dealing with the stress seniors experience with the SATs.

"There is a lot of hype about how poor the scores will be," he said. "It was a new test for all the students and a difficult one. I really don't know how well they will do. I'm concerned not only with the fourth grade scores. If the eight grade scores show some problems, then fifth- and sixth-grade curriculum will need some changes."

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Dr. Edward Malvey,
School Superintendent

A parent information night is scheduled for Dec. 16 at the Deer Hill school, to go over the scores with parents and discuss changes in curriculum to address whatever weakness may show on exams.

"It took 13 days for them to test," said Callahan, about the comprehensive MCAS exam. "If you've looked at the samples that were in the paper, you look at the fourth grade ones—you're an adult looking at them. Imagine a nine-year-old looking at that."

Callahan argues that some of the questions were difficult, ambiguous and not easy for a fourth-grader to understand.

Moreover, the test itself may have been too grueling.

"I think we need to realize that the testing situation was a lot to put them through," he said. "High school kids are burnt out from SATs. For the fourth-graders, it's (expected to take) 45 minutes to complete the test but we told them they could have as much time as they needed."

According to Callahan, that time extended to as long as an hour and a half.

"That is a long time for a child to spend on a test," he said.

Ruth Fennessey, Curriculum Coordinator, will be working on making curriculum changes based on the MCAS results.

Open-ended questions which are responded to in essay form are expected to need some review.

"Overall, I'm looking to see the curriculum strengthened across the state," said Callahan "Testing itself is always beneficial. But if a teacher gives a test and every child fails, then you need to figure out why. The concept of testing is its ultimate purpose; to make sure that children understand what they're being taught."

Parents will be kept up to date on the issue, according to Malvey.

"We're gearing up in terms of public presentations at the different schools plus we'll have a remediation plan," he said. "To the extent that we may need some assistance in areas where students haven't done as well, we'll be prepared to come forward with recommendations."

Should taxpayers share in sewer costs?

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tional cost of the project. A "no" vote means users will pick up the entire additional cost through betterments.

A Prop. 2-1/2 debt exclusion is needed in this case because the additional cost cannot be absorbed within the tax cap.

This is the third time in as many years that a sewer override has come before the voters. A ballot question asking for 50/50 shared town/user funding for the North Cohasset project narrowly failed in 1996. A ballot question, which included both the North and Central Cohasset projects, subsequently passed in 1997.

But at that time, sewering North Cohasset was expected to cost $6.6 million. However, bids for the project came in about 40 percent higher than expected - resulting in more than a year of wrangling among town officials and residents on what to do about the $2.7 million cost overrun.

Months of debate ended in October when, in a vote of 238-36,the special town meeting overwhelmingly supported the 50 percent taxpayer subsidy contingent on a ballot vote.

Yet despite town meeting's support, Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Road, is still nervous.

Plante has been a relentless campaigner for fairness for the residents of North Cohasset.

"I hope people remember this is a municipal project answering the call from the state to clear up a mandate," said Plante, who has been going door to door to help educate her neighbors about the project.

The town is under a court order to solve its wastewater woes and faces steep fines if it doesn't comply.

If Saturday's ballot questions passes, the tax impact on a home assessed at $341,000 will be about $19.21 a year for 20 years. If that home is in North Cohasset, the cost per year will be $568.20 per year not including annual operation and maintenance costs of $400 per year.

If the question fails, the cost to taxpayers (excluding those in North Cohasset) will be zero. But a homeowner of a $341,000 house in North Cohasset would pay $733.35 a year, not counting operation and maintenance costs.

The project, which will connect about 320 "dwelling units" via a sewer main to the Hull treatment plant, will be paid in full at the end of 20 years. (Hookups include houses, condos and apartments.) Installing the sewer main in North Cohasset — known as Phase One of the project — is being paid for with part of the original $6.6 million appropriation. North Cohasset homes will be hooked up to the sewer main via a pump system due to the high amount of ledge. This type of system is more complicated and expensive than the gravity system slated for Central Cohasset, which includes about 660 "dwelling units" and is estimated to cost about $13 million.

Plante said she is frustrated by those who say, "it's not going to benefit me, it's your sewer" and won't support the 50-50 funding plan.

"We shouldn't be left out on a limb, the project is a municipal one," she said. "How would they like it if I said, 'it's your library - I go to Hingham's.'"

Selectmen don't waiver on fee for St. Anthony's

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to all other non-profit projects in the past."

Selectmen were receptive to putting the matter before town meeting. Town counsel sent the board a copy of a Nantucket by-law that gives selectmen there the authority to grant fee waivers.

"I see a value in putting it to town meeting to see if residents wish selectmen to have that authority whether we exercise it or not," she said.

Town Manager Mark Haddad said a quick survey of some other towns, such as Hingham and Duxbury, revealed they never waived fees except for town buildings.

Haddad said the town did not charge the teen center, Lightkeepers residence or DPW garage, permit fees because they are town buildings.

Selectman Diane Sullivan, who is Catholic, said her vote was not discriminatory.

"We are sympathetic to the issue but we cannot waive the fee due to town policy. It is not discrimination based on religion."

— Selectman Diane Sullivan

"I support town policy," she said.

Sullivan said while she was concerned about the amount of the fee being charged St. Anthony's, after talking with the building inspector she was satisfied that building permit fees in town are assessed fairly.

She also pointed out that in FY98, the town collected $63,418 in building permit fees. The total amount to run the building department that same year was $63,536.

"It was virtually a wash," she said.

In a normal year, the town only collects about $30K in fees, she said. FY98 was a big year due to the development of Sunrise Assisted Living and other projects.

"We are sympathetic to the issue but we cannot waive the fee due to town policy," she said. "It is not discrimination based on religion."

Callahan said he was also taken aback by the charge of discrimination.

"If anything is discriminatory, it is singling out any group of private property owners (for special treatment)," he said.

Two weeks ago, Francis Collins of South Main Street came to the selectmen's meeting to ask them to reconsider. He said that in the past other churches in town were granted waivers.

"We are the only church in town not to have undertaken a big project," he said. "I hate to think your policy is discriminating."

He said the parish hall would have been built years ago except the sewer issue had to be resolved.

"I am dismayed and upset that St. Anthony's is not afforded the same waiver as everyone else and I ask you to reconsider," he said.

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Latest gas leak on Linden Drive sparks concern

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The latest in a series of gas leaks on Linden Drive forced school children to board an ambulance Tuesday morning to get to their waiting school bus a block away.

This is the third incident of its kind on the residential street, which has resulted in one worker's license suspension, as well as a growing concern about the number of gas leaks that have occurred there since contractors from D&C Construction of Rockland began to connect residents to the sewer.

Students normally picked up by their school bus on Linden Drive were instead transported by ambulance for safety reasons, according to Cohasset Fire Captain Mark Trask, who was on the scene that day.

Also on the scene was an investigator from the state Department of Public Safety, notified by a neighbor distressed by the number of visits to the street by Boston Gas officials, as well as the previous gas leak.

According to Trask, the area had been marked in accordance with DIG SAFE's guidelines, which require 72 hours of notification prior to excavation work so that utility companies can mark potentially dangerous lines to avoid when digging. Ted Guild, sewer commission chairman, said that DIG SAFE had been contacted in advance and that the gas line had a marker to signal its location.

Several officials have said that contractor Joseph DeGiacomo has had his license suspended. According to Guild, DeGiacomo had been involved in "several gas leaks in town."

However, Dan Coughlin, spokesman for Tutela Engineering who is supervising the project for the town, said that DeGiacomo was, in a sense, only peripherally involved in some of those incidents

"Over the summer, one worker drilled through a line while pre-drilling," he said. "There was an earlier leak, too, but that was only a service connection. Both of those leaks happened on unmarked lines."

DeGiacomo was not actually the one who hit the gas line on Tuesday, according to Coughlin.

"I don't think Joe was even the person who was involved with the break," he said. "They had three crews working in the same area. I guess the gist of it is that he had been the operator previously on this project for some time so all the previous breaks in the gas main were listed with his name. But it was done by another operator who is still on the job."

Guild and Coughlin said DeGiacomo will get a hearing with the state Department of Public Safety.

"With what happened there, I don't have any problem with anyone being overly cautious at this stage of the game. It's understandable. We don't want what happened in Hingham to happen in Cohasset. That's our primary concern."

— Dan Coughlin, Tutela engineering

One explanation for the high rate of gas leaks offered by Guild is that contractors are contending with "ledge and shallow gas and water pipes in the area."

The difficult terrain on Linden Drive, according to Guild, is partly why the contractors called on Boston Gas to visit the site a number of times to properly clarify where lines were located. Those repeated visits, Guild surmises, prompted some residents to believe that gas leaks were the issue.

Coughlin sums the leaks up as a "really difficult situation," for Boston Gas and the contractors, because "Boston Gas doesn't always know where their gas lines are," he explained.

Typically, gas lines are two feet below the ground's surface. For that reason, contractors generally tear up the first foot of pavement and then excavate the remainder with hand tools.

"We have found one gas line four inches below the surface and yesterday's line was about 18 inches below the surface," said Coughlin. "I'm not trying to defend the contractor, either—it was marked yesterday."

Tutela Engineering will continue what Coughlin calls "construction observation," where the company can help direct if the contractors need to do work that strays outside of specifications.

"The contractors are trying to finish up the work as soon as possible," said Coughlin "I know people are upset with what happened in Hingham with the Crowleys' home."

Last week, a construction worker from Albanesi D&S Contractors of Malden, who was in the process of connecting the Crowleys' home on Canterbury Street to a sewer hookup, pulled up a natural gas line to the house. The homeowners escaped with only the clothing they were wearing and their cat and dog.

"With what happened there, I don't have any problem with anyone being overly cautious at this stage of the game.," Couglin said. "It's understandable. We don't want what happened in Hingham to happen in Cohasset. That's our primary concern. Consequently, we will assign a Tutela supervisor to each of the two crews operating in the Linden Drive area and elsewhere as conditions require."

Warrant deadlines

Selectmen voted to open the warrant for the March 27 annual town meeting this week. The warrant will close on Jan. 14. The deadline for citizen petition articles is Jan. 11.

Litchfield contract is extended

Town Manager Mark Haddad said this week that he has extended DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield's contract for one additional year until June, 30, 2000.

D & A drug hotline



The Cohasset Drug and Alcohol Committee operates a Drug and Alcohol Information and Referral Hotline on Tuesdays. Persons needing help with a drug or alcohol problem may call 383-4120. All calls are confidential, and staffed by a trained drug and alcoholism counselor on Tuesdays between 6 and 10 p.m.. On other days and at other times callers may leave a message.

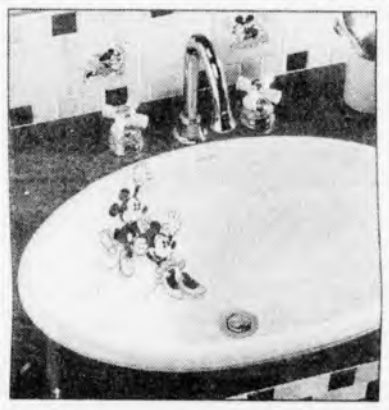
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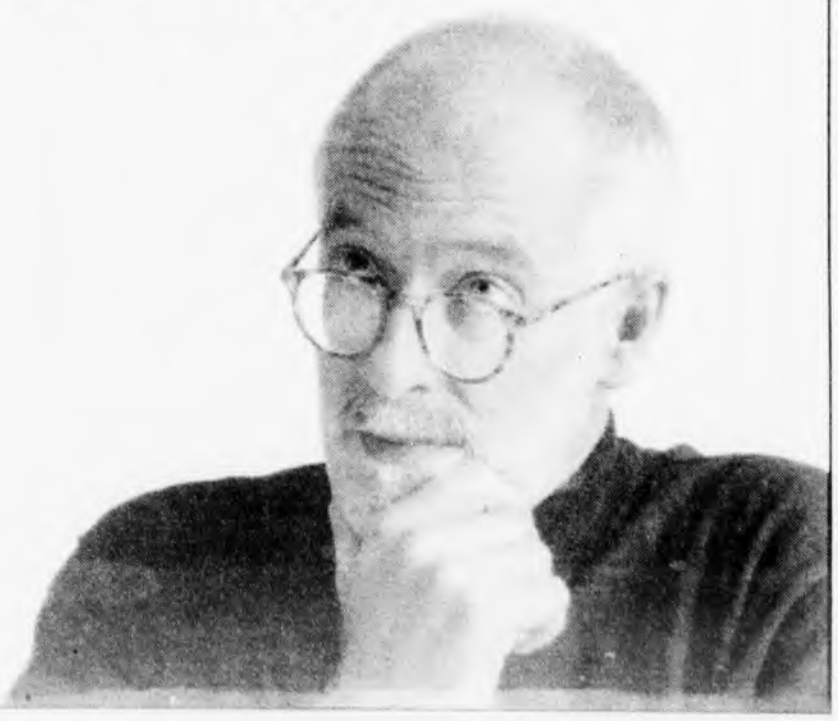
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Cancer Society's Relay for Life to return in May

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Despite past objections from high school neighbors, the school committee unanimously approved the American Cancer Society's request to hold its third annual Relay for Life this May on the high school track.

Briarwood Road resident Henry Rattenbury described inconveniences of the all-night event to the school committee and suggested that it be moved elsewhere.

Last year, a petition signed by Rattenbury and 18 of his neighbors complained about the loud music, lights and general noise level of the event.

In the past, cancer society officials attempted to address the neighbors' complaints by softening the lights, turning speakers downward and in toward the high school field and setting up a quiet time from 10 p.m. to 9 a.m.

Another accommodation was an offer from the cancer to society to treat Rattenbury and his wife to dinner and a night at a motel; an offer Rattenbury said he declined out of loyalty to his neighbors.

Mary Shepherd, an American Cancer Society South Shore Unit's field executive, and longtime volunteer Al Odermatt were present at the meeting and responded to Rattenbury's complaints.

"This does a lot of good and it's only for one night," said Odermatt.

School committee members seemed to agree.

"We will try to respect their privacy and keep it as quiet as we can. We're there to raise money and Cohasset has been really supportive. Hopefully, the changes we will make will make the evening an easier one for the neighbors."

—Mary Shepherd,
American Cancer Society

"Can't you put up with it for one night?" asked Mark DeGiacomo.

Shepherd said the cancer society would do its best to alleviate the problems raised by the neighbors.

"It's an unfortunate situation," said Shepherd. "We will try to respect their privacy and keep it as quiet as we can. We're there to raise money and Cohasset has been really supportive. Hopefully, the changes we will make will make the evening an easier one for the neighbors. Maybe they will even get involved at some point, though if they don't, we understand."

Society members will gather for their first planning committee meeting on Dec. 16 to discuss some of the changes Shepherd agreed to in response to Rattenbury's complaints and school committee members' suggestions.

Two police officers will be on hand from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. to curb any youthful exuberance.

According to Rattenbury, "blood-curdling screams" were heard about 2 or 3 a.m. last year during the overnight event.

The Relay for Life will be held at Cohasset High School on May 21 and 22 with eight- to 12-member teams from corporations, clubs, schools, families and neighborhoods, represented by at least one walker or runner on the track for 24 hours. Team members may camp out in tents amid a celebratory atmosphere that includes music, food, games and a general camaraderie.

The 3 p.m. to 3 p.m. relay will hold two special ceremonies; a 6 p.m. opening ceremony with survivors walking the first lap, and a 9 p.m. luminaria ceremony to honor all who have dealt with cancer. Candles will burn through the night and illuminate the track for team members making their laps there through the night.

The Cohasset-based relay amassed $40,000 for the society last year, which is why it would prefer to keep the event here.

Chairman Richard Shea had suggested that the overnight be put aside, but Shepherd felt that the event would not have the same continuity for people that way, and that some might not return the following day.

Besides the two police officers on hand from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., the society will also cut off the music by 9 p.m.

Shepherd said that the society would attempt to get parents to supervise more, too.

A disappointed Rattenbury, a six-year cancer survivor himself, did not trust that the noise level could be contained in an overnight situation. He stated that he lost a renter due to last year's festivities.

"He told me that he did not know that he would have to put up with that kind of noise," said Rattenbury.

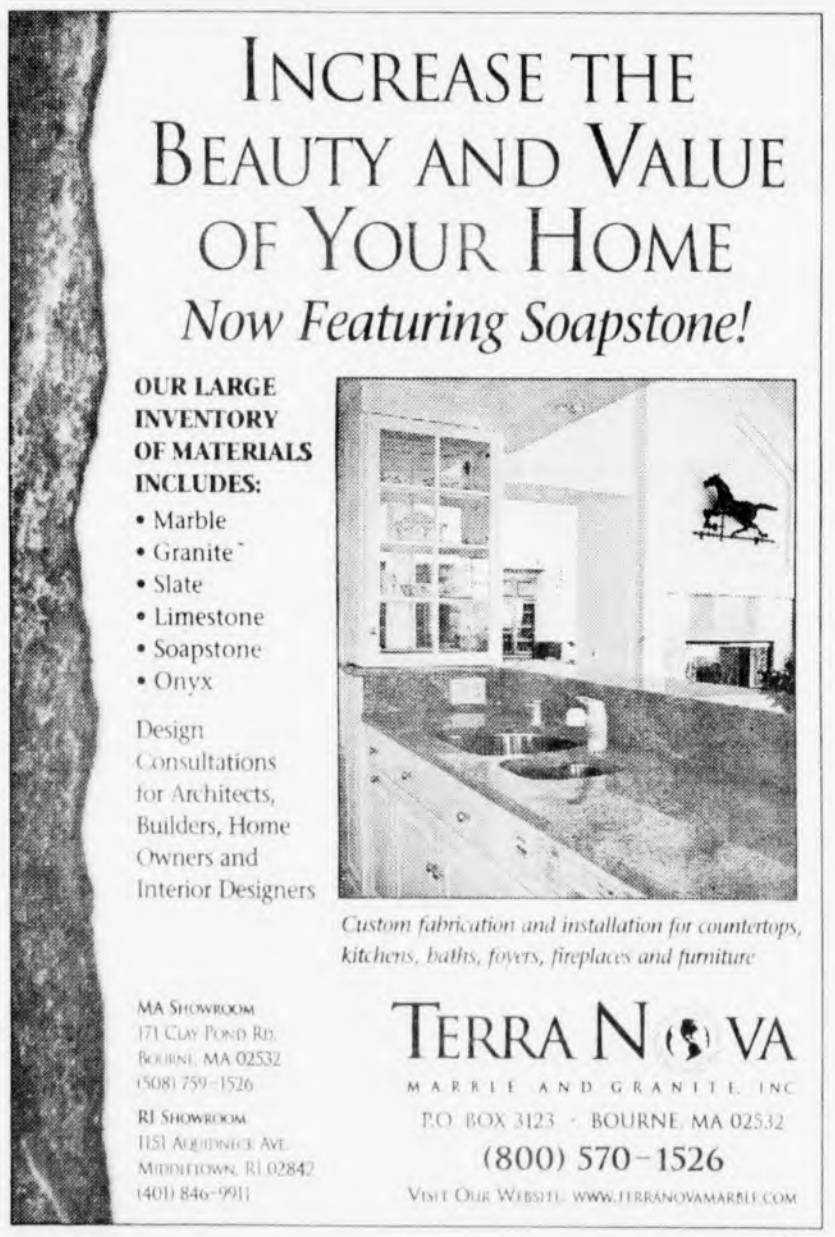
Still, committee members Kathy Ofsthun and DeGiacomo said that the society had made concessions in the past and had offered to do more this year.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Mary Shepherd, field executive for the South Shore Unit of the American Cancer Society, at (508) 584-9600, ext. 229.

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Trees from 5 to 9 feet tall will be sold for $35. Buyers may choose from a nice selection of treesCall 383-9845 to order or for more information. Pre-orders are being taken.

Metco holiday wreath sale

The Cohasset Metco Committee is selling balsam holiday wreaths as a fund-raiser again this year. The wreaths are double-faced and are standard, door size (22"). The wreaths will be supplied by growers who furnish fashionable nurseries, yet will cost only $10 each.

The holiday wreaths will be pre-ordered. All order forms and checks should be returned to the secretaries of Osgood and Deer Hill Schools or to Metco coordinator Yvonne Jones at Cohasset High School before Friday, Dec. 4. The wreaths will be available for pick-up at the Cohasset High School gym Saturday, Dec. 5, (the first day of recreation basketball tryouts) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Decorative, handmade bows will be available for the customers' convenience on that day as well.

Last year's second annual wreath sale made more than $1,600, which funded the Metco scholarship for graduating seniors. The Cohasset Metco Committee and the participating Boston families thank you for your support of the Metco program which provides such positive results for all of us in the community.

Please call Metco PSO representative Connie Afshar at 383-6006 or Jean Hajjar at 383-9917 for more information.

Senior citizens can defer sewer betterments

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Many senior citizens know they have the option to defer their local property taxes if they meet certain income and age guidelines. Basically, senior citizens 65 or older earning less than $40,000 can defer all or part of their property taxes, up to 50 percent of their income, until they die or sell the property. The town places a lien on the house and sets up an account tracking the amount of tax money deferred including an eight percent annual interest cost. If the person dies, the taxes must be paid. A surviving spouse who is also a senior citizen may be able to continue deferring taxes. If a descendant inherits the property, the lien must be paid. It's a great program that helps senior citizens struggling to pay property taxes on fixed incomes.

But what many senior citizens may not know is that they can also defer sewer betterments. The board of selectmen had planned to place an article on next year's town meeting warrant creating a sewer betterment deferral program. That was until Deputy Assessor Cheryl Pooler said that the town already set up a sewer betterment deferral program in 1996.

"This is a very helpful program for senior citizens," Pooler said. "The sewer projects generate big bills, and most senior citizens don't have that kind of money. This legislation goes along with the tax deferral program. The deferral of the sewer betterments qualifies under that."

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— Deputy Assessor Cheryl Pooler

According to Treasurer/Collector Joseph Buckley, senior citizens can take advantage of the program as soon as the town issues the first betterments for the new sewer projects. He expects the first betterments to appear in fiscal year 2000. Buckley said the program will help senior citizens struggling to pay taxes, sewer bills and now betterments.

"A lot of people get older and still have this large house without the income to afford it," Buckley said. "Everything is in place for sewer betterment deferrals. Senior citizens just have to apply."

The sewer betterment deferral program is set up in the same way as the tax deferment plan. Senior citizens can defer both property taxes and sewer betterments if that's what they want to do. They can defer some or all of their taxes and betterments within the program guidelines.

Buckley said he has favored a sewer betterment deferral program for many years. The only drawback is that many senior citizens don't use the program.

"A lot of people don't like to do it because they feel like they're taking away something from their families," Buckley said. "But it's a great program that allow people to stay in the homes they grew up in."

Selectmen Diane Sullivan is a strong supporter of the program. She said she worries about senior citizens struggling to pay property taxes, sewer operating costs, and betterments.

"This is a wonderful thing," Sullivan said. "I don't want to see our senior citizens driven out of town because they can't afford these bills. One problem is that people don't want to avail themselves of this program because they don't want other people to know they're struggling or that they have a lien on their houses. But its done through the treasurer/collector's office and no one else would know."

More information about guidelines and eligibility is available through the treasurer/collector's office in town hall.

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As permitted under state law, selectmen have allowed openings of package stores on from noon to 9 p.m. on Sundays through Dec. 27.

Animal control number



Cohasset residents may reach th animal control officer by calling 383-9119.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held on alternate Tuesdays.

The next selectmen's meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 8.

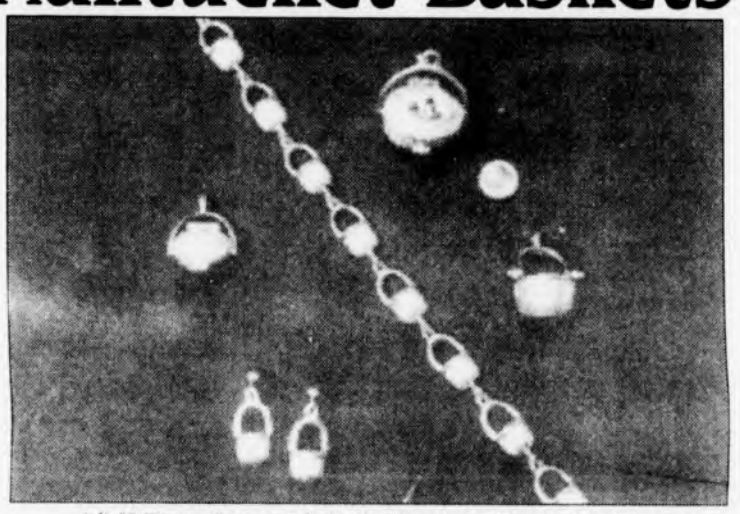
PLUMBING MUSINGS
by **Philip Von Iderstein** M.P. #8829

SALESMAN

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50/50 RAFFLE

As is the case at all football games, the Gridiron Club held a 50-50 raffle, and **Brian Keating** was the winner — he and his wife **Terry (Prescott)** donated it back to the Cohasset football program! That's the kind of people they are (**the Keatings**) and that's the kind of day it was! Hope that all of you had a wonderful one, too!

NEW ARRIVAL

We know of one family that had an exciting day; the **McDonalds! Paulina** and **John McDonald** had a baby girl Oct. 14, **Rose Marie McDonald.** She weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces, and joins 3-year-old twins, **John** and **Hope,** and her brother, **Christopher,** 2 years old! Rose's maternal grandparents are **Mary** and **James Rosano** of Cohasset; her paternal grandparents are **Maryann** and **James McDonald**. Can you imagine the activity around that Thanksgiving table? What fun!

KEATING CLAN



PHOTO/SARAH COFFEY

The entire Keating family was on hand for this year's Thanksgiving Day football game. Gerard Keating (center) was presented with a CHS Skippers baseball cap at half-time which he promptly put on. Surrounding Gerard are (front row, L-R) Kristen Keating, 15, Emily Keating, 12, Andrea Keating, 12, Briana Keating, 10, (Gerard), Terry Keating, Pauline Keating and Mary Keating. In the back row are the Keating brothers: Brian Keating, Steven Keating, Larry Keating, Chris Keating and Tom Keating.

1998 CHS REUNION

The Class of 1998 CHS is planning their 10th reunion, to be held at the Cohasset Lightkeepers House, the day after Christmas from 6 to 10 p.m. The committee hopes that you will read this and help them to find the following people they have been unable to locate . . . they are: **Greg Baker, Dan Bickerstaff, Scott Caristo, Ed Hayes, Rich Hynes, Dennis Leary, Joe Marks, Joe Mazza, Michelle Meagher, Samantha Platt, Bill Reed** and **Twilda Shenette.** If you know of the whereabouts of any of these folks, give **Abby (Adams) Greer** a call at 383-3271. They thank you in advance!

GET SERIOUS ABOUT SHOPPING

After Thanksgiving the "serious" shopping begins — start off your list with a stop to the Village Fair, which will be held this Saturday (Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.). You'll be able to decorate your tree with items purchased from the boutique, books from the book sale, anything and everything from the White Elephant table, cheese from Cabot Vermont . . . the list goes on! People come from everywhere to attend this fair, it has gained a terrific reputation!

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There will also be a "secret room" for kiddos to do their shopping, and Santa will be there!

After the fair, continue on downtown to finish off your list! **Flemings** has once again outdone itself with all of the wonderful things they have, you'll love it! **Donna Green** is across the street, her works are as awesome as ever! Then, head around the corner and work your way up the street — when you are through, you can have a nice hot bowl of chowder at the Second Congregational Church as your personal reward! Have fun!

A LIVING LEGEND

Guess who was spotted last week, looking like a million dollars — **Louis Bailey!** He was walking around the track at Alumni Field at quite a clip, his surgery last July certainly paid off! Louis did so much for this town in his "heyday," it is so nice to see him feeling so chipper. In our eyes, he is another "living legend," loved by all who know him!

ON THE MEND

We are happy to report that **Norm Brown** is home, and that he is feeling much better! Keep up your good work, Norm!

BEST KEPT SECRET

The South Shore Art Center is one of the best kept secrets around for the holidays — your children can surely be thrilled with their offerings — for the next three weeks they are offering lots of classes and workshops for all, including making ornaments from clay (both stamped and free form), drawing, painting, creating goodies, the list goes on! The PreK-K workshop will meet Monday, Dec. 7 and 14, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Grades 1 to 3 will meet Thursday, Dec 10 and 17, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Call the Art Center at 383-ARTS to register or for more information. I don't know about you, but the best presents we receive are those made with love by our little ones!

REMEMBER TO VOTE

I have been asked to remind one and all to vote on the override this Saturday — your vote will determine how the $2.7 million needed to complete the North Cohasset sewer project will be paid back. If the override passes, the cost will be divided between the users and all taxpayers. If it fails, the users will pay back 100 percent of the cost through betterments.

JOLLY NEWS WANTED

That's the news for this week — 'tis the season for tons of news, so keep in touch! We love to hear your jolly happenings!

— Sallyann Chatterton
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by Dr. Debra M. Tranberg
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HITTING ABOVE THE BELT

Weightlifters and delivery people sometimes wear wide leather belts to support their midsections and avert strains. However, new research suggests that their trust in these belts may be misplaced. According to a study performed at the Albany Medical Center in New York, men who wore the supportive belts and those who did not had similar numbers of injuries and strength gains after lifting. Yet, those men who lifted without the belts had stronger abdominals and lower backs than the belted group. These muscles contract naturally during lifting to buttress the midriff and build a stronger torso. Those who lift heavy objects at work or play would do better to invest in a chiropractic evaluation than a leather support belt.

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Best day of your life: The day I got called for a contract in Japan.

Biggest worry: That I won' be able to pay the rent.

Favorite holiday: Christmas.

Favorite season: Fall.

Favorite TV show: Anything on the Discovery Channel.

Favorite movie: "Steel Magnolias."

Favorite book: Any good biography.

Favorite junk food: Cheesecake or ice cream.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Being put to the test

The release of scores of the state's first comprehensive assessment system tests — better known as the MCAS tests — has brought fear to the education world. Students fear they may fail. Parents fear their children will have their sense of accomplishment dampened by low scores. Teachers fear they will be charged with failing to teach effectively. School administrators fear they will be blamed for not managing their schools successfully. Community residents fear low scores will devalue schools systems that have earned glowing reputations in the past.

What would serve us all better than these fears will be a reminder about the nature and the goal of this examination.

The MCAS test represents a brave and important first step in the direction of a better education system. It boldly conceives of all the schools in Massachusetts as part of one interlocked system, and affirms that a single set of expectations will make it possible to serve all the children of the commonwealth better in the years to come.

It is a necessary part of the current effort to reform the education process, setting a high standard that we should expect all of our children to attain.

Of course students will score low on this first test. A state-wide test that showered easy approval of current accomplishments would hardly serve to drive improvement. But because the test offers a detailed format that means each student performance can be closely scrutinized, it is more than a simple score. In the hands of educators who accept the challenge, it is the start of an individualized lesson plan that will let teachers and parents target each student's relative weaknesses.

It will help teachers and parents set realistic goals for a better curriculum.

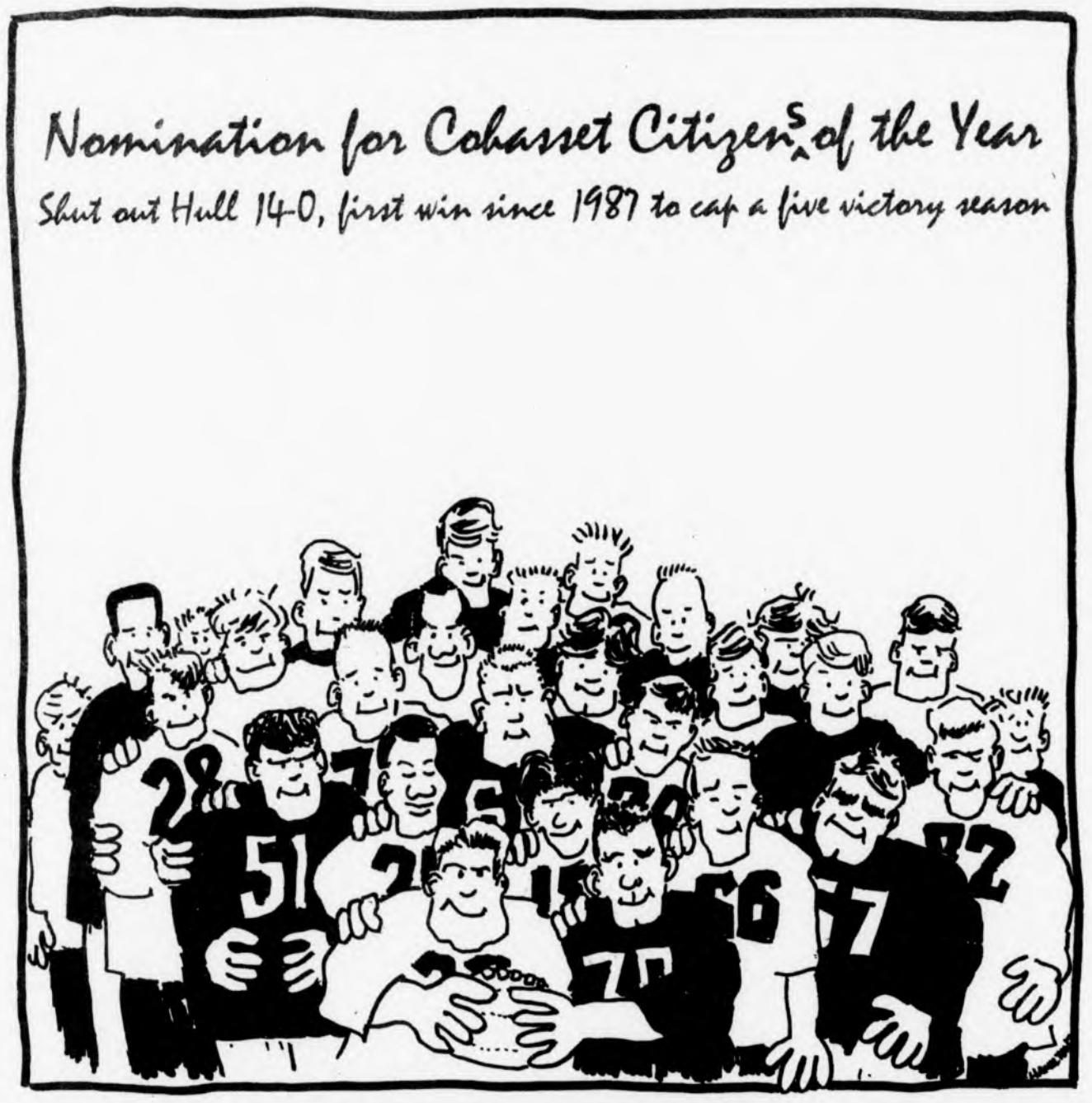
And the MCAS test will make it possible for a realistic assessment of the relative strengths of each school district, as well.

Some of this will be unpleasant information, but it will all be important and necessary, the first step to improvement.

Today we have a landscape that is sharply differentiated by performance and reputation into school systems that range from very successful to those that offer great opportunity for improvement. The heart of the MCAS test reflects the importance of local control and local accountability, but islands of successful school systems will not be enough to serve us in the future. We need one consistent set of standards that demands a great performance from each of our young people, and that gives each the support needed to get there.

We hope that educators, parents, taxpayers — everyone with a stake in the future of public education will accept the first MCAS scores in the right spirit.

They are the first big step on a long journey to stronger schools across the commonwealth.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DA-elect Keating appreciates support

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing to thank the voters of Cohasset for their support during the recent elections. Thanks in large part to the strong show of support here and across the South Shore, I was elected to the office of Norfolk County District Attorney.

When I take office in January, I hope to bring a new energy and a new focus to the office while maintaining the high standards of professionalism that will ensure safer schools and streets throughout Norfolk County.

As District Attorney, I will work to establish a Norfolk County Anti-Crime Council, modeled after the Statewide Council I was appointed to by Mike Dukakis. The Council will benefit from the participation and contributions of professionals in a wide range of fields, including police, corrections officials, domestic violence prevention advocates, school teachers and administrators and medical professionals. The Council will draw on the expertise of these community leaders, as will my office, to develop new and innovative methods of preventing and combating domestic violence, hate crimes, violent drug crimes and other violations.

Again, I thank the people of Cohasset for availing me this opportunity to bring my experiences and knowledge as a legislator to the challenging role of District Attorney. I look forward to serving you for the first time in this new capacity.

William R. Keating
District Attorney Elect, Norfolk County

St. Anthony's should be granted waiver

SELECTMEN:

I have lived in Cohasset for forty years, with pride...until now. I had always believed it to be an educated community that reflected values; and although of different philosophies and beliefs, a sense of unity, equity and fairness toward all existed.

To my dismay and great disillusionment...I find that bias is alive and well in Cohasset.

Your recent decision to deny a waiver to St. Anthony's Church on its building permit fee for a Parish Center, that will benefit not only the youth of St. Anthony's, but also the general community in Cohasset, brings only one word to mind...discrimination.

In the past...all non-profit communities have been grated a waiver. Why not now? Why at this point in time, when all other religious and non-denominational efforts have received this benefit, do we now decide to rule against the waiver for the Catholic Community and to henceforth strike the phrase in the previous policy?

I have been privileged to be an educator in the Cohasset Schools for 25 years and have taught and celebrated diversity within our community. Is all of this negated as we witness our "governing board" blatantly discriminate against the parish of St. Anthony with an arbitrary dollar value placed on a building which will be utilized to strengthen those values which make Cohasset the cohesive community it strives to be?

Please — if reason, fairness, conscience and intelligence rules at Town Hall — reconsider your biased decision and grant the same waiver to St. Anthony's, as have been granted to all other non-profit projects in the past.

Mrs. Marian C. Atkinson
59 Highland Avenue

—Editor's note: Mrs. Atkinson provided the Mariner with a copy of her letter for publication.

New paramedic on board

Town Manager Mark Haddad hired the town's first certified EMT/paramedic to fill the vacancy on the fire department.

Haddad offered the position to Laura Morrison of Pembroke contingent on her passing the physical agility test for firefighter candidates and a physical examination. She should be able to start work by the end of the month and would have to attend the firefighters' academy, Haddad said.

Morrison is a certified paramedic and currently works for a private ambulance service that provides emergency medical service for the town of Marshfield.

Haddad said her references and background check "were outstanding."

He said hiring the first paramedic is an important step.

"In order to start a paramedic division within the fire department, we have committed to hiring certified paramedics when a vacancy occurs," he said. "Our goal is to hire eight paramedics."

Haddad said Morrison's salary would be about $36,000.

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HEALTH NOTES

A newsletter created by a volunteer staff issued periodically by the Board of Health.

Social Service League Programs

There are all kinds of leagues: The League of Nations, The Arab League , Little League, etc., but one league about which there's no doubt is the Social Service League of Cohasset. Funded primarily by the Consignment shop at Cushing Plaza, it provides Counseling and outreach to needy citizens. Its volunteers deliver Elder Services Meals on Wheels - hot, well balanced meals to Cohasset's elders.

But perhaps one of the busiest offices in Cohasset is the League's Nursing Services unit sponsored by your Board of Health and staffed by the Town Nurse, Judy Fitzimmons. Judy manages the 'Keep Well' clinics held twice a month which do blood pressure screening, weight, blood sugar testing, and provides nutritional education.

At this time of year, Judy is giving free Flue and Pneumococcus shots for those at risk.

Pneumococcus disease kills more people in the US than other vaccine preventable diseases combined. It is especially dangerous for at-risk groups such as elders and those with long term health problems such as heart or lung disease or diabetes.

If you're 65 or older, or have a condition which may lower your resistance to disease, meet Judy at the nurse's office at Saint Stephen's Church and get a free health review and a Pneumococcus shot. It could save serious complications this winter.



Judy Fitzsimmons, Town Nurse

Invasion of the Acronyms

Our lives are threatened by words we can't even pronounce: HDTL's, PCB's MTBE, etc.,

Only last week, MTBE was reported as infiltrating our water supply, and threatening our health. Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether is an aromatic which has replaced benzene in 'reformulated' gasoline. Many organic hydrocarbons are bad news: Benzene is a known heavy duty carcinogen; one of many including naphtha, and carbon tetrachloride all of which were used in our past with unconscious abandon. Apparently, MTBE is very little better.

True, all these compounds threaten our water supply, and the threat is very real. But the problem is ignorance about how these things get in our water, and how rapidly they travel when they get there.

Most hydrocarbons: oils, lubricants, solvents, etc., are lighter than water. When they enter the ground, they float on top of the water table. Many of the aromatics have very low viscosity, and therefore can travel much faster than the water they are floating on. You've seen a drop of oil spread on a pond. It seems that in no more than a second, the colorful rainbow sheen is many yards wide. Underground, on our water table, the same thing happens. The velocity of flow of low viscosity hydrocarbons floating on our water table can be more than fifteen times as fast as the flow rates of the underlying water in the water table.

So, the problem is keeping any hydrocarbons from entering our groundwater. It's crazy to pour gasoline on the ground because in less time than it takes to think about it, the circle of destruction of underground biota and animal life is many yards wide. Such poisons take away the ability of soil to remove pollutants such as e-coli, and other natural wastes.

Particularly important is the proper treatment of storm drains which collect large amounts of hydrocarbons from roadways and parking lots. In future issues, we will talk at greater length about the need for Cohasset's treatment of storm drain effluent. This is a major unrecognized problem with a fairly simple and economical solution.

We need a better monitoring and cleanout program. The Public Works Department is doing a good job with the tools it has, but for a few bucks and a little cooperation from other organizations in town, they could do a much better job.

League strives to shed outdated image

By Jerry Elsden
CORRESPONDENT

The local chapter of the League of Women Voters may have an image problem.

Is it a bunch of older housewives who meet during the day to discuss irrelevant issues? Does it endorse candidates? Is it liberal in its policies? Does it exclude men?

"None of the above," explains League president Ellen Rossano of Hingham.

"It's not your mothers', and definitely not your grandmothers' League anymore. The League is, and has always been, about informing voters, so they can make up their own minds about candidates and issues. We are nonpartisan, and, yes, membership is open to men. Becoming a member of the League allows you to become involved in issues like education, conservation, land use, water quality, recycling, health care, campaign finance ..."

Campaign finance is another name for "clean elections," which the US Congress is currently investigating.

And while other women's organizations have spoken out about President Clinton's troubles with Monica S. Lewinsky, the League of Women Voters has remained silent, for good reason.

"One of the great things about the League is that it takes no stands on issues until members have deliberately studied them and reached consensus among members," says Rossano.

Local league members are known for their activism on local issues, providing hands-on assistance, then allowing town departments to take it from there. A few examples include:

A three-tier program for the public schools about local history the League developed to honor Hingham's 350th anniversary. It is now included in the social studies curriculum at the elementary, secondary and high school levels.

The rezoning and land use restrictions at the harbor between the Hingham Rotary and the Bathing Beach.

League members, who include Cohasset residents, successfully fought a proposal to develop a full-service marina on Route 3A at the harbor. The League proposed a town meeting article to re-zone the area. The beautiful harbor front park is to some extent a result of this re-zoning.

"The League is, and has always been, about informing voters, so they can make up their own minds about candidates and issues."

— Ellen Rossano, president

But where the League is most visible and valuable is in voters' services. League members had for years registered new voters at school open houses, nursing homes, even supermarkets.

"Even though we have the Motor Voter law, drivers only renew their licenses every five years," Rossano notes. "We make it convenient for new residents moving into town, and for folks moving within the town, too."

"We're also very proud of our Candidates Nights," notes Rossano. "They're not debates, and you won't see candidates talking only to each other on their favorite issues. We provide this forum for candidates to address the audience, with a question-and-answer period. Voters can then be more informed on their choices."

The League has always been a stepping stone to elected office, almost a victim of its own success as many serve on town boards.

There was a time, 25 or so years ago, when League members met during the morning at least twice per month. Childcare was provided for $1, and home-baked cookies were served. Members used to joke that, "I don't clean for the League," implying that researching issues were priority.

Now the League holds evening meetings and most (but not all) of the members work outside of the house. The result is fewer studies the local League can tackle, but the ones they do are more relevant. The group also receives guidance from the Massachusetts League in its state studies.

While other leagues around the state are dissolving because more women are working, the Hingham League remains active, albeit with fewer members than a generation ago. The Hingham League now includes members from Cohasset, Norwell, Weymouth and Hull, bringing to the group a more regional perspective.

Rosanno hopes to attract new members with its upcoming state study on special education, a huge part of the education budget.

"The League has a lot to offer to forward-thinking, active women who want to make a difference," she said.

For information about joining the League of Women Voters, or if you would like to attend an upcoming event, call Rossano at 740-8703.

Arab family channel battles Western decadence

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TOM HENSHAW



The Arab Radio and Television Company has started a family TV channel to help cleanse the Middle East airwaves of such decadent Western influences as "The Little House on the Prairie" and "The Waltons."

Soon, we can expect antennae dishes all over the Arab world to be tuned into the Imam Ali Ben Robertson and his 700 Club and reruns of "Leave it to Moustafa" or "Ayatollah Knows Best."

"We aim to present entertaining programs that are devoid of decadence and impropriety and are appropriate for viewing by Muslim families," said the company in its announcement.

The purpose of the channel is to give the Arabs a rest from Western television shows, which (horrors!) include flashes of women's bare ankles (at least) and men and women enjoying a glass of grappa in their homes.

The channel is sent out free of charge (and no commercials) to satellite dishes in the Middle East, Africa, and Europe.

"We have a message we want to spread, and our aim is to make Iqra (the name of the channel) available to as many people as possible," said Abdul-Qader Tash, the director. "Our aim is not commercial gain."

Iqra is "read" in Arabic and is said to be the first word the Archangel Gabriel said to Mohammed, which turned him from an illiterate peasant into the prophet for millions of Muslims.

Western decadence appears to be burgeoning in the Middle East, where one can eat fast food at McDonald's, Taco Bell, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and Pizza Hut and wash it down with beer from the Fat Black Pussy Cat & Jazzy Dog Cafe in Cairo.

It may come as a surprise to most people that the harshest critic of Western decadence, the ruling Taliban of Afghanistan, has started a website on the Internet in the fight to combat exports from Hollywood and Main Street alike.

You can call it up by dialing "www.taliban.com."

Recently, the New York Times recorded this news item from Taliban Online:

"(The religious police) arrested 16 people in raids on different parts of the city, on the charge of having their beards trimmed to less than the required length. Two taxi drivers were also arrested for taking unattended, unveiled women as passengers."

The protection of women, whether they want it or not, is the aim of the radical Muslim attack on Western decadence.

As Taliban Online explained, "Men in the West have made women an object of their lusts and desires. They have used them as they pleased. When these slaves-of-their-desires had to go to work, to offices and factories, they drafted the women along with them also.

"Women were made to work in offices, restaurants, shops, and factories for the gratification of male desires. In this way did the Western man destroy the personality, position, and identity of a woman.

"The women of the West are laboring under a double burden. One, she is torn by anxiety as to who will look after her in case she remains unmarried. She is thus forced to wander from door to door in search of security.

"Even in the matter of dress she is exploited. Men wear trousers which cover their ankles, while women are forced to wear skirts with their legs bare in every kind of weather. In the scantiest of dresses, merely a sleeveless blouse and miniskirt, the Western woman can be seen roaming in shops, airports, stations, etc.

"She is a target for unscrupulous men who satisfy their lust with them, wherever, whenever they please. She has become no less than a bitch, chased by a dozen dogs in heat. If these are the rights of Western women, then the West is welcome to them."

Let's see what Gloria Steinem and NOW have to say about that.

All aboard for Santa's arrival!

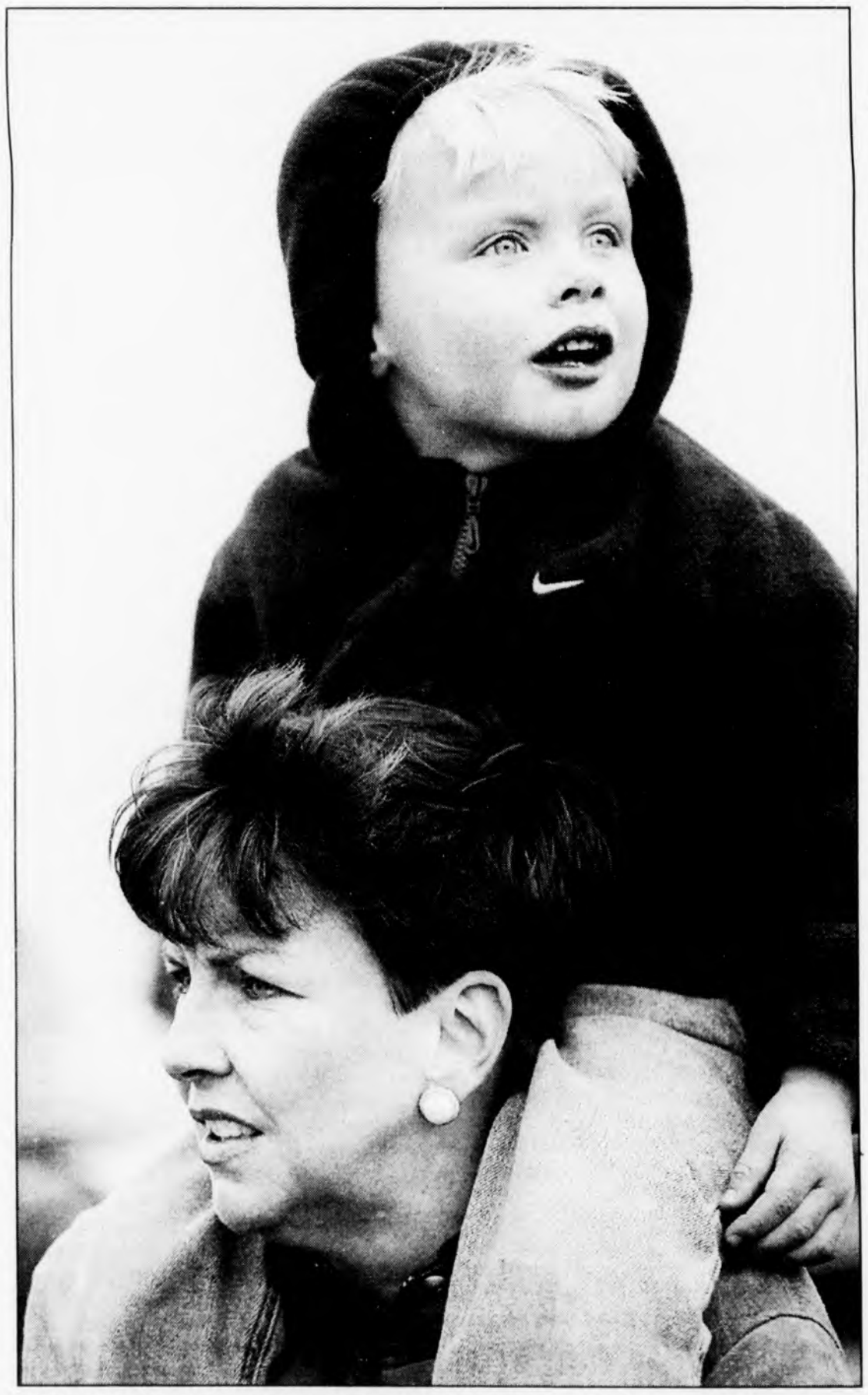


Santa arrives aboard a lobster boat along with his entourage for the annual Jingle Bell Walk sponsored by the South Shore Community Center.



Ana Buckley waits to ask Santa for her two front teeth.

Staff photos/ Alan Chapman



Michael Livingston has sugar plums dancing in his head before Santa arrives.

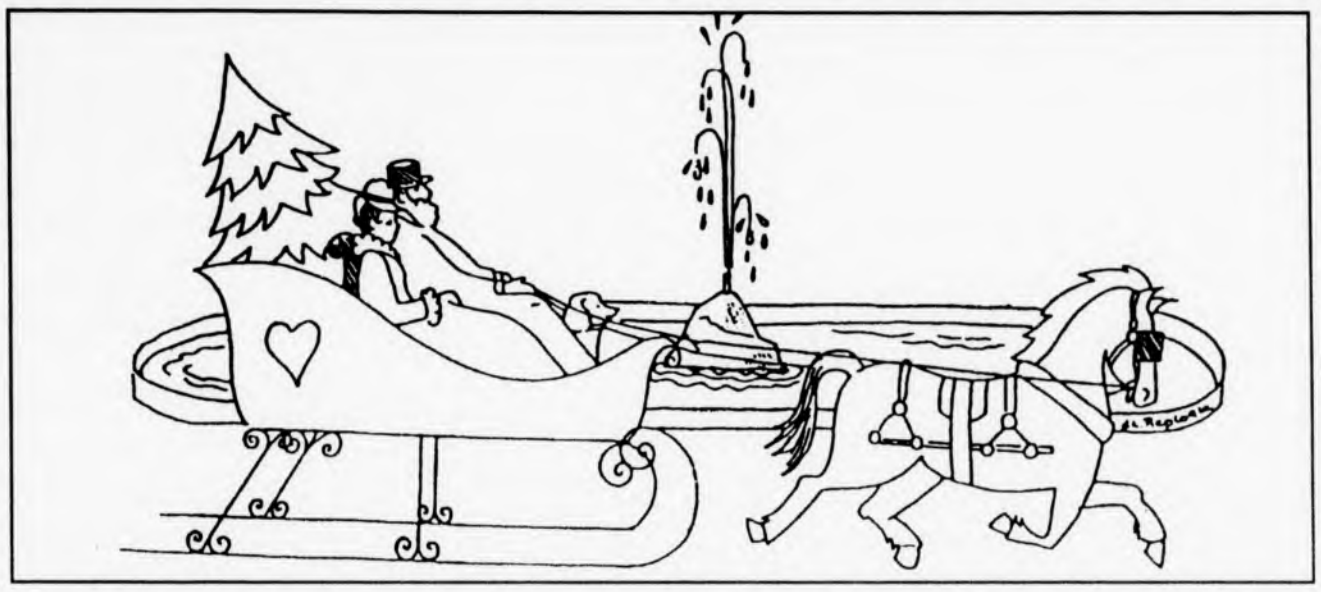


Torey Hart points out Santa's boat coming across the harbor to her father, Seth.



Little Kendall Carmody greets Santa in the Community Center for a sing-a-long.

Village Fair on Cohasset Common



Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. through 3 p.m.

• Book Sale and General Store

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• Children's Secret Room

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• Come and Enjoy Great Food, Christmas Crafts and Greens

A variety of food, pastry, crafts, a boutique and "white elephant," plus boxwood trees and wreaths from the Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church at the Community Center.

• Santa's Workshop

Children can meet Santa Claus on the Common (weather permitting). Visits are free; there is a charge for photographs. Candy canes, too! All to benefit the Appalachia Service Organization, on the Common.

• Holiday Boutique and Clam Chowder Bar

Handcrafts including pine cone wreaths, Christmas tree skirts, wooden snowmen and Santas will be available; also baked goods, cheese and piping hot New England clam chowder, to benefit the church's outreach ministry at Second Congregational Church.

• Swedish Coffee Shop

Coffee and Swedish coffee breads for sale at this holiday bazaar, also hand-painted Christmas tree ornaments, and an old fashioned "Jumble Sale," located at First Parish Unitarian, 23 North Main St.

• Adornments

Remember your pets this holiday season. The Cohasset Youth Resources Committee will offer an opportunity for holiday pet photographs at the Cohasset Village Fair, Dec. 5. Buy a photo or pin of your pet adorned in holiday attire or remember your pet with a gift from the pet boutique.

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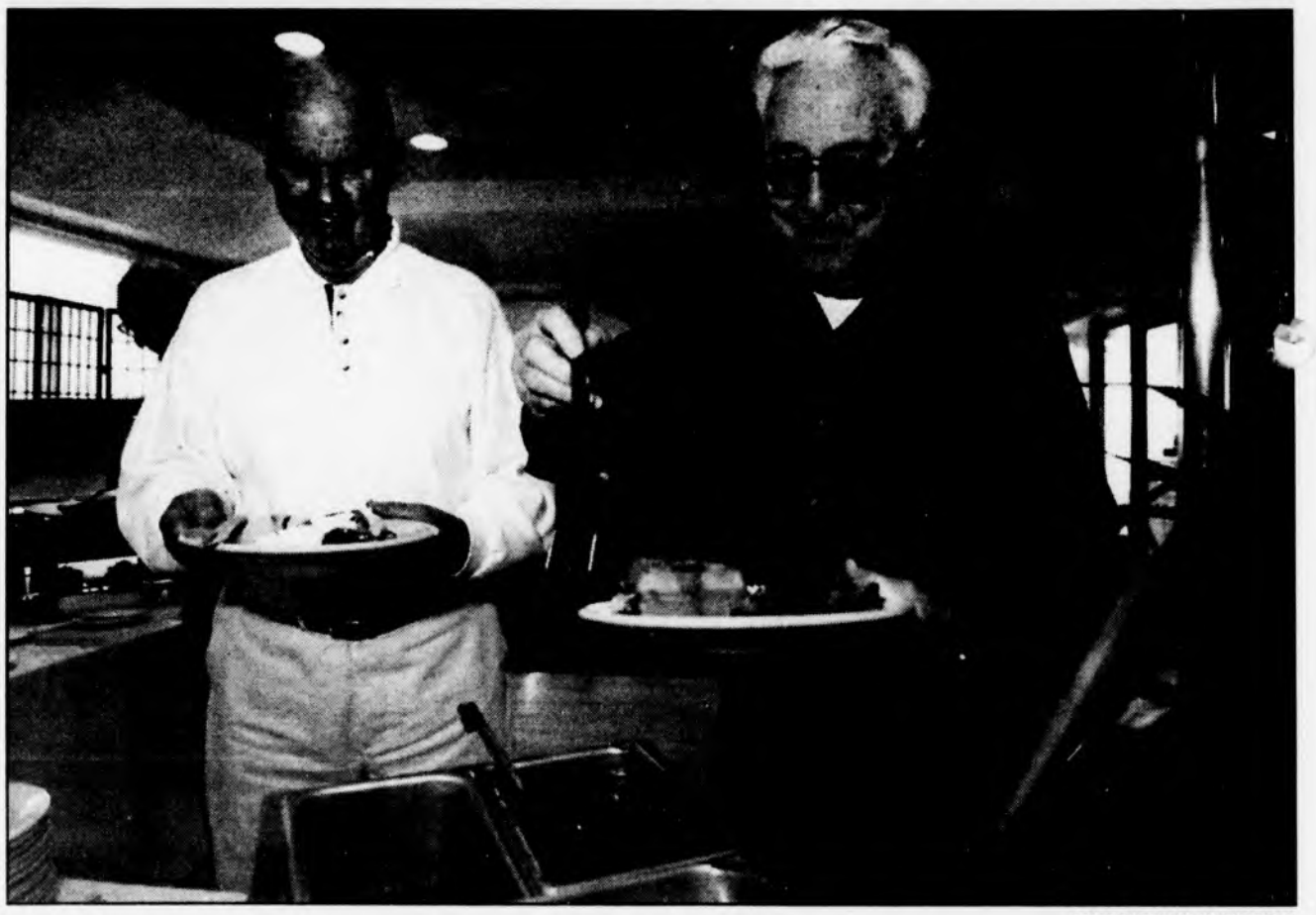
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Paul Murphy and Wayne DeWald help themselves at the Red Parrot in Hull. The men take part in the Chanticleers, a men's breakfast club, through the Senior Center. For more information, call 383-9112.

Metco sponsors 'Black Nativity' trip

The Cohasset Metco Committee is sponsoring a matinee trip to "Black Nativity" Saturday, Dec. 12. This joyful Christmas musical is a gospel rendition of the birth of the Christ Child and a cultural gem not to be missed.

The National Center of Afro-American Artists is presenting its 29th season of Langston Hughes' gospel song play "Black Nativity" at Tremont Temple's Converse Hall, 88 Tremont St., Boston.

Bus transportation will be provided to and from this joyful Christmas musical free of charge. The bus will leave Cohasset Town Hall at 2 p.m. for the 3:30 p.m. matinee performance and return to Cohasset before 7 p.m. Tickets are $28.

Call Connie Afshar at 383-6006 for more information.

Appalachia Service Project — Santa Visit

The Cohasset Appalachia Service Project has once again invited Santa to come visit the children on Cohasset Common during the Village Fair Dec. 5. Santa sitting in his sled will be on the Common from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Photographs of this special time will be available upon request.

Also, don't forget to check out the Second Congregational Church's Bates Hall for beautiful, handmade Appalachian crafts.

Children's mini-opera is Dec. 9

It's probably been awhile since you've heard a singing donkey, cow, horse, camel or bull, but next Wednesday evening is your chance to catch up! The Crickets and Junior Voices are working hard to prepare for their Dec. 9 concert, which begins at 7 p.m. at Wilder Hall in Hingham. The children will sing holiday songs they've learned this fall, and will then don costumes for their mini-opera entitled "The Christmas Jazz." The story takes place in a very overcrowded animal inn where "the smell is enough to disgust us, with everyone packed to the door!" The arrival of the exhausted donkey, sung with professional projection by Sarah Gassert, draws the animals into the familiar story; the music provides a stirring, as well as amusing, telling of the events surrounding the baby's birth. The one-hour program is appropriate for school-age children, and is free of charge while space allows.

During class sessions this fall, the Junior Voices and Crickets have been learning how to read notes and rhythms and sing new songs using solfege (do-re-mi) syllables. The singing program is directed by Margo Euler and is open to motivated and musical children in grades 1-2 (Crickets) and 3-5 (Junior Voices); the classes meet Wednesday afternoons. Second semester will begin Jan. 20 at Wilder Hall, 666 Main St. in Hingham. Pre-registration for new JVs and Crickets is required; call Lynn Anderson at 749-9759 or speak to her Dec. 9

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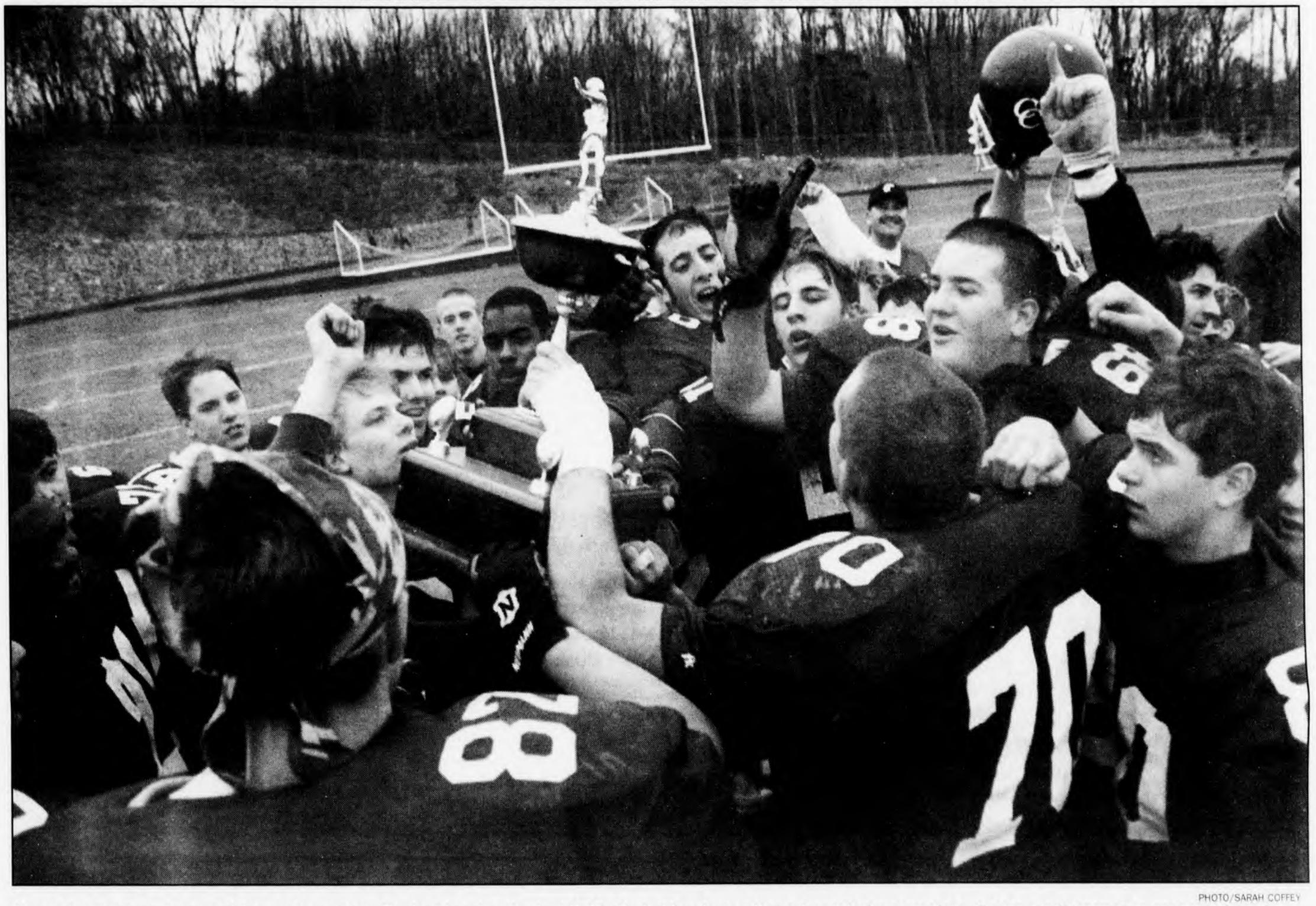
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You can bet that the turkey tasted that much sweeter on Thanksgiving when they beat Hull for the first time in more than a decade by the score of 14—0. Here, the Skippers all try and get their hand on the trophy that's awarded to the winner of the holiday game each year.

Their turkey tasted that much better

Skippers baste Pirates, 14-0

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Revenge is sweet.

The Cohasset High football team realized the true meaning of those worlds last Thursday when they finally beat the Hull Pirates in the traditional Thanksgiving Day game. With hundreds of ecstatic parents, friends and alums looking on, with coaches near tears on the sideline, the Skippers finally cashed in on the mantra "beat Hull."

There is not ample space to do justice to the reactions of those involved, physically and emotionally, in last week's milestone. Cohasset hadn't beaten Hull since 1987, when some of the players on this year's team were not yet in kindergarten. With trophy raised high, the seniors walked proudly off the field, many of them with tears streaming their cheeks, to the applause of the crowd.

The word had leaked out. Hull was down this year. Cohasset had its best senior class in a long time. The game was at Cohasset. The Skippers wanted it more. Even Hull's Jon Anderson conceded that a Cohasset victory seemed likely. The stage was set.

With the knowledge that "this could be the year," and smelling victory, graduated CHS football players returned to Cohasset to watch a game where many of them had never played, Alumni Field. Indeed, only one Thanksgiving game had ever been played on it until Thursday and that was a 46-8 Hull victory two years ago.

At halftime of this year's game, CHS Athletic Director Clark Chatterton unveiled a commemorative rock which credits the contributions of those who helped make Alumni possible.

All that remained was the game itself. The skippers romped, winning with style. And the Cohasset seniors played the game of their lives, for many of them their last game.

The senior class brought a fitting end to a long varsity career with their 14-0 victory. Every senior contributed noticeably during the game. Jamie DeMichele ran the offense at quarterback, while Justin Golden ate up yardage and threw blocks from fullback. Cohasset's second scoring drive was marked by Raheem Shepard carrying half the Hull defense downfield for 10 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Cohasset showed no mercy. Alex Russell picked up two sacks and

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PHOTO/SARAH COFFEY

CHS RB Raheem Shepherd makes a quick cut to try and get around a pair of Hull defenders.

Lax sign-up is Dec. 12

Registration for the 12 and Under and 14 and Under Cohasset Youth Lacrosse programs will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset High School.

The 12 and Under program, starting its fourth year, is open to boys and girls currently in the fifth and sixth grade. Registration is $75, which includes a uniform, practice jersey and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes a subscription to a new magazine especially designed for kids.

There will be more information on the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse program available at the Dec. 12 sign-up. If you have an age-eligible child and can not attend the registration session, call Jaffe at 383-9858 or Terry Kahn at 383-0032.

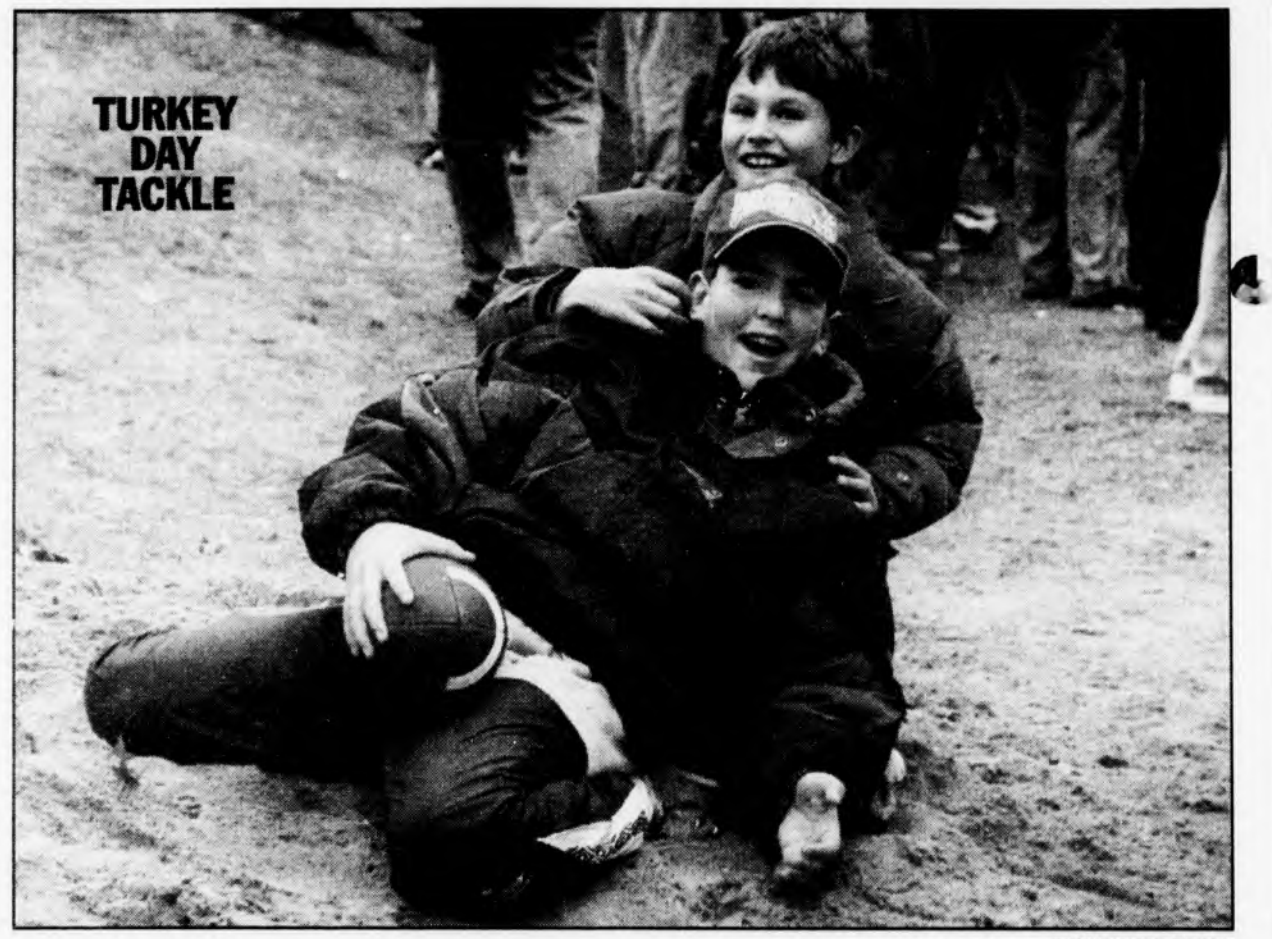
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Late basketball registrations for boys and girls, grades 1 through 8, should be done right away at the recreation department office, 1st floor, Cohasset Town Hall.

The fee for this program is $40 per player and checks are payable to: CBBC (Cohasset Basketball Boosters Club).

Evaluations will be held Saturday, Dec. 5, for all grades.

Evaluation schedules, by grade, are available at the recreation office.



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Will Pinkus (in front) and Sam Kusek, both 11 and from Cohasset, get into the spirit of things at the annual Thanksgiving Day football game.

Ski trips for students

The Cohasset Recreation Department, via the auspices of Hingham Recreation, will make available the following day ski trips this winter for Cohasset students in grades 5 to 12: Mt. Sunapee — Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999; Gunstock — Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999; Wildcat — Saturday, Jan. 30, 1999; Loon — Saturday, Feb. 27, 1999.

Each trip is $50 per person which includes round-trip motor coach transportation, supervision and an all-day lift ticket.

Busses will leave from Hingham Town Hall at 6:30 a.m. sharp for each trip and return to the same location at about 6:30 p.m.

Registrations for any or all ski trips will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hingham Recreation Center, 201 Central St., Hingham. Should you wish further information, call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-4109.

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struck fear into the heart of Hull's Linebackers Greg Parkinson Adam Sasso were seemingly everywhere, while Shepard's backfield penetration disrupted Hull's offense. Cornerback Greg Taylor dished out one particularly nasty blow while allowing nothing behind him, and Ben Roine was like a blanket in pass coverage.

However, when asked where the game was won and lost, there can only be one answer, the line, Cohasset's line, on both sides of the ball, dominated. Offensively, seniors John Considine, Luke Caldwell, John-Paul Laugelle, Sean Parkinson and Adam Sasso made possible runs by Golden, Shepard and Daniel Trowers. They were the Sears-Roebuck Foundation to the backfield's PBS. Hull's defense never stood a chance as the "O" line could often be spotted still holding their blocks well downfield. The game was won along the line.

In the stands, disbelieving euphoria was rampant. Parents beamed proudly as their sons vanquished the Pirates and alumni grinned with vengeance, remembering the beatings and the insults.

On the sidelines, Coach Dave Terry hopped up and down. Coach Brian Pattison looked like Jim Valvano after NC State's Final Four victory, looking for someone to hug.

The face of Coach Bob Silvia, the coach with the longest tenure holding a CHS clipboard, showed joyous relief. Players hugged each other and waved to their families. Cohasset's JV ran out the final plays.

The wait was over. it was VE Day. Bob Dole winning the Republican presidential nomination. John Elway hoisting the Lombardi Trophy after winning the Super Bowl. The Red Sox finally winning the World Series…hey, there's always next year.

But on this Thanksgiving, there didn't need to be a next year. Not even last year counted. All that mattered was this year and the numbers 14-0, both on the scoreboard and etched in the mind of every single Cohasset senior to leave the field that day.



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Patrick MacCormack, 7, and his little brother Terrance, 4, keep a watchful eye on the winner's trophy.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cohasset Rec offers ski lessons

The Cohasset Recreation Department will conduct Blue Hill Ski and Snow Board Lesson registrations Thursday, Dec. 3, at the recreation office, Cohasset Town Hall, between the hours of 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. and again in the evening, from 5:30 to 6:30.

Registration forms must be signed by a parent or guardian for participation in this five-week program. Beginner through advanced level instruction is available for children and youth, age 7 and older.

Lessons are scheduled to begin Thursday, Jan. 7, and continue for five consecutive weeks, through Thursday, Feb. 4. The bus will leave each week from town hall parking lot at 3:20 p.m. and return from Blue Hills at about 6:45 p.m.

The fee for the ski lessons and transportation for five weeks is $115 and checks should be made payable to: Town of Cohasset. Those participants who require equipment rentals may rent at Blue Hills and the cost for the five weeks with rental package is $155 per person for skiing and $175 for snow board lesson rental, transportation package, or $115 without snow board rentals.

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Football the way it ought to be

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

From the start of October to the week before Christmas, there's a group of men in Cohasset who have just one thing on their mind every Sunday morning.

That is to get down to the high school and gather on the front field for a game of flag football.

According to Joe Dooley, the "commissioner" of the league, "Just about the same guys have been participating in the games during the last 10 years."

Dooley added that the league has been in existence for more than 40 years, off and on, but he gave it some organization, along with Mike Maher back in 1987 and it has been going strong ever since.

When Dooley isn't organizing the Sunday morning games that pit Beachwood against Hillside, he runs the Red Lion Inn in Cohasset.

The inn figures big in the league, since that's where the players wind up after the games that start at 9:30 a.m. and run until 12 noon.

"After two and one half hours of playing tag football, we need a place to go and rest up and the Red Lion does that very nice," says Dooley.

"Anybody can play with us," he noted. "We get more than enough players every Sunday. We play eight against eight, so we need at least 16 people to show up."

According to Dooley, the Froios and the Dooleys just about dominate the league. There are four Froios (Ralph, Mark, Chris and Paul) and three Dooleys, Joe, Dennis and Kevin.

And, of course, there's the man that the players like to refer to as the oldest player in the league, Marty Maher.

The final game of the season is a major happening. The game is videotaped and following the game, film is played at the inn.

"We review the film and then vote for the Most Valuable Player and other top performers. We hand out trophies and it's just one great time. Last year we had about 70 people voting on who should receive the trophies," said Dooley.

For the final game, the players wear black or white shirts that are provided by the "commissioner" each year.

"It's a lot of fun," said Joe. "You should see the number of fans that turn out to watch the game. Of course, most of them are wives and children of the players."

The league also has a special vote that it takes at the final gathering. They vote for the most miserable person in town. "Of course it's all done in good fun," says Joe.

One woman in town has won the award 11 straight times, according to Joe, while a different man has won it each of the past 11 years.

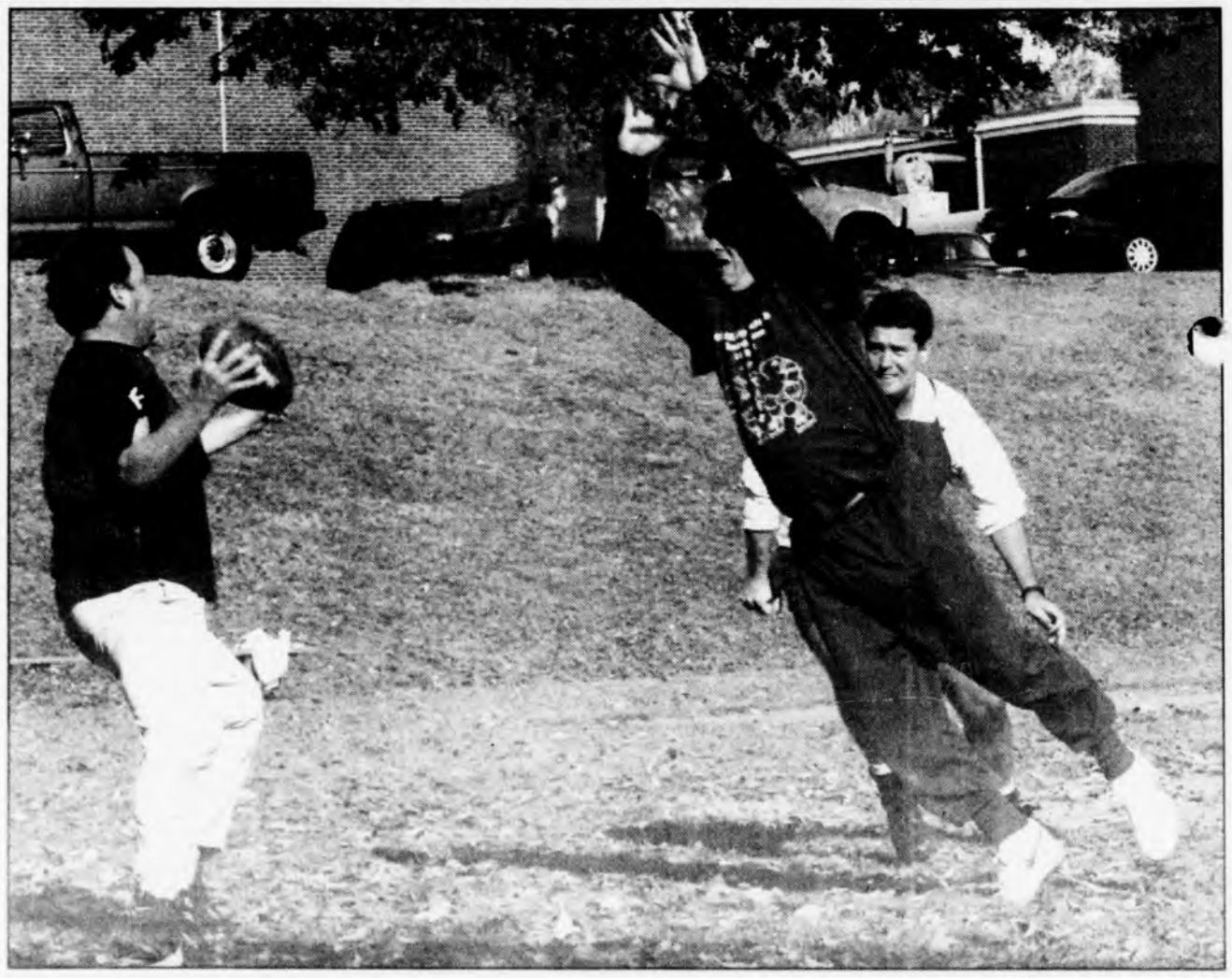
What about women playing in the league? "We would love to see women get involved in the sport. We encourage it, but we can't find any women interested in playing the sport," noted Dooley.

Asked if anyone has ever been injured in the game, Joe answered, "We have been very lucky all these years. No injuries. Keep in mind we're just playing one-handed tag football.

"The worst that happens is that most of the players have aching muscles Monday and Tuesday and by Wednesday, they're feeling a lot better and ready to go in the next game."

The league has three more Sundays to play and of course the big game the third Sunday. The league goes all out for that one.

Besides the new shirts, the videotape and what not, the league also brings in a referee for the game of games.



STAFF PHOTO/KAREN QUINCY LOBERG

Not only do a bunch of friends get together each Sunday for a spirited game of touch football, some really get into the spirit and practice impressions of their favorite comic book super heros. Here the gentleman on the right tries his hand at being Superman. The group has been getting together for more than 40 years now.

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Courtyard spruced up at Deer Hill School

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

It was last year that Ohio newcomer Helen Daly spotted the Deer Hill courtyard. She knew immediately that it needed a little "TLC."

"When I first walked in, I thought, Oh, this place has such potential but needs some love and care," said Daly.

Thanks to gardener Bob Mowbray's generosity, the fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders of Girl Scout Troop 4770 are getting professional advice on a courtyard design plan that is already falling into place.

"I chose Bob for my own landscaping work because he understood budget constraints and was open to moving plants instead of discarding them. When I asked him to help with the troop, he said, 'Yes.'"

"It's been wonderful," said Mowbray, of his work with troop 4770.

"The girls and I sat down in the courtyard in June and threw out ideas, measured it together and that type of thing and I incorporated their ideas," said Mowbray, who appeared on Chronicle in the spring and co-hosted eight episodes of an HGTV gardening show.

"You'd be amazed at their input and how much attention they paid to the project," he said.

A design suited to the active traffic and the girls' sense of aesthetics was soon drawn up.

Mowbray, a 20-year landscaping veteran, was able to provide some educational elements to the project, too.

"One girl wanted flowers, another wanted vegetables and another wanted herbs," he said. "We sort of incorporated all of it and added some educational elements that would attract butterflies, bulbs that would bloom in the spring and greenery that would draw birds to the four-season garden."

Mowbray is assisted in his volunteer work by Jean Connors, also a landscape designer and worker at the Village Garden in Norwell. Both have been impressed by the girls' curiosity and their anxiousness to see the project come to fruition.

"I think they were anxious from the first day to start ripping things out," joked Mowbray.

The pair gave the girls some gardening tips to ensure that their end product would prove a success.

"Jean and Bob came over and showed the girls what you look at when you think about a plant," said Daly. "He explained the pests that are not good for the situation, like grubs. We're looking to provide color plus nourishment for the birds all year."

The girl scouts are led by girl scout leaders Daly, Joanne Lehr and Terry James.

"It's a new troop with new fourth-graders," said James. "They all get along well and this is a nice introduction for the new members of the troop. It will also be nice for the sixth graders so that when they leave in the spring, they will leave their mark in the courtyard."

Work began on the project Oct. 26, on "Make a Difference Day." Some serious weeding work made possible a follow-up visit to plant bulbs for mums and some shrubs, too. Hardy mums were planted over areas where mum bulbs will shoot up next year, offering a sense of things to come.

The town will remove several bushes there so that donated trees can be replanted.

Helping out with the heavier planting tasks is Boy Scout Troop 28 under the leadership of Phil Lehr. Not only have the boys built six picnic tables for the area already, but they will assist with planting pine trees for the girls.

"Once the prickly stuff is removed from the area by the town, the kids can have lunch in the courtyard using the tables," said Daly

Those tables were also a product of Make a Difference Day.

Last year, Lehr's troop was all set to build tables for the new computer system, but Middle School principal Paul Callahan preferred that they make picnic tables.

"We worked on a rainy Saturday in October with kids from 11 to 18 years of age," said Lehr. "Most of the kids really like hands-on projects that they can look at later and see completed, particularly something like the picnic tables where if there is a nice day, the kids can eat outside instead of in the cafeteria. It's a good feeling for the kids to see their tables being used."



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Girl Scout Becca Lehr plants bulbs in the Deer Hill School courtyard.

That project was completed with eight boys and four carpenters who are also assistant scout masters.

The initiative of adult volunteers who lend their professional skills to the troops for projects such as these leave an indelible mark on the children's world, James said..

"Helen undertook this project because she had past experience as a scout leader in Ohio and she just had a sense of what the courtyard needed," she said. "This has been such a great experience for the girls because they can make something that everyone will enjoy. Sometimes you see something all the time, like the courtyard, but don't even notice it. Helen did, and it's been a great experience for everyone."

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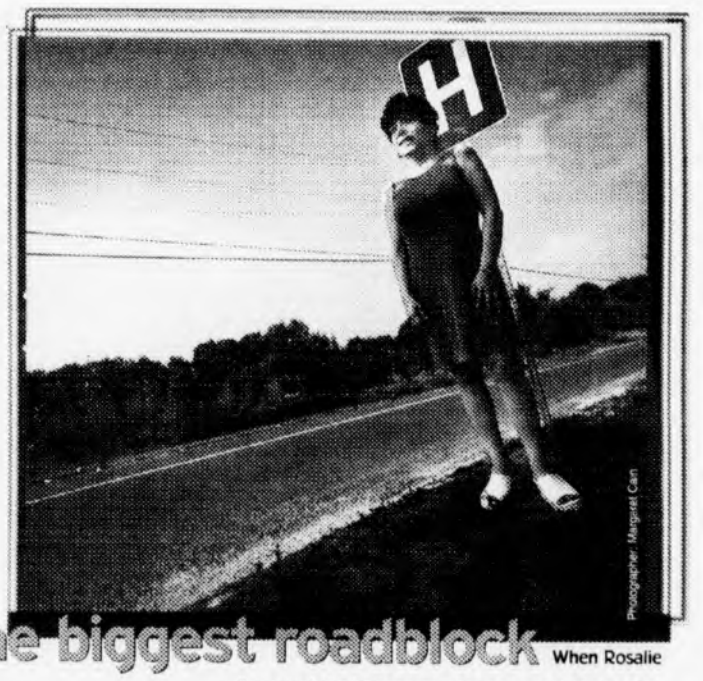


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11:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Marion Way, MV stop. Citation issued.

11:39 a.m. Sohier Street, MV stop. Citation issued.

12:29 p.m. North Main Street, MV stop. Arrest: Timothy Patrolia, DOB 4/15/65, of 9 Cedar Acres Ln., Cohasset. Charges: warrant.

1:29 p.m. Cedar Street, trespassing. Dispersed gathering.

5:10 p.m. S. Main and Summer Streets, MV stop. Verbal warning.

6:18 p.m. Hull Street, MV stop. Citation/warning.

6:53 p.m. N. Main Street, MV stop. Citation issued.

7:00 p.m. N. Main Street, MV stop. Citation issued.

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10:18 p.m. N. Main St., MV stop. Citation/warning.

10:40 p.m. Forest Avenue, MV stop. Citation/warning.

10:43 p.m. Atlantic Avenue, burglar alarm. Accid./defect/burg/holdup.

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6:42 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood Street, MV stop. Citation issued.

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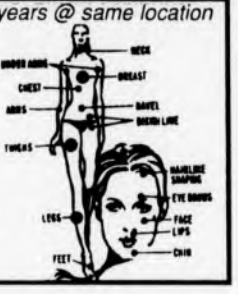
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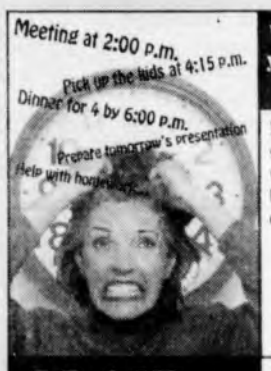
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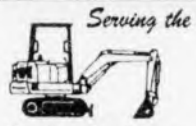
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Will she find out? Will she expose Harold Hill and his secret? To find out, come and see the show at Cohasset High School Dec. 4, 5 and 6. For tickets, call Mrs. Nicynski at 383-1329.

And now an interview with one of the cast members, David Ingber.

Allison: What part do you have in the play?

David: I am a traveling salesman, as well as a member of the River City ensemble.

Allison: What has the whole experience been like?

David: I like the experience of conversing with upper class men. It puts me in an environment I usually would not be in.

Allison: What are rehearsals like?

David: We spend the first hour going over the chorus as a large group. Then we break into small groups and work on things we know need fixing such as full cast dances, or the starting scene "Rock Island," a rhythmic piece in which I happen to be involved.

Allison: Who is directing?

David: Mrs. Jo-Ellen Wood, the eighth-grade English teacher, is directing the speaking scenes. Mr. Bryan Marks, the chorus teacher at C.H.S, is in charge of the choral numbers. Sharon Terman is the production's choreographer and Mrs. Jean Birmann is the piano player.

Allison: So, what do you expect from the show?

David: I'm hoping for a lot of tickets to be sold. So pick up the phone and dial 383-1329 for tickets!

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Cohasset Middle/High School

Allison Moje and David Ingber are in the eighth grade at the middle/high school.

Funds needed for leadership program

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Local author to speak at Glasonbury Abbey

Thomas H. O'Connor, professor of History, Emeritus at Boston College and author of "Boston Catholics: A History of the Church and Its People," to speak at Glastonbury Abbey. Professor O'Connor, a member of the Massachusetts Archives Advisory Commission, board of trustees of the Bostonian Society and resident fellow at the Massachusetts Historical Society has published a number of books on the history of Boston including "Lords of the Loom"; "Bibles, Brahmins, and Bosses"; "Fitzpatrick's Boston, 1846-1866"; "South Boston: My Home Town — The History of an Ethnic Neighborhood"; "Building a New Boston: The Politics of Urban Renewal, 1950-1970"; "The Boston Irish: A Political History" and "Civil War Boston: Home Front and Battlefield."

The lecture will be held Sunday, Dec. 13 at 11 a.m. at the Glastonbury Abbey Chapel, 16 Hull St., Hingham.

OBITUARIES

Linda Wallace

Linda Clarke Wallace, 57, of Cambridge and Cohasset, a Harvard Square real estate broker, died Monday, Nov. 16, at her home in Cambridge.

Mrs. Wallace was a record-setting Realtor in Cambridge.

She enjoyed needlework and fly-fishing and traveled extensively.

She was the first woman to fly the B-29 bomber and at the age of 9 she had a part in "Showboat" at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset.

Mrs. Wallace leaves her husband, Dr. James Woodward Wallace; two sons, James Woodward Hendrickson Wallace of Seattle and Joshua Andrew Bligh Wallace of San Francisco; her mother, Mildred (Blye) Clarke of Hingham; a brother, Laurence Litchfield Clarke Jr. of Grandville, Ohio; and four grandchildren, Elliot, Ethan, Cameron and Alexander; and her mother-in-law, Dorothy Colman Wallace of Cambridge. She was also daughter of the late Laurence Litchfield Clarke.

A Memorial Service was held at King's Chapel, Boston. Interment was private.

J.S. Waterman and Sons Eastman-Waring Funeral Home, Boston, directed the arrangements.

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Siros in Hingham opens in grand style

Gala event draws a crowd

By Liz Derby
CORRESPONDENT

Cohasset residents Kristy Henriksen, owner of Siros on Main Street, and her husband Tom Fallon looked forward to a fabulous evening Monday for the grand opening of their new restaurant in the former Whiton House. They weren't disappointed.

Hundreds of invited guests and local dignitaries - including US Rep. William Delahunt - packed the former Whiton House to socialize and enjoy the hors d'oeuvres, drinks and entertainment.

"This building and I go back a long way," said Delahunt, who is also a family friend. "I was a dishwasher in this kitchen during my college days in the summer of '61 when this place was known as the Country Fare."

Henriksen, who also owns Siros at Marina Bay in Quincy, intended the event as a special gift to her friends, family and patrons. But in reality the affair celebrated Henriksen's efforts to revive the beloved Hingham landmark.

Traffic snarled and tempers flared more than a couple of times at the notorious Queen Ann's Corner where Siros is located, but any upsetting incidents were quickly abated by Hingham police, who directed traffic. Police estimated that as many as 1,500 or more people stopped by at some point during the opening, which was held from 6 to 10 p.m. Not only was Siros parking lot full, but also cars were jammed along Main Street and into just about every public parking space within walking distance.

Invited guests included state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray and Garrett Bradley, a former county prosecutor who challenged Murray in the recent state election. Also on hand, were Bruce Cameron and Vince Longo from the South Shore Music Circus; Brian McLaughlin, CEO of D'Angelos; former local talk show host Wigmore Pierson of Cohasset; representatives from US Senator John Kerry's office, selectmen and other local officials.

His daughter, Kara, to lend support for the occasion, accompanied Delahunt, whose daughters spent their school vacations working at Siros at Marina Bay.

The congressman expressed his admiration for Henriksen's flair for fine cuisine and her elegant sense of style.

Henriksen's style — augmented with the support of Repertoire's Celeste Cooper, a Boston based interior designer — is displayed in renovations that include the opening up of the entire main dining room to let in the light. The undraped windows let in the New England countryside. The white linen-draped tables and dark mahogany with black leather chairs add just the right amount of sophistication. Henriksen's color coordinated corporate dining rooms (which vary in seating capacity from 10 to about 50) display her selections of interesting china and art that individualize each setting. These private rooms have been "purchased" by corporations for their functions, and bear the company names.

Finger hors d'oeuvres such as scallops on the half shell and little salmon petite-fours were offered continuously throughout the evening. Servers dished small plates of wild mushroom raviolis, and shell pastas in sauce to a never-ending line that formed on both sides of a service table. Throughout the evening guests were entertained with the soft jazz sounds of the Kristin Spath Quartette. Desserts by "The Bashful Baker" (Susan Hebbs) and coffee were served in the A.W. Perry Room. These exquisite delicacies bewitched guests, causing them to abandon calorie counting for the evening and heap their plates with three or four.

Marge Brownell complimented Henriksen on the wonderful food and the decor at Siros.

"Such simple elegance," she said, "warm and inviting." Her husband, Judge Thomas F. Brownell of the Plymouth District Court, offered that his wife ought to know good food because she loved cooking and was such an elegant cook herself." Then he added, laughing, "But she likes making reservations even better." Fallon's daughters, Denise Fallon and Dorene Ambrose, were among the celebrants. Sydney Fallon, Fallon's and Henriksen's 10-year-old daughter, invited a few of her friends from the Deer Hill School in Cohasset, among them were Amanda Adams, Caitlan Sanchez, Ariel Siegel and Ben Bolster.

A large tent accommodated an overflow crowd, a popular place and welcome relief when the main dining room became overly warm as the numbers increased. Henriksen hopes to press a similar tent into service as an adjunct to the main dining room for weddings and parties.

Putting Siros on Main Street together was an extensive project. It took three months just to negotiate the lease, then several more months of work followed, Henriksen said. A lot of problems were uncover
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you find when purchasing
home. She said she is grateful
loyal and competent staff, who has for the most part been with her for several years, and without whom she feels she would not be successful today.

Henriksen said her vision for the restaurant was very clear from the beginning. She wanted to open it up and brighten it up. However, she is sympathetic to those who patronized the Whiton House and do not welcome the change. Some liked the menu the way it was particularly the prices. Henriksen said she would try to provide alternative entrees with pricing that would appeal to this group. But that's a little down the line.

In the meantime, if you've been planning to go to the Whiton House to compare the changes they've made and to order your favorite meal, do not. Instead, make a point of visiting the all new Siros on Main Street. Check out the bright new look. Order something different from the elegant contemporary Italian cuisine. Enjoy the music from the grand piano in the main dining room. You'll love it.



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US Rep. William Delahunt, left, with Siros owner, Kristie Henriksen, and her husband, Tom Fallon, at the restaurant's grand opening gala Monday evening.

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Number of gas leaks greater than reported

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

An investigation by the state has confirmed nearly 14 gas leaks—only eight or nine of which were actually reported—have occurred as part of the sewer project work in Cohasset.

That discovery was apparently enough for the state Department of Public Safety to yank the hoisting license of Giuiseppe "Joe" Digiacomo, acting manager of D&C Construction Company of Rockland.

Last week's leak on Linden Drive was reportedly one of three there, according to sewer commission Chairman Ted Guild.

But according to an investigative report by Richard Feeney, district engineering inspector for the Department of Public Safety, "accidents do happen, but not 14 of them on one site. And the contractors only reported eight or nine to the fire department. Any gas odor would concern me and the fire department should have been notified each time."

While investigating with the aid of Captain Mark Trask of the Cohasset Fire Department, town engineer Arthur Leventis and Cohasset Special Officer James McLean, Feeney discovered from the engineer that people in the area had been saying that they wanted Digiacomo out, and his company, too.

Digiacomo thinks that's unfair.

"They shouldn't have done that," he said. "The gas wasn't marked right. That's why the leaks happened. So I don't understand why everyone is upset. In 11 years, we didn't have any dig that were bad like this. We don't have problems because of the ledge. It is the markings."

"The town hired D&C on a low bid and they kept hitting ledge," said

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Cohasset students make the grade

MCAS results are in

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

With the embargo lifted on districts' MCAS results, the school superintendent was able to report that "Cohasset did reasonably well and we would expect that."

Calling it not so much an achievement test or measure of ability as a test on how the school's curriculum measures up with the state framework, school Supt. Dr. Edward "Ted" Malvey said that the results would indicate what extra work would need to be done.

"The test is about a new curriculum so even the failures, while not acceptable, are expectable."

—Supt. Dr. Edward Malvey

Overall, Cohasset's fourth-, eighth- and 10th-graders scored higher than the general state test scores.

"For a new superintendent coming in, I was pleased," he said. "I wasn't surprised or elated. I was involved in Basic Skills testing in the past in Massachusetts and I think that some communities are expected to do well in terms of their students and curriculum and that has been borne out here."

Of the four categories of percentages of students—failing, needs improvement, proficient and advanced—Malvey plans to concentrate on the needs improvement and failing group.

"If students need assistance, that's what we'll be giving," said Malvey. "We'll consider all those options and this will come with a cost. We'll need to find out what support the state Department of Education will provide."

Special education students made up most of the failing students.

Each student has an IEP (Individual Education Plan) as part of SPED (Special Education). SPED students that took the MCAS were given the accommodations called for in their IEP.

"We have a legal requirement to

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CHRISTMAS CAT



STAFF PHOTO/DOUG MCFADD

"Smudgie," the Christmas cat, with seven-year-old Kelsey Coughlin of Cohasset visit the Village Fair on Saturday. For more photos, see page 12.

Taxpayers to share sewer cost

Override passes at the polls

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Those who fought hard to persuade voters to support a 50 percent taxpayer subsidy for the sewer cost overrun won the battle.

Although the turnout was low — only 29 percent — a $1.3 million Prop. 2-1/2 override passed at the polls on Saturday with a 118-vote majority.

This means the owner of the average Cohasset home, valued at $341,000, will see an increase of about $19.21 on their annual tax bill for 20 years. The money will pay for half of the $2.7 million cost overrun for the North Cohasset sewer project — the users through betterments will pay the balance. So if that average-valued home is in North Cohasset, the cost will be $568.20 per year (about $165 less than if the override had failed) not including annual operation and maintenance costs of about $400.

"I'm ecstatic, I'm really delighted," said Maria Plante, 798 Jerusalem Road, an outspoken proponent of town/user shared funding for the pro-

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Toys for Tots collection bin

Police Officer John Small said the Toys for Tots collection bin is at the Cohasset Police Station on Elm Street. Citizens with toys to donate may drop them off 24 hours a day until Christmas. Donation cans are also located at various establishments around town. Small conducts the annual toy drive with his grandfather, Herb Jason. The toys will be delivered to the Marine Corps for distribution to needy families.

Winter guidelines for Cohasset residents

The D.P.W. has issued the following winter guidelines:

1. Overnight parking is prohibited from Nov. 15 through April 15.
2. Do not plow or shovel snow, water or any other debris from private property onto roadways or sidewalks.
3. Uncover storm drains when possible.
4. Sand for resident use only will be available behind the former highway garage at 55R South Main St.
5. The town is not responsible for damaged lawns, fences, steps, shrubs, trees or mail boxes within the town layout.

HERE THEY COME!



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset five-to-seven years olds race to the Turkey Trot finish line during the Jingle Bell Walk sponsored by the South Shore Community Center the day after Thanksgiving.

Volunteers sought for growth committee

Selectmen are seeking three citizens-at-large to serve on a new Growth and Development Task Force to study growth and develop a master plan for the town. Interested volunteers should contact Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105.

The committee's charge is to guide, coordinate and oversee the two stage process of developing a comprehensive master plan for Cohasset as the town enters the 21st century. The task force will develop an RFP for consultant assistance in defining the vision or assessment phase of the process. With this consultant, the task force will identify through public processes the goals and proposed policy of the second phase, the comprehensive plan.

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Sun. 13	7:04	9.3	12:40	7:28	8.8	1:16
Mon. 14	7:52	9.5	1:31	8:20	8.8	2:08
Tues. 15	8:37	9.7	2:18	9:07	8.9	2:55
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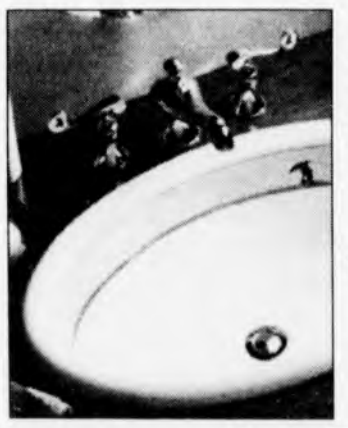
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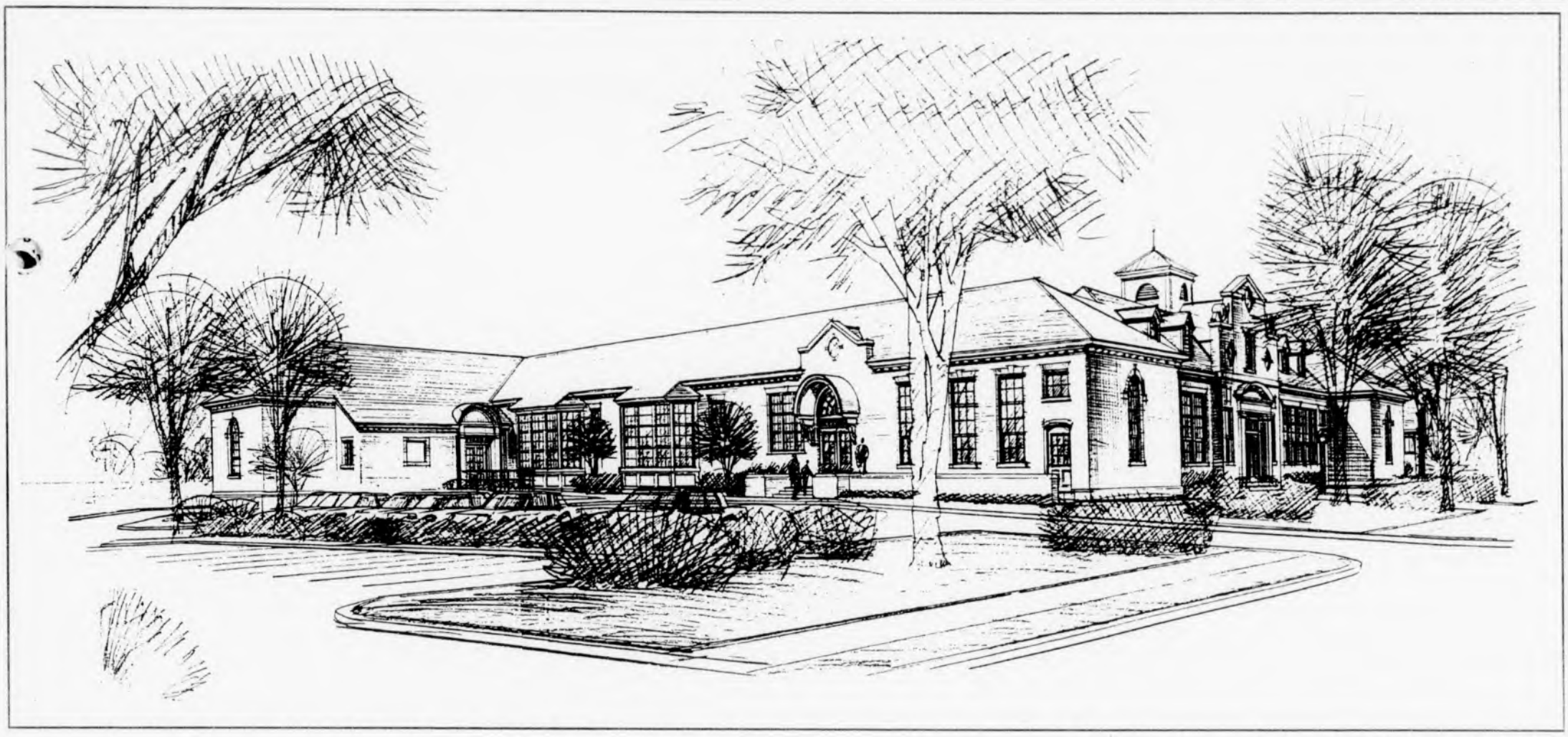
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FROM STAHL ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS

An architect's rendering of the new library showing a new entrance on the side of the old school where the 1954 wing is now located. The existing front door to the former school (facing Ripley Road) would serve as a pedestrian entrance.

Selectmen split on fate of Osgood wing

But library trustees want it removed

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

A majority of selectmen is attached to the 1954 wing of the old Osgood School. Despite the fact that October's special town meeting endorsed the library's proposed design that included razing the 5,000-square foot section of the school to make room for parking and a new entrance some selectmen want the wing saved.

The issue, which is dividing the board and frustrating the library trustees, surfaced Tuesday night during a discussion about the need for senior housing.

Selectman Diane Sullivan, a vocal proponent of affordable housing for seniors, asked that the issue about what to do with the remaining wings of the old Osgood be on the agenda.

Sullivan — who insisted town meeting did not vote a specific library design plan but a concept — asked that the library shelve proceeding with its design plans to "lob off" the 1954 wing until the possibility of creating some senior housing units there be studied.

The Osgood Reuse Committee recommended the school be turned into condominiums for senior citizens, a proposal that was rejected at town meeting in favor of the library plan. But Sullivan did not think town meeting meant to shut the door on any senior housing proposal for the site.

"I'm hopeful the library trustees won't proceed with their design until we review the use of that wing and the balance of the building," she said.

Library trustees are only interested in utilizing the main section of Osgood — built in 1926 — for a new 15,000-square foot library which would be more than double the useable square footage of the existing Paul Pratt Library. Therefore, the rear section of Osgood — known as the 1929 wing — could be developed for housing or municipal use. Initially trustees thought options for the 1929 wing would have to include potential expansion for the library in 20 years because state funding requires that alternative be left open. But Towle said Tuesday the architect indicated it would be possible in the future to add on to the main section of the building — an option that will satisfy the state requirement.

But taking down the 1954 wing — which includes five classrooms and is on a slab — is an integral part of the plans for the new library, Towle explained. She said trustees were "clear and up front" about what they were proposing at town meeting so there would be no confusion.

"The (new front) door is a pretty important issue to the whole library plan," she said. Towle said it will not only provide for better handicap access but the location of the door and its relationship to parking and the service desk are an integral part of the design and future efficiency of the library's operation.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said special town meeting voters knew what they were voting on when they approved $152K for library construction drawings.

She warned that a major change — like keeping the wing — would result in not the same "quality library facility" endorsed by the voters.

"I'm hopeful the library trustees won't proceed with their design until we review the use of that wing and the balance of the building."

— Selectman Diane Sullivan

But Selectman Tom Callahan said the trustees should compromise by "putting the brakes on their design" until Town Manager Mark Haddad finishes his review.

However, selectmen were even split on the initial message they gave Haddad on what a special subcommittee — they recently authorized to study possible town uses for what remains of the old Osgood after the library moves in — is charged to do.

Haddad and McMorris said the committee was working with the trustees and therefore should only look at uses for the 1929 wing. But in a majority vote Tuesday — with McMorris and Selectman Nan Roth voting in the minority — selectmen directed Haddad to include the 1954 wing in the study.

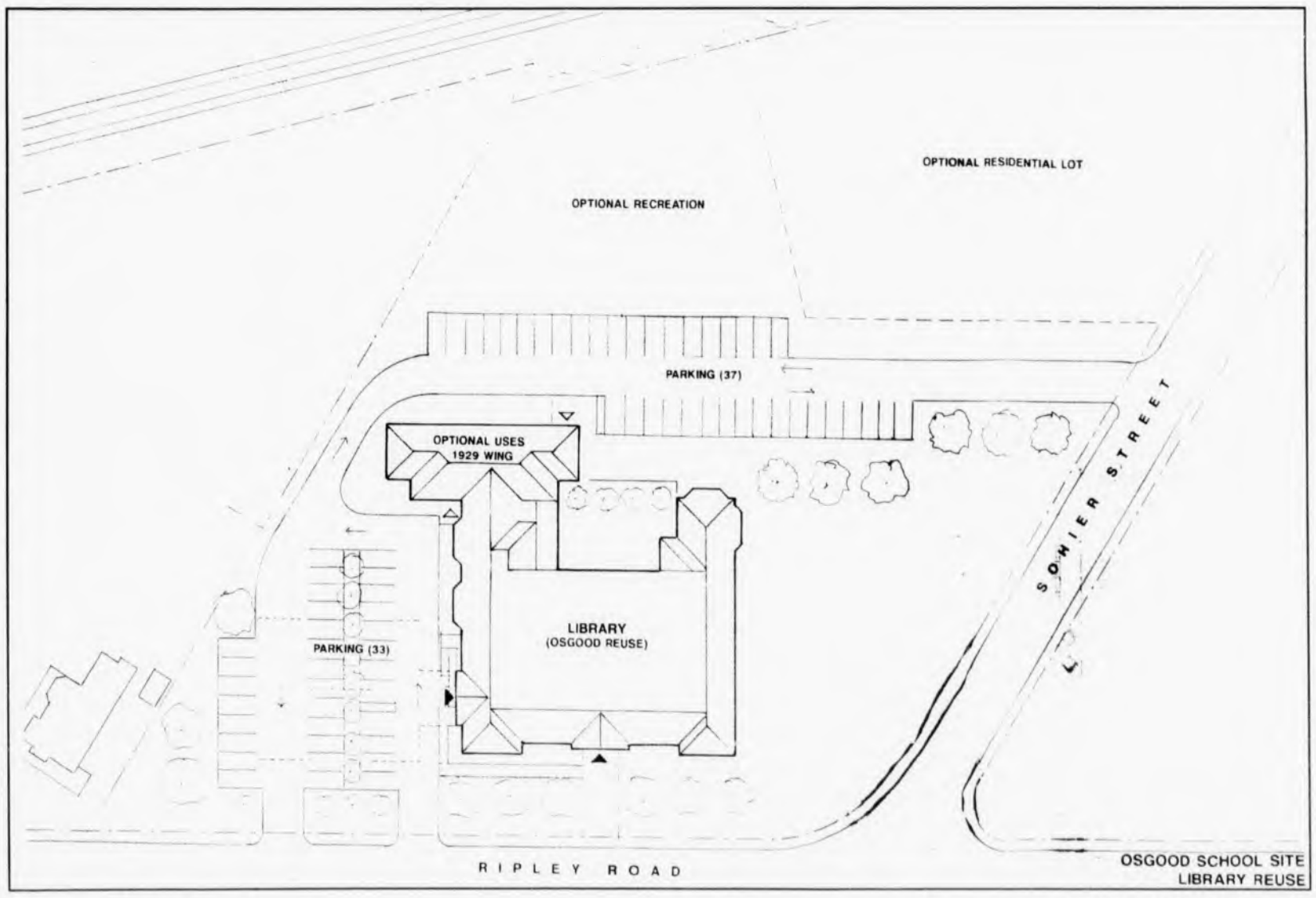
Several members of the Council on Elder Affairs were invited to Tuesday's meeting to provide input on the need for senior housing in town.

While she described the library proposal as "an exciting prospect," Barbara Anglin of the CEA was disappointed that discussion of senior housing took a back seat to controversy over the 1954 wing.

"Thank you for bringing senior housing back up," she told selectmen. "I implore you to keep it in mind. We need selectmen to take a leadership role as well."

Anglin said Cohasset's population of senior citizens is expected to double over the next ten years.

"We're interested in exploring all housing options," she said. "The library site is a beautiful site. We are not opposed to a joint project. But we are not in a position to say what should be done with the wings of the Osgood School."



FROM STAHL ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS

A diagram of the library's proposed use of the old Osgood School with the 1954 wing removed and replaced with a new entrance and 33 parking spaces.

Cohasset students make the grade

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make sure that their needs are being met," said Malvey.

Until the state and school has gone over the MCAS results and test itself, it is not certain what measures will be taken to bring curriculum more in line with statewide standards.

"We expected the large number of 'needs improvement' students," said Malvey. "If they had all the answers, they wouldn't need to be here."

Grade 4 - Percent of Students

Subject	Advanced		Proficient		Needs Improve.		Failure	
	Cohasset	State	Cohasset	State	Cohasset	State	Cohasset	State
English	3	1	26	19	68	66	4	15
Math	19	11	36	23	38	44	7	23
Sci/Tech.	13	6	61	42	21	40	5	12

But some questions have been raised about certain parts of the exams, like trigonometry questions on the 10th grade MCAS when that subject is taught to Cohasset students in the 11th and 12th grades.

"I'm told for some of the topic questions were limited to maybe two questions so if the students didn't get those two questions, maybe we're only looking at a moderate change in curriculum in that area," said Malvey.

Should school officials decide on extra classes or a change in curriculum, it is not yet clear who will attend. "We haven't crossed that bridge yet," said Malvey.

If he has any concerns, the superintendent is worried about how much the statewide curriculum might impinge on broad-based approaches of individual communities.

"If we look at a narrow assessment and lose sight of other ways of evaluating students, then we may do a disservice to students and a broad-based education, however each community would define what that is," said Malvey. "Some people feel that this is unfair to be so controlled by MCAS tests."

Only Class of 2003 students will need to pass their 10th-grade MCAS in order to graduate high school.

Still, Malvey explained that the results of each exam will influence every grade since overall preparation for the test is part of a continuum from one school year to the next.

"I would anticipate next year's scores will be better because adjustments will be closer and more aligned with what the children will be tested for," Malvey predicted.

The results are just off embargo and so Cohasset school staff will be learning about the results over the course of the next two weeks.

"We're going to focus on those students who failed, rather than the 'needs improvement' students," he said. "Most kids fit into that category and that's what they're in school for. The test is about a new curriculum so even the failures, while not acceptable, are expectable."

Malvey also doesn't expect teachers, who elsewhere in the state have been taking some flak over their own testing woes, to "hang their heads under the desk over this one. We'll all be reviewing the results and then assessing needs. Really, it's a test of MCAS and the new curriculum, but the students are the ones who have to take the test."

Public sessions to discuss MCAS results will be held 7 p.m., Dec. 16, in Deer Hill and 7:30 p.m., Dec. 21 in the Cohasset Middle-High School with the respective principals leading the meetings.

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Suburbs score better than cities

By Chris Szechenyi
STAFF WRITER

Reflecting historical trends, suburban school districts scored better on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests compared to their urban counterparts, although some schools did buck the trend.

"What we've seen is what you would expect - prosperous schools with few foreign-speaking students and few students on the free lunch program scoring better than others," said State Board of Education Chairman John Silber.

Despite the disparity between the cities and suburbs, Silber declared the MCAS test "a superb diagnostic tool" that "gives us a way to pinpoint the problems" among the 351 school districts in the commonwealth.

While wealthy school districts in Concord, Lexington and Weston generally scored better than cities like Boston, Chelsea and Springfield, exceptions to the overall trend included the tiny Morse School in Cambridge.

"The Morse School shows what challenges exist in our urban areas, and what results are possible when a strong curriculum is tied to a strong school-teacher-parent partnership," said Massachusetts Education Commissioner David P. Driscoll.

Driscoll released the long-awaited results of the new standardized test at the Morse School on Wednesday morning, distributing thick packets of information with district-by-district breakdowns.

At the Morse School, which has 300 students in kindergarten through eighth grade with 40 percent from low-income families, fourth and eighth graders scored above the state average in English language arts, in math and in science/technology.

More than 200,000 public school students took the test last spring as part of the requirement of the 1993 Education Reform Act. The test is designed to examine whether students are learning the state-mandated curricula. Next spring, the state will add a test in history and social science for eighth and 10th grade students.

The performance of the state's wealthier school districts gave legislators more ammunition to continue to funnel most of the extra state funding provided by the Education Reform Act of 1993 to urban districts.

For instance, Concord's fourth graders' scores in English language arts, math and science/technology were higher than the state average as were the results for eight graders in all the categories.

But some school districts with fewer resources also did well on the MCAS, which validated the test in the yes of many experts. For example, Framingham's fourth graders got higher than average scores in English language arts, math and science/technology. Its eighth graders scored the same as the state averages in math and science and just below in English language arts.

Among urban school districts, a composite average for all grades shows that Lynn scored below Fall River, Brockton, Lowell, New Bedford and Fitchburg. But Lynn's schools did better than Chelsea, Springfield, Boston, Lawrence and Holyoke.

The average scores of Waltham's fourth graders on English language arts matched the state's averages in all subjects. Its eighth graders scored below the average in math and science/technology.

Every grade that took the MCAS test in Swampscott, one of the bell weather school districts in the commonwealth, scored higher than the state's average in all subjects, as did Cohasset's schools.

"The results indicate that MCAS is a fair assessment of real knowledge and skills that are consistent with tests in the past," said Jim Peyser, a state board of education member and executive director of the Boston-based Pioneer Institute.

"Overall, the scores are disappointing," he added. "They demonstrate we have a long way to go to meet our expectations. There, is in fact, room for improvement. We're going to start seeing more concerted efforts to focus on core academics. This is a good vehicle for driving improvement."

Grade 10 - Percent of Students

Subject	Advanced		Proficient		Needs Improve.		Failure	
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Math	12	7	40	17	28	24	20	52
Sci/Tech.	8	1	40	21	46	42	6	36

Grade 8 - Percent of Students

Subject	Advanced		Proficient		Needs Improve.		Failure	
	Cohasset	State	Cohasset	State	Cohasset	State	Cohasset	State
English	3	3	67	52	28	31	2	14
Math	23	8	37	23	26	26	15	42
Sci/Tech.	3	2	39	26	39	31	20	41

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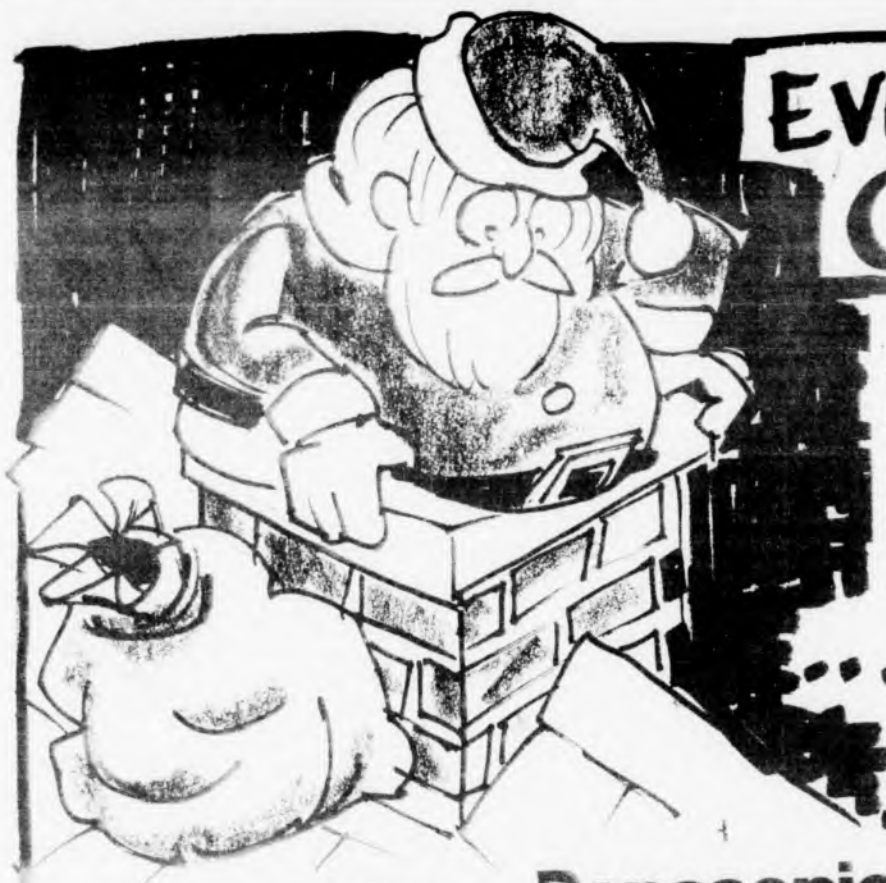
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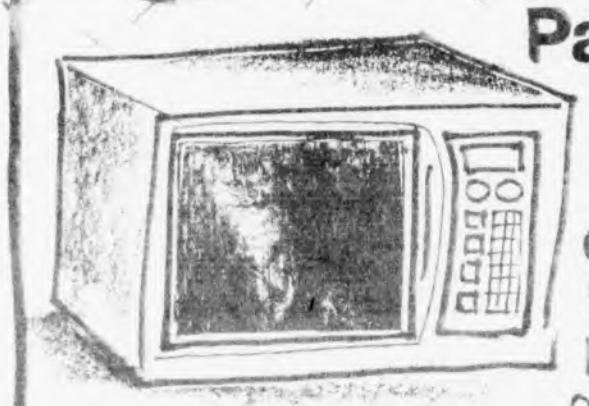


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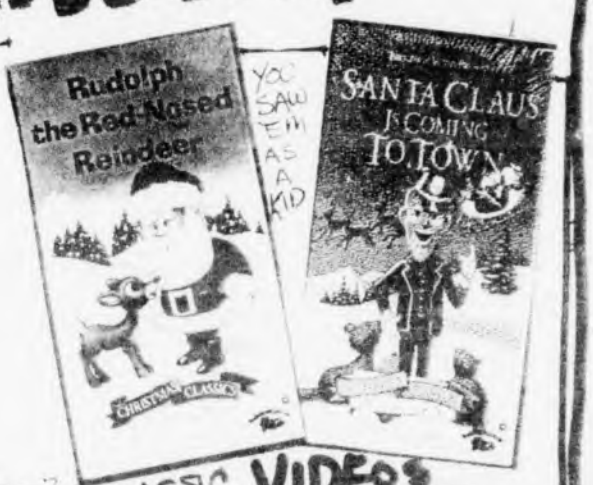
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Harbor-front park sails by zoning board

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The zoning board has agreed that improvements to turn the town-owned Hagerty Property into a waterfront park do not fall under its jurisdiction.

"We've agreed to write a decision saying it's an allowed use because it's a public park," zoning board member Barbara Power said.

Engineer John Modzelewski of Civil Designs Inc., consultant for the project, presented the plans to the board Monday. The town's zoning by-laws require special permits for structures and surfaces within a flood plain or water protection district with a few exceptions. Public parks and incidental recreational uses are allowed under the by-law as a matter of right, as long as people are property are protected from the hazards of floods and pollution, the zoning board said.

The town bought the two-plus acre site at the end of Parker Avenue about four years ago. Selectmen subsequently appointed a committee to come up with a design that would include parking and passive recreational use.

Plans include raising the grade of the parking lot a maximum of two feet to help alleviate flooding there so some grass can be planted.

Modzelewski pointed out that because it is a tidal area, adding fill would not exacerbate flooding.

A dock and gangway is also planned and there will be a walkway replacing the existing footpath from the Hagerty site to Government Island with a small deck area near the boat house. Most of the walkway will be "loamed" and seeded. No paving is planned even for the parking area, Modzelewski said.

ZBA member Benjamin Lacey said when the town buys land for a park, the zoning board is excused.

"It's up to selectmen, it's their baby," he said. "They'll be plenty of control, it's just not us."

Improvements to the Hagerty property, the former site of Cohasset Colonials company, must also past muster from the conservation commission, which is meeting on the issue next week.

Permits must also be obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers and the state.

Hagerty Committee member Veneta Roebuck, who also sits on the conservation commission, said required permits should be in line by the spring.

"Then we'll figure out how much this is going to cost and go out to bid," she said.

Unicorn Singers to present unique choral work

The Unicorn Singers will present Elliot Levine's charming "Cantata of the Animals" this weekend in performances to benefit local charities at the host churches. This charming piece, recently commissioned by a New Jersey choral group, was received with much enthusiasm last February at the American Choral Directors' Association Eastern Convention in Providence, R.I.

The Cantata focuses on a variety of creatures present at the birth of the baby in the manger. In addition to the donkey, sheep and cows usually associated with the nativity scene, this work draws our attention as well to the cat and dog (at first baying at each other from the back and front of the hall!), the droll trio of mice peeking out of the rafters above the expectant mother waiting below, and even a spider spinning curlicues above the baby, while more earthly worms crawl out of the old timbers to see what's going on!

The "Cantata of the Animals" is a splendid vehicle for the Unicorn Singers, the South Shore's well-known vocal chamber ensemble; 14 of the group's 20 trained voices have solo or ensemble solo roles in the story. Director Margo Euler is enthusiastic about the theatrical staging; the performers — including orchestra members on flute, oboe, cello, handbells and percussion — move about the space and surround the audience with music from many locations.

Mr. Levine has been the baritone for the much-acclaimed Western Wind Vocal Ensemble since its founding in 1969, and for 13 years has been conductor and coach at that group's workshops, held at Smith, Dartmouth and UMass. He has been awarded five Meet-the-Composer grants, and is composer-in-residence at the Church of St. Thomas More in New York City. His compositions include choral music, solo songs, instrumental pieces and film scores.

Composer Levine looks forward to attending the Saturday evening performance of his piece at Old Ship Church in Hingham at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at Noble's in the Square or at the door. Sunday afternoon the concert will be repeated at First Parish in Cohasset at 4 p.m. The concert is suitable for school-aged children with their parents; as always at Unicorn Singers' concerts, there is lots of audience participation involved in the carol singing portions of the program and also at the finale of the cantata.

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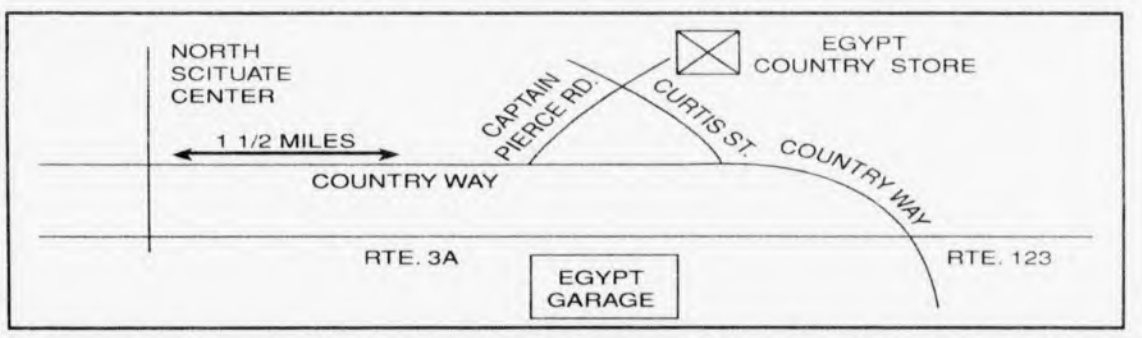


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AROUND TOWN

ENCHANTED VILLAGE

Last weekend we had the opportunity to go to the Enchanted Village on City Hall Plaza, and what a treat it was! For those who might not be familiar with it, it is a re-creation of a New England turn-of-the-century village of brownstones and storefronts covered with snow, with lots of animated figures, teddy bears and animals. It's like going back in time, and is well worth the trip — the line looked as though it would last forever, it didn't! We moved right along, purchased tickets ($1 per person for those over 5) and were inside in no time. By the way, City Hall is beautifully decorated also, perfect spot to take a picture or two while you wait! Don't miss this chance to go to a simpler time when ice cream parlors and quaint shops lined holiday streets.

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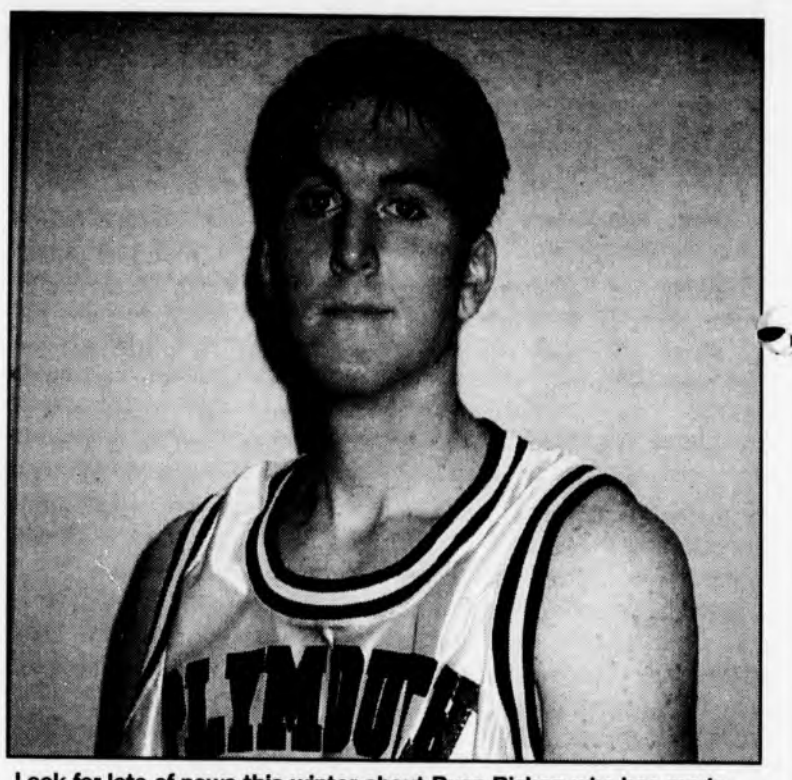
Chloe J. Chittick, a junior at Colby College, is spending the fall semester of the 1998-99 academic year enrolled in a course of studies in the Colby in Cork Program. Chloe, a graduate of Cohasset Junior-Senior High School and the daughter of **Stanley** and **JoAnne Chittick** of Cohasset, is majoring in anthropology at Colby. We hope to hear all about her adventures in Ireland upon her return, what a super experience!

MINOT LIGHT ORNAMENTS

Speaking of going back in time, I forget to mention the beautiful Minot Light ornaments that you can purchase at Flemings. I was so busy describing everything in general I forgot that specific item! These ornaments are goldplated and beautifully done, anyone would enjoy them! Plus, there is an added feature! Two dollars goes to the Historical Society for every ornament that is sold! Go check them out, Flemings is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings until 8 for your convenience. It's almost like Cohasset's version of the Enchanted Village!

NEWS FROM BABSON

We saw **Jon Anderson** last week, he certainly is a busy man! He has been promoted to Assistant Director of Athletics at Babson College! In addition to his duties as soccer coach, he handles all budgetary matters for the department. And, his record as the Men's Soccer Coach is impressive, having guided Babson to eight post-season appearances and the 1997 ECAC New England Championship; Jon has been the Constitution Athletic Conference Coach of the Year four times! And to think he began his career in little ol' Cohasset!



Look for lots of news this winter about Ryan Bishop who has made the basketball team at Plymouth State.

HONORS AT XAVERIAN

We want to congratulate **Eric Libby** this week; Eric worked extremely hard at Xaverian High School, and consequently earned himself a spot on their honor roll! Keep up the good work, Eric, everyone is very proud of you!

VASSAR HOOPSTER

Joe Slotnick, Class of 1999 at Vassar, has earned a position on the Vassar College men's basketball team. He is a team co-captain, and last year Joe was named the best defensive player on the team! He opens his season at Babson College and will play 25 games throughout the year, so watch for his name in print! Good luck Joe, here's to a winning season!

PLYMOUTH STATE BASKETBALL

Ryan Bishop also makes basketball news this week, he is a sophomore at Plymouth State College who made the squad. Ryan plays center for the Panthers, and we know he will have an impressive season — after all, we saw him in action playing for CHS! He was (and is) great!

MORE BISHOPS NEWS!

Here's more news about College Boy's Basketball — **Peter Bishop**, the son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. John P. Bishop** of Summer Street, is a member of the 1998-99 Hamilton College men's basketball team. Peter is a senior majoring in communication at Hamilton. It sure speaks well for CHS with all of these fine players going on to make a name for themselves on the college scene — we're sure that coach Ford must be very pleased and proud, all of us are!

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Now that Christmas shopping has begun in earnest, there is bound to be someone who has everything" — here's an idea for you — buy a gift certificate to the South Shore Music Circus! As everyone knows, we work there in the summer, and you would be surprised at how many people are there as a result of some thoughtful person purchasing a gift for them! And, the anticipation of watching for the schedule to come out adds to the pleasure! It really is a super idea!

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The local chapter of the **DAR** will meet at the lighthkeepers residence from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday to wrap gifts to be distributed to the veterans hospital in Brockton. if you can help wrap or have something to donate, please stop by! For more information, call **Nancy O'Toole** at 383-1547.

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That's the news for this week, I sure hope that you will be in touch with me regarding your latest adventure! Just give me a buzz and we'll do the rest!

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BROILED JUMBO SHRIMP

Shell and devein 25 jumbo shrimp; marinade overnight in 2 cups French dressing. Freeze in marinade. To serve, defrost, drain and broil as close to heat as possible for 3 minutes on each side.

CHEESE LOBSTER ROLLS

Melt in double boiler 1/4 pound butter and 1/2 pound pasteurized processed cheese; add 1 pound lobster meat, fresh or frozen cut in pieces; remove crusts from 2 loaves very fresh sliced white bread. Roll the bread very thin with a rolling pin. Spread lobster mixture on bread slices. Roll up and freeze. When ready to serve, cut each roll in half and spread with melted butter. Defrost and bake at 400 for 10-15 minutes (makes 70 rolls).

CHEESE SAVORIES

Put through food chopper 1/2 pound yellow cheese, 1 onion and 8 slices crisp bacon. Blend this with 2 teaspoons mayonnaise and 1 teaspoon dry mustard. Cut into 1-1/2 inch rounds (you should get two from each slice) 2 loaves thick fresh sliced white bread. Toast on one side. Spread mixture on other side. Freeze. To serve, defrost and broil 2-4 minutes. (makes 5 dozen savories).

ROLLED PANCAKE BITES

Make dollar size pancakes, using a thin batter. Combine 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, 3-ounce package softened cream cheese, 4 teaspoons horseradish, and 2 large cans deviled ham. Fill the pancakes with this mixture; roll and secure with toothpicks. Freeze. To serve, defrost and broil for two minutes under broiler or sauté lightly in butter in a skillet or chafing dish (40 pancakes).

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LIBRARY CORNER

Magazine survey results

The results of a poll of library users concerning their favorite magazines have been tallied. The most frequently cited favorites were: New York People, Practical Sailor, American Heritage, American Spectator, Cooking Light, Mother Earth News, Organic Gardening, Teen, Time, Vanity Fair and Weekly Standard.

"It's no surprise that Practical Sailor ranked high in this community," said Library Director Janet Husband. "But perhaps it's good news that Cooking Light was favored over older cooking magazines — Gourmet, for instance."

The popularity of New York, Vanity Fair and Weekly Standard suggest a sophisticated readership. Listings for American Heritage and Time indicate a traditional readership, yet those for Mother Earth News and Organic Gardening hint at some "countercultural" interests.

Will the library be influenced by the results of this survey? "Yes, indeed," said Mrs. Husband, "we'll be renewing or adding all the titles listed above."

Lions Club donates audiobooks

The local chapter of Lions International has donated $500 to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library for the purchase of audiobooks. "This comes at a perfect time for us," said Janet Husband, Library Director, "because we are just building up our selection of audiobooks."

Audiobooks, also called books-on-tape, were originally produced for use with the visually handicapped. They are designed to play on ordinary cassette players. But they have also become popular with busy commuters who like to listen to books as they drive. Fortunately, as the demand for audiobooks has increased, the supply of new titles has also increased. In fact, many bestsellers are issued in hardcover and audio format on the same date.

The Trustees of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library would like to thank the members of the Lions whose fund drive made this generous donation possible. And thanks also to those who contributed to the Hull Lions Club's recent fund-raising campaign.

Ambulance billing update

Last month, the town billed for 26 ambulance transports for a total commitment of $9,499.37. During November, $13,671.43 was collected in ambulance bills that can apply to prior months and prior fiscal years. So far this fiscal year which began July 1, the town has collected $62,020.41 and billed for $66,494.24 for ambulance service.

No price yet for town flag

Town Manager Mark Haddad said his office is still in the process of getting price estimates for a new town flag. Selectmen said they would like to spend some of the $5,000 collected through selling the obsolete fire boxes for a new town flag to fly under the American flag on the town common flag pole on special occasions. They may buy another town flag for the flagpole at Alumni Field.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held on alternate Tuesdays.

The next selectmen's meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Town meeting warrant deadlines

Selectmen voted to open the warrant for the March 27 annual town meeting. The warrant will close on Jan. 14. The deadline for citizen petition articles is Jan. 11.

OPINION

EDITORIAL

Managing our teachers

Testing all teachers, which is Gov. Paul Cellucci's stock response to the recent MCAS scores, is a glib and superficial prescription for teacher workforce development issues that are critical to improving our schools.

It also demonstrates again the disconnect between management in the modern corporation and management in schools. Most companies we know put little stock in standardized tests for prospective employees. They interview carefully, check out the applicant's past work and references, and monitor new hires closely during a probationary period during their first weeks on the job.

But in teaching, one of the world's most stressful occupations, the tradition is to throw new-hires into classrooms with little guidance and minimal supervision. They are expected to teach a full schedule, and often are saddled with extra duties and more difficult students. A high percentage of teachers struggle their first year, and as they struggle, so do the children in their classes.

This trial by fire is typical of the peculiar workplace culture in most public schools. Co-workers are slow to either mentor or criticize in a culture that stresses mutual support and encourages institutional defensiveness. Administrators share the cultural bias against criticizing those they think of as coworkers, not subordinates. Unions serve to protect poor performers and discourage meaningful evaluation and rigorous supervision.

Some of these problems are reflected in a new study of teacher development in Massachusetts prepared for the Massachusetts Education Reform Review Commission. In a survey of 29 school districts, its authors found inadequate training, supervision and evaluation down the line.

"Most districts have adopted new supervision and evaluation tools, but many administrators lack adequate and ongoing training to use them," the report states, "and there is a lack of evidence of the rigorous application of supervision and evaluation standards in schools."

At a time when new curricula are being introduced, new professional training required and new diagnostic tools provided to improve classroom performance, effective management of change at the school level is more important than ever. But according to the study, "many administrators have a large number of supervisees to evaluate, undermining their ability to provide in-depth coaching and supervision."

This point is reinforced by a national analysis by the Educational Research Service. Using Bureau of Labor Statistics data, it found that that in the communications field, for instance, there are an average of 3.7 people employed for each supervising executive. In construction there are 5.5 workers for each boss; in manufacturing, there are 6.2.

But in public elementary and secondary schools, where the work is more creative and demanding, where the workers are on their own most of the day, in an industry under intense pressure to improve performance, where the front-line workers are under fire from all sides? There, each supervisor is responsible for an average of 13.5 employees.

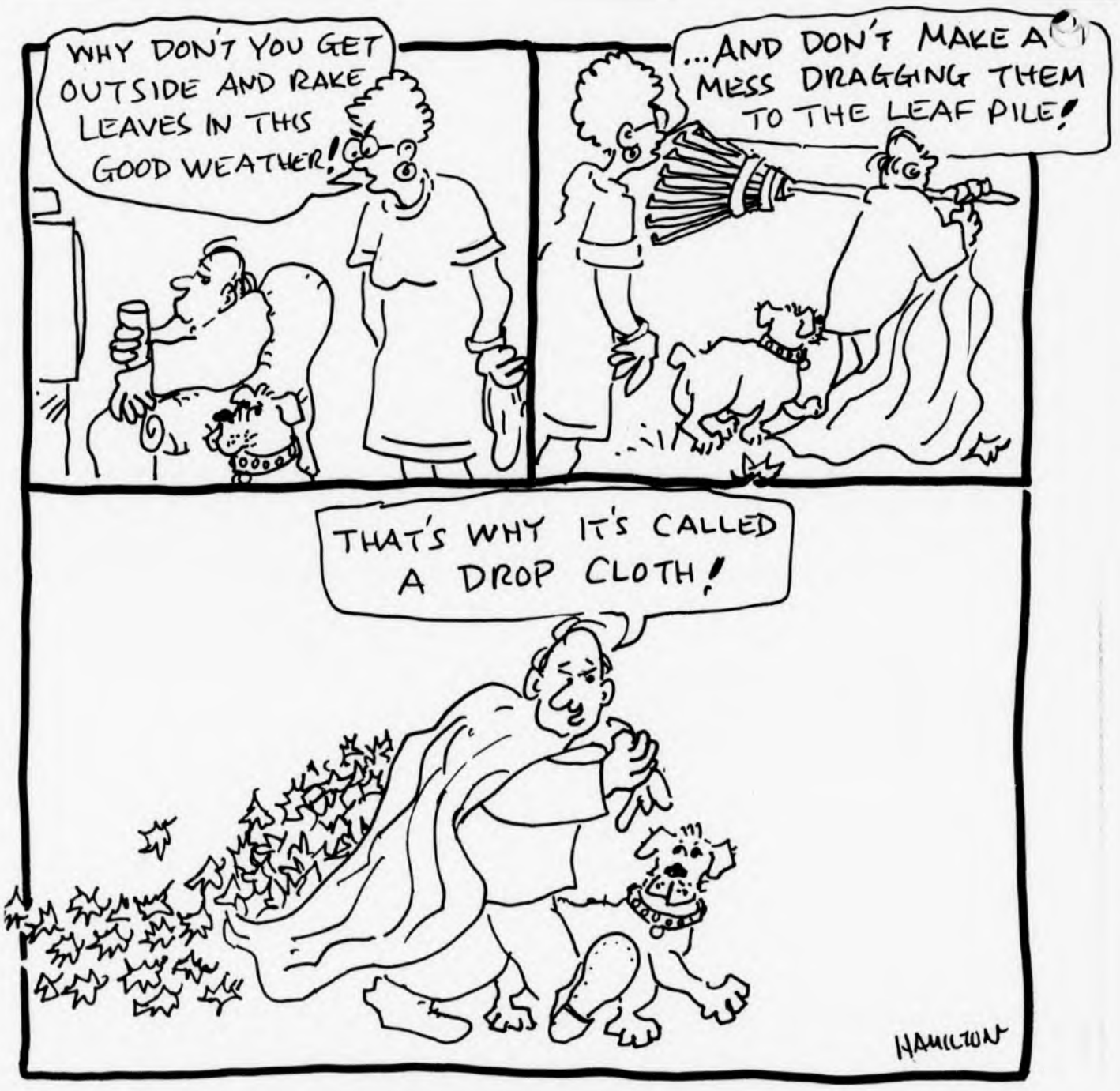
For years, critics of public education have railed about "excess administrators." Thanks to those critics, school consolidation and budget cuts, the number of administrators nationwide has actually decreased over the past 35 years and the percent of school budgets allocated for administration has declined over the past 15 years.

Those who perennially call for government to behave more like business ought to recognize that if management is critical to an organization's success in the private sector, we shouldn't expect schools to succeed without strong management.

The authors of the state's Education Reform legislation recognized this by giving principals more authority over those in their buildings and superintendents more authority over teachers and principals. Some have responded positively to this new authority, but many others, burned out by expectations that rise faster than public support, have left the field. The ranks of would-be school administrators were thinned by widespread teacher layoffs in the early '80s, when today's principals were starting their careers, and today's booming economy is offering tempting alternatives to school life for the best and brightest administrators.

Those working on improving Massachusetts schools are learning that education is a seamless garment. To get better students, we need to attract and train better teachers. To get better teachers, we'll need more and better administrators. We can start by recognizing that in schools as in business, good management isn't a luxury, it's a necessity.

From the MetroWest Daily News/Rick Holmes



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the memories

To the Editor:

Two years ago we moved to Cohasset from Scotland knowing only one family! This week will see us return with an address book full of new friends. We wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for being so welcoming and friendly. We have had the most wonderful time and are so very sorry to be leaving this beautiful place.

There are so many special people in this town whom we'd particularly like to thank, but here are just a few:

To Adrian and Sarah Roche and their kids for being the "one family" we knew of and for suggesting Cohasset as THE place to live. Thanks for everything you've done for us.

To Kate McPhee, Rose Collins and Maureen Alcott at Osgood who eased Katie into a new school in a new country, different ways and a slightly different language! Thanks to them, she has loved every minute of her school days here.

To Ilene Colwill who looked after her from her first to her last day, and eventually managed to persuade her to ride on the school bus!

To Lyn Previte who took little Alexander into her home, made him feel like one of her own and gave him the best introduction to time away from Mom. She will always hold a special place in his heart.

To Lynne Sheridan and all his wonderful teachers at the South Shore Community Center Nursery School and to Linda Bolster for his fun Wednesdays.

And a very special thanks to our close friends the Kimlas, the Cahills and the Fortins for just being there for us.

We know we will return to Cohasset, if only for vacations (anyone want a house swap in Edinburgh?!).

Until then . . .

Happy Holidays!

Elspeth, Alasdair, Katie and Alexander Muir

378 Jerusalem Rd.

Hats project completed

To the Editor:

Students at Deer Hill are very excited to have reached their goal of knitting 200 hats for the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless. We will deliver those hats to the shelter Tuesday, Dec. 15. I would like to thank all the students for their strong dedication

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to this project. It would not have happened without their enthusiasm and desire to help others less fortunate. Our Deer Hill students are a remarkable bunch and they should be very proud of their accomplishments.

Thank you to all the parents who donated yarn and needles and wielded their crochet hooks in the closing up of minor and major hat holes. Their support and positive feedback made those nights of casting on 50 students' hats and reknitting twists just fly by! Deer Hill parents are truly the best.

A big thank you to both Brian Shultz of the South Shore Collaborative and to kindergarten teacher, Christine Darmetko, for the hundreds of pom-poms made by their students. The toppers really "finished" the hats and made them look spectacular. Special thanks to the Deer Hill staff and especially, to Principal Paul Callahan, for supporting this project by knitting themselves, encouraging the students and by allowing the occasional knitting in class, during reading time.

I would also like to thank the Cohasset community who called with yarn donations and offers of assistance; this truly was a community effort and without all this support we definitely would not have accomplished our goal. To all who helped make this idea a reality, thank you. And lastly, to the Cohasset Mariner, for your support of the arts and of all my projects, a big thank you. It is nice to know you are out there. And, as always, Alan's pictures are great, too!

Ann Berman

Art Teacher, Deer Hill School

Response to Greenbush letter urged

Trudy Coxe, Secretary
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

DEAR SECRETARY COXE:

I am in receipt of a joint letter from the boards of selectmen representing the towns of Scituate, Hingham and Cohasset dated Sept. 15. This unprecedented effort sends a clear and strong message regarding the frustration and confusion surrounding the proposed restoration of the Greenbush rail line.

I have recently been informed that no response has yet been received from your office. I urge you to acknowledge this unprecedented effort and respond to the concerns of the selectmen in a timely manner.

The letter recounts what thousands of residents, both in favor and against the restoration, have told me; specifically that the Supplement Draft Environmental Impact Report is incomplete, inconsistent, inaccurate and misleading. The taxpayers in these towns have put their financial support behind professional independent reviews of this report and the results have been no less than shocking.

The MBTA has clearly failed to adequately respond to your concerns of June 1, 1995. It is of paramount importance for all concerned, including the MBTA, that a solid presentation of the facts be made, so a proper evaluation of the project can be made.

There have been numerous changes on the South Shore and in the scientific community over the past five years. The dismissed option of expanded commuter boat service has not only been proved viable, but is thriving. The scientific community is re-evaluating the volume of pollutants emitted from diesel locomotives, and alternative fuel vehicles have been a success in many places around the world. It is clear that the time has come to revise the documents submitted the MBTA and consider the facts as they stand today.

As my senate district completely encapsulates the Greenbush line, it is not without careful thought that I have reached these conclusions. There are many commuters in my district in need of relief from overcrowded highways and inadequate public transportation. Although I respect the immediate needs of these constituents, I have a responsibility to the future residents and taxpayers of the South Shore. They will fund the project and deal with its environmental impacts for decades to come. A rush to judgment based on incomplete, inadequate and inaccurate data is a disservice to all residents of the Commonwealth.

I support the efforts and the courage of the selectmen who signed the aforementioned letter. I urge you to carefully consider their request as it did not come lightly or without a great deal of research, forethought and debate.

Robert L. Hedlund

State Senator

Open letter to students

TO THE EDITOR:

To Students Awaiting MCAS Results:

Last May many of you took the MCAS tests for the first time. You will be receiving your scores in early December. Some of you may be worried. You shouldn't be.

MCAS is a work in progress. The tests are meant to measure how well you are learning what you are supposed to know under new learning standards recently established by the state. Schools are still in the process of matching what students are taught with these standards. In addition, the tests themselves are new. They are being "tested" to make sure they are fair.

While all that is true, it is also true that there is likely to be a great deal of interest in the test results, both for individual students and for each district. Many of you may be wondering how these results will be used.

If you received high scores on the MCAS, and if you also receive good grades and other positive feedback about your accomplishments and behavior, congratulations! You are on the right track.

If you didn't do so well on MCAS, don't despair. In addition to looking at your MCAS scores, teachers will look at your grades, classroom performance and results on other tests to help you to do better in the future.

What now? Study hard and take the MCAS seriously. That doesn't mean giving up other activities — such as music, sports or drama — that are not evaluated by these tests. It does mean, however, that your school work should come first. The stakes are high. Your test scores will be part of your school transcript, and, by 2003, seniors must have passed the grade 10 MCAS tests in order to graduate from high school.

The responsibility is not yours alone. Teachers and school administrators are working hard to make the system work. They will be analyzing your district's test results to figure out if they need to make changes in what they teach — or how they teach it. This is not a one-time exercise, but an ongoing process of improving our public schools.

Your parents and the community as a whole also have an important role to play. They must support your teachers, support your schools and support you in your efforts to do your best in school.

There is a lot of work to be done, but the rewards for doing well in school are also high. Massachusetts already has a high-quality public education system, as well as a strong, knowledge-based economy. By working together to raise student achievement, we can all make a strong education system even better.

Stephen E. Gorrie

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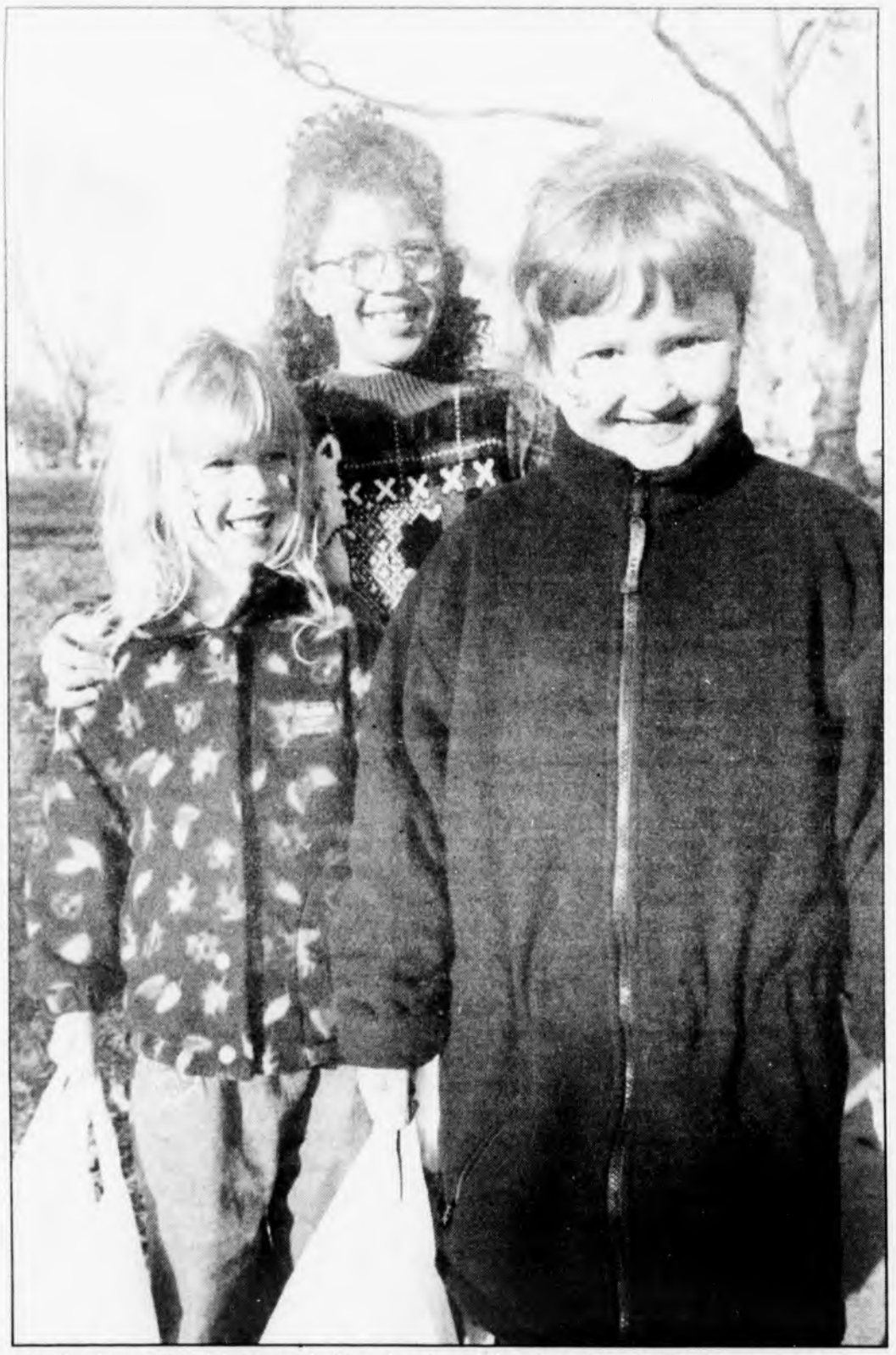
Caleb the dog greets Kelsey Couglin, 7, and her cat Smudgie at the village fair.

Holiday faces at the village fair



Mariah Murphy of Hingham picks up some holiday ornaments at the village fair on Saturday.

Staff photos/Doug McFadd



Heading home after doing some holiday shopping at the fair Emily and Ellie Baumgarten and Logan Pratt.



At the community center are: Jeff Souza, Michael Casavant, Roger Gagnon, Chris Dostie, Josh Roach and Antonio Wiley.

IT'S HAPPENING

Clothing drive for homeless

Although the weather has been beautiful, in a few weeks it will change dramatically leaving too many homeless people out in the cold. From Dec. 7 until Dec. 16 the Social Awareness Organization of Cohasset High School will be having a clothing drive. All donations will be brought to Pine Street Inn. The clothing can be dropped off at all main entrances to the Cohasset High School. Please help especially during this holiday season. Thank you for your support and generosity.

The Social Awareness Organization at Cohasset High School will also be having a Toys For Tots collection from Dec. 14 to Dec. 18. All toys can be dropped off at the main entrances of the high school. Thank you for your help, Happy Holidays!

Junior gardeners postponed

Junior Gardeners of the Cohasset Community Garden Club will be cancelled due to a school conflict. If there are any questions, call Georgine Butman at 383-2528.

Training for volunteer drivers

There will be a training for all volunteers Saturday, Dec. 12, at town hall. This training will be conducted by South Shore Elder Services. This is in preparation for arrival of the new handicapped vehicle.

The time for the training session is from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please call the Council on Elder Affairs at 383-9112 if you are unable to attend. There must be a minimum of eight people in order to conduct the training.

Chamber holiday party

Join your fellow members of the Cohasset Business Community at the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce Annual Holiday Party Monday, Dec. 14, at Really Great Pizza, 35 South Main St., Cohasset Village, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Great food and refreshments will be provided compliments of the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce.

Bring a friend, family member of business associate.

Please RSVP: 383-1010.

Victorian seaside holiday fair

The Hull Lifesaving Museum is celebrating the holiday season with its annual Victorian Seaside Holiday Fair. The newly painted station is festively decorated with running greens and bows, a Victorian style Christmas tree and the Museum Store fully stocked with clothing, books, music, ornaments, toys, soaps, and other gifts. In addition to the dozen artisans at the museum for the craft fair, the station will showcase local artists from the Studio Connection in Hull during the festival weekend.

The craft exposition will include jewelry, textiles, wood sculpture, handcrafts, metal work and more. Renee Marcou will display jewelry of copper, brass and silver with beads in ethnic designs as well as wood sculpture, Kate Greenlaugh will be presenting hand-woven textiles, Chris Hidell will be returning with his metal sculptures, and Nanci Jaye will be on hand with her silk scarves, fimo clay jewelry and pastel paintings. Hand crocheted afghans will be available from Eileen Dever, Marilyn LeBlanc will be on hand with Victorian-style Christmas stockings, lighthouse slates, embroidered floral work and other touches of whimsy, and Liz Holbrook will be returning with her handmade olive oil soaps and natural lavender heating wraps. Nick Cotoulas of Pasquales Prints will be returning with historical scenes of Hull and the region.

The Museum's own boatbuilder Reuben Smith will demonstrate half-hull model carving, and Friends of Boston Harbor will have an information table with a few exclusive Harbor-related gifts.

This year the Museum's youth rowers will host a gift-wrapping table and raffle table to benefit programs. Admission is free. For more information, please call Corinne Leung at the Museum at 925-5433.

Open discussion on Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Disease Support Group of the South Shore will hold an open discussion and peer support meeting Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Thaxter Community Hall, 30 Thaxter St. in Hingham at 7:30 p.m.

Families dealing with the disease are invited to attend to share problems and solutions. Topics will include coping techniques for the holidays for patient, caregivers and family members.

Anyone interested in learning more about Alzheimer's Disease is welcome. For more information call Ruth Scully (781) 740-2426 or Toni Abbott (781) 749-1823.

Children's Council to meet

The Coastline and South Shore Councils for Children will hold their annual holiday gathering at the home of Roberta Dunfield, 35 Arbutus Dr., Braintree, Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

The Councils are a South Shore group of volunteers living or working in Braintree, Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, Milton, Norwell, Quincy, Randolph, Scituate and Weymouth, who are interested in improving services for children and adolescents. The meeting is free and open to all. This is an opportunity to meet the membership and learn more about their activities.

For further information, call Ms. Marty Amdur of Hingham at 749-0691.

'Sounds of Christmas' concert

"Sounds of Christmas," a free concert by the Sanctuary and Holiday Choirs of the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset will be held Sunday, Dec. 13, at 3 p.m.

This year's concert is under the direction of Ellen Brown and promises to offer a variety of Christmas music that will set the tone for the weeks ahead. All are invited to join in the spirit of the season at the Second Congregational Church in Cohasset (next to town hall). Call 383-0345.

Carousel of Light

The first lights of the Friends of the Paragon Carousel will be turned on for the holidays starting Dec. 14 in time for Hanukkah and the Christmas holidays. Set to shine through Jan. 10, the Carousel of Light offers all lovers of the former Paragon Carousel a way to show their support for the landmark during the holiday season.

For every $5 donation received through Jan. 5, the Friends will light another bulb on one of the 20 strands that encircle the carousel. Sponsorship of a light or lights may be made in the donor's name or in the name of a loved one. Donations should be sent to the Friends of the Paragon Carousel, P.O. Box 100, Hull, MA 02045.

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Planning board tours Morrissey parcel off Highland Ave.

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Planning board members, neighbors and Ellen Morrissey met up at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, to tour Morrisey's property and proposed common driveway off of Highland Avenue.

"We had posted that we would meet at 8:30 and we were all there," said planning board Chairman Al Moore. "We walked all over the property. No decisions were made. It was largely just to see firsthand what it was all about."

The ongoing Morrissey bid to build a driveway to access her property has been a lengthy affair, stretching back at least five years, according to Moore.

"It's a touchy situation," he said. "The initial plan was totally misdrawn so we've asked her to come back to us with a proper engineering drawing. Because of the proximity of this, we really want to make sure that everything is surveyed properly. It's pretty much like you would expect. There are a lot of problems associated with that property relative to access."

Planning board members, Morrissey and neighbors surveyed the area for 1-1/2 hours in an attempt to gain a better sense of the property layout.

"It's unusual," said Moore, about the visit. "We rarely do that. But when we have a site that is as complicated an issue as this one, it sometimes helps to see it. It certainly helped me. At least we got a very real sense of what we're talking about.

The case has been an unusual one in many ways, not only because of Morrisey's many visits with the planning board, but also because of the board's various attempts to steer the situation to some kind of resolution.

A meeting several weeks ago that offered Morrissey's neighbors a chance to air their views on what they would like to see done at the site resulted in a tepid response.

Mark DeGiacomo of Holly Lane explained that the neighbors were reticent about expressing their ideas because what might benefit one neighbor would more than likely have a negative impact on another neighbor in the area surrounding Morrissey's lot.

The site is difficult to see when passing by car on Highland Ave. If you were to come out of the town hall parking lot, turn left, three houses later, see two hedges that are very close together and the little space between them is the road, that would [illegible] it," said Moore. "And that road go[illegible] up would virtually take off the corner of the house going back there."

Morrissey is expected to come before the planning board again with new professional plans drawn up.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gun story concerns raised

To the Editor:

A recent article "Police Aim to Track Cohasset Guns" contained some inaccuracies and raised some concerns.

First of all, we note that the term FID stands for "Firearms Identification" card, not "federal." The card is issued by the local police department, not the federal government.

We would also point out that the law clearly exempts all persons who held a license to carry firearms or FID card as of June 1, 1998, from having to take a "gun safety course." The firearms license has contained a photograph, signature and fingerprint for decades.

Further inaccuracies were contained in the paragraph about self-defense. Despite your allegations that "law enforcement officials believe it is inappropriate for a citizen," the law clearly allows a person to use deadly force when acting in the immediate belief that a person unlawfully in the home was about to inflict grave bodily injury upon an occupant of the home.

I'm also not sure why "law enforcement officials" would say such a thing. The most recent national survey of police indicated 96.2 percent support the citizens' right to self defense with firearms.

Let's talk about the subject your article never addresses directly. Despite 90 years of licensing, are you saying local law enforcement just doesn't trust private citizens with firearms? That they believe — though the record clearly shows — that private citizens can not be trusted to carry firearms? The new gun control laws deliberately set out to create more criminals by making it more and more difficult for the law abiding to obtain a license. The focus is on the law abiding citizen, not on the criminal.

Massachusetts gigantic information-gathering machine, set into motion by the passage of Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1998, goes directly against the national trend. In the past decade, more than 30 states have enacted "right to carry" laws. In each and every case, violent crime was immediately reduced, and the rates have continued to drop. In one state, violent crime dropped by more than three times the national average.

Regardless of whether or not you own guns, it should trouble you that the government is seeking this depth of containment on people who have a proven track record as law abiding. We urge you to contact your state representative and senator to ask them to repeal this onerous law.

Michael D. Yacino
Executive Director
Gun Owners' Action League

Jingle Bell Walk a success!

To the Editor:

On behalf of the South Shore Community Center, we would like to express our appreciation to the many merchants and volunteers who lent a helping hand at our Fifth Jingle Bell Walk.

We had a beautiful day, the bells were ringing from St. Stephen's Church, Mr. and Mrs. Claus and helpers arrived at Government Island by boat and everyone got into the holiday spirit.

Congratulations to the winners of the Turkey Trot, and all of the children who joined in. Everyone had a great time with more than 100 children participating.

A special thanks to the following merchants: Aquarius Sunrooms, Barry Waste, Noble's, Donna Green, Buttonwood Books, Victoria's Pizza, Hallmark Properties, Sweet Surprises, Village Wine & Spirits, South Shore Art Center, Hernon's, Tedeschi's, Hunneman Real Estate, Atlantic Valuation Group, Cohasset News, Dunkin' Donuts, French Memories, Goodale Insurance, Hingham Institution for Savings, Stop & Shop, Hub Shipping, Rockland Trust, Nuthin' More Natural, Royal Vending, Village Greenery, Fleet Bank, Shaw's, Bank Boston, Fitness First Plus, Bergson's, Pat the Barber, The Children's Exchange, Good Sport, Carousel Antiques, Rudolph Adamo, Cards & Shards, Cohasset Hardware, Fleming's, Flowers by Joan, Heads-n-Tails, The Silver Spoon, Dependable Cleaners, CVS, Kimball's by the Sea, Papa Gino's, IES Language Program, Pilgrim Co-Op Bank.

We would like to thank all our volunteers. A special thanks to the students from Cohasset High School under the direction of Maureen Duffy, the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce Merchant Members, the Council on Elder Affairs, the Girl Scouts, Cohasset Harborfest Marching Band, Cohasset Fire Dept., Cohasset Police Dept., Mr. and Mrs. Claus and all their helpers, Mark Haddad, Joseph and Lynne Previte, Kit Coffey, Matt Salerno, Kevin Crough, Sue DiPesa, Matt Galligan and Lisa Westcott, who gave so much of their time to make this event a huge success. Thank you all.

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The cold war missiles of Cohasset

Site was part of Boston defense ring

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Turkey Hill offers one of the nicest views on the South Shore. Thanks to the recent acquisition of the 50 acre site for passive recreation, members of the public can travel to the top of the hill and enjoy that view.

But 40 years ago, climbing to the top of Turkey Hill would have been a violation of national security. A U.S. government Nike anti-aircraft radar installation sat on top of the hill awaiting Soviet bombers and the beginning of World War III. That radar facility served as a tracking station for 48 Nike anti-aircraft missiles which sat in three underground storage bunkers in Cohasset on the site where the state DPW now maintains a storage facility. Within 15 minutes of an enemy sighting, those missiles could launch to intercept incoming Soviet bombers intent on dropping nuclear bombs on major U. S. cities.

It seems almost incomprehensible that the U.S. government maintained anti-aircraft missiles in Cohasset. But the local Nike missile program was part of a ring of about a dozen anti-aircraft missile sites that protected the Boston area from a Soviet bomber strike beginning in the 1950s and continuing through the 1970s. Other Nike sites protected cities all along the east coast and sometimes farther inland. As the Nike missile program evolved, the government replaced the conventional missiles with nuclear warheads at a limited number of sites. The nuclear warheads were intended to destroy entire formations of Soviet bombers with a single missile. Sites not converted to nuclear capability were dismantled in the mid-1960s. There were no nuclear missiles in Cohasset

Information about the Nike site in Cohasset is limited. The bases were kept semi-secret because they were part of a national missile defense program. Some information about the Cohasset site is stored in the United States Naval and Shipbuilding Museum, maintained by archivist Jim Fahey on the U.S.S. Salem in Quincy. Declassified documents from the U.S. Army's Department of Real Estate Division confirm the location of Nike missiles in Cohasset.

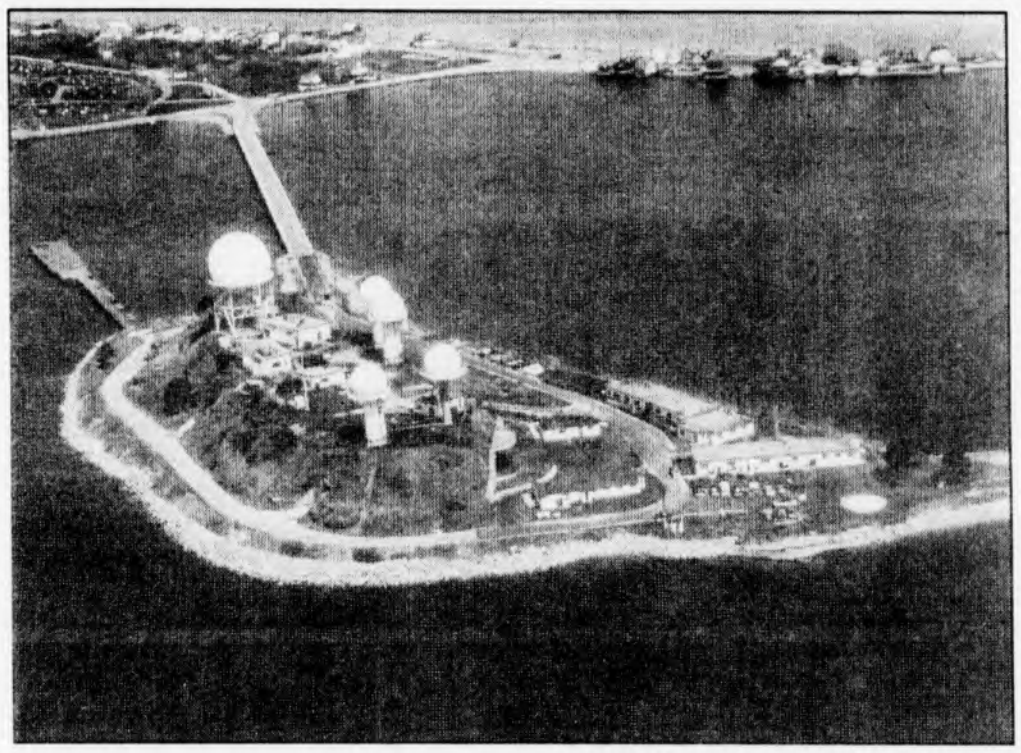


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The Nike anti-aircraft radar installation on Hog Island (now Spinnaker Island) in Hull was similar to the one atop Turkey Hill during the cold war.

Tom Foster of the Trustees of Reservations was able to supply some additional information about Nike Battery B-38, the name of the Cohasset site. Nike Battery B-38 opened in 1956 and stayed in active operation through 1964. Obstructions on Turkey Hill forced the army to place the three radar units on steel towers. The army usually placed the radar units on ground-level concrete pads. The access road extended from the top of Turkey Hill, down its north side close to Route 3A.

The Nike program began at the end of W.W.II. The army saw a need for a missile defense program to defend against a nuclear strike by the Soviet Union. In the early 1950s, airplanes were still the prime method of delivering a nuclear bomb to a target. The situation would change in later decades with the development of intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs). The Nike program installed anti-aircraft batteries around major metropolitan areas and important military installations.

The first type of missile used in the Nike program was the Ajax, a two-stage rocket with a solid fuel booster and a liquid fuel sustainer. The first Nikes were deployed in 1954 and most stayed in use until 1964, with the last sites decommissioned in 1974. Each site typically contained three launch areas each containing 16 missiles, a barracks, missile preparation buildings, dog barracks, and a fence surrounding the entire base. Missiles were stored underground, and raised on hydraulic arms to a launch pad for firing. The missiles were controlled from the ground using radar to track targets. The operator would detonate the missile when it was close enough to the target.

The radar system was not sufficient for its task: missiles could not lock onto a single airplane. Operators could fire only one missile at a time because of the inadequate radar system. It was common for a missile to detonate in the middle of a formation of aircraft. Also, army tests showed that the detonations rarely took out the intended targets.

In 1958, the army fitted selected sites with nuclear tipped Hercules Nike missiles. The plan was to detonate a small three or four kiloton warhead— less than half the size of the 10-megaton bomb dropped on Hiroshima — and take out an entire Russian bomber squadron. Essentially, the army intended to destroy planes carrying nuclear bombs with a nuclear missile. The army felt the fallout from a small detonation at a high altitude would be better than letting the Soviets drop larger nuclear devices on large population centers.

The Boston defense ring included Nike sites in Quincy, the Blue Hills, Weymouth/Hull, Danvers, Burlington, Hingham/Cohasset, Reading, Bedford, Danvers/Topsfield, Beverly, Nahant, Lincoln and Needham. By the mid-1970s, the army realized that if the Soviets attacked, they would launch ICBMs over the Arctic Circle into the U.S. The Nike was obsolete, and the remaining bases were decommissioned.

Donald Bender is a Nike historian from New York. His research indicates that sites not converted to Hercules missiles were closed in 1964. The Cohasset site was closed around this time. Bender said the only Massachusetts sites converted to Hercules missiles were the locations in Danvers, South Lincoln and Ft. Duvall/Hull (Weymouth). Army documents also list Needham as a Hercules site. The Cohasset site held Ajax missiles, but was never converted to Hercules capability.

Donald LeBlanc of Randolph worked at the Blue Hills site through 1964. He was eventually transferred to the Weymouth/Hull site, which did contain nuclear missiles. LeBlanc said the Randolph site never fired a missile. But during the Cuban missile crisis of 1961, the missiles were raised onto the launch pad and ready to fire.

"The missiles were standing tall and the flags were pulled," LeBlanc said. "We were ready."

But the missiles were never fired. The Cohasset base never fired a missile either, and it was dismantled shortly after 1964.

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Number of gas leaks greater than reported

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Feeney. "I took Digiacomo's license away, had a hearing on Monday and revoked his license for two months so that he cannot operate hoisting machinery now."

Most troubling was the contracting company's callousness in dealing with the aftermath of their leaks, Feeney said.

"I went door to door and visited with the neighbors and from what they described about their treatment, I'm surprised that they didn't go out there with baseball bats to get this guy, the women especially," said Feeney.

One such woman, a Linden Drive resident, said that after the D&C Construction men broke the gas line leading into her house, she had the gas company in to shut the gas valve leading to her house and to extinguish her pilots. She expressed her fears and concerns to D&C Construction employees and to Mr. Digiacomo. The resident said that the men "laughed in her face and expressed no concern" for the fear that she was experiencing as a result of their error.

"About the rudeness; there was one lady and I never spoke to her myself," said Digiacomo. "She came out of the house yelling and screaming and we couldn't even say one word. The policeman spoke to her and said, 'Lady, it wasn't his fault,' because it was somebody else that pulled it. I was standing in front of her house, but I didn't pull the line to her house. It is the gas company's fault. It's the wrong marks and even the police saw that."

Feeney also visited a Forest Notch home where, on Sept. 10, a "large piece of ledge flew and landed within feet" of the resident and her three-year-old daughter in the backyard. The ledge "fell with a forceful impact" according to the visiting family member who penned a complaint to the office of the State Fire Marshall.

The ledge piece was a rock about 6"x5"x3" that had imbedded about 1.5 inches in the lawn.

When the visitor went to the contractor's engineer in the presence of the policeman on duty to show the piece of rock, he saw that they had not used a steel mat over the blast area of roadway as a preventive measure. He also noted that the policemen present had not been given a hard hat to wear for protection.

"There is no law against contractors being ignorant to the neighbors, but I license people to be trustworthy and competent," said Feeney.

According to Feeney, he is one of 10 inspectors for the entire state that keep tabs on license holders in a manner similar to the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

"We are the ones that can help with this," he said. "We license then and then we have the power to take the license away if they're not responsible."

For Captain Trask, the last straw was Linden Drive.

"When we arrived there, there were probably 10 or 12 kids waiting for the bus stop at Linden Circle and Linden Drive," said Trask. "The leak was at the beginning of the circle, 100 to 120 feet away from where the bus stop was. The first thing we did when we got there was escort the children to Rustic Drive where they would be out of harms way. During the course of standing by, several neighbors came out and complained to us. One in particular was very upset that there had been service line damage to her house and that the contractors were laughing at her when she complained about it. That's when Mark Mooney, assistant chief of inspections for the Department of Public Safety, was called.

Feeney interviewed contractors, staff that was working, police officers on detail and engineers with Tutela that were observing the work before issuing his report that led to the revocation of Digiacomo's license.

Dan Coughlin, spokesman for Tutela Engineering which oversees the sewer project for the town, said that he had not received a full report from Feeney, although he did know that Digiacomo's license had been revoked.

"To be honest it's the first I heard that neighbors were handled in a poor manner," he said. "I'll take their word for it. I've talked to several residents and they never told me that they were handled in a poor manner. Again, I don't know what Feeney is referring to. Maybe he spoke to people I didn't. I did hear of one time that one person expressed some concern that they smelled gas and that was near the trench where there was a broken main. My only knowledge was someone who was there at the excavation. I really don't have a comment."

Coughlin did, however, go on to say that Cohasset police have always been present for digging.

"You're saying that there may have been a greater danger but it didn't appear to be such at the time, only from the perspective that there were policemen on hand," said Coughlin. "If there were a greater concern, I would have though that they would have directed the people to stay away or move away or whatever. I don't know about that situation with the ambulance moving the children away. I don't know if its an overreaction to the situation there. We can these people to take all precautions. They are the public safety officials for the town of Cohasset. It's only been this last time that there has been a great concern raised and I think that was raised because of the Hingham situation."

Two weeks ago, Richard and Anne Crowley narrowly escaped with their lives when their 52 Canterbury Street home in Hingham exploded due to a gas main break leading to their home.

Although Digiacomo's license has been suspended for 60 days, he is still on site working as a laborer. "I've called Feeney's boss, Chief Mooney, and we'll be trying to request from the gas company that they do their markings and layouts in a fashion which would more or less guarantee their locations and they can't use alternate location methods," said Coughlin. The curved and narrow roads have been difficult for contractors due to ledge in the area and shallow gas pipes, according to Guild and Coughlin.

Unless Digiacomo appeals Monday's decision within the next few days, he will have to prove to the state that he has provided all his D&C workers that currently hold a Massachusetts hoisting license with a documented instructional session on proper use of heavy equipment around utility/gas lines, including the required use of hand shovels to locate gas lines. The instructional session must be completed prior to re-issue of Digiacomo's license.

"Everyone is against me, the fire guys and everybody was against me," said Digiacomo. "I couldn't say anything. It's not my fault—it's the wrong mark. I can't do much about it. Everybody, even the police saw that the markings were wrong. We were working until 5:30 one night and I pulled a gas mark that was off. The house in Hingham blew up and now everyone in Cohasset blew up. We want it to be safe for everybody, for me and for the people. I worry more for the people. Safety is first. I wouldn't have pulled there if the mark didn't say it was okay. I don't want anyone upset. Even the gas company has a problem when they come down because they can't figure out which pipe it is. We did everything by the book and I think I am the scapegoat."

Dept. of Public Safety lists violations

This is a list of preliminary findings concerning D&C Construction of Rockland and their work in Cohasset as submitted by state Department of Public Safety district engineering inspector Richard Sweeney.

Mr. Giuiseppe Digiacomo of Lexington, MA (Hoisting License 030647) did rupture multiple gas lines that were clearly marked and unmarked by Dig Safe.

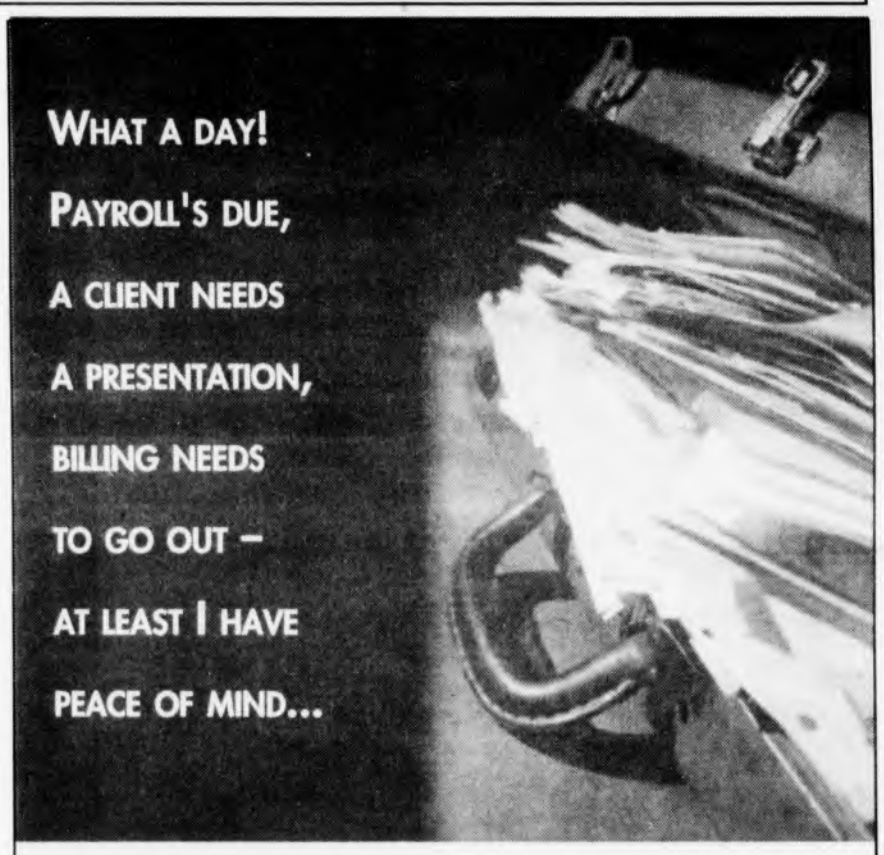
D&C Construction of Rockland, MA did submit and use a Dig Safe number in November that had expired in August of 1998.

During my investigation in December 1, 1998 I observed three (3) working trenches without a hand shovel present.

During a gas rupture caused by Mr. Digiacomo and while emitting gas and being repaired by the gas company, Mr. Digiacomo was attempting (just approximately 100' away down wind from the leak) to detonate explosives and had to be ordered to stop until the gas leak was sealed.

A large piece of ledge approximately 5" X 6" X 3" flew to an adjacent street after being blasted by Mr. Digiacomo without proper blast mat, landing within feet of [a resident] and her daughter while in their backyard.

Town Engineer Arthur Levents has received many complaints regarding D&C Construction and the actions of Mr. Giuisippe Digiacomo.

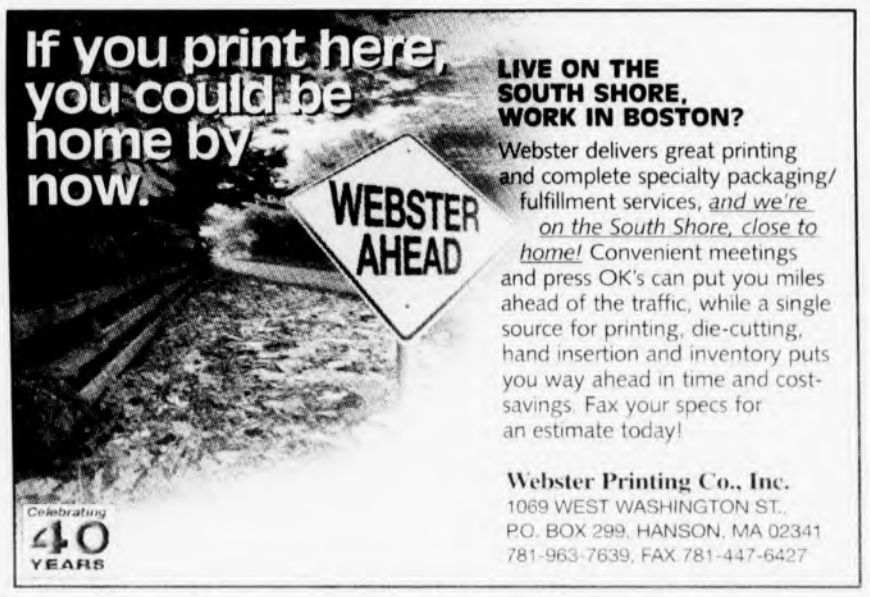


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Taxpayers to share sewer cost

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ject. To Plante, education on the issue was the key on what she sees as a municipal project not something that would fall entirely on the shoulders of the sewer users.

Selectman Diane Sullivan, who also lives in North Cohasset, was happy with the vote.

"I frankly feel the voters understood the issue and supported fairness," she said. "I'm very pleased with the vote."

Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild said it was an equitable solution.

"It's right for the taxpayers, right for the people who will benefit from the sewer and right for the environment," he said.

The North Cohasset area is predominately ledge making it impossible in many cases to upgrade septic systems.

This is the third time in as many years that a sewer override has come before the voters. A ballot question asking for 50/50 shared town/user funding for the North Cohasset project narrowly failed in 1996. A ballot question, which included both the North and Central Cohasset projects, subsequently passed in 1997.

But at that time, sewering North Cohasset was expected to cost $6.6 million. However, bids for the project came in about 40 percent higher than expected — resulting in more than a year of wrangling among town officials and residents on what to do about the $2.7 million cost overrun.

Months of debate ended in October when, in a vote of 238-36,the special town meeting overwhelmingly supported the 50 percent taxpayer subsidy contingent on a ballot vote.

"It's right for the taxpayers, right for the people who will benefit from the sewer and right for the environment."

— Sewer Commission Chairman Ted Guild

Town Clerk Marion Douglas said 1,472 ballots were cast on Saturday. There are 5,123 "active voters" in town meaning they've voted in the past several elections, she said.

Precinct I—which comprises the "ocean side" of North and South Main Streets and includes North Cohasset —voted 542-311 in favor of the override. Precinct II — which includes Central Cohasset — voted 253-366 against.

The project, which will connect about 320 "dwelling units" via a sewer main to the Hull treatment plant, will be paid in full at the end of 20 years. (Hookups include houses, condos and apartments).

The $13M Central Cohasset project, which will connect about 660 "dwelling units" to Cohasset's sewer plant, will be bid in January.

Sewer override results

Shall the Town of Cohasset be allowed to exempt from the limitations of Proposition 2-1/2, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to supplement the original funding for the North Cohasset Strait Pond sewer expansion project?

Question 1	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Total
Yes	542	253	795
No	311	366	677
Total	**853**	**619**	**1472**

Teachers' contract negotiations underway

School committee Chairman Rick Shea, Vice Chairman Kathy Ofsthun and school Superintendent Dr. Edward "Ted" Malvey are involved in a collaborative process for teachers' contract negotiations.

"Kathy Ofsthun and I are the school committee representatives in that process," said Shea. "The are six teachers involved in the process, which is time consuming."

The discussions are trying to cover ground ranging from curriculum to salary to issues relating to work the teachers do for school committee members.

The meetings have been two hours in length and are conducted every other week.

"We started meeting weekly three weeks ago," said Shea. "We tried to resolve major financial issues by Thanksgiving."

In the past, teachers negotiations weren't conducted this early in the budget process.

"We wanted to get this resolved so that the budget process was underway with the proposal we'd tentatively agreed on," said Shea.

Shea and Ofsthun consider the process a high priority one.

"Ted is also participating and this allows us a window into the teachers' concerns, not only financial but also educational," said Shea. "I think it's a good process and I'm pleased to be participating in it."



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State secretary silent on Greenbush letter

Lack of response leaves towns in quandary

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

It may be time for another meeting between Hingham, Scituate and Cohasset selectmen regarding the MBTA's proposal to restore Greenbush rail service to the South Shore, Hingham selectmen say.

The three towns wrote a joint letter to Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe in September expressing some of their shared concerns about the proposed rail restoration.

Because Coxe is leaving the agency to take another position, the fate of the correspondence is unknown. No response has yet been received.

Hingham Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan provided a Greenbush update last week to Hingham selectmen and addressed the issue of the letter sent to Coxe.

"A wide search for her successor is taking place, and the letter may be sitting on a corner of Trudy Coxe's desk to be addressed at a future date," Macmillan said.

Hingham Selectman Martin Crane proposed inviting selectmen from the other towns to get together to discuss the status of the letter.

Hingham Selectmen Chairman Katharine Reardon agreed, stating, "It's time to add to the pile on the corner of (Coxe's) desk."

Restoration of rail service still seems to be no closer to reality even after more than a decade of debate.

But, says Brian Pedro, spokesman for the MBTA, the transit authority has every intention of building the third branch of the Old Colony Railroad.

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- Hingham Greenbush coordinator Alexander Macmillan

"We built the other two branches and met every federal and local standard," he said. "But we're still waiting for final approval from the Army Corps of Engineers (the lead federal agency involved in reviewing the project)."

Greenbush opponents want to find a safer, less costly and more environmentally feasible means of transportation to help relieve congestion in the area.

Proponents, on the other hand, feel restoring the 17.7-mile Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad is the best solution to ease the transportation woes of the South Shore.

The Corps has been stymied in its efforts to move the project along, according to Macmillan.

"The Corps has been unable to resolve air quality issues and how they compare to other transportation alternatives," he said.

According to Macmillan, the Corps asked the MBTA to issue another report addressing a number of air-quality issues raised by Cohasset resident Kevin O'Keeffe and the Town of Hingham.

Macmillan said the report was delivered to the Corps a couple of weeks ago.

O'Keeffe is the founder of TREQ (Technical Resources for Environmental Quality) Inc. and has been studying air quality issues related to the restoration of rail service for a number of years.

While O'Keeffe said he isn't opposed to rail transportation, he is concerned about related environmental issues.

"The MBTA would be using a 900,000-pound vehicle to pick up a (limited number of) people locally," he said. "You can't achieve an environmental benefit by diverting people from low-occupancy cars to low-occupancy transit vehicles."

According to O'Keeffe, the weight of a vehicle affects the amount of energy required to move that vehicle.

The Environmental Protection Agency, which is involved in the review process, has met with him in the past to discuss air-quality issues.

"In fact, the EPA called me Nov. 24," said O'Keeffe. "There's a national rethinking about the whole issue of diesel trains."

Consultants from the Taubman Institute at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, who are studying primarily the financial feasibility of the Greenbush project, may also highlight some of the environmental concerns surrounding Greenbush in their report, which is expected to be released in January.

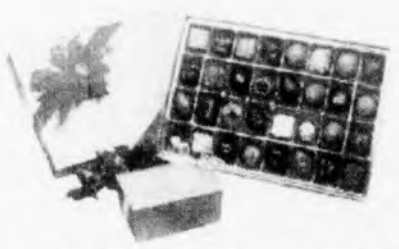
Reardon called the Greenbush issue "incredibly complicated — it gets mind-boggling, which is one of the reasons towns get run over (by the MBTA)."

While Pedro acknowledges the complexity of the project, he said the process has been long enough for people to air their views.

"People have certainly had enough time to have their say regarding whether or not to build Greenbush," he said.

This week Cohasset selectmen said they were still interested in working with Hingham and Scituate on issues of mutual concern regarding the train. They will try to meet with their counterparts in Hingham and Scituate in January.

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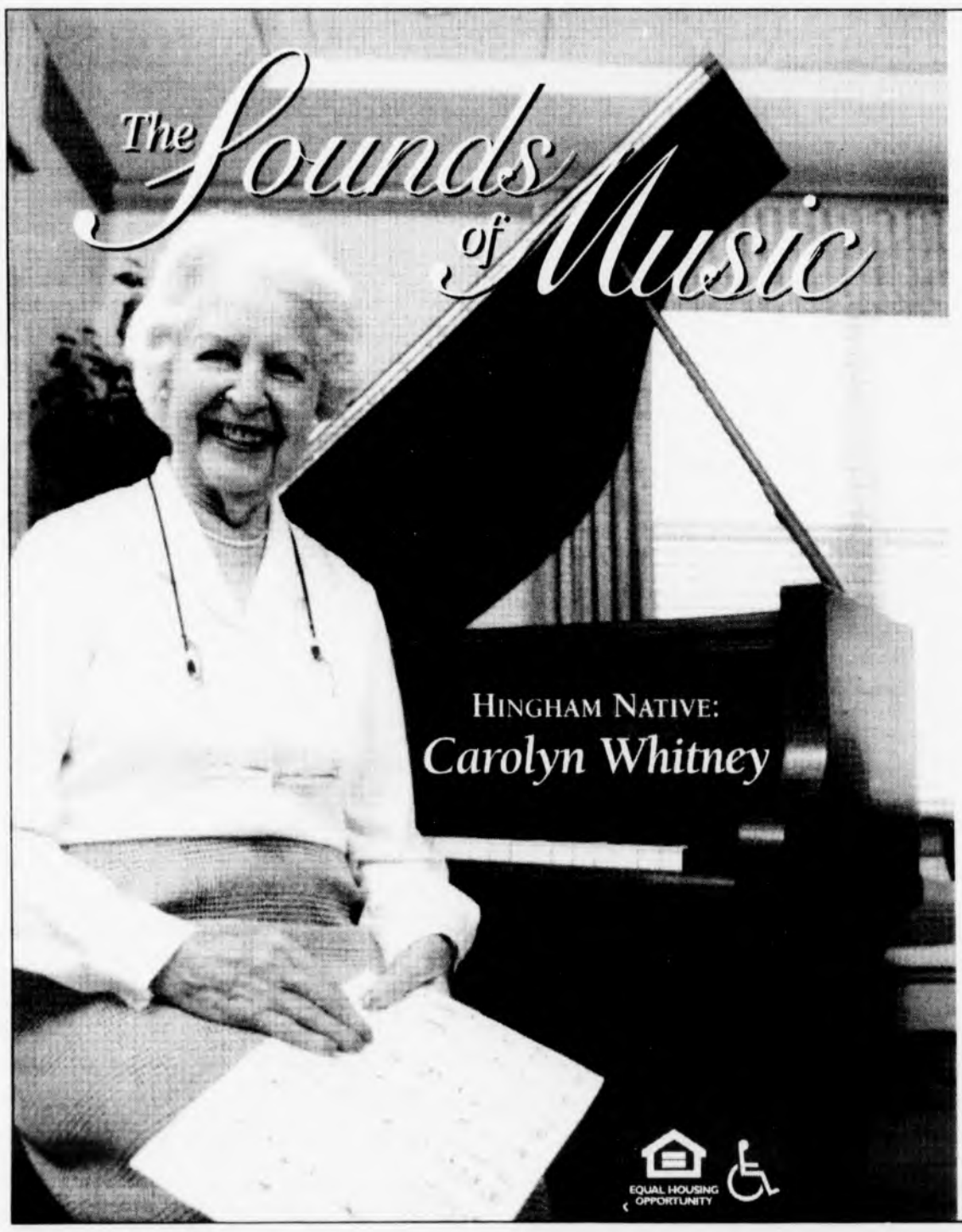
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School committee confused by request

A written request to the school committee by the Student Advisory Council to the state Board of Education caused some confusion as to what it was that the advisory counsel was seeking.

The three-page document explained that the council is "lobbying for a bill that advocates a student voting member on each school committee in Massachusetts."

That much was clear, but school committee members were confused about the request for review of the attached copy of the bill.

School committee members unanimously voted to not support the matter.

Animal control number



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COHASSET SPORTS



STAFF PHOTO/SARAH COFFEY

It was a joyous Cohasset football team on Thanksgiving as the Skippers broke a long drought against Hull with a 14-0 win to end the season at 5-5.

Gridders take steps in right direction

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Even without the departing blaze of glory that was Cohasset's Thanksgiving Day of victory, this football season would be considered a success for the Skippers.

The 5-5 squad showed steady signs of improvement during the season and Cohasset's graduating class of 12 seniors exhibited class and talent throughout.

Cohasset's success this season can be attributed to the hard work and commitment of many of the players, along with the notable interest which the parents took in their sons' football careers. In addition, the CHS coaching staff this year helped milk the talent from a stacked senior class.

Coach Tony Rolfe commented that "the key to the season was the total commitment by everybody from the freshman to the seniors."

When asked who he could mention individually, Rolfe gave a nod to the Class of 1999. "Every senior on this team. Some teams have seniors out there by default. Every senior on this team had an impact; every senior played a major role."

The most obvious area in which next year's edition will be lacking is the line.

With Luke Caldwell, John Considine, John-Paul Laugelle, Alex Russell and Adam Sasso all graduating, only defensive end Ronan Buick, defensive tackle Craig Parker, and offensive tackle Craig Davis will remain from either side of the ball.

The line, often the most unaccredited unit on the field, was Cohasset's strongest unit this year, as Skipper wins were largely due to control of the line of scrimmage. The Hull game was a perfect example, as the line refused to yield an inch on either offense or defense. Cohasset's veteran line corps led by example and showed their true colors.

The defensive backfield will also be hit hard. First, though, linebackers Adam Sasso and Greg Parkinson graduate. Their starting roles will likely be taken over by Liam O'Donnell and Joe Carbone, two juniors capable of filling those spots.

However, the secondary also will be left in a tight spot, as hard-hitter Greg Taylor, cover man Ben Roine, and Justin Golden and Raheem Shepard, big reasons behind Cohasset's success in stopping the run, will all graduate. Brian Krupczak and Daniel Trowers should step up admirably, but from there the talent level depreciates.

The offensive "skill positions" lost two key members in fullback Justin Golden and QB Jamie DeMichele. Golden relished his role as Alstott-esque bonecruncher and DeMichele played remarkably well, particularly as a first year signal caller.

Placed there on the merit of his athleticism and smarts, DeMichele ran the Skipper offense smoothly. End and special teams stud Sean Parkinsons also picks up his sheepskin in the spring.

Star tailback Trowers remains and will be aided by ends Kevin Andrews and Chris Golden, along with quarterback Jason Brown and swingman Nick Bolster.

However, Rolfe remained optimistic about next year's depleted squad.

"What we lose in ability, I hope we'll be able to make up for in experience."

Cohasset's fans owe a debt of gratitude to the seniors who gutted out their careers and spent many games taking a beating. The seniors' perseverance and talent helped them earn the final successful season which they enjoyed this year.

And they beat Hull.

And the football award winners are...

EXTRA POINTS

MIKE HARDMAN



You could run for a 1,000-yards or intercept 10 passes in the weekend's Super Bowls, but it won't matter. The ballots have been cast and the results have been tallied.

The high school football awards are in and here they are:

Best Thanksgiving Day rivalries: Duxbury-Marshfield and Hanover-Norwell. Put some Super Bowl berths on the line for a couple of years and watch the fun start. Being neighbors helps a lot and then throw in a health dose of respect and you've got the making a good Turkey Day Clash. Can it be true Marshfield and Duxbury have only played 14 times on Thanksgiving?

Best Coaching Job: Hanover's John Sullivan. He turned a team hit hard by graduation into being a club one win away from the Super Bowl. It might not have been the most talented Indian club in memory, but no team got more of its ability. That counts for a lot here. Congratulations to the Indians.

Most Underrated Player: Norwell High quarterback Nick Hajjar. He was a receiver a year ago and turned out to be a big weapon at QB. Anyone who has an 85-percent completion rate going into Thanksgiving deserves to be honored. As opposing coaches will tell you have to stop Hajjar if you want to beat the Clippers.

Coach of the Year: Because he is so quick to give the credit to others, Rockland High coach Ken Owen often gets overlooked when it comes time to name the area's top coaches. He shouldn't. Owen has developed the Bulldogs into a powerhouse program. Norwell's Jim Sullivan and Marshfield's Lou Silva, two of the real gentlemen in high school sports, deserve votes here as well.

Most underrated team: This is an easy one. Who were the people picking Marshfield for fourth place in the Atlantic Coast League? Don't hide. Stand up please. The Rams ended up winning the league title with a strong ground game and a top defensive club.

Best offense: When you have the leading scorer in the state in Brian Fabrizio, chances are you have the best offense, which the Norwell High Clippers do. As Fabrizio would

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Friends of Alumni Field get a piece of the rock

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

The large granite stone marking the Charles R, Davis Track outside Alumni Field at Cohasset High now has some company.

Before more than 1,300 people at halftime during the Cohasset-Hull football game on Thanksgiving, CHS athletic director Clark Chatterton unveiled a granite stone that holds a plaque thanking the effort put forth by 23 residents over the past five years on the Milliken/Alumni Field complex.

"It's something that I've been wanting to do for a while now to thank everyone who had a part in all the work we did in updating the

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STAFF PHOTO/DAVID WOLCOTT

A new stone was dedicated at Alumni Field at halftime of the Cohasset-Hull Thanksgiving football game thanking a number of local people for their time and effort in the Alumni Field and Milliken Field projects.

Gymnastics clinic set for Dec. 23

The Cohasset/Norwell High varsity gymnastics team will hold a clinic for girls ages 6- to 12-year-old of all levels and experience.

The clinic will be held on Dec. 23 from 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the upstairs gym at the high school.

The cost is $10 (make checks payable to Ruthann Ardizzoni) and all proceeds will go to the annual Cohasset/Norwell Awards Dinner banquet at the end of the season.

For more information call Ruthann at (781) 871-6586. You must be pre-registered to participate and spots are limited so register early.

Registration forms are also available at the South Shore Community Center.

And the football award winners are...

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be the first to tell you, he isn't the only weapon in the Norwell arsenal. The Clippers killed team all year long with the speed and strong offensive line play.

Best defense: 50 points in nine game and five shutouts puts this award in the hands of the Marshfield Rams defense. Their linebacking crew of Brian St. Peter, Mike Jordan and Joe Nihill are among the best in the state.

Team of the year: 11-0, repeating as South Shore League champions, something that is never easy to do, which sends this award to the Norwell High Clippers. Please punt all that talk about a weak schedule. Just look at week nine when they handled ACL power Duxbury. End of debate there.

Turnaround award: The Hingham High Harbormen went from winning just one game in 1997 to finishing third in the Patriot League with a 6-4 record. Craig Buckley was a workhorse all season long for the Harbormen.

Next year's Top Dogs: A true story: I was at a family party in Whitman and a relative said to watch out for Scituate next year. I think so too. After learning leaderships lessons from this year's seniors, the young Sailors ought to be putting more wins together next year. After one down year look for Silver Lake to bounce back in a big way, while Cohasset is no longer a gimme on the South Shore League schedule. The Skippers should be tough in 1999.

Linemen of the Year: Norwell High guard Chris Sullivan went from thinking that his career might be over because of a hand injury to returning to be a force on the line for the Clippers. Rockland end Ken Molloy, St. Peter, the Marshfield center, and Rockland's Tom Strickland deserve mention here, too.

Best back: Norwell's Brian Fabrizio, the leading scorer in EMass, is well-deserving of the award, which he would gladly share with his outstanding linemen. He has the ability and speed to score from anywhere on the field. Marshfield's Marquisse Silva is a tough runner and probably gained most of his yards after breaking the first tackle, while Duxbury's Dave Seger used his speed to terrorize foes for three years. Both of them are deserving mention here.

Best defensive player: Marshfield's Jordan is crushing tackler. If you like linebackers, you'll like Jordan. After watching 11 weeks of tackling, this is probably the toughest category of them all. While offensive players drew most of the attention, there were a lot of solid defensive performers this year.

Watch out for them next year: Rockland's Bob Murphy, Hanover's Andy Breda, Marshfield's Kevin Degnan, Cohasset's Daniel Trowers and Scituate's Butterworth's Bryan and Dave, will be grabbing the headlines in 1999.

Predictor of the Year: When his coaching days are over, Owen might want to thinking about opening up his own sports betting line. Before the season, he predicted the Norwell would race through their season while after his team defeated Marshfield, he said to watch out for the Rams the rest of the way.

Best game of the year: Best hype for a game goes to Duxbury-Norwell. Games like this bring a lot of interest and attention to the South Shore, which is too often overlooked in the football talent department. Best game, though, was Whitman-Hanson's 18-10 win over Duxbury the fourth week of the season. Special mention here to the wild, wild Hingham-Middleboro game, which the Harbormen won 28-26.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Lax sign-up is Dec. 12

Registration for the 12 and Under and 14 and Under Cohasset Youth Lacrosse programs will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset High School.

The 12 and Under program, starting its fourth year, is open to boys and girls currently in the fifth and sixth grade. Registration is $75, which includes a uniform, practice jersey and a youth membership in US Lacrosse, the national governing body for lacrosse. US Lacrosse membership includes a subscription to a new magazine especially designed for kids.

There will be more information on the Cohasset Junior Lacrosse program available at the Dec. 12 sign-up. If you have an age-eligible child and can not attend the registration session, call Jaffe at 383-9858 or Terry Kahn at 383-0032.

Local due making waves at Babson

Babson College sophomore Karen Niessink (Cohasset/Cohasset High) recently completed her first season as a member of the Beaver women's tennis team.

A captain and All-Conference performer in high school, Niessink played second singles and first doubles for Babson, which finished its season at 2-10 overall under rookie head coach Scott Wilkins. Niessink posted a big win in a narrow loss to Clark University late in the year and teamed with junior Julia Kelting to go 3-8 at first doubles.

"Karen worked extremely hard to improve this year and gave us some great efforts in both singles and doubles," said Babson coach Wilkins, a 1994 graduate of UNC-Charlotte. "She is a very good athlete with solid instincts and a good power game. She will be a big key for us the next two seasons."

Undecided on her major, Karen is the daughter of Jan and Deborah Niessink of Cohasset.

Another Cohasset native expected to make big contributions as freshman is Paul-Michael Quintin (Cohasset High), who will have a chance to crack the lineup for coach Stephen Brennan's men's basketball team.

Quintin, a captain and leading scorer for the Skippers last winter, will see action at the shooting guard slot for the Beavers, who were 13-12 a year ago. Quintin has impressed in practice with his outside range and hard-nosed play.

"Paul-Michael led his team in taking charges last year, which says a great deal about him as a player," says Brennan, who owns a 51-30 record in three years as Babson coach. "He is also a very gifted offensive player who will fit well in our up-tempo system."

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Mike Maher, along with his three-year-old son Steve, share a light moment on a recent Sunday of touch football outside Cohasset High.

Grapplers take it to the mat

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

A year older and another year wiser, a veteran wrestling team will open the season Wednesday with B.C. High.

Calling the squad "one of the better teams I've ever had," head coach Torin Sweeney starts his 16th season welcoming back every wrestler from last year to go along with a bumper crop of underclassmen that will help fill out the roster.

After B.C. High, the squad will travel to Canton (12-19) and then to Carver (12-23) before competing in the annual Marshfield wrestling tourney on Dec. 29 and Dec. 30.

Coach Sheerin will be helping Sweeney with the varsity team while coach Conklin will be running the middle school program.

"I've got 24 kids that came out for the team in grades 9 through 12 this year, which is the largest squad I've ever had," said Sweeney. "We've got a good mix of experienced wrestlers and younger kids. The depth is going to be a great help, but we are going to have to stay away from injuries to compete with the teams we have on the schedule."

It's a schedule that Sweeney said is the "toughest ever" for a team that finished 16-4 last season, placing third in the South sectional and 10th in Division 3.

Things should be no different this season as the pre-season rankings have them third in Division 3, and rated 12th of the 148 wrestling teams in the state.

Some of the tougher matches year will include a pair with Wayland at the end of the year as well as contests with Sharon and perennial wrestling power Foxboro not to mention a home-and-home series with league rival Carver, who has had a stranglehold on the South Shore League title in recent years.

The schedule also includes the Marshfield Christmas Tourney after the holiday as well as the annual Cohasset tourney, scheduled for Jan. 23.

As they try to catch the Crusaders for the league title, a number of veteran wrestlers will be expected to step forward and lead the team.

Captain Luke Caldwell, a sectional finalist last year, will be wrestling at 171 pounds while co-captain Mike Baird will try and better his fifth place finish at the state meet last season.

Mike Rossi, a South sectional champ who took fourth at the states, will be wrestling at 152 pounds.

Jordan Fiore missed most of last year but is back ready for action at 140 pounds.

Ben Littauer, a South Sectional finalist who finished fifth in the state, is slated to wrestle at 145 pounds.

Justin Golden will be wrestling at 160 pounds and J. P. Laugelle, a Bay State Games winner this summer, will be filling the heavyweight slot.

Of those seniors, four will be closing in a milestone over the year as Caldwell, Baird, Ross and Littauer are all approaching the 100 career win mark.

The only other wrestlers in Cohasset High history to accomplish such a fete are Nate Fiore (100 wins), Ryan Freeman (121) and Kevin Duffy (116).

Friends of Alumni Field

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field," said Chatterton. "Everyone did something a little different to help out and they deserve to be recognized."

The problem with trying to thank everyone for a job well done is that invariably someone is left off the list.

"I've already thought of a couple more people who probably should have been on the plaque," said Chatterton even though the display is less that three weeks old. "There were so many people that helped out in one way or another over the years that it would have been impossible to get everyone's name on it."

The names inscribed on the plaque include Gary and Anne Vanderweil, Tom Callahan, Merle Brown, Mike Sullivan, Jane Goedecke Wayne Sawchuck, Steve Hart, Henry Rattenbury, Ralph Kidder and Harold Litchfield.

Larry and Linda Shultz, Clark Chatterton, Peter Pratt, Peter Laugelle, Mike Buckley, Bob Egan, Rick Shea, Jeff Waal, Larry Mitchell, Lee Jenkins and Gerard Keating.

It was a long road that finally brought Cohasset what is considered to be one of the better high school sports facilities on the South Shore.

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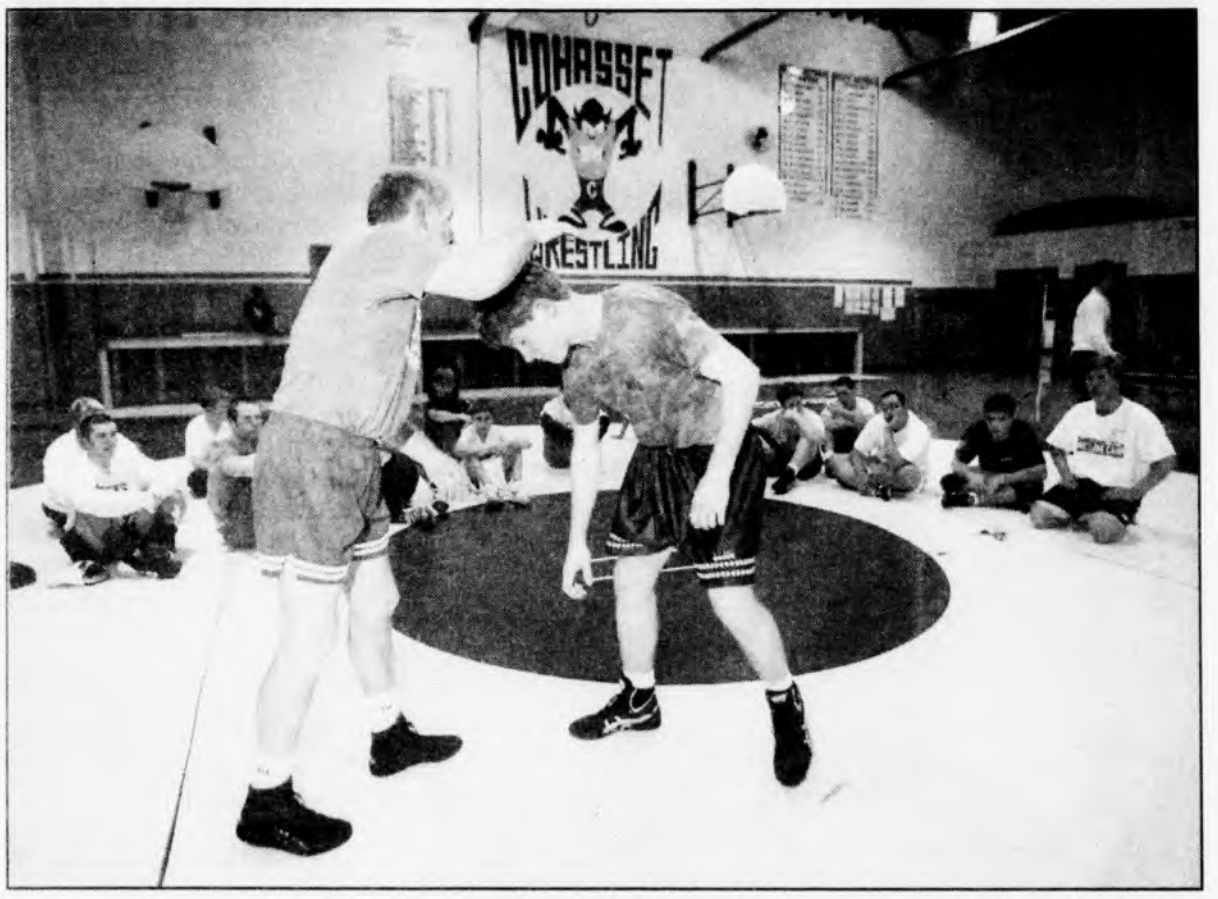
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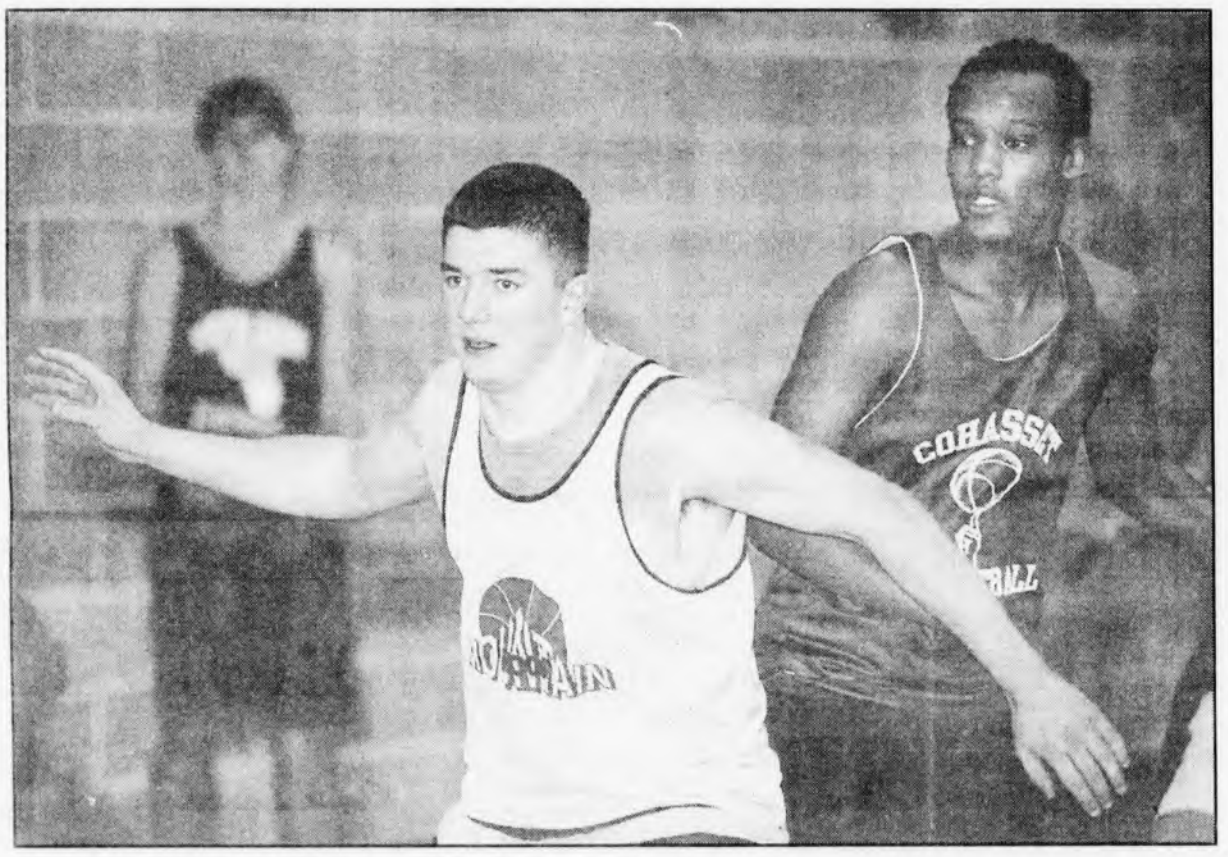
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Hockey fans enjoying a league of their own

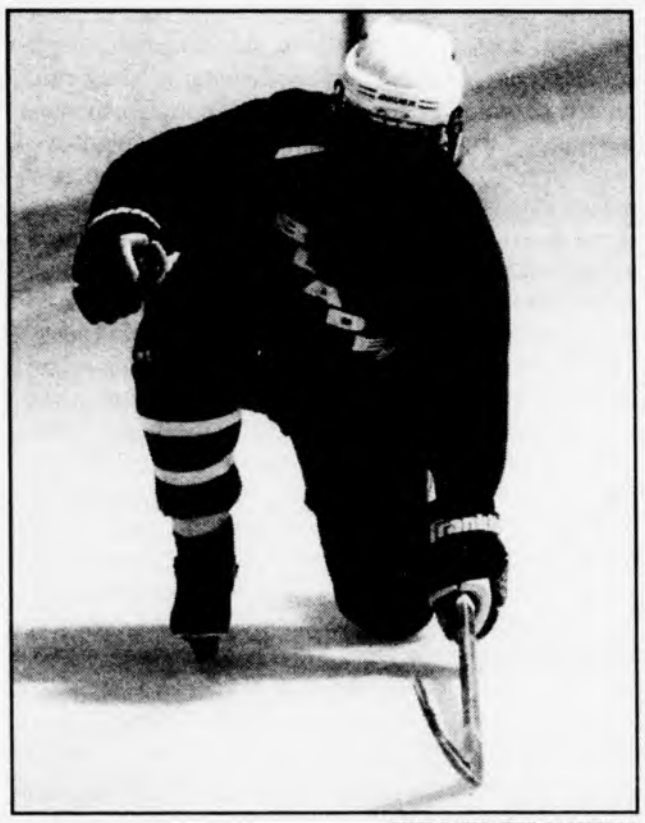
Women's hockey team formed at Hobomock Arena

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

When you talk about dedication to a cause, you're not going to find a more dedicated group than hockey parents.

After schlepping their kids to freezing arenas in God knows where at all hours of the night as well as early in the morning while watching the young ones skate around circles while learning the basics of the game, one group out of the Hobomock Arena in Pembroke finally decided they wanted to have a little bit of their own fun.

So a little bit before 10 p.m. every Wednesday evening you'll see them back at the arena. But this time the mittens have turned into hockey gloves and the heavy winter coats has been replaced by shoulder pads and an oversized hockey shirt.



STAFF PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Paula Clapp, shown here warming up during a recent hockey practice, is one of the lead recruiters for a new women's hockey team that has been formed out of the Hobomock Arena. The non-checking league is looking for players of all ages and all abilities to play with the local team, which practices each Wednesday evening at 9:50 p.m. at the Pembroke rink.

Move over soccer moms, there's a new breed in town. These ladies are no longer just watching hockey, they're playing it.

"It's something that I always wanted to do," said Pembroke's Paula Clapp, who with fellow town resident Mary Caramanica is one of the lead organizers of the team and the official talent recruiter. "We just put the word out through the newspapers and a put a couple of flyers around the rink that we were going to be getting a team together and people just showed up wanting to play. We've had a real favorable response so far.

"My dad was a coach when I was a kid so it seems I've always been around the hockey rink in one way or another," she added. "I guess I'm just rebelling in my 30s because my dad wouldn't play when I was younger."

More than 20 people showed up at a recent practice coming from varying skill levels and all walks of life.

Some had talent forged over many years of participation in the sport while some others were just trying the game for the first time.

Some were old enough to have children playing the game at the youth level while some were just young enough to be the children of those same players.

That said, they all seemed to have a couple things in common. They all love the game of hockey and were happy to have a night out with the girls filled with fun on the ice and then muffins and a glass of milk in the locker room after practice.

The Pembroke group is one of the few teams in the area. Other than a recreational team out of the Rockland Rink, you'd have to cross the bridge to Cape Cod before you would find another team such as this one.

Clapp's sister-in-law, Marshfield resident Jen Clapp, had a step up on the rest of the crew. She was a figure skater as a youngster so she already knew the basics of skating.

Now the tough part is learning what to do with the stick, she said, admitting that the hand-eye coordination needed to handle the puck was still coming along.

"This is a great thing because it really the only time we get to see one another during the week," said Jen. "Both of us have kids who play the sport and it's a great way to spend to spend time together."

Although they admit this is all for fun, don't think there's not some competition involved. A game between the moms and their children is in the offering down the line. And the moms say that their child had better not rag the puck through the center ice area with their head down and not expect to pay for it.

"My son says he's always going to be the better hockey player, but I'm bound and determined to catch up to him," said Paula. "They're very supportive of us and then probably win if we played right now, but just wait until the end of the season."

Kingston's Emily Braddock will not have to worry about playing against her children for many years to come. The Silver Lake Regional High School freshman said she's always enjoyed watching the game of hockey and was really enjoying her chance to take a couple of shifts out on the ice.

Braddock said she's skated before with friends out on the local pond, but never played anything organized before. She's got the basics down and knows the game because she's a fan, but she's come up with one problem on the ice.

Stopping.

"I haven't quite mastered the art of stopping quite yet," she said with a laugh. "Other than that, everything has been going just fine."

"I grew up watching the game and my best friend was a player so I always wanted to give it a try," said another Laker, Hailfax's Jennifer Clark. "I was always begging my parents to let me give it a try and I finally taught myself how to skate so I could give this a try. My dream is to play at the college level."

"My parents signed me up for figure skating when I was younger, but what I really always wanted to do was playing on the hockey team," said Carolyn Ambrose. "I love hockey and this is the first chance that I've had to be able to play. I love it."

The team is coached by Andy Papadopolous and Don Joyce.

The league is non-checking and players of any and all levels are invited to take part in the fun.

For more information, call Paula Clapp at (781) 293-7628.

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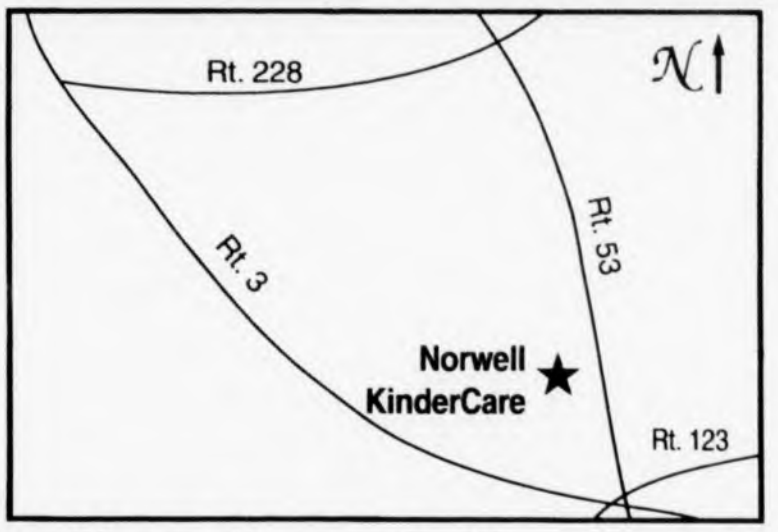
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Perimenopause: It's About Change

By Esther Csapo Rastegari
CORRESPONDENT

If we're female, alive, and with uterus and ovaries intact, we'll experience perimenopause. Yet many women have never even heard the word.

It is the transition into menopause — those 10 to 15 years before our menstrual periods end.

We are often so unprepared for it, that we don't even realize it has begun. When we are 35 to 45 years old we are focused, often overwhelmed, with career and family issues. We may be juggling care for our children as well as for our parents. Menopause is on the back burner - we'll deal with that after we turn 50.

But then, out of left field, it hits us and we start scrambling to understand what's going on. We might not even be able to pinpoint when it started - periods that are further apart or lighter than usual seem like a gift - we finally got a break. What we didn't realize at the time was that the "lighter" period might not have been a true period, but rather an "anovulatory" cycle in which we did not ovulate. The next period may seem unusually heavy. This is because during the previous cycle the lining of the uterus, the "endometrium" was not shed. The current period is heavier because the endometrium was thicker, and there is more lining to shed.

In addition to menstrual cycles that are shorter, longer, lighter or heavier, we may also have been experiencing hot flashes and night sweats. At first we think the heat is on too high, or there are too many blankets, or we are reacting to a food that is causing our face to get red. Our lives are busy, it's easy to push aside what are wider swings in our mood. With such hectic lives, who wouldn't put the keys in the refrigerator and the milk on the counter?

For some women, these changes are manageable enough that their lives are barely disrupted. Dressing in layers that are easily removed when needed, or sleeping under light covers are adequate interventions. But for others, the changes can be significant. Irregular cycles can lead to thickened endometrium which sloughs off at random, "flooding"- or gushes of blood, and passing large clots that can lead to visits to the emergency department. Months of heavy bleeding can result in anemia, which may often go undiagnosed and be experienced as fatigue or episodes of dizziness or lightheadedness. Mood swings may be experienced as periods of depression and anxiety. Night sweats may mean waking up five times a night in soaking pajamas and crawling out of bed in the morning exhausted from insufficient sleep. Hot flashes may rattle you as start sweating profusely in the midst of a business presentation. Severe symptoms can lead a woman to lose faith in her body, feeling uncertain about what is coming next. How do you schedule important events if you can't count on your body behaving in a predictable way?

To regain a sense of control over your body take the following steps: become an informed consumer, con-

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sider experimenting with lifestyle changes, and connect with a qualified physician who shares your view that perimenopause is not a disease, but a transition from one phase of our lives to another. Each woman experiences this time in her own way. It is interesting how differently women in other cultures experience these times.

For example, Japanese women report fewer menopausal symptoms, and have no word for "hot flashes". It is suspected that this may in part be related to their high consumption of soy-containing foods.

Becoming an informed consumer. While information on perimenopause is often scanty, or buried in chapters on menopause and aging (even though the experience happens primarily in our 40's!), here are two new books written by female physicians: Dr. Judith Reichman's I'm Too Young to Get Old and Dr. Susan Love's Hormone Book. Love addresses lifestyle approaches, alternative treatments such as acupuncture and herbal remedies, and medications and surgeries. Both emphasize the importance of exercise and the use of soy products. Registered Dietician Debra Waterhouse has written Outsmarting the Midlife Fat Cell.

In a style that is both humorous and informational she addresses the issue of weight gain during this time period. She outlines how changes such as weight gain assist the body in producing additional estrogen at a time when the ovaries are producing less. Soy is brought up as a tool you can use to "outsmart" the fat cells, provide phytoestrogens (plant-based estrogens), reduce disagreeable perimenopausal symptoms and lose weight. The previous books also have lists of resources - national organizations, newsletters, etc. for more information. Earl Mindell's Soy Miracle discusses how soy is helpful for women, men and children at all stages of life, and includes recipes.

Dolores Riccio's Superfoods For Women contains over 300 recipes for the special nutritional needs of women, throughout the life span. The American Yoga Association Wellness Book discusses special yoga exercises to help women during this transitional time. For more information, investigate the health education programs offered by local hospitals.

Making lifestyle changes. If this part were easier, we would all be a great deal healthier. While making changes when we feel fine to ensure abstract good health in the future is rather difficult, making changes when you feel lousy can be somewhat easier. Dietary changes, such as increasing your intake of soy, regular exercise, and stress-reduction techniques, such as meditation, yoga, and laughter (rent lots of funny movies) can make a significant reduction in hot flashes and night sweats, and may regulate irregular bleeding.

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When I first checked it out almost 30 years ago as a teenage vegetarian it was pretty dreadful. Well, that ancient bean has collided with technology and improved considerably. Soy milk can replace or be mixed with cow milk in cereal or cooked in oatmeal and muffins. You can blend chocolate soy powder (Nature's Plus Spiru-tein is good) with chocolate soy milk (try "Silk") and frozen strawberries for a rather delicious smoothie for breakfast. "Boca" burgers can be found in the frozen section of the grocery store and can be served on a hamburger bun with all the usual fixings.

Make a taco salad: for the topping replace half of the lean ground beef with tofu (freeze the tofu, then thaw and crumble it). Add the usual taco seasonings and tomato sauce. Or instead of the tofu use soy "ground beef" substitutes. Most large grocery stores carry several brands. Use soy milk in pancakes or in "cream" sauces or soups. Start experimenting with different brands, and at first use just half of the regular ingredient and half of the soy product. With just a few modifications, you can substantially increase your soy intake. New soy cookbooks are coming out to meet the demand.

Your doctor is your partner in healthcare. While changes in diet, exercise and the use of stress-reduction techniques may help with perimenopausal symptoms, they may not alleviate them altogether.(Nor do they replace regular physicals with your doctor, mammograms, and other screenings important at this time such as for colon cancer, high blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol.) When lifestyle changes aren't enough, the next phase may include accupuncture, herbal treatments (by a trained practitioner), or temporary progesterone supplementation prescribed by your physician to perhaps get heavy bleeding under control. Be wary of over-the-counter medications claiming to "balance" your hormones. While vitamins, minerals, and herbs can definitely play a significant role in improving your health, they should not be taken lightly. Without adequate information, one can create a greater imbalance.

To regain a sense of control over your body take the following steps: become an informed consumer, consider experimenting with lifestyle changes, and connect with a qualified physician who shares your view that perimenopause is not a disease, but a transition from one phase of our lives to another.

During perimenopause, just as in puberty, the production of the hormones estrogen and progesterone fluctuate. In puberty, the production spiral moves upwards over time.

In perimenopause, the production fluctuates, eventually spiraling downwards. Abnormal bleeding may be the result of the imbalance of estrogen and progesterone being produced, or may be due to polyps or fibroids. An ultrasound may be used to determine their presence. If necessary, they can be removed by hysteroscopy (polyps) or myomectomy (fibroids) leaving the uterus intact. Other procedures for heavy bleeding include D&C and uterine "ablation". During the uterine ablation the endometrium in destroyed using a type of heated "balloon". This is only a choice for women no longer considering childbearing.

And perhaps, above all, one's attitude can be a determining factor in putting all this into perspective. Women today are challenging the silence of their mothers' generation. Perimenopause and menopause are not events, but significant time periods in our lives. We want information to give us choices, not a one-size-fits-all treatment plan. And as we talk, ask questions, and do research, we are finding that the majority of women who have crossed the bridge and are past menopause are pleased with the quality of the next stage in their lives. Hopefully, the information we gain will better prepare our daughters for all the changes in their lives.

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MONDAY, NOV. 23

6:28 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:20 a.m. Pond St. and Holly Ln., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:40 a.m. N. Main St. and Rocky Ln., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:29 a.m. Diab Ln., burglary, B&E, investigated, report taken.

10:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious person, investigated, report taken.

1:28 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

2:05 p.m. King St., general info, referred to other agency.

2:59 p.m. Nichols Rd., assist citizen, departmental action.

3:16 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MVA, investigated, report taken.

5:11 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:34 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:10 p.m. Diab Ln., medical aid, removed to hospital.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

1:47 a.m. Red Fox Ln. and Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, arrest: Mark J. Curran, DOB 1/17/78, 25 Gunrock Ave. #A, Hull. Charges: operating under the influence of drugs, illegal possession of Class D substance, operating after license or right to op. suspended.

1:57 a.m. Atlantic Ave., suspicious (other), area search negative.

6:27 a.m. King St., medical aid, services rendered.

6:59 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., vandalism, departmental action.

7:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:35 a.m. Elm St., fire, services rendered.

7:45 a.m. Elm St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

7:47 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:55 a.m. South Main St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:57 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

8:05 a.m. South Main St., MV vehicle stop, traffic citation issued.

8:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:19 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

9:07 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious auto, traffic citation issued.

9:30 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

9:39 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:05 a.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:08 a.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:51 a.m. Elm St., medical aid, services rendered.

11:59 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

12:09 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

2:20 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

2:32 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

2:43 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, services rendered.

2:49 p.m. Pond St., MV stop, verbal warning.

3:16 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

3:22 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

3:32 p.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

4:07 p.m. Brewster Rd., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

4:32 p.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

4:44 p.m. Schofield Rd., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

4:54 p.m. King St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

5:33 p.m. Little Harbor Rd., animal complaint, log entry information.

6:38 p.m. Nichols Rd., message delivered.

7:44 p.m. Beach St., suspicious (other), unfounded.

8:36 p.m. Beach St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:27 p.m. Forest Ave., family disturbance. Arrest: Michael J. Spirito, DOB 11/8/52, 46 Forest Ave., Cohasset. Charges: three counts of A&B domestic, intimidation of a witness.

11:41 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, vandalism, log entry information.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

12:11 a.m. Lamberts Ln., burglar alarm, investigated, report taken.

1:05 a.m. Hull St., MV stop, arrest: 1. Clinton G. Pendleton, DOB 5/20/79, 25 C St. #A, Hull. Charges: WMS warrant. 2. Michael P. Morrisey, DOB 3/17/80, 2 Arthur St., Hull. Charges: illegal possession of Class D substance.

2:04 a.m. Reservoir Rd., assist citizen, departmental action.

6:59 a.m. North Main St., general services, log entry information.

7:35 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

7:55 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

8:06 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:57 a.m. South Main St., MV violations, traffic citation issued.

12:11 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

12:21 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

12:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

12:49 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

1:03 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., trespassing, investigated, report taken.

1:14 p.m. North Main St., suspicious auto, referred to other agency.

3:25 p.m. James Ln., disturbance, gathering, area search negative.

4:10 p.m. Sohier St., disturbance, gathering, dispersed gathering.

4:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

7:31 p.m. Elm St., general services, log entry information.

7:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV violations, log entry information.

10:16 p.m. Norfolk Rd., suspicious person, area search negative.

10:24 p.m. Border St., MV violations, referred to other agency.

10:52 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, departmental action, 37-year-old Scituate male in protective custody.

11:24 p.m. South Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

12:28 a.m. Atlantic Ave., investigation, area search negative.

1:34 a.m. Howe Rd., suspicious auto, service rendered.

4:36 a.m. Lamberts Ln., medical aid, removed to hospital.

7:02 a.m. Elm St., general services, log entry information.

7:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., investigation, accid/defect/burg/holdup.

10:10 a.m. Locust Rd., vandalism, advised civil action.

12:17 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., traffic control, services rendered.

7:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services, departmental action.

7:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled auto, departmental action.

7:33 p.m. King St., suspicious auto, investigated, report taken.

8:02 p.m. S. Main St., MV stop, departmental action.

9:36 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:15 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

12:24 a.m. North Main St., medical aid, services rendered.

11:06 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Mendel Rd., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

11:15 a.m. Norman Todd Rd., tree down, referred to other agency.

2:04 p.m. Hull St. and Lamberts Ln., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

3:01 p.m. Cohasset RTF, trespassing, departmental action.

3:18 p.m. Hull St. and Lamberts Ln., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

3:32 p.m. South Main St. and Depot Ct., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

3:49 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., threats (other), log entry information.

7:07 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Brewster Rd., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:39 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MVA, referred to other agency.

8:53 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

Police made 15 arrests in November

During the month of November, the department made a total of 15 arrests. Three were for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor, one for Operating Under the Influence of Drugs. Two were for Operating a Motor Vehicle after Suspension of License and two for Assault and Battery (Domestic). Five arrests were for Outstanding Warrants, one for Possession of a Class D Controlled Substance and, finally, one for Protective Custody.

There were two Breaking and Enterings reported during November, both businesses.

During November, the Police Department received a total of 639 calls for service. Of those calls, 97 were Emergency 9-1-1 calls.

During November, the department also issued 331 traffic citations for fines totaling $17,615 and 32 parking tickets for fines totaling $520.

The State Police have been assisting Cohasset with traffic enforcement on Route 3A. They have written in excess of 100 citations during the past 1-1/2 months.

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OBITUARIES

Benjamin F. Hagan III

Benjamin F. Hagan III, 50, of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Cohasset, died Nov. 28 at home after a six-month battle with cancer.

Mr. Hagan was born in Springfield, grew up in Cohasset and graduated from Cohasset High. He then attended Ricker College in Maine, after which he went into the United States Air Force where he served for 22 years, one year of which was spent in Vietnam.

He was an avid sports fan playing baseball for many years, basketball and continued to play golf as he grew older. He worked at the Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant for the last 10 years.

Mr. Hagan leaves his wife Kathy Lynn (Butler) Hagan of Phoenix; his mother, Elizabeth G. Hagan of Cohasset; two brothers, John G. of Dedham and Joe D. of Morgantown, W.Va.; a nephew and five nieces. He was also the son of the late Benjamin F. Hagan Jr.

A Memorial Service was held at the Valley Rest Chapel in Goodyear, Ariz. A graveside service with full military honors was held at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Cave Creek, Ariz. Expressions of sympathy may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society, 654 Beacon St., Boston 02215.

Mary K. Donovan

Mary K. (Cusick) Donovan, 90, of Cohasset, formerly of Brookline, a retired teacher for Cohasset public schools, died Friday, Nov. 20, at the Atrium Nursing Center in Middleboro after a short illness.

Mrs. Donovan was born and raised in Brookline. She attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and lived in Cohasset for the past 60 years. She taught second and fourth grades at the Osgood School and Deer Hill School in Cohasset for 23 years before retiring in 1978.

She was past president and treasurer of the 60-Plus Club in Cohasset, a member of the Cohasset Garden Club, the Council on Aging and the Senior Citizens Club of Cohasset.

Wife of the late Charles V. Donovan, she leaves a son, Charles V. Donovan Jr. of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two daughters, Kathleen DeFeo of Norwich, N.Y. and Cynthia Murphy of Lakeville; and three sisters, Elizabeth Murphy of Falmouth, Catherine Cusick of Weston and Jane Handrahan of Plymouth.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Cohasset. Interment was in Holyhood Cemetery, Brookline. Arrangements were made by McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, Cohasset.

Linda Wallace

Linda Clarke Wallace, 57, of Cambridge and Cohasset, a Harvard Square real estate broker, died Monday, Nov. 16, at her home in Cambridge.

Mrs. Wallace was a record-setting Realtor in Cambridge.

She enjoyed needlework and fly-fishing and traveled extensively.

She was the first woman to fly the B-29 bomber and at the age of 9 she had a part in "Showboat" at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset.

Mrs. Wallace leaves her husband, Dr. James Woodward Wallace; two sons, James Woodward Hendrickson Wallace of Seattle and Joshua Andrew Bligh Wallace of San Francisco; her mother, Mildred (Blye) Clarke of Hingham; a brother, Laurence Litchfield Clarke Jr. of Grandville, Ohio; and four grandchildren, Elliot, Ethan, Cameron and Alexander; and her mother-in-law, Dorothy Colman Wallace of Cambridge. She was also daughter of the late Laurence Litchfield Clarke. A Memorial Service was held at King's Chapel, Boston. Interment was private. J.S. Waterman and Sons Eastman-Waring Funeral Home, Boston, directed the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Drayton Hall, 3380 Ashley River Rd., Charlestown, SC 29414.

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Newcomers Club offers friendship and much more

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club is a boon not only to those new to town, but also residents who want to maintain an active circle of friends and variety of social activities.

"Basically, we have interest groups and club-wide social events," said Judy Dickstein, who joined the club when she moved here from the Washington DC area two years ago.

"I was looking for a way to get introduced to people," she said. "My children are grown and gone so I wasn't going to meet other parents through them, which is often how people make friends when they're new to a town. I read a little blurb in the paper and called to find out more. I've had a great time ever since."

So much so that Dickstein now writes the club's news releases along with Kathleen Knight, another Newcomers Club member.

Particularly appealing to Dickstein is that the group encompasses so many ages, interests and backgrounds.

The $25 annual membership fee offers a chance to partake in social events, special interest groups and humanitarian causes.

"You're empowered to do as much or as little as you want," said Dickstein. "I happen to enjoy being involved in things and particularly enjoyed the Lighthouse Ball and the Ladies Coffees throughout the year. The other night I went with a group to Clay Strokes and got to do ceramics. I had never done that before."

According to Newcomers Club president Susan Jaffee, the organization has been around for about 20 years and is still going strong.

"I've been doing this for four years," she said. "I responded to a community news note in the Mariner when I was only two-weeks new to Cohasset. I'd moved quite a bit but had never been involved in a newcomers club before."

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Jaffee proudly rattles off a number of programs the club offers including annual social events, such as the Fall Wine and Cheese Party, the Chili Cook-Off, Holiday Party and Lightkeeper's Ball and not to mention the club's special interest groups such as Galloping Gourmet, the Book Group, Men's Poker, Moms & Tots Play Groups, Freewheelers Outings for the family, Sip & Stitch and Ladies Night Out. The newcomers club also has also raised money for the Purple Dinosaur Playground in Scituate and equipment for the new Osgood School Playground, Cranberry Hospice and Scituate Recreation.

"There are many things about or club that are spontaneous," said Jaffee. "Baby-sitting, carpooling, cooking dinners for someone who isn't doing well-these things are all spontaneous and rooted in the fast friendships that form among members."

Although most towns seem to have a newcomers club, there is no national "umbrella" organization. Even if there were, the Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club seems to stand apart.

"I was in a group in the Washington DC area, but there was a two-year limit," said Dickstein. "After that, you could join an 'encore' group."

Dickstein joined after leaving a nine-year position at a surgical center. The time spent at work and commuting left her with little time to socialize outside of the office.

"A lot of people join these groups because they've stopped working and these clubs allow them to make new friends," she said.

Dickstein credits the success of the Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club, in part, to core workers - most of whom are too numerous to mention — but include vice president Lee Vicars, treasurer Susan Hernan and communications secretary Martha Benintende who volunteer their time to the club.

Susan Pergola, who serves as Cohasset's membership chairperson, has been a member for almost three years. Like Jaffee, she answered a Mariner notice.

"I was interested in finding out about play groups when I first moved here from Tampa, Florida," she said. "It's a wonderful way to get acquainted with other young families in the town and to meet up with other young women who are at home with small children. When you first move into town with a young child, it's isolating until they enter the school system. Now my youngest is six so I've seen him enjoy friendships that he has enjoyed since he was three."

For Pergola, the most rewarding part of her experience with the Newcomers Club was the friendships.

"I've met several friends that I'm still acquainted with, even though they've left Cohasset," she said. "We keep in touch with each other and ask after each others' children. Moving from Florida, I found the winters here so isolating but this gave me a great excuse to get out of the house when it's dark and miserable outside."

Jaffee said the club is all encompassing.

"This isn't a group of 30-something urban professionals," said Jaffee. "We have empty-nesters, new mothers-you name it."

Membership is "broadening," according to Dickstein. "I've had a great time with this group. We don't have a formal once-a-month type meeting but we have groups for any interest. Really, it's been great."

Join the Newcomer's Club

Membership in the Scituate-Cohasset Newcomers Club is $25 per year with and additional $5 for those participating in the Moms and Tots program. Membership includes Newcomers Newsletter which alternates with a Reminder Postcard to keep members informed of upcoming and ongoing activities. Applications are available from the membership chairpersons by calling Susan in Cohasset at 383-0688 or Carolyn in Scituate at 545-0221.

ART NOTES

Current exhibits and workshops at art center

The South Shore Art Center, 119 Ripley Rd., Cohasset continues to exhibit in its Bancroft Gallery "Studio Furniture: South of Boston," featuring 11 emerging artists, curated by Arthur Dion of Gallery NAGA and Meredyth Moses of the Clark Gallery. In the Dillon Gallery, "Within Reach: Inspirations for the Holidays" features affordable artwork by gallery artists. Faculty feature: Anne Heywood. Call (781) 383-2787 for more information.

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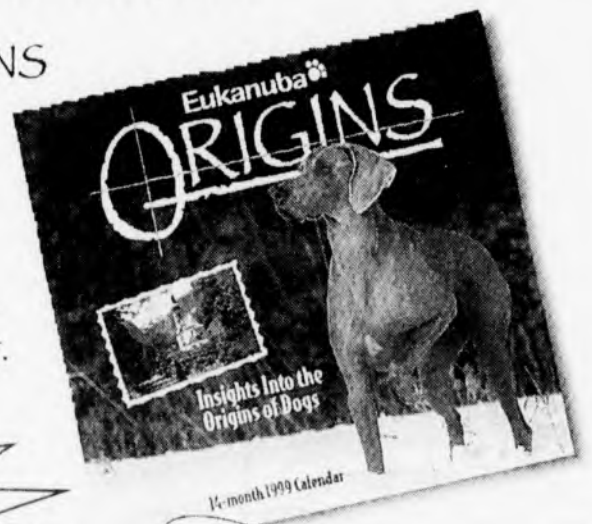
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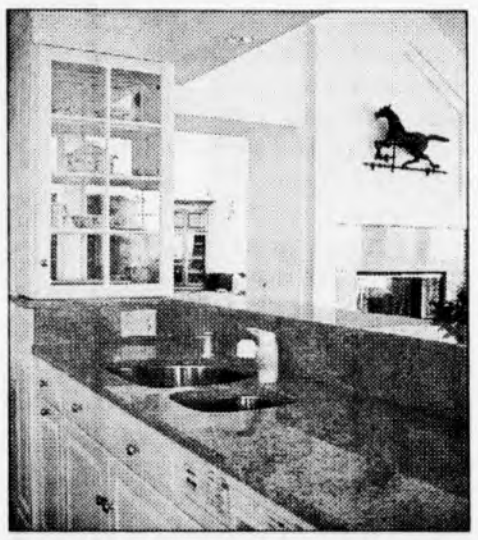


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School trip hi-jinx raises parents concerns

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

After a month's wait with several verbal and e-mailed messages to school committee chairman Rick Shea, school committee member Joseph McElroy put his concerns on the table about the rumored smoking, substance abuse and rough-housing that occurred during a ninth-grade field trip to Boston in October.

McElroy's inquiry was met by a scolding from school superintendent Dr. Edward "Ted" Malvey.

"I think that this is an inappropriate issue for a school committee member to bring up in a public forum," said Malvey.

McElroy defending his position, stating that he had waited a month without a detailed account despite his attempt to gain information from Shea and Malvey.

"Ted, I used the proper channels," said McElroy. "I was advised about the field trip in October and I asked Ted to investigate and return to me. I'm concerned about this, as this is only one of many such alleged incidents. I have followed up three times in the past month. I was a participant in drawing up the field trip policy and I've heard nothing. I've been inquiring for a month."

According to second-hand accounts, McElroy heard that the teens had inadequate chaperones; unauthorized participants; unacceptable conduct of students on public transportation including smoking and possible substance abuse; a general disregard for the provisions of the school committee's field trip policy; and that one parent withdraw her ninth-grader from Cohasset High School as a result of the incident.

"I think it's presumptuous of you to think I can stop and investigate every issue," responded Malvey, who went on to say that the incident had been nothing more than rough-housing on the T.

Shea explained that Malvey had returned to him with a response the night before the meeting last Thursday and that he would have told McElroy this after the committee meeting.

"Joe, you make a lot of requests for follow-up and information," said Shea, who then explained that he was involved in preparation of teacher's contracts.

"If the trip policy is inadequate because of a situation that happened and was reported, then it is taken care of in accordance with the policy," said Shea. "You have reported second-hand information so you have no idea whether administration appropriately responded to that."

According to committee member Pat Martin, the information came to McElroy, in part, from information that came to her attention when she received a complaint from a parent. "It wasn't a second-hand complaint really, but a 'I think you should know' compliant," said Martin.

Committee vice chairman Kathy Ofsthun wondered if the committee might need to reconsider their trip policy.

Shea asked superintendent Malvey to make one more inquiry into the matter.

"Based on my report from the superintendent, there was no cigarette smoking or any other substance abuse," said Shea. "I heard about horseplay which sounded like it got carried away and was inappropriate but Ted felt it had been dealt with appropriately. I will ask Ted to make sure it didn't go beyond that."

Reached for comment this week, middle-high school principal Curtis Collins refused to discuss the matter.

"I'm not discussing that," said principal Curtis Collins. "That's over. It's nothing."

Martin said that she received a call from a parent whose daughter's friends "painted a picture in her mind that a sort of culture along the lines of what supposedly went on during the trip existed at the school and so she pulled her daughter from the school."

PSO president Jane Pescatore said that there were some photography students on a field trip, so it was not just a ninth-grade trip.

"The problem with bringing this up in a school committee meeting is the confidentiality factor," explained Malvey this week. "Parents are always welcome to come to the meeting and discuss their concerns with us but we need it to be done in that way. We are not at liberty to discuss the alleged behavior of students in a public forum."

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The New North Christmas service features special holiday music provided by the United Brass Quintet, a South Shore based group with a long association with New North, and the Chamber Ringers handbell choir of South Harpswell, Maine, who are returning to the Hingham church for the seventh consecutive year. Organist Joel Davidson will also play, accompanying the congregation in favorite Christmas carols.

The Rev. Thomas F. Kepler will lead the service of Christmas music and readings. Rev. Kepler, an ordained Presbyterian minister, has been pastor since 1995 at New North, a non-denominational community church which welcomes people from a variety of faiths and religious backgrounds.

As in prior years, collection boxes will be provided in the church vestibule to receive gifts for residents of two South Shore shelters, the Quincy Interfaith Sheltering Coalition's "Father Bill's Place" and the Mary Martha Learning Center in Hingham. Those attending the service are asked to bring items of warm clothing (such as gloves, knit hats and warm underwear) and personal gifts (such as toiletries, new books and stationery). Gifts should be wrapped and labeled as to gender and size, where appropriate.

The public is invited to a Wassail bowl reception which will be held in the church parlor following the service.

New North's regular 10:30 a.m. church service and Sunday school program will not be held on the 21st, but childcare for smaller children will be provided in the parish house nursery during the 4 p.m. service.

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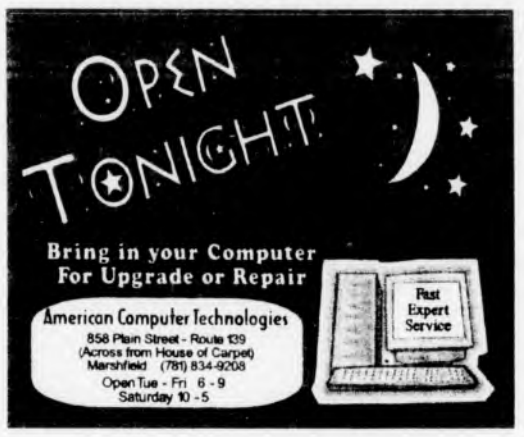
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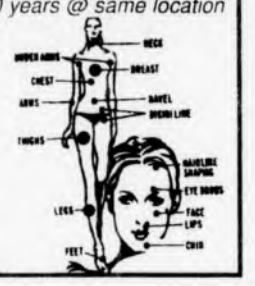
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Justice hopes wedding bells ring at new Town Hall

A great place to get married

By Liz Derby
CORRESPONDENT

It was 11 years ago when then Hingham Town Clerk Thomas P. Hall told a visitor who sought a wedding venue that, while there was no justice of the peace in place at town hall at the time, there soon would be. Hall nodded jokingly toward his new assistant, Lyn Gordon Baxter.

Little did Hall know how his playful remark would nudge Baxter into the post, a direction that she had already been considering.

A single parent at the time raising two young boys, Baxter had owned and operated a Hallmark store where she gained valuable knowledge and insight into all the bits and pieces that go into planning weddings and parties. This experience launched her into bridal consulting, so becoming a justice of the peace seemed like a natural step.

Baxter, who is a Cohasset resident, never encouraged weddings to be held in the old town hall, which closed this fall, and performed only two ceremonies there in her12 years as justice of the peace.

"It [the old town hall) was dark, hall during cold and municipal. Even considering all the warm hearts within, the building itself was austere," said Baxter.

However, she is very enthusiastic about holding weddings in the new town hall.

"The staircase is made for it," she says, enthusiastically.

Baxter said there are a myriad of reasons why couples opt to be married by a justice of the peace.

"Many churches, ministers and wedding halls are booked over a year in advance," she says. "For some, religious differences or inactivity in church lead couples to choose an alternative. Some couples marry for the second or third time and wish to avoid the formality of a church wedding. Others seek out the simplicity of a civil ceremony. Some, for one reason or another, desire that their marriage be kept private. Elopement is common."

Baxter hopes that couples seeking an alternative to the stress, the time constraints and the expense of a formal wedding will begin to recognize the new Hingham Town Hall as a warm, friendly and beautiful venue.

Baxter individualizes each ceremony around the personalities and experiences of each couple she marries. Meeting with each couple two or three times, together and individually, to ensure a meaningful ceremony, Baxter refuses to perform a "quickie" marriage. From these meetings, she writes a fitting recitation in which the couple, family and friends, can participate. She has educated herself considerably in religion and doctrines, so that her ceremonies embrace elements of the traditional as it may apply to the couple, but with a contemporary flair.

The town hall is not the only venue where Baxter conducts marriage ceremonies. She presided over ceremonies at aquariums, restaurants, gazebos, a party of eight in a Jacuzzi, Plymouth Plantation, at Nantucket beach, church chapels, hospitals, boats, lighthouses, and mansions in Newport and even in a prison.

The most unusual are those ceremonies where costuming signifies the lifestyle of the wedding pair. Baxter relates one memorable ceremony.

"In the frigid winter at a duck pond, the bride brought ducks wearing necklaces containing inscriptions about the wedding. She wore a short Easter type dress with a black leather jacket. The groom wore black jeans with a tux shirt under his leather jacket, and studded riding boots—depicting their first date and first kiss."

Laughing, Baxter shares another experience.

"The stork arrived as rings were being exchanged in the new home of one couple. Everyone hopped into a car and drove to the hospital, where the baby arrived and the vows were complete," she recalled.

The new Hingham Town Hall lends itself well to marriage ceremonies, and several locations within the beautifully restored structure are available to be used for such events. There are no restrictions, within reason, on the time of day that a marriage may be performed in the Hingham Town Hall.

However, Baxter prefers to hold a ceremony after hours so that the words and their significance to the couple remain uninterrupted and, hopefully, cherished throughout a long and harmonious marriage.

There are 1,360 justices of the peace in Massachusetts. While most people know justices of the peace perform marriages that's not all they do.

Justices of the peace are in place to fulfill certain other requirements of Commonwealth and municipal law, such as acknowledgment of deeds and taking depositions in civil cases. A justice of the peace may also be called upon to issue a search warrant.

But presiding over marriages clearly keeps a justice in demand.

Of the 149 marriage intentions posted recently at the Hingham Town Hall, justices of the peace performed 31 ceremonies.



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Hingham assistant town clerk Lyn Gordon Baxter, a Cohasset resident, is also a justice of the peace. Baxter says the new Hingham Town Hall is a super site for weddings.

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$660K override anticipated this spring

Would maintain current services

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

Voters will be asked to dig into their pockets this spring to support a general override to cover an anticipated $660K shortfall in the town's proposed $20.8 million operating budget.

An override is needed because the proposed Fiscal Year 2000 budget increase cannot be absorbed within the limits of Prop. 2-1/2, the state law which caps the amount a town's tax levy can go up in any given year without a positive vote at the polls.

If passed the override will cost the owner of the average Cohasset house valued at $341,000 about $371.83 more a year for a total tax bill of $5,471.63, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Haddad described the proposed budget as a "maintenance budget" because it contains no new initiatives and would maintain services at the current level.

If the override fails at the polls, Haddad said the larger town departments including the schools, fire, police and DPW would face "major cuts in personnel."

Figures discussed with selectmen Tuesday allow for a jump of 6 percent the school department's budget, which has been the schools' average increase over the past three years.

Haddad explained the town faces an override

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RTF sticker fees could increase

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Everything has its price, and trash is no exception. Federal data indicates that Americans generate more trash at Christmas than at any other time of the year. Cohasset residents who use the recycling and transfer station (RTF) are no different. But RTF users beware. The selectmen are pondering whether to raise the cost of RTF sticker fees to offset increases in trash disposal costs. SEMASS has informed town officials that it will increase trash disposal costs by $2-$3 per ton beginning July 1, 1999, and again Jan. 1, 2001, by a whopping $13-$17 per ton. SEMASS needs the additional money to comply with state Department of Environmental Protection regulations mandating a decrease in emissions at its disposal facilities.

For residents who use the RTF, the additional

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Point dispute may land town in court

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

The town will go to court if necessary to protect about an acre of open space it doesn't own.

The parcel in question is part of Gammons Point, a small peninsula of land that juts into Little Harbor.

About 20 residents jammed selectmen's quarters Tuesday to persuade the board to affirm the town's rights as a beneficiary to a development restriction placed on the land more than 75 years ago.

Dan and Jean Cotton, an elderly couple who have owned what is called "Lot O" — the land in question since the mid 1960s — are proposing to have the development restriction lifted to remove "a cloud" from the title for their heirs.

The town was deeded a parcel of "beneficiary" property to Lot O by Charles Gammons in 1926 who placed the open space restriction on that property to benefit his remaining land. The restriction was to remain in effect for 999 years. The neighboring owners of a number of other

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Beverly Nakashima admires the Christmas tree on Cohasset Common with her children, Sasha and Tatyana.

THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Moving moorings isn't cheap

Harbormaster John Winters told selectmen moving the moorings for the commercial fleet several times to facilitate the dredging of the harbor will cost an additional $8K to $9K. This is on top of the $38K for moving recreational moorings that were taken out of the harbor and will be put back in the spring.

It costs about $1,400 a day to move the moorings, he said. Marine Tech Inc. of Yarmouth is the contractor on the job.

Winters explained the moorings for the 29 lobster boats had to follow the sequence of the dredging to ensure there is enough room for the dredging equipment and for the fishing fleet.

Selectman Nan Roth wondered if the town was being fair.

"There is a great deal of accommodation for the fishermen. Have we done anything for the recreational boaters?" she said.

The cost of moving the moorings is being paid for through boat excises taxes, Town Manager Mark Haddad said.

Winters said the harbor-dredging project is moving along as planned. The original contract date was extended from Dec. 12 to Feb. 15. Winters said the equipment was upgraded and the contractor was making great strides.

"It's 60 percent completed and the Army Corps feels we're in great shape and we should be done by the end of January," he said.

No 'no turn' signs at crosswalks

Selectman Merle Brown, who also sits on the traffic study committee, said, "no-turn on red" signs are not allowed at intersections where there are crosswalks.

His comments were in response to a resident's request asking that turns on red be allowed at the intersection of Ripley and Sohier streets because the Osgood School is closed down.

Fee waiver by-law confusing

Selectmen decided to table action on a warrant article establishing a by-law allowing them to waive fees because they are confused about the matter.

As it stands now, the board is not allowed to waive any fees without town meeting approval. The issue surfaced recently when St. Anthony's requested a waiver for a $18,000 building permit fee for its new $1.8 million parish hall under construction. Selectmen denied the request over protests from parishioners. Town counsel subsequently alerted selectmen that they didn't have the right to waive fees anyway.

The by-law would give selectmen that right but they could choose to exercise it or not as the case may be.

Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris favors putting the proposed by-law before town meeting. But Selectman Tom Callahan said it is better to leave well enough alone.

"With no by-law, we can't waive fees," he said. "I don't know if every decision we make has to go to a plebiscite."

Town buildings are exempt f[illegible] town fees, selectmen said.

Selectmen Nan Roth and Merle Brown continue to support authorizing selectmen to waive any building permit fees for non-profit organizations.

Selectman Diane Sullivan said there is a problem with selectmen having that authority.

"What happens is once you waive one fee, you establish a policy," she said. "...It should be all or none, so there is no confusion."

Fire overtime projection sought

Selectmen asked Fire Chief Roger Lincoln for a projection on overtime through the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

Selectmen monitor the fire department's weekly overtime reports which show a balance of $42,387.23 through the end of November.

"The board is concerned this amount may not be enough money to get through the end of fiscal year 1999," Town Manager Mark Haddad wrote in a memo to Lincoln.

The town appropriated $118,602 for fire department overtime at the beginning of FY'99 and added $40,000 to that at October's special town meeting for a total of $158,602.

Haddad recently hired a paramedic to fill a vacancy in the department that should reduce the need for callbacks, which add to overtime. He said six of the seven injured firefighters are back on the job.

Lincoln told Haddad this week he projects an additional $27,000 will be needed to cover overtime through the end of the fiscal year. Selectmen balked at the request Tuesday night.

Haddad said he would ask Lincoln to refine the number.

"We want it more than refined," Selectman Nan Roth said. "We want it chopped."

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Interest in Independence Building grows

By **Constance Pittman Lindner**
STAFF WRITER

In its 149 years, the Independence Building has housed the town's fire department, police department, Historical Society's Gown Museum, a law office and town teens. Now, another interested party besides the Cohasset Chamber of Commerce is negotiating with Town Manager Mark Haddad to become the next occupant of the unassuming landmark.

Haddad has met with two parties interested in the structure, which is as rooted in town history as the ledge in which it is built on South Main Street and just below St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

"The Chamber of Commerce and somebody else came forward to inquire about it, but I'm not at liberty to say who the other party is at this time," said Haddad. "It would have to go out to bid under the requirements of Chapter 30B, the uniform procurement act and under that law you have to go through a bidding procedure to dispose of real property and then ultimately, the town meeting would have to approve any disposition of that building."

Selectmen went into executive session two weeks ago to discuss the possible sale or lease of the building.

Haddad said the replacement cost of the building is $110,000, according to the insurance company. It is assessed at $16,000.

Selectmen said then that they would consider all options before making a recommendation on disposition of the building.

A request for proposal would then be brought up and brought to town meeting, Haddad said.

"The Chamber of Commerce is interested in getting it and rehabbing it, renting it upstairs and using it for public toilets," he explained.

Haddad originally proposed razing the building because of concerns about the building remaining vacant.

"The board of selectmen didn't agree and so the building remains," he said.

Dean Rizzo, vice president of the Cohasset Chamber and chairman of the Village Revitalization Task Force, is representing the chamber on this issue. The chamber would like to see the building converted into a public restroom/tourist stop with office spaces rented to help generate interest to help offset the cost to maintain and renovate the building.

"Hopefully, that could make it a self sufficient operation," Rizzo said. "From our understanding, it's really up to the town officials to decide whether they want to sell the building outright to anybody that is willing to buy it or make an arrangement with the us so that we can take it over at no cost."

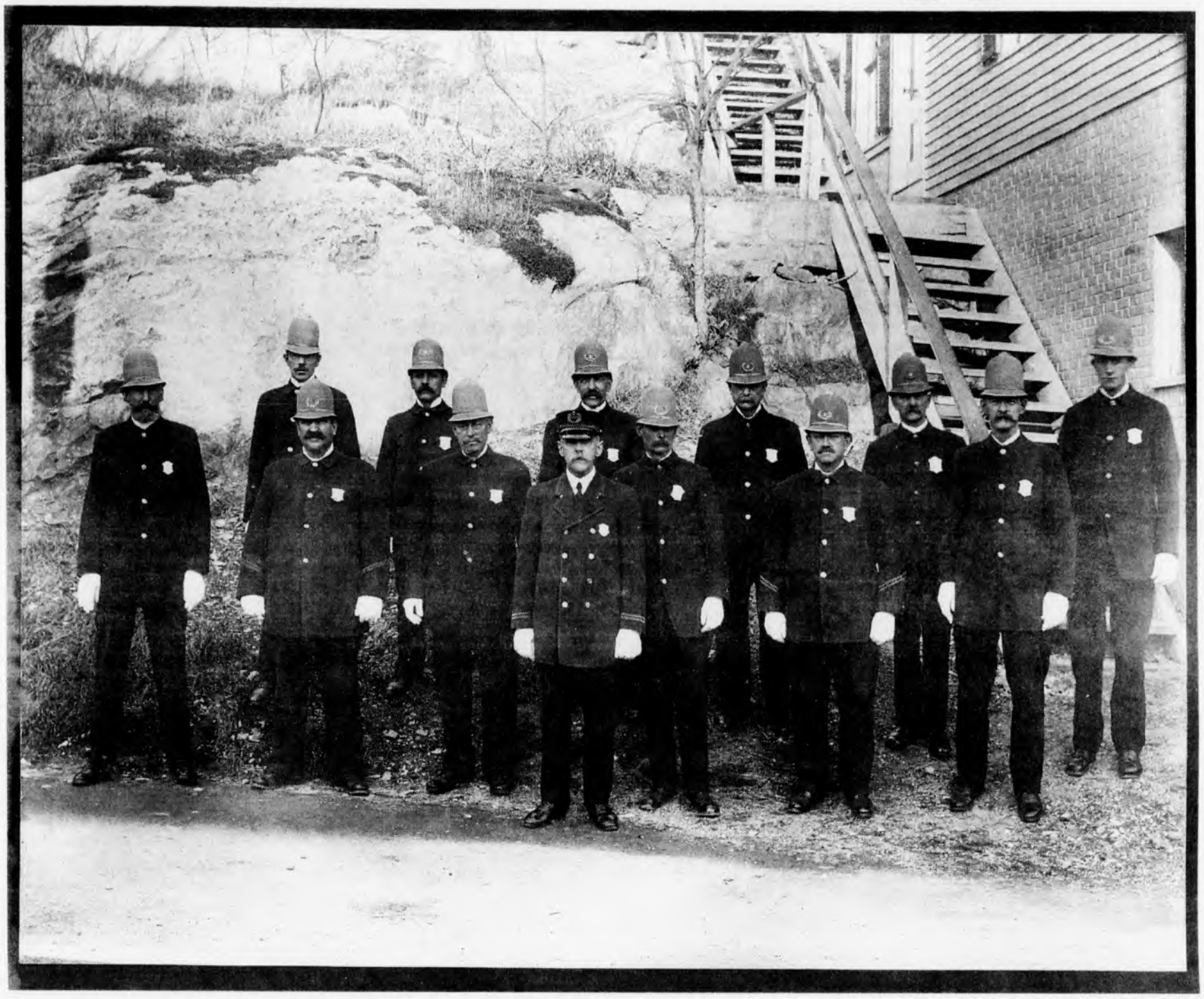


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Thomas Bates, town's first police chief, with the police department at the Independence Building which was converted to from a fire station to a police station in 1912-13.

The task force has already received a grant for a new sidewalk along South Main Street in front of the Independence Building which would include making the building's entrance handicap accessible.

Rizzo sees this as an opportunity to "really dress up that corner, make it easier for pedestrians and make it more inviting for people to come to the village, for visitors as well as residents. I know there are many times that I'm down in the village and there is no place for people to go (to the bathroom). That's a problem when you have town functions and there is no facility down there unless town hall happens to be open."

"It certainly is a historic building, with the fire station having been there and the police station," he said. "It's been a piece of the town character for quite a long time and it would be a shame to have that removed for demolition purposes or being turned into a residential house or something different."

Town's first fire engine

A century and a half ago, the spanking-new building housed the town's first fire engine, a hand-pumped model that was the pride of Independence Fire Company No. 1, from which the building got its name.

"The second floor of the building was called Engine Hall," said David Wadsworth, historical society curator. "That was their meeting hall. I don't think they lived there. The pumper was on the first floor downstairs. It was a small one.

"In 1913, the town built its first Central Fire Station down at the Cove where Veterans Park is today. By that time, the Independence 1 was probably not very active, since water pressure in the public water system hydrants became available. That's when it was converted into the town's first police station where it remained headquarters until the town opened a joint police and fire department in 1962."

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Teen Center members may have viewed the two cells with metal bunks as part of the building's decor, but for generations of adolescent pranksters, the cells once loomed ominously as backdrop for the "talking-to" they received from stern police.

Surely, more lighthearted times were had in the station house though, as evidenced by the pre- and prohibition era wine bottles found in a hidden room.

Cohasset resident Noel Collins who operated his law office in the building from 1987 to 1990 found the empty "hooch" bottles while putting down flooring.

"We placed some flooring and when we opened up the floor we found a back room," said Collins. "Inside, we found pre-Prohibition era and Prohibition era bottles, which I turned over to the historical society."

Collins recalled other remains from the town's history is a third floor loft area with a wooden spindle from which the firemen would hand hoses to dry and then roll them up again.

"The hoses used to hang through the whole three-floor length of the building but otherwise there wasn't too much of the history left," said Collins. "Of course, the jail cells were still there, two on the first floor, which made for an interesting conversation piece with my clients."

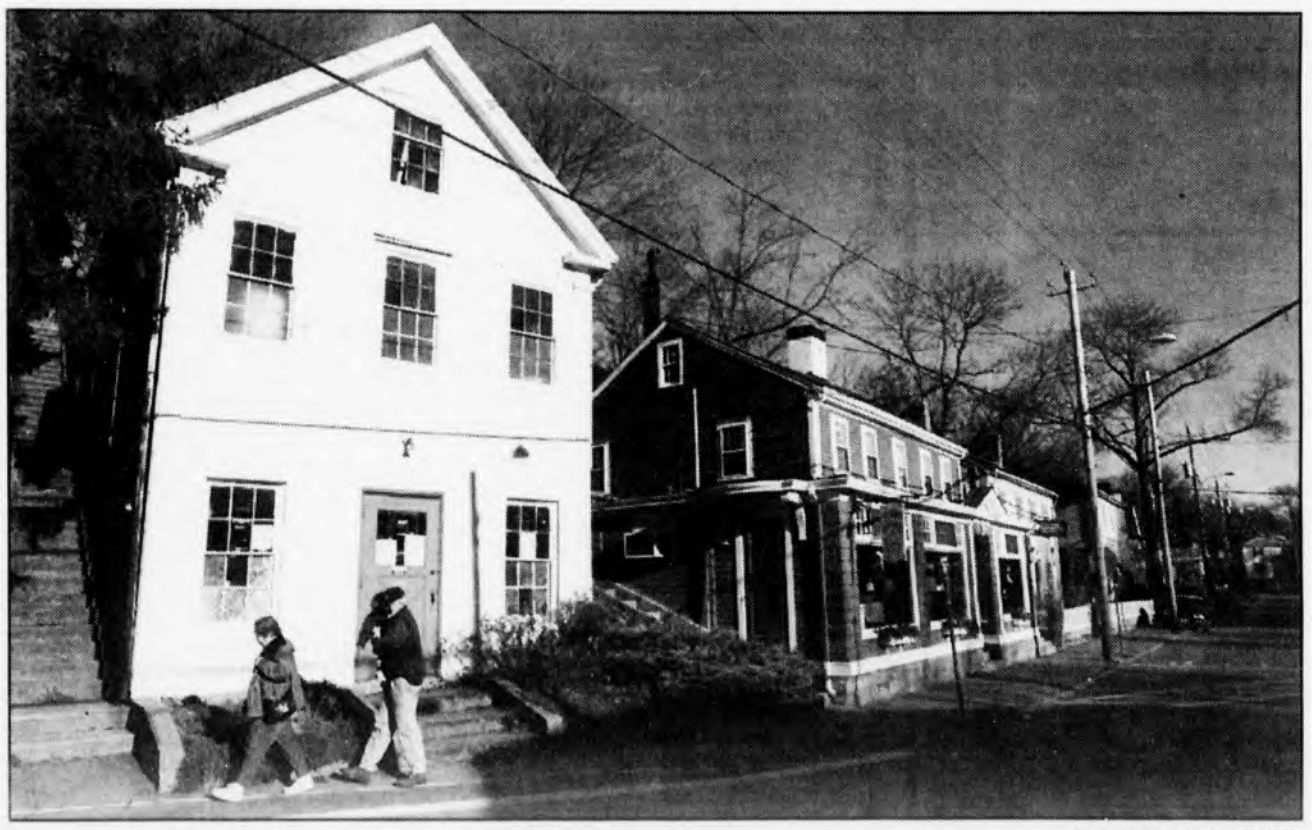
The Cohasset Historical Society leased the building from the town for about 20 years to use for its Gown Museum, but had to close shop around 1983 because of structural problems.

"Basically, there were getting to be some structural problems in the building which have since been remedied and so we left just 20 years after we had established the museum," said Wadsworth.

The building used to have a bell tower on it. "A cupola, right near the front of the building," said Wadsworth. "That bell, The Independence Fire Bell, is now down on Government Island after it was given to the Historical Society years ago."

With its varied history so steeped in town memory, many are hoping that the building remains.

"We've expressed our interest to the selectmen and we understand they are considering the alternatives with the town manager," said Rizzo. "Ultimately, it's the town meeting that will decide in spring. So people will get to take a vote on this."



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

The Independence Building as it looks today. The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce would like to convert the building into offices with a public restroom on the first floor.

Christmas tree business is a family affair

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Real Christmas trees with their pleasant, natural scent are once again the tradition in many South Shore homes.

No one knows that better than Jim Barry, who sells 2,000 evergreens annually to Hingham, Cohasset and Scituate residents from a roadside stand at Cohasset Plaza on Route 3A. While many families have switched to artificial trees in past years, Barry said a large number are back to buying "the real thing."

"I have a following of people who return year after year," he said. "I remember everyone."

This year, sales are better than ever.

About 50 percent of his customers come from Scituate and the rest are almost evenly divided among Hingham and Cohasset residents.

Besides the lush Christmas trees themselves, Barry also offers delivery service and puts up roping for customers for decorative purposes. He'll even put a tree in a stand, which he also sells, along with wreaths and wooden reindeer made by two Marshfield lobstermen.

"People go nuts over those," he said. "I even place lights in tall trees at customers' homes."

Prices start at $9.95 for a tree three feet high. Some of the evergreens are as tall as 16 feet. Ninety percent of the trees are balsam firs from Canada, which he buys through Lambert's Rainbow Fruit, a business owned by his wife, Bernadette's, family.

One of the Barrys' sons is named after Fernand Lambert, who started the business with his brothers.

Since it rains a lot in Canada, the trees tend to be particularly fresh.

"The business is quite lucrative," Barry said, although it keeps him busy from 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

A construction worker by trade, Barry has filled in the off-season gaps by selling Christmas trees for the past nine years, eight of them at Cohasset Plaza. He also works on construction projects during the winter, weather permitting.

Barry, who grew up in Cohasset, spent many hours in Hingham as a child boating and fishing in Hingham Harbor with his father, the late James Barry Sr., who was a member of the Hingham Lions Club.

His father, after whom one of his grandsons is named, used to work for the telephone company located near Hingham Rotary.

"My dad always kept an eye on his boat in the harbor from his office," Barry said. "Some of the guys went fishing during their lunch hours."

His mother, Maria Barry-McClellan, lives in Cohasset.

Barry, now a Hull resident, sells "premium Christmas trees." His wife joins him on the weekends at the stand, along with other helpers.

"The trees have such a wonderful aroma," he said.

During his first years, Barry enjoyed the assistance and camaraderie of his father.

In 1990, Barry recalls his father's tactful intervention during an argument between a couple, both doctors, over which Christmas tree they should buy.

Barry Sr. convinced them to flip a coin, but before it hit the ground, the couple was arguing about who called "heads" and who called "tails."

"In the end, they drove off with both trees," Barry said with a laugh.

A year later, his first at Cohasset Plaza, Barry panicked.

"There were other people within three miles of me also selling trees," he said. "I remember sitting here with hundreds of them and wondering if mine would sell — but they did," he recalled.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Jim Barry with his new son, Ferninand, on his lap and another young helper among all the Christmas trees at Cohasset Plaza.

Barry, the father of six children ranging in age from four months to 19-years-old, sold 800 trees the first year, and the business has been booming ever since.

He likes the way Christmas trees make kids happy, including his own.

"I tell them I work for Santa Claus because if you don't have a tree, there's nowhere to put the presents," he said. "So that's why I have so many trees."

Barry's children pick out their own and help decorate it.

"In the past, I'd bring back one they didn't particularly like, and they'd send me back with it," he said with a laugh.

He encourages his wife to take the children to buy a tree "down the street, because she always picks my best one!" Barry joked.

But in the end, the family always chooses its tree from his lot.

"Picking out a tree together is a return to family values," he said.

Why do customers keep coming back year after year?

"I give them a fresh cut on the tree, tie it on their car and tell them if they have a problem they can return it," he said. "I'm here every year, so I'm not a fly-by-night operation. High-quality trees sell themselves."

He particularly enjoys seeing babies who used to run around the lot grow up and come back to the stand to pick a tree for their family. Some of the teenagers who worked for him on the tree lot in the past are now returning with their own families to se-

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Tips on keeping tree fresh through the season

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

A Christmas tree is an investment in enjoyment, says Jim Barry, who sells 2,000 of them a year.

To keep trees fresh and to prolong their life, Barry offers the following tips:

•Since all trees are cut at the same time of year, buy one early in the season, soon after Thanksgiving.

"The tree won't dry out as quickly and there's a better selection early on," he said.

•Choose a tree whose branches don't break when gently bent backwards.

•After selecting a tree, have the attendant take a fresh cut off the bottom of the trunk — at least an inch.

"It's 'good luck' to burn the cut-off piece in your fireplace and make a wish," Barry said.

•Buy a good tree stand that hold's a large supply of water. (Fresh trees can "drink" a gallon a day.) Immediately place the tree in a pail of water in a protected area where it won't freeze to prevent sap from sealing the bottom of the tree, thus preventing it from "drinking" water. If the branches of a tree become frozen, don't push them back because they can break.

If the water dries up, give the trunk another fresh cut to ensure it will be able to absorb enough water. If the tree is already decorated, a fresh cut is difficult to make. In that case, pour hot water into the tree holder to soften the sap.

•Check the water level regularly and replenish it often.

•Keep trees away from forced hot air heating vents and fireplaces and draw the shades if a tree is in front of a window to prevent it from drying out. Once up, the average tree should last four to five weeks if cared for properly.

Some families use tree preserver, while others place aspirin or 7-Up in the water, which they feel has the same effect of helping to prolong the evergreen's life.

"Everyone has their own little trick," Barry said.

It takes seven years to grow the average Christmas tree. The ones Barry sells come from a tree farm, where the evergreens are planted to be enjoyed as Christmas trees when they have matured

Traditionally the busiest weekends are the two before Christmas.

"It's a busy time, and people come out in the spirit of Christmas," said Barry.

The busiest hours are Sunday after church.

"The customers hit all at once and then go home to watch the Patriots game," he said.

One year Barry set up a color TV set at the tree stand during a Patriots/Pittsburgh Stealers game. There was even a decorated reindeer wearing a "Go Pats!" sign.

Brisk weather really gets customers in the spirit. Barry recalls one man selecting a tree when a light dusting of snow was falling.

He had trouble fitting the tree inside his convertible, so the gentleman put down the top of his car to make room, then drove away.

"It was the funniest thing," Barry said.

A family affair

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lect an evergreen.

While Barry enjoys the fresh air and helping customers select the perfect tree, there are some challenges.

Snow creates an ambiance, but it also causes some problems, including weighing down tree branches so they sometimes break.

When it does snow, Barry has to take down all the trees to prevent this from happening and replace them in their stands when the danger is past.

What's it's like celebrating Christmas with six children?

Gifts are opened Christmas Eve in the Barry family. Christmas Day is hectic, but fun.

"We have a good time, with a fire in the fireplace," Barry said.

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to fund the operating budget about every three years. The town escaped an override last year by funding the deficit from free cash.

The proposed budget includes an increase in the town's debt service to pay for the new elementary school, the DPW garage, the James Brook flood control project, school technology plan and an increase in the tipping fee for the town's trash.

Cohasset is largely residential with a limited commercial base and limited state aid, Haddad said. Only about 8 percent of the town's budget is offset by state aid.

"We are in a cycle where we need an override to fund services every three years," he said.

Also, the town can't count on receiving $65 per student from the state under Education Reform, which will be in its sixth year. The state promised towns it would offset the cost of ed. reform for five years.

In the future the town is looking at major repairs to the Deer Hill and middle/high schools and possibly a new library. If approved, improvements to the schools are expected to impact the tax rate in 2001 and the new library in 2002.

Advisory Committee Chairman Dick Avery said the intent of Prop. 2-1/2 was to find a better way of providing services through "regionalizing, outsourcing and combining with other towns for purchasing."

"We need to find creative solutions to do more with the same money," Avery said.

Selectman Nan Roth pointed out that it's impossible to live within Prop. 2-1/2 when salaries are going up at three percent annually.

Selectmen will consider only one of four initiatives Haddad put forth for next year.

They will investigate creating a building maintenance division in the DPW that would be in charge of maintaining all town buildings, eventually including the schools. The annual cost would be about $32,000 which is not included in FY2000 budget projections and therefore, would add to the amount of the suggested override. Currently while the town has janitorial service, there is no one charged with maintaining the buildings. The money would pay for 1-1/2 positions to be added to the existing 1-1/2 janitorial positions so there is sufficient manpower for maintenance as well as cleaning, Haddad said.

Selectmen tabled Haddad's other initiatives to add four firefighter positions, a DPW engineering division and a town planner due to lack of funds and a sense taxpayers would not be supportive due to the town's fiscal outlook.

RTF sticker fees could increase in town

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cost per ton may result in higher sticker fees. The selectmen have asked the recycling committee to analyze the additional costs and recommend whether the town should increase sticker fees, said Town Manager Mark Haddad.

"We're talking about a sticker increase because we had to add some money to the RTF budget," said selectman Merle Brown who also serves on the recycling committee. "But using tax money is not fair to all, because not everyone uses the transfer station. Taxpayers are subsidizing RTF users."

Brown pointed out that the reason selectmen had to supplement the RTF budget this year was because of a sharp decrease in patronage by residents. Typically, 2,400-2,500 people purchase stickers for the RTF. Currently, only about 1,700-1,800 residents have stickers.

"It may be that the economy is good and people are using private haulers," Brown said. "We also get some people who use the RTF without a sticker. In some of those cases, people are new to town. Other people have a sticker, but don't want it on their car."

Cohasset's municipal landfill has been closed for many years, but still serves as a transfer station. A transfer station is a collection point for municipal trash and recyclables. Residents bring their trash and recyclables to the RTF, and a contractor transfers the material to a disposal/recycling facility.

In Cohasset, residents currently pay $65 for a one-year RTF sticker that allows them legal access to the RTF. Other residents hire private haulers to remove their trash rather than drive their garbage to the RTF. The town pays about $64 per ton for trash removal, plus a hauling fee that increases the price to $85 per ton. The proposed increases will increase the cost of trash disposal to close to $100 per ton.

But there is an easy way to offset increased trash disposal fees: recycling. What many residents who use the RTF don't know is that recycling is mandatory at the facility, Brown said. In an effort to keep costs low, regulations require RTF users to recycle as much as possible. Brown said it costs the town only about $10-$15 per ton to send recyclables to SEMASS. Because almost everything is recyclable, residents could offset the increased trash disposal costs by recycling more, Brown said.

Residents who don't recycle properly or who use the RTF without a sticker, may be in for a shock soon. The town has money in the budget to pay for an RTF security guard for three months to ensure that recyclables do not end up with the trash. The guard would look for things like people dumping without stickers, or residents discarding corrugated paper, paper bags and other recyclables with the regular trash. Brown said the guard would not inspect closed trash bags.

Discarding recyclables at $10-$15 per ton is a lot cheaper than mixing the material in with the regular trash, which costs $85 per ton to remove.

"The big money savings is in recycling," Brown said. "If we send less trash to SEMASS, it will reduce our costs. It's very simple when you look at the costs and figures."

One of the most effective methods of encouraging recycling is implementing a "pay and throw" system, which requires residents to pay for each bag discarded in an RTF. Recycling reduces the amount of trash a person brings to the dump, which reduces the number of bags that have to be purchased. Town officials tried to implement a "pay and throw" system last year, but town meeting rejected the idea. The plan would have forced residents to purchase easily identifiable 30 gallon bags for $1 from the town. Residents would have been forced to use only the special bags at the RTF. Brown said other towns have lowered their trash disposal costs dramatically with "pay and throw" programs. He added that the town may try to present the plan again at a future town meeting.

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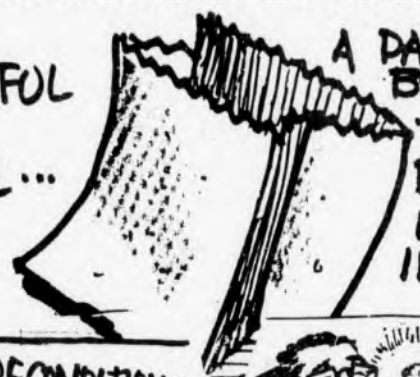
Of Course Not! instead, they stand in line for hours so that they can shower the selfish ingrates with expensive gifts! Rock-and-Roll music and violent video games! Dangerous skateboards and spooky little hairy robots! No wonder salvage store moguls like me don't get the respect they deserve!

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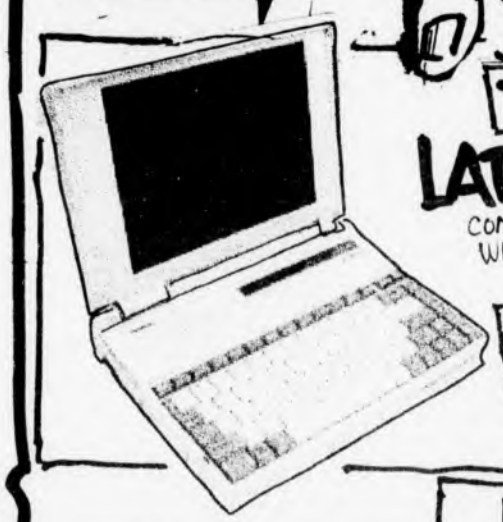
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The CHS soccer team poses for the camera at their breakup dinner. Front row from left are: Andrew Laney, Jake Motley, Mike Baird and Hunt Pile. In the back row are: Mike Equi, Dennis Rooney, Devin Buick, Justin Maitland, Ben Littauer, Noel Grinnell, Steve Sceery and Coach Jeff Martell.

NEW ARRIVAL

Lance and **Amy Norris** have wonderful news to share with all — Dec. 3, they became the proud parents of **Raymond Richard Norris!** Raymond weighed nine pounds, 14 ounces, a big boy, indeed! And, guess who welcomed him home? None other than his big sister, **Savanna!** Savanna is so excited to have a little brother and will undoubtedly be a big help to Mom and Dad! What a wonderful Christmas that family will have this year!

SENIOR CITIZEN DAY

Kathi Yeager wants you to start your new calendar for next year right now — mark the date, okay? You are all invited to Senior Citizen Day at the New Osgood School Wednesday, Jan. 13, from 10 to 11 a.m. There will be tours of the new building, coffee, snacks and some entertainment, all put on by grades K-3. RSVP to **Kathi** at 383-9820. If you need transportation, call 383-9112. There will be tons of fun, and you will be able to see our little ones "in action," don't miss it. Oh, the snowdate is Wednesday, Jan. 20, same time.

VENISON DONATED

Did you hear about **Pat Plante**? Oh, wow — he was hunting in the woods in Maine and shot a 16 point deer! Pat must just have been so excited! What did he do with it? Well, some family in Maine will not go hungry this winter. Pat heard about a needy family and donated it to them. True Christmas spirit, from a truly giving person! Congratulations, Pat!

WHO'S WHO IN COLLEGE

The following is a list of students who are featured in the 32nd Annual Edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, 1997-1998. They are, **Alia Afshor, Allison M. Berg, Ivan Chang, Megan Connolly, Dan P. Duffy, Mark B. Equi, Noel Grinnell, Elizabeth R. Ingber, Meagan K. Leahy, Julia A. Lovallo, Jamey A. Watts** and **Kelly Tufts**. This is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students, and we are proud of all of you!



Ken Maitland of Forest Avenue launches his 19-foot Chamberlain dory.

SHOP AT ART CENTER

If you are still looking for that unique Christmas present for that special person on your list, consider going to the South Shore Art Center, specifically the exhibit in the Dillion Gallery! There you will be able to find beautiful art — an unframed picture is under $100, a framed one is under $200! There is also a table located in the back of the gallery that has items at 50 percent off. The exhibit will be open until Dec. 23. There, now you can scratch another gift off of your list!

MIDDLEBURY NEWS

Received news from Middlebury College stating that **John J. Flanagan III,** son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. John J. Flanagan Jr.** and **Aaron D. Sawchuk,** son of **Mr.** and **Mrs. Wayne Sawchuk,** have both begun their first year at Middlebury College in Vermont. They join 582 other first-year students, and we know that they will "do themselves proud;" we are sure to hear more about them in the future!

HANDMADE DORY LAUNCHED

On Nov. 22, **Ken Maitland** of Forest Ave. launched this 19-foot Chamberlain dory he built from plans drafted by Tom Sleeper of Marblehead. Ken spent 10 months building it in his basement, of marine plywood trimmed with mahogany. Ken and a small group of friends and family were fortunate to have warm weather this late in the fall for the launching. He used the Parker Avenue launching ramp to put the boat into Cohasset Harbor. This is the second rowing boat built by Ken!

SOCCER BANQUET

The CHS soccer team held its breakup banquet recently, we thought you might like to take a peek at all of the senior stars, so we have a photograph for you to view! This way, when you read about them in the future as stars in various colleges, you will be able to picture them perfectly!

CONSIGNMENT SHOP

Polly Logan has a way for you to avoid holiday traffic and overwhelming crowds — she suggests that you head to the Cohasset Consignment shop to do your holiday shopping!

Some examples : beautiful furs (including Kakas Furs), shirts and sweaters from L.L. Bean, Eddie Bauer, Lands End, The Gap, Brooks Brothers and Ralph Lauren for both men and women; all kinds of holiday dresses and accessories; for the collector, there are Hummels, dolls, ornaments, china — the list goes on! Not only will you find something nifty at a great price, the proceeds go to the Social Service League! A win-win situation!

SHARE YOUR NEWS

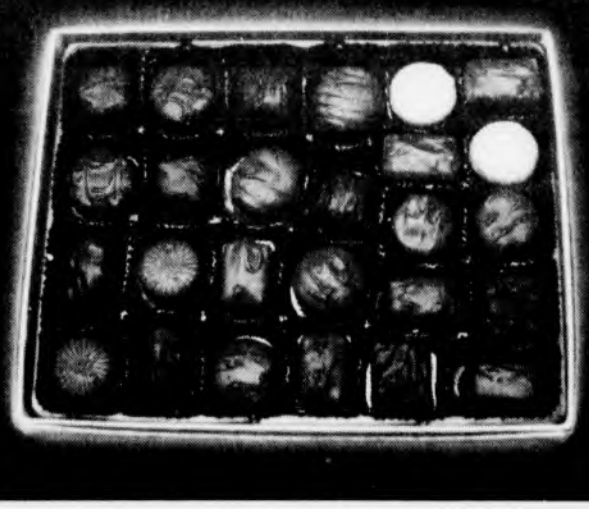
The news is done for this week, hopefully you will call with yours — share your tidbits with all!

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GREAT CATCH



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Jake Previtt salvages Frosty's hat from the harbor during the annual Jingle Bell Walk sponsored by the South Shore Community Center. Frosty arrived by boat along with Santa and Mrs.Claus and Santa's elves.

Christmas schedule at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Christmas worship at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Ave., features a variety of worship celebrating Christ's birth. The Christmas Eve Family Holy Communion service will be held Thursday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. The Jubilate Children's Choir will sing. The star of Bethlehem will be lit on the church tower.

The Festal Holy Communion Service of Christmas Eve will begin at 11 p.m. preceded by a special program of Christmas music to start at 10:30 p.m. The Saint Stephen's adult choir with music director Dr. G. Fredrick Guzasky will offer music such as "For Christ is Born," by Kenneth Aiken and Mary Elizabeth Crawford, and "Quem Vidistis Pastores," by Francis Poulenc. The traditional nativity story of the Gospel of Luke is read from the King James Version of the Bible. Candlelight illuminates the singing of "Silent Night." The beautiful bells of the church carillon will ring out the music of Christmas into the night sky.

Worship on Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25, will be at 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship is as usual at 8 and 10 a.m.

The church school is busy preparing an Epiphany Pageant to take place Sunday, Jan.11, at 10 a.m. celebrating the appearance of Jesus to the three magi representing all the world. Children will portray angels, shepherds hurrying to Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary with baby, and of course, the three magi.

Christmas at First Parish

First Parish in Cohasset is busily preparing for several joyous celebrations of the Christmas season.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, at 10:30 a.m., a special service of "Lessons and Carols" will be held in the Meeting House on Cohasset Common. The Rev. Elizabeth Tarbox and acting minister Colin Leitch will share a collection of holiday stories, and the choir will entertain and delight us with a glorious selection of carols.

On Thursday, Dec. 24, there will be two special Christmas services. At 5 p.m. a traditional Christmas pageant will be presented in the Meeting House by the children of the religious education program. This is a yearly tradition that is sure to stir up some holiday sentiment and bring a smile to all who attend.

At 8 p.m. the traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held in the Meeting House, ministered by both The Rev. Tarbox and The Rev. Leitch.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Mail-dominated season

"Neither rain nor sleet nor snow nor dark of night shall stay these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

"Mails from the North — the East — the West — the South — comes the magical word NEWS," said 19th century essayist and critic Thomas De Quincey.

Where do you get your news from the north, east, west and south?

From the mail carriers of course.

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They walk from seven to ten miles a day and go through two to three pairs of shoes a year.

They have to be ever on the alert for unleashed dogs. Sometimes they are chased. Sometimes they are actually bitten.

The volume of mail throughout the nation this holiday season is expected to rise to 16.7 billion pieces overall, with a one percent increase in cards and letters and a ten percent increase in priority mail and regular package delivery over last year.

Here are some tips that will make it easier for our mail carriers this season:

- Keep dogs restrained at all times.
- Write, type or print the complete address neatly.
- Always use a return address.
- Don't let an in correct ZIP code delay deliver of cards and letters.
- When packaging a gift, select a box that is strong enough to protect the contents. Leave space for cushioning material inside the carton. Convenient packaging materials including boxes and padding materials can be purchased at the post office. Express Mail and Priority Mail boxes, envelopes and tubes are free.
- Cushion package contents with shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble wrap or Styrofoam peanuts. Plain-air-popped popcorn is also good for cushioning, as well as being inexpensive and environmentally friendly. Left over popcorn ca be strung for holiday decorations.
- Always use tape designed for shipping, such as pressure-sensitive tape, nylon-reinforced craft paper tape, or glass-reinforced pressure sensitive tape.
- The only addresses on packages for mailing should be the delivery and return addresses. Special tip: place a return address label inside the package.
- Carefully pack glass and fragile hollow items, like vases, with newspaper or packing material to avoid damage due to shock. When mailing framed photographs, take the glass out of the frame and wrap it separately.
- Remove batteries from toys. Wrap them and place them next to the toys in the mailing box.
- Packages that weigh at least one pound must be taken to the post office for mailing.
- When writing Santa, be sure to use a return address. Santa may write back!
- Avoid waiting in line for stamps by buying holidays tamps by phone (1-800-STAMP-24), stamps by mail, or stamps from postal vending machines.

Holiday stamps available this seasons are Florentine Madonna and Children, wreathes, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah.

Here's a special delivery message to all our mail carriers - Happy Holidays. We appreciate your hard work, especially during this busiest of seasons.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tax, sewer deferment offered

TO THE EDITOR:

"Tax squeeze threatens to put elderly out of their homes."

This statement was headlines in a recent addition of a local newspaper.

However it need not apply to Cohasset senior taxpayers if you are 65 years or older by July 1, 1998, if your income is $40,000 or less, and have owned and occupied your home for the past five years, you can defer your real estate tax until you sell your home. Massachusetts must have been your domicile for the preceding 10 years.

In the next few years sewer betterments will be starting and they can also be deferred. You can defer all or any part of your taxes or betterments.

The residents of Cohasset have voted for these benefits to help seniors to stay in their homes. But it is up to the seniors to take advantage of these benefits. You must apply each year in December at the assessor's office.

There is an 8 percent interest charge added to the amount you defer each year and there's also a lien placed on the property. Many seniors shy away from the program because of the lien, but the lien is no big deal. It is like a mortgage that is paid off when the home is sold.

Some seniors also feel they are taking something away from their children leaving them with the taxes to pay. Remember the taxes are paid from the proceeds from the sale of the property and with property values increasing like they are, the kids will not be doing too bad. If they had the money to help you now they would be glad to do it, so you could look at the deferment as if they are giving you a few thousand each year and paying for it later.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 383-4104.

Joe Buckley

Treasurer/Collector

Library parking: converting a silk purse into a sow's ear

TO THE EDITOR:

Legend has it that, many years ago, the famous Cambridge research and development firm Arthur D. Little Inc. accepted a challenge to make a silk purse from a sow's ear, and successfully converted that uninspiring material into synthetic silk from which a purse was woven for display.

Not to be outdone, our Selectmen are busy with the equivalent of turning a silk purse into a sow's ear! The plan for the library at the Osgood School included a correction to a major defect of the Paul Pratt Library, inadequate parking, by removing a relatively recent addition to the school so as to provide street level parking. One of the reasons that the library proposal received such a strong vote of approval at town meeting, and the alternate dismissed, was the common sense and well-developed rationality of the proposal. Supporters were well aware that the proposal addressed the parking issue by removing a wing of the building. Opponents would have been opponents whether or not they understood that the wing was to be removed, but they did not carry the day.

Now some selectmen seek to degrade a first rate plan by finding "some other use" for the wing, thus forcing parking provision to the lower level behind the school. Handicap access being mandatory, an elevator would have to be provided and some staff presence advisable on the lower floor.

If "some other use" for the space is identified, equivalent space probably could be provided by new construction elsewhere on the property for little more than the cost of converting the wing in question. Best to stay with the library committee's pragmatic plan that well serves the public, and refrain from tinkering that degrades it from silk plan to a sow's ear debacle.

R. Murray Campbell

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Post office delivers this holiday season

By Mary Ford
STAFF WRITER

As the Christmas crunch reaches its peak this weekend, the Cohasset Post Office is up for the challenge.

"We're seeing lots of last-minute people. So we've got three windows open rather than the usual two, "said Postmaster Francine Winters about how the post office handles the increased volume.

Cohasset is by no means alone. The volume of mail throughout the nation this holiday season is expected to rise to 16.7 billion, a jump of three percent overall, with a one percent increase in cards and letters and a ten percent increase in priority mail and regular package delivery.

Winters said if you see postal trucks on Sunday, don't be surprised. The post office will deliver packages and fruit on Sunday but there will be no letter delivery that day.

The Cohasset Post Office also provides a parcel run in addition to its daily letter run to homes and businesses around town.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Postman Mickey Patrolia delivers the mail near Beechwood Street.

Residents are asked to put their Christmas cards in a special bin inside the post office to facilitate handling so they are not in tubs all mixed up with other mail. Winters explained the postal workers put the cards face forward in trays which helps cut down on the processing time during cancellations.

She asks that people who are using boxes to mail gifts marked with liquor or chemical names, such as Dewars or bleach, wrap the box in brown paper. Winters said FAA regulations prohibits boxes with liquor or chemicals on airlines so the unmarked package could end up going surface.

"And always put a return address on a letter or package," she said.

The post office recommends everyone have their local Christmas cards in the mail by Tuesday at the latest. Those being sent across country should be mailed by tomorrow (Friday). For mail procrastinators to ensure delivery, any packages sent Friday or Saturday should go Priority Mail which gets packages to their destinations in two days to most major cities. After that, a customer should probably opt for Express Mail which gets mail to most cities overnight.

Packages, Priority and Express Mail will be delivered on Christmas Day.

Local post offices offering extended hours until 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 include the Hingham Post Office on North Street in Hingham Square and the Accord Post Office on Whiting Street.

Christmas stamps are always popular, the post office said. Those available this year include Florentine Madonna and Child, wreaths, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah.

Winters said so far the weather has been a blessing.

"With mail in vehicles, we worry most about weather," she said. "Weather can affect the airlines also."

HEALTH NOTES

Protecting Lily Pond from oil spills

A newsletter created by a volunteer staff issued periodically by the Board of Health

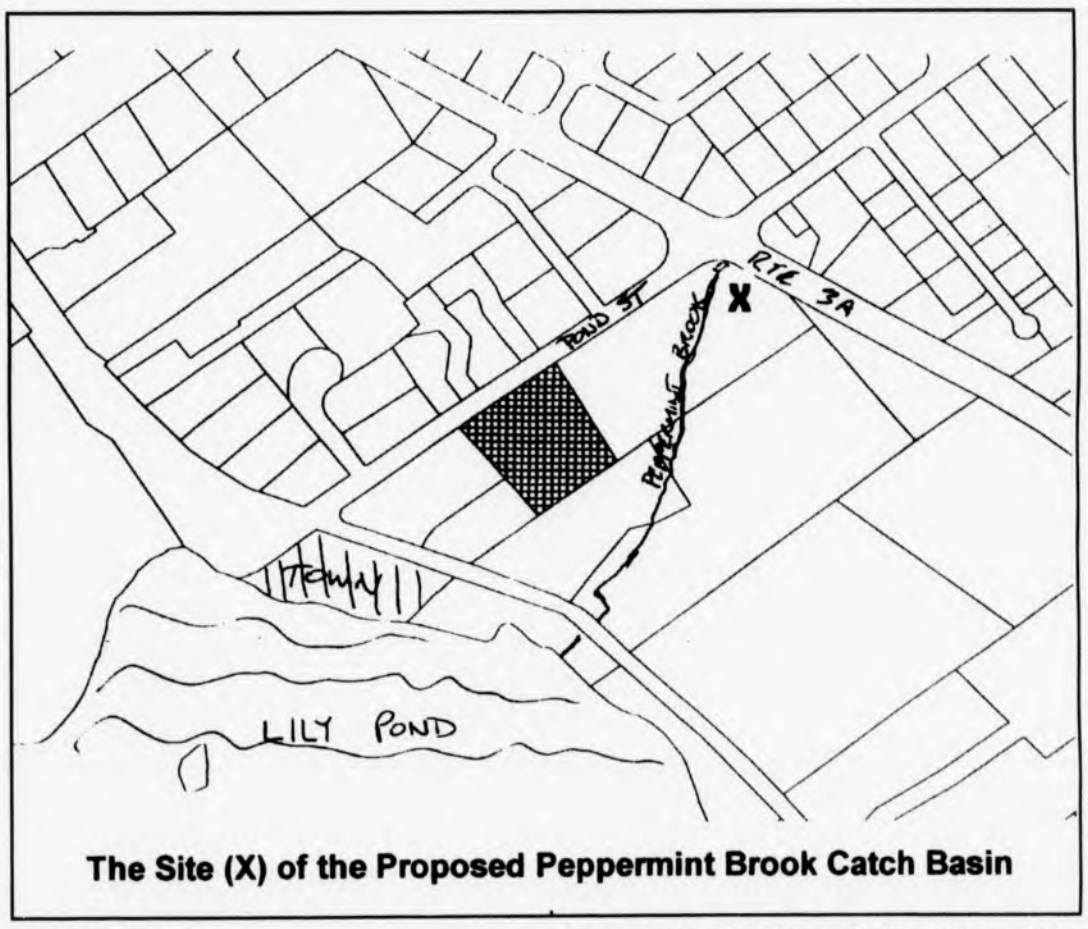
Catch Basin Project

We've discussed the threat from oil spills on Rte 3-A fouling our water supply at Lily Pond. The Board of Health has just begun a plan for improving our defenses against such a threat.

The problem is that a spill near the intersection of Pond Street and 3-A would arrive at Lily Pond almost immediately. The storm drain at that intersection empties into Peppermint Brook which is one tributary to Lily Pond. The Board has begun taking steps to retard any flow from this storm drain by developing a catch basin to collect the flow until appropriate measures can be put in place.

The idea is to place retarding chambers which will delay the flow of water from the storm drain until the Fire Department can place barriers and the town begin cleanup of the oil spill. A spill of the new reformulated gasoline (see Health Notes No. 13, Cohasset Mariner, December 3, Page 11) would probably raise the level of MTBE and render the water unsafe to drink.

Along with the new catch basin and retarding chambers, the Board of Health is reviewing the emergency response plans for both the fire Department, and the Massachusetts Emergency Response Administration mandated emergency response plan for the town.



The Site (X) of the Proposed Peppermint Brook Catch Basin

Coastal Survey of Cohasset

The Massachusetts Division of Marine fisheries has just completed a survey report covering both Cohasset and Scituate, and despite strenuous efforts of the Board of Health, and the Conservation Commission, we are losing ground to pollution.

There is both good news and bad in the report. The bad news is the clam flats are still closed in Little Harbor, and on the left side of the channel going out of Cohasset Harbor. The good news is that almost everywhere else outside of the Harbor, the water quality is adequate for taking shellfish; mussels at Brush Island, for instance, and off the Glades. The report identifies many open pipes into the water with fecal coliform counts at dangerous levels, some of which are being addressed by ongoing septic upgrades, and others awaiting sewering of Jerusalem Road.

There is no question that the Little Harbor study, which the town voted at the last Town Meeting, will give us a direction for further improvement. Contractor's bids for this work are scheduled to be received on December 17. Work will begin in the spring. More about this in future issues.

'Numero tres, por favor'



TWENTY SOMETHING

KIM MCGRATH

Immediately upon graduating from college, I moved to Spain. Moving was neither an inspired nor carefully heeded scheme. Basically, I moved on account of lack of knowing what else to do.

It all started senior year. While all my peers and classmates seemed to have jobs, interns, graduate schools and fellowships arranged for post graduation life, I had zilch planned. Evidently I had missed the "how-to-prepare-for-life-after-college" class because come May, I still did not even know how to even create a proper resume.

I felt despondent and forlorn.

One day while in class, my professor asked the girl sitting next to me what she planned to do after graduation. The girl brightly stated she was moving to France. She continued, saying she wanted to immerse herself in the French culture and learn the language.

The professor's reaction was amazing. He raved. He gushed. He praised her decision, enthusiastically rattling on, telling her that moving to another country was a wise and wonderful plan.

I was stunned. Was it that easy? Is that all it took? Could I, too, say that I was going to live overseas? Would that prevent everyone from giving me those disapproving looks when posed with the same question, I answered pathetically "I don't know"?

I decided to give it a try.

The next time I was asked the pestilent question, I held my breath, substituted Spain for France, and muttered something about traveling. My answer was met with approval! I could not believe my good fortune. I had a solution.

The year progressed and I continued to repeat the same answer every time I was posed with the question. (Which when you are a college senior, is approximately every four seconds.)

As May approached I had successfully told everyone I knew that I was planning to move to Spain. The only problem now, I slowly realized, was that I actually had to move to Spain.

I began to become anxious about my capricious decision. First of all, I did not speak Spanish. Yes, having studied Spanish for about seven years, I could successfully inquire how Isabella was feeling ("Hola, Isabella. Como estas?") but that was the full exact of my knowledge of the language.

(In a true bout of irony, during all my time in Spain, I never met anyone named Isabella.)

For some reason though, I figured I would be okay. It may have been the plethora of people that kept reassuring me that once I was in the country, I would pick up the language up quickly.

As one friend eloquently put it, "A month spent in the country is like equivalent to like six years of language labs."

How wrong she was!

There is an expression, "Wherever you go, there you are". I had never truly appreciated the expression until I got to Spain. I could not speak Spanish in the States, and I'll be darned, I could not speak Spanish when I was in Spain.

An extreme low point was ordering lunch at McDonald's one day. I had learned weeks earlier that my limited Spanish knowledge, coupled with my Boston accent, made me basically incomprehensible and so I tried to stick with the bare basics whenever possible. At McDonald's, I ordered a very basic and easily pronounceable number three - Numero tres, por favor. I figured it was a safe bet.

Until the McDonald's employee brought me three Big Mac's. Nothing else. Just three Big Mac's.

I stood there for a moment. I figured if I was not even able to get across the basic sentiment of "A number three, please" the chances of me being able to stumble through "Excuse me, but I didn't order three Big Mac's. I ordered a number three the cheeseburger, small fry and Pepsi combo" were slim.

So I took my three Big Mac's to my table.

And although my listening skills were only about as proficient as my speaking skills, I am fairly certain that I heard one of the teenagers behind me in line remark, "Who's the cool kid who just ordered three Big Mac's?"

It was unfortunately one of many humiliating episodes and while I was never able to communicate with many of the non English speaking natives, I will never regret moving to Spain. It taught me a lot about myself. Mostly that I cannot speak Spanish.

Drug & Alcohol Hotline awaits calls

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The Drug & Alcohol Hotline is in its sixth week and to date, counselor Bob Harold has received only one call. Still, he's optimistic that once the word gets around, callers will find that the hotline is a place to go for anonymous referral.

Harold is a certified drug and alcoholism counselor who works for Faxon in Quincy.

Prior to helping people conquer substance abuse habits, Harold worked 25 years for the MBTA.

"I retired from the T and then decided to enter Jack Shea's program at U. Mass-Boston for Drug and Alcohol counseling," said Harold. "Now I'm working on my licensing for my CDAC (Certified Drug Alcohol Counselor) and you have to have 6,000 hours in the field."

Though he is an experienced counselor, his role on the hotline will be solely to provide information and referrals to callers.

"It's really not for counseling," explained the Reverend Cliff Cutler, chairman of Cohasset's Drug & Alcohol Committee. "This is really for people who want information on the effects of drugs and alcohol and where to go if they have or know someone who has a problem."

Harold hopes to do just that, staffing the phone line from 6 to 10, every Tuesday evening.

Local schools have posted the number, fliers have been passed about and social workers in neighboring towns have also been contacted about the service.

"I spoke with Sue Cronin who works for the Tobacco Control Program for the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative," said Cutler. "She mentioned that she was at a meeting of caregivers in Hull and she shared the number there. They were very enthusiastic. I'll meet with the social service worker from the Council on Aging on Monday and will pass the information along to her."

While substance abuse and adolescents is the first image that comes to mind, the hotline is actually to serve those most likely to have some contact with the problem, personally or indirectly—and that is just about anyone.

"It's important for people who have a problem or know someone who does to have an awareness of this service and a phone number to call if they need it," said Cutler. "Social workers in the community will also receive the information from us. Bob, too, has passed the information around groups he works with at Faxon."

The hotline got its start thanks to a push from state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray whose calls nudged Bell Atlantic into a $2,000 grant.

Cutler explained that the Drug & Alcohol Committee is using that money to provide this telephone service.

"We were fortunate that Mary Jeanette Murray was able to get the money for us," said Harold.

Harold isn't discouraged with the lack of response yet. He has kept busy with his share of raising publicity, handing out fliers at Faxon in Quincy and also getting the information aired on Cohasset's public access Cable-TV station.

"It's kind of hard for folks to call up," he said. "We try to tell them it's confidential. But we haven't had much response yet but we will probably get some calls with the holidays coming up. People—kids, in particular—might not know where to go to get help for a friend or family member. If this line saves one person's life, that's all I care about."

Tuesday evenings, Harold can be found waiting with a good book in hand, prepared for the hours-long wait.

"People say to me, 'Aren't you discouraged?,'" he said. "I say, 'No, why should I be?' I made a commitment. I know people who have suffered through this and I've been here at Faxon for going on six years so I've seen what the disease can do. It's just something I want to do."

Anyone interested in information or referrals about drug or alcohol abuse can call the Drug & Alcohol Hotline at 383-4120 from 6 to 10 p.m., Tuesdays.

Point dispute may land town in court

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Gammons parcels say the unrestricted view from their beneficiary properties would be negatively impacted by any development of the lot.

These properties initially had "rights" — like an easement — over Lot O to restrict what is developed there.

But a law that passed in 1960 put a "sunset provision" on deed restrictions like the one on Gammons Point making those restrictions obsolete after 50 years if not renewed, said Michael H. Sullivan, 21 Gammons Road. Sullivan and Keith Moskow Jr., 98 Gammons Road, are fighting Cotton's petition in land court.

"None were aware, so no one acted on it," he said.

Towns, however, are exempt from the legislation and therefore can act to stop Cotton's petition to the state land court to remove the restriction.

"Dan Cotton is attempting to take something away from the town to benefit himself," Michael Sullivan said.

But Cotton said he was taken by surprise by his neighbors and others who are upset about the issue.

He explained when Gammons put the restriction in place there was no zoning, Title V and no conservation commission.

Cotton, who is 85, said the purpose of lifting the restriction is to simplify his daughters' settling of his estate.

Nevertheless, he said he has gotten on well with his neighbors and the town over the years and would be willing to withdraw his petition in land court without prejudice. That means things would return to "square one," he said.

"If it goes to court, it could turn into a rancorous affair," Cotton said.

But regardless, selectmen intend to enforce the restriction with "this owner or a future owner," Selectmen Chairman Ronnie McMorris said.

So the board voted 4-1 to affirm they are enforcing the restriction and will intervene in any court action now and in the future to enforce that.

Cotton said the deed restriction could stay as far as he's concerned if it remains "without prejudice."

"But your action will prejudice it," he told selectmen. "I feel in the interest of my estate, I'll have no other choice (but to go forward in land court) if you do."

Selectman Diane Sullivan cast the sole dissenting vote.

"I don't want to commit a future board (to a particular action)," she said.

Although Selectman Nan Roth voted with the majority she said would "feel better" if the town owned the land.

"The principal beneficiaries are those who live around Little Harbor," she said. "I would feel better if the townspeople could use the land."

McMorris disagreed saying that open space is not necessarily recreation land.

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Post-MCAS plans are in the works

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

What's in store for Cohasset schools now that the MCAS results have been digested by faculty?

"It's an evolutionary process," said Ruth Fennessey, curriculum coordinator for Cohasset public schools. "We're in the process of changing several things as part of an ongoing process of curriculum changes."

On the agenda is a mathematics program that is more heavily language based and therefore more in keeping with the MCAS mathematics test.

Actually, all subjects will be taught in a format that more closely matches the returned MCAS exams.

Science topics, for example, will be more in alignment with the types of topics found on MCAS tests, beginning as early as the first grade, Fennessey said.

"As we look at the scores, we'll be doing some work in the writing area," she said. "That's where the scores were not the type of scores we'd hoped for."

The schools will also be using the same scoring system that the state uses for MCAS, now that the scoring guide has been made available to the schools. Teachers will receive training on the new methods.

"This is baseline data for the first year and we'll be using it as suggested, to improve instruction and to make sure that we are on target for the frameworks that we've been working on diligently all along."
— Ruth Fennessey, curriculum coordinator

"We're also working on social studies," said Fennessey. "The topics have changed for what different grade levels need so you have to match those topics."

Last week, schools superintendent Dr. Edward "Ted" Malvey said that a good sized percentage of the students who failed the MCAS were special education students.

"The state allows for the conditions to change for the SPED students and we followed those guidelines when they were tested," said Fennessey.

"There are several options under discussion now and we'll have to look at our budget for an after-school or summer program for the children that failed," she added. "We'll be discussing that at our administrator's meeting, which we have every two weeks. I think that it has been widely publicized. This is baseline data for the first year and we'll be using it as suggested, to improve instruction and to make sure that we are on target for the frameworks that we've been working on diligently all along."

If the MCAS isn't enough to keep Fennessey busy, the state's Board of Education has agreed that all second grade students will now have to pass a standardized reading test.

"I don't have too much information on the second grade yet, but I'm assuming that it will be similar to the one given to third graders," she said. "I guess this will give the state some earlier information for earlier intervention, but that's all I know about it. The state hasn't shared anything with us yet."

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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Sidewalk, walkway slated for King Street

DPW Supt. Harold Litchfield wrote to town conservation agent Paul Shea for comments and recommendations about a proposed asphalt sidewalk and wooden walkway along part of King Street near Peppermint Brook. The town plans to install guardrails to replace the concrete posts on King Street where it crosses Peppermint Brook as a safety measure along the narrow roadway which has been the site of several accidents. The guardrails will be installed one foot from the edge of King Street.

Litchfield said an asphalt sidewalk has to be constructed inside the guardrail fencing to allow pedestrians safe passage.

"We are proposing a heavy-duty wooden walkway be built over the end of the existing culvert," he said. "This walkway will have to bear the weight of a sidewalk plow."

The proposed sidewalk will be 165 feet long and seven feet wide (five feet of asphalt with one foot of gravel on each side). Other work to be done will include removing three trees.

Demographic study is sought

Town Manager Mark Haddad wrote to the Cohasset Housing Authority and Council on Elder Affairs asking them to work jointly in conducting a demographic study of the town's senior citizen population.

"The board of selectmen is extremely interested and committed to pursuing housing for seniors in town," Haddad wrote.

Growth committee task force members

At the request of selectmen, Town Manager Mark Haddad asked the planning board and conservation commission to each designate a member to serve on the new Growth and Development Task Force which will come up with a new master plan for the town.

Also serving will be two selectmen and three citizens at large. Interested citizens should call Haddad at 383-4105.

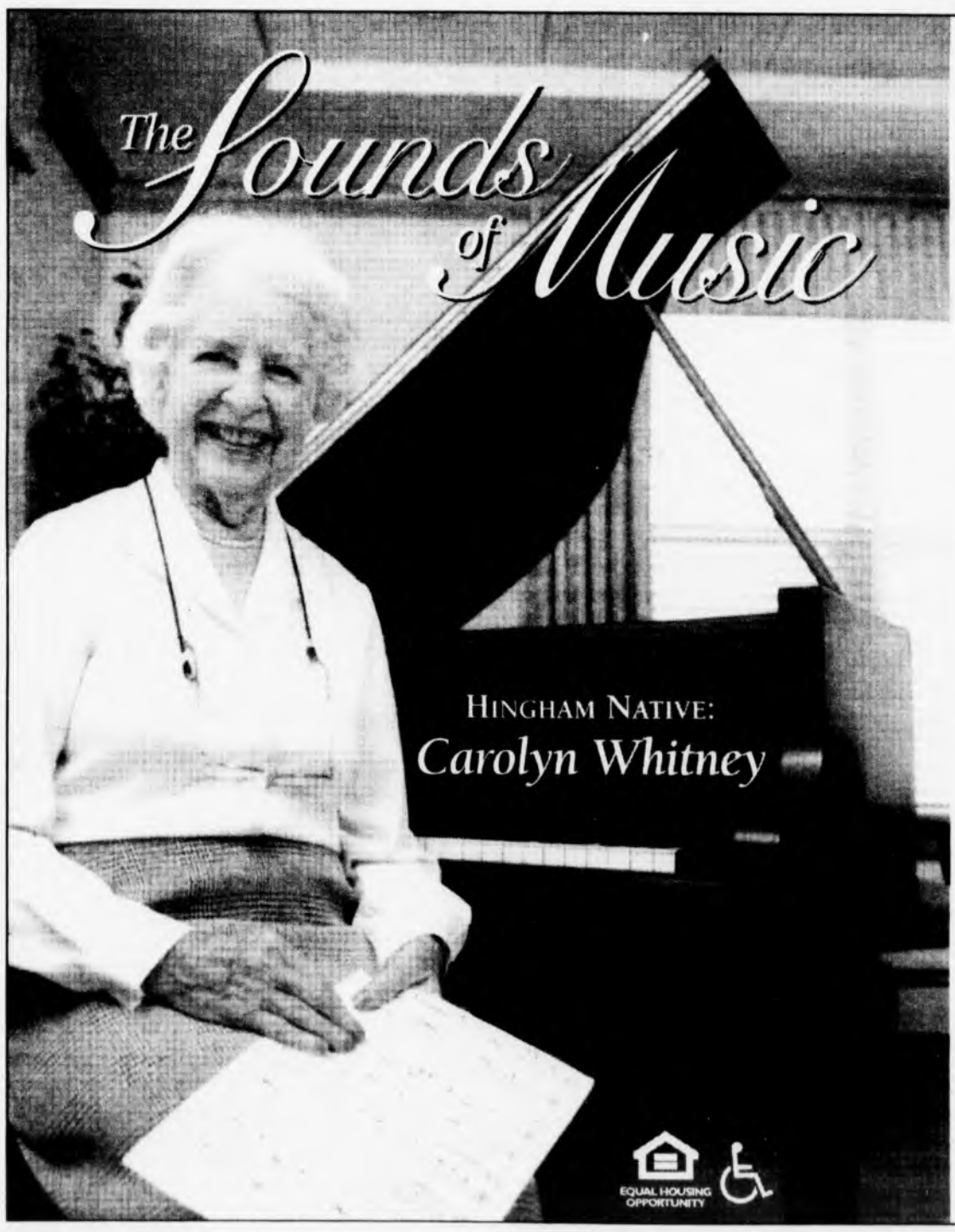
Sharing 'thoughts while shaving'

Hamilton Tewksbury, 81 Elm St., wrote to selectmen because he is "puzzled" about traffic control in town.

Tewksbury mentioned the considerations for King Street which included making it one way, widening it and restricting it to nothing over 2-1/2 tons. Then he discussed enhancing the village area that included proposals to narrowing Elm Street and the intersection of Elm and South Main streets. The four-way stops at Cushing & Pleasant and North Main & Forest streets are also puzzling, he wrote.

Cushing & Pleasant, which he described as an open intersection, do not need stops all around. At N. Main & Forest, Tewksbury recommended a yellow caution blinker on N. Main and a red stop blinker on Forest or traffic lights.

"Enough, I'm through shaving," he wrote. "You get the idea, I'm bothered...puzzled by our attitude towards traffic. Basically when the automobile was invented, the 'accident' came along with it."



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A cymbal of success

Zildjian family marks 375 years in business

By Alison Cohen
STAFF WRITER

In 1623, Timothy Hatherly arrived in Plimoth Plantation and began to explore the area around Scituate and Norwell. The Dutch were establishing a trading stronghold known as New Amsterdam on what is now known as Manhattan island. In Europe, James I was on the thrones of both England and Scotland, James IV rule the roost in the Holy Roman Empire, Louis XIII ran the show in France and the Thirty Years War was fragmenting the German principalities even further.

In Constantinople, now known as Istanbul, Turkey, an alchemist named Avedis invented a secret formula that revolutionized the art and craft of making cymbals. An appreciative sultan gave him the honorific title "zildjian" or cymbalsmith in recognition of the power and clarity of sound his formula made possible.

One way or another, a descendant of that first Avedis Zildjian has been in charge of the family business and the secret formula.

The business moved to the shores of America in 1927 and was incorporated here in 1929. The corporate headquarters moved to Norwell in 1973.

Today, the company remains firmly in the hands of the Zildjian family, but in a break with former tradition, two of the top executives are women.

"Neither one of us expected to be in the business," Craigie Zildjian said of herself and her sister, Debbie Zildjian. "It was very traditional, very male."

According to Craigie, it came as a surprise and an honor when their grandfather, Avedis Zildjian, invited first her and then her sister, Debbie, to join the business. But, she hastens to add, it was not out-of-keeping with Avedis Zildjian's personality or character judgment.

"He was just so open-minded," she says.

Today, Craigie and Debbie work directly under Avedis Zildjian's successor, their father, Armand.

Craigie joined the business in 1976. She has been designated Armand's successor and named vice chairman and general manager of the North American operations.

"Debbie came into the business a little differently," Craigie said. "She started a family and worked part-time."

In 1980, Debbie Zildjian was named director of human resources and clerk of the corporation.

Although the family is absorbed in the business, they reach outside the circle for a chief executive officer, hiring Dave Bryan three years ago.

The American roots of the business came about in a very roundabout way. Avedis Zildjian emigrated to the United States in 1908 with no intention of becoming a part of the cymbal business.

"He was as successful candy maker married to an American lass," Craigie relates.

In 1927, all that changed with a letter from his Uncle Aram in the old country.

"He wrote that as he had no heirs, it was time for our grandfather to return and take over the family business as it was his destiny," Craigie explains.

Now thoroughly Americanized, Avedis Zildjian engaged in a little market research before responding.

"He discovered that it may be a family tradition, but it was not lucrative," Craigie said. But instead of rejecting the business out of hand, Avedis Zildjian thought about ways of making it profitable.

"He visited music stores, talked to musicians," Craigie said. "He saw the birth, the flourishing of the new music. He sensed at that point a new market for cymbals."

The key to the new music was also the key to Zildjian's success: creation of the modern drum set.

"Up to that point there was no such thing as a drum set," Craigie explains. "The cymbals were played by hand and they were a smaller, stiffer instrument."

Avedis intentionally decided to work with the leading drummers of the day, musicians like Chick Webb, Poppa Joe Jones and Gene Krupa, encouraging them to push the medium farther by telling him what kind of sound they wanted to produce.

Avedis started by creating a thinner, more flexible cymbal. Other cymbals joined it, designed to produce a multitude of cymbal sounds. The modern drum set pushed the envelope on the developing jazz, swing and bebop music of the 30s and 40s.

"The collaboration with musicians became a central core and company value," Craigie says. "Research and design has always valued its closeness with the drummers. The input comes at the top and keeps us on the cutting edge of the industry."

The Zildjians treasure that ongoing relationship with drummers, adding the new generations of rock musicians to the creative spirit of the business.

That collaboration reveals both the art and science behind the company's innovations and improvements. Someone has to translate a drummer's desire for an instrument with a "dark," "bright" or "trashy" sound into reality.

"The building is always full of drummers," Craigie says.

If Craigie and Debbie are the first women officially "in the business," they aren't the first businesswomen in the family. Their grandmother, Alice Frances "Sally" Zildjian was an integral part of the candy business which bankrolled the cymbal business in the early days.

Craigie got some of her business training the old fashioned, family way:

"I watched my grandfather and my father and I saw different styles," Craigie says. Then she added business school education and on-the-job training to the regimen.

Debbie, too, came up through the ranks, learning the family business from the melting room up. Some of Craigie's favorite memories are of her sister "covered in soot."

"It's very physical work," Debbie explains.

Debbie's introduction to the business is very much in line with the way her father, Armand Zildjian, the current president of the company, learned the ropes from his father.

"He would work during the days making cymbals and pay the bills at night," she explained. "Father did every job."

While the business is very much hands-on and inspired by musical creativity, it is also a very modern industry with mechanization and new technology



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Craigie Zildjian of Cohasset and her sister, Debbie Zildjian of Hingham, outside the company's Norwell headquarters.

"It's a very forward-thinking company," Debbie explains. "Armand was also fascinated by innovation."

If Zildjian's modern success began with jazz, swing and bebop, it didn't end there.

"Our cymbals are used in every style of music. They're used by the Allman Brothers, Pearl Jam and Aerosmith's Joey Kramer," Craigie said. "Wherever there is music, you'll find Zildjian. We make products for the Boston Symphony Orchestra. They test them out in Symphony Hall."

Symphony Hall isn't the only place Zildjian needs to prove itself.

"We are field-tested on the road and in the studio, too," says Debbie. "Musicians are eager to give us their input."

Cymbals aren't the only things made by Zildjian these days. The company added a line of drumsticks, marimbas and special effects percussion instruments to the line. They got involved in making drumsticks the old-fashioned way.

"Drummers were asking us, 'Why don't you make sticks?'" Craigie said. "We thought, if we make cymbals, why not make the things they are hit with."

Initially, Zildjian contracted with another company to make the drumsticks, but ultimately acquired a company that made wooden dowels and moved into manufacturing its own sticks out of tried and true hickory. The company is located in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Later Malletech, a company that made concert percussion instruments approached Zildjian about a collaborative effort.

"It was founded by Lee Howard Stevens, the world's foremost solo marimbist," said Debbie. Together, Malletech and Zildjian make marimbas and mallets of premium quality. Stevens remained intimately involved in the company.

"He gets to be the creative genius," Debbie quips, then she gets serious. "It seemed to make so much sense."

Debbie and Craigie define the Zildjian difference as a matter of hewing to core values in an evolving business.

"We want to be pre-eminent in quality and craftsmanship," they say in unison. The business is both an art and a science involving a complex understanding of metalsmithing and how that affects the quality of sound a musician wants.

"You can't go to college and learn it," Debbie explains.

To keep the family business going means keeping the family in it. Both Debbie and Craigie are grooming their daughters to take a place either in the day-to-day operations or on the board of directors and developing their love and appreciation of music. Craigie's daughter Samantha Zildjian, 11, already is carving out an intimate knowledge of the product by being a percussionist herself. Debbie's daughters, Cady, 18, and Emily, 16, love music as well.

Keeping the family in business for another 375 years could be a tricky thing. The two sisters hope to increase the odds by being part of the Center for Family Business at Northeastern University.

The family got involved because they learned first-hand how easy it is for bitterness and personal issues to get in the way of family-owned businesses. When Avedis died in 1979, Armand and his brother, Robert, couldn't resolve their differences. Eventually, Robert formed a rival company, taking with him the family secret.

The remaining family members don't neglect the importance of having healthy outside perspectives. The company's board of directors includes non-family members.

Debbie and Craigie continue to turn to Avedis' and Armand's example for inspiration as they head into the new millennium. The close relationship between the musicians and the instrument makers is one essential that has enriched the company and the Zildjian's lives, not just in the usual sense of success.

"There is a genuine joy in the relationship," Craigie explains. "Buddy Rich played at Debbie's childhood birthday party and we have fostered a real sense of musical and ethnic diversity in our business."

At a recent celebration of the company's anniversary, Zildjian threw a party for music lovers. The guests of honor were four of the living legends of music: Louie Bellson, Roy Haynes, Elvin Jones and Max Roach. The party was hosted by music lover Bill Cosby, and musical tributes were paid by Terri Lynne Carrington Peter Erskine, Steve Gadd and Marvin "Smitty" Smith. All proceeds went to fund new percussion scholarships at Berklee College of Music in the names of the honorees. It was a night Avedis — all three of them — would have loved.

Best of all, Craigie and Debbie saw the future. And it is good. Three generations of Zildjian's took the stage that night with the promise of many more generations of Zildjians yet to come.

"I looked up there and all I could see was Zildjian women," Craigie said. "It was great.

Look for Zildjian to remain on the cutting edge of the music world for at least the next 375 years, the sisters promise. You ain't seen — or heard — nothin' yet.

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COHASSET SPORTS

Back to the varsity ranks

By Lou Molinari
CORRESPONDENT

It will be a full varsity schedule for the Cohasset High hockey team this year.

Fifteen varsity games are on the schedule, unlike last year when the junior varsity team played just two varsity games.

Because of a lack of players last year, Cohasset was limited to a junior varsity schedule with two varsity games added as the season moved along.

This year's schedule is completely non-league. According to Coach Dennis Walsh, the team may move into the South Shore League next year.

The junior varsity team that will now be playing varsity hockey, had a winning season last year, and Walsh is looking for a nice start this year.

"It looks promising," he stated. "We had 21 kids turn out and they have all been skating well. They're a bunch of hard workers."

For the most part, this year's team will be made up mainly of sophomores and freshmen. There are at least seven freshmen on this year's team.

The team will be led by captains Andy Curry and Teddy Geoff, both seniors. Curry is a forward, while Geoff plays on defense.

Two juniors will also help make up the team. Ryan Hubley, a forward and Billy Good, a defenseman.

This season's goalie will be Chris Carone, a freshman, who played junior high hockey last year.

Other freshmen who will probably be seeing plenty of action this season include Tim Straungn, Will Prendergast, both defensemen, and Pete Whorisky, a forward.

A sophomore who is scheduled to see plenty of playing time is Ken Portanova, a forward.

"Ken has been looking really good," said Walsh. "He played a lot of hockey last year and we have high expectations of him."

Other sophomores who have been looking good are Jay Rasmussen, and Heath Heinze.

"There's no question the team is young," said Walsh, who will be starting his 30th year as a hockey coach at Cohasset. "The kids are working very hard and there's some pretty good players among the youngsters. I'm certain we will be well-represented once the season gets under way.

"We will have a pretty good idea of just what we have before Christmas. We have three games scheduled in that time period.

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STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Cohasset High freshman gymnast Carlie Carter practices her floor routine before the start of the season. Cohasset and Norwell have combined to form one team.

Gymnasts deliver combined effort

By Joe Reardon
CORRESPONDENT

The only thing the newly-formed Cohasset/Norwell girls gymnastics team will be lacking this winter is a nickname.

But ask any one of the eight girls, four from Cohasset and four from Norwell, and she'll tell you a squad nickname is hardly important to this group.

What truly matters is the athletes have joined together and will be on the bars, vault and beam this winter, competing against the likes of Randolph, Scituate, Hingham, Carver and Duxbury.

So far, the alliance between the girls from neighboring towns couldn't be better.

"We hit it off right away," said captain Tara Hettstrom, Cohasset's veteran gymnast. "We think of ourselves coming from two towns but one team. We want to have a fun time and just enjoy it. We're happy we have a team. We're looking at a third or fourth place finish."

The season will be markedly different than last year. Cohasset, which had built a semi-dynasty by winning the Pilgrim Conference four out of the last five years, always struggled with to maintain a solid roster. That didn't stop them from finishing as co-champion with Hanover last year

Norwell had to disband last win as a poor turnout was further hut when several upperclassmen left the team.

"We had enough girls," said co-captain Pattie LaCroix of Norwell, "but the older girls lost interest and that lowered our numbers down to four or five."

This winter looked better in Norwell when 13 girls expressed an interest in competing for the Clippers. Slowly, however, that number dwindled down the closer it came to the start of the season.

Only LaCroix, Beth Jackson, Julie Calahan and Allison Dufney remained on the Norwell team. For Cohasset, Hettstrom, Carlie Carter,

GYMNASTICS, PAGE 16

Boys hoop squad back in the running

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

After last year's season, arguably the most disappointing since coach Ron Ford took over in 1992, the Cohasset Skippers' boys basketball team hopes to rebound with a vengeance.

In both senses of the word.

With a quick, talented team that can run the floor, Ford figures that the scoring and defense will take care of themselves, but that rebounding might be a weakness.

Led by senior captains Jamie DeMichele, in his third year on varsity, and Alex Russell, in his second, the Skippers have plenty of senior leadership.

DeMichele is a standout on the gridiron and the lacrosse field as well and his intense style of play and ability to find the bottom of the net have served Cohasset well.

Russell, another football player, missed most of last season with leg injuries but played through them during football and hopes to do so for basketball. His physical style of play and all-out hustle brings to the team some much needed hard-nosed play.

Cohasset's secret weapon this year will be senior forward Raheem Shepard. Shepard, who started at defensive back and saw some running back time this fall, hasn't played since his sophomore year, when he made a big splash in tournament play. Shepard's athleticism and knowledge of the game will be a major factor in the Skippers' success

Paul Hussey is another senior who will figure in the team's plans this year. After coming over from North Quincy last year, Hussey fit into the Cohasset brand of basketball right away. After nine solid months hitting the weights, Hussey, the poster boy for the new weight room at CHS, brings a new physique to this season.

Coming off the bench, Ivan Cosme rounds out the quintet of seniors. Cosme will see time at forward after returning to the team.

With a sugary outside shot and an arsenal of moves at his disposal, Cosme will be a key addition to the squad.

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Gymnasts deliver combined effort

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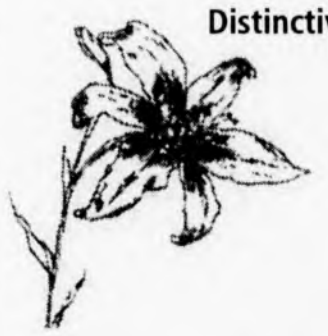
Lauren Genovese and Kristin Sheerin are competing.

LaCroix went to Norwell High athletic director Bill Gerety and explained the situation to him and she suggested talking to some local schools who may be experiencing the same problem. Hingham and Scituate had enough gymnasts, but Cohasset coach Ruthann Ardizzoni liked the idea and the teams combined.

"It's kind of like a little family," said Ardizzoni. "We want it to be a team. The parental support from both sides has been good and carpooling is not a big issue."

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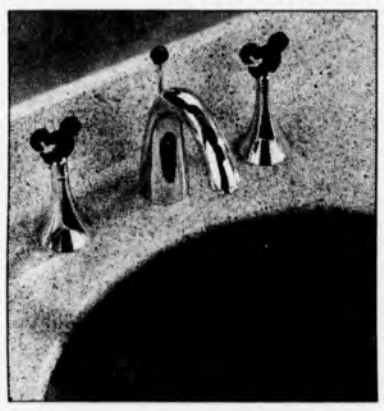
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Skipper football players honored by WATD

By Mike Hardman
STAFF WRITER

When they played against each other, Duxbury's Mike George and Whitman-Hanson's Chris Colclough were anything but friends.

Over the years, the Green Dragons and the Panthers have been everything but friendly.

Today, though, the two work together in the business world and they were both guest speakers at the WATD football awards banquet on Sunday at the Plymouth Sheraton.

"I remember when I went to UMass, Steve Olson, who had played at Whitman-Hanson, looked me up," said Colclough. "I wanted to do the same thing. He (George) was from Duxbury and I was from Whitman-Hanson and I had killed him on the field.

"I went for a job interview and the person interviewing me noticed I had my UMass championship ring on. He said that he had a guy working there that played at UMass. He rang him up, and Mike asked if it was this big, bald guy. Three years later, we were sitting face to face every day."

George talked about the importance of getting his college degree. He suffered a back injury in his senior year at summer camp and wasn't able to play again.

"Go to college and get your degree," said George. "No one take that away from you."

All of the speeches, from the guest speakers, to the coaches and the players, will be aired during the Sports Exchange on WATD on Dec. 27.

WATD sports director Bill Wilhelm named the station's players of the year for the Old Colony, Atlantic Coastal, Patriot and South Shore Leagues.

Marshfield's Lou Silva was named as the coach of the year in the ACL, while Rockland's Ken Owen was honored in the Patriot League. Norwell's Jim Sullivan was picked as the top coach in the South Shore League, while Bridgewater-Raynham's Dan Buron and Taunton's Brian Clemmey shared the honors in the OCL.

Head coach Tony Rolfe presented player of the week awards to Justin Golden, JP Laugelle, Dan Trowers, Jamie DeMichele and Ryan Shephard.

Hoop squad back in the running in SSL

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The juniors include Kevin Andrews, Khalil Madyun, newcomer Matt O'Reilly, and Craig Parker. Andrews is a sweet-shooting off guard with good quickness, while Madyun is a tall, smooth center with good potential. Both have a smattering of varsity experience which should help.

O'Reilly comes from Duxbury and has showed some promise as a newcomer. Parker played on varsity last year and his speed and strength give him excellent flexibility at the center position. He and Madyun should compliment each other nicely in the paint.

The sophomore class has presented Ford with a talented trio of youngsters who will play big minutes for Cohasset this year. Daniel Trowers, also an outstanding running back, showed flashes of brilliance last year as a freshman and this year could be his break out year.

T.J. Bilodeau will spell Trowers at the point guard position, bringing his ball handling skills and marksmanship of the bench.

Eric Shea is another beneficiary of the weight room and his sudden growth spurt didn't hurt either. He will play the off guard position but don't be surprised to see him at small forward as well.

With this squad comprised of speedy and talented ball handlers, Ford expects to play "a lot of up tempo. The name of the game for us is to run.

"We're very quick and very aggressive defensively. We're very athletic, and we're going to have to try to take advantage of that."

"Offensively, we have three big guns: Daniel, Raheem, and Jamie should all play really well for us this year.

"But we only have two guys who have a lot of varsity experience: Jamie and Daniel. That's a lot to make up for. We have some good seniors this year and hopefully they can lead us."

Cohasset's season began last night with a game against the Harwich Roughriders.

Back to the varsity ranks in hockey

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"The first game was scheduled for Dec. 14 against Cape Cod Tech, followed by South Boston yesterday.

"The final game before Christmas will be against Avon-Holbrook Monday, Dec. 21, at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham. That game should start at 3:50 p.m."

As for the future, Walsh added, "It will be nice to get back into a league, but first we have to make sure we have the players to do that.

"Last year was not a nice year. Not having a varsity team left us with an empty feeling. We hope that's all behind us now, and we look forward to the future."

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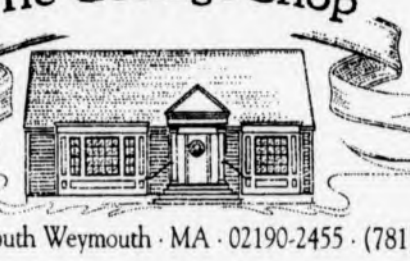
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Cohasset High winter sports schedule

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec.		
21	At Harwich	5 p.m.
22	Middleboro	5 p.m.
28	Scituate	6 p.m.
29	Avon/Dover	TBA
Jan.		
5	Hanover	6:30 p.m.
8	At Norton	5 p.m.
11	At Norwell	6:30 p.m.
13	Carver	6:30 p.m.
15	At Hull	6:30 p.m.
19	Mashpee	6:30 p.m.
22	Abington	6:30 p.m.
25	At Hanover	6:30 p.m.
27	Norton	5 p.m.
29	Norwell	6:30 p.m.
Feb.		
2	At Carver	6:30 p.m.
5	Hull	6:30 p.m.
8	Harwich	5 p.m.
10	At Abington	6:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Dec.		
17	At No. Quincy	
23	At Middleboro	
Jan.		
6	At Sharon	
7	At Barnstable	
14	Taunton	
21	Duxbury	
28	Nauset	
Feb.		
4	Sandwich	
11	Conference-Duxbury	
12	Conference-Quincy	
19	S. Sectionals-Quincy	
26	States	TBA

All meets are at 3:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

Dec.		
21	Avon	3:50 p.m.
26	Randolph	7:40 p.m.
Jan.		
2	At Rockland	2:50 p.m.
4	At Abington	5:50 p.m.
13	Hull	7:20 p.m.
16	At Norwell	7:20 p.m.
20	Abington	5 p.m.
21	At Cape Cod Tech	7 p.m.
23	At Randolph	8 p.m.
25	Rockland (JV)	6:30 p.m.
30	At Scituate	6:40 p.m.
Feb.		
4	At S. Boston	
6	At Hull	2:40 p.m.
11	Norwell	6:10 p.m.
13	At Avon	9 p.m.

WRESTLING

Dec.		
19	At Canton	10 a.m.
23	At Carver	3:30 p.m.
29/30		At Marshfield
11 a.m.		
31	At Marshfield	9:30 a.m.
Jan.		
6	Scituate	7 p.m.
9	At Whitman-Hanson	10 a.m.
13	At Hanover	7 p.m.
15	Sharon	3:30 p.m.
20	At Carver	7 p.m.
23	Cohasset Tourn.	10:30 a.m.
27	At Rockland	7 p.m.
30	At Wayland	10 a.m.
Feb.		
3	Norwell	7 p.m.
5	Wellesley	3:30 p.m.
8	Foxboro	3:30 p.m.
12/13		At Carver
3 p.m.		
19/20		At Wayland
12 noon		

BOYS BASKETBALL

Dec.		**Var**	**JV**	**Fresh**
18	At S.S. Christian	5:30	4:00	—
21	Mashpee	5:00		3:30
28	Scituate	7:45	—	—
29	DS/Avon	TBA	—	—
Jan.				
5	At Hanover	6:30	5:00	3:30
8	Norton	6:30	5:00	3:30
11	Norwell	6:30	5:00	3:30
13	At Carver	6:30	5:00	3:30
15	Hull	6:30	5:00	3:30
19	At Mashpee	6:30	—	
21	S.S. Christian	4:15		3:00
22	At Abington	6:30	5:00	3:30
25	Hanover	6:30	5:00	3:30
27	At Norton	5:00	3:30	3:30
29	At Norwell	6:30	5:00	3:30
Feb.				
2	Carver	6:30	5:00	3:30
5	At Hull	6:30	5:00	3:30
8	At Harwich	5:30	4:00	—
10	Abington	6:30	5:00	3:30
16	Hingham TBA	—	—	
17	Marsh/Norwell	TBA	—	—

GYMNASTICS

Dec.		
22	At Carver	7:30 p.m.
Jan.		
4	At Scituate	7:30 p.m.
6	At Hanover	7 p.m.
12	Hingham	5 p.m.
13	At Randolph	7 p.m.
20	Carver	7 p.m.
22	Notre Dame	6:30 p.m.
25	Scituate	7 p.m.
27	Hanover	7 p.m.
Feb.		
1	At Hingham	7:30 p.m.
4	All Star meet	7:30 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer club awaits applications

The Cohasset Soccer Club is still awaiting applications for spring travel soccer. If you have not already returned your application, please do so as soon as possible so they can coordinate the teams and coaches. This is open to all individuals in public or private schools.

The U-12 and U-14 will be playing Saturdays and the U-16 and 18-and-Under will be playing Sundays.

If you do not have an application, call the Cohasset Recreation Dept. at 383-4109.

Gymnastics clinic set for Dec. 23

The Cohasset/Norwell High varsity gymnastics team will hold a clinic for girls ages 6- to 12-year-old of all levels and experience.

The clinic will be held on Dec. 23 from 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the upstairs gym at the high school.

The cost is $10 (make checks payable to Ruthann Ardizzoni) and all proceeds will go to the annual Cohasset/Norwell Awards Dinner banquet at the end of the season.

For more information call Ruthann at (781) 871-6586. You must be preregistered to participate and spots are limited so register early.

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The fee for the service is $10 per tree, $5 for senior citizens. Please make checks payable to the Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee and place on the front door. Funds raised by this volunteer teen effort will support the publication and distribution of a parent/teen handbook currently under development. The handbook is an informative compilation of facts on specific drugs available in the community; laws on use and possession; statistics on local use; helpful advice on talking with children on substance abuse; and a list of resources for further information and support.

All teens are welcomed to join in this service project. To volunteer, or for more information, call Jami Butman 383-9435 or Wallace St. John 383-2627.

The Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee is a non-profit volunteer organization comprised of parents and teens, as well as representatives from the PSO, board of selectmen, school committee, school council, police and clergy. Programs focus on the education and prevention of substance abuse community-wide, as well as the support of "substance-free" teen activities. It also maintains a confidential hotline for substance abuse (383-4120).

Any interested adult or teen is welcome to join the committee. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall.

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Please help children of all ages stay warm this winter! Donations of new clothing, hats, scarves, sweaters, pants, mittens ...will be divided and given to homeless shelters. The Cohasset Youth Resources will hold drop off spots, one at the recreation department and the other at the Shoe Market (in the Stop & Shop Plaza), and if necessary, they will pick up. For more information, call the recreation department at 383-4109.

A step more for Cabaret '99

For the first time in Cabaret history (37 years), the morning ladies will have a stage to practice on. Thanks to the generosity of the Selectmen and the Town Administrator, the "morning" rehearsals will be held in the auditorium of the new Town Hall. In the past years it has been necessary to rent space, and it wasn't always convenient. Now "morning rehearsals" will be at either noon to three or one to four, depending on wishes of participants.

In the meantime, patron invitations have been mailed for the privilege of buying tables in advance. If you are interested in having your name in the program as a Patron of the Community Center, call Judy Volungis at (781) 749-9786 and you will receive an application to be a Patron.

People are also encouraged to solicit advertisements for the program. This is really the only way revenues can be increased without increasing the price of tickets. If you have a business or know anyone who does and would like to advertise, call Judy Volungis at (781) 749-9786.

The "Meet the Director Party" is just around the corner! Sunday, Jan. 3, at 1 p.m. at the Community Center, 70 South St.

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The Big Brother/Big Sister Foundation was formed in August of 1996 to raise money to support the mentoring programs of the Big Brother and Big Sister Associations, which serve thousands of children, their parents and extended family members each year. The primary service of the two associations is to provide adult mentors for children between the ages of 7 and 19.

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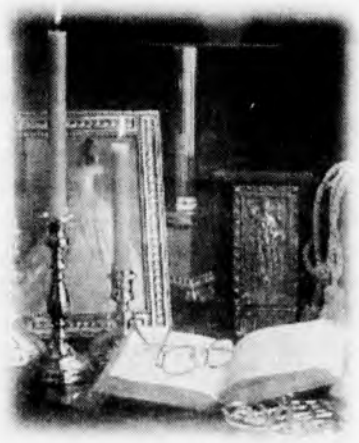
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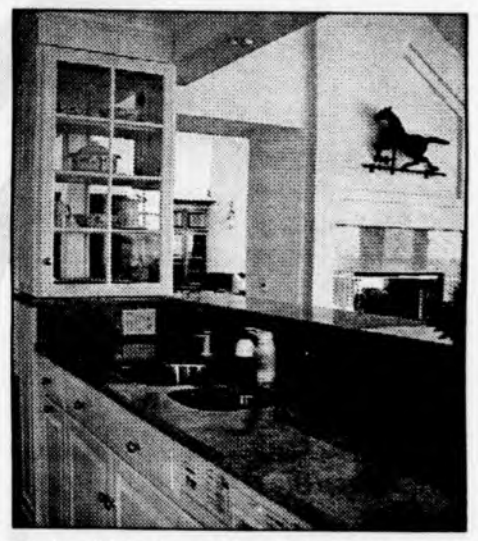
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Reprieve for children's hearing impaired program

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The South Shore Educational Collaborative's Deaf and Hard of Hearing program students can finish out their school year in Hingham, thanks to an unanimous vote of approval by its board of directors last week.

The board is made up of eight school superintendents from the South Shore, including Hingham's Dr. Gary Baker and Dr. Edward Malvey of Cohasset, whose towns will foot the extra $5,000 anticipated to cover the students' tuition through June.

The Collaborative's program for deaf and hard of hearing students in grades pre-kindergarten through eighth has been in existence for 17 years but began to suffer when its program was split in two, with half of the students attending a South Weymouth facility and the rest attending the Cole Elementary School in Norwell. Since that time, the school has settled in several different locations, the last of which is at Industrial Park Road in Hingham.

The program there began in September with an expectation of 17 students attending but only 14 enrolled. Worse, two students will leave the program in the next month.

A fixed tuition rate that was voted on by last year's board of directors proved devastating to the program because it forced each town to come up with a higher yearly rate per attending student to make up the difference.

It now costs approximately $29,900 per student for a year's enrollment in the collaborative's Deaf and Hard of Hearing program.

Betsy Orlando, whose multi-needs daughter Jennifer attends the school, organized a protest after she and other parents received a call from a staff member two weeks ago advising them that the program might close as early as Jan. 29. Despite the current reprieve, she will continue her efforts to communicate the need for such a program to remain in the community.

Alternative programs that have been presented to the parents are not viewed favorably by them. They say that The Learning Center in Randolph and The Reeds Collaborative in Middleboro use methods of communication other than the ASL (American Sign Language) the children use at the collaborative. Parents argue that placing them in a setting like the one in Randolph, where signed English is used, or in Middleboro, where a combination of sign and oral communication is used, would set the children back educationally and psychologically.

B.J. Woode, Commissioner for the Massachusetts Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, agrees.

In a phone interview this week, the commissioner expressed concern about the children being uprooted from their program to attend another school where different means of communication are used.

"The children are being taught to integrate ASL as their means of communication and it would be difficult for them to begin at a school where other children have been going through the same process, only in a different language," she said.

Different languages

Woode explained that signed English and ASL are different languages with different syntax and grammar.

After sitting in on a meeting with the board of directors last week, she toured the school and was welcomed by teachers with "Umbraco," Spanish for embrace, which is an accepted form of greeting in the deaf community.

Woode, hearing impaired herself, knelt to sign with the younger children, who were all smiles.

Too often, she explained to parents and instructors there, she meets up with such children years down the road after emotional problems have set in after years of poorly considered educational needs.

Woode is enthusiastic about the collaborative's program which provides adult modeling for the children through hearing-impaired instructors who use ASL as their means of communication. She also had words of praise for the board for their quickness to take the cap off the fixed tuition placed last year, which will now allow the students to continue through June.



Adam Leach signs a reply during class work at the collaborative.

But the commissioner is equally vocal about the children's needs being met for their educational future when cost is sometimes taken more into consideration than the child's best interest.

For one child, cost seems to have been a determinate in the decision for her suggested future placement.

"We had an alternative program that our one Hingham child could attend in Randolph," Hingham Supt. Baker said. "Our director of Special Education looked into it and checked it out and felt it would be a very effective program that would also be more cost effective. The reason I abstained (from voting) is because I took seriously that other school districts in the collaborative did not necessarily have other educational alternatives open to them so I tried to take that into consideration."

Baker explained that only certain grade levels in the Randolph school uses signed English, but that ASL would be used in Orlando's class.

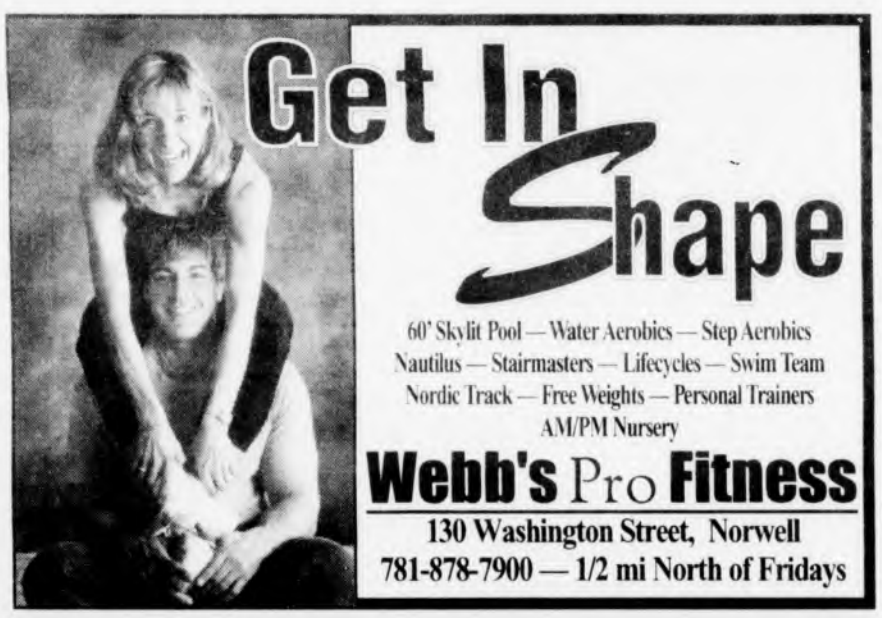
Dr. Wynne Janis, program director for the collaborative's Deaf and Hard of Hearing program, disagrees.

"So far as I know, the class Jennifer would enter at the Learning Center will not use ASL," she said. "Also, Jennifer is a multi-needs student who will find it even more difficult than other students to deal with that language change. My understanding is that the SPED director only saw Jennifer once in class and a handful of times outside. Either way, the main point is that children need time to internalize a language with its own grammar and structure before moving on, if they must, to another type of communication style. This all seems to come down to cost and the children's rights get squeezed out."

Woode explained that the Boston School for the Deaf closed about two or three years ago, which is when the Learning Center in Randolph assumed its program to provide a replacement for those students. She is

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Collaborative program to continue through June



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Teacher's aid Robin D'Agostino reads a story to students in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program at the South Shore Collaborative in Hingham.

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concerned that once more, financial concerns will continue to narrow choices for deaf and hard of hearing children such as the one in the collaborative's program.

"It's all about numbers," said Dr. Michael Savage, executive director of the South Shore Educational Collaborative. "We don't have enough students in attendance and therefore, we don't have the money to keep the program afloat."

At this time, there are only 12 students in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program, whose education is covered under a provision in the state's Chapter 766 program.

"A number of the school districts have made referrals to the Learning Center in Randolph and they were willing to take kids," said Savage. "The Learning Center said that to do so, they would need more staff. We, too, need one more teacher, but I think we can use a student teacher we've had working here who just finished her master's work."

Savage pointed out that even with flexible tuition, the program would need another eight to 10 students to keep afloat.

Savage acknowledged last week that he had known that the school opened in September with a $10,000 deficit but explained, "That's how all these programs function and we just hope for more referrals to carry us along."

But referrals have not been forthcoming, first because of the school's many moves and also because the children go through public education SPED counselors who traditionally refer hearing-impaired children to public schools where they can be "mainstreamed."

Referrals

Some of the referrals to the collaborative's program comes only after years of a child enduring inappropriate placement.

"We got a referral last year from a school with a fifth-grader who had been 'mainstreamed' to his detriment," said Janis. "A lot of those mainstreamed kids grow up and only learn to sign after high school. Or some are seen as autistic."

Parents have argued that the alternative schools cannot meet their children's multiple needs that the collaborative already has in place through their other programs, which deal with issues ranging from learning disabilities to physical impairment to behavior management.

Based on Orlando's research, The Reeds Collaborative in Middleboro would cost $30,000, which is a bit more than the $29,900 it costs to send her daughter now. But Savage maintains that the program is $22,000 and $25,000 if the child's other needs are counted in.

Woode had asked at last week's board meeting if there was no one on the board with training in deaf or hard of hearing issues. "I don't believe I received an answer," she said.

Janis does not believe that there is anyone on the board with expertise in deaf or hard of hearing issues. "The board is made up of superintendents and I believe that their background is in administration," she said. "Even if they have some background in special education, that wouldn't focus primarily on issues of the deaf community."

To Somerville Rep. Patricia Jehlen, who has recently filed a bill "Concerning the Education of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing" with the State House, the situation is "outrageous."

"It seems like there are a lot of legal rights issues here," she said. "The SPED directors have the right to say what they will, but the parents have the right to appeal. There are some poor programs around that children can end up in. For example, if the child has a poor interpreter, he will not receive an appropriate education. It was for this type of reason that the Braille Bill for the Blind was enforced because it used to be that people who couldn't read Braille themselves were teaching it to the blind."

"If the schools are willing to close this program, then what does this mean for the state's commitment to provide education to the deaf?" asked Janis. "What this means is that the towns want the collaborative to be there in case they need them, but they aren't willing to pay the money to make sure that the collaborative is there when they need them. Maybe it's just a lack of foresight."

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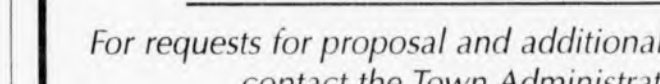
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OBITUARIES

Domenic M. Baccari

Domenic M. Baccari, 75, of Cohasset, a retired nuclear engineer, died Dec. 9 at Massachusetts General Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. Baccari worked for Bethlehem Steel for 19 years, then General Dynamics for 21 years, retiring in 1985. He was head of the nuclear propulsion design engineering team. He was involved with the building of the USS Longbeach and the USS Bainbridge.

He was born in San Donato, Italy, and had lived in Cohasset for 39 years.

He graduated from Quincy High School in 1941 and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1947.

Mr. Baccari was a member of the Long Service Club, the Cohasset Harbor Study Committee and the Cohasset Sailing Club.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as lead navigator in the Eighth Air Force, 91st Bomb Group. He flew on 30 missions in a B-17 from Dover, England.

He was the husband of the late Yolanda (Cincotta) Baccari.

Mr. Baccari leaves to sons, Paul L. Baccari of Hingham and Gregory J. Baccari of Wilmington, N.C.; a daughter, Jean M. Evans of Scituate; a brother, Edward Baccari of Quincy; two sisters, Rita Cuneo of Braintree and Elba DelGrosso of Scituate; and four grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 14 at St. Anthony's Church. Burial was in Mount Wollaston Cemetery in Quincy.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., handled the arrangements.

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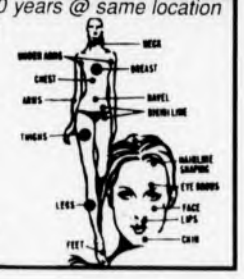
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POLICE LOG

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

12:20 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled auto, area search negative.

12:29 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disabled auto, departmental action.

[illegible]1 a.m. Sohier St., MV stop, departmental [illegible]n.

[illegible]7 a.m. Summer St., general services, log entry information.

10:16 a.m. N. Main St., property damage, investigated, report taken.

10:25 a.m. Cedar St., officer wanted, investigated, report taken.

11:32 a.m. Beach St., notification, log entry information.

12:01 p.m. King St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

12:59 p.m. Cedar St., notification, log entry information.

5:10 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

5:17 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

5:31 p.m. Pleasant St., suspicious (other), investigated, report taken.

5:42 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MVA, investigated, report taken.

6:04 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., transport.

6:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., arrest: John G. McDonald, DOB 10/22/76, 799 C.J.C. Highway, Cohasset. Charges: illegal possession of Class D substance, WMS warrant.

7:44 p.m. Beechwood St. and Mill Ln., MV stop, verbal warning.

7:59 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation, warning.

10:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:25 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

10:40 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., Escort.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

1:24 a.m. Atlantic Ave., MV stop, verbal warning.

9:58 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., disturbance, no police serv. nec.

12:59 p.m. Church St., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:31 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., medical aid, removed to hospital.

5:34 p.m. Highland Ave., drug/narcotic violations, investigated, report taken.

6:22 p.m. Beechwood St., general services, log entry information.

7:58 p.m. Ripley Rd., property found, log entry information.

9:45 p.m. Cedar St., disturbance, peace restored.

MONDAY, NOV. 30

12:41 a.m. Ripley Rd., animal complaint.

1:49 a.m. Wadleigh Park, assist other police department.

8;13 a.m. King and Pond sts., MVA.

9:17 a.m. King and Pond sts., medical aid.

10:23 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

11:45 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., well-being check.

12:01 p.m. Hull St., MV stop.

12:03 p.m. Hull St., MV stop.

3 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation.

3:05 p.m. Ripley Rd., animal complaint.

3:18 p.m. King St., MV stop.

3:52 p.m. Norman Todd Ln., medical aid, removed to hospital.

4:35 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other police department.

6:49 p.m. CJC Way by Beechwood St., MV stop.

7:01 p.m. Lower King St., MV stop, arrest: Kevin E. Damon, 27, 265 Plymouth Ave., Marshfield. Charges: operating under influence of liquor second offense, failure to stay within marked lanes.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1

10:11 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle violations.

10:25 a.m. King St., investigation.

11:41 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, verbal warning.

1:28 p.m. Nichols Rd., wires down.

1:47 p.m. King St., MV stop, verbal warning.

2:33 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

2:45 p.m. Elm St., investigation.

3:10 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, traffic citation.

4:16 p.m. Cedar St., suspicious person.

4:31 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., MV stop.

5:10 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV violations.

5:11 p.m. South Main St., MV stop.

5:20 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

5:27 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

6:39 p.m. Cedar St., disturbance, 54-year-old Cohasset male in protective custody.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

1:21 a.m. Ripley Rd., MV stop.

8:55 a.m. South Main and Summer sts., MV stop.

10:19 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop, arrest: Ronald C. Brown, 31, 141 Audobon Rd., Weymouth. Chgs.: default warrant, operating MV without license, speeding.

11:23 a.m. North Main St. and Ripley Rd., MV violations.

11:44 a.m. Jerusalem Rd., well-being check.

12:09 p.m. The Square, MVA.

2:17 p.m. Forest Ave. area, MV stop, arrest: Katie A. Parsons, 19, 71B Bay St., Hull. Chgs.: warrant.

4:02 p.m. Lighthouse Ln., fire investigation.

4:23 p.m. Sohier St., general services.

6:54 p.m. N. Main and Cedar sts., MVA.

THURSDAY, DEC. 3

8:25 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Beechwood St., MV stop.

8:29 a.m. King and Sohier sts., MV stop.

8:49 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy and Beechwood St., MV stop.

9:32 a.m. South Main St. by Beechwood St., MV stop.

2:33 p.m. South Main St. by Beechwood St., MV stop.

2:57 p.m. Church and Doane sts., MV violations.

3:12 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., assist other agency.

4:40 p.m. Elm St., disturbance.

FRIDAY, DEC. 4

12:32 a.m. Howe and Jerusalem rds., MV stop.

7:14 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Beechwood St., MV stop.

7:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., MV stop.

8:26 a.m. North Main St., B&E MV.

10:04 a.m. Sohier St., suspicious activity.

10:18 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. Dr., vandalism.

2:10 p.m. Tedeschi Plaza, fire investigation.

2:45 p.m. Sohier St., medical aid.

3:12 p.m. Woodland Dr., investigation.

3:58 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., fire investigation.

8:50 p.m. Summer St., suspicious activity.

9:47 p.m. N. Main St., suspicious activity.

11:21 p.m. Bancroft Way, disturbance, gathering.

11:37 p.m. Woodland Dr., disturbance, gathering.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

4:02 a.m. Elm St., animal complaint.

6:04 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., suspicious MV.

7:50 a.m. Sohier St., medical aid.

8:48 a.m. The Square, general services.

10:07 a.m. South Main St., MVA.

11:05 a.m. The Common, MV violations.

2:45 p.m. Sohier St., fire investigation.

6:25 p.m. South Main St., MV stop.

8:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., general services.

8:55 p.m. Beechwood and Doane sts., animal complaint.

9:11 p.m. North Main St., MV stop.

11:18 p.m. King St., general services.

11:32 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

12:08 a.m. Brewster Rd., MV stop.

1:34 a.m. Jerusalem Rd. and North Main St., MV stop.

3:34 a.m. Beechwood St., medical aid.

7 a.m. Forest Ave., general services.

11:12 a.m. Smith Pl. and Ripley Rd., investigation.

4:39 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop.

5:33 p.m. Surry Dr., general services.

5:41 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

8:49 p.m. Cushing Rd., annoying phone calls.

9:14 p.m. Hill St., medical aid.

MONDAY, DEC. 7

12:48 a.m. Motor vehicle stop, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

1:33 a.m. Suspicious auto, Chief Justice Cushing Hwy.

6:51 a.m. Elm St., medical aid.

8:40 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

9:53 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

10:05 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

10:17 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop.

10:55 a.m. Summer St., services rendered.

3:34 p.m. Ripley Rd., services rendered.

4:35 p.m. Otis Ave., disturbance, services rendered.

4:57 p.m. Beechwood St., MV stop, departmental action.

5:08 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV violations.

5:22 p.m. Jerusalem Rd., general services.

5:34 p.m. Sohier St., MV stop, traffic citation issued.

8:57 p.m. North Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

10:01 p.m. Wood Way, services rendered.

11:14 p.m. Border St., open door/window, secured building.

11:26 p.m. Highland Ave., assist citizen.

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

8:06 a.m. Forest Ave., MV stop.

8:14 a.m. N. Main St., MV stop, verbal warning.

8:56 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Marion Way, MV stop.

9:08 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., and Marion Way, MV stop.

9:24 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Marion Way, MV stop.

10:17 a.m. Cushing Plaza, assist motorist.

10:24 a.m. Rust Way, medical aid.

10:44 a.m. Wheelwright Farm, vandalism.

12:05 p.m. Wheelwright Farm, vandalism.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

7:20 a.m. South Main St., MV stop.

7:38 a.m. South Main St., MV stop.

9:58 a.m. South Main St. and Beechwood St., MV stop, arrest: Patrick H. Smialek, 38, 6 Eastern Ave., Hull. Charges: warrant, failure to register as sex offender, speeding in violation of special regulations, failure by owner to have MV inspected.

1:15 p.m. South Main St., suspicious activity.,

1:57 p.m. N. Main St., medical aid.

2:45 p.m. Cushing Plaza, suspicious person.

9:57 p.m. N. Main St., family disturbance.

10:28 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., MV stop, 70-year-old Scituate male in protective custody.

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Carroll brings wealth of experience to new roll at the rec

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

It was an especially busy summer for Cohasset's Ted Carroll, who was hired as the Hingham Recreation Department's new assistant director.

Director Jill Drohan, recreation director, is thrilled to have Ted on board.

"He has a total knowledge of the organization," she said of Carroll, who has served as director of the summer playground camp in Hingham for the past several years.

Drohan and Carroll balance each other well — Drohan likes structure and Carroll flexibility.

"At the same time, he's very organized," Drohan said.

Carroll has a wide range of experience in working with children, dating back to 1983.

Growing up in Cohasset, he started working with the recreation department's youth soccer, basketball and street hockey programs when he was in high school. For ten years, he also worked in the Cohasset recreation department's summer camps, serving as counselor and eventually director. Carroll held a seat on that town's recreation commission for four years.

"We're not really losing him. We still look forward to working with Ted — after all, he lives in town."

— Cohasset Recreation Director Jack Worley.

Not long ago, he filled in for Cohasset's recreation department director Jack Worley, from whom Carroll said he will continue to seek ideas.

"I've worn many hats," he said. "My years with the Cohasset recreation department helped me be prepared for my new job in Hingham."

Carroll knew early on when he was a camper in Cohasset that he would like to stay with the recreation department in one way or another.

"When I was 10 or 12, I knew I wanted to eventually be a counselor," said Carroll.

According to Drohan, her new assistant has a gift for remembering names and faces.

"He knows every single youngster enrolled in our activities," she said. "He also relates well to the staff and recreation commissioners."



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN
Ted Carroll of Cohasset likes his job as assistant recreation director in Hingham.

Perhaps Carroll is so at ease around young people because he grew up in a family of five children.

The new position is self-supporting — the recreation department is required to return $30,000 to the town at the end of the year, and the assistant position falls under that amount.

Half of that has already been "raised" from camp tuition income.

"The nature of the job has changed to one of a community fund-raising nature," Drohan said, "and the recreation programs don't pose a burden on the towns."

According to Drohan, the Town of Hingham has one of the lowest recreation budgets in the state.

William Ramsey, a member of the recreation commission, thinks Carroll will be a "tremendous" asset.

"His presence will only strengthen the program, especially with his background in both Hingham and Cohasset," he said.

Worley recalls "plugging" Carroll into the town's Saturday sports programs years ago.

"You'd have to be three places at once," he said, "and Ted learned the ropes."

Carroll's broad spectrum of experience with Cohasset will serve him well in his new position in Hingham.

"We're not really losing him," Worley said. "We still look forward to working with Ted — after all, he lives in town — when time permits."

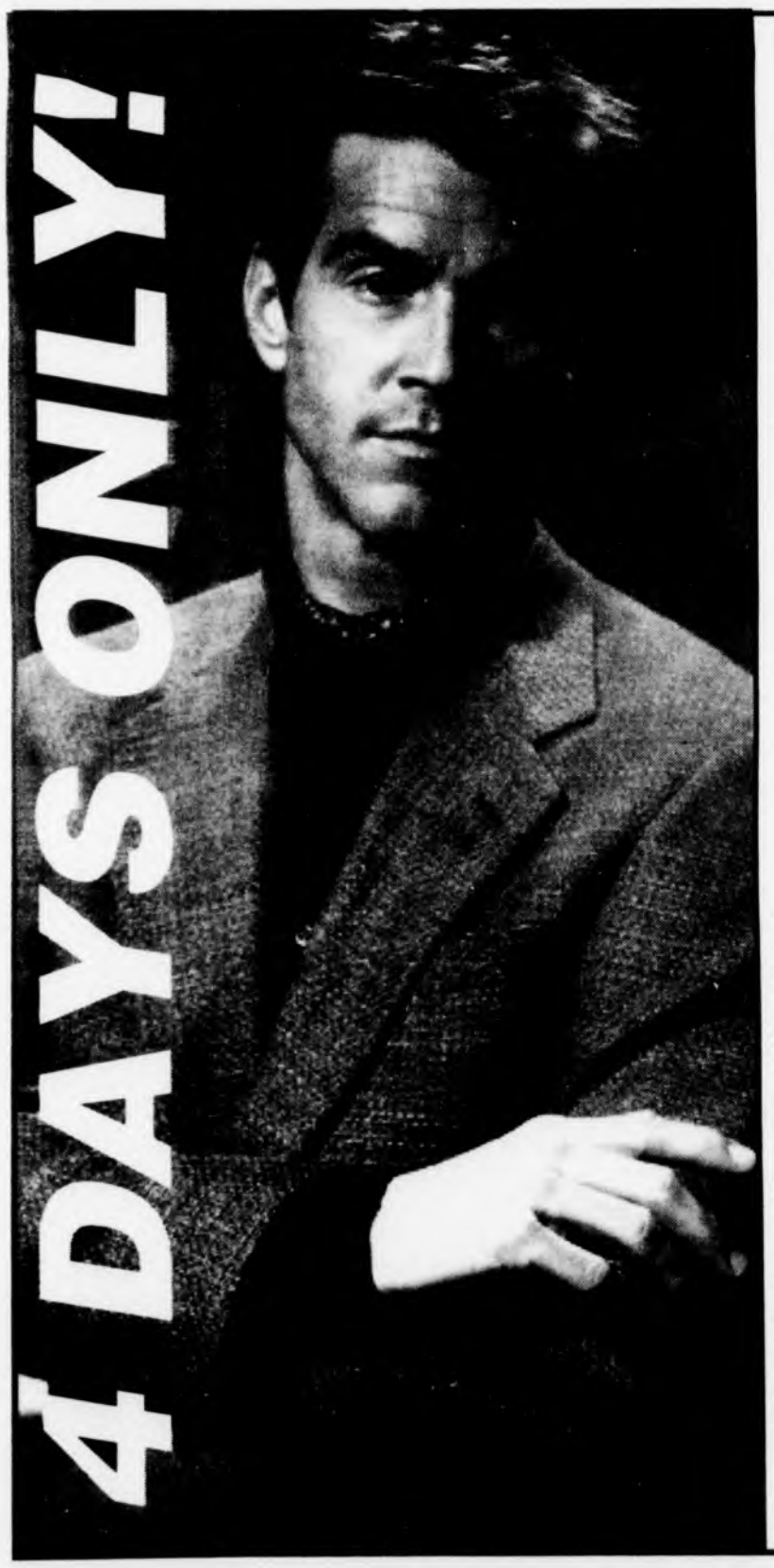
In order to accept his new position with the Hingham recreation department, Carroll also had to resign from his job at South Shore Sports Center in Hingham, where he worked since 1985, holding a number of positions.

"Resigning from the sports center is one of the toughest things I've had to do," he said.



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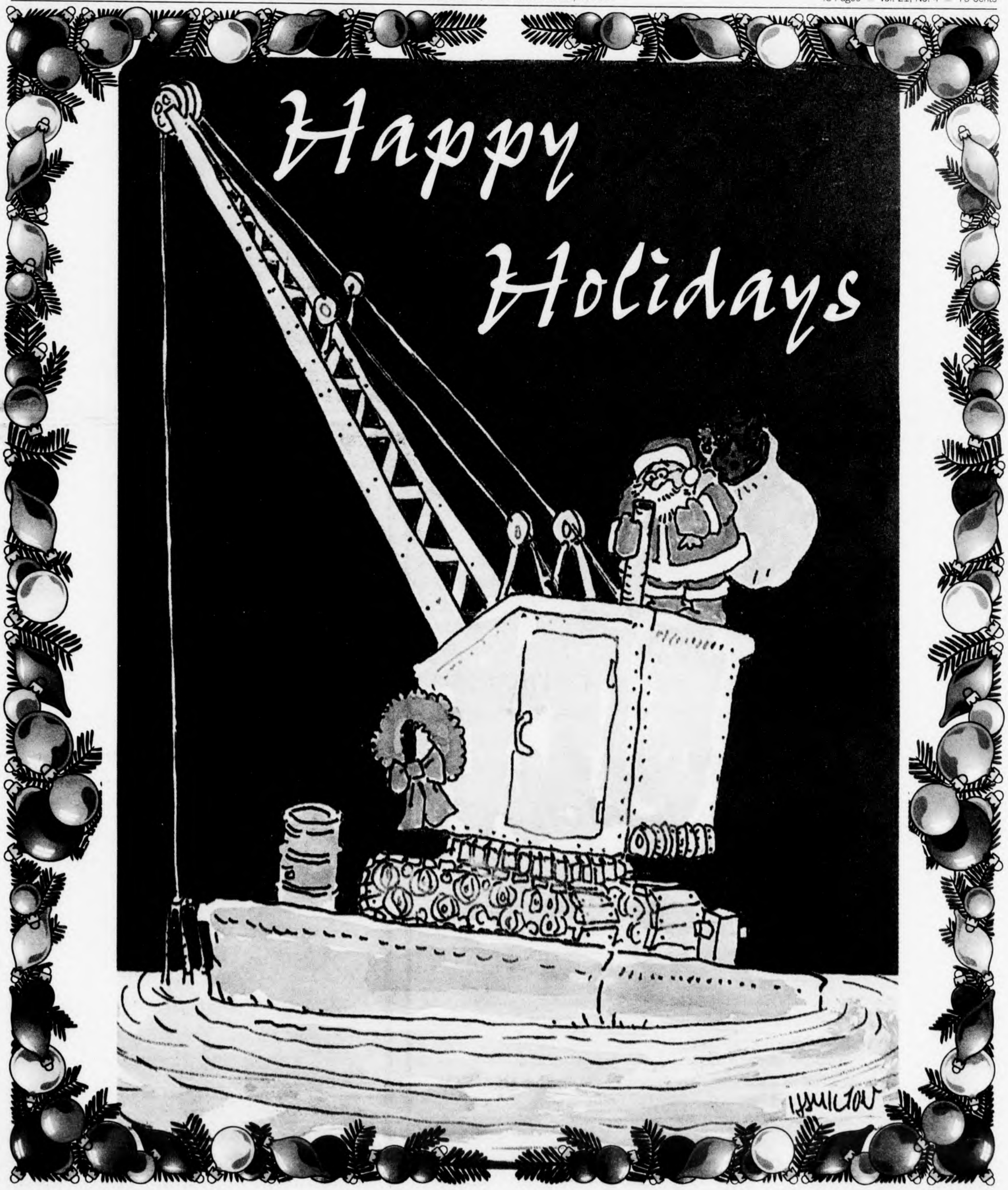
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THIS WEEK IN COHASSET

Christmas tree disposal

Christmas trees may be brought to the DPW parking area, 91 Cedar St., from Dec. 26 through Jan. 6. Please remove all wires and decorations.

The RTF will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 in observance of Christmas and New Years Day. For more information, call 383-0273.

Citizens sought for growth committee

At the request of selectmen, Town Manager Mark Haddad asked the planning board and conservation commission to each designate a member to serve on the new Growth and Development Task Force which will come up with a new master plan for the town.

Also serving will be two selectmen and three citizens at large. Interested citizens should call Haddad at 383-4105.

Winter guidelines for Cohasset residents

The D.P.W. has issued the following winter guidelines:

1. Overnight parking is prohibited from Nov. 15 through April 15.

2. Do not plow or shovel snow, water or any other debris from private property onto roadways or sidewalks.

3. Uncover storm drains when possible.

4. Sand for resident use only will be available behind the former highway garage at 55R South Main St.

5. The town is not responsible for damaged lawns, fences, steps, shrubs, trees or mail boxes within the town layout.

Town meeting warrant deadlines

Selectmen voted to open the warrant for the March 27 annual town meeting. The warrant will close on Jan. 14. The deadline for citizen petition articles is Jan. 11.

Ten minutes for walk-ins

Selectmen set aside 10 minutes early in their meetings, usually at 7:40 p.m., to address any concerns from members of the public who have issues that are not on the agenda.

If the matter cannot be handled briefly, it will be placed on a future agenda. Call Town Manager Mark Haddad at 383-4105 for more information. Selectmen's meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held on alternate Tuesdays.

The next selectmen's meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Christmas tree pickup

Cohasset area teens will once again offer a Christmas tree removal service to benefit programs of the Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee. Volunteers will remove and dispose of trees Saturdays, Jan. 2, and Jan. 9. To order service, call 383-2552 (24 hours) and specify which day is preferred. Trees should be placed by the base of the driveway.

The fee for the service is $10 per tree, $5 for senior citizens. Please make checks payable to the Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee and place on the front door. Funds raised by this volunteer teen effort will support the publication and distribution of a parent/teen handbook currently under development. The handbook is an informative compilation of facts on specific drugs available in the community; laws on use and possession; statistics on local use; helpful advice on talking with children on substance abuse; and a list of resources for further information and support.

All teens are welcomed to join in this service project. To volunteer, or for more information, call Jami Butman 383-9435 or Wallace St. John 383-2627.

The Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee is a non-profit volunteer organization comprised of parents and teens, as well as representatives from the PSO, board of selectmen, school committee, school council, police and clergy. Programs focus on the education and prevention of substance abuse community-wide, as well as the support of "substance-free" teen activities. It also maintains a confidential hotline for substance abuse (383-4120).

BOYS WILL BE BOYS



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Deer Hill pupils take their chance to jump off the compost pile at the RTF. Fifth-graders were at the RTF to learn about recycling. For more photos, see page 14.

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Cohasset Christmas, 50 years ago

1948, a year of changes

By Joel Pratt
SPECIAL TO THE MARINER



Our Cub Scout Den: Ben Manton, Allen Trueblood, Russell Pratt and Joel Pratt (In Back)

Were you in grade school before 1950? Then you remember inkwells and scratchy pens. Little kids used pencils. By fourth grade, we were trusted with ink. In September, wooden pen holders, steel pen nibs and blotters were given out. A boy (it was always a boy) was chosen to fill the inkwell in each desk. Our teacher, Miss Mary Curley, told us sternly that pen points had to last all year: there would be no replacements. As I listened to her, I tried to see if the point would penetrate the desktop. It didn't.

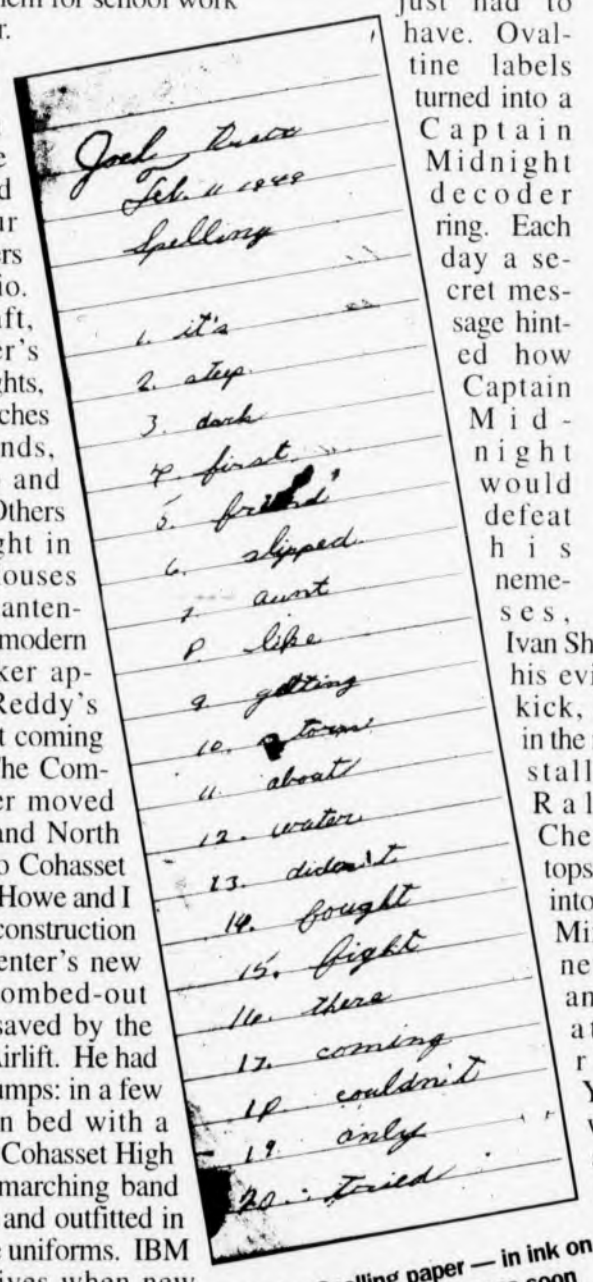
Ink was special. Only Friday spelling tests and final copies of compositions were done in ink on white lined paper. Boys' papers were always messy. Blobs of ink would appear mysteriously: the blotter made them into smears. Girls' had beautiful handwriting and never made smears — or so we boys thought.

In 1948, I finished fourth grade and started fifth. Popular Science, my favorite magazine, said ball point pens would make inkwells and pens disappear! When my breakfast cereal box promised a ball point pen, I ate extra KIX or PEP (I can't remember which) to get enough box tops. Soon the pen arrived. It was small and skipped frequently. But it didn't make blobs! I put it in my shirt pocket to take to school — and arrived with a big purple stain on my shirt. Ball points got better but we were not allowed to use them for school work until years later.

This was one of many changes in 1948. Some we learned about in our Weekly Readers or on the radio. Jet aircraft, Chuck Yeager's supersonic flights, V2 rocket launches in White Sands, New Mexico and helicopters. Others happened right in Cohasset. Houses sprouted TV antennas. The ultra modern '48 Studebaker appeared at Reddy's Garage (Was it coming or going?). The Community Center moved from Sohier and North Main Streets to Cohasset center. Walter Howe and I pretended the construction site for the Center's new wing was bombed-out Berlin being saved by the heroic Berlin Airlift. He had just had the mumps: in a few days, I was in bed with a swollen neck. Cohasset High School's first marching band was organized and outfitted in blue-and-white uniforms. IBM entered our lives when new clocks appeared in our Ripley Road School classrooms. A master clock in Mrs. Hudson's office rang the bells and controlled the classroom clocks, which clicked each time the minute hand advanced. And Mom became our Cub Scout Den Mother, so weekly den meetings moved to our house.

I was a radio addict. Tom Mix!. Jack Armstrong! Captain Midnight! The Lone Ranger! Each offered things a boy just had to have. Ovaltine labels turned into a Captain Midnight decoder ring. Each day a secret message hinted how Captain Midnight would defeat his nemeses, Ivan Shark and his evil sidekick, Gardo in the next installment. Ralston Chex box tops turned into a Tom Mix magnet ring and an atomic ring. You were supposed to see atomic flashes by peering into the little bomb on top: I never saw anything. A Lone Ranger arrowhead came from Quaker Puffed Wheat (Shot from guns!). It was the first thing I ever owned made of plastic. It had a compass so you wouldn't get lost and a magnifying glass to start a fire if you did. Best of all, it glowed in the dark! The glow didn't last long but light recharged it. Figuring more light was better, I put it on the wire frame of my lampshade. When I went up to bed, there was a terrible smell. The arrow had melted and drizzled onto the light bulb, making an awful mess!

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A Friday Spelling paper — in ink on white paper. Ball point pens soon made ink blobs a thing of the past.

Finally, I tried to stay awake until midnight, but drifted off to sleep before 1949 arrived.

After years of saying no to pets, Mom and Pop relented. Our neighbor's son, Jack Bates, was courting Ann Hallowell whose cat had had kittens. So Jonathan Bates Hallowell Pratt, a gray tom with white mittens, came to live with us. One night Johnny left a present in one of Pop's bedroom slippers: only our teary pleas saved him from banishment. In the early hours of Christmas day, a crashing noise woke me up. We all rushed downstairs to find the Christmas tree sprawled on the floor surrounded by broken ornaments. A terrified Johnny was clinging to the wreckage. He had climbed to the top of the tree and toppled it!

When morning came, I thought I could see the chemistry set I had asked for under the resurrected tree. It turned out to be an AC Gilbert Microscope set instead. Mother feared that chemistry sets were too dangerous. A whole new universe opened up under the microscope! You could actually see dust mites and the hair on a flea's leg and all sorts of neat things.

An RCA radio phonograph was also under the tree. Records had been around for fifty years – but not in our house. Among the presents were three albums: 'Oklahoma!', 'Showboat' and 'Oscar Levant plays Chopin'. We played the shows endlessly - Chopin stayed in the box. The set played only 78 RPM records – it was years later that 33 RPM 'Long Play' came along. Oklahoma! filled four 10 inch disks. Between sides, the music would stop and the automatic stacker would clunk down the next disk. When four sides had played, you had to flip the stack. But we thought it was wonderful.

As we now had two radios, I asked to have the old one for my room. Pop said OK, and I carried it upstairs, plugged it in and turned it on. As I went down the stairs, wonderful, deep resonant Christmas music filled my head. The new radio and the old were both set to the same station. Unwittingly, I had discovered stereo sound! It sounded so good that I sat on the steps to listen.

Our neighbors, the Eatons, gave themselves a Television. On the last day of 1948, they invited us over to see it. As it was daytime, all we saw was a test pattern. Knowing that Mom and Pop were going out for New Years Eve, they asked if I wanted to stay at their house. The Eatons went out too, leaving me in front of the TV with David Matheson, their Irish man-of-all work. The screen was no bigger than two postcards, but it was wonderful. We watched and listened to Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians "From the Roosevelt Hotel Ballroom in New York City." I tried valiantly to stay awake until midnight, but drifted off to sleep before 1949 arrived.

Today, Joel Pratt lives in Roque Bluffs, Maine with his wife Hope.



Joel with Jonathan H. B. Pratt (in the basket)

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Rec. weekend use of schools is topic

Hiring custodian and site manager on the table

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Although the school committee unanimously agreed to cover weekend basketball games at school facilities with a custodian and a site manager for each facility, some details still need to be ironed out with the recreation department.

It's also not clear how much the school department and recreation department will each pay to provide the service.

Basketball players started their 10-week program two weekends ago and concerns about the opening and closing of the facilities, safety issues there and who would foot the bill, have been a concern.

Recreation department director Jack Worley went before the school committee last week to discuss hiring a full-time custodian and/or site manager so that the school facilities could be available and safe for weekend activities.

It was estimated that it would cost $300 per day to have a custodian open and close the facilities and work there throughout the day so that he could be on hand should an emergency arise.

A separate fee of $200 to also hire a site manager didn't make sense to school committee vice chairman Kathy Ofsthun, who suggested that the site manager could rotate between the schools where games were ongoing. "It doesn't seem necessary to pay someone $200 to watch the kids play," she said.

School committee member Mark DeGiacomo suggested that a beeper be used for one custodian who, like the site manager, could divide his time between the schools for the day.

School committee member Joe McElroy agreed.

"Maybe custodial work could be done during that time," he said. "I don't feel comfortable with someone watching a game for 12 hours."

The Deer Hill School has gates in place to prevent children from straying off to unsupervised areas of the building, which raised the question of whether a full-time janitor was even needed in attendance for the entire day.

Deer Hill principal Paul Callahan recounted a recent incident involving a burst water pipe that was handled by a custodian, as a type of situation where it pays to have someone who knows the ins and outs of the building on hand.

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Site supervisors at this time receive $15 an hour, middle-high school principal Curtis Collins explained. Teachers usually take on the task, which works well because of the familiarity between students and instructors.

School committee chairman Rick Shea suggested that the cost be covered at least partly through recreation department fees, such as a $10 to $12 user charge.

DeGiacomo recommended that the school and recreation department split the cost, with one paying for the janitor and the other for the site manager.

The schools will continue to cover custodial costs for recreation department weekend activities at the schools until a decision is reached, school superintendent Dr. Edward "Ted" Malvey said.

"It's a tough call because they're already mid-stream," he said. "We'll have to come to some decision on what we'll be able to absorb. We need to know what our financial picture will be at the end of this fiscal year."

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D & A drug hotline



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Schools to prepare for future MCAS exams

Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

A 12-paragraphs-long "friendly letter" is just one of the new tricks Cohasset students might want to learn if they plan to score higher on MCAS's essay-type questions.

On the whole, Cohasset students scored well. Cohasset was one of the top 30 districts of the state and 23 percent of Cohasset eighth-graders placed advanced in math.

A weak link in essay writing offered the greatest need for remediation, according to Deer Hill Principal Paul Callahan, middle/high school Principal Curtis Collins and curriculum coordinator Ruth Fennessey.

The three presented an overview of MCAS results and future educational strategies to the school committee last week.

The MCAS tests — which are meant to insure that the Education Reform Act of 1993 and its standardization of public school curriculum is falling into place — covers math, science and technology and English language arts. Students in grades four, eight and ten took their first MCAS last May.

Students and instructors geared up for the exam partially in the dark, since no one yet knew what MCAS scorers would specifically look for while grading.

Newly armed with the scoring system released at a conference two weeks ago, Fennessey will provide that information to school officials to incorporate reviewers' expectations into the curriculum.

Callahan explained that Deer Hill School fourth-graders will learn to expand on their writing style.

An ideal "friendly letter" on the MCAS, it turned out, was a multi-paragraph demonstration of an ability to use complex and compound sentences and more.

"We didn't have the scoring system before the test was given," Fennessey said. "We stressed form in 'friendly letter' but they were looking for a multi-paragraph letter with details and possibly metaphors and similes."

Teachers will be given scoring guides and trained in the use of it come spring.

Open-response questions turned out to be a problem, with students scoring well on multiple-choice but not faring as well when the questions required an essay-form answer.

"If a weakness was found in science, it was in the design and writing up," Callahan said. "It seems to carry over into all their subjects," he added, referring to the students' difficulty with open-ended questions.

Students averaged 74% correct on science multiple choice questions but only 50% in open response questions.

"It was the same in math," Callahan said.

Students were allotted 45 minutes during the 13-day-long examination period, but Deer Hill students were allowed to take longer. Some took up to 1-1/2 hours.

School superintendent Dr. Edward "Ted" Malvey said that he had heard about testing fatigue from other school superintendents.

School committee Chairman Rick Shea wondered if test fatigue was indicated in the scores.

Probably not, according to Vice Chairman Kathy Ofsthun, who pointed out that students actually scored higher in the science section, which came last.

"Science was the best," Callahan agreed.

Asked by Shea about the reported 60-second average for grading each essay, Callahan admitted that was a possibility.

"They were looking for the general idea, but the longer their ideas and the more of them, the better," he said. "Our kids were straight and to the point, which was not what they were looking for."

"They were looking for supportive paragraphs and a conclusion," Fennessey said.

School committee member Patricia Martin asked if the younger grades would receive training on this.

"Yes," Fennessey said. "Ted (Dr. Malvey)has allowed us to hire a trainer."

Eighth- and tenth-graders scored well on the language arts section.

"We're pleased with the results," said Collins, the middle/high school principal. "Clearly, English scores were noteworthy in general. We enjoy looking at those. I like to think that's a direct result of all the input in that department."

Concerns for high school students were narrowed down to trigonometry questions on the tenth-grade exam.

Normally, tenth-grade mathematics instructors might choose to skip over the brief trigonometry section of the students' text, since that subject is covered in 11th grade.

Changes in science curriculum will include three new courses: physical science, investigating energy and biology.

"We'll make sure that by tenth grade, students will have had these three courses," Callahan said. "We'll need to get science realigned and the right topics taught."

Collins explained that students doing well in school essentially did well on the MCAS.

"If my student was in the ninth-grade and didn't do too well, I wouldn't panic," he said. "But I'm concerned with the fourth- and eight-grade students for this May. That's an alarm. We're already thinking about programs but we don't want to take kids out of classes for instruction because they'll be losing time in other classes."

Malvey thanked the administration for hard work dealing with the MCAS and the follow-up on the MCAS.

"I can't say enough that this really is a test of a test," he said. "We need to look at our curriculum and see how well we're matched up with the test. I think there will be a statewide debate on the test itself."

Early admission to top colleges

CHS seniors Benjamin Littauer, R. Steven Sceery and Justin Golden have been accepted for early admission to Harvard. Two other students were accepted, as well, but have opted to defer for now.

Edward F. Goff III and James O'Sullivan received early admission to Boston College and Megan Connolly's first choice of Catholic University has granted her early admission.

"Isn't that terrific?" said Maureen Sullivan of the guidance office. "That's out of a class of only 80. I always wonder why parents would send their kids to a private school. The students really do well here."

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It's the time of year to spread cheer, and there is a group of students at Cohasset High School that is leading the charge! They call themselves the **Social Awareness Organization of Cohasset High School**, and they led the clothing drive for the homeless people (they had a box outside of the door leading into the main office). That went on until Dec. 16, then all of the donations were brought to the Pine Street Inn.

This same group also held a Toys For Tots Collection; once again all toys were brought and dropped at the main entrances of the high school.

Talk about making things happen! To ensure that people will be warm and that youngsters will receive a toy at Christmas is what it is all about! We are very proud of all of you!

GRIDIRON CLUB BREAKFAST

Speaking of pride, and a wonderful group of young men, I had the pleasure of attending the Gridiron Club Breakup Brunch last week (**Clark** was in Vegas at an Athletic Directors Convention and was unable to attend). To watch those gentlemen in action, both the young and the old, is a real treat — they are a dedicated crew, and they like their team, their school and each other! They were proud of their record, their coaches, their camaraderie and their parents — everything! And the fact that **Bob Meers** gave them one of the most inspirational talks I have ever heard was the "icing on the cake." We congratulate Coach **Tony Rolfe**, his assistant coaches and his team!

HATS OFF TO MARY ANN HIGGINS

The US Dept. of Health and Human Services knows a good thing! The HHS Administration for Children and Families (ACF) recently announced that Cohasset's own **Mary Ann Higgins** will serve as the new Northeast Regional Hub Director, working in a new collaborative relationship among the ACF regional offices in Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

Mary Ann has more than 20 years experience in the social service and public administration areas. She is a native of Cohasset and is a graduate of UMass Amherst and Boston College Law School.



Mary Ann Higgins

SMOKEFREE POSTER WINNER

Did you know that the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program's 1 Smokefree Calendar featuring "Growing Up Without Tobacco" poster contest winners is now available, and that a Cohasset student's poster is one of the winning ones featured? Her name is **Kelsey Bell**, and she is an artist extraordinaire! If you would like a free 1999 Smokefree Calendar, call the South Shore Boards of Health Collaborative Tobacco Control Program at (781) 829-4301.

OFF TO SPAIN!

Alissa Sexton has been accepted for a semester of study at the Universidad de Barcelona in Spain, with Brethren Colleges Abroad. She is the daughter of **Peter** and **Anne Sexton**. Alissa is a student at Trinity College, where only students maintaining high academic standards are eligible for BCA. Imagine all that she will learn — hope we hear about it!

KUNTZ NAME IN LIGHTS

John Kuntz, son of **Dennis** and **Midge Kuntz,** has done it again! He is a STAR! Or, as Terry Byrne of the Boston Herald stated, "John Kuntz is Boston's resident shape-shifter." In the last four months he has played more than 50 characters in six plays. John , who graduated from Emerson College, is emerging as the local master of his own one-man shows — his specialty is gathering a quirky group of characters that range from pompous author to an aspiring starlet, his talent lies in his ability to find humanity in his characters. He writes his own shows! Most recently, John starred in the SpeakEasy Stage Company's production of "The Santaland Diaries," essayist David Sedaris' hilarious account of his on-the-job adventures of an elf at Macy's (Dennis and Midge took the CVS staff to see John perform in this, and they all thought it was wonderful!). Next, John will star in "Sing Me to Sleep," which will be produced by Coyote Theatre at the Boston Center for the Arts Jan. 8 to 31, and co-stars award-winner **Paula Pum**. "Sleep" traces the way family members remember an incident that had a profound effect on them. Then John has a part in the Lyric Stage's upcoming production of "The Baltimore Waltz." Isn't it all

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This is the time of year when we are all looking for that very special recipe — something that we don't serve every day, something that is as beautiful to look at as it is to eat. Usually when I want a recipe that is both unique and tasty, elegant to look at but easy to prepare, I call on my friend Jean. She entertains frequently, and adores trying the latest and the best — we both agree that "when in doubt let's have steak," perfect for every occasion! Jean wasn't positive where she found this recipe, but we have both tried it, its quick, easy and delicious! Hope you'll give it a try over the holidays!

For a vegetable dish you might just serve green beans with baby carrots — I cook each separately the day before; then, right before you are ready to serve, sizzle 2 tbsp butter and oil in pan, add vegetables, stir until heated through.

Pretty to look at, soo good!

Sallyann
383-0560

FILET MIGNON WITH GREEN PEPPERCORN CREAM SAUCE

1-3/4 cups canned beef broth
3 Tbsp. butter
4-6 to 8 oz filet mignon steaks, each about 1 inch thick
1/4 cup chopped shallots
1 cup whipping cream
3 Tbsp. cognac or brandy
2 Tbsp. drained green peppercorns in brine

Boil stock in a small saucepan until reduced to 3/4 of a cup about 7 minutes. Meanwhile, melt butter in a large skillet over medium high heat. Season steaks with salt and pepper; place in fry pan over medium high heat to desired doneness, about 4 minutes per side for medium-rare. Transfer steaks to warm platter (do not clean skillet), add chopped shallots to same skillet and sauté til tender. Remove from heat; add reduced beef stock, one cup whipping cream, 3 tablespoons brandy and the green peppercorns. Boil until mixture thickens to sauce consistency, about 5 minutes. Season to taste with pepper. Spoon sauce over steaks and serve. 4 servings

Serve this with mashed potatoes (I usually add a small package of cream cheese and some sour cream into the mashed potatoes instead of milk) and sprinkle a little nutmeg over the potatoes.

Christmas Eve at First Parish

First Parish in Cohasset is busily preparing for several joyous celebrations of the Christmas season.

On Thursday, Dec. 24, there will be two special Christmas services. At 5 p.m. a traditional Christmas pageant will be presented in the Meeting House by the children of the religious education program. This is a yearly tradition that is sure to stir up some holiday sentiment and bring a smile to all who attend.

At 8 p.m. the traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held in the Meeting House, ministered by both The Rev. Tarbox and The Rev. Leitch.

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AROUND TOWN

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so exciting! Another example of a CHS Star! We are ever-so proud of you, John; cannot wait to see you in one of your starting roles!

ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL BALLERINA

Lauren Albanese of Cohasset is performing in Boston Ballet's 33rd annual production of "The Nutcracker" at The Wang Theatre, in the role of Polichinelle; Lauren has been a student at Boston Ballet School for five years, and is currently enrolled in the Intensive Division of the School. She has been dancing since the age of 2, when she began her career; she will be nine years old on New Year's Eve. Lauren is the daughter of **Thomas** and **Lori Albanese.**



Watch for Lauren Albanese of Cohasset is performing in Boston Ballet's 33rd annual production of "The Nutcracker" at The Wang Theatre, in the role of Polichinelle.

BEN HAGAN WILL BE MISSED

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to **Libby Hagan**, who lost her son, **Ben**, recently. Ben was a wonderful young man and a grand person, one that Libby was so proud of! Our hearts go out to you at this time, Libby!

SEASON FOR NEWS

This certainly is the season for your news, please remember to let me in on your "happenings," so that I may share them with all!

Have a very merry, Blessed Christmas, full of love and good memories!

— **Sallyann Chatterton**
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Season of impeachment

Heap on more wood! - the wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it will,
We'll keep our Christmas merry still.
— Sir Walter Scott

Those who are old enough to remember the original "Candid Camera" TV program of the early 1960s may recall a segment during which about half a dozen or so people on the streets of New York City were stopped at random and asked who Lyndon Johnson was.

Those questioned scratched their heads but couldn't recall where they'd heard the name. While his name sounded familiar, they simply couldn't place Johnson — a once powerful US senator — as vice president of the United States.

The segment was funny at the time. After all, those in the TV audience didn't have the benefit of nearly 40 years of hindsight. The program aired more than a decade before Watergate and just a few years before Vietnam and the assassination of President Kennedy, focused our nation on its government.

Although America is clearly a different country than it was then — in more recent years, we've been concerned that especially our younger citizens have become apathetic about government.

We've seen too many town meetings that don't include any young people and too many "twenty-somethings" who give voting a pass at town and state elections.

So if there is any good at all to come out of the Clinton debacle — it may be that this Christmas, most families can't avoid sharing a discussion about their government and the meaning of big words and phrases such as impeachment, perjury and obstruction of justice.

Walking through the Hanover Mall parking lot on Saturday, we overheard a youngster — who couldn't have been any older than six or seven — say to his Mom, "Is it impeachment or nothing?"

The child's question gave us pause and made us realize that there is no escape from the goings-on in Washington even in the midst of Christmas shopping for toys at the mall.

We can only hope that perhaps these "big words" will lead to further family discussion on values we can all share such as truth and honor, right and wrong, and what constitutes common sense and common decency, and the importance of character.

If so, then there could be a positive outcome from these historic happenings in Washington this Christmas season after all.

— Mary Ford
Editor

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Michael Hagerty isn't so sure he wants to meet Santa at the South Shore Community Center following the annual Jingle Bell Walk.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A remedy for the soul!

TO THE EDITOR:

In a world so often characterized by frustration and negativity, one sometimes needs to seek refuge in order to maintain their mental stability. Recently, I did seek this refuge when I attended Cohasset High School's performance of the "Music Man." It was truly a remedy for the soul!

The direction, singing, music, dancing, costumes and stage design all made for a very delightful evening. I smiled, laughed and cried, while experiencing a roller coaster of emotional power, combined with an incredible array of talent.

The cast produced a five-star show while proudly displaying their commitment to both community and school. You are a remarkable group, capable of energizing your audience, but most importantly, you brought to light all the good so frequently ignored in our adolescent population.

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Charles Santoro
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TO THE EDITOR:

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Colonel Lothrop, Old Colony Chapter, held their annual Christmas Gift Wrapping Party at the Lightkeepers overlooking Cohasset Harbor.

They wrapped hundreds of items for the shut-in veterans at the Brockton Veterans Hospital. The veterans are too often the forgotten soldiers who defended our lives and liberty with their lives and are now more or less stored away.

The DAR Chapter wants to publicly thank merchants Stop and Shop, Fleet Bank and Shaw's Markets who so generously donated gifts to the more than worthy veterans at this time of Christmas when it is more blessed to give. Betty Cole of Hingham is our chapter ring leader for rounding up the merchants. The other members also contributed gifts of all sorts.

The DAR members are a group of gals from Weymouth, Braintree, Cohasset, Hingham, Norwell and Duxbury. Many of our meetings are combined with the Scituate Chapter.

Our Chapter recently received an award from the National Association as one of the fastest growing Chapters in the country. We consist of a 43 membership who are all descendants of the men and women who were active in the American Revolution. The Chapter also has 31 women working on their family heritage to be acknowledged.

Recent new members are Nancy Snowdale, Tana Kasperowicz, Doris Flint and Anne Sechen. Some of the other gals working on their family tree who are potential members are Martha Gjesteby, Jeanne Astino, Kate Calasanti and Meredith Drummund. The fun thing that sometimes happens is that some members have discovered in their search for their relatives involved in the American Revolution that they too are related to some of our DAR members.

If you think you would like to join, Barbara Dillon, Anne Pompeo and Mary Jane McArthur are very helpful in guiding one in how to start their heritage search.

One of our most important meetings will be April 11 (mark your calendars). Beckie Bates McArthur is the Chair for the DAR High School Essay Contest for Scholarship Awards. Beckie read three of the outstanding essays at the Christmas Party.

We DARs wish everyone a Blessed Christmas, especially veterans.

Again, thanks to the local merchants for their kindness.

God Bless,

Nancy O'Toole,
Regent of the Chapter

If you would like information regarding The Daughters of the American Revolution, call Barbara Dillon at (781) 383-1547 or Nancy O'Toole at (781) 383-1547.

Jerusalem Road Estates subdivision moves along

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

A Weymouth developer's proposed 23-home subdivision off Jerusalem Road came before the town's planning board again last week.

Town consulting engineer John Modzelewski of Civil Designs, Inc., discussed "pick-ups," or details that will need working through prior to beginning the actual work at the 43-acre site.

Steven Corey and his attorney Charles Humphreys were on hand for the discussion, which has been an ongoing one, spanning three years and approximately 20 applications by Corey to the board.

A memo from Civil Designs listed updates on Corey's attempts to meet the planning board's set of conditions for approval of his subdivision.

One of these included the building of a two-foot stone wall off the east sideline of Lincoln Lane to help reduce the slope from the Gregory property, which was a planning board requirement but not a Title V requirement. The wall is an answer to concerns about the breakout potential of sewage onto ledge in the area.

An original plan to pave the emergency access road on the site with cobbles or similar material where water flows to Black Rock Road was changed at the meeting last week to grass. The water flow will be collected and taken under the emergency road by means of a culvert and then conducted to a wetland collector.

"Aesthetically, we're trying to keep it as minimalistic as possible," said planning board Chairman Al Moore. "Also, if there is a way out that's seen as a shortcut, people will find a way to go through there. It needs a gate with a lock."

Modzelewski thought that the fire chief might be happier with cobblestone, but Humphreys pointed out that frozen ground could be easily plowed.

"Grass it is," Moore said.

Modzelewski also recommended that the proposed walk along Jerusalem Road be fine tuned. Specifically, the curbing would need to be reworked to keep cars from hitting pedestrians. He also recommends that the intersection of Jerusalem Road and Lincoln Lane be constructed with sloped granite edging, as well as the two cul de sac islands proposed at the site.

"We were mostly discussing pick-ups," Modzelewski. said this week. "There are still some outstanding issues but I believe they will all be resolvable. It just has to be satisfactory to me before I put my approval on paper and recommend it to the planning board for their signature. I'm just making sure that the planning board's conditions are reflected there."

A neighbor has appealed Corey's proposed subdivision and Corey must still get approval from the sewer commission and conservation commission.

The proposed site's history before the planning board has been a contentious one, with neighbors showing up for meetings to express their concerns about proposed land changes exacerbating the area's existing water problems. A possible increase in storm-caused flooding was the main argument heard from residents.

The sewer commission has said in the past that it won't allow the development to connect to the new sewer line that will link North Cohasset to the Hull sewage treatment plant.

Corey may sue if the subdivision is denied access to the sewer according to his attorney, Charles Humphreys of Cohasset.

The town has a contract with Hull for 85,000 gallons per day of treatment capacity and the town cannot tie in more than they've already committed to with Hull.

The development needs the hook-up to sewer because many of its acres are on wetlands and ledge, with little land suitable for on-site septic systems.

Also, Corey will need to meet with the conservation commission because the proposed project is next to state-protected Rattlesnake Run.

Rattlesnake Run is classified as a perennial river and therefore protected under the state's Rivers Protection Act, which deems that development of permanent structures is restricted within 200 feet of its annual high water mark, the conservation commission said.

The planning board approved Corey's plans in October with set conditions that would allow the board to control items such as the road slope and two access roads, one of which would go over a pre-existing well on the adjacent Hunter property.

"It's certainly nothing that will happen quick," Moore said.

The next planning board meeting on the proposed Jerusalem Road Estates site will be Jan 20 in town hall.

Lilac House approved as a retail site

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

Lilac House was approved as a retail site by the planning board, which is one of the steps necessary for owner Gerd Ordelheide to take prior to making proposed changes at the 83-85 South Main St. Building.

Ordelheide, who owns the violet-hued Lilac House and nearby Red Lion Inn, will use architects form the Niemitz Design Group of Boston. Niemitz is the same architectural firm that is working on the inn.

Engineer Neil Murphy of Murphy & Wait, P.C., Cohasset, described Ordelheide's plans, which would include removing the building's left wing.

Planning Board Chairman Al Moore wanted to know if the village would end up with two oddly juxtaposed buildings.

Murphy explained that the building would not change much in configuration and would basically replace the building's left wing with a similar construction.

A bakery with an open preparation area and retail area would take the place of the wing. A walkway and front porch would be also be added.

"It would be a nice addition to the village," Murphy said.

The old railroad tracks and trees behind the building would not be affected by the alterations.

The old section of Lilac House may be rented to another party for a business.

Because the building is within 400 feet of the town parking lot, Lilac House doesn't have to provide additional parking, which is true of any business in the village, Murphy explained.

The project has been in the works for about two months with the aid of an architect and design group.

"It's supposed to be in character with the building so I think they will do the best they can to keep that look the same," Murphy added.

Planning board okays Hagerty park plans

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

The planning board granted site approval to plans to transform the town-owned Hagerty property into a waterfront park.

Engineer John Modzelewsi of Civil Designs Inc., town consultant for the project, presented plans for the proposed park last week.

The site at the north end of Parker Avenue was bought by the town about four years ago and selectmen later appointed a committee to come up with a design that included parking and recreational use.

The park is named for the six old Hagerty buildings on that site which once housed the Cohasset Colonials furniture kit company.

The parking lot will be raised a maximum of two feet to help lighten flooding there so that grass can be grown there.

The current footpath from the Hagerty site to Government Island will be replaced with a walkway, most of which will be loamed and seeded. There will be also be a small deck area near the boat house.

Parking for 32 vehicles, as well as a possible 35 extra feet of parking area near the site's boat area is also planned.

Modzelewski also went before the Zoning Board of Appeals with the proposal.

"They have found that we are allowed to use the site as a public park," Modzelewski said. "I'm going before the Conservation Commission soon and will explain about the width of the deck, which will allow people to sit and eat, and the eight pile anchors that would be placed there."

According to Modzelewski, piles were chosen over anchors because anchors allow "too much sway."

"I don't think an awful lot will change in terms of the functioning of the site," planning board Chairman Al Moore said. Moore also serves as chairman of the Hagerty Committee.

"I think this is one of the projects the town has been waiting for," Moore said.

LIBRARY CORNER

The Children's Room

Registration for the winter preschool story hour at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library are being accepted. Story hours will be held Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m., Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28 and Feb. 4 and 11. Another session will be held Friday mornings at 10 a.m., Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29 and Feb. 5 and 12.

Each 45-minute program consists of several picture book stories, songs and crafts. Children must be at least 3-1/2 years of age to participate. To register, call the children's room at 383-1348.

Pinata party for children

There will be a Pinata Party for children of all ages in the children's room at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library Thursday, Dec. 31, at 1 p.m. Enjoy this New Year's celebration with your little ones with a story read by Suzanne Terry, children's librarian, and the "cracking" of the Pinata filled with candies and small prizes. Join us for this fun-filled event! !

New in CD ROM

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library has the latest in CD ROM with a Madeline Thinking Game. This is for use in the library only and has some terrific learning ideas for children ages 3 to 7 years. Call Suzanne Terry, children's librarian, for more information. "And now go to sleep!" said Miss Clavel. And she turned out the light — and closed the door — and that's all there is — there isn't any more.

Gardner Museum pass

The Friends of the Paul Pratt Library have donated a free pass to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. The pass is available to any Cohasset Library card holder.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Girl Scouts Kristen James and Caitlin Condon light candles for the luminaria around the duck pond on the common in preparation for the Jingle Bell Walk sponsored by the South Shore Community Center.

Water board readies for Y2K computer bug

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

There are 373 days remaining until the end. The end of what, you wonder? Depending on who you talk to, either the end of the world or the end of fears sparked by the so-called "millennium bug." In 373 days, computers will record the first day of the year 2000 (Y2K). And there is a growing fear that unless something is done quickly, computers that rely on the correct date to function properly will bring the entire world to a grinding halt. Electrical plants will shut down. Elevators will stop. Gas pumps will fail. Telephones will fall silent. Heating equipment will not be able to function without electricity from outmoded switches. Water plants will not be able to produce water. These are the worst-case scenarios, but they are quite possible. No one knows for certain what will happen at midnight, on Jan. 1, 2000.

Fortunately for Cohasset, the water commissioners are taking no chances. The water commission has made preparations for Y2K its top priority through January, 2000. They have developed a comprehensive plan to keep the water plant functioning if the Y2K computer bug proves to be disastrous.

Water Commissioner John K. McNabb Jr. has researched the subject of Y2K extensively. He said the problem is larger than many people think because the bug could potentially affect billions of embedded microchips buried in machinery and computers.

The problem with the year 2000 for computers is that they read dates in two digits. A computer understands that 12/23/98 is actually December 12, 1998. The problem is that computers have not been prepared for the conversion from the 20th century date system to the 21st century date system. Computers will probably read 1/1/00 as January 1, 1900. That could cause all kinds of problems in everything from lowly home computers to the defense department network or the international banking system. The problem is further compounded by a lack of action by individuals, companies, even entire governments.

Research into the Y2K problem by government and private analysts has shown that there are wide gaps in the way organizations are preparing for the millennium bug. The defense department is making massive preparations, while VISA said it has achieved complete Y2K compliance. The Russian government has decided to do nothing and see what happens, a position the town does not want to be in.

John McNabb said the problem is larger than many people think because the bug could potentially affect billions of embedded microchips buried in machinery and computers.

The water commission lays out the potential problems for the town in its "Year 2000 Action Plan." There are three main problems that could occur: water production could stop completely; water treatment could be incomplete causing the release of untreated water into the distribution system; chemical feeds could release poisonous amounts of chlorine or fluoride into the water supply.

"The threat is very real," according to the water commission's report. "Large companies and governments all over the world have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in ways to deal with the Y2K problem. In addition to the potential adverse consequences to the operation of the water treatment plant itself, the Y2K problem may not be properly addressed in our electric utilities, telephone systems, food distribution networks, gasoline delivery, and other supplies and services that the water department (and everyone else) needs to operate and to survive."

The biggest problem with Y2K is no one knows what will happen or how long it will last if systems begin to fail. Electric utilities are getting ready, but they admit they won't be 100 percent ready by Jan. 1, 2000, McNabb said.

"The most recent estimates from Y2K observers is that while system-wide shutdowns of electricity, telephones and other services are not expected, some outages and system failures are inevitable in many of these critical systems," the water commission's report points out.

The water commission has budgeted $10,000 to prepare for Y2K. Correcting for Y2K complications could be as simple as downloading a software patch from the Microsoft website to make Windows 95 compliant to preparing for the loss of outside utilities.

The plan calls for the examination of all computers, embedded chips, software, hardware, flowmeters, chemical feed systems, alarm systems, valves, lab equipment, telephones, thermostats, and electrical systems in the water plant. Non-compliant software will have to be modified. Embedded microchips can be a problem because they do their own processing and are very tiny. Non-compliant embedded chips will have to be replaced. McNabb said the water commission is making preparations to run the plant even if there is a nation-wide or regional power failure because of Y2K. The commissioners are planning to purchase a new generator and a 30 day supply of fuel to run the plant in case of a massive electricity failure.

"I'm taking the conservative, pessimistic view so we don't wake up in 2000 and find we missed something," McNabb said. "What if our software processes information that contains dates."

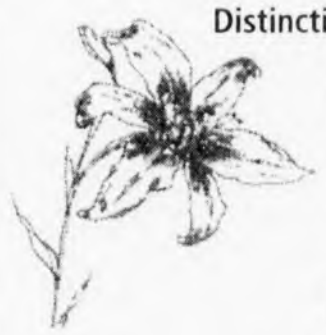
The water commission has interviewed two companies for the job of examining the plant, testing equipment, locating non-compliant Y2K components, and recommending ways to make the entire system compliant. Rockwell Automation of Marlborough and Utilistar of Baton Rouge, Louisiana have both applied for the job. Rockwell charges $1,750 per day but did not say how long the job would take. Utilistar said it could do the whole job for $9,725. The water commission estimates it has about $50,000-$100,000 for Y2K upgrades in its current budget, with another $150,000 available next year.

Some of the steps the water commission is considering include installing a wireless communication system to operate the Bear Hill water tank remotely in case of a power failure; purchasing 30-day supplies of generator fuel, water purification chemicals, spare parts and food in case the plant becomes snowbound in winter; installing an above-ground gasoline tank to hold fuel for water commission repair vehicles; placing a 30-60 day supply of cash for salaries and purchases in a safe container in the plant.

McNabb has taken preparations for Y2K a step further by issuing an ominous warning to town officials to take action immediately.

"The town needs to get moving and think of contingency planning," McNabb said. "We need to get civil defense ready for the cold in case we do have massive power and natural gas delays because of Y2K. What happens if traffic lights fail, and 911 stops, and private fire alarms stop working. We have 373 days left and counting for a non-negotiable deadline that is unique to any other kind of natural or man-made disaster because we know it is coming and we know when."

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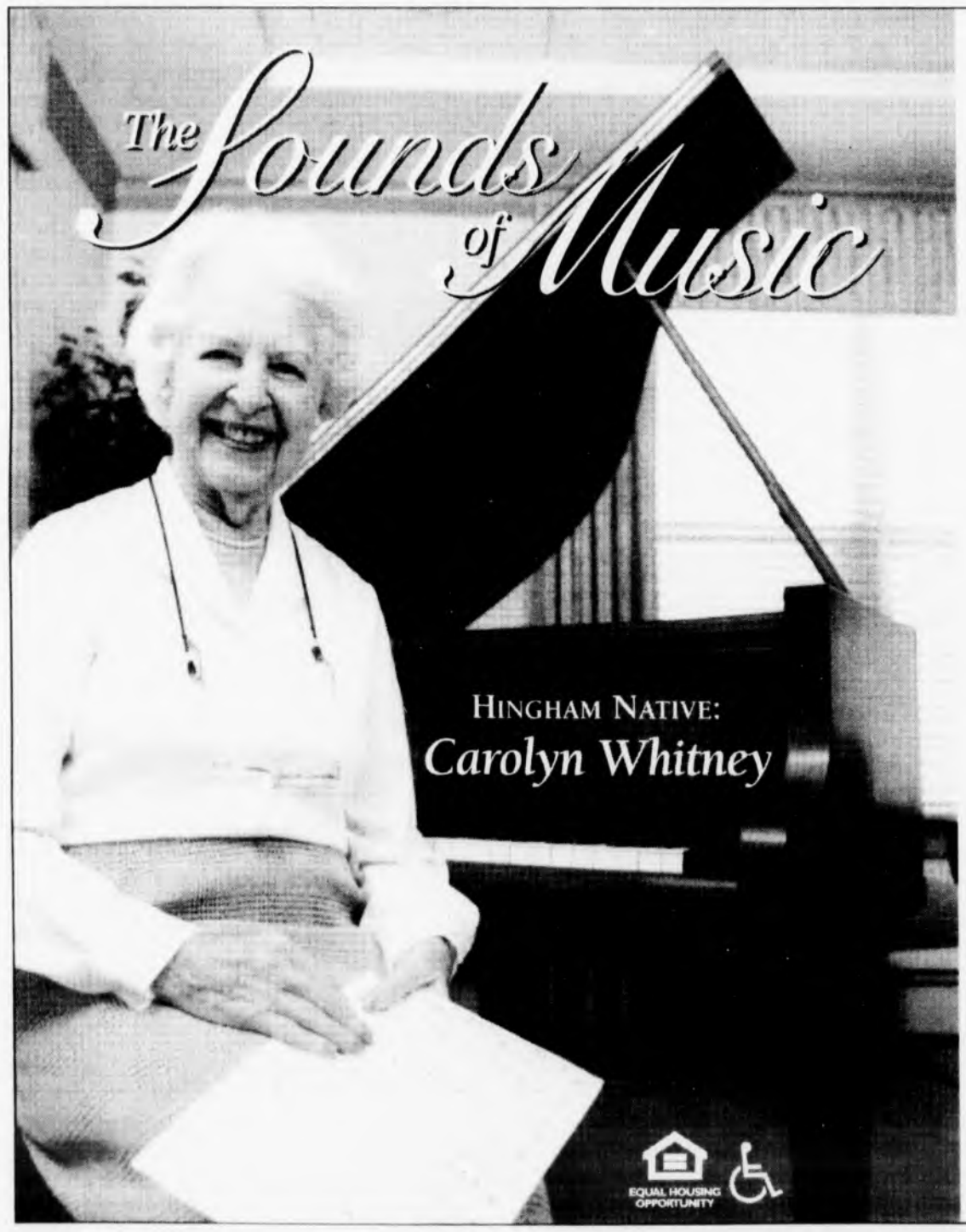


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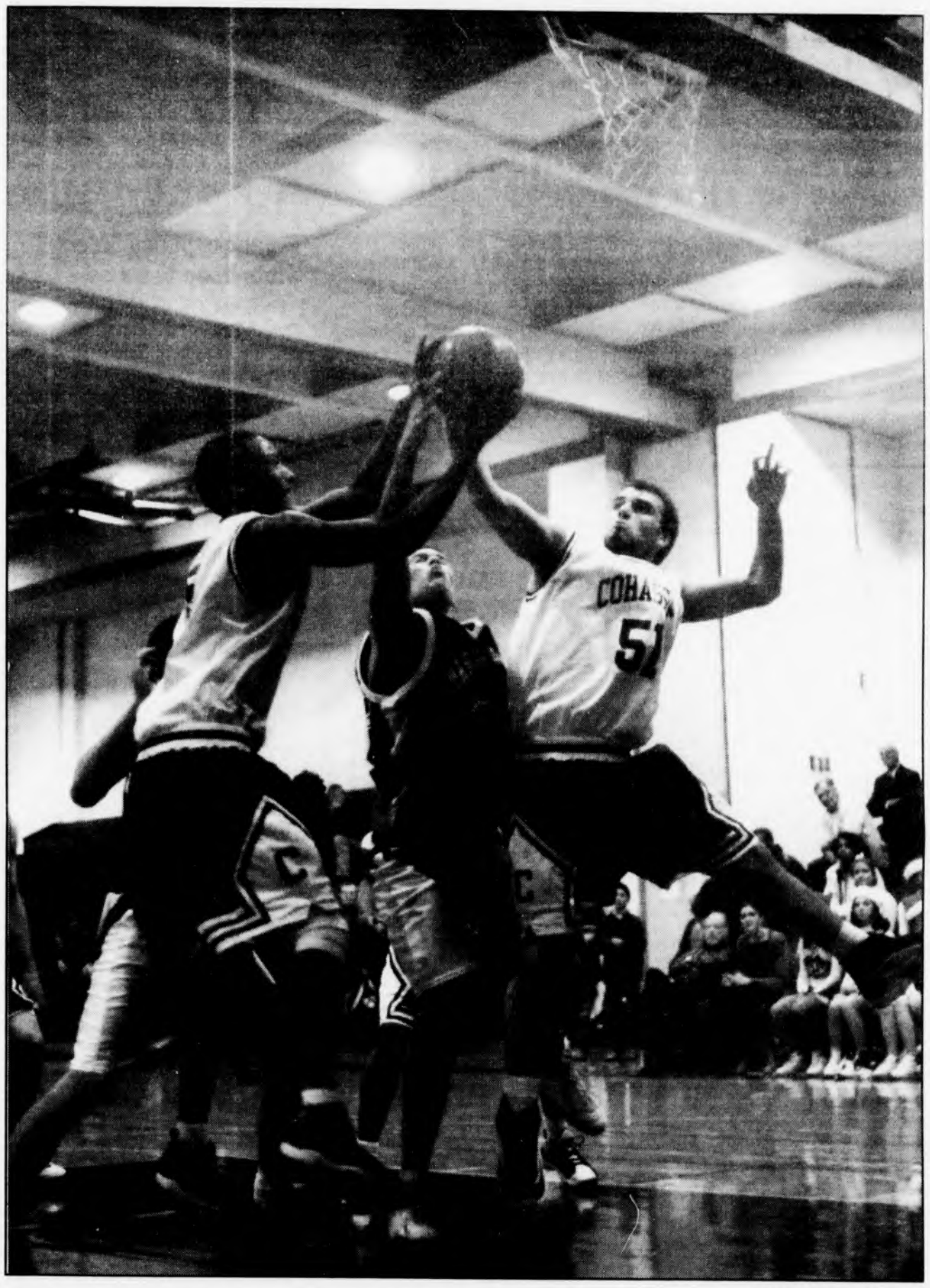
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Alex Russell (51) and Khalil Madyon battle under the boards for a rebound in the Skippers 66-62 win Monday night over Harwich. CHS has started strong this season at 2-0 and are preparing to host Scituate, Avon and Dover-Sherborn in the annual Cohasset Converse Holiday Classic.

Hoopsters pick up a pair of wins

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

Led by senior captain Jamie DeMichele's 36 points and the performances of a few other key contributors, the Cohasset Skippers scored a comeback victory in the season opener against Harwich in dramatic fashion.

With DeMichele's nearly hypnotic scoring revue at full tilt, Cohasset triumphed 86-82.

Junior center Khalil Madyun opened the scoring with an offensive putback.

This set the tone for the game, as Cohasset's Madyun, Raheem Shepard, and Alex Russell would dominate on the offensive boards and follow up with key buckets.

Fan favorite Paul Hussey provided some defense, stuffing a Roughrider on a misguided lay-up attempt, firing up the Skipper crowd.

Despite DeMichele popping in four quick points, the Skippers fell back early and trailed 16-6 after a few minutes. Russell pulled down an offensive board and put it back for a pair, then T.J. Bilodeau scored his first varsity points with a high-arcing three pointer. DeMichele converted a steal into two points and Daniel Trowers maneuvered in traffic for a pair.

Shepard muscled through defenders for two points before DeMichele cut the Harwich lead to 29-18 with a charity shot from the foul line. Madyun again scored off an offensive board, but Harwich then began to pull away.

DeMichele responded with six straight points, two of them coming off a stolen pass. Hussey netted his first points of the season, getting a shooter's bounce on a three-pointer, much to the delight of the Skipper faithful. After Shepard closed first half-scoring with a nifty pivot move, Cohasset headed to the lockerrom with a 44-32 deficit.

Any halftime motivational speeches worked wonders for the Skippers. Cohasset came out with fire in their eyes and closed the gap on the wings of a 22-13 run.

DeMichele, after posting thirteen points in the first half, then went to work.

His trey opened the second half and was followed by Hussey's drive to the hole for a pair. Again, showing Maxwellian low post moves, Shepard scored two with an up-and-under move, what Johnny Most used to call a "dipsy-do."

DeMichele hit another triple a

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It's not all just fun and games

EXTRA POINTS

DAVID WOLCOTT



First, a quick quiz. Who do you think would have more of an impact with a group of elementary school athletes? Retired (?) basketball star Michael Jordan or the Marshfield High linebacker who goes by the same name?

Don't answer so fast, because the correct response may surprise you.

When it comes to who younger athletes follow and admire, the latest young prodigy at the high school may be just as much a hero as any currently unemployed/locked-out mega-superstar.

One expert on the issue says high school kids should not only accept their role-model status, but capitalize on it as well to help give back to a community that has helped provide for them.

"We teach kids to excel in the classroom and on the playing fields and we should do the same when it comes to being role models for the children as well as in giving their time to community causes," said Dr. Richard Lapchick, director of Northeastern's Center for the Study of Sport in Society after a recent talk sponsored by the Duxbury PTO. "High school athletes have a great opportunity to relate with the youth in their community and do some great things with them."

Unfortunately, he added, not enough teenagers realize they have the ability to make a difference in a child's life.

"It's a misconception that you have to be a superstar to have an impact on a young life. All that's needed is that one-to-one contact and an effort on the part of someone looking to offer something to the youth of the community," said Lapchick. "It's about making someone feel good about themselves and giving them the confidence they need succeed both in the classroom and in their athletic endeavors."

All the signs are there that today's youth are ready and more than willing to accept any recognition they can get from the older students.

Next time you go to a high school athletic contest, take a look down on the sidelines at some of the younger kids down there helping out the team.

They're out there running the lines at soccer games.

Manning the water bottle patrol for the football team.

Making sure everyone has their proper lumber at the baseball and hockey contests.

And every one of them is doing his or her job with as wide of a smile as you are ever going to see.

Who needs the Patriots, Celtics or the Red Sox when you get to hang out with the local football team? And these guys might even talk to you or engage you in a game of catch.

It's not how much money you make or how many times you appear on the SportsCenter that makes you a hero to these kids. It's the personal contact that will do so.

Fortunately, many teams in our reading area seem to have gotten this point.

The Hingham High tennis team has a great community service effort where the players from the high school team spent time this spring teaching the game to elementary school kids in their town.

In Rockland, many of the kids for the boys hoop team at the high school spoke on numerous occasions to kids in the lower grades as part of a DARE program on avoiding the use of tobacco products and handling the stress of growing older and taking responsibility for your actions.

When the Duxbury girls basketball squad took the Division 2 South title last year at Massasoit Community College in a last-second thriller against King Philip, their biggest supporters in attendance were a youth team from a local church league that had been visited by the state champs throughout the season.

And just a few short years ago, it was the football team at Silver Lake that stepped forward to help out when the local homeless shelter found their shelves bare going into the holiday season.

These groups have shown they understand their role in the community.

Now it's up to others to follow suit.

Cohasset Converse Holiday Classic

Both the boys and girls basketball teams from Cohasset and Scituate High School will be in action at the annual Cohasset Converse Holiday Classic basketball tournament.

On Monday, Dec. 28 Avon vs Dover-Sherborn will square off at 2:30 in the girls game and the boys will follow at 4:15 p.m. Then Scituate vs Cohasset in a girls contest will follow at 6 p.m. and the boys tilt between the Sailors and the Skippers will follow at 7:45.

The next day the girls consolation game starts everything off at 2:30 p.m. with the boys consolation game following at 4:15. The girls championship will then be contested at 6 p.m. and that will be followed by the boys final at 7:45 p.m.

Adults will be admitted for $5 (two day passes for $8) and student tickets is $3, with a two day pass available for $5.

Gymnasts send Blue Devils for a tumble

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Just days before the inaugural meet for the combined Cohasset-Norwell gymnastics team, captain Tara Hettstrom predicted the Randolph meet was a winnable one this year for the Skippers.

But to do so they would have to throw caution to the wins and go with the more familiar moves on the bars, vault, beam and the floor exercise.

"When we go up against a team we know we can beat, we won't take chances," said Hettstrom. "It's better to stick with the moves we are most familiar with."

They did just that against the Blue Devils as they took first place in three events on their way to a 113.5 to 110.9 win to open the season.

Cohasset did make its share of mistakes that usually go along with the first meet of the season, but several personal bests were set as an indication that this squad is on the right track for even high scores this season.

The girls just missed their target mark of 115 points for the event.

Kristen Sheerin was nearly unstoppable as she captured the all-around competition with a personal best score of 33 that included an 8.4 on the beam and an 8.6 on the bars.

"Kristen has put on some incredible performances already this season," said head coach Ruthann Ardizzoni. "She be pushing for scores around the 33 mark all year in the all-around.

Cohasset-Norwell held a 2.3 point lead at the halfway mark of the competition, but Randolph came back with a first and a third place finishes sandwiched around Sheerin's 8.1 in the vault. The Skippers didn't panic, though, and clinched the win in the floor exercise where Sheerin was followed in second place by Hettstrom, who posted a 8.4.

Carlie Carter had a big night with personal best efforts on the bars (8.0), vault (7.6) and floor exercise (7.7). her bar score was good enough for first place and led a Cohasset-Norwell sweep in the event as Sheerin was second (7.9)_and Hettstrom was third with a 7.2.

Carter's scores were good enough for a third place in the all-around.

"She had a great meet and has shown a lot of improvement this season," said Ardizzoni of Carter.

Ardizzoni was pleased with the team's victory, particularly the number of strong scores that her team posted.

"I was very happy," she said. "It wasn't one of our best wins, but with the amount of mistakes we made I see a large area when we can improve as the year goes along. But to see those big scores in the first meet of the year is a big deal."

Allison Duffney, Julie Callahan and co-captain Pattie Lacroix all put in strong performances. Ardizzoni was especially impressed with the work of LaCroix.

"She has a lot of potential," said the coach. "What we have to do know is upgrade her degree of difficulty in some of her events."

Lauren Genovese, back after a three year absence from the sport, recorded solid scores in the floor exercise and on the vault. Genovese, along with LaCroix and Hettstrom, are some of the older girls who Ardizzoni hopes will set the lead for the younger tumblers.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer club applications

The Cohasset Soccer Club is still awaiting applications for spring travel soccer. If you have not already returned your application, please do so as soon as possible so they can coordinate the teams and coaches. This is open to all individuals in public or private schools.

The U-12 and U-14 will be playing Saturdays and the U-16 and 18-and-Under will be playing Sundays.

If you do not have an application, call the Cohasset Recreation Dept. at 383-4109.

Bryant captains Salem State hoop team

Former CHS basketball standout Dorian Bryant has been named a captain this season at Salem State College.

Bryant, a Cohasset High graduate, is a member of the junior class at Salem State.

Ragged Mt. Learn to Ski/Snow Board package

Through the auspices of Buckles and Boards of Marshfield, Cohasset Recreation will make available a 5 week Ski or Snow Board package at Ragged Mt. For Cohasset Youth age 10-and-over.

The 5-week program will be Saturdays, beginning January 9 through February 6, 1999 and costs $199 per for the weeks of skiing/snow boarding and Motor Coach transportation.

Equipment rentals are available at both Buckles and Boards and Ragged Mt. For those requiring equipment.

Motor Coach leaves from Buckles and Boards, Route 139, Marshfield, each of the Saturdays at 6 a.m. and returns at about 7 p.m.

Should you have the interest in this unique opportunity please call the Cohasset Recreation at 383-4109.

Information regarding Blue Hills Ski Lessons starting January 7, 1999, will be forthcoming shortly.

Registration will be Thursday, Dec. 3 only from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and again from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Recreation office, 1st floor, Town Hall.

Sports websites available

The Cohasset Mariner and Town Online, the online service of the Community Newspaper Company (CNC), are offering free web sites to all high school, youth and recreation sports organizations and teams.

CNC will provide the web site and train organization representatives in web page design and building, using self-publishing internet software that is acessible from any computer. Most people only need one 2 1/2-hour training session to get the hang of it. There are no hidden fees and no catches.

Each group and team will build and maintain its own site. Post game results, schedules, a calendar of events, bulletin board, lists of officials and team rosters, photos and/or directions to fields. Coming very soon - each group will have the capability of holding its own online chats.

This is a great way for sports teams and organizations to get their results and message to the public using the web through Town Online.

The program is available to all youth, adult, recreational and high school sports teams and organizations. Even groups who already have websites are invited to join in and be a part of a growing web network that receives over 1.5 million hits a month...and growing.

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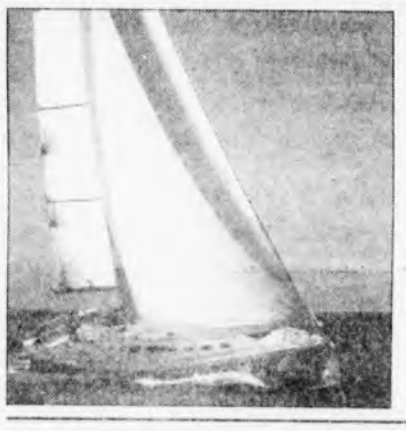
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minute later and Shepard followed with an offensive putback. DeMichele's toss from beyond the arc found the bottom of the net for the third straight time, igniting the Skippers.

Hussey found Trowers on a fast break for two, then tossed in his second three of the night. Cohasset's captain took over then, as DeMichele would score the Skippers' next thirteen points. He presented the crowd, and the Roughriders, with a veritable boutique of scoring techniques: bank shots, three pointers, lay-ups, stumbling prayers which had no business going anywhere near the hoop.

Regardless of appearance, when followed by a Shepard free throw and another lead, the home team had sliced the Roughrider lead to four points.

Newcomer Matt O'Reilly sank two free throws, then Hussy once again brought the student section to its feet with a three. Shepard continued his low post clinic, tearing down an offensive board and giving the Skippers the lead with a putback. Madyun's bucket pushed the lead to two points, 75-73.

Another bucket from the paint by Shepard put Cohasset back on top after Harwich had regained the lead. Trowers netted a clutch trey and DeMichele's three free throws proved to be the winning points. Madyun scored the game's final points, giving CHS an 86-82 victory.

The comeback win showed the Skippers' mettle and opened the season on a promising note. With a 66-62 win over Mashpee on Monday night, Cohasset had jumped out to a 2-0 start. Non-league games over the holiday break should further test Coach Ford's team and provide good tests for mid season play.

Matmen look strong for MHS Tourney

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

The CHS wrestling squad has hit the ground running to start the 1998-99 campaign with four straight wins.

The victories were an important lead into a big meet at South Shore League rival Carver tonight (Wednesday) and then the annual Marshfield Holiday Wrestling Tournament on December 29 and 30.

The first victim was B.C. High who fell 37-27 in a hard fought match. The Eagles led 27-21 going into the 189 weight class but consecutive pins by Luke Caldwell, Joe Carbone (215 pounds) and heavyweight J.P. Laugelle gave the Skippers the win.

"That was a big win for us," said head coach Torin Sweeney. "B.C. High is an always tough Divison 1 team and we came up big to beat them. Joe Carbone was a star of the meet for us."

Other winner included Mike Rossi (by pin) and Chris Pratt, Dan Littauer, Liam O'Donnell, Ben Littauer as well as Justin Golden all won by decision.

Things were a little easier against Holbrook as the Skippers came away with a 49-24 victory.

Winning by pin were freshman Paul Previt, Laugelle, Pratt, O'Donnell, Rossi, Golden and Caldwell.

The results were the same against Dedham, a 54-18 win that saw winning pins from freshman Peter Kovach in the 112 pound class, as well as Pratt, Dan Littauer, Ben Littauer O'Donnell, Carbone, Rossi, Golden, Caldwell and Laugelle.

The Skippers winning ways continued against Canton as they came away with the 59-15 victory.

Freshman Pat Carbone and Kevin Devito both stepped forward with their first pins of the season. Other winners included Pratt, Dan and Ben Littauer, O'Donnell, Rossi, Golden, Joe Carbone and Laugelle.

In addition to the multiple winners, Sweeney said sophomores John Hertig (103 pounds), Dan Duffy (130 pounds), Justin Langham (135 pounds) and Tim Grassey (145 pounds) have been wrestling well this season but have yet to break into the win column.

Fitness center available

Through the auspices of Cohasset High School and Dr. Mike Gill of the Health Education Department; CHS has a commercial quality fitness center.

CHS is interested in making this facility available to all residents at a nominal fee charge which cannot be determined until we have an idea of how many residents might have interest utilizing the facility. If you feel that you or members of your family might be interested in using the CHS gym, please call the Cohasset Recreation Department at 383-4109 right away.

The Rec. Dept. would like to know approximately how many residents would utilize the facility if they were able to keep it open during evening and weekend hours.

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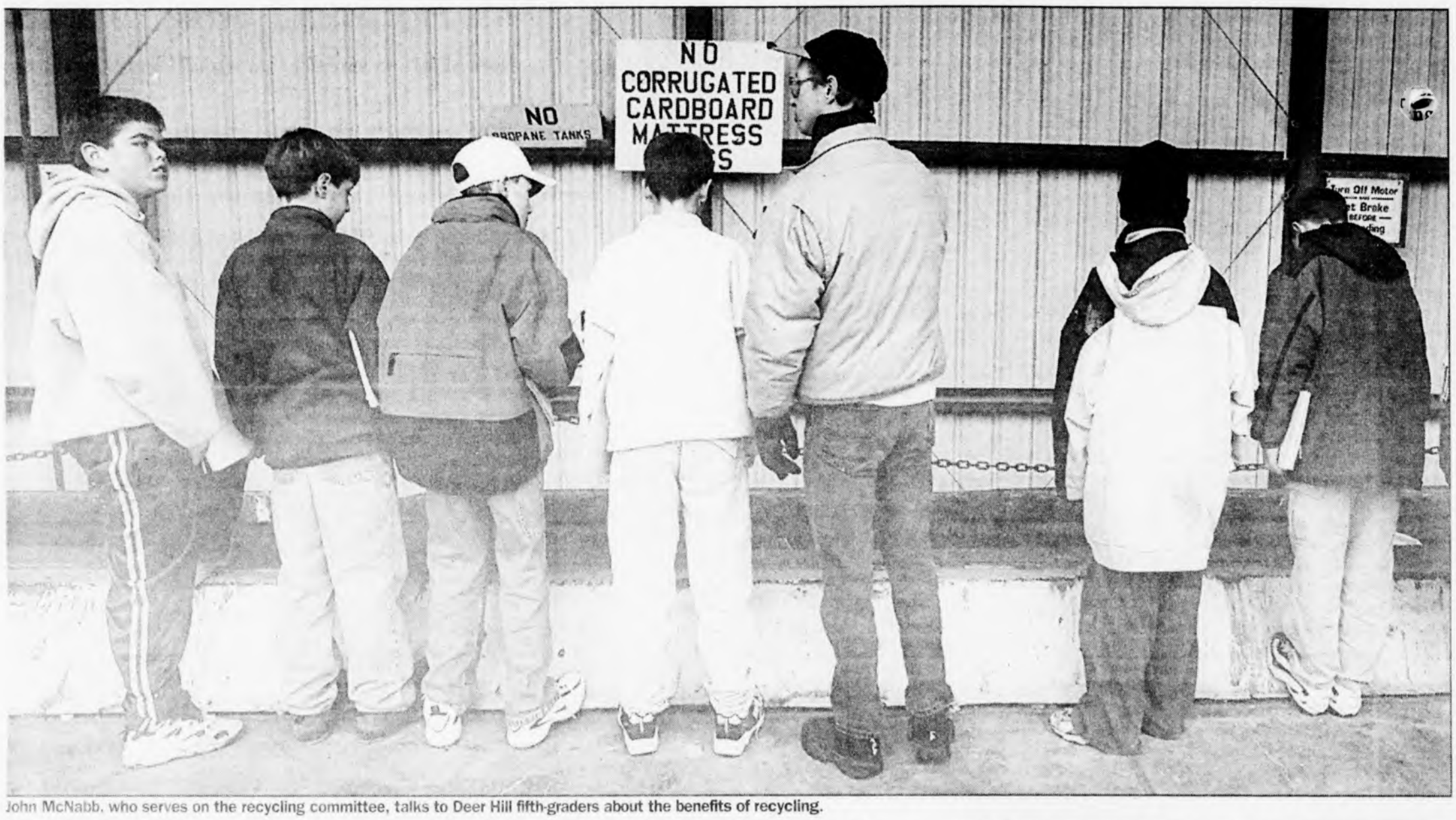
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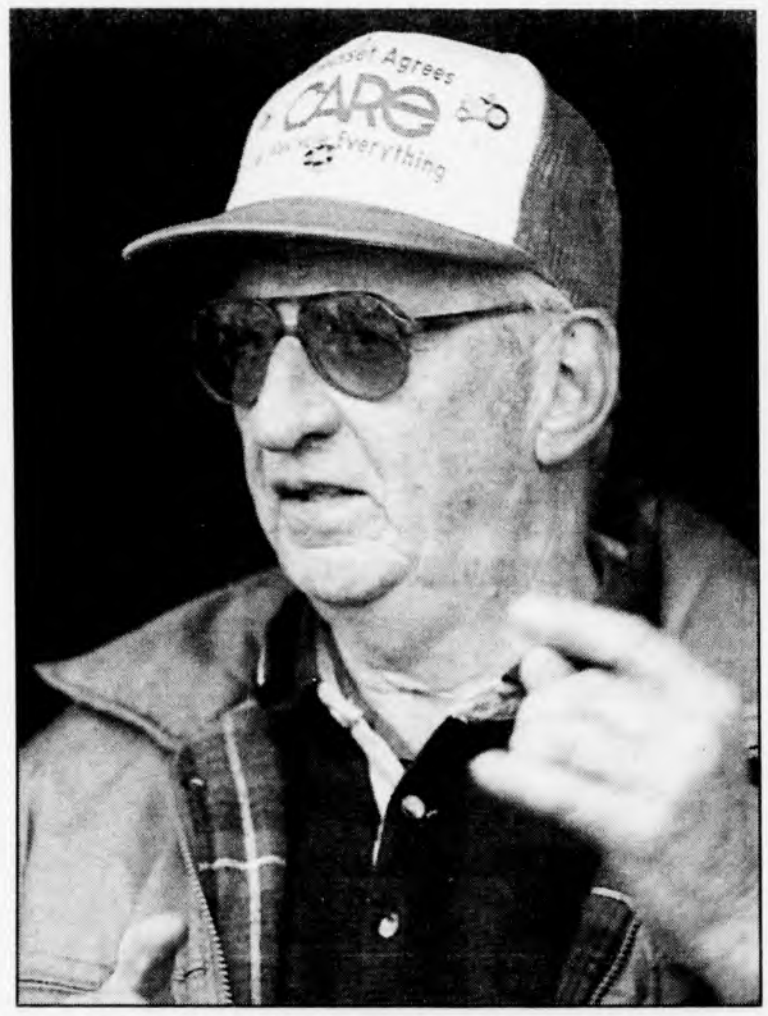


John McNabb, who serves on the recycling committee, talks to Deer Hill fifth-graders about the benefits of recycling.

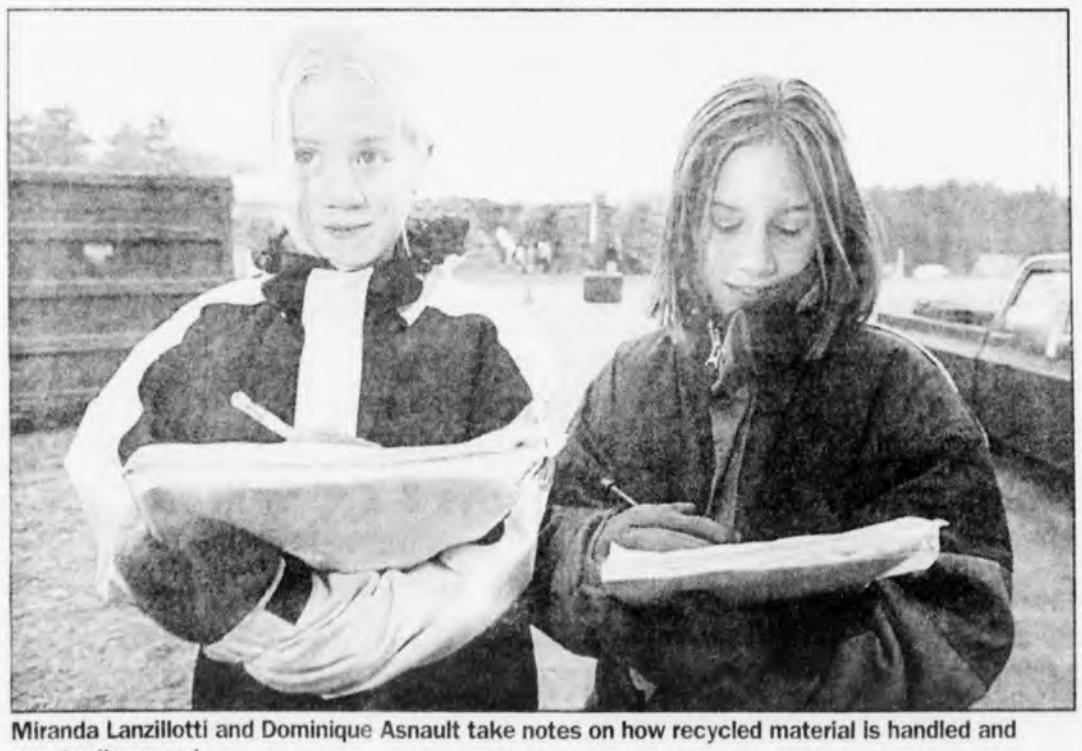


Fifth-grader Luis Blanco watches as compost is moved during the program on recycling at the transfer station last week.

Staff photos/Alan Chapman



Arthur Lehr, chairman of the recycling committee, gives the kids an introduction at the recycling center at the RTF.



Miranda Lanzillotti and Dominique Asnault take notes on how recycled material is handled and eventually reused.



Selectman Merle Brown, who also serves on the recycling committee, talks to Deer Hill fifth-graders about how material is recycled.

OBITUARIES

Ann W. McCarthy

Ann W. (Sullivan) McCarthy, 90, formerly of Cohasset, Osterville, Malden and Medford, died Dec. 19 at the Barren Center in Portland, Maine, following a long illness.

She was a member of the Garden Club of Cohasset, the Cohasset Country Club and the Oyster Harbor Country Club in Osterville. She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset.

Mrs. McCarthy was born in Malden and was a graduate of Malden Catholic High School and Emerson College in Boston. She had lived in Portland for the past 13 years. Prior to that she had lived in Cohasset for 27 years and also in Malden and Medford. She had summered in Osterville.

Wife of the late Dr. Edward A. McCarthy, she leaves a son, Dr. Edward A. McCarthy Jr. of South Portland; three daughters, Mary Jane Long of Bethesda, Md., Eugenia McCarthy-O'Brien of Amherst and Susan Reardon of Cohasset; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 22 in St. Anthony Church, 129 South Main St., by The Rev. John R. Mulvehill. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery.

The Richardson-Gaffey Funeral Home, 382 First Parish Rd., Scituate, handled the arrangements.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, 01701.

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State re-opens some shell fishing areas

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

There's good news for local shellfish harvesting. The state has re-opened some areas on the north coast of Cohasset to shellfish harvesting. But the good news is tinged with a touch of irony because there aren't all that many shellfish to harvest in the re-opened areas.

"What's opened is the north coast, which has no shellfish," said Health Agent Dr. Joseph Godzik. "It's all rock. If you drive along Atlantic Avenue and Jerusalem Road, the sandy areas are excluded beaches. The only places where there might be sand are not opened."

Health board member Steve Bobo viewed the opened areas a little differently. He said it is now possible to take mussels at Brush Point and the Glades, although the clam flats in Little Harbor will remain closed.

Godzik pointed out that from public health point of view, the news is good because it means the water is clean enough in some spots for shellfish harvesting. Pollution has been the main impediment to shellfish harvesting in the area. Pollution from failing septic systems, broken pipes and other unidentified sources have contaminated shellfish beds.

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The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) re-opened the north coast areas after completing a sanitary survey over the summer of the shellfish growing area in Cohasset and Scituate. The survey assessed the classification of Cohasset's shellfish areas, tried to identify sources of pollution, examined the effects of weather and hydrography, and updated historical monitoring. According to DMF, this is the first time such an extensive analysis of the area has been performed.

The DMF report states that the shellfish areas along the coast of Cohasset were closed in Sept., 1989 because no agency had ever performed a sanitary survey. Beginning in 1996, DMF and Godzik have conducted an extensive sanitary survey, identifying 48 potential sources of pollution, including homes on Jerusalem Road, Linden Drive and other areas. The DMF has permitted the re-opening of shellfish beds at The Glades-Strawberry Point, but found pollution levels too high to re-open three other areas: the mouth of Little Harbor, Sandy Beach and Black Rock Beach.

Bobo said that on the left side of the harbor going out to Whale Meadows is still heavily polluted with no identifiable source of contamination. In Little Harbor, there are clams all over the place, but the contamination makes the shellfish unfit for human consumption.

Town officials are preparing to conduct a study of Little Harbor to develop a detailed analysis of pollution sources. The study will also offer possible solutions. The town has $45,000 set aside for the study. Four companies have responded to a request for proposals to conduct the study: Camp, Dresser and Magee of Cambridge; Normando Associates of Plymouth; Tutela Engineering of Wilmington; and Stone Environmental of Montpelier, Vermont.

Bobo said the health board will choose one of the firms by Jan. 5, 1999 and work will began soon after that date. The study will attempt to identify the source of bacteria contaminating shellfish beds.

Previously, health board Chairman Kevin Ulmer said the Little Harbor Study came about because of a state court order requiring that the town create a waste water management plan for areas of town without sewer service. The town began a comprehensive plan by creating two priority districts: one on Lily Pond and one around Little Harbor. The town decided to sewer homes on Lily Pond and initiate a study of Little Harbor to identify pollution sources. Shellfish beds have been closed for many years because of pollution from an unknown source, and algae beds have been growing out of control. The study will attempt to identify the types of pollution in the area, possible sources and potential solutions. The study does not guarantee that the town will sewer homes around Little Harbor.

Ulmer said the problems with the algae may all be caused by lawn fertilizer, which seeps into the water in storm runoff and other ways. If fertilizer is the source of nitrogen, the town could be forced to restrict lawn fertilizers.

Bobo said the overgrown algae causes a process called utrification — the removal of oxygen from the water.

"We're fighting the death of that body of water from a lack of oxygen," Bobo said. "Algae grows in the presence of nitrogen. Nitrogen doesn't originate in the water, but there is a lot of it in fertilizer. If people would not use fertilizer on their lawns, we could save that body of water. People fertilize their lawns in spring, which is the beginning of the shellfish growing season."

The problem is further compounded by high fecal coliform levels from human waste originating at failed septic systems.

"The study will identify waste sources and develop a plan to get waste water under control," Bobo said. "The plan may include new septic systems, sewers or decentralized waste water plants."

Bobo said he was particularly excited by a provision in the RFP requiring the engineers to use an infrared survey to identify the breakout of waste water from effluent sources. The infrared survey uses the same equipment that American soldiers employed in The Gulf War to locate underground land mines.

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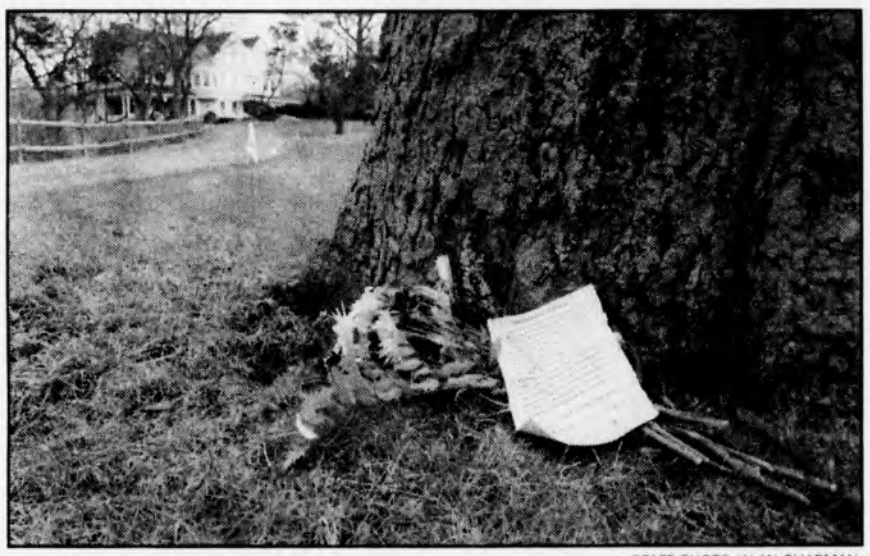






Year in Review

The stories that shaped Cohasset's year



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Flowers and a note are left near the Kennedy house at 181 Atlantic Ave., following news of Michael Kennedy's death in a skiing accident.

By Constance Pittman Lindner
STAFF WRITER

January:

Michael Kennedy dies at age 39 while playing a game of ski-football with family on vacation in Aspen, Colorado. The accident brings an end to year-long media frenzy about Kennedy's alleged affair with an underage babysitter.

The $2.75 million dollar Chart House Restaurant closes when its California-based owner, Chart House Restaurants Inc., pulls out of town.

The North Cohasset sewer project bids come in at about $2.7 million more than anticipated.

Building Inspector Bob Egan orders the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill to cease all operations because of a permit violation in a notice dated Jan. 26. John K. McNabb Jr. Of the anti-CHL group, Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE), said CHL's failure to file for a necessary special permit means CHL has been operating unlawfully for most of its existence since 1976.

February:

Anna Abbruzzese is selected as the Mariner's annual Citizen of the Year.

Attorney for CHL landfill owner Paul Barry, Anton Moehrke, said Barry won't close up shop, despite a cease and desist order from the town's building inspector, but will appeal.

A program to use the $30,000 a year paid to call firefighters to train paramedics loses steam when selectmen are won over by the call firefighters' arguments.

A 3-2 vote by selectmen cut $30,000 out of the school department's spending proposal for FY99 prompts school committee Chairman Ralph Kidder to question selectmen's ability to judge school needs.

Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions (CEES), which opposes plans that could arbitrarily force homeowners to replace septic systems at costs as high as $80,000, rejoice when the state Attorney General's office recommends that the town sewer 36 homes on Lily Pond.

March:

Businessman Gerd Ordelheide, owner of The Red Lion Inn, delivers a two-part message to planning board members: he has the money to restore the faded jewel of the town and the planning board had better work with him.

Selectmen vote to add $30,000 for the coming fiscal year (FY99) to the school department's budget for education spending after a special request from the school board to reconsider their 3-2 vote.

Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe issues a decision saying that the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill could expand vertically, adding the potential for another 44,000 tons of material until March, 1999, without a supplemental environmental impact report as long as it satisfies certain criteria.

John K. McNabb Jr., vice-president of the anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE), uncovers evidence that the Cohasset Heights Limited landfill exceeds the legal capacity of the facility by as much as 170,000 cubic yards of excess material.

Cohasset Harbor Marina owner Paul Trendowicz wants the town to realign federal anchorage in Bailey's Creek in front of his marina and claims he owns up to the middle of Bailey's Creek. He offers to pay his portion of the $1.34 million harbor dredging project in exchange for the remaining anchorage area.

April:

Half of the 14 town offices at stake in the April 4 town election could go to candidates in their first run for office; a healthy voter turnout is expected.

Citizens for Equitable Environmental Solutions (CEES) rally enough support at the March 27 town meeting to defeat two warrant articles which would have provided taxpayer subsidy or state grants to the 200 homeowners facing hook up to the sewer project.

Mark DeGiacomo and Patricia Martin win seats on the school committee; Robert Kasameyer is unopposed for reelection to the water commission; Tom Callahan switches from the conservation commission to the board of selectmen and incumbent Merle Brown wins another term.

The Red Lion Inn's construction team squeezes a "conditional" approval April 1 from the planning board after construction manager Tish Gardner of Shawmut Construction stresses the urgency of the construction season schedule.

Paul Trendowicz goes before the harbor committee in early April to seek support for his proposal to realign the federal anchorage area so he can move his docks about 40 feet into Bailey's Creek, saying he would swap that by paying for dredging in that area.

The health board threatens to sue the sewer commission if it doesn't hook-up four Newtonville homes to the sewer system as soon as possible. The homes were declared public health emergencies in fall of '97 be-

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ON THE COVER

Clockwise from top left: State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray wins her bid for reelection (photo/Doug McFadd); CHS graduate Kristen Reynolds places a rose at the memorial to her classmate Bourke Corcoran (photo/Alan Chapman); Cohasset Heights Landfill shuts down (photo/Margo Sullivan); education reform and the MCAS exams make the news (photo/Alan Chapman); a fire destroys a Victorian mansion on Atlantic Avenue (photo/Bob Gaudet).

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Year in Review

It was a vintage year for Cohasset Village

Task force, master plan plot future

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

Revitalizing Cohasset Village is not an easy task. Problems in the village include infrastructure deficiencies, poor signage, inadequate parking, crumbling sidewalks, few businesses and inadequate lighting. Residents and town officials have been decrying the slow decline of the village for decades.

But that decline started to halt in 1998. This was the year that two committees devoted to revitalizing the village made great progress toward their mutual goal. The Village Revitalization Task Force, a town committee, has been meeting regularly to discuss their latest projects, including a master plan for the village, a vision for Cohasset's downtown, future grant proposals, and plans to develop ideas to connect the harbor and the village. The Village Task Force, formed by the local chamber of commerce, has been instrumental in acquiring grants and providing a vision for the future. Grant money paid for a new sidewalk and a study of village-harbor connections. And there is more to come next year. This end of the year review provides some of the highlights of efforts in 1998 to revitalize the village.

The importance of the Red Lion Inn to the village cannot be understated. In the past, Dean Rizzo pointed out that the historic inn is the anchor for the rest of the village. Ordelheide could not be reached for comment, but in a letter to selectmen last month, he said the inn would re-open in June, 1999.

The first big success for the village revitalization came last June when Dean Rizzo, Chairman of the Village Task Force, said the Massachusetts Highway Department would award the town a $165,000 grant to build a new sidewalk in front of St. Stephen's Church

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The Red Lion Inn is closed while it undergoes renovations. In a letter to selectmen, owner Gerde Ordelheide said plans are to open the inn in June.

Fate of Greenbush railroad restoration still in question

By Carol Britton Meyer
STAFF WRITER

Both proponents and opponents of the MBTA's proposal to restore Greenbush rail service to the South Shore are wondering what the new year will bring.

The project has been delayed for a number of reasons since it was first proposed nearly a decade ago.

Opponents say safer, less expensive and more environmentally-friendly alternatives must be explored, while proponents feel restoring the 17.7-mile Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad is the best solution to ease the growing transportation woes of the area.

"Nothing has really happened in the last three or four months," said Thomas Gruber, chairman of the Greenbush Mitigation Committee in Cohasset. "I don't know why. The only thing I can think of is that it has to be elections, change of governor and secretary of environmental affairs Trudy Coxe leaving."

The Army Corps of Engineers, the lead federal agency reviewing the project, has asked the MBTA for more information about its plan, which has further stalled the restoration effort. The Corps is also awaiting a report from the Environmental Protection Agency concerning the Greenbush proposal. The EPA has met with the MBTA and other consultants and has agreed to meet with Hingham officials before releasing its final report, which is expected sometime after the beginning of the year.

Key issues hovering around the controversial rail line during the years it has been explored include air quality, ridership figures, other environmental impacts, safety and cost — which has risen from $210 million to $285 million.

The transit authority estimates trains could start rolling on the Greenbush line in about 2002.

But proponent David Clinton of Hingham doubts that timeframe.

"Let's hope Governor Cellucci takes a fresh look at the Greenbush issue in 1999."

- Nancy Buckley, train opponent

"I still think the line will get built, even with the delays," he said. "But I don't see it getting built by then. But there's a very big need for Greenbush, and I don't think we'll find better alternatives."

Even with the addition of more commuter boats, Clinton said, they couldn't handle the volume of passengers that a train could.

"I hope the project will get off the ground again soon," he stated. "It can get discouraging."

Nancy Buckley, co-founder of the Coastal Coalition, a grass-roots group which is seeking alternatives to rail restoration, thinks it's unlikely the Corps will permit the project "given the EPA's wrangling over the air quality issue."

What residents of this region want, she said, are for alternative modes of transportation to be developed which will solve the critical transportation woes of the region.

"Let's hope Governor Cellucci takes a fresh look at the Greenbush issue in 1999," she said.

The MBTA remains committed to restoring Greenbush rail service, despite the delays.

However, said Brian Pedro, spokesperson for the MBTA, "as each year passes, we need to reevaluate the timetable and push it back according to the delays which have occurred."

Pedro is convinced the Greenbush line will be as popular as the other two branches of the Old Colony Railroad have proved to be, "especially where people have been waiting so long for it."

Besides, he said, traffic in and out of Boston isn't getting any better.

"There is definitely a need for the Greenbush line," he said.

Hingham Greenbush Coordinator Alexander Macmillan, on the other hand, says it's less likely this year than it was last year that the rail line will be restored.

"There are more obstacles this year," he said, including strict environmental laws. If all goes well for the MBTA and the plan goes through, Macmillan doubts Greenbush could be completed before 2004.

By that time, some insiders say, the cost could rise be as high as $400 million, including mitigation costs.

"A $400 million diesel rail line through 43 grade crossings, a National Register Historic District (in downtown Hingham), wetlands and densely populated residential neighborhoods abutting the long-abandoned Greenbush line is making less and less sense as time goes on," Macmillan said.

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The year CHL closed down

By David Tibbetts
CORRESPONDENT

There were many big news stories in Cohasset during 1998, but the biggest story of all may have taken place on July 2, 1998 when the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill closed down. Various town officials and private groups have tried for years to shut down the privately owned landfill. Yet, CHL always seemed to defy the odds and find ways to keep the trash coming. Many people worked to shut down the landfill for dozens of alleged environmental violations, but it's safe to say that CHL would probably still be open if not for the efforts of the anti-landfill group Stop Any Further Expansion (SAFE) and its persistent spokesman, John K. McNabb Jr. Here then is a look back at the events in 1998 related to CHL.

The year began badly for CHL. In January, Building Inspector Robert Egan ordered the landfill to shut down for failing to file a special permit with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds. Former landfill owner James Tyeryar obtained the special permit in 1976, but failed to file the document at the Registry of Deeds as required by state law. Tyeryar's failure to file the permit meant the landfill was not operating legally. John and Paul Barry bought the landfill in 1982, but did not file the special permit either. McNabb discovered the permit violation in November, 1997 while researching CHL's paperwork for SAFE.

CHL filed the permit on Jan. 21, 1998. However, the town's Water Resource District, created in 1986, ran right through the middle of the landfill. Because CHL had never filed the special permit, the Barry's could no longer claim it was a legal, pre-existing use grandfathered into the district.

Also in January, Egan decided not to take any enforcement action against CHL in another matter: dumping 1,000 tons of material in Area IV-B, a section of the landfill not approved for dumping. That same month, the ZBA held a hearing on Egan's inaction based on complaints from SAFE. The ZBA remanded the decision back to Egan for enforcement action.

On Feb. 5, CHL announced its intention to appeal Egan's shutdown order. At a Feb. 26 ZBA hearing, CHL attorney Anton Moehrke argued that the town could not argue that the special permit was invalid. Moehrke said the town had enforced the special permit in a legal action years earlier, effectively admitting that the document was in force. But McNabb countered that the legal action in question was a lawsuit filed by CHL, and the town could not be held accountable in such a case.

At a March 10 board of health hearing, Chairman Kevin Ulmer questioned CHL about the apparent existence of massive amounts of excess fill on all of the landfill's slopes. A DEP graphic overlay placed on a map of the landfill's legal parameters showed all the slopes much higher than what DEP had allowed. The existence of the material was confirmed, and McNabb estimated the excess material at a staggering 280 million pounds. CHL mounted an offensive against the town's landfill, claiming local officials ignored violations at the Cedar Street facility while going after CHL aggressively.

March also brought news from

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It was a vintage year for Cohasset Village

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on South Main Street. The grant would pay for a new sidewalk from Robert E. Jason Road to Elm Street and associated improvements. The project hit a few bumps after the grant was approved when a few local businesses opposed the sidewalk, but those issues are being worked out. Rizzo said the construction of the sidewalk should begin in summer, 1999.

In July, Gerde Ordelheide, the newest owner of the historic Red Lion Inn, purchased the Lilac House next door for use as a bakery. Ordelheide plans to use the Lilac House as an adjunct to the Red Lion Inn, which is next door.

The importance of the Red Lion Inn to the village cannot be understated. In the past, Rizzo pointed out that the historic inn is the anchor for the rest of the village. Ordelheide could not be reached for comment, but in a letter to selectmen last month, he said the inn would re-open in June, 1999.

Currently, the Red Lion Inn is closed down. Ordelheide has placed his liquor license on hold until the inn re-opens. A temporary electrical box is in place to provide electricity for workmen. Ordelheide plans to tear down the rear section of the Red Lion Inn and rebuild it with a modern kitchen. Just last week, Ordelheide received permission from the planning board to use the Lilac House as a retail bakery. Other plans for the two buildings include modern bedrooms in the old inn. additional guest rooms in the Lilac House, and a remodeled restaurant and bar. The future of the Red lion Inn has never looked as good as it does now, whenever it re-opens for business.

Another important event from last July was the announcement by Rizzo that the town would seek a $60,000 grant to study ways to connect the downtown's of Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate and Hull. However, the state did not approve this particular grant. The study would have looked at ways to improve signage and give commuters easy routes to each of the four towns. Rizzo said that even though the town did not get the money, local representatives got the opportunity to develop relationships with the agencies that award grants.

The grant money started rolling in again during August. Local Architect Jim Shipsky was hired with a $5,000 Department of Housing and Community Development Municipal Incentive Grant to study ways of connecting the village and the harbor. Shipsky solicited comments from committees, residents, town officials and anybody who was interested about ways to improve the harbor and the village. Shipsky had his own ideas about the harbor and village. He favored a boardwalk from Mill River Marine to the Charthouse modeled on the Cliffwalk behind the massive mansions in Newport, Rhode Island. The Mariner helped out by publishing a survey asking residents to offer suggestions for the village and harbor. Some of the suggestions, published on Oct. 8, included a walkway, jogging paths, restaurants, festivals, boat tournaments, better signs, and no change at all.

In September, the Village Task Force applied for a $35,000 grant to pay for the entire cost of a master plan, which would address key deficiencies in the area and offer well-defined solutions that reflect the needs of the entire community. The town did not get the grant. Rizzo said the master plan for the village will be configured to fit into an overall town master plan, something local officials are currently working on.

The master plan for the village is really the next step for the revitalization of the downtown. Shipsky's final report will certainly help set the parameters of the master plan. The Village Task Force is currently working on plans for a boardwalk, one of the ideas that originated with Shipsky's study. Rizzo expects an exciting year for the village in 1999.

"There will be a lot happening in 1999," Rizzo said. "The Red Lion Inn will re-open, the Atlantica Restaurant will open on the waterfront, we'll prepare designs for the boardwalk, and the sidewalk work will begin in the summer. There's a lot of excitement about the village and the harbor."

Happy New Year!



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Dean Rizzo, chairman of the Village Task Force, has been one of the driving forces behind the revitalization of Cohasset's downtown and harbor areas.

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cause of failing septic systems there.

Selectmen decide not to go ahead with "phase 2" of the North Cohasset sewer project which would connect Strains Pond area homes to the sewer main.

CHL landfill owners file an April 14 lawsuit against the town in land court to overturn an order by Building Inspector Robert Egan to permanently shut down the facility.

Hollywood hopes are dashed when Robert G. King, an executive vice-president at the Gillette Company and formerly of Scituate, signs an agreement to buy the late Michael Kennedy's 181 Atlantic Ave. home, ending speculation that Kennedy relative by marriage Arnold Schwarzenegger would buy the home listed at $2.3 million.

May:

Paul Pratt Memorial Library trustees begin to consider space at the Osgood school when it is vacated in June.

A running track at the high school is dedicated to math teacher and track coach Charles R. Davis, who served Cohasset from 1961 until his death in 1985.

Cohasset fourth-, eighth- and 10th graders made history as the first students to take part in the new MCAS exam; some 10th-grade students are unfazed by the exams and question its merit.

Sewer commissioners continue to disagree with Town Counsel Paul DeRensis' decision that the authority rests with the town manager and not with them; they ask for access to special town counsel to investigate further but are turned down by selectmen.

The Army Corps of Engineers declares the MBTA analysis of ridership and environmental impact projections "sketchy and flawed" and tells the MBTA to start over.

After studying the problems the train would bring to the town, the Greenbush Mitigation Committee concludes that it would disrupt the quality of life in Cohasset far more than the MBTA had admitted.

June:

Janet Husband of Braintree comes on board as the new library director of the Paul Pratt Memorial Library to replace Richard Hayes who is set to retire in June.

A health board hearing is set to discuss several violations by the Cohasset Heights Limited (CHL) landfill.

Tragedy overshadows Cohasset High's graduation ceremony when 18-year-old Bourke Corcoran is killed in a car crash four days before.

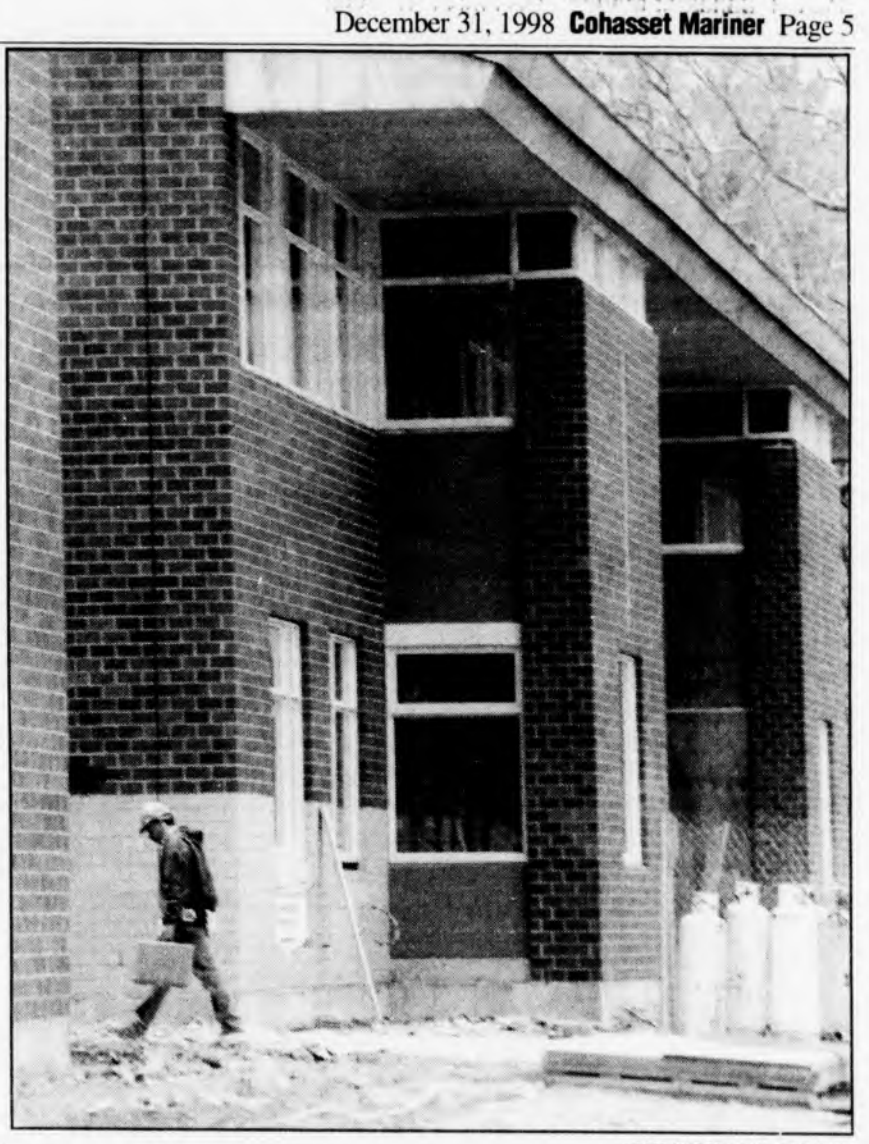
Edward Malvey, the head of the Griswold, Conn. school system, accepts the job as the new schools superintendent. Malvey will replace Stephen Hart when he retires in August.

The sewer commissioners file a lawsuit in Norfolk Superior Court against the board of selectmen and Town Manager Mark Haddad to settle a contentious dispute over who has the right to award sewer contracts in Cohasset.

July:

Town officials decide to team up with four other towns along the track

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A school construction worker enters the new Osgood School building for his shift last June. The school opened in September.

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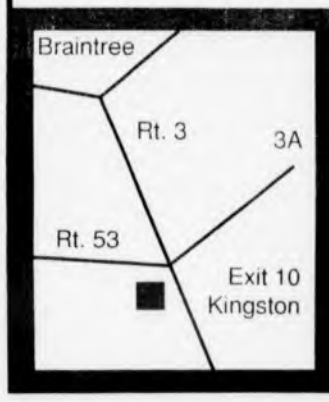
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WAITING FOR SNOW

As I begin to write this, the last column for the year 1998, here is the picture: my typewriter is balanced on my sister's suitcase, with coffee at my foot (I am in the corner of the guestroom). In the livingroom, fast asleep are **Kelsie, Keala, Pii, Ricki and Annie** — every pillow, blanket and quilt we own is wrapped around them! Why, you ask? They are waiting for more snow! On Tuesday night we were all out in the brief flurries, and they are just waiting for more to arrive. They were so excited! The little one, Keala, forgot her shoes when she was out in the midst of it, does that tell you anything? They called all of their relatives in Hawaii to tell them of the grand event — as you may be able to tell, everyone is just having the best time.

AN OLD FRIEND VISITS

Carol Gates (Chick Gates' daughter) came for a long visit, she looks wonderful — she brought her two godchildren, 6 and 3, she cares for them full-time. Carol lives in Amesbury now, where she is very busy — she makes American Doll doll clothes, is in real estate, you name it, she does it! She looks grand, and is extremely happy!

QUICK HELLO

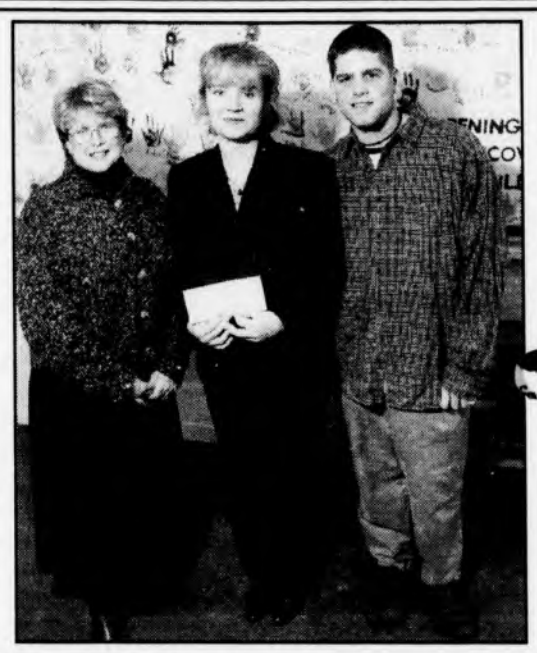
Andrea (Murphy) Powning came for a quick hello to all, she has always adored "The Hawaiians." Andrea also looks fantastic; she lives in Boston now, with her husband **Bunt**, and loves it! Her daughter, **Caroline**, lives in California and is home for the holidays.

Clark is playing the perfect tour director — takes all of us everywhere!

Naturally there is tons more company than that, I am trying to catch you up on the former Cohassetites — I'll let you know if more arrive!

EARLY ACCEPTANCE

Speaking of wonderful news, did you hear the latest? **Justin Golden, R. Steve Sceery** and **Ben Littauer** all received a great Christmas present — because of all their hard work, they got early acceptance to Harvard! **Edward F. Goff III** and **James O'Sullivan** were accepted, early admission, to Boston College, and **Megan Connelly's** acceptance to Catholic University rounds out the group. Isn't that fantastic? We are ever-so-proud of all of you fine students, and also have to salute the Cohasset school system for their efforts to make it all possible. Quite a feather in everyone's cap, wouldn't you say? We surely will hear more about these fine young men and women, they are exceptional!



Westfield State College communication major, Jonah Berger, of Cohasset (right) participated in a Campus Cares project that raised $775 for the Discover Westfield Children's Museum. He is shown with Barbara Hand (left) of the Student Government staff, honorary. chairwoman of the project, and Monica Sulewski, director of the children's museum.

BACK FROM ITALY

Hap Pompeo just returned from a nice visit with his son, **Danny,** in Italy — did he ever enjoy himself! He saw the sights, dined on fine Italian cuisine, shopped in all the little special places — cannot wait to return!

HANDSOME COUPLE

There was a very nice brunch held at the Weston Golf Club last week, to celebrate the engagement of **David Shultz** to **Amy Neher.** What a handsome couple they are! Dave is at grad school at Cornell — they are to be married in June, we'll fill you in on all the details! Everyone is just so excited!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy belated greetings to **Holly Pompeo**, who celebrated her birthday last week — Holly will be at the CHS 10th reunion party the day after Christmas (she is on the committee, so she'll be sure to give us a full report). Hope your day was a happy one, Holly!

SUPPORT OUR TEAMS

Don't forget that Cohasset Middle-High School sports are underway — great way to have fun in the winter, go and watch your favorite event! All teams hold great promise, and this is the first year that we have combined with another town to form a team — gymnastics will have both Cohasset and Norwell on the squad. All towns in the state are watching to see how the combined effort works out — we know it will be super! Basketball teams are in full swing, as is wrestling. Hockey is underway, so is swimming. See, there is something for everyone to cheer for! Support our athletes; go to a game, and have fun!

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Kevin Mulcahy will be home for the holidays! He is living and working in Las Vegas, and loving it. He has really gotten to know the place, he even took some of the athletic directors on a tour when they were out there for their convention last week. If you get out there, be sure to look him up. Better still, if you see him while he is home, arrange to see him. He's great!

DEPT. 56 COLLECTORS

Ray and **Nancy BerBerick** have an interesting idea for those of you who collect "Dept. 56" miniature buildings and figures — they want to start a group! As any avid collector knows, it is so much fun to share your knowledge and broaden your search together — part of the collecting "bug." If you are interested, call them at 925-2242.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

That's the news from here — why don't you "resolve" to call me with your news as it happens in 1999? We would all love to share in your happiness.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sallyann Chatterton

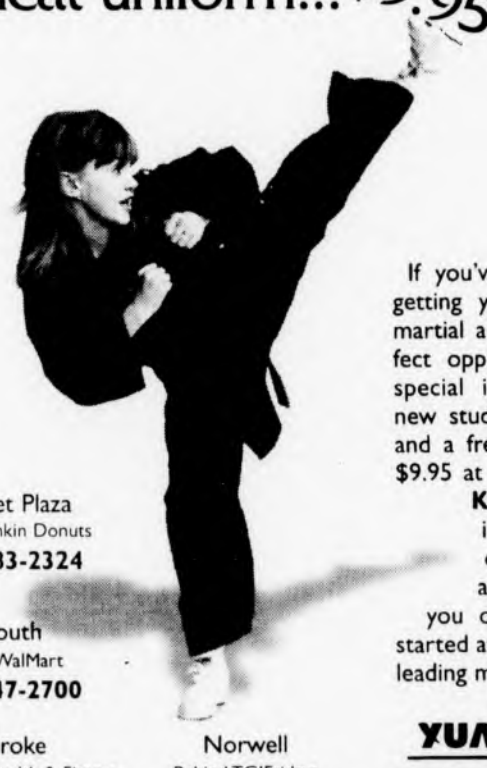
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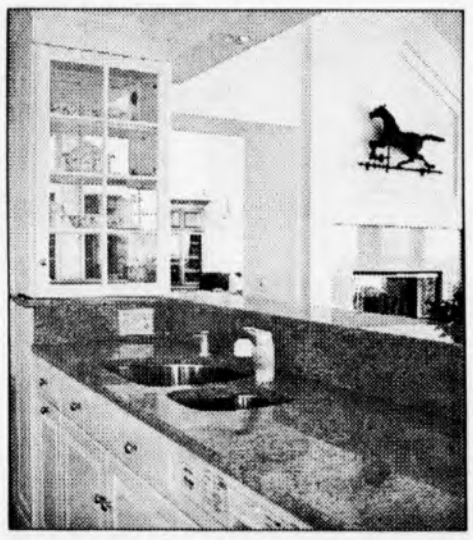
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A Gradual Awakening: Eleanor Le Blanc retrospective

The South Shore Art Center will host a retrospective exhibition of Weymouth artist Eleanor Le Blanc from Jan. 1 to Feb. 7 in the Bancroft Gallery. The exhibition, entitled "A Gradual Awakening," will explore her life's work including monotypes, photographs and a three-dimensional installation. A graduate of Massachusetts College of Art, Ms. Le Blanc has exhibited extensively on the South Shore and throughout New England.

In the Dillon Gallery will be an exhibition of work by SSAC Gallery artists entitled, "Resolutions: Photographs, Pastels, Clay Forms." Exhibiting artists include sculptors Debra Giller and Pam Golden, photographers Stephanie Grenadier, Julie Hawkins and Susan White, pastel artist Liz Haywood-Sullivan and clay artist and painter Judy Rossman. In the Manning lobby the faculty feature will be Art Center children's teacher Dorothy Martin Simone.

An opening reception for all three exhibitions will be held Friday, Jan. 1, from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call (781) 383-ARTS.

Book Angel, thank you

Many thanks go out to the wonderful customers of Buttonwood Books & Toys in Cohasset and Buttonwood for Kids in Hingham who, this season, provided more than 600 books to needy children and adults in our communities through Buttonwood's Book Angel program. This year, books were sent to Wellspring Multiservice Center in Hull, Mary-Martha Learning Center in Hingham, South Shore Educational Collaborative's Teen Parent Program in Hingham, Friends of the Homeless in Weymouth, Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry, Norwell Food Pantry and Project Hope in Dorchester. Books went to individuals, as well as to support these facilities' libraries and literacy programs.

Christmas tree pickup

Cohasset area teens will once again offer a Christmas tree removal service to benefit programs of the Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee. Volunteers will remove and dispose of trees Saturdays, Jan. 2, and Jan. 9. To order service, call 383-2552 (24 hours) and specify which day is preferred. Trees should be placed by the base of the driveway.

The fee for the service is $10 per tree, $5 for senior citizens. Please make checks payable to the Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee and place on the front door. Funds raised by this volunteer teen effort will support the publication and distribution of a parent/teen handbook currently under development. The handbook is an informative compilation of facts on specific drugs available in the community; laws on use and possession; statistics on local use; helpful advice on talking with children on substance abuse; and a list of resources for further information and support.

All teens are welcomed to join in this service project. To volunteer, or for more information, call Jami Butman 383-9435 or Wallace St. John 383-2627.

The Cohasset Drug & Alcohol Committee is a non-profit volunteer organization comprised of parents and teens, as well as representatives from the PSO, board of selectmen, school committee, school council, police and clergy. Programs focus on the education and prevention of substance abuse community-wide, as well as the support of "substance-free" teen activities. It also maintains a confidential hotline for substance abuse (383-4120).

Any interested adult or teen is welcome to join the committee. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall.

The Memory Tree at the South Shore Community Center

This holiday season was enriched by remembering, in a tangible way, the joy our loved ones have shared with us in seasons past.

Commemorative lights shine on the Memory Tree on the lawn of South Shore Community Center, as well as a star placed on the tree in the lobby with the name(s) of your loved one(s). As contributions were received, bulbs were illuminated throughout the season, and the names of the donors and those remembered are published in the Cohasset Mariner.

The following is a list of contributors to the 1998 Memory Tree for the week of Dec. 14

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In Memory of Jennie Brown from Susan Cunningham.

In Memory of my Dad, Jack Barrett, from John Barrett Jr.

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EDITORIAL

Extra efforts for New Year

"He did each single thing as if he did nothing else."
— Charles Dickens

It's almost a new year and some resolutions might be in order. You'll have your own, of course, but we offer a few extras to consider. Help yourself:

• We will get involved in the community this year. No more sitting on the sidelines crabbing about the ineptness of this town official or the bad decision by that town board. Make the time, volunteer, get involved and see what it's like to walk in those shoes.

• We will get involved in our children's school, starting the day they return after the New Year. Ask to sit in on a class. Attend a PTO meeting. Talk with the kids every day about what happened in school, what was interesting, what was challenging and what their homework is about. Not just whether they have done their homework, but what is it really about.

• We will get to know some older folks in town, whether it's by visiting a nursing home, driving someone to the grocery store or for an appointment with the doctor, or just by dropping by the senior center to talk. We will try to learn whist.

• We will pick at least one charity walk or event this year, and just do it. The Walk for Women's Lives? The Good Friday Walk in Hingham? The MS Walk in Cohasset? The Relay for Life in Cohasset? The Walk for Hunger in Boston? We will pick one, fill up the pledge form and do it. It will feel good and it might help.

• We will dust off the exercise equipment we received for Christmas in 1997 and use it in 1999. Three times a week, marked on the calendar where everyone at home can see it.

• We'll stop buying M&Ms and Cokes from the candy machine at work. This will save hundreds of dollars, which we can pledge to one of the walkathons (see above).

• We will allow more time to drive to work, so the day doesn't start off stressful. We'll check out at least one item each month from the "books on tape" section at the library and listen to it on the way to work. Mysteries, romances, famous novels. They all count.

• We'll make it a point to meet every new neighbor within one week after they move in. We'll try to arrive with a plate of cookies or loaf of bread in hand.

• We will not make resolutions that we cannot keep.

Happy New Year from all of us at the Mariner.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Misconceptions are clarified

TO THE EDITOR:

It was disturbing to read in your paper about the unfortunate closing of the collaborative program for deaf children located on the South Shore. It was very surprising to then read further as your reporter quoted people's thoughts about The Learning Center for Deaf Children's campus in Randolph, a school where I am the director.

This closing does not really involve our school, however, since certain assertions were made in the article regarding our program, I feel a need to clarify the misconceptions that were reported.

The Learning Center for Deaf Children established a second campus in Randolph in response to a need for a program which utilized voice and sign language. Since its establishment, as more deaf children have enrolled, the school's educational policy has evolved to include three distinct programs. We still provide a sign-supported English program for those deaf and hard-of-hearing children who utilize this model well in the classroom. Voice and sign (including ASL structure and classifiers) are used simultaneously to provide academic instruction. This is quite different from Signed Exact English (SEE) which is not, itself, a language, but is, instead, a manual code for English.

We also have a quality ASL program for others who learn best in American Sign Language. This group of students are all ASL users, and their classrooms follow a bilingual/bicultural model as do all classrooms at our other campus in Framingham. This program employs users of fluent ASL (as it is intended — a language with no voice equivalent) including competent deaf teachers with advanced degrees who are native users of ASL.

We also offer at this campus a unique program for children who are not deaf, but have limited or no expressive language and benefit from sign language to more fully access the curriculum and to further develop their cognitive and linguistic abilities.

Thank you for allowing me to correct a false impression regarding our school. My staff and I were saddened to hear of the South Shore Educational Collaborative's planned closing of its program for deaf children. We extend our best wishes to the families involved as they begin to seek other appropriate placements for their children.

Nancy Mello Maguire
Director, The Randolph Campus

Thoughts while shaving — some traffic comments

MARK HADDAD, TOWN MANAGER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DEAR MARK AND THE BOARD:

I'm puzzled — I'm not sure I understand our attitudes toward Cohasset's streets — intersections — traffic control.

First we have a severe accident on one street in town (King Street) and we consider making it one way — or we consider widening it (which I think is the way to go) — or we consider restricting it to nothing over 2-1/2 ton — or etcetera.

Second — We want to improve, enhance, the Village area, which I think is a great idea, and as part of this improvement we consider narrowing a perfectly beautiful street (Elm Street) that handles traffic very well. Also, at the same time, cutting the access to Elm Street at Main Street to an almost impossible change in the sidewalk and intersection. I really can't believe any of you is serious in considering this change — particularly the narrowing of the intersection.

Third — Sometime ago, at the intersection of Cushing Road and Pleasant Street, we established a "4 Way Stop" intersection. Why a "4 Way Stop?" Why not just stop signs on Cushing Road or even just a "Caution" sign? Or maybe no sign, let the drivers use their judgment. If you've driven it (which you have) you will realize it's an open intersection — you can see all around you .

Fourth — The last comment of these "Thoughts While Shaving" before I cut myself. One I've commented on before — the intersection of North Main Street and Forest Avenue. We made it a "4 Way Stop" intersection. This should be returned to its previous arrangement — a yellow caution blinker on North Main Street and a red stop blinker on Forest Avenue (with stop signs) or, the best idea, traffic lights.

Enough — I'm through shaving. You get the idea — I'm bothered — puzzled by our attitude towards traffic. Basically when the automobile was invented the "accident" came along with it.

Hamilton T. Tewksbury
81 Elm St.

Ed's note: Mr. Tewksbury asked the Mariner to print a copy of his entire letter parts of which were excerpted in a recent news brief.

Time running out for Citizen nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Cohasset Mariner's Citizen of the Year Award. This is the continuation of a tradition begun in 1993 to recognize an individual for outstanding service to the community or for a special achievement. The nomination form was inadvertently omitted from last week's issue so the deadline has been extended one week. See form on page 14.

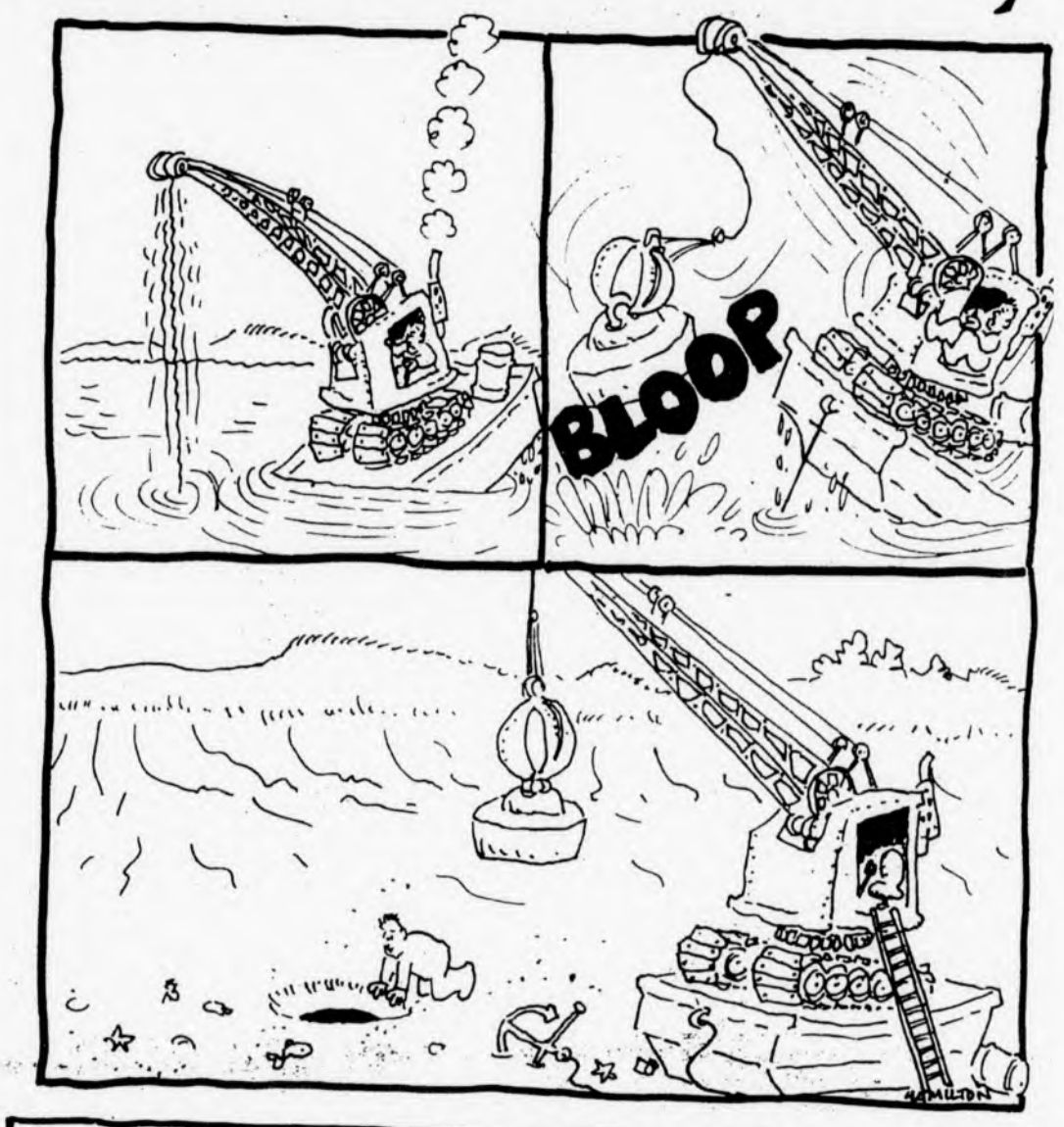
Last year, Cohasset Mariner readers honored Anna Abbruzzese, through her many volunteer efforts which she conducts with kindness, caring and love for the town and all its residents.

Once again, here at the Cohasset Mariner, we invite our readers to take this opportunity to nominate a person who has made a significant contribution to our community.

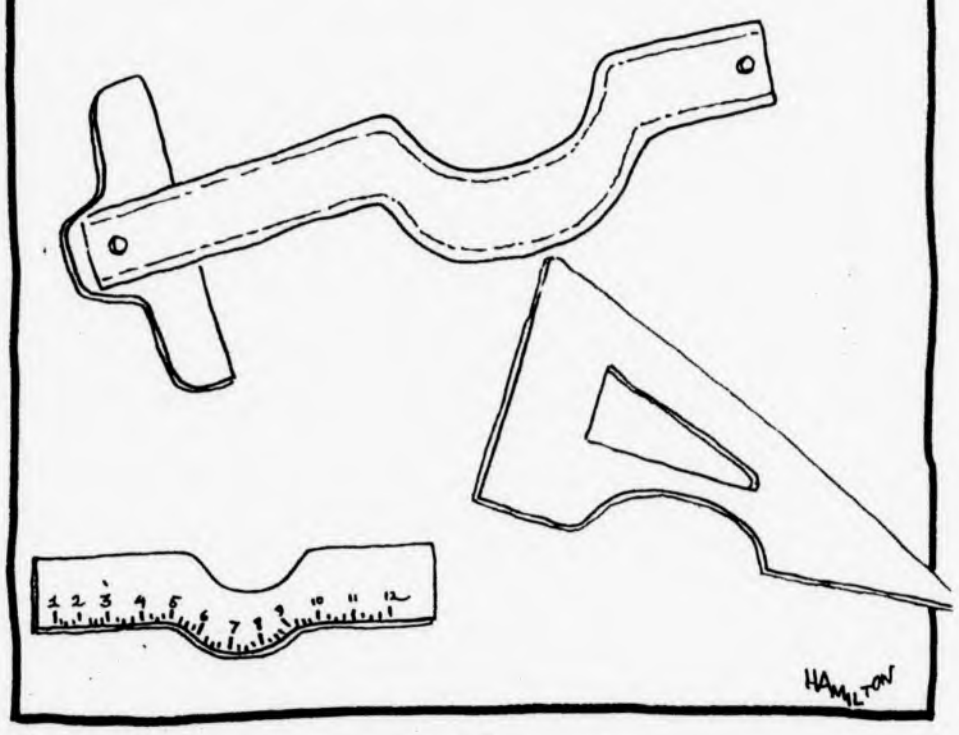
A look back at 1998

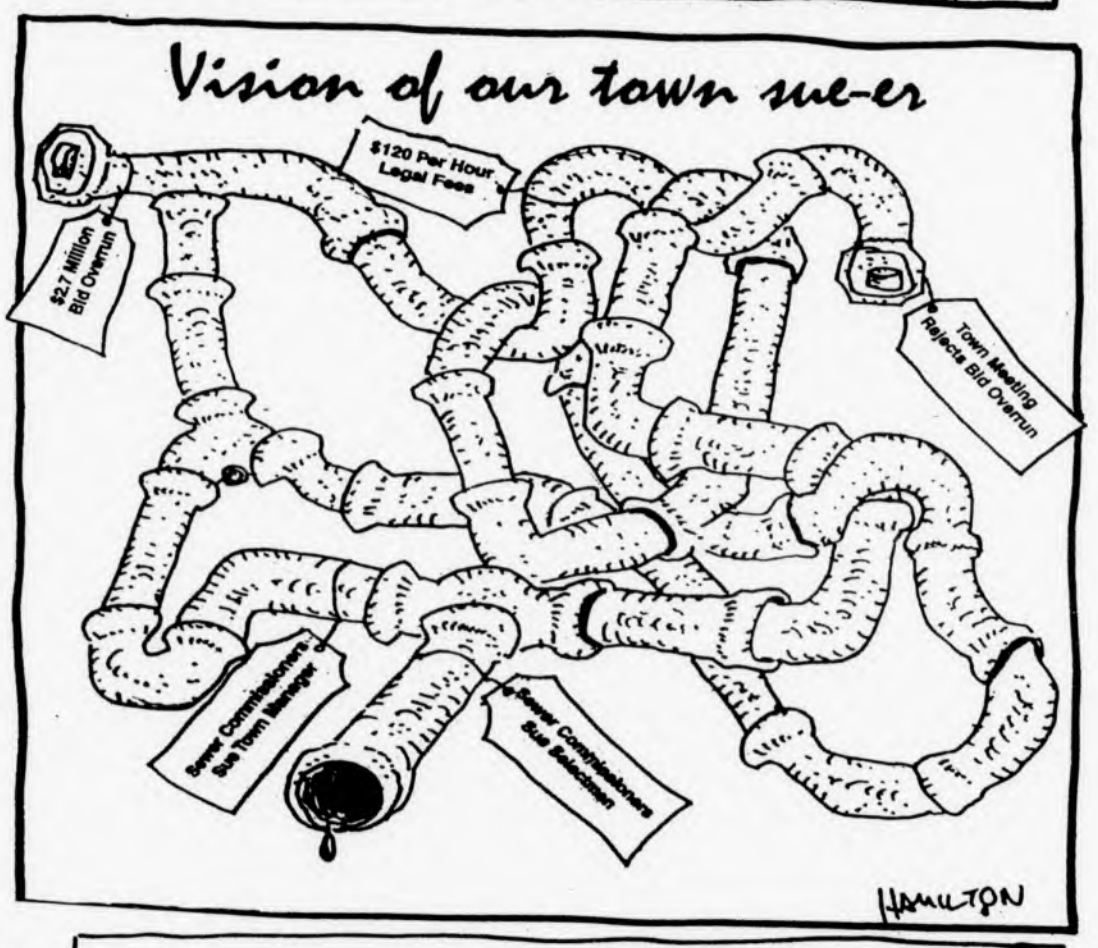
Hamilton's cartoons told Cohasset's story





Drafting tools used to draw the boundaries of Cohasset Heights.





Osgood School may be converted to senior housing



Cohasset Golf Club offers solution to Lamberts Lane school bus problem.



Fate of Greenbush is still in question

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If the line were to be built at grade, the train would pass through Hingham's downtown historic district. In question is whether or not the MBTA would pay for a tunnel under Hingham Square to avoid that dilemma.

Macmillan said the air quality issue is key to the discussion of alternatives to Greenbush restoration.

"With rail restoration, the pollution from automobiles wouldn't be removed but moved," he said.

That's because it's estimated that about 98 percent of the people taking the train would use their cars to get to the station.

"Studies say the most pollutants are emitted during the first few minutes cars start and stop," he said. "One of the reasons for proposing Greenbush restoration is air quality, which makes this project unwise."

The Town of Hingham filed a lawsuit against the MBTA in 1996 accusing the transit authority of attempting to evade strict federal environmental laws — which could have required a tunnel under the square — by proposing to build the Greenbush branch of the Old Colony Railroad with state funds alone.

The argument revolves around the fact that part-way through the project, the MBTA changed tracks and decided to use state money to fund the project rather than continue to use federal moneys. The lawsuit is still pending but could be resolved soon, according to Macmillan.

"Our morale is still high, and we have faith we will win the lawsuit and get final approval from the Army Corps of Engineers," said Pedro.

Selectmen from Hingham, Scituate and Cohasset are awaiting a response from the office of the secretary of environmental affairs to a letter they jointly signed expressing some of the three communities' shared concerns about the proposed rail restoration. The correspondence was sent in September. Because Secretary Trudy Coxe is leaving the agency to take another position, the fate of the correspondence is unknown.

But, says Macmillan, the new secretary, Sen. Robert Durand of Marlborough, is "a very able fellow" with an understanding of historic preservation.

"The question is whether that office will perhaps do another supplemental draft environmental review statement within the context of a public process," said Macmillan.

Adding further uncertainty to the mix are changes occurring in the South Shore area which could call for alterations in the MBTA's original plan, some officials and residents say. A key element of the reuse plan for the South Weymouth Naval Air Station is the access road, which will have an exit near Hingham.

The roadway would also go directly to the South Weymouth commuter rail station, which could ultimately become a 'super station' that might better serve the South Shore community, some say.

"I hope the project will get off the ground again soon. It can get discouraging."

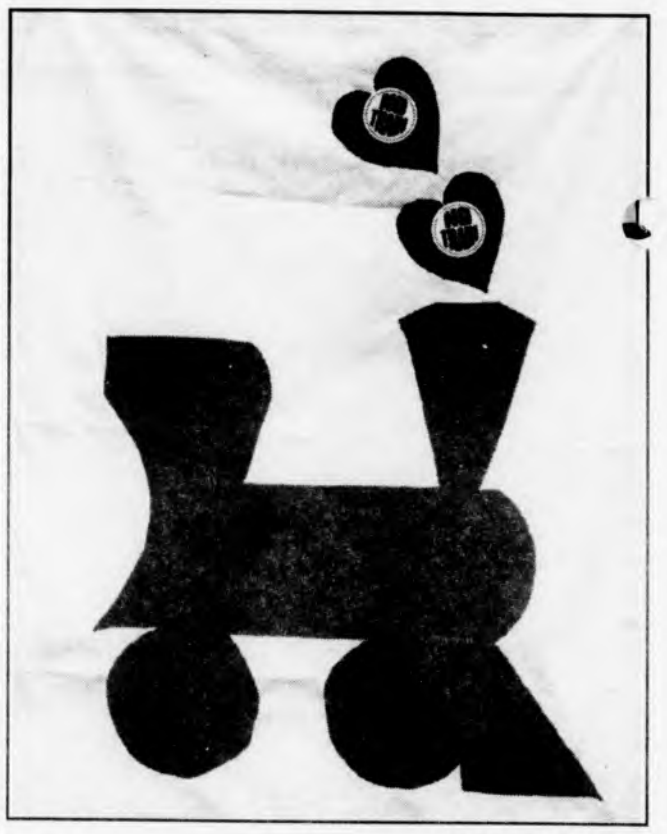
- David Clinton, train proponent

Macmillan has stated that these factors could lead to the development of a multi-modal transportation system which could also include water transportation. The proposed revitalization of Hingham Shipyard includes a plan to improve commuter boat facilities located there.

"It's anybody's guess as to what will happen in the next year at this point," Gruber said. "We just have to wait and see how things play out in the coming months. We've had few mitigation committee meetings; unless we get some correspondence form the T or something that indicates they're starting action or the tri-town committee becomes active again, that's all we can do."

In the meantime, Cohasset is proceeding with the James Brook project independent of the T to stop flooding in the center of town.

Staff writer Constance Pittman Lindner also contributed to this report.



PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

A train opponent adds a creative touch to a pro-train banner during an anti-Greenbush demonstration outside Tosca earlier this year. Then acting Governor Paul Cellucci, who supports the train, spoke at a brunch at the Hingham restaurant but had to walk through train protesters first.

The year Cohasset Heights Landfills closed down

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Secretary of Environmental Affairs Trudy Coxe that CHL's request for a vertical expansion was approved only of all of the landfill's permits were in good standing. CHL wanted to increase its maximum height from 190 feet to 206 feet, which would have made it the tallest structure in Cohasset.

The courts delivered two crushing blows to CHL in April. A Norfolk Superior Court Judge, Isaac Borenstein upheld the health board's decision to deny CHL's 27 acre expansion of area V. And in land court, Judge Peter Kilborn upheld the town's Water Resource District. CHL had tried to overturn both actions by the town. On April 9, the ZBA once again upheld Egan's cease and desist order, and on April 14, CHL filed a lawsuit to overturn the decision.

CHL's problems continued to mount in May. SAFE placed pressure on the health board to hold site assignment hearings about CHL. McNabb and SAFE wanted the health board to rescind the site assignment, which would effectively close down the landfill permanently.

In July, CHL went to court again, this time seeking to overturn Judge Borenstein's decision to uphold the Area V expansion denial. Then on July 2 came stunning news: CHL had shut down. Paul Barry said "it at its end" in a short interview with The Mariner. Barry admitted that there was no more space left. Although the landfill closed down on July 2, the town formed a special committee one day earlier on July 1 to negotiate with CHL to settle all outstanding lawsuits and closure issues. Six town officials make up the sub-committee: Ulmer, McNabb, selectmen Ronnie McMorris, former zoning board Chairman Mark DeGiacomo, and conservation committee Chairman Jeff Waal.

The sub-committee immediately enforced an information clampdown, declining to discuss any of the issues in public and meeting only in closed door sessions. Ulmer said there were too many legal issues to discuss negotiations in public. He added that there would be no timetable for the completion of the subcommittee's work. All lawsuits, legal actions and appeals would continue while the sub-committee negotiates a settlement with CHL. Ulmer said the sub-committee has worked hard to reach an all-encompassing settlement which will address five unsettled court cases, wetlands damage, permit violations, illegal dumping, closure details, post-closure plans and other unresolved details.

July continued to be a rough month for CHL. An environmental report confirmed that water-bearing bedrock fractures existed under the landfill with the potential to carry contaminants to Lily Pond, the town's water supply. Members of SAFE looked to the future in July as they contemplated the accomplishment of their goal to close CHL forever. McNabb said the group would continue to monitor clean up efforts at the landfill even after the town completed its negotiations.

CHL faced more controversial news in November when McNabb released a water commission report prepared by Norfolk Environmental that said evidence showed CHL was contaminating the Lily Pond watershed. Norfolk Environmental examined thousands of documents about CHL generated over two decades seeking to summarize environmental findings. Norfolk concluded that evidence existed that CHL was leaching contaminants into the watershed. However, the CHL subcommittee put pressure on the water commission to postpone a public meeting on the report until negotiations are completed. The request infuriated McNabb, but the water commissioners agreed to delay the meeting.

In November, Ulmer reported that the CHL sub-committee had made great progress toward the negotiation of a settlement of outstanding legal and environmental issues related to the landfill. As of this writing, that is where the situation stands. Ulmer did not return telephone calls to The Mariner seeking an update on negotiations. Site assignment hearings have been delayed until early January, 1999. The final chapter on CHL has yet to be written, but 1999 could be the year that the town settles all issues with the landfill once and for all.

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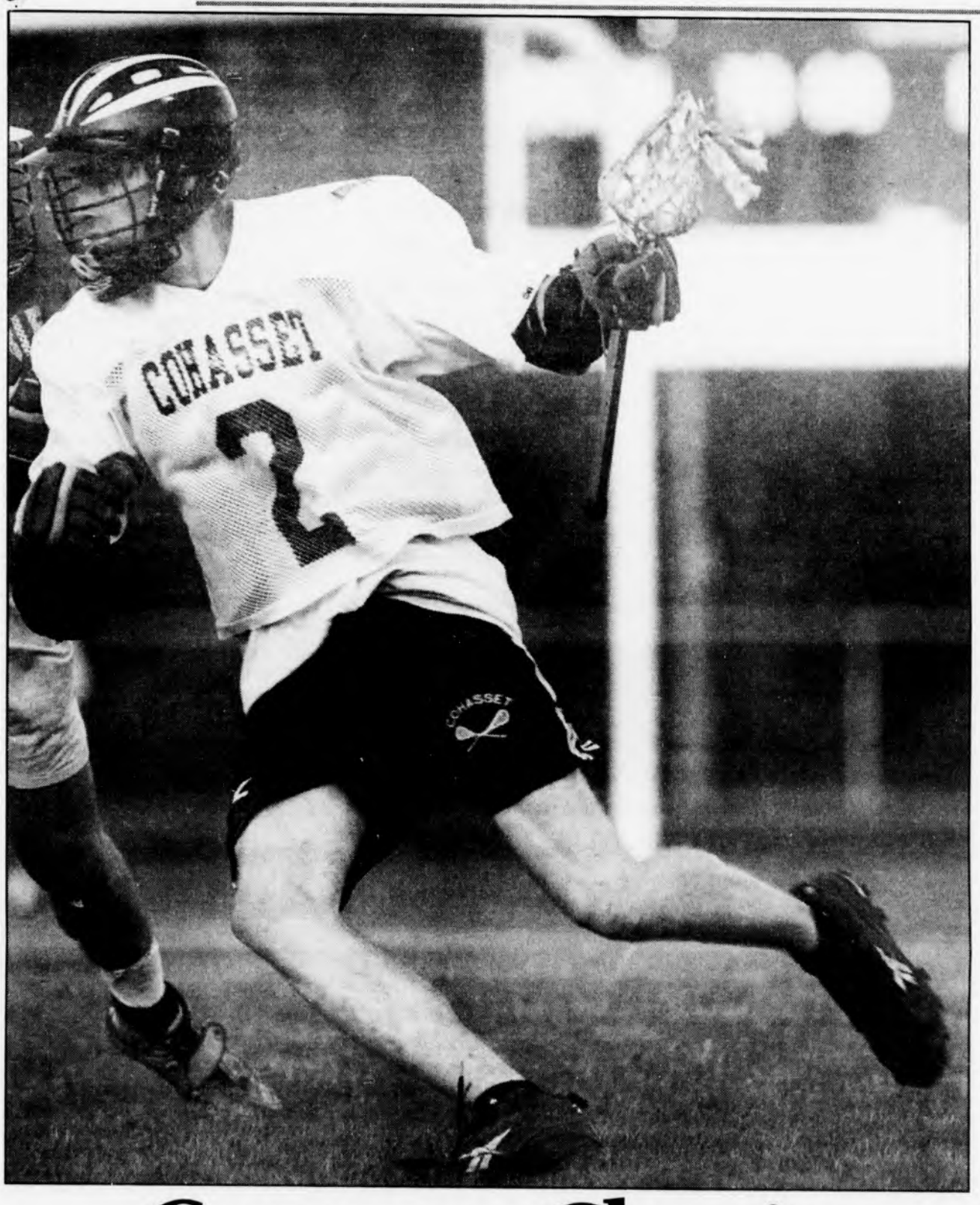
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COHASSET SPORTS





Some of highlights of Cohasset sports in 1998 included a solid year from the football team (above). As well, Jaime Buick was a star on the lacrosse field.

The sports movers and shakers of 1998

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Topping the year in sports for Cohasset in 1998 had to be the superb season put together by the CHS football squad as they marched to a successful 6-4 campaign and more importantly put an end to a pesky jinx when they defeated Hull at home on Thanksgiving Day.

Working on the arm of QB Jaime DeMichele and the legs of sophomore RB Dan Trowers as well as a defense that got stingier as the year went along, the Skippers beat Hull for the first time in 12 years, 14-0.

The wrestling squad also turned in a fine season, keeping their reputation in tact as the little squad that could.

Despite being one of the smallest schools around that has a wrestling team the squad continued to rack up both team and individual honors this year.

The Skippers finished the 1997-98 season at 16-4, placing third in the South sectional and 10th in Division 3. They started this season ranked 12th overall in the state.

On the individual level, J.P. Laugelle won gold as a heavyweight wrestler at the Bay State Games.

Mike Rossi would make it all the way to the state wrestling fi-

YEAR IN SPORTS, PAGE 13

Converse Classic crown goes to Avon

Ron Ford gets 100th career win

By Jim O'Sullivan
CORRESPONDENT

While most of their classmates were still recovering from the Santa-brought glow and any bloating brought on by too much fruitcake, the Cohasset Skippers had some basketball to play over the vacation. Hosting the Cohasset Converse Holiday Classic (which sounds more and more like the ridiculously titled college bowl games every year), Coach Ford's squad split their two games, waxing Scituate in Monday night's game, and getting waxed by Avon the next night.

Cohasset has yet to play a league game this year, but carry a 3-1 record into the official start of the South Shore League season next week. The tournament games provided two contrasting lessons for the Skippers. Round One's trashing of the Sailors gave Cohasset a confidence lift and helped showcase some of the talent in the blue and white jerseys. While Scituate was led by senior Greg Moynihan, Cohasset's effort was spearheaded by a host of players.

Captain Jamie DeMichele netted seventeen and junior Khalil Madyun posted twelve, eight of those coming during his own personal scoring exhibition. As usual, Raheem Shepard played a solid game and continued to be Cohasset's best second half performer.

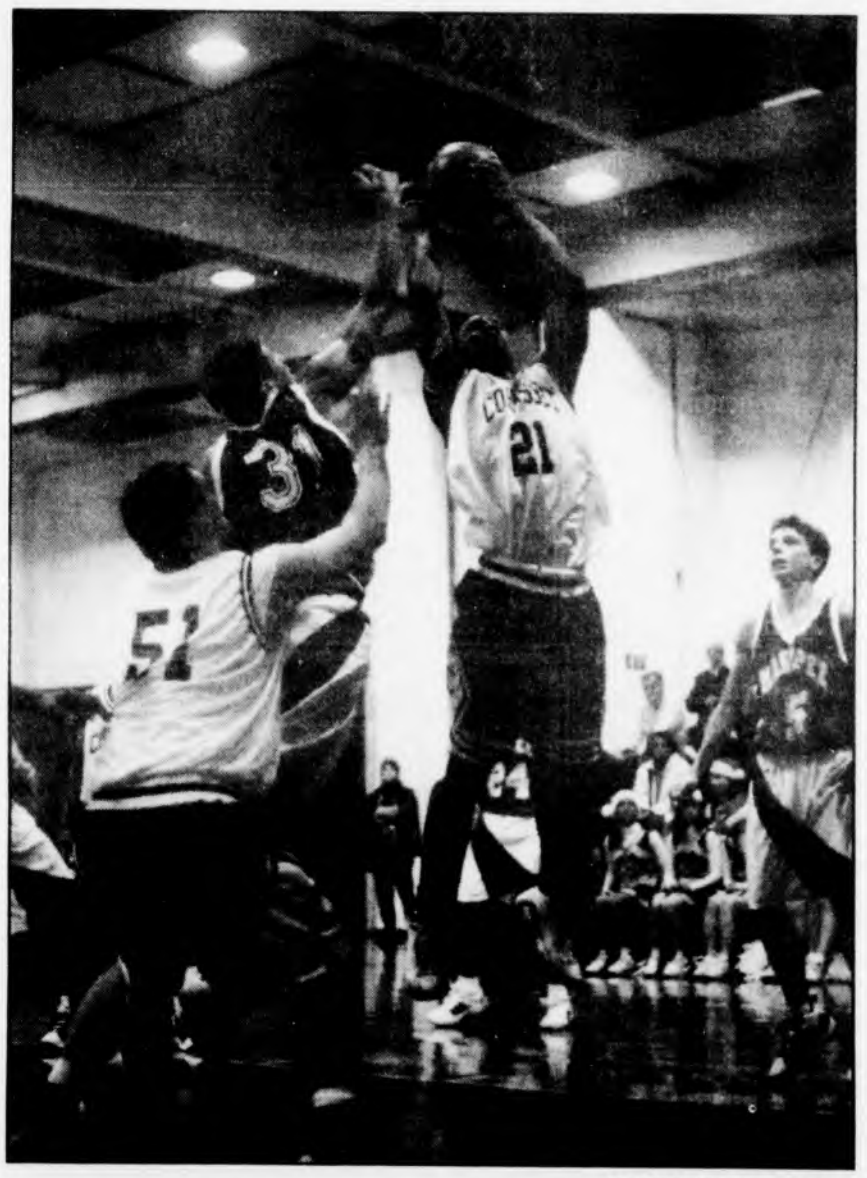
Another positive for the Skippers emerged from the absence of point guard Daniel Trowers. Trowers, a recognized star on the team, could not attend either game. In his stead, sophomore T.J. Bilodeau started and played excellently in both contests. He nailed three three-pointers in the first game, while an old-fashioned three point play pushed him into double digits.

Paul Hussey's crowd-pleasing performances continued, as Hussey's scoring dropped off, but his ball-handling and court vision improved. Also in the backcourt, Kevin Andrews provided Cohasset with a spark off the bench, drawing a midcourt game in the Avon game, which helped slow the visitors. Newcomer Matt O'Reilly also played well, showing off a neat baseline move in the first game.

In the frontcourt, Alex Russell and Craig Parker had their hands full on Tuesday night in the loss to Avon. But they dominated the paint on Monday, with Parker scoring seven first-half points and Russell specializing on weak-side rebounds.

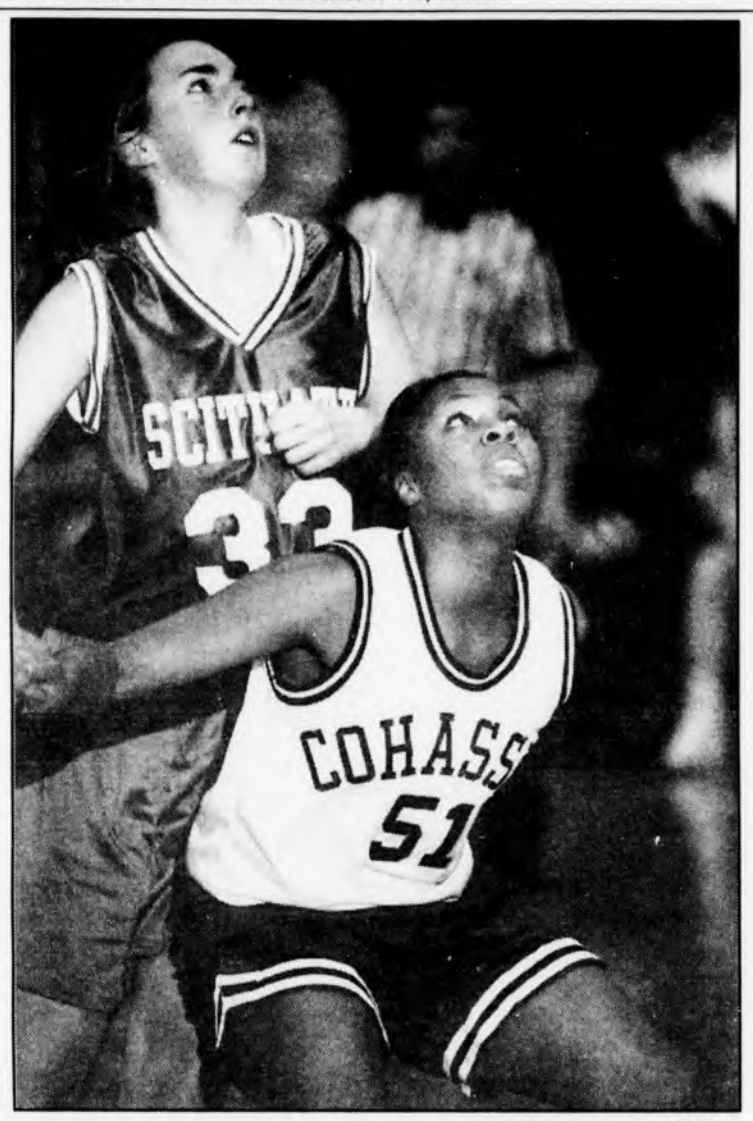
The Scituate game also marked a milestone for the coaching tandem of Ron Ford and Mark Hall. The duo are in their seventh year at the reins and have already achieved the 100 win mark. It was fitting that the milestone should be reached against Scituate, as the two teams battled each other fiercely for the South Shore League crown until Scituate's departure after the '95-'96 season. Both coaches call their victory over Scituate that year among their best ever, so it was only fitting that Monday night saw Coach Ford and Coach Hall reach the century mark against the Sailors.

With a 3-1 record, the Skippers head into league action with the still smarting from the whipping at the hands of Avon, but also with the knowledge that they're capable of playing like they did against Scituate.



STAFF PHOTO/FRED ROBERTSON

Raheem Shephard takes the ball to the hoop as Alex Russell (51) sticks around for any rebound.



STAFF PHOTO/ALAN CHAPMAN

Tamara DeVaughn boxes out Scituate's Andrea Duggan in action from the Converse Classic Tourney Monday afternoon.

Shorthanded Skippers fall to Scituate

By David Wolcott
STAFF WRITER

Two games in 24 hours will put any team to the test.

Two games in 24 hours with only six players is even harder.

Two games in 24 hours with one player suffering from shin splints and another enduring an asthma attack, well that just doesn't seem to be fair.

It may not have been fair, but that how this went for the CHS girls hoop team as they hosted the Converse Classic Hoop Tourney this week.

The game squad found themselves down by 13 points late against Scituate in the opening round, but battled back only to fall to the Sailors 48-42.

In the consolation game before a sparse crowd Tuesday afternoon, the Lady Skippers led at the break but wore down over the final 16 minutes in a 42-37 loss.

"They're just exhausted right now," said head coach Cori Hughes after the game. "They gave it all they had, but there is only so much that you can do with six players."

The 0-7 squad usually carries as many as ten players, but starter Megan Connolly and a couple of supporting members from the bench were away over the holidays thus leaving the team shorthanded for the time being.

"They're just exhausted right now. They gave it all they had, but there is only so much that you can do with six players."
CHS HOOP COACH CORI HUGHES

"Being this low on players affects our game tremendously. It limits your options as to what you can do both offensively and defensively," said Hughes. "We can't press on defense as much as we would normally do, especially. You have to try and conserve energy, stay close and hop something good happens at the end."

"I think being so tired at the end was the big difference in both of these games."

As the team struggles for their first win, one player who stepped forward with a strong performance in the tourney was senior guard Alyssa MacNamara. McNamara, coming off an all-star season in soccer, was named to the All-Tourney team for her performance in the two games.

The senior led the Skippers with 15 points in the opening round and returned with 14 more in the consolation game, mostly connecting when given the open outside jumper.

Complimenting her on the inside was Caitlyn O'Neil, who showed some nice offensive moves in the paint when given the opportunity to do so.

"I can see us now starting to come together more as a team," said Hughes. "We're moving the ball around better and getting it into the hands of the open person and getting a good look at the hoop."

They hope to get on the winning track when they start their South Shore League Schedule at home on Tuesday against Hanover. Tip-off is 6:30 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Upcoming CHS sporting events

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan.		
5	Hanover	6:30 p.m.
8	At Norton	5 p.m.

SWIMMING

Jan.		
6	At Sharon	
7	At Barnstable	

HOCKEY

Jan.		
2	At Rockland	2:50 p.m.
4	At Abington	5:50 p.m.

WRESTLING

Jan.		
6	Scituate	7 p.m.
9	At Whitman-Hanson	10 a.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan.		
5	At Hanover	6:30 5:00 3:30
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The sports movers and shakers of 1998

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nals and took top honors in the South sectionals.

Honoring a valued teacher and coach, friends and family of the late Charlie Davis assembled on a rainy day at Alumni Field to officially dedicate the running track at the high school in his name.

Davis, a former math department chairman and long-time track coach at the high school, died unexpectedly in 1985.

"He was a superb and caring teacher as well as a loyal friend and just a wonderful man," said CHS principal Curtis Collins at the dedication ceremonies. "We are so proud to know that from this day on this facility will be known as the Charles R. Davis Memorial Track."

CHS Athletic Director Clark Chatterton added a second memorial stone later in the year dedicated to those who had helped with the restoration work at Alumni Field and Milliken Field.

In other newsworthy events from the year.

•Paul-Michael Quintin became the fourth person ever in the history of the boys basketball program at Cohasset to reach the 1,000 career point mark.

•Kristen Sheerin took top honors at the Pilgrim Conference gymnastics meet. The squad would finish as co-champs of the league with Hanover. The squad opened this season a little larger after they merged with Norwell High.

•Swimmer Greg Bilton was the Division 2 state champion 100-yard backstroke and the 50-yard freestyle events.

•The CHS girls tennis squad posted a 16-0 record on their way to winning the South Shore League title. They would fall to Dover-Sherborn in the South sectional semifinals.

•Neither of the soccer teams would make it to the post-season, but that doesn't mean they didn't have some fun along the way. The same is true for the field hockey team, which fell a point short of the tourney but was able to beat Hull for the first time in a decade along the way.

•The hockey team returned as a varsity sport this month, but the girls softball program was not so lucky. They played a JV schedule this season and the sport will be dropped in total starting in the Spring of 1999.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Gold medal hockey women at book signing

Tricia Dunn and Katie King, members of the Gold Medal-winning U.S. women's Olympic hockey team, will sign copies of their new book, "Gold Medal Ice Hockey for Women and Girls," Saturday, Jan. 9, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Buttonwood Books & Toys, Route 3A, Cohasset.

"Gold Medal Ice Hockey for Women and Girls" is a book for novices and hard-core hockey players, as well as coaches, parents and fans. Packed with pictures, the book explains the basics of the game and recounts the struggles and successes of both Dunn and King on their path to Olympic Gold. Dunn is a graduate of UNH where she helped capture an ECAC title and stands 13th in all-time scoring. The Hockey News named her best skater on Team USA. where she was known for being a defensive specialist and constant on the penalty kill. King graduated from Brown where she was named hockey's Ivy League Player of the Year for three consecutive years, as well as ECAC Player of the Year in 1997 . She became the all-time leading scorer in Brown history during her senior year, and was tied with three others for leading scorer on the Olympic team. Both have set their sights on Team USA in 2002.

This is King's and Dunn's first appearance on their book tour and the only local opportunity to meet these women. Call (781) 383-2665 for more information.

Bryant captains Salem State hoop team

Former CHS basketball standout Dorian Bryant has been named a captain this season at Salem State College.

Bryant, a Cohasset High graduate, is a member of the junior class at Salem State.

Ski trips available for students

The Cohasset Recreation Department, via the auspices of Hingham Recreation, will make available the following day ski trips this winter for Cohasset students in grades 5 to 12: Mt. Sunapee — Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999; Gunstock — Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999; Wildcat — Saturday, Jan. 30, 1999; Loon — Saturday, Feb. 27, 1999.

Each trip is $50 per person which includes round-trip motor coach transportation, supervision and an all-day lift ticket.

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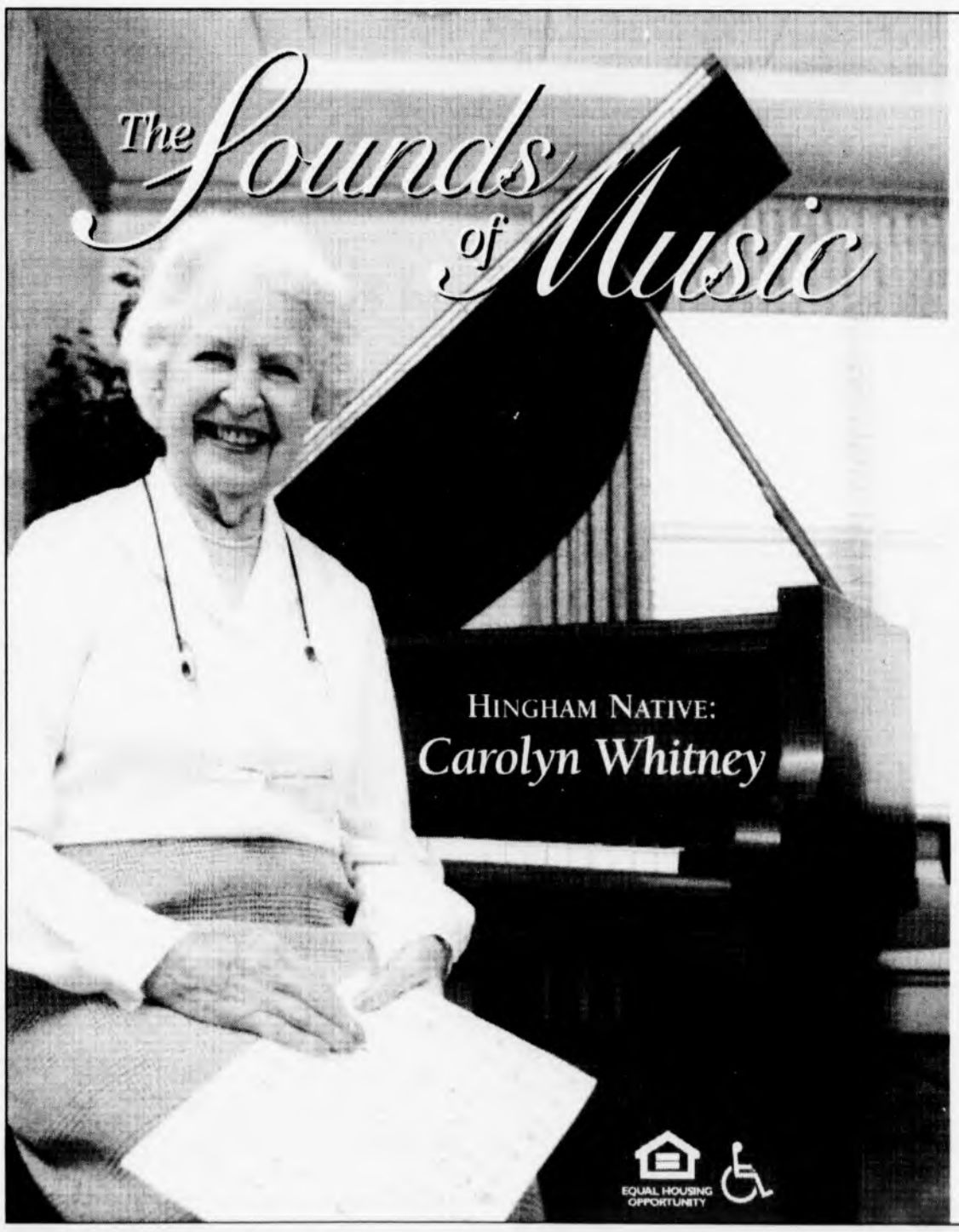
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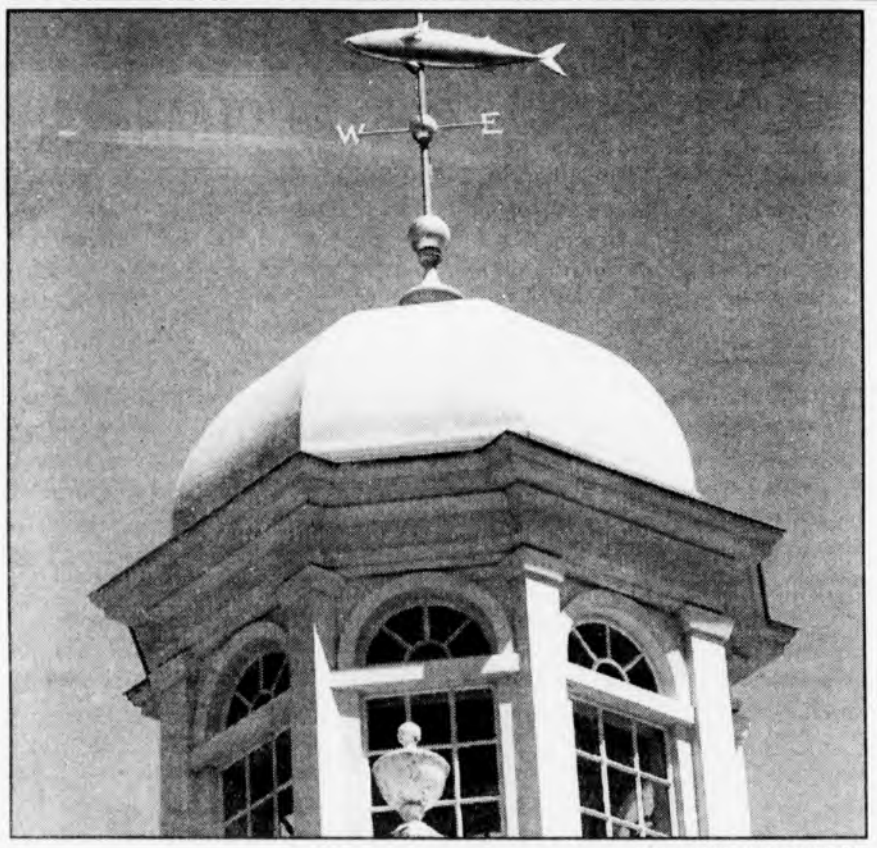
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The cupola and weathervane atop the Paul Pratt Memorial Library. Library trustees say the old building cannot accommodate the town's needs into the 21st century and are moving ahead with design plans to construct a new library in the old Osgood School.

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between Scituate and Braintree to try to convince the MBTA the state must pay for the problems the coming Greenbush train will bring.

Cohasset Village revitalization looks promising with a $165,000 grant expected from the state for a new sidewalk and associated improvements in front of St. Stephen's church; a $5,000 grant to study ways to connect the Village to the harbor; and a $60,000 request to study ways to connect the downtowns of Hingham, Hull, Scituate and Cohasset to attract tourists and visitors from neighboring communities.

CHL shuts down its landfill operation due to space constraint as of July 2. Co-owner Paul Barry confirmed that the landfill was out of space.

Town buildings rehabilitation carries a hefty price tag for five municipal buildings to last until 2025, a plan drawn up by KFP Associates of Weymouth decided. $15.2 million in all.

Red Lion Inn owner Gerd Ordelheide buys the 1789 Lilac House from Gene and Marie Price for $600,000 with the intention of turning it into a cafe/bistro and retail bakery.

August:

The Village Task Force's forum to show off proposals for $165,000 worth of sidewalk renovations is met with dissent by 25 local merchants and residents, who argue against curb proposals and especially about potential blasting on the ledge by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

The zoning board gives the go ahead to Hingham builder John Murphy to proceed with plans to raze the Quonset huts at 430 South Main St. and replace them with five townhouse condominiums.

Paul Trendowicz, owner of Cohasset Harbor Marina, plays hardball with the town over selectmen's lack of decision to recommend moving the federal anchorage line in Bailey's Creek; he demands that all town moorings be moved out of the creek area he claims is his.

Parking becomes a safety issue at the swim center on North Main Street, with visitors ignoring the "handicapped-parking only" sign and also parking along the path to the swim center from North Main Street to Barnes Field, despite the presence of a parking lot only yards away.

Three young Democratic hopefuls—Josh Cutler, 27, of Hull, Garrett Bradley, 28, of Hingham, and Walter Murray, 34, of Hull, heat up the race to run in the state primary against long-time incumbent Republican state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray.

September:

Flames destroy the second and third floors of the $1.5 million 124 Atlantic Avenue Victorian home of Susan and Russell MacPherson after a candle falls on a highly combustible pillow. It required 50 firefighters from five towns to squelch the three-alarm blaze through that lasted six hours.

Political parties mark the end of the Sept. 15 primary and a beginning for Democrat Garrett Bradley who won the election to square off against Republican State Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray for the Nov. 15 election.

Selectmen approve safety measures for King Street where cars are averaging 40 miles per hour in a 30mph narrow and winding road. A spot is left open on the Oct. 27 town meeting warrant for the group to prohibit cars traveling along Beechwood Street from turning left onto King Street to get to Route 3A. Town meeting must approve any plan to restrict access to a private way.

The Osgood Reuse Committee favors selling the old Osgood to a for-profit company which will build 29 condos for senior citizens on the site, but library trustees want to turn the building into a new, expanded town library.

Cable contract options are aired before selectmen by cable provider MediaOne to renew its 15-year cable license.

October:

Private ways become a prickly issue, as planning board chairman Al Moore warns that such changes could open the town to unexpected subdivisions if the private ways become town property and abut undeveloped and buildable land.

A Scituate Hill water tank deal is possible after water commissioner John. K. McNabb Jr. detailed plans that are acceptable to Scituate Hill owner J. Michael Susi and Sons.

The Cohasset Mariner celebrates its 20th anniversary and looks back to its start when Jimmy Carter was president, Michael Dukakis was governor, the primary rate hovered at 12 percent and the average house in town cost about $68,000.

Local architect Jim Shipsky is charged with the task of studying ways to connect the village to the harbor and to revitalize both areas, using a $5,000 state grant, and solicits public comment for input.

Sewer commissioners are resigned to the fact that it will cost about 40 percent more than the $6.6 million

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anticipated in 1997 to connect the affected homes to the Hull treatment plan. Phase One of the project, installation of the sewer main, is 50 percent complete and paid for with part of the original appropriation.

Cohasset Harbor walkway preliminary plan of the harbor district is presented to about 20 residents at a public meeting hosted by the Village Revitalization Task Force at town hall with Jim Shipsky asking, wouldn't it be nice if you could walk around the harbor.

Judge Mark Coven sentences 18-year-old William Leigh Atherton to 2-1/2 years supervised probation and loss of his driver's license for 10 years after he plead guilty to motor vehicle homicide by reckless operation. Coven took the wishes of victim Bourke Corcoran's family into account in his verdict and did not

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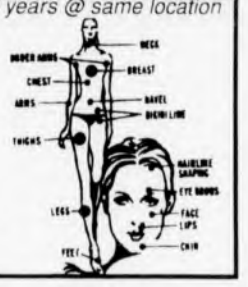
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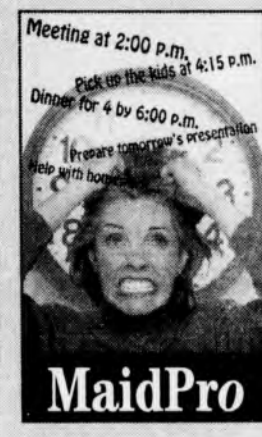
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John Zotos

John Zotos of Cohasset, a professor at Northeastern University, died Dec. 26 at his home in Cohasset after a lingering illness.

Mr. Zotos received his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at Northeastern University and his master's degree in metallurgical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. As a professor of materials science and metallurgy in medical engineering, he was an adviser to many organizations. He also consulted and lectured for national and international corporations. He developed the process for the titanium alloy used in artificial hip joints.

Mr. Zotos applied computers to improve steel production in the 1960s. His research landed him on the cover of Iron Age Magazine. He received a National Science Foundation fellowship to MIT in 1964 and 1967. He was honored by Northeastern University in 1989 with the Outstanding Alumni Award for Science and Technology.

Mr. Zotos was born in Brockton and graduated from Brockton High School in 1949. He graduated from Northeastern University in 1954.

He was an active layman in the Greek Orthodox Church on local, diocesan and archdiocese levels. He also served on the board of trustees of the Hellenic College and Theological School. He served as a board member with the National Council for Christians and Jews for more than 10 years. He was a member of the Nativity-Assumption of Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset.

He leaves his wife, Freda Anne "Libby" (Scontras) Zotos; two sons, Michael Zotos and Frederic Zotos; a daughter, Yoanna Osborne; a brother, Angelo Zotos of Brockton; a sister, Bessie Tsokanis of Brockton; four granddaughters and several nephews and nieces.

A funeral service was held Dec. 30 at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 457 Oak St., Brockton. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery, North Main St., Cohasset.

The Russel Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Donations may be made to the John Zotos Fund, c/o NU Mechanical Engineering, 360 Huntington Ave., Boston 02115 and to the South Shore Hospice, 100 Bay State Dr., Braintree, 02185.

Helen M. Watson

Helen M. (McInnis) Watson, 78, of Cohasset, died Dec. 22 at her home after a long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Watson was born in Quincy and moved to Cohasset 50 years ago.

She was the wife of the late Louis Watson and leaves two sons, William Watson of Methuen and James Watson of Cohasset; a daughter, Tina Watson of Cohasset; and two brothers, Paul McInnis of Hanover and The Rev. William McInnis of Chestnut Hill.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Dec. 26 at St. Anthony's Church on Summer Street.

Arrangements were made by the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home of Cohasset.

Donations may be made to the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association, 637 Main St., Norwell, 02061.

Helen Brown

Helen (Wallace) Brown, 90, of Cohasset, a nanny for the Hugh Bancraft family for many years, died Dec. 22 at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth after a brief illness.

Mrs. Brown was born in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada. She attended Cape Breton schools and moved to Cohasset 60 years ago.

She was the wife of the late George W. Brown.

Mrs. Brown leaves a son, Robert A. Brown of Scituate; a daughter, Barbara E. Hoyler of Cohasset; two sisters, Isabel Wallace and Mary MacGillivary, both of Cape Breton Island; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Dec. 26 at the Second Congregational Church. Burial was in Woodside Cemetery.

The McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., handled the arrangements.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1 Kendall Square, Cambridge, 02139, or the Second Congregational Church, 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, 02025.

Year in Review

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bring the case to trial.

Town meeting votes 351-99 vote to spend $152,5000 to develop construction drawings and bid documents to convert the old Osgood School to a new library.

November:

Republican Mary Jeanette Murray beat out Democrat and political newcomer Garrett Bradley of Hingham by 1,000 votes, making Murray one of only three representatives to service such a lengthy (22-year) term.

Plans to expand Cohasset Harbor Marina off Parker Avenue are raised again when Town Manager Mark Haddad announces that marina owner Paul Trendowicz and selectmen have agreed to a truce to see if an accord can be reached short of legal action.

The Cohasset Chamber of Commerce expresses interest again in the Independence Building's use as a ground floor public restroom with office space rented on the second floor; there is no public restroom in the village.

Selectmen set the tax rate for fiscal year 1999 at $14.95, down 10 cents per $1,000 of assessed valuation from last year's rate of $15.05.

An estimated $2-$3 million is all that stands between the village and harbor which local architect Jim Shipsky wants linked by a red brick sidewalk, bike paths and a boardwalk along the water's edge.

PSO President Jane Pescatore describes the pick-up and drop-off situation at the new Joseph Osgood Elementary and Deer Hill schools as "an accident waiting to happen" in her letter to school committee chairman Rick Shea.

December:

The board of selectmen stood behind its decision to charge St. Anthony's an estimated $18,000 building permit fee to construct a new parish halll.

An investigative report by Richard Feeney, district engineering inspector for teh Department of Public Safety, find that the number of gas leaks related to D&C Construction Company of Rockland's work on the North Cohasset sewer project exceeds the eight reported to the local fire department.

Voter turnout was 29 percent, but a $1.3 million Prop. 2-1/2 override passed at the polls with a 118-vote majority. For the owner of the average Cohasset home, valued at $341,000, will see an increase of about $19.21 on their annual tax bill for 20 years, which will help to pay for half of the $2.7 million cost overrun for the North Cohasset projects. The users through betterments will pay the balance.

Cohasset students make the grade on MCAS results, scoring in the top 20 percent in state scores.

A $660K override is anticipated for spring to cover the shortfall in the town's proposed $20.8 million operating budget.

Selectmen consider raising the cost of RTF (recycling and transfer station) sticker fees to offset increases in trash disposal costs.

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